

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
4605 ERIE STREET
RACINE, WISCONSIN 53402

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY ~~MEETING~~

JANUARY 25, 1976

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ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
Racine, Wisconsin

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday, January 25, 1976, 2 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Election of Assembly Chairman and Secretary
2. 1975 Annual Assembly Minutes
3. Pastor's Report
4. Parish Council's Annual Report
5. Parish Council's Financial Statement
6. Report of Auditing Committee
7. Annual Reports of Parish Organizations
8. Adoption of Budget for 1976
9. Election of three (3) Parish Council Members
10. Election of Auditing Committee
11. Election of Nominating Committee
12. Report on Reserve Fund
13. Report on Minimum Membership Dues
14. Report on Memorial Pledges
15. Proposals to be submitted to the Diocesan Assembly

Rev. ARTEN ASHJIAN, Pastor
President, Parish Council

PAUL TEWAGIAN
Secretary, Parish Council

PAUL CHOBANIAN
Chairman, Parish Council

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3. Հովիւի Ձեկուցում
4. Ծխական Խորհուրդի Տարեկան Տեղեկագիր
5. Ծխական Խորհուրդի Տարեկան Ելեւմտական Հաշուեկշիռ
6. Հաշուեքննիչ Յանձնախումբի Տեղեկագիր
7. Եկեղեցւոյ ենթակայ բոլոր մարմիններու Տարեկան Տեղեկագրեր
8. Սահմանում 1976ի Պիւտճէի
9. Մասնակի Ընտրութիւն Ծխական Խորհուրդի
10. Ընտրութիւն Հաշուեքննիչ Յանձնախումբի
11. Ընտրութիւն Ընտրական Յանձնախումբի
12. Ձեկուցում Պահեստի Հիմնադրամի մասին
13. Ձեկուցում նուազագոյն անդամատուրքի մասին
14. Ձեկուցում եկեղեցւոյ շինութեան առթիւ տրուած խոստումներու վճարման մաս.
15. Թեմական Պատգամաւորական ժողովին յղուելիք առաջարկներ

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 10/15/54

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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Very truly yours,
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PASTOR REV. ARTEN ASHJIAN'S REPORT

(August - December 1975)

In accordance with the directive of Diocesan Primate Archbishop Torkom Manoogian dated May 27, 1975, I assumed pastoral responsibilities at St. Mesrob Armenian Church in mid-August, celebrating the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God on August 17. With my family, I became a resident of Racine on August 5, and I take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude to the Parish Council and all parishioners who helped us in finding a home, assisted us in transporting our belongings and gave a hand in various ways in fixing the house and getting us settled in it.

It has been my practice to present a monthly report of pastoral activities at Parish Council meetings. Copies of these reports may be made available to anyone who might be interested in reading them. In this year-end report, I am deliberately avoiding the temptation of mentioning names. I wish to thank all volunteers who have helped in the continuation of our liturgical life, in responding to my call to serve on committees or to render clerical, educational and other help.

WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS AND RITUALS: On all Sundays since August 17 (with the exception of one Sunday monthly during the Sept.-Dec. period) Divine Liturgy was celebrated, with the following categories of assistants:

On the bema of the Altar: Deacon, sub-deacon, censer, senior and junior acolytes. In the Chancel: Choir director, organist and choir. The new group of junior acolytes is being trained within the Sunday School enrollment as of October. Blessing of grapes and Processional Office on the Feast of Exaltation of the Cross were performed as prescribed. Special prayers were offered for the welfare of His Holiness Catholicos Vasken on the 20th anniversary of his consecration. Vespers were conducted on Christmas Eve to commemorate St. Stephen the first Christian deacon and martyr. Each Sunday, an Armenian sermon or message was given, followed an hour later by an English sermon.

As a time-saving procedure, I have been preparing a bilingual 1 or 2 page bulletin each Sunday for the worshippers. Sacraments performed at St. Mesrob Church during 1975 were six baptism-confirmations (two before August) and one marriage. There were nine funerals (four before August).

Outside of the parish, I performed Divine Liturgy at St. John Armenian Church of Greenfield four times and one funeral at the same church. For the Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Church of Palos Heights, Ill., I performed one worship service, one marriage and one funeral. I participated in a funeral held at Holy Resurrection Armenian Church of South Milwaukee, and in a Lutheran wedding held at a Racine church.

VISITATIONS: My pastoral visitations began with hospital calls on August 6, the day following my arrival in Racine. In my diary, I have recorded a total of 226 visitations under the following categories:

1. Sick calls
2. Sympathy calls
3. Visit to the shut-in
4. Calls in pursuance of administrative and/or educational matters
5. Visit to churches or clergy
6. Public relation calls
7. Social or specifically pastoral calls

In the course of these calls, aside from hospitals, churches, government and business institutions, I have visited a total of 56 Armenian homes (52 in Racine, 2 in Waukegan, Ill., 1 in Hales Corners, Wis., 1 in Palos Heights, Ill.

I would have preferred to spend less time on calls in pursuance of administrative matters.

EDUCATIONAL: I have started a weekly Armenian language course for high school age and older students. Also a course for adults for the study of the Divine Liturgy in English, concluded shortly after Christmas. Some of these adult parishioners and a few others attend a course taught by me in English on the study of the Holy Bible. Whenever my circumstances allow, I join in the Wednesday afternoon Bible study conducted in Armenian by a group of older parishioners. I have prepared periodic lists of Divine Liturgy variables for the choir, have encouraged our Choir to renew its ties with the long-established Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America. I have also urged the Armenian School administration to utilize the resources of the Diocesan language lab. I have instituted a program of periodic practice sessions with altar servers. As a modest step towards setting up a reading room, at my suggestion, the Parish Council purchased a magazine display rack which is placed in the room designated to be the Church Library. For my own continuing education, I attended a two-day workshop on a specific aspect of human behavior at St. Benedict's Center in Madison. I also took advantage of a Racine County Family Court project by attending a free eight-week course on Family and Divorce Counseling.

CONFERENCES: Whether in person or by telephone, I have held frequent conferences with the Parish Council Chairman, the Senior Deacon, the Choir Director, and the Sunday School Superintendent. Also, whenever necessary, with the heads or representatives of all parish organizations and committees. I have made it a requirement that couples planning to get married by me come to at least one premarital conference.

MEETINGS: With few unavoidable exceptions, I have presided at all meetings of the Parish Council, promoting and participating in the preparation of a written agenda. In addition to the weekly meetings of the Parish Council, I have presided at or taken part in a total of 28 meetings (Diocesan regional meeting, Better Teaching Workshop sponsored by the C.R.E., Armenian Language Workshop, joint executive meeting of parish organizations, plus meetings of all parish bodies and several committees).

PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS: I have promoted and through donations by parishioners have acquired for the sanctuary two handcrosses, a lectern, several tables, a step-ladder for the altar, and an Hours Book (Jhamakeerk) for the Chancel. A set of three stationary crosses in the classical Armenian design have been ordered. I have obtained for the enrichment of our choir's music, copies of the Chants of the Armenian Church published in New York and for the guidance of our female choir members, a sample of a recently designed head veil approved by the Primate. For the first time in the memory of our parishioners, part of the church sanctuary was decorated with Christmas plants and a tree for the holidays. I have not met with success in obtaining a long-promised Gospels-Book with ornate binding, nor with getting an electrician to install whatever is necessary to motorize the movements of the heavy drapery of the altar. Finding a suitable painting to fit the space above the baptismal font,

and setting up a display case for Diocesan Bookstore items, both ideas having met with the Parish Council's approval, are still in the unfinished business category.

OFFICE WORK: I am appreciative of the Parish Council's efforts in setting up a room in the church annex where I might work in relative privacy. This is the room designated with the sign PASTOR and is located opposite the boiler room. It has a minimum of office furniture (including one English and one Armenian typewriter), but could definitely use a couple of good steel filing and storage cabinets.

With no regular part-time secretarial help, I have done my best in conducting correspondence with the diocesan headquarters and various individuals, in most cases taking the initiative in making inquiries. I have also written on occasion to organization heads within the parish and to members of the fan-bearers group. Starting new files and gathering data for family records, has been part of my concern in relation to office work. Recording in English of all baptisms and funerals held at St. Mesrob Church in bound registers is a challenging project.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Other than my attendance at the monthly luncheon-meetings of the Racine Clergy Association, I have not had much opportunity to pursue public relations. I have paid a brief visit to the receptionists's office of the Racine Times Journal in trying to update the weekly services timetable. I have attended the Holiday Fair of Racine and supported a few recreational and fund-raising events of the St. Mesrob A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors.

CONCLUDING REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is essential for the harmony of our church family that parish organizations and individual members agree on the purposes and goals of St. Mesrob Church. Differences of interest should exist, but pulling in opposite directions and negating the value of well established liturgical priorities may prove detrimental to the health and growth of St. Mesrob. We must be well versed with the Holy Bible as one aspect of the liturgical and spiritual life of the Armenian Church, and at the same time we must develop an awareness of the unique history of the Armenian Church and her position in the larger family of Christendom.

2. Harmonious and productive work also requires respect for by-laws, and towards the hierarchical setup of the Armenian Church. Arbitrary decisions and negligence in consulting the proper authorities may give rise to friction, omission and create roadblocks in the path of growth.

3. As a family within St. Mesrob Church, we must share our burdens and try to strengthen each other as organizations and individuals. As I see it, our priorities should be strengthening the a) Armenian School, b) the Choir, c) the Sunday School, in that order.

4. Maintenance of our physical facilities must be conducted on an even, consistent level. Volunteer help, whether on a semi-permanent or rotation basis, should be dependable. Cleanliness in all sections of the church proper and of the annex should be of paramount concern to all individuals and organizations who use St. Mesrob Church facilities.

5. Proper custodianship of our physical plant, written and printed records, furniture and other movable items, including liturgical articles, must be developed. Burglars, arsonists and sacrilegious people may not be too far from St. Mesrob Church. Let us not tempt them with being negligent.

6. Qualified women within the membership should be encouraged to be candidates for election to the Parish Council. At least 50% of the churches in our Diocese have women on their Parish Councils at the present time, and among these are churches in the Mid-West.

7. In 1976, St. Mesrob Armenian Church should bring its contribution to the celebration of the Bicentennial of our great country. This could be done by sponsoring a guest chorus, or using talents within the parish to present a fitting cultural program.

8. Your new pastor needs help in being partially relieved of time-consuming administrative errands and office work. He needs time to concentrate his efforts on the spiritual and educational areas of his calling. He needs time to visit the sick and the shut-in more frequently, and to call on families who are parishioners of St. Mesrob Church. He needs time to broaden his scope by visiting each and every house of worship in Racine, to find out if we can apply the good points of other churches to our way of doing things. Your pastor needs time also for reflective reading and study for his continuing education in order to be a better priest.

With God's help and your support, I pledge to make 1976 a year of growth for St. Mesrob Church.

(Rev.) Arten Ashjian

PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1975

At the Annual Parish Assembly held on January 26, 1975, the following were elected to serve on the Parish Council for a two-year term:

Paul Tewagian	Edward Kaprelian
Paul Chobanian	Manoog Jansouzian

Following the Assembly, Parish Council member Charles Dadian resigned for reasons of health. Mr. Murad Gengozian a candidate who was fifth in the number of votes received in the election for Parish Council on January 26, was invited to serve for one year as a replacement for Mr. Charles Dadian.

The new Parish Council for 1975 was constituted as follows:

Chairman:	Paul Chobanian
Vice Chairman:	Harry Cherkinian
Secretary:	Paul Tewagian
Treasurer:	Edward Kaprelian
Asst. Treasurer:	Sarkis Cherkinian
Advisor:	Murad Gengozian
Advisor:	Manoog Jansouzian

As of the 1976 Annual Assembly date, the terms of Harry Cherkinian, Sarkis Cherkinian and Murad Gengozian expire. The Parish Council has held 36 meetings. Due to the lack of a resident pastor before August, Divine Liturgy was performed through the services of visiting clergy, the Rev. Fr. Patee Metjian of St. John Armenian Church of Greenfield (Wis.) being the steady visitor on a once a month basis. Fr. Patee also officiated at sacraments held at St. Mesrob Church and administered Holy Communion to the sick and shut-in in our Parish. The rest of the time, Deacon Charles Hardy, with special authorization by the Primate, conducted services other than the Divine Liturgy or the Sacraments. The Parish Council thanks Fr. Patee Metjian, Deacon Charles Hardy, Subdeacon Mikael Garoukian, Choir Director Mrs. Margaret Dadian, Organist Janet Cherkinian and their assistants for providing for the liturgical needs of our congregation.

In April, the Parish Council concluded its search for a spiritual leader for St. Mesrob by selecting Rev. Arsen Ashjian who had visited St. Mesrob Church as celebrant of the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday. This choice was approved by the Primate, and the new pastor moved to Racine the first week of August, and celebrated his first Divine Liturgy as pastor on August 17. Prior to the arrival of the new pastor, the Parish Council painted the office to be used exclusively by the pastor and eventually installed needed furniture and equipment in the office. The Parish Council also rendered moral support to the pastor and his wife in their search for a home in Racine.

Since August 17, full regular Sunday services are being held at St. Mesrob, the exception being one Sunday each in the final four months

of 1975, when the new pastor visited St. John Armenian Church in Greenfield upon the request of St. John Church Parish Council, and with the consent of St. Mesrob Parish Council.

The Parish Council hosted the regional diocesan meeting held under the presidency of Primate Archbishop Torkom Manoogian on October 31. Representatives of the Holy Resurrection Church of South Milwaukee and St. John Church of Greenfield joined our representatives in attending this lengthy meeting. We are happy to report that by the first week of December we have met all of our financial obligations to the Diocese. We were delighted to have our facilities chosen by the C.R.E. Director and the Armenian Language Lab Director of the Diocese for regional workshops which were held in Mid-October and Mid-November.

The appreciation dinner honoring our Choir, Sunday School staff and Altar Servers was held at a well known Racine restaurant in April.

The Parish Council appointed Miss Shockey Gengozian, Chairman of the St. Mesrob Church 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

The traditional Madagh held at church on May 18 was a religiously significant annual event.

The annual picnic was held on July 13 at Johnson's Park and proved a tremendous success both socially and financially. Picnic Committee Chairman Harry Boranian and his colleagues Mike Garoukian, George Stevoff and Perry Paragamian should be congratulated for a well-planned and ably implemented affair. The 1975 Picnic Committee compiled and submitted a 96-page report on the Picnic, which generated a net profit of approximately \$10,000.

The Parish Council in consultation with the Project Committee has pursued several projects of improving our grounds, the facilities of the gym, and providing more storage space for the church organizations. One major project for which budgetary allowance as made at the 1975 Parish Assembly is the remodeling of the Priest's Vesting Room and the Choir room. This project will be under way soon, the contract having been awarded to the Ace Construction Company. In the Fall, several items such as tables, pulpits, hand crosses and other liturgical articles were received as donations. These have been acknowledged through the Sunday bulletin and/or the VARAK.

The smooth merger of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Women's Guild in the Fall was done after proper consultation and with the approval of the majority of members of both women's organizations. As in the past, the women of St. Mesrob Church have supported the Parish Council and we are sure they will continue to do so now that they constitute a stronger organization.

Perry Paragamian has volunteered to coordinate the sports activities to be held in the gym and has set up a schedule approved by the Parish Council.

The Sunday School, under the leadership of Superintendent Mrs. Claire Kadamian, has been functioning well, always with an eye to improvements.

The Armenian School has a small enrollment, working under the supervision of a few dedicated parishioners. The Educational Committee is chaired by Mr. Joseph Yahnian, who hopes to strengthen the Committee with the addition of several qualified individuals.

Our Choir and altar servers are all volunteers and deserve the encouragement of every parishioner. In November, our Choir renewed its ties with the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America, by having its director Mrs. Margaret Dadian attend the annual assembly of the Association, held in Springfield, Mass. Mrs. Dadian was sponsored by the Parish Council on this trip and submitted a report on the assembly to the Council upon her return.

The A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors continued their normal activities, most of their members having more than one tie with the Church. The Parish Council was concerned with providing them with responsible adult guidance.

The annual pledge (stewardship) system was revived late in the Fall in preparation for 1976. Harry Cherkinian volunteered to serve as Chairman, and has selected a group of experienced and dedicated colleagues for this important project.

In briefly reviewing the health of the parish we can proudly point to some notable gains. However, we can also show disappointment in some vital areas.

Membership While paid membership increased about 10 percent over the previous year, there still remains work to be done in this area to get delinquent parishioners current in their dues. We are losing about \$1,000 annually through back dues not being paid.

Weekly Pledge The financial strength of the parish which has been our stewardship through weekly giving needs revitalization. Our financial statement shows parishioners gave less in 1975 than in previous years. If our parish is to grow, it must be financially sound. The Parish Council has therefore appointed a Committee to re-evaluate our Pledge System and contact all parishioners within the next few months to make our Stewardship Program a vital force in our parish giving.

Community Relations Our lack of more participation in community activities has been blamed in the past to the absence of a full-time pastor. We're certain with Der Arten available on a full-time basis, our parish will be well represented.

Spiritual Life We're pleased to report there is a definite increase in the spiritual life of the parish with Der Arten's leadership. Weekly church attendance is increasing (up 40%) and our church organizations are receiving the spiritual guidance previously lacking. We look forward to increased strength in this area during 1976.

Organizations All of our church organizations were active and worked for the benefit of the parish during the year. With the merger of the two women's groups, that organization should prove even stronger during 1976. All organizations with dedicated leadership should again provide the parish a full year of activities.

Leadership We're sorry to report this is one area where no progress can be reported. Every year we call upon a few dedicated individuals to assume leadership responsibilities. All of you are excellent workers and willing to pitch in and work when called upon, but too few of you are willing to head committees. Our parish has tremendous potential to lead the Armenian communities in the mid-west, but we need all of you. As a parish there is a great deal we can do for our people, our community and our Diocese, but again we need all of you. Please search your conscience carefully and if you are called upon to help, do your part this year by accepting willingly.

We thank God for making 1975 a good year for St. Mesrob Church. With the support of our members and the harmonious cooperation of our church organizations, we hope to accomplish more in 1976, pursuing several of the projects which have been set aside for some years due to various reasons.

As we complete the first 50 years in the life of St. Mesrob Parish, let us plan our work in such a way that at the end of the second 50-year period our successors will bless our memory.

Reverend Arten Ashjian
President, Parish Council

Paul Tewagian
Secretary, Parish Council

Paul Chobanian
Chairman, Parish Council

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
 RACINE, WISCONSIN

FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975

*Reconciliation
 25,178 ??*

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP DUES

1971	\$ 25	
1972	90	
1973	185	
1974	600	
1975	3,400	
1976	270	
1977	15	
1978	15	
1979	<u>5</u>	\$ 4,605.00

PLATE COLLECTION

1,646.17

SACRAMENTS & CEREMONIES

Funeral Fees	150	
Baptismal Fees	<u>30</u>	180.00

DONATIONS

Easter	681	
Christmas	401	
Requiem	552	
Candles	165	
In Lieu of Flowers	2,070	
Flowers	<u>15</u>	3,884.00

AFFAIRS

Madagh		1,358.75
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RENTALS

Church Hall	60	
4551 Erie Street	<u>3,132.09</u>	3,192.09

DIVIDENDS

Allghy Lud/M	33.72	
Wis Electric Co	250.80	
AMF	<u>11.16</u>	295.68

ASSET TRANSFERS

Womens Guild	1,860.00	
Ladies Auxillary	2,600	
ACYOA	886	
Picnic Committee	<u>9,728.24</u>	15,074.24

BUILDING FUND PLEDGE

Weekly	15,234.85	
New Church Memorials	<u>2,445.00</u>	17,679.85

OTHER INCOME

Sale of Food	990.66	
Miscellaneous	<u>3,015.83</u>	<u>4,006.49</u>

NET INCOME

\$ 51,922.27

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
RACINE, WISCONSIN

FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975

DISBURSEMENTS

STIPENDS & SALARIES

Diocesan Dues	\$ 9,110	
Sunday School	180	
Janitorial & Security	1,530	
Visiting Clergy	933.60	
Resident Clergy	5,440.50	
St. John Armenian Church	<u>700</u>	\$ 17,894.10

UTILITIES

Gas	1,795.05	
Light	<u>1,540.25</u>	3,335.30

ADMINISTRATION

Telephone	384.15	
Insurance	959	
Office Supplies	244.26	
Church Supplies	1,144.86	
Postage	275.28	
Mimeograph	<u>343.97</u>	3,315.52

MAJOR PURCHASES

Furniture		1,325.07
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CHURCH-HALL-PARISH HOME

Church Affairs	497.35	
Kitchen	103.57	600.92

AFFAIRS

Madagh	919.74	
Picnic (reimbursed)	<u>205.00</u>	1,124.74

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Repairs & Upkeep	668.05	
Water & Sewer	<u>207.19</u>	875.24

MISCELLANEOUS

Varak	37.50	
Parking Lot	90.92	
Grounds	990.92	
Steeple	39.62	
Rubbish Collection	60.00	
Snowplowing	80.00	

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 RACINE, WISCONSIN

FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975

DISBURSEMENTS (continued)

MISCELLANEOUS

Curtain expenses	111.20	
Other	1,476.55	
Moving (Rev. Ashjian)	1,794.21	
50th Anniversary Committee	200.00	
Travel Account	255.72	
Purchases by Rev. Ashjian (reimbursed)	286.85	
Publications	53.45	
Ball Team	120.00	
Diocesan Delegates	<u>576.83</u>	6,173.77

MORTGAGE PAYMENTS 7,171.58

NET DISBURSEMENTS \$ 41,816.24

S U M M A R Y

Check Book Balance 1-1-75			\$ 5,261.98
1975 Income	51,922.27		
1975 Expenses	<u>41,816.24</u>	10,106.03	
8 - \$1,000 C.D.'s		<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>2,106.03</u>
Check Book Balance 1-1-76			\$ 7,368.01

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
PROPOSED 1976 BUDGET

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP DUES		\$ 4,600
PLATE COLLECTIONS		1,700
SACRAMENTS/CEREMONIES		200
DONATIONS		
Easter/Christmas/Other		1,800
In Lieu of Flowers		2,100
AFFAIRS		
Madagh		1,000
Picnic		10,000
Dinners		900
RENTALS		
Church Hall	\$ 100	
4551 Erie Street	<u>3,300</u>	3,400
STOCK DIVIDENDS		300
ASSET TRANSFERS		3,000
PLEDGE COMMITMENTS		
Memorials	2,000	
Weekly Pledge	<u>20,000</u>	22,000
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		<u>1,000</u>
		\$ 52,000

DISBURSEMENTS

STIPENDS & SALARIES

Diocesan Dues		4,400
Pastor	\$	14,892
Janitorial Service		1,800
Visiting Clergy		330

UTILITIES

Gas		2,250
Electricity		1,850
Water/Sewer		250

AFFAIRS

Picnic		6,000
Madagh		850
Dinners		400

ADMINISTRATION

Office Supplies	\$	270	
Telephone		385	
Church Supplies		1,200	
Insurance		1,050	
Postage		300	
Printing Supplies		<u>500</u>	3,705

MAINTENANCE/PROJECTS

4551 Erie Street		500	
Hall		2,000	
Church		<u>2,000</u>	4,500

MORTGAGE PAYMENT

6,700

CONTINGENCY/MISC.

Conventions/Seminars		1,800	
Sunday School		500	
Armenian School		300	
Choir		500	
Publications		500	
Contingency		<u>473</u>	<u>4,073</u>

\$ 52,000

ST. MESROB CHURCH
1975 DUES STATUS

A. Individual membership dues paid through 1976	32
1975	230
1974	30
1973	22
1972	12
1971	2
B. Number of members in arrears of 1975 dues	66
C. Total paid membership 1975 (262) vs. 1974 (242)	+8.3%
D. Number of members in arrears 1975 (66) vs. 1974&71)	-7.0%

ST. MESROB CHURCH
1975 ATTENDANCE

January	4	-	98	July	6	-	71	
	5	-	240		13	-	-	Picnic
	12	-	75		20	-	140	
	19	-	196		27	-	67	
	26	-	88	August	3	-	80	
February	2	-	85		10	-	87	
	9	-	56		17	-	240	(Assump)
	12	-	34 (Ash Wed.)		24	-	122	
	16	-	178		31	-	125	
	19	-	93 (Lent-Wed)	September	7	-	145	
	23	-	68		14	-	176	(Holy Cr)
	26	-	33 (Lent Wed)		21	-	80	
March	2	-	66		28	-	171	
	9	-	76	October	5	-	168	
	12	-	36 (Lent Wed)		12	-	65	
	16	-	162		19	-	165	
	19	-	41 (Lent-Wed)		26	-	125	
	22	-	96 (Palm Sun Eve)	November	9	-	38	
	23	-	286 (Palm Sun)		16	-	171	
	27	-	98 (Maundy Thurs)		23	-	140	
	28	-	46 (Good Fri)		30	-	154	
	29	-	164 (Children's Com)	December	7	-	180	
	29	-	88 (Easter Eve)		14	-	75	
	30	-	321 (Easter)		21	-	130	
April	6	-	78		24	-	300	(Christ. Eve)
	13	-	86		28	-	125	
	20	-	225 (Martyr's Day)					
	27	-	72					
May	4	-	68					
	11	-	84					
	18	-	320					
	25	-	76					
June	1	-	71					
	8	-	68					
	15	-	128					
	22	-	75					
	29	-	98					

Total 1975 Attendance - 7,513

1975 Attendance up 40.8% over 1974

ST. MESROB RESERVE FUND
1975 FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 1975

The St. Mesrob Reserve Fund is supervised by three members elected at large. The committee consists of the following:

Mrs. Sam Akgulian
Mrs. Sarkis Cherkinian
Mr. Charles Dadian

The financial statement below shows the value of the Fund as of December 31, 1975. Values for stock holdings reflect the market price on 12-30-75.

8 C.D. Notes, numbers 8599 thru 8606 date taken 4-18-75 - @ 6% (Maturity date April 8, 1976)	\$ 8,000.00
44 Shares Am. Tel & Tel @ 50.50	\$2,222.00
132 Shares Wis Elec Power @ 29.00	<u>\$3,828.00</u>
	<u>\$ 6,050.00</u>
	\$14,050.00

Inventory of Safety Deposit Box at Farmers & Merchants Bank contains the following:

1. Agreement between St. Mesrob Church and Architect Al Seitz signed on August 29, 1969.
2. Certification of sale of the State Street property to Greater St. Lukes Baptist Church on January, 1973.
3. Warranty Deed for sale of the State Street property dated January, 1973.
4. Indenture Statement of the Highway 31 property dated April 8, 1963.
5. Original Mortgage for 1326 State Street property and the warranty deed, both items dated September 16, 1925.
6. Original Agreement for 1326 State Street property dated January 1932.
7. Mortgage Agreement for satisfaction of Mortgage on 1326 State Street property dated September 28, 1940.

Sam Akgulian

ST. MESROB PROJECT COMMITTEE
1975- REPORT

The St. Mesrob Project Committee had approximately 48 regular meetings during the year 1975. The function of the committee is to develop new projects, finish incompleted projects, supervise and maintain the property by direct or indirect labor. The committee chairman is Mesag Vidian and the vice-chairman is Sam Akgulian. The committee does not have a treasury, thus there is no financial report.

In the year 1975 the following projects were completed or put into process:

1. The third planting of the trees and shrubs.
2. ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH sign -- designed and built by Mark Akgulian and Arshag Azarian. (lumber and posts donated by Mr. A. Azarian.)
3. Weekly maintenance of lawn care by Arshag Azarian, Harry Musurlian, Mesag Vidian. Monthly maintenance by Sahag Akgulian, Nick Akgulian, Harry Akgulian, Paul Chobanian, Al Topalian, Kay Mikaelian.
4. Garbage area fence screening built by Arshag Azarian and stained by Harry Akgulian.
5. Completion of reinforcement of tool shed by Arshag Azarian.
6. Striping of parking lot designed by Sam Akgulian and painted by all the committee members.
7. Donation of Gang Mowers from E. C. Styberg Eng. Company through Sam Akgulian.
8. Reworking of book case for priest's room. Wood working by Paul Buchaklian and refinishing by Paul Chobanian.
9. Shelves in storage room for kitchen and hot water room by Myron Chordegian and Al Topalian.
10. Painting of pastor's room by Harry Akgulian.
11. Light installed in parking lot.
12. Staining of the steeple by Harry Akgulian and Mike Garoukian.
13. Fill dirt for rear property area obtained through the efforts of Arshag Azarian.
14. Storage room shelves off gym. Brackets donated by Nielsen Iron Works through Mesag Vidian. Installation by Kay Mikaelian.

15. Cabinets in priest's vestry and choir room contracted out to Paul Buchaklian.
16. Special table built for service requirements by Mr. Sahag Jan-souzian.
17. Straightening out the two storage rooms by all committee members.
18. Replacement of dead trees and shrubs by Arshag Azarian, Harry Musurlian, and Paul Chobanian.
19. Trimming of trees by Sahag Akgulian, plus maintenance of tractor and lawn equipment.
20. Telephone shelf for kitchen designed and built by Al Topalian.
21. Two loads of black dirt and sod donated by Arshag Azarian to fill low areas around drive, parking lot and trees.
22. Drift Wood and wood chips for sign and entrances donated through the efforts of Mesag Vidian.

Please note that many smaller projects are not shown. The committee still has many projects to complete in 1976 and is presently looking for new members. Membership is on a voluntary basis. Please contact the chairman if you wish to help in maintenance projects and new projects for the forthcoming year.

Mesag Vidian
Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT - 1975

Annual Income	\$ 922.91
Disbursements	<u>627.21</u>
Balance, December 31, 1975	\$ 295.70

No. of Teachers	18
No. of Pupils	80
School Hours	10:00 - 11:05 A.M.
No. of Classrooms	7
Teacher's Meetings	Every other month

Participation of Pupils in 1975 Diocese Art Calendar Contest
Judging - Sunday, May 11, 1975

Participation of Pupils in collecting used toys for needy children.

Participation of Teachers in selling booster buttons at Madagh.

Affairs:

Mother's Day Open House - Sunday, May 11, 1975

Family Sunday School Picnic - Sunday, June 8, 1975

Host for Midwest Regional Sunday School Teacher's
Workshop - Saturday, October 18, 1975

40th Anniversary of Sunday School - Sunday, October 19, 1975

Christ ^{mas} Program - Wednesday, December 25, 1975

Claire E. Kadamlan
Superintendent

1975 ACTIVITIES OF LADIES AUXILIARY OF ST. MESROB CHURCH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
Feb. 17	Executive Auxilliary Joint meeting at Mrs. Elsie Garoukian's House (7 old officers and 5 newly elected officers)
March 4	Exec. Aux. Meeting - Discussion - Calendar events for the year - Bake Sale
March-April	BAKE SALE
April 8	Exec. Aux. Meeting
April 28	Exec. Aux. Meeting
May 4	General Aux. Meeting
May 6	Exec. Aux. Meeting
May 18	"Madagh" Aux. Cooking of Bulghur Pilaf Table Set-Up Assisting in kitchen duties
June 3	Exec. Aux. Meeting
June 15	Father's Day Dinner
June-July	BAKE SALE for Picnic
July 8	Exec. Aux. meeting
July 13	ANNUAL PICNIC - JOHNSON'S PARK
Aug. 5	Exec. Aux. Meeting
Aug. 17	RECEPTION - for Rev. Arten Ashjian & Family Served - coffee and cake Floral Tribute to new home
Sept. 30	Exec. Aux. Meeting
Oct. 5	GENERAL MEETING
Nov. 30	GENERAL MEETING - Discussion "MERGER" of the two Women's organizations
Nov.-Dec.	BAKE SALE FOR FAIR
Dec. 2 & 3	HOLIDAY FAIR - MEMORIAL HALL
Dec. 7	GENERAL MEETING - Both Groups election of officers

Dec. 29 Exec. board meeting of both groups with
secretarial & financial reports

SUMMARY

LADIES AUX. PROJECTS ONLY

1. March-April BAKE SALE
2. FATHER'S DAY DINNER
3. RECEPTION FOR REV. ARTEN ASHJIAN & FAMILY

JOINT PROJECTS

1. MADAGH
2. PICNIC
3. BAKE SALE FOR PICNIC
4. BAKE SALE FOR HOLIDAY FAIR

NUMBER OF MEMBERS - 105

1975 FINANCIAL REPORT \$1,614.51

Yours Respectfully,

Mrs. Cetina Nahabedian, Chairman

1975 WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT

Number of Members - 43

Number of Meetings - 10

Annual Activities:

Church Picnic
Holiday Fair
Visits and Gifts to Elderly in Homes
Altar Flowers
Gifts for Southern Colony
Sunshine Committee
Serving at Funeral Dinners
Donation to Summer Camp

Special Activities:

Fish Fry
Mother's Day Dinner
Smorgasbord
Christmas Party
Sunday School Communion Breakfast
Making Sarma and Lahmajoon for ACYOA Dance
Special Program for Women Saints of the Armenian Church

One other Special Activity that was accomplished in 1975 was the combining of the two Women's Organizations into one in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie Mazmanian
Outgoing Chairman, 1975

ST. MESROB WOMEN'S GUILD
1975 FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking Account Balance 1-1-75 \$ 100.04

RECEIPTS:

Dues 1974 & 1975	279.50	
Flowers	210.00	
Style Show	8.00	
Xmas Party, 1974	70.00	
Fish Fry	381.60	
Syrian Bread Sale	25.00	
Katah Sale	53.05	
Mother's Day Income	16.90	
Smorgasbord Income	343.81	
Funeral Fee	345.00	
Funeral Expenses	557.64	
Misc.	1.60	
Holiday Fair 1974	21.25	
Holiday Fair 1975	<u>1,962.61</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,275.96	4,376.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Communion Breakfast	54.44	
Altar Flowers	147.96	
Sunshine	48.75	
County Home	15.73	
Refreshments	40.77	
Program Expense (Rev.Paree)	10.00	
Fish Fry	71.45	
HI-Kamp	25.00	
Postage	33.66	
Mother's Day	66.51	
Misc.	22.25	
Funeral Expenses	558.14	
Smorgasbord	40.45	
1974 Xmas Party	19.87	
1975 Xmas Party	33.20	
Holiday Fair	411.91	
Profit to Ladies Aux.	<u>775.35</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>2,375.44</u>

NET PROFIT \$ 2,000.56

\$2,000.56 turned over to the Parish Council on January 8, 1976.

Mary Rossman, Treasurer

ST. MESROB CHOIR
1975 FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1975 Balance Brought Forward \$ 123.72

INCOME:

Akgulian Funeral	\$25.00
Jansouzian-Hammes Wedding	15.00
Donation-Paul Chobanian	<u>15.00</u>
 TOTAL INCOME	 \$55.00

EXPENSE:

Lee's Flowers	\$11.44
Mrs. Harry Cherkinian (to treat Jr. Choir members)	5.32
Gifts & Dinners (Dianne Assarian & Rev. & Mrs. Arten Ashjian)	<u>58.54</u>
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$75.30

NET LOSS	\$20.30	
CHECKBOOK BALANCE AS OF JAN. 1976		\$ 103.42
SAVINGS ACCOUNT		\$ 81.32
TOTAL BALANCE		<u>\$ 184.74</u>

1975 - St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic
Church Choir Roster

Board Members:

Janet Cherkinian - Chairman
Margaret Dadian - Vice-Chairman
Pat Balian - Treasurer

Members:

Margaret Dadian - Director
Janet Cherkinian - Organist
Carol Bonito - Assistant Director
Michael Cherkinian - Assistant Organist

Soprano:

Michelle Antreassian
Holly Kazarian
Karl Akgulian
Jodi Antreassian
Karen Garoukian
Sherry Neau
Mary Ann Injasoulian
Margaret Lebon
Vartine Cherkinian*

Alto:

Carol Bonito
Pat Balian
Hunaz Hazarian
Alice Hazarian

Tenor & Bass:

Tony Minasian
Mark Akgulian
Catherine Mikaelian*
George Neau
Tom Janikian*
Nicholas Akgulian*
Nishan Akgulian*

* - Serve the church in other capacities during services such as Sunday School teacher or Altar Server. When not serving in these capacities, they sing in the choir.

1975 Activities

The choir activities during 1975 included singing for (Badarak) regular services three times a month, Jashou service once a month, all holy days, some weddings, and some funerals.

Janet Cherkinian, Chairman

1975 EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is a report from the St. Mesrob Armenian School Educational Committee for the Calendar year 1975.

We have 24 students using four classrooms and four teachers. The classroom time is 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. on Fridays. The doors open around 6:30 P.M. and the students usually stay until 9:00 P.M. We had our annual program at the end of the school year on May 23, 1975.

Joseph Yahnian
1137 N. Osborne Boulevard
Racine, WI 53405
637-5578

Financial Report

Balance as of 1/1/75	\$ 374.07
Income	\$ 280.00
Expense	\$ 648.95
Balance as of 12/31/75	\$ 5.12

Myron Mikaelian, Treasurer

ST. MESROB JUNIOR A.C.Y.O.A.
1975 ANNUAL REPORT

No. of Members; 21
 Executive Meetings: 5
 Membership Meetings: 20

Check book Balance - 12/31/74 \$1,046.24

RECEIPTS:

Candy Sale	\$ 203.25
Total Dance Receipts	1,927.04
Car Wash	160.00
Bake Sale	66.30
Bucks Tickets Sale	42.00
	\$2,398.59

DISBURSEMENTS:

Dance	907.22
1974 Funds transferred to St. Mesrob	886.00
A.C.Y.O.A. Picnic	52.47
Bucks Ticket Cost	48.00
Halloween Party	51.59
Basketball & Volleyball Uniforms	238.30
Other Expenses	69.40
	\$2,252.98

NET PROFIT 1975 \$ 145.61

Checkbook Balance 12/31/75 \$ 953.55

1975 Funds transferred to St. Mesrob \$ 853.55

Balance on Hand \$ 100.00

Special Events

Kef Time II Dance
 Easter Baskets to Elderly
 Community Car Wash
 Halloween Party for Sunday School & Armenian School Children
 Christmas Caroling & Christmas Stockings for Elderly
 Bake Sale
 Christmas Party