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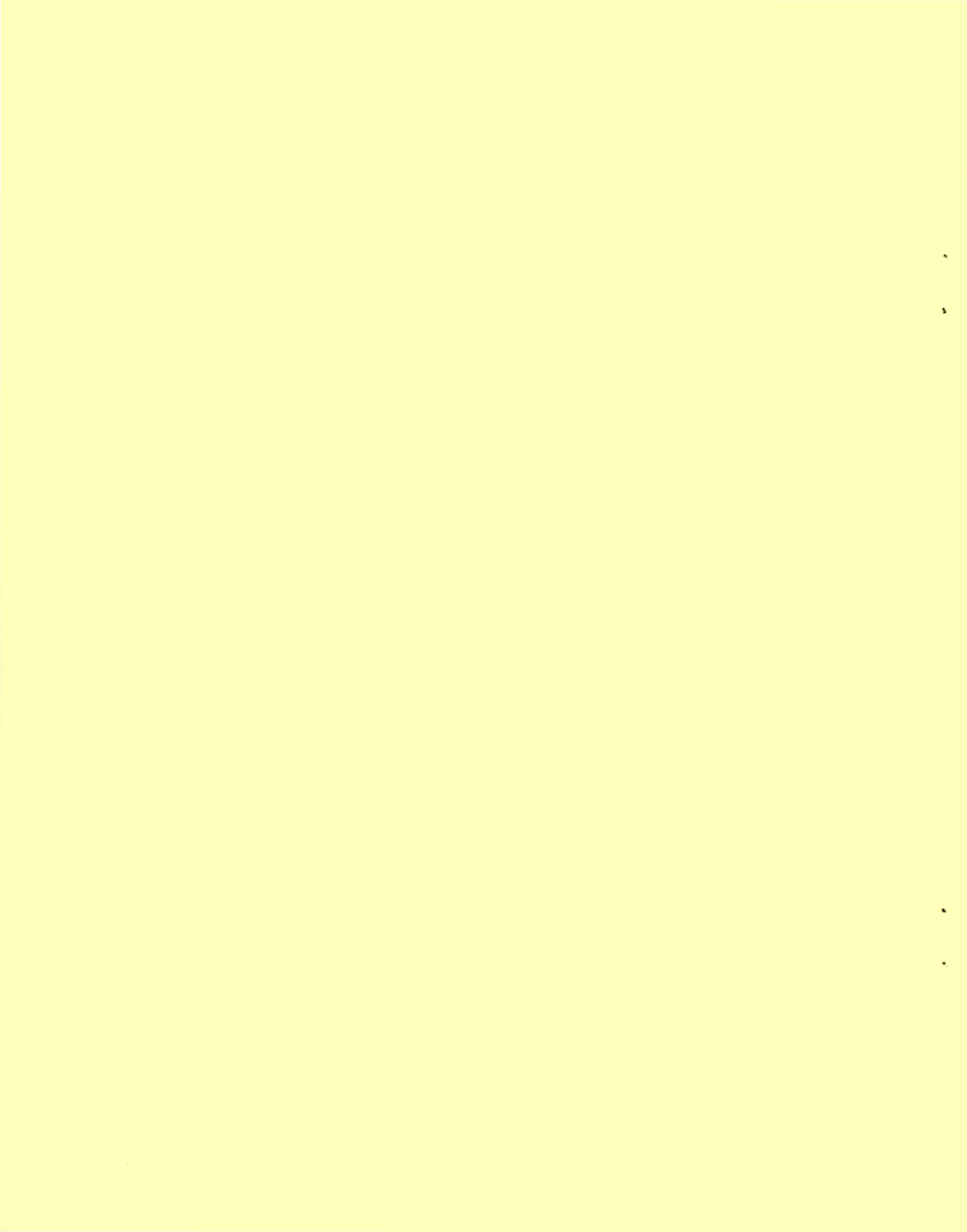
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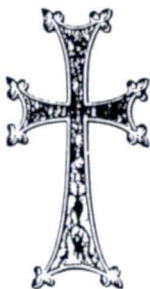
REPORTS OF ALL CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS



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January 15, 1993

Dear Church Members:

According to the wishes of our 1987 Parish Assembly, we are mailing the 1992 reports of all the organizations and committees.

