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# Annual Parish Assembly

of

The Saint Mesrob Armenian Church  
Racine, Wisconsin

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Sunday  
February 18, 1990

## 1989 Annual Reports

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**The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian  
Parish Priest**



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February 1, 1990

Dear Member,

The Annual Parish Elections and Assembly of the St. Mesrob Armenian Church will be held on Sunday, February 18, 1990 at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting, to convene in the Church Hall, will present the annual reports of the Pastor, Parish Council and all church auxiliary bodies. The Nominating Committee, during the course of the meeting, will conduct elections for the 1990 Parish Council, Diocesan Delegates (to serve a 4 year term), Nominating, Auditing and Permanent Trust Fund Committees.

Enclosed is the proposed agenda. Should any member wish to add additional "new business", you may do so. Also enclosed are the minutes of the most recent Parish Assembly, which we ask you to read prior to the upcoming assembly. We shall call for their approval and acceptance before moving on to other agenda items.

In the event of inclement weather, Tuesday, February 20th will be the date of the Annual Assembly at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor & Parish Council

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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
February 18, 1990

St. Mesrob Armenian Church  
Racine, WI

1. Opening prayer
2. Verification of eligible voters
3. Approval of minutes of previous Parish Assembly
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Pastor's Annual Report and Message
6. Parish Council Report
7. Parish Treasurer's Report
8. Nominating Committee Report and Elections
9. Auditing Committee Report
10. Permanent Trust Committee Report
11. Review and Adoption of 1990 Budget
12. Review and Acceptance of organizational reports
13. Proposals to 88th Annual Diocesan Assembly, May 1st - 6th
14. Review of sacramental and ritual fees
15. Review of dues
16. New Business
17. Benediction

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6 Փետրուար 1990

Սիրելի Ծիսականներ,

Այսու գիրով կու գանք յայտնելու որ Սուրբ Մեսրոպ  
Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցւոյ տարեկան անդամական ժողովը տեղի  
պիտի ունենայ,

**-- Կիրակի 18 Փետրուար 1990 --**

Սուրբ Պատարագի մատուցման անմիջապէս յետոյ, եկեղեցւոյ սրահին  
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- 1) Բացում
- 2) Տրատու անդամներու վաերացում
- 3) հովիւին տարեկան տեղեկագիր
- 4) նախկին ժողովի ատենագրութեան  
վաերացումը
- 5) Ծիսական խորհուրդի տեղեկագիր
- 6) Ելեւմտական տեղեկագիր
- 7) Ծիսական ընտրութիւններ
- 8) 1990-ին Պիւճէի վաերացումը
- 9) Ծուխի կազմակերպութեան տեղեկագիրեր

10) Վերաքաղ ծէսերու եւ խորհուրդներու վարձքեր

Կը քաջալերենք մեր ծիսականները ներկայ ըլլալ եւ մասնակցիլ սոյն  
ժողովին:

հովիւ եւ Ծիսական խորհուրդ



SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

Sunday, November 12, 1989

The Special Parish Assembly Meeting was opened by Parish Council Chairman, George Stevoff, at 11:44 a.m. Father Kochakian led us in an opening prayer.

It was moved by Mike Vidian that all that were present would constitute a quorum. Shockey Gengozian seconded the motion. Approved.

The minutes were read by Gary Vidian, Acting Secretary, from the previous Special Parish Assembly Meeting on Sunday, October 15, 1989. A correction to the minutes was brought up by Chairman Stevoff, that any reference to the Parish Assembly Meeting in February shall be referred to as the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting. The correction was made. Chairman Stevoff then asked for any additional corrections or changes to the minutes. A motion was made by Mike Vidian to approve the minutes, seconded by Arthur Musurlian, Approved.

A motion was made by Sarkis Cherkinian that the Stained Glass Window Committee be given permission to continue with the publication of the book. The motion was seconded by Art Cherkinian.

Father Garabed Kochakian was called upon by Chairman Stevoff to elaborate on the status and need of the publication. Question and answer period followed.

Recommendation was made by Shockey Gengozian that if this issue was put to vote, she would suggest a closed ballot vote. This was accepted by Chairman Stevoff, but to be delivered later in the meeting following question and answer.

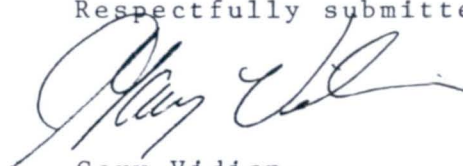
Elsie Garoukian made a motion that we have a closed ballot vote. Chairman Stevoff then clarified that closed ballot would be referred to as secret ballot. Shockey Gengozian seconded the motion. Majority were in favor of a secret ballot vote.

Chairman Stevoff acknowledged that the absentee ballots that were received, would be invalid for the vote results, due to the fact that absentee ballots are not recognized according to our stated church bylaws.

The votes were tallied by Tom Janikian and Adam Chalekian. The results were read by Chairman Stevoff: 25 yes and 24 no. Chairman Stevoff indicated to the Stained Glass Window Committee that cautionary measures should still be taken to reduce the total cost of the publication.

Sam Cherkianian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Murad Gengozian. The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m. Father Kochakian led with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Vidian,  
Acting Parish Council Secretary

## PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

For I want you to know how greatly I strive for you.... that hearts may be encouraged as they are knit together in love, to have all the riches of assured understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.  
(Colossians 2:1-4)

As a vessel of God's grace and as an instrument of His Holy Spirit, I have shepherded you, my dear flock for yet another year, bringing the presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ to you thru His Body and Blood and by His eternal words of good news, comfort, promise and hope that have opened to you the doors of salvation and a foretaste of His Heavenly Kingdom.

At the end of every year, we collectively assess our accomplishments and in so doing, endeavor to 'improve' upon what has been accomplished and 'build anew' those bridges that lead us closer together and ultimately close to God by living out a life in Christ, a life that Jesus calls us to.

The year 1989 brought some growth and some progress, occasions of joy and moments of sorrow. During all times of decision, question, uