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REPORTS OF ALL CHURCH

ORGANIZATIONS

REV. FR. UNTZAG NALBANDIAN
ARMENIAN CHURCH OF
THE HOLY ASCENSION

1460 Huntington Turnpike
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ACYOA SENIORS - 1988 REPORT

Advisor	Thomas Dabakian
Chairman	Maral Kehkejian
Vice Chairman	Tatul Gharabegian
Treasurer	Debra Tashjian
Secretary	Douglas Trapasso

Activities:

- Meeting with Douglas Tashjian, ACYOA Central Council, to organize a stronger group
- Pizza Party
- Game Night
- Discussions with Der Hyre

Treasurer's Report:

- Dues collected	\$50.00
- Balance 12/31/88	226.03

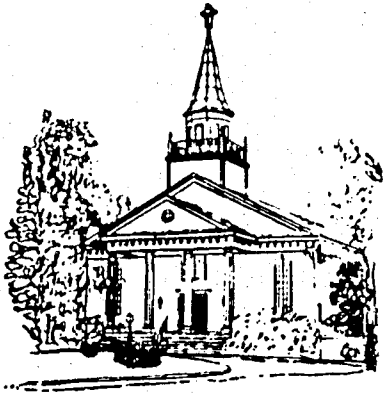
The ACYOA Seniors made another attempt to organize a chapter from the Holy Ascension. We had a few successful meetings, group activities and most importantly we gained a few more members. This year we collected dues and qualified to become members of ACYOA with the approval of the Primate and the ACYOA Central Council. Our main goal for 1989 is to build a stronger group and grow to help our parish.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Dabakian the advisor of the ACYOA Seniors. He has given us a lot of support, as well as being very patient!

A big thank you also to Douglas Trapasso for writing and mailing the ACYOA Newsletter to all of the members. JOB WELL DONE!

Thank you all -


Maral Kehkejian



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January 23, 1989

Dear Parishoners & Friends,

According to the wish of our 1987 Parish Assembly, again, we are mailing you the 1988 reports of all organizations and committees. Please read them all, and if you have any questions feel free to ask them on Feb. 12, 1989 when we will have our Annual Parish Assembly.

I must inform you that, Pastor's, Parish Council Chairman's and Treasurer's report will be given at the Parish Assembly.

I hope to see you all on Feb. 12, 1989 at our Parish Assembly. We need your participation and input in our church matters.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Untzag Nalbandian
Fr. Untzag Nalbandian,
Pastor



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January, 1989

CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT

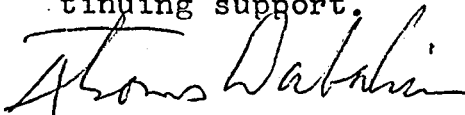
During the past year, the Holy Ascension Choir has continued to serve our Church, faithfully attending services every Sunday helping to make our Divine Liturgy more beautiful and spiritually uplifting. In addition, the choir sang on special occasions such as Armenian and American Christmas Eve services, Easter Holy Week services and the April 24th annual Martyrs' Day Badarak.

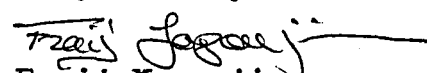
Our yearly Palm Sunday Dinner featuring a full course turkey meal with all the trimmings was again a success with a capacity crowd attending.

In the Spring of 1988, several of our members attended a one-day workshop for area choirs held in Westchester, N.Y. On September 24, 1988 our Church hosted a choir training introductory workshop featuring voice building for choirs and choir director/choir relationships with guest instructor, Dr. Raffi Papken Sevadjan. Joining us on that day were choir members from Hartford, New Britain and Westchester, N.Y. parishes. Der Untzag and four of our members attended the 42nd Annual Choir Assembly held in New Britain at the end of October.

The current Choir Executive Committee consists of: Deacon Fraij Yapoujian, Chairman; Sub-Deacon Thomas Dabakian, Secretary; and Nazareth "Hoagie" Azarian, Treasurer. Our special thanks to Choir Director, Mr. Peter Kapusuzian; organists, Virginia Kalfaian and Rose Avakian; and to all choir members for their continued loyal and dedicated service to our Church.

Last, but not least, thank you to our Pastor, Der Untzag, for his valuable guidance, assistance and encouragement; to the Parish Council; and, to all of our parishioners for their continuing support.


