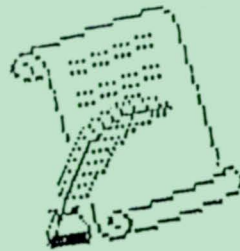


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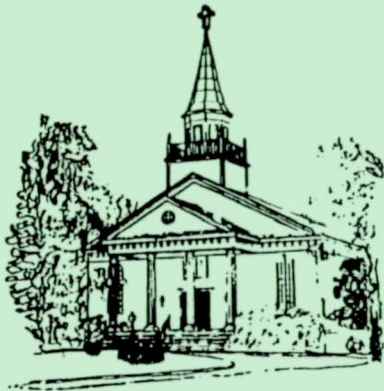
REPORTS OF ALL CHURCH

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Jan. 17, 1992

Dear Church Members,

According to the wishes of our 1987 Parish Assembly, we are mailing the 1991 reports of all the organizations and committees. Please read them all and if you have any questions, feel free to ask them on Feb. 2, 1992 when our Annual Parish Assembly will be held.

I must inform you that the Pastor's, Parish Council Chairman's, Treasurer's and Auditing Committee's reports will be given at the parish assembly.

I hope to see you all on Feb. 2nd. We need your participation and input in our church matters.

Prayerfully,



Fr. Untzag Nalbandian
Pastor

DIOCESAN DELEGATE'S REPORT MAY 9-11, 1991

Dear Parishioners,

It was with pleasure and honor that I represented you at last years General Assembly in Tenafly, N.J.

I was excited and filled with awe to have been part of such a large body of lay people and clergy. I suggest that everyone attend at least one assembly.

There was so much discussed that it would be impossible to fill you in on everything so I will just hit the highlights.

The most pressing issue was a \$400,000 deficit the Diocese is experiencing. We are not a poor Diocese but unfortunately the funds are in restricted accounts and cannot be used for operating expenses. There was a long discussion about the matter and it was explained that we could borrow from these accounts but it has to be paid back. The Primate has hired consultants to help re-organize the Diocese and a fund-raising person was hired to help close this deficit.

We lost a tenant that was renting space from us and this has reduced income greatly.

Our youth and what we are going to do to keep our youth in our church was another very important issue. That discussion ran over assembly time and another was held after the main assembly. There is a special board set up to deal with this problem which is Diocese wide and I will keep you informed as progress is passed on. This was an issue that everyone agreed has to be top priority.

The unity issue was another priority that was reported on and unfortunately progress has been very slow but hope is not lost. There are other meetings scheduled and any progress that is forthcoming will be passed on.

All in all the assembly was productive even though I feel some things go slowly. Unfortunately a lot of churches in the Diocese are having financial problems but are holding their own. The times and recession have affected all of us, but we have been through worse but we still survive. Our people are dedicated and the feeling of the assembly is that the church is safe for now.

Hopefully by re-organizing the Diocese and down sizing, plus hiring someone to concentrate on fundraising the Diocese will be able to reduce the deficit.

I thank you for the opportunity to represent you and will pass on any and all information I receive in regard to this report.

Last but not least the highlight of the assembly was being part of the election of our own Der Untzag to the Diocesan Council.

Our parish is proud to have our Der Hyre serving the Armenians as one of the nine member body. Der Untzag is only the second member of our Holy Ascension Parish to have ever served on the council.

Achkut Looy's Der Hyre

Respectfully submitted

Connie Kasparian

Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension Building Fund Financial Report 1991

Cash in bank 12/31/90	\$ 9,701.99
Contributions during year	14,470.00
Interest from bank	400.95
	<u>\$24,572.94</u>

Less: Monthly mortgage payments \$17,411.65

Cash on hand 12/31/91	7,161.29
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Principal balance due on mortgage 12/31/91	71,404.37
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On 6/21/91 Parish Council reduced mortgage by \$30,000.00 (\$25,000.00 donation from the late Anthony Jevarjian and \$5,000.00 from general funds).

Richard Khachian, Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT - CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Jan. 13, 1992

The Cultural Committee of the Holy Ascension Armenian Church has been re-organized and expanded for 1992.

We hope to sponsor a number of programs which will be both stimulating and entertaining in the new year and we encourage the support of our parishioners.

The planning is almost complete to have the Antranig Dance Group give a performance on Sunday May 3rd at Trumbull High School. Details will be forthcoming.

Our checkbook balance as of this date is \$274.35.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Trapasso, Chairman

The ACYOA JRS report

The ACYOA JRS are proud to be able to report the re-activation of the youth group.

The year ending report is as follows:

Balance ending 1991	\$374.06
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FUNDRAISERS in 1991

Mother's Day Brunch

Candy & Movie Booth (Bazaar)

During the bazaar the ACYOA Jrs donated \$50.00 to the church from their projects.

OTHER ACTIVITIES HELD

Soccer group (ages 9 & up) held on Sundays 12:30 - 4:30.

Movie trips

Bowling trips

A day at Sport Land America

Goals & events for the upcoming year are for the Trumbull ACYOA to be an active member of the Central Council in every way, including attending the three annual sports weekends. The first one is Feb. 14-17 in New Jersey. This year the ACYOA is donating \$100.00

Respectfully submittee
Kim Kasparian



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December, 1991

CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT

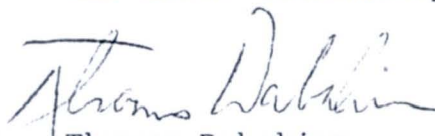
During the past year, the Holy Ascension Choir has continued to serve our Church, faithfully attending services every Sunday helping to make our Divine Liturgy more beautiful and spiritually uplifting. In addition, the choir sang on special occasions such as Armenian and American Christmas Eve services, the Vartanantz commemoration in February, Easter Holy Week services, April 24th annual Martyrs' Day Badarak and at the June 2nd gala 60th Anniversary Banquet.

Our yearly Palm Sunday Dinner on March 24, 1991, featuring a full course turkey meal with all the trimmings, was again a success with a capacity crowd attending.

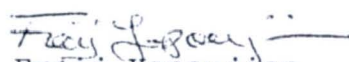
During the course of 1991, the choir held meetings and rehearsals as required. Any interested person wishing to join the choir, please plan to attend these rehearsals and participate thereby lending your support to the Church.

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 Deacon Fraij for continuing his responsibility as Choir Director; organists Rose Avakian, Charles Balian, young Hovig Nalbandian, and Virginia Kalfaian for her support and encouragement; 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, encouragement and foresight in developing a budding junior Choir and inspiring youthful Altar servers; 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

HOLY ASCENSION CHURCH CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1991

CHECK BOOK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1991 \$1,162.05

INCOME:

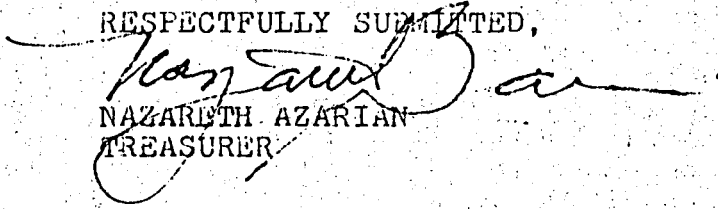
PALM SUNDAY PLATE COLLECTION, DINNER AND RAFFLE	828.88
INTEREST EARNED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1991	<u>55.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,045.93

EXPENSES:

DONATION FOR BANNER	45.00
GIFTS	60.00
REFUGEE FOOD RELIEF	100.00
CHOIR DONATION TO CHURCH FEB 3, 1991	<u>750.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	955.00

CHECK BOOK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1991 \$1,090.93

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


NAZARETH AZARIAN
TREASURER

HOLY ASCENSION ARMENIAN SCHOOL
INCOME STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3,456.71
REVENUES:	
INTEREST EARNED	103.08
BAZAAR PROCEEDS	64.00
REGISTRATION	705.00
DONATIONS	150.00
DANCE PROCEEDS	<u>1407.20</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	5885.99
EXPENSES:	
SCHOOL SUPPLIES	4856.83
GIFTS AND DONATIONS	1620.00
PARTY EXPENSES	675.51
SCHOLARSHIP/CAMPERSHIP	<u>950.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	4102.34
NET BALANCE, 12-31-91	<u>\$1,783.65</u>

School Treasurer

Man. Yuzoujian

1991 SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The beginning of 1991 found the Sunday School's programs and activities well under way. The school had 42 registered students, divided among five classes - pre-school taught by Karen Kaechele, kindergarten and first - June Utecht, second and third - Maureen Najarian, fourth - Elsie Chaghatzbanian, and fifth through eighth - Linda McGann and Sam Agulian. We were utilizing the WE BELIEVE curriculum provided by the Department of Religious Education of the Diocese, and continued to find its material meeting the needs of our students and teachers. Our school structure consisted of an assembly of all students during the first 15 minutes of instructional time in which the children were informed of upcoming church Holy Days and their meanings, or they practiced the Hayr Mer and the Nicene Creed. Classroom time covered 45 minutes of religious instruction covering such subjects as Bible stories, Armenian church theology, Christian characteristics, etc.