Please read them all and if you have any questions, feel free to ask them on January 31, 1993, when our Annual Parish Assembly will be held.

I also wish to inform you that the Pastor's, Parish Council Chairman's, Treasurer's and Auditing Committee's reports will be given at the Parish Assembly.

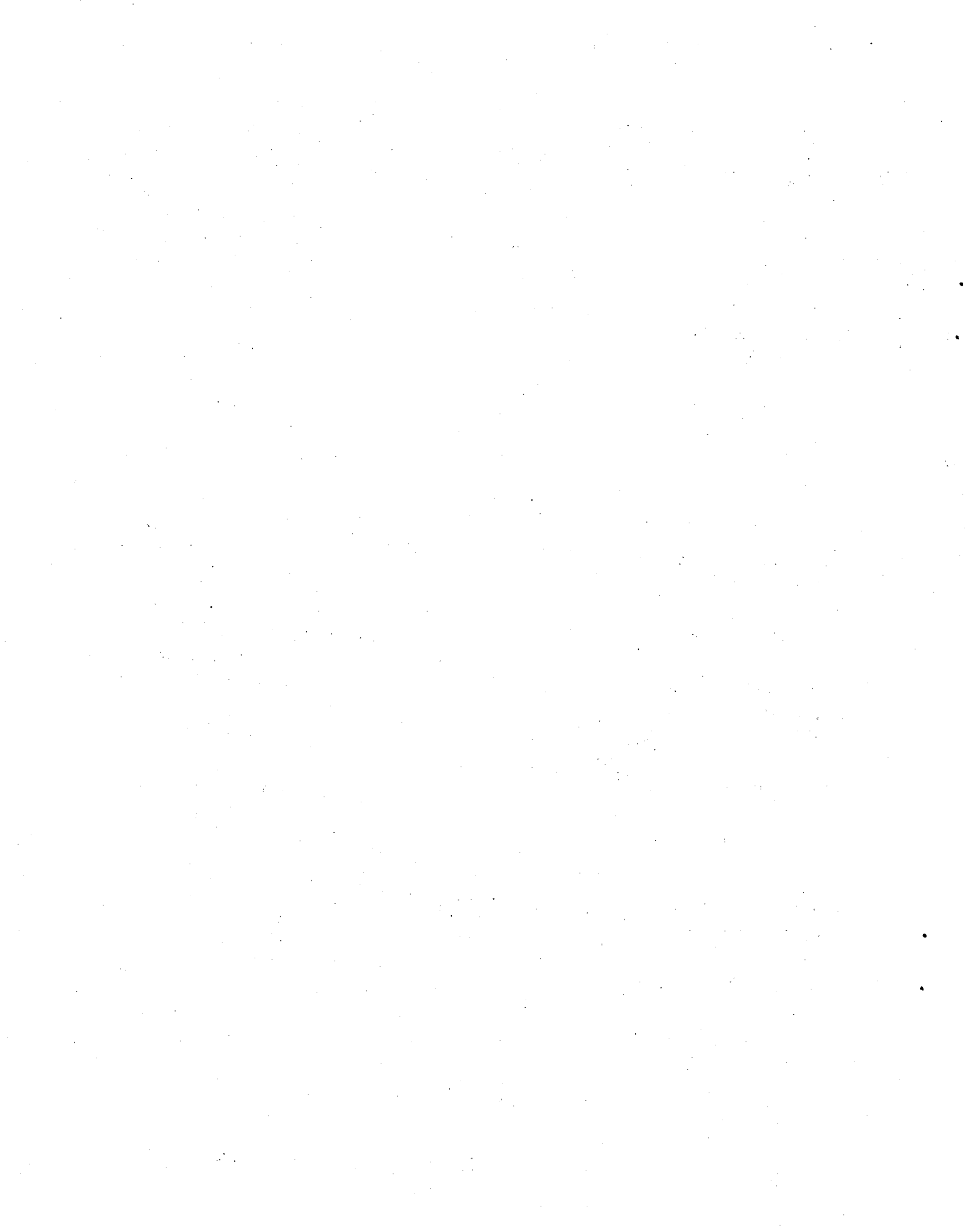
I hope to see you all on January 31, 1993. We need your participation and input in our and your church matters.