Thomas Dabakian
Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Fraij Yapoujian
Chairman

Att: Choir Financial Report

Armenian Church of The Holy Ascension
1988 Bazaar Report

<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Bazaar Dinners	\$ 5,739.45	\$ 2,384.74	\$ 3,354.71
Add Book	2,890.00	450.00	2,440.00
Major Raffle	2,744.00	1,322.00	1,442.00
Pastry Booth	1,180.00	-	1,180.00
Small Raffle	1,139.00	-	1,139.00
Middle Eastern Booth	2,783.10	1,744.30	1,038.80
Carpets	4,030.00	3,049.50	980.50
Booth Rentals (5)	750.00	-	750.00
1st PreBazaar Dinner	1,175.00	434.52	740.48
2nd PreBazaar Dinner	1,088.00	*561.01	526.99
Arts & Crafts Booth	775.25	274.41	500.84
White Elephant Booth	201.00	-	201.00
Auction	75.00	-	75.00
Tee Shirts	107.00	59.54	47.46
Video Games	160.00	200.00	(-40.00)
	<u>\$24,836.80</u>	<u>\$10,480.02</u>	<u>\$14,356.78</u>

General Expenses

Advertising	\$ 750.88	Gross Profit	\$14,356.78
Band	500.00	Gen'l. Expenses	<u>-2,100.47</u>
Guard	420.00	NET PROFIT	<u>\$12,256.31</u>
Leaflets	225.00		
Banner & Sign	119.59		
Liquor License	85.00		
Total Gen'l. Exp.	<u>\$2,100.00</u>		

*Includes \$100.00 for Speaker

Beginning Checkbook Balance 1988	\$ 1,223.19
Net Profit 1988	<u>12,256.31</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$13,479.50
Transferred to Church Treasurer	<u>-12,012.50</u>
Reserved for 1989 Bazaar	\$ 1,467.00

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Najarian
Richard Najarian, Bazaar Treasurer

HOLY ASCENSION ARMENIAN SCHOOL
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1988

BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF JANUARY, 1988		\$ 684.71
Donations	1425.00	
Parish Council	150.00	
Bank Interest Earned		\$ 48.59
<u>PROCEEDS FROM VARIOUS FUNCTIONS:</u>		
Bazaar Income	850.85	
Picnic ,,	85.50	
Atudent Registration	675.00	
Tahini Breas Sale	95.00	
Book Sale	24.00	
Khtoom Knight Reception	284.00	
Cultural night	225.00	
Hantess luncheon	417.00	
Dance Lessons	182.00	
Christmas party (See note.)	280.50	
Others	77.00	
Total Receipts		<u>\$4768.85</u>

LESS DISBURSEMENTS:

Bazaar Expenses	650.25	
Text Books	528.92	
Purchase of a tape recorder	99.00	
urchase of a camera	100.00	
Hantess Expenses	620.24	
Gifts for different occasions	37.26	
Crafts and Projects expenses	309.14	
Supplies	87.33	
Dance instruction	300.00	
Symposium Expenses	182.00	
Cultural evening expenses	371.49	
Khtoom Knight expenses	51.00	
Easter egg coloring	25.10	
Christmas Party Expenses	30.00	
Bank Service Charge	24.97	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$3416.70</u>

BALANCE AS OF DEC ,31, 1988 \$2085.45

Outstanding Bills To Pay \$ 310.26

Outstanding Deposits \$ 63.00

Thankfully Submitted By

Mari Yapoujian

Mari Yapoujian
Treasurer

NOTE: Money collected for our Christmas Dance will be returned to all who wish to have it back as soon as possible.

Mari Yapoujian

January, 1989

DIOCESAN DELEGATE'S REPORT: 1988

The 86th Annual Diocesan Assembly, hosted by the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Cambridge, Massachusetts, convened from May 12, to May 15, 1988, with about 100 delegates in attendance.

The assembly approved the following proposals and actions:

(1) the delegates expressed their confidence in the Diocesan Unity Committee, chaired by the Honorable Judge John Najarian. The Assembly also reaffirmed the guidelines for the unification of the Armenian Church of America, adopted in 1982.

(2) The Assembly approved a resolution declaring that 1989 be declared as "The Year of Archbishop Torkom Manoogian in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Primate".

(3) Continued support for the reunification of Karabagh with the Soviet Armenia.

(4) The Assembly approved the report of the Diocesan Council and the 1988-89 budget totaling about \$ 2,000,000.00.

(5) Among the other issues discussed were:

(a) the approval of proposals requesting that marital status not be a barrier to ordination ~~nor~~ to the ascension of higher positions of authority in the church.

(b) Each parish priest must be available at least four times a year for assignment as a visiting priest to communities who do not have a spiritual leader.

(c) Once a year, the Diocese is to organize continuing religious education for the clergy.

(d) It was pointed out that closer ties should be established between the Diocesan Assembly and the autonomous St. Nerses Armenian Theological Seminary.

