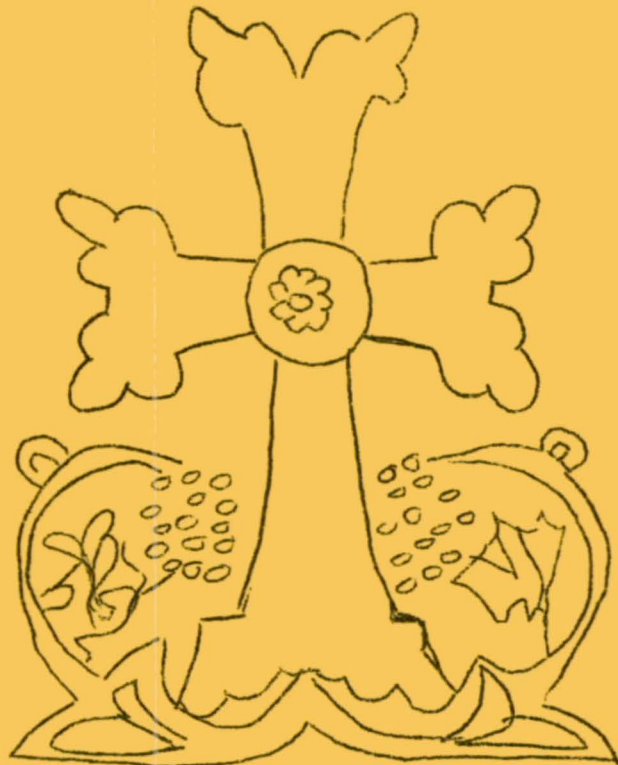


ANNUAL REPORT

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Rev. Zenob Nalbandian, Pastor

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HOLY RESURRECTION ARMENIAN CHURCH

1981

AGENDA

HOLY RESURRECTION ARMENIAN CHURCH  
909 Michigan Avenue  
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Annual Parish Assembly  
Sunday, January 31, 1982-7:00 p.m.  
Church Hall

1. Prayer
2. Roll Call of dues-paying members  
(Note: Eligibility to vote or take office depends on your status. Dues will be accepted right up to the start of the meeting.)
3. Election of Assembly officers
4. Reading of previous Parish Assembly minutes
5. Pastor's Report
6. Parish Council Report
  - A. Activities Report by Chairman
  - B. Financial Report by Treasurer
7. Report by Diocesan Council
8. Report by other church bodies:  
Choir, Sunday School, Ladies' Guild, A.C.Y.O.A., Cemetery Committee, Armenian School
9. Election of new members to the Parish Council
10. Election of auditing committee
11. Election of nominating committee
12. Determination of Budget for 1982
13. New Business
14. Closing Prayer

Pastor Fr. Zenob Nalbandian's  
Report For 1981

We thank our almighty and merciful God who granted us another year of health, prosperity and productivity.

I start my report with Worship and Sacraments , which are considered the most important things in pur Church.

- I. a) Worship : Every Sunday, both Morning Service and Divine Liturgy were done and celebrated in our Church. Sermons were delivered both in Armenian and in English languages. During Lent, evening or vigil services were held on Wednesdays. On Armenian Christmas Eve a special service was held with the participation of our choir.
  - b) Sacraments : During 1981, 3 infants were baptized and confirmed. There were two funerals. Grave blessing was performed on Memorial Day. I have visited almost every house and performed the traditional home blessing ritual.
2. Visitations : I have visited almost every family. I have visited the sick at the Trinity Memorial Hospital each Saturday. Sometimes along with the prayer of healing upon the sick Holy Communion was administered to them. During the two great seasons, Christmas and Easter I was given the opportunity to visit my parishioners not only to take them the tidings and the blessings of our Lord, but also to talk to them about being active at the Church. by their regular Church attendance every Sunday. The Church attendance in our Parish comparing with other Churches around us was poor. We want you to be aware of the fact that the Church cannot and must not serve few individuals only. The Church is the House of God where everybody is welcome to pray and to take part in any activity. Personal problems with each other should not disturb the regular and normal function of this organization. Personal and private affairs have nothing to do in this circle. They can be solved outside the Church. Church attendance is moral obligation . As a matter of fact, it is a matter of principle and education. You should think about it and take it seriously.
- I thank Mr. Kerovpe Balian - the Loosarar of our Church who accompanied and helped me during my HOME BLESSING visitations.
3. Educational :
    - a) Armenian School : Armenian School was reopened and a flyer was sent to all parents to bring their children every Sunday. The School under the superintendence of Grace Hadjinian and with

the help of Vanoush Demirjian has done lots of work. The attendance was not satisfactory. Armenian School has a big role to play in the Community Life in terms of nurturing, and educating our Children with the Spirit of our forefathers.

b) Sunday School : Grace Hadjinian and Mary Hayalian worked hard in order to make the passing year a successful one. Every body should realize the importance of this school and must bring the children in order to make them Children full of faith in Christ.

c) Armenian School For Adults : I opened and headed this school every Thursday. The attendance was unsatisfactory. I tried to bring more adults to teach them the conversation and the writing in Armenian. I still hope that someday everybody will be realizing the importance of learning the native language for the preservation and the perseverance of a whole nation.

d) Slide Presentation : After my "Educational Pilgrimage to Armenia " I found that a slide presentation of the historical sites of Armenia would be necessary to our entire community. I presented them to the aged people at the Elders' Home, to our community members and to the Armenian people in Greenfield.

e) Choir : Our Choir, although small in size, but good in quality. They have come regularly every Sunday and taken part in the Divine Liturgy. Even during the Lenten period some of them have attended and participated in the Vigil Service by reading and singing. Rehearsals were not held on a regular basis.

f) Altar Servers : We have two dedicated altar servers - Mr. Kerovpe Balian and Armen Hadjinian. They have been at the Altar along with the Priest every Sunday. They have done their best in order to make the celebrant's work easier and possible.

#### 4. Meetings and Conferences :

I have presided at the Parish Council Meetings. I attended the annual conference of the clergy and the Diocesan Assembly both held in Watertown, Mass. serving as Armenian language secretary at the Diocesan Assembly. I attended the Midwest Regional Meetings in Waukegan. I have attended very few meetings of the Women's Guild. I have attended also South Milwaukee Clergy conferences.

#### 5. Women's Guild :

Women's Guild members were active in our Church. They have worked diligently with cooperation and mutual understanding. They devoted both their time and effort in order to make the Church work going. They did their best for the upkeep of our Church. The Church has always been clean and beautiful. The Bake Sale was a unique success for all the workers. The

result was satisfactory. At the picnic too , Women's Guild members worked hard and made it a special one.

#### 6. Parish Council

During the passing year, Parish Council Members and I worked together cooperatively with mutual understanding and respect. They worked hard for this Church. They gave much of their time for the meetings. I want to thank all of them for their sacrifice of time and talent.

#### 7. Newsletter :

We have published the Newsletter " KEGHART " regularly. The Bulletin has reflected the news and events within our community. We received the special permit for the Bulk Mail . I want to extend my special thanks to Kathy Kaishian who willingly, giving so much of her time has come and typed all the English materials for our Newsletter.

Finally, I want to thank all those who helped morally, physically , and financially. May God bless all the supporters of His House.

I wish to all of you a very prosperous year. My prayer to God is that He give us enough will and strength so that we breathe and work in His field, and be inspired by Him.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

As my term of Parish Council Chairman comes to an end, I feel I must make the following comments which are from my heart and concerns the future of our beloved Church.

The time has come when each one of us must ask ourselves what the future holds for Holy Resurrection Armenian Church. Presently we have a full-time clergyman, thank God, where many parishes do not. As you know, it took much effort on our part to acquire him so that our church doors would remain open on Sundays for Holy Badarak. We have tried to continue our Sunday School with a very capable teacher in charge, Mrs. Mary Hayalian, and we have re-opened Armenian School with Miss Vanoush Dimerjian in charge. Father Zenob has offered evening Bible classes to adults as well as Armenian classes for those who wish to attend, but the enthusiasm has been nil.

Lack of attendance at weekly church services is demoralizing to those who are involved. The Church needs you. Serving your Church as a Parish Council member or Women's Guild member is not the answer. Your vital attendance on Sundays is the answer. Our youth is missing from our services. Some say they don't have to come to Church to pray; they can do that at home. That's true, and we should pray at home, but when we pray collectively and partake of Holy Badarak, there is a different feeling. To brag that you are an Armenian without doing your part in supporting the heritage and culture is unfair. One cause I feel for all this is the lack of respect amongst our members. So obviously, the state of our parish right now is at its lowest. Costs are mounting, as you are all aware, but we are not getting the support from our members.