Our first activity of the new year was the project of purchasing, collecting and shipping warm clothing and school materials to the children of Armenia. Our children undertook this job with enthusiasm and many opened their piggy banks to buy warm sweaters or hats and gloves.

Armenian Christmas was joyously celebrated by the community with a Sunday School sponsored luncheon and program which 125 parishioners attended. The children presented a play of the birth of Jesus, recited Armenian poems and enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus.

The Lenten season brought a time of inner reflection for both the teachers and students, and with the aid of a Lenten calendar from the DRE, we were able to teach the children the meaning of this special time in our church. On Palm Sunday, as a Lenten project, the children conducted a bake sale in which they raised \$250 to send to the children of Karabagh. During Holy Week, the students participated in a number of activities, including the Washing of the Feet, Bible readings, and altar helpers.

The children attended Badarak on the designated Family Participation Days, with the older children performing and learning in such roles as choir members, distribution of the Mas, Kiss of Peace, Bible readings and altar acolytes. The students gain valuable religious knowledge of our Badarak and begin to understand where they can fit in to the Church's needs.

May brought the fundraising dance sponsored by the Sunday and Armenian schools. The parents and teachers of both groups worked extremely hard to bring about this successful event, reaping \$2,500 in profit to aid the church's mortgage fund.

The school closed in June with a pleasurable time of graduation and a picnic with fun-filled games and activities.

The 1991-92 school year resumed with a status quo in registration of 42 students. Our staff was reduced by two members, and we were only able to replace one position with Mrs. Delores Jamgochian. We continue to be understaffed, a problem which has plagued the Sunday School for many years.

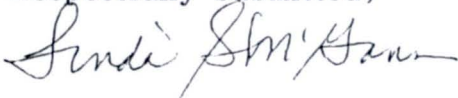


Our activities began in October at the Church bazaar where for the first time the children ran a booth to contribute to the success of this important fundraiser. We were able to donate \$80 to this cause.

We then ran a successful Thanksgiving project whereby we donated 88 pounds of food to the Fairfield County Food Bank and \$47 to the Homeless Shelter in Fairfield. The children are beginning to understand the need for Christian charity and the blessings they have received from God in their own lives.

The Sunday School is a vibrant, thriving organization where the youth of this Parish are being spiritually nurtured and groomed to one day be responsible, Christian, loving adults who will lead this Church into the future.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda S. McGann

1991 SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

Starting Balance	306.85
Interest	28.71
Collections	75.48
Enrollment	180.00
Donations	150.00
Programs	<u>4292.76</u>
Total Income:	\$5033.80

Expenses:

Programs and Donations:	<u>4855.82</u>
Balance on Hand: (1/4/92)	177.98

1991 WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT

The 1991 Women's Guild prepared and served at two luncheons, four dinners, two memorial dinners and one memorial luncheon. We also sponsored seventeen out of the twenty-seven coffee hours on Sunday plus three evening coffee hours: Armenian Christmas Eve, The Genocide Service and American Christmas Eve.

This year's annual picnic was a joint venture between the Women's Guild and the Parish Council. They did all the organizing and food Shopping and we prepared and served the food, making it a succesful event.

Next with Sara Der Megerdichian, as my Co-Chairman for the Bazaar kitchen department, and the Women's Guild Executive body and all of you who supported our efforts and the Church, this year's Bazaar Kitchen Department was a great success.

Although, we could not plan a fun outting this year, as we had hoped for, we did get together in May as a group, to have a Veejug celebrating Soorp Hampartzoum. We also attended and were represented at the Women's Saints Day Luncheon in New Jersey and the Women's Guild Annual Assembly, also in New Jersey.

The Women's Guild donated \$1,000.00 toward the expense of having the land in the back of the Church surveyed. We also donated \$150.00 to the memorial dinner for Tony Jevarjian. And when we visted the Soviet Armenian families, we presented them with three large beautiful fruit baskets.

For the Church's 60th Anniversary, we had the banner made up which is displayed at the head table and lobbied with the other Church organizations to share the total expense.

The Women's Guild executive body voted against the \$25.00 charge imposed for the use of Church supplies by coffee hour sponsors. We are maintaining our own seperate supplies exclusively for coffee hours. Our objective was to be totally self sufficient for coffee hour expenses. With more parishioners sponsoring coffee hours, we will reach our goal.

I wish to thank the Women's Guild Executive body; Sara Der Megerdichian, secretary; Rose Avakian, treasurer; and Margaret Manugian and Rita Chaghatzbanian, advisors for their great enthusiasm, kindness, hard work and commitment to the 1991 Women's Guild.