(e) A special Endowment Fund be established in order to assist retired clergymen.

(f) To begin preparations to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Genocide in the year 1990.

(g) the 87th Diocesan Assembly be held at St. Stepanos Church, Elberon, New Jersey on May 4th - 6th, 1989.

The banquet program included the presentation of the Diocesan "Man of the Year Award" to the Hon. George Keverian, Speaker of the House of the commonwealth of Mass. and the Diocesan "Friend of the Armenians" Award to Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Senior Senator from Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Harabedian M.D.
Dr. Berdj Harabedian
Diocesan Delegate

Armenian Church of the Holy Ascensi

January 15, 1989

Rev. Fr. Untzag Nalbandian, Pastor
Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension
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Dear Der Hyre,

On January 15, 1989 the Auditing Committee met with and reviewed the reports prepared by the Church Treasurer, Shavarsh Papazian. These reports consisted of a Recap of all income and disbursements for 1988, both actual and budget, as well as a projected budget for 1989. The treasurer answered all questions raised by members of the committee and fully explained all items in these reports.

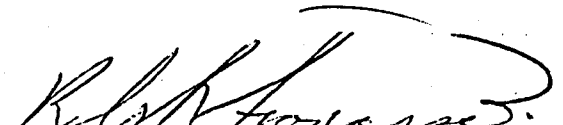
The Summary of Bank Accounts as of December 31, 1988 was checked and found to be in agreement with the book balances and the relative Bank Statements as of December 31, 1988.

Members of the committee all agreed that the Treasurer had properly recorded all transactions, and that these reports accurately reflected all the 1988 financial transactions of the church. The committee congratulated the Treasurer on a job well done.

Respectfully, Auditing Committee


Nazareth Azarian

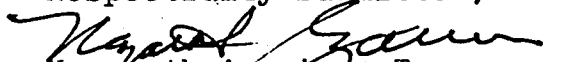

Lionel Ketchian


Ralph Trapasso

CHOIR FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Opening Balance January 1, 1988	- - - - -	\$1,150.74
1988 Income - Palm Sunday Dinner & Plate Collection	- - - - -	847.01
Income - Interest	- - - - -	59.19
1988 Expenses		
Fan	- - - - -	21.48
Donation to Parish	- - - - -	750.00
Check Book Balance	Dec. 31, 1988 - - - -	<u>\$1,285.46</u>

Respectfully Submitted,


Nazareth Azarian, Treasurer

The Armenian Language School
Report for Calender year 1988

Once again I am very pleased to report that the Armenian Language school had another successful year. Thanks to Derhayr, the teachers, the students, the parents the Parish Council, and the church community in general.

The Armenian Language School's goal has been to spread the Armenian heritage to Armenians of all ages. This is attempted by teaching the Armenian language and passing on the culture through "hantesses", guest speakers and cultural activities.

The school has eight classes, ranging from first grade through fifth grade, and has thirty three students. These classes meet regularly once a week, except on special holidays. This year we have added another class for non-Armenian speaking adults, which is taught by Dr. Sam Agulian.

Since the start of the new academic year 1988-1989, classes are held on Sunday mornings, except for one Friday evening once a month, to have more time available to teach Armenian poems, sharagans, songs, dances and prepare skits and plays. This program is prepared by Maria Agulian, and has been working very successfully; but, we still find TIME to be our limiting factor.

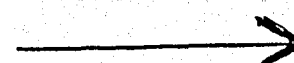
The Armenian Language school started the year 1988 by sponsoring a "Khetoum" buffet dinner on January fifth, the Armenian Christmas Eve. On January 10th, the Armenian School, along with the Sunday School organized a Christmas show. The students presented old Armenian customs for the Christmas festivities.

In March, the Armenian Language school was very proud to sponsor a cultural evening with guest speaker, the well known Armenian poetess, Vehanoush Tekian who spoke to us about the romantic poet Missak Metzarentz, and recited some of his works as well as some of her own poetry. We do hope we will be able to repeat similar events in the future.

In April the Armenian Language school teachers joined in the commemoration of April 24th, by recitations and songs that symbolized the occasion.

In June, prior to the end of the year "Hantess", the students took a final examination, and the results were very impressive, as the students put together their year's acquired knowledge of reading, writing and conversation in the Armenian Language.

The End of the year Hantess was produced by Maria Agulian, once again trying to convey the Armenian culture and heritage. We were very proud of the children's performances, especially due to the fact that these children performed in a language that is not there everyday spoken language.



We were also very fortunate to have the well known Armenian historian, Dr. Kevork Bardakjian, who spoke about the significance of the Armenian schools in small communities, such as ours. He complimented us for the originality and the uniqueness of the program presented.