At last year's general membership meeting, the Body voted to increase our weekly dues from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per week. This matter was brought up, discussed thoroughly with you by your Parish Council and delegates, and then voted upon and passed. Many of us are not abiding by that motion. If there was to be any opposition, it should have been discussed at that time. You were not "railroaded" -- you voted for it. We cannot make up our own rules and regulations. We have been too complacent, and it is decision-making time, or at least time for serious discussion. We are not going to survive if we continue our complacency. It's time to get going, or serious repercussions will occur, and you will have done it by your own hand.

I ask that you evaluate all I've said, and be prepared for whatever your choice may be. Believe it or not, the decision is actually yours.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who helped me throughout this year: my Council members and those who worked very hard for our annual picnic. Whether you realize it or not, we were just short of netting \$6,000, our second best year. For some reason, we always seem to have excellent cooperation for the picnic.

PARISH COUNCIL

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It has been my pleasure to work with Der Hayr this year, and with my Council members. I hope that we may continue to keep Der Hayr with us and go on to greater success in 1982.

Our activities this year, besides having a Parish Council meeting every month, include a successful steak dinner, and a New Year's Eve party. We observed Martyr's Day with a fitting program and had as our guest, the Honorable Judge Victor Manian. A project which was discussed many times, finally was completed this year by attaching plexiglass to the windows in our Church to save energy.

Another project discussed many times is to complete the Baptismal font. We are waiting for Surpazan Hayr to direct us on this. A donation was made towards this purpose quite some time ago, and hopefully, the project will be completed this coming year.

There have been two other major donations to the Church, and we are in the process of satisfying their desires.

Der Hayr also showed us his slides from his recent trip to Armenia with the Choir Association. We have seen many slides of Armenia, but there were some very unusual, beautiful pictures in this grouping.

Again, thank you -- it has been an experience.

Grace Hadjinian

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Even though we do not have many students, we are continuing our program under the direction of Mrs. Mary Hayalian, who is doing a great job in directing our children. She would like to see more children attend classes. Classes begin at 10:00 A.M.

## ARMENIAN SCHOOL

We have been continuing our Armenian School classes under the capable direction of Miss Vanoush Dimirgian. She is using the Diocese curriculum and her classes begin at 9:30 A.M. every Sunday morning.

## CHOIR

The choir participated every Sunday singing the Divine Liturgy starting at 10:00 a.m. We have been alternating, singing the Gomidas and Ekmalian versions of the Badarak.

Choir rehearsals were held every other Thursday, but unfortunately, we have had to cancel many rehearsals.

The executive officers are: Mary Ambrookian, Chairman and Organist; Hampar Kaishian, Vice-Chairman and Choir Director; Marian Barsamian, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; and Mary Lewis, Treasurer.

On April 26, we participated in the Martyr's Day Church Services with a dinner following.

July 26th was our annual church picnic and the choir helped wherever needed to help make it a successful affair.

September 8th, the Choir sent a \$15.00 donation to the Central Choir Association for our annual plate collection.

I would like to thank the Women's Guild on behalf of the Choir for their gift of \$25.00 to the Choir. Also on behalf of the Choir, I would like to thank Father Zenob for his help and guidance. I would like to thank my executive officers and each of the Choir members for their faithful attendance and support. to make it a successful year.

The year ended for us with the Christmas Eve Services on December 24th.

Mary Ambrookian  
Choir Chairman



WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT  
1981

Officers:	Fr. Zenob Nalbandian	President
	Mrs. Rose Esaian	Chairman
	Mrs. Kay Kademian	Vice-Chairman
	Mrs. Yevkine Karian	Secretary
	Mrs. Namzar Kaprelian	Treasurer

We were elected to office in April of 1981 and took office as of May 1, 1981. We did not receive any secretary books or reports of any kind. This was presented to the Parish Council. The only books we received were the ledger and check books. We have no records of the activities from January 1 through April 30, 1981 to report. We had a very busy year and the co-operation we received from the women was great.

OUR ACTIVITIES:

Fellowship: We were instrumental in suggesting to the Parish Council that all the organizations in our church take a share in fellowship. Each organization was asked to take a month to serve. This would get more people involved as well as adding to their treasury.

Mother's Day: A delicious Pot Luck Buffet was enjoyed by all those who attended. Everyone bought their special dish and shared. Bingo was also played.