Also I wish to thank all of you out there who gave me the support and encouragement I needed to execute what was expected of us and to enjoy chairing this organization.

And lastly, I want to thank Der Hyre for the guidance and support he gave us all year long which helped see us through our accomplishments. And for his never ending confidence in us to do what was expected of us.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Chaghatzbanian, Chairman

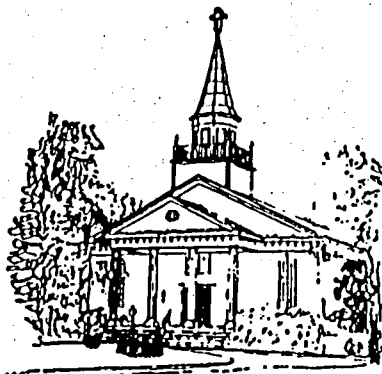


1991 WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
1991 Opening Balance		372.22
Bank interest		41.23
Bank service charges	42.08	
Coffee hours	581.82	1,196.82
Membership Dues		390.00
Women's Guild Central Council	36.00	
Parish Council Assembly Luncheon	160.00	370.00
Vartanantz Dinner	413.36	785.50
Michink Dinner	120.00	321.00
Genocide Evening Service	25.90	
Memorial Dinner (Gorakian)	133.91	175.00
Memorial Dinner (Javarjian)	459.10	300.00
Memorial Luncheon (Cholakian)	128.26	200.00
Women's Guild Assembly Luncheon	88.33	171.00
Gift (Keghan Stambolian)		50.00
Christmas Eve reception	65.24	
Fruit Basket	25.55	
Dishwasher	90.00	
Parish Council	1,000.00	
Banner	30.00	
Misc. (sm. appliance, postage, flowers, gifts)	264.43	
Parish Council	500.00	
	<u>4,163.98</u>	<u>4,372.17</u>
Balance as of 12/31/91		208.19

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Avakian, Treasurer



ARMENIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL
OF THE HOLY ASCENSION CHURCH

1. ENROLLMENT

We have 35 children enrolled for the 1991-1992 year.

2. TEACHERS / CLASSES

There are nine teachers in the school (all volunteers).

Maria Agulian	(Seniors, Ages 15-16)
Salpi Tokatlian	(Ages 13-14)
Mary Yapoujian	(Ages 12-13)
Lisa Missakian	(Ages 10-11)
Seta Nalbandian	(Ages 9-10)
Rita Chaghatzbanian	(Ages 8-9)
Jenny Vartanian	(Ages 8-9)
Hilda Garakhanian	(Ages 5-6)
Yolande Cain	(Prekindergarten)

Classes are held every Sunday morning, 10:15 to 11:15.

On special holidays, classes are substituted by participation in church services.

3. CURRICULUM

All textbooks are supplied by the New York Diocese Education Department.

We adapt the curriculum to adapt to the abilities of the students.

On the occasion of special commemorative holidays, like on April 24, St. Vartan's and at the end of the year, we hold a special "hantess" (celebration).

The priest (Der Hayr) speaks to the children on special holidays like St. Mashdotz or Holy Cross Day (Khatch).

Tests are given at the end of the year and certificates are given at the end of the year. Also, a "hantess" is held.

4. TEACHER TRAINING

Occasionally the teachers participate in seminars to improve their abilities. This is done as circumstances allow.

5. FUND RAISING / DANCES

Once a year, we hold a dinner dance. The proceeds of profit go as per discussions and agreement among the teachers. One year a dance was held to gain funds to purchase a computer. Another year it was to send children to St. Vartan's and St. Nerses camps in the summer.

JENNIE VARTANIAN
SUPERINTENDENT

1991 ARMENIAN CHURCH BAZAAR REPORT

<u>Account</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Ad Book	5,580.00	863.55	4,716.45
Rugs	2,060.00	298.00	1,762.00
Major Raffle	3,162.00	323.25*	2,838.75
Kitchen	7,145.22	3,746.69	3,398.53
Pastry Booth	1,651.50	226.00	1,425.50
Middle Eastern Booth	1,376.55	971.14	405.41
1st Pre Bazaar Dinner	1,251.00	491.04	759.96
2nd Pre Bazaar Dinner	937.50	464.34	473.16
50/50	616.00	40.00	576.00
Rentals (7)	350.00	-	350.00
Small Raffle	110.00	-	110.00
Gift Shop	340.30	300.00	40.30
Door Prize	253.00	-	253.00
White Elephant	176.70	-	176.70
Youth Booth	30.00	-	30.00
Sunday School	85.85	-	85.85
Miscellaneous Income	255.00	-	255.00
(A) General Expenses	-	1,652.88	-1,652.88
	<u>25,380.62</u>	<u>9,376.89</u>	<u>16,003.73</u>

*\$873.25 -\$550 donation = \$323.25

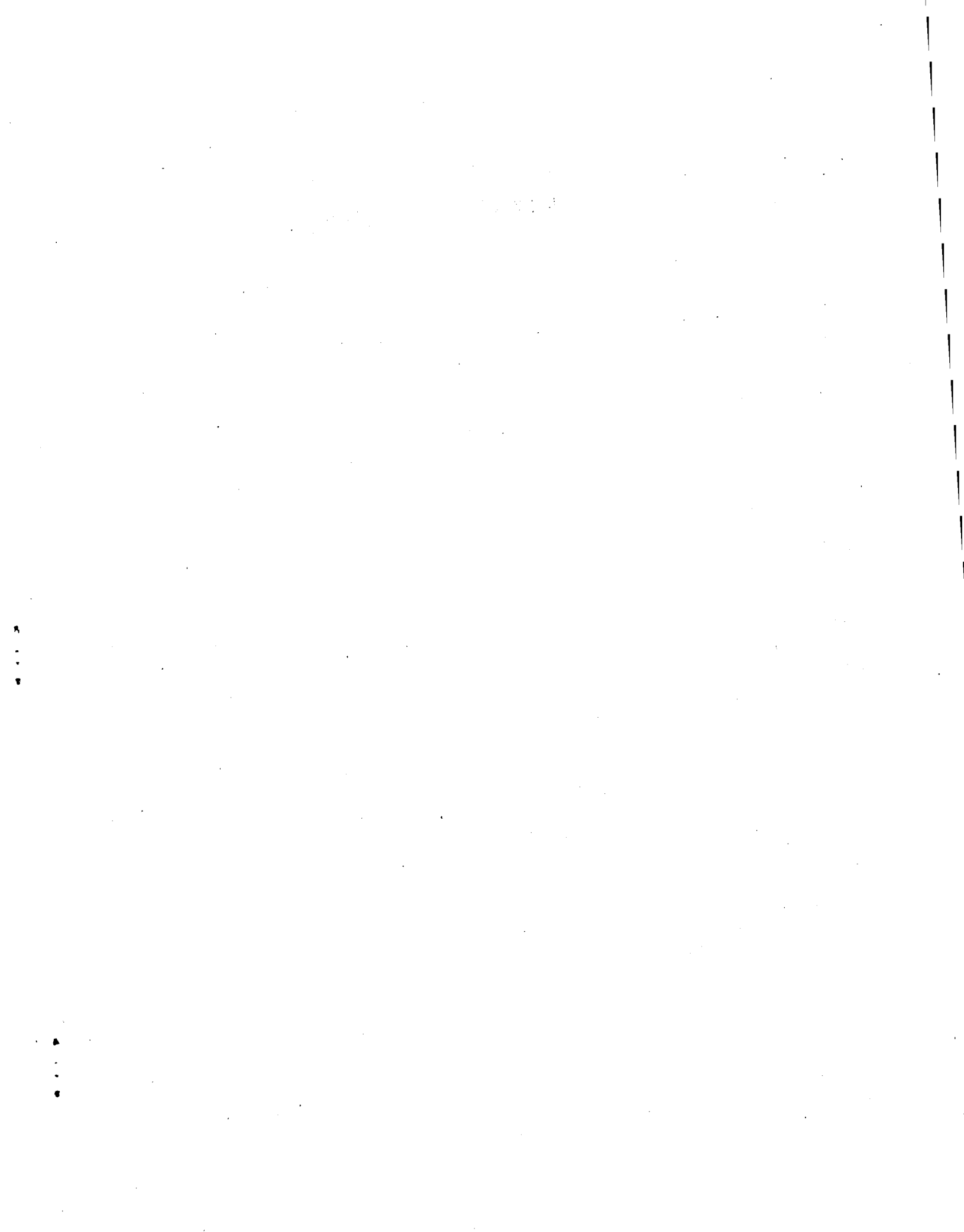
(A) General Expenses

Advertising	1,035.74
Band	450.00
Flyers	43.50
Signs	38.64
Liquor License	85.00
	<u>1,652.88</u>

Ending Balance 1990	1,066.40
Additional Income and Interest 1990-1991	+ <u>394.93</u>
	1,461.33
Starting Balance 1991	1,461.33
Net Profit	<u>16,003.73</u>
Balance November 1991	17,465.06
Transferred to Church Treasurer	<u>-16,000.00</u>
Reserved for 1992 Bazaar	1,465.06

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Najarian
Richard Najarian, Bazaar Treasurer



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