Over the summer, the school sponsored Armenian dance workshops for adults and children taught by the experienced and talented dance instructor and producer Lucy Komidas; once again in our efforts to spread the Armenian culture and heritage.

The school started it's new academic year 1988-89 on September 11 with co-superintendents, Salpi Tokatlian and Maria Agulian, and the same staff of last year, with additional teacher, Eugenie Vartanian and substitute teacher Sonia Gulbenk. During this academic year, the school enjoyed the great help of the Khenamagal Marmin, who takes care of the problems of the school by giving the supportive help needed. This group consists of Vrej and Marie Yapoujian, Bedros and Jane Nahabedian, and Gaby and Tina Chirinian. The group helped raise money for the school during the church bazaar. They were also planning a dance on December 17th, but because of the unfortunate earthquake in Armenia the dance was cancelled, to be held at a later date.

During this academic school year, the Armenian Language school is planning a cultural evening in March and a Talent show in April; as well as sponsoring a Khetoum dinner on January 5th and a Vartanantz celebration on February 5th.

We greatly appreciate the monetary contributions and donation from the Parish Council, parisheners and friends. A detailed list of all contributions will appear in the treasurer's report.

A word of thanks to the dedicated teachers; Anto (secretary) and Rita Chaghatzbanian, Lisa Misakian (Ani reporter), Yeretzgin Seta Nalbandian, Dr. Sam Agulian, Marie Yapoujian (our hard working treasurer), Eugenie Vartanian, Substitute teacher Sonia Gulbenk, and co-superintendents Salpi Tokatlian and Maria Agulian who is always preparing and producing special programs for the students. A special thanks to our musical director, Virginia Kalfayan, who is always there when we need her. And of course, last but not least, a very special thank you to Der Hayr without whose leadership and support none of these would have come true.

Although the task of the Armenian Language school, to introduce the children to our heritage, teach them how to read write and speak the language, and arouse the Armenian spirit in them is not an easy one, we feel that whatever is accomplished will help our future generation.

I thank you for the opportunity to bring in my contribution through the Armenian Language School.

Respectfully,

Salpi Tokatlian

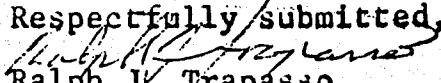
Salpi Tokatlian
Co-superintendent

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY ASCENSION
CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 1988

The Cultural Committee, after diligently trying for a couple of years, was successful and honored to have His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian visit us on Wednesday, October 26, 1988 and present us with a lecture on Gomidas Vartabed. It was indeed a memorable evening for all our parishioners. A reception followed the lecture.

The Cultural Committee of our Church, with the cooperation of the Cultural Committee of the Westchester Armenian Church, is planning to sponsor a concert with Father Oshagan Minassian's Choral Group. This concert is to be held on Sunday, June 4, 1989, in the Greek Church of the Archangels in Stamford, Connecticut. Several meetings have been held with the two committees in preparation of this concert, and additional information will be forthcoming.

The balance in our treasury as of December 31, 1988 was \$274.35.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph J. Trapasso

1988 Women's Guild Financial Report

Jan.1,1988 - Beginning balance	\$ 68,24
Dec. 31, 1988 - Ending balance	\$ 1124,68
Transferred to the Parish Council	\$ 1000,00
Remaining balance	\$ 124,68

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Gadikian, Treasurer

ACYOA JUNIORS
1988 REPORT

The following officers served from January 1988 to January 1989:

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| - Chairperson | Mechelle Kasparian |
| - Vice Chairperson | Vicken Chahatzb-nian |
| - Treasurer | Edward Jezarian |
| - Secretary | Glen Ketchian |

We have approximately 8 members.

This year the ACYOA Juniors were not as active as we were in previous years.

We had our annual Mother's Day Breakfast which was a great success.

Kim Kasparian has once again taken on the youth group as our advisor together with Steve Avakian.

Under her supervision we did an inventory job which generated a \$200 donation to the Earthquake Relief Fund.

We would like to thank Kim Kasparian at this time because most of the work fell on her shoulders. The other workers were: Glen Ketchian, Kim Ketchian, Mechelle Kasparian. Outside help was given by Steven Macker and Linda Kalfaian.

We are thankful that we were able to do something productive to help our fellow Armenians at this great time of need. We will be participating in other activities for this worthy cause.

Account Balances:

Savings:	\$129.63
Checking:	<u>167.00</u>
Total:	\$296.63

Respectfully submitted,

Mechelle Kasparian

Mechelle Kasparian, Chairperson 1/20/89

December 10, 1988

TO: Father Untzag Nalbandian
FROM: Maureen B. Najarian *MBA*
Sunday School Superintendent

SUBJECT: Sunday School Report - September - December 1988

At the December 5, 1988 Sunday School Teachers Meeting, you requested that I compile a Sunday School report that your could use for your year end report. You wanted to know how the school was progressing and its financial position.

The Sunday School has been in session for approximately three months. We have Twenty-five children registered from the ages 3 through 12. Unfortunately, the Sunday School has lost the pre-teen and teenage group of children. I feel we have lost these children for two reasons, 1) lack of interest on the part of the children and parents, and 2) because we do not have the manpower to teach this group. I am grieved by this loss because these young people have much they could give to our church. However, I feel that this particular group needs a special program geared to their needs. It would be wonderful if we could find two college age adults who would work with the Sunday School staff and the teenagers in our church to develop a program that would teach our children about their religion in a fun and interesting way. For some reason, many young adults feel that when they reach their pre-teen and teenage years they know all there is to know about their God and religion. They do not realize that knowing, loving and serving God is an ongoing effort that does not end until this life is over.

Our regret in losing the young adult group is overshadowed by our joy in the accomplishments of our present Sunday School membership. These young people are involved, show interest in their studies and are anxious to learn.

The first two months of Sunday School were settling down and adjustment months. The children had to adjust to the teaching schedule and to the Sunday School organization. We are now beginning to see the fruits of our labor. Attendance has increased since we initiated an attendance program suggested by the Co-Superintendent, Mrs. Linda McGann. Our assemblies and classroom studies are productive. The children in Kindergarten, Grade Two, Grade Four and Grade Seven are learning about the Bible, church feasts, prayer and the sacraments.

Presently, the Sunday School is involved with preparations for the January 8, 1989 Christmas celebration. The Sunday School is providing a buffet luncheon and play for the entire church. The teachers and children are enthusiastic and working hard to make this program a success.



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Financial Report: See Treasurer's Report (attached).

The seed money established during Dora Garabedian's term as Superintendent has been used productively to buy books and items from the DRE for the past few years. In October, I checked with the DRE to see what our seed account balance was. Our seed account balance is \$104.56.

Our Sunday School staff consists of the two Superintendents, Maureen B. Najarian and Linda McGann; Treasurer, June Utecht; Secretary, Elsie Chaghatzbanian; Public Relations, Roxy Terzian; Karen Kaechele, Sam Agulian and Linda Cartiglia. All of these dedicated people are working hard to educate our children in their religion. They have spent many hours of time and study to prepare for their classes. I am impressed by their helpful attitude and suggestions. During our teacher meetings I have come to realize the talent that our teachers have. They all know how to work as a team and respect and enjoy each others company. It is a pleasure working with this group.

In summary Der Hyre, the Sunday School is progressing on schedule due to the co-operation of the parents and children and the excellent teaching staff we have this year. I only hope that we can find a way to bring our teenagers back into the fold.

Sunday School Financial Report

There is currently \$618.41 in our People's Savings Bank. This month \$36.00 in checks for books were deposited as well as \$15.06 from the Sunday School collection.

Expenses were \$21.15 to Linda McGann for supplies and \$125.00 (one hundred and twenty-five dollars) for the purchase of Sunday School Christmas gifts.

Interest earned was \$3.23.

Respectfully submitted,

June Utecht
MBN

June Utecht, Treasurer

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY ASCENSION
BUILDING FUND
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1988

SAVINGS ACCOUNT # 700 012 328
FAIRFIELD COUNTY SAVINGS BANK

-----Opening Balance 1/1/88 \$ 44,065.04

CREDITS:

Bank Interest	\$ 2,275.66
Transfer from C.D.	<u>15,207.99</u>
Total	\$17,483.65

Opening Balance Plus Credits \$ 61,548.69

DEBITS:

Mortgage Payments	\$20,747.64
Purchase of Land	24,000.00
Hall Renovation	<u>10,000.00</u>
	\$54,747.64

-----Closing Balance 12/31/88 \$ 6,801.05

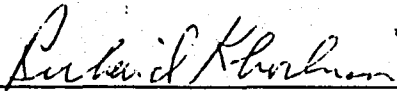
SIX MONTH CERTIFICATE

No. 60575 Fairfield County Savings Bank
@ 8% due 5/2/89 \$ 10,000.00

TOTAL CASH IN BANKS 12/3/88 \$ 16,801.05

PRINCIPAL BALANCE DUE ON MORTGAGE 12/31/88 \$131,796.05

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 20th DAY OF JANUARY, 1989



Richard Khachian, Treasurer

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