Picnic: An event in which all worked together. The women's Guild took care of the Kebob and pastry booths. We did some baking in the evening so the women who worked during the day could help. The response was great. We had a great deal of help. We can report that more than 25 women came. This total does not include the women who just worked at the picnic. We had women calling and asking if they could help. It was wonderful. To make some of our work easier, Chuck and Kay Kademian donated 100 baking pans.

Lectures: We served refreshments following lectures given by Fr. Shnork and a lecture by Fr. Zenob.

Membership Drive: Letters were sent to all the women in our parish that were not listed on our roll call, inviting them to a Pot Luck Supper and Candy Demonstration. We were very disappointed in the response. We had hoped to increase our membership. We sent special letters to the same women to attend our Annual Membership Meeting.

Funerals: This year we had two funerals and both had requested Madagh dinners.

Annual Bake Sale: It was successful both financially and the help from the women in our church. We even had non-church members helping. We published the schedule in the Keghart so the women would know what days we were baking. It was very heart warming. Bake sale donations were not as good as we had hoped.

Annual Christmas Party; Our well-attended party was fun. Bingo was played and there was exchanging of gifts. We ended the evening with refreshments.

Mas: Our ladies prepared mas and received donations from our church members. Mrs. Arous Kaloustian served as Chairman.

Yellow Cards: This year we tried a new way to contact our members and to find an easier method to schedule our working time that would be good for them and the committee. We had asked that the cards they received be filled out and returned to us. By looking at these cards we would know what days they were free to help and what they would like to do. The returns were bad. One hundred fifteen (115) cards were mailed and only 16 were returned.

Altar Flowers: A flower donation chart was posted in the hall for anyone wishing to donate flowers could sign or call Namzar Kaprelian. Flowers for Sunday services and special flowers were handled by the Guild.

Cleaning: One of the first things we did when we took office was to clean the church. We suggest that the cleaning be kept. Many hours were spent cleaning. A garbage compactor was purchased by the Guild to avoid all the garbage bags built up behind the church.

Sunshine: Cards were sent to all our members that were sick in the hospital. Sympathy cards were sent and visitations were made to the homes of families when a member passed away. We apologize to those we missed. The sunshine cards were donated by Namzar Kaprelian.

Services: The Women's Guild is to serve our church and its organizations. We feel we gave our very best to our church. We gave ourselves by working, serving when called upon, cleaning and attending church services, and financially. We did all the baking for the picnic and Bake Sale. This year we helped each of the church organizations with a check, ACYOA Sr., Armenian School, Sunday School, Choir and also had the robes cleaned, and the Mid-West Hye Camp. We were here if you needed us. Cookbooks have been donated to the library.

Meetings: Board meetings were held on the third Wednesday of every month. We held the meetings at noon so the two working board members could attend. This was successful. Six regular meetings, four special meetings and one general membership meeting. We had a great committee and we feel we almost accomplished what we set out goals in May at our first meeting.

We made a monthly report of our activities in the monthly Keghart. Our members were always informed of our meetings and activities.

Mrs. Rose Esaian  
1981 Chairman

January 30, 1982

— Grace Hadjinian, Parish Council Chairman  
Parish Council Members

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT 1981

The 1981 Auditing Committee is submitting this letter as official notice that all Church treasury books for the period beginning January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1981 have been audited.

Accounts audited as follows:

General Ledger Treasury Books and Savings Passbook Accounts.  
Women's Guild Treasury Books  
Cemetary Treasury Book.

We report that all Church treasury books are in good order to the best of our knowledge and reflect accurately the income and disbursements of the year ending December 31, 1981.

Respectfully submitted,  
AUDITING COMMITTEE  
Mary Haidarian  
Kaprel Kaprelian  
Harry Nabedian

## 1981 PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

### INCOME - 1981

Membership	\$ 10,059.00
Plate Collection	506.54
Candles (Box and Alter)	411.39
Christmas Donations	212.00
Vartanatz Donations	73.75
Easter Donations	320.00
Funeral Donations/Fees	-----
Initial Offering	24.75
Requiem/Prayer Offering	100.00
Sunday School Account	28.25
Choir Account	73.70
Madagh Donations	418.00
Grapes (Over ordered)	52.00
Sacraments - Baptisms	100.00
Annual Picnic Income (\$2000.00 put in savings)	5,804.00
Womens Guild	3000.00
Hall Rental	70.00
Fellowship/Dinner Collection	1,112.00
Records	90.50
Donations	706.00
Miscellaneous	159.33
Interest Received:           PT&T	5,415.00
SM Marine Bank	391.54
	<u>\$29,138.85</u>