Also, please encourage others to attend the annual assembly.

Prayerfully,


Fr. Untzag Nalbandian
Pastor

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DELEGATE'S REPORT - 90TH DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The 90th Assembly was held in the beautiful St. David's Church, Boca Raton, Florida. Martin Cholakian, from Detroit, presided as Chairman, and the three day assembly was off and running.

I can tell you that a myriad of issues were discussed and I am giving you the highlights of what was discussed. A report from Deacon Hratch Tchilingirian, Rector of St. Nersess Seminary, stated that there are twenty-two parishes without priests, and pleaded for a recruitment program to be instituted by all parishes and parish priests.

The Unity Report, presented by Zavin Kasparian, Chairman, did not hold a bright future. Things are progressing at a very slow pace and, we, the assembly, were very disappointed. The sister church programs for Sunday schools were successful and we voted to reconfirm our faith that unity is within our best efforts for the future of our Armenian church.

We all felt that nothing should be done to halt the challenge even though it is going slowly.

We all felt that with a grass root effort, unity will be accomplished in the future, and we ended the discussion on a positive note.

The Youth Council presented a vignettes entitled, "Young Adult Involvement in the Parishes" representing young adult views, parent's views, and parish views on youth. Besides the vignettes, which were funny but unfortunately true, we had a six member panel which gave their views on the problems the church had reaching the youth followed by questions and answers.

A five member panel gave parents views followed by another panel giving positive directions for parishes.

I felt it was very enlightening and was pleased to see the assembly give the youth and this issue an appropriate amount of time.

The Treasurer, Haig Dadourian, gave the annual treasurer's report, and the picture, as always, was bleak. We are still running at a \$300,000 deficit and ways were discussed to raise more revenue. It seems all parishes are having financial difficulties and the recessionary times are affecting us all.

This assembly was enlightening, even though long and grueling, and I must say in some aspects very frustrating because we seem to move so slowly, but I was proud to represent our wonderful Holy Ascension.

I'm pleased to say I was elected to the Proposals Committee and am looking forward to serving.



(Delegate's Report - Cont'd.)

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you and I will keep you informed as important issues arise.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kasparian, Delegate

Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension
Mortgage Burning Committee

Final Report 1992

Cash on Hand 12/31/91	\$7,161.29
Contributions during year	900.00
Interest	<u>88.03</u>
Total	\$8,149.32
Less:	
Mortgage Payments	<u>7,514.40</u>
Balance - 9/10/92	\$ 634.92

Balance paid over to Parish Council 9/10/92

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Khachian
Richard Khachian
Treasurer

WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURERS REPORT

	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
1992 Begining Balance		204.16
Bank interest		19.04
Bank service charges	\$ 88.80	
Coffee hours	506.52	1,168.25
Parish Council Assembly Luncheon	215.47	281.00
Vartanantz Dinner	624.47	724.00
Women's Guild Annual Assembly	44.24	157.00
Membership Dues		470.00
Gifts donated to Women's Guild		220.00
Kitchenwares	328.61	304.00
Coffee	120.00	
Speaker (3/25/92)	75.00	
Waitresses	65.00	
Dishwasher	40.00	
Butter (36 lbs.)	46.68	
Sterno	49.65	
Misc. expenses (postage, gifts etc.)	198.50	
Misc. leftover food sold		235.28
Donation to Mortgage Burning Fund	500.00	
Donation to Melkonian Family (funeral expenses)	100.00	
Parish Council	500.00	
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	\$3,502.94	\$3,782.73
1992 Ending Balance		\$ 279.79

ACYOA JRS. 1992 REPORT

In the beginning of the year we had elections of new officers, they are: C.J. Cartiglia - Chairman; Hovig Nalbandian - Treasurer; Christina Garabedian - Secretary.

The ACYOA Juniors had a very active year. Here are some of the activities:

- 1) January - We had a ski trip with our advisors.
- 2) February - We went to a sports weekend in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. It was great to see and meet other Armenian teenagers from different parishes.
- 3) May - We prepared a Mother's Day brunch for our mothers.
- 4) November - We participated in the church's bazaar.

Also, during the summer months we went to movies, played soccer and had a pizza night.

All those who are between the ages of 13-17 are invited to join our group and learn more about our culture, heritage and have fun.

Our thanks to Kim Kasparian and Tom Artinian for their assistance and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. Cartiglia - Chairman
&
Kim Kasparian - Advisor

ACYOA JRS.
TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance January 1, 1992	\$267.81
1992 Activities Profit	\$ 51.20
Ending balance as of December 31, 1992	\$319.01

Respectfully submitted,

Hovig Nalbandian - Treasurer
&
Kim Kasparian - Advisor

1992 SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

In January 1992, our Sunday School's enrollment was 42 students with five classes being taught by Dolores Jamgochian (Pre-K), Maureen Najarian (1st & 2nd), Karen Kaechele (3rd & 4th), Elsie Chaghatzbanian (5th), and Linda McGann (Middle School).

We began the year with our annual Armenian Christmas festivities. With the help of Sunday School parents, we served a luncheon for 150 parishioners and the children performed a Christmas play to the delight of the audience. This continues to be a major undertaking for the Sunday School and more assistance would be welcomed in order to provide for the large turn-out the church receives on that day.

In January, Linda McGann attended a Sunday School superintendent's meeting at the Department of Religious Education in New York. There, ideas and support were shared with other schools in the region, and a working network was established to the benefit of all.

During Lent, the children saved money in their miter boxes and ran a bake sale with the proceeds forwarded to a children's orphanage in Armenia. Holy week provides a wonderful way for the children to express their faith by participating in many services during the week. Twelve young men had their feet washed on Holy Thursday, boys and girls served on the altar several times, and the older children read passages from the Bible. I would like to see this practice continue, not only during Holy Week, but through our "Family Participation Days".

May proved to be a busy month for the school. We sponsored a dance with the Armenian Language School to benefit the church. Although we only made a small profit, it was a fun evening and it provided a way for the schools to give something back to the church. The Sunday School also journeyed on its first field trip to St. James Church in Westchester, where a full day of activities were conducted for the children from many Armenian churches. It allowed our children to interact on a social, spiritual, and cultural level with other Armenian children.

The highlight of the year came when His Grace Bishop Khajag Barsamian visited our church. The children made a special book of drawings for him and presented it at a dinner. He was pleased by the gift and the children were able to communicate with him and receive his blessings.

We ended the school year with graduation and a picnic where the children continue to beat their parents in relay races!



The 1992-93 year has seen a small decrease in student enrollment and attendance. We are working hard to encourage parents to bring their children on a regular basis, in order to get the maximum benefit from our school. Our staff remains the same, and this continues to be our number one problem area. We feel we can do so much more for the children if we had more volunteers to share their knowledge and talents.

Fairfield County Food Bank was the recipient of our school's Thanksgiving Food Drive. We have continued to use the We Believe curriculum from the DRE, along with supplemental material. A letter was written to our sister Sunday School in Karabagh along with pictures of our children. We hope to become pen pals and regularly correspond.

The Sunday School continues to thrive due to the efforts of several dedicated individuals. We look forward to the coming year to provide a strong religious education for the future leaders of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGann
Sunday School Superintendent

1992 SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

Starting Balance	\$ 177.98
Interest	16.31
Collections	63.98
Donations	143.90
Programs	<u>1,376.23</u>

Total Income: \$1,778.40

Expenses:

Programs and Donations	<u>1,118.51</u>
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Balance on Hand: (1/1/93) \$ 659.89

1992 ARMENIAN CHURCH BAZAAR REPORT

<u>Account</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Ad Book	\$4,090.00	\$881.50	\$3,208.50
Rugs	2,800.00	-	2,800.00
Major Raffle	2,742.00	479.00*	2,263.00
Kitchen	6,909.30	3,352.75	3,556.55
Pastry Booth	1,670.00	261.34	1,408.66
Pre Bazaar Dinner	1,870.00	414.94	1,455.06
50/50	427.00	59.24	367.76
Rentals (13)	825.00	-	825.00
Door Prize	400.00	-	400.00
White Elephant	388.00	-	388.00
Miscellaneous Income	295.00	-	295.00
(A) General Expenses	-	<u>1,643.53</u>	<u>(-1,643.53)</u>
	<u>\$22,416.30</u>	<u>\$7,092.30</u>	<u>\$15,324.00</u>

*\$779.00 - \$300.00 Contributions = \$479.00

(A) General Expenses


Advertising	\$708.00
Band	500.00
Flyers	156.80
Magician	100.00
Liquor License	62.00
Miscellaneous	<u>116.73</u>
	\$1,643.53

Ending Balance 1991	\$1,465.06
Interest 1991-1992	<u>53.19</u>
Total	\$1,518.25

Starting Balance 1992	\$ 1,518.25
Net Profit	<u>15,324.00</u>
Balance November 1992	\$16,842.25

Transferred to Church Treasurer	<u>-15,324.00</u>
Reserved for 1993 Bazaar	\$ 1,518.25

Respectfully submitted,


Richard Najarian, Bazaar Treasurer

CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT - DECEMBER 31, 1992

Beginning Balance - January 1, 1992	\$1,090.93
Income:	
Palm Sunday Dinner	\$704.43
Interest Income	<u>34.09</u>
Total	\$738.52
Expenses:	
Choir Music	\$ 10.00
Ladies Guild Donation	30.00
Church Donation	<u>750.00</u>
Total	\$790.00
Ending Balance - December 31, 1992	\$1,039.45

Respectfully submitted,

Nazareth Azarian
Choir Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT - CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The Cultural Committee organized one major and very successful event in 1992.

The Committee invited the Antranig Dance Group to perform on May 3rd, at Trumbull High School. Close to 250 people attended and enjoyed the performance. A reception was given in honor of the group in the church hall. Also, \$300.00 was given to the Antranig Dance Group as a small token of our appreciation for their performance and talent. A net profit of approximately \$1,000.00 was made for our church.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicky Taraian
A Committee Member



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CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT

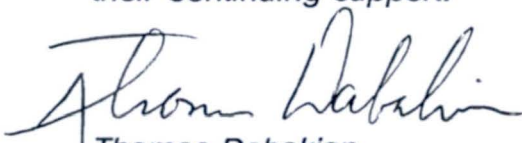
During the past year, the Holy Ascension Choir has continued to serve our Church, faithfully attending services every Sunday helping to make our Divine Liturgy more beautiful and spiritually uplifting. In addition, the choir sang on special occasions such as Armenian and American Christmas Eve services, the Vartanantz commemoration in February, Easter Holy Week services, April 24th annual Martyrs' Day Badarak and at the June 7th gala 61st Anniversary Banquet.

Our yearly Palm Sunday Dinner on April 12, 1992, featuring a full course turkey meal with all the trimmings, was again a success with a capacity crowd attending.

During the course of 1992, 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

01-12-93

ARMENIAN SCHOOL NEWS

Once again the Armenian school opened up it's doors to all those who have the desire to learn our language and who are proud of belonging to a very determined group of people.

With each year it is getting harder and harder to make a go of this Mission. But with Gods help we will be successful again, because of the dedication of this little group and because we all believe that without this Effort the little chance that we have in sustaining ourselves and our future generations as " Armenians" will disappear forever.

This years teaching staff includes: Yeretsgin Seta, Salpi Tokatljan, Lisa Misakian, Rita Chaghatsbanian, Sonia Gulbeng, Yoland Kane and Marie Yapoujian. Assistant teachers are Maria Agulian, Jennie Vartanian, and Hilda Garachanian. Marie Yapoujian is the acting superintendent and Sonia Gulbeng is the treasurer.

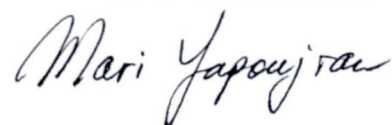
We have planned an exciting year for our students. Right now we are working on raising funds to sponsor an Armenian child through the assistance of the Diocese. On Feb 14th the school is sponsoring the "Saint Vartanants" Day celebration with guest speaker Mr. Arkoon and a very appropriate program to follow the exquisite dinner {which goes without saying.} We pray that you will join us. The proceeds of this event will be marked for the camping scholarship fund.

Last year we sponsored five students to the St. Vartan camp and three students to the St. Nerses Seminary. With your support we plan on sending more students this year. We believe that this is the only way to give our children the Armenian fellowship that they lack in a small community such as ours.

We need your support to succeed in our programs. You can help us whether you have a school age child or not. Knowing that you are ready to help us morally and or financially is the best ammunition we need to strengthen our will to continue in this lovely tradition.

If you can help in any way call me or any one of the teachers. Our numbers are in the church book or just stop by and say hello.

Mari Yapoujian



WOMEN'S GUILD CHAIRMAN REPORT

This year the 1992 Women's Guild prepared and served at one luncheon and seven dinners. We also sponsored eighteen of the twenty-seven coffee hours on Sunday plus three evening coffee hours.

In February our Church held it's first annual Mardi Grass Bazaar. With a simple and limited menu which was developed and prepared by the Women's Guild, our Church realized approximately \$2,000.00 for that one day event.

When June came around our Church participated in the Trumbull Day Festival. The Women's Guild together with the parish council prepared for this event. Unfortunately it was not financially successful. However, we all came away learning something from the experience.

Once again, this years 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 successful event.

Next came the Mt. Ararat Bazaar in November. Financially, the kitchen department, according to my non official records showed a net profit of approximately \$3,500.00.

This year Sara DerMegerdichian developed and headed a program for replenishing worn and much needed kitchenwares. Thanks to her efforts and our parishioners generous gifts we were able to aquire some desperately needed items. The continuance of this program in 1993 would help to further replace many more items.

Margaret Manugian this year successfully enrolled ten new members into our Women's Guild. However, overall membership remained about the same as last year making our total membership forty-seven for 1992.

I wish to sincerely thank the Women's Guild executive body; Sara DerMegerdichian, secretary/co-chairman; Margaret Manugian, treasurer; and Rita Chaghatzbanian, advisor for their continued kindness, enthusiasm, hard work and commitment to our Church's 1992 Women's Guild. Without them this years guild could not have accomplished all that was asked from us.

I would also like to thank the entire Women's Guild membership for their continued encouragement and support of our efforts and to the handful of women who help us without being asked at dinners. Also, my thanks go out to the handful of men who also helped throughout the year. And a special acknowledgement of thanks to George Krikorian who stood on his feet for very long hours time and time again cutting hundreds of pounds of meat for us on several occasions.

Lastly, I would like to thank Der Hyre and Yeretzgin Seta for the guidance and support they gave us this past year and for helping me appreciate and understand the functions and commitments of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Chaghatzbanian, Chairman

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