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SUMMARY OF

1991 Organizational Reports of St. James Armenian Church

CHOIR-

Chairperson of the choir organization, Donna Soghoian Walker, reported that there are ten members in the choir. Rehearsals as well as meetings of the choir organization were held. After her long and dedicated service as our organist, Yeretsgin Araxi Manoukian has retired. With the help of Araxi Manoukian, Susan Nersesova is now our new organist. After many years of not participating in the National Choir Organization, this year we had a representative during the AACCA Assembly.

SUNDAY SCHOOL-

Sunday School classes are held between the hours of 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. every other Sunday. There are three regularly scheduled classes. Hasmik Jacobe teaches the Nursery; Dorian Barsamian teaches fourth grade and Anne Norris teaches Grade Eight. Average attendance is approximately 16 pupils. Linda Sharigian is the Sunday School Superintendent. Once a month Anne Nahabedian from North Carolina has volunteered to teach the meanings of the Feast Days of the Church and other materials pertaining to our church.

ACYOA-

Chairperson Arpi Bouroujian reported that there are 10 members in the ACYOA. The organization held seventeen meetings during 1991. Its major annual functions included the Halloween Party on October 27th and Second Annual Appreciation Dinner/ Dance held on November 30th. Cash on hand for 1-1-91 was \$1415.42; Income for 1991 was \$4,640.00; Disbursements \$4,532.25 and the balance at the end of 1991 was \$1, 523.27. Our ACYOA was honored to receive an Achievement Award during their Assembly which was held in Hartford, CT.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Chairperson Lilly Thomas reported that the organization has 35 members and conducted nine general meetings and twelve executive meetings during 1991. Its major annual functions included a Spring and Fall Bazaar. Throughout the year the Women's Guild held several educational programs and seminars and also participated in the Diocesan Women's Guild Assembly and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting which was held in Washington, DC. The Women's Guild donated \$15,350.16 to the Parish Council in 1991. Cash on hand for 1-1-91 was \$10,527.35. Income for 1991 was \$11,083.76; disbursements, \$19,914.21 and the balance at the end of the year is \$ 1,696.90.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Due to certain circumstances, this report was not ready at the time of print, thus this report will be given from the floor.

CONDENSED DIOCESAN DELEGATE REPORT 1991

The annual meeting was held in Tenafly, NJ presided over by His Grace the Primate, Bishop Khajag Barsamian. A message from Catholicos Vasken I was read where he had told of the tragic situation in Armenia, the shelling with the armed forces and homes all in fire.

A report on the Clergy Conference was given and the topics discussed were on the spiritual rebirth of the church, family worship, shorter Divine Liturgy, unity issue, missionary work in Armenia.

The representative of the ACYOA, Tony Barsamian, spoke at length about a youth ministry plan. The topic about the youth was discussed during the entire assembly and special meetings were held following the Diocesan meetings along with a panel discussion to see what could be done to remedy this situation.

The Primate's report included topics with emphasis on Youth, Sunday School, Armenian School, ACYOA.

It was suggested that 1% of the annual budget be sent to the Diocese for the Youth Ministry program.

Mr. Ared Bulbulian spoke on behalf of the Earthquake Committee and said that shipments of materials and baby formula were sent to Armenia. The Diocese had spent \$2,800,000 on the Stepanavan construction. A United Armenian Fund (UAF) has been formed comprised of the AGBU, AMAA, the Diocese and the Prelacy to charter planes to send supplies to Armenia. Our total contribution to the UAF thus far has been \$400,000.

A lengthy period followed with the Treasurer's Report and Budget. Reports were made about the DRE, Armenian Language Lab & Resource Center, ACYOA, Zohram Information Center, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, Armenian Church Endowment Fund, St. Vartan Camp, My Kinsmen Program and the Association of Church Choirs, (AACCA).