### EXPENSES - 1981

Priest Stipend	\$18,000.00
Diocesan Dues	4,320.00
Church Insurance	872.60
Gas	2,710.00
Electric	1,249.98
Telephone	517.37
Water	65.66
Priest Health Insurance	2,059.80
Office Supplies	510.24
Church Supplies	184.92
Church Repairs	1,159.40
Convention	888.00
Dinners/Parties	1,188.06
Postage	256.30
Safty Deposit Box and Post Office Box	30.00
Priests Retirement Fund	187.50
Hye Camp	100.00
Wisc. Raffle License	5.00
Picnic Band Deposit	25.00
Grapes	45.63
Choir Association	15.00
Diocese Bookstore	114.00
Sunday School Books	22.00
Priest Christmas Gift	100.00
Priests Car Repair	* 110.64
	<u>\$34,737.60</u>

1981 Parish Council Report  
(continued)

December 31, 1980

Savings Acct. #217-497

Cash on Hand	\$13,112.34	
Interest from 1980 not recorded	232.14	

<del>Income</del> Interest from 1981	<u>29,138.85</u>	
	\$42,483.33	

Disbursements 1981	<u>34,737.60</u>	
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\$7,745.73

~~Savings~~ Account

Savings Account	\$ 6,121.78	
Checking Account	<u>1,623.95</u>	

\$7,745.73

Submitted By:

Nerses N. Nersesian  
Parish Council Treasure

WOMEN'S GUILD FINANCIAL REPORT

1981

Balance forward \$4,113.94

Income:

Activities	\$ 622.62	
Altar Flowers	123.00	
Annual Bake Sale	2,709.50	
Bake Sale (Misc. Baking)	169.69	
Donations	133.00	
Fellowship	123.09	
Funerals	1,252.70	
Membership Dues	<u>129.00</u>	
Total Income		<u>5,262.60</u> \$9,376.54

Disbursements

Activities	\$ 436.22	
Altar Flowers	333.39	
Annual Bake Sale	769.12	
Fellowship	19.28	
Funerals	648.39	
Garbage Compactor	313.93	
Gifts (Choir, Ammenian School, ACYOA, Sunday School, Mid-West Hye Camp and Der Zenob)	143.20	
Kitchen Supplies	231.10	
Misc. (Cleaning supplies, cleaning of choir robes and vestments)	192.99	
Parish Council 3-28-81	3,000.00	
Parish Council 12-31-81	2,762.46	
Postage	26.46	
Sunshine (Donated)		
Total Disbursements		<u>8,876.54</u>

South Milwaukee Marine Bank Checking Account Balance 12-31-81	500.00
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Namzar Kaprelian  
Women's Guild Treasurer

SOORP HAROUTUNE ARMENIAN CHURCH CEMETERY  
(Holy Resurrection)  
1981

Cash on Hand 1980.....\$ 327.79

INCOME - 1981

Funerals.....\$ 710.00  
Bank Interest..... 21.87  
Memorial Day Donations..... 48.00  
Donations..... 20.00  
\$ 799.87

TOTAL.....\$1127.66

EXPENSE - 1981

Opening and Closing of Graves.....\$ 600.00  
Maintenance (Cash not recorded)  
(\$130.00)

\$1127.66

600.00

CASH ON HAND 12-31-81.....\$ 527.66

30 Month Certificate Interest (\$4,000).....\$ 512.46 (Interest accrued)

Respectfully Submitted By:



Nerses N. Nersesian  
Kerovphe Balian  
Ronald Lewis



PROPOSED 1982 BUDGET

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$11,250.00
Plate & Candles	750.00
Christmas, Easter, Vartanantz	700.00
Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms	500.00
Madagh	500.00
Other Church Donations	500.00
Interest	5,500.00
Picnic	6,000.00
Total Income	<u>\$25,700.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Clergy Salary (Clergy Retirement & Insurance)	\$22,500.00
Convention & Travel	600.00
Stationary, Printing, Postage	700.00
Candles	150.00
Diocesan Dues	4,500.00
Gas, Electric, Water, Telephone	5,000.00
Insurance on Church	850.00
Books for Library	200.00
Building Maintenance	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$36,000.00
Deficit.....	\$10,300.00

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20,500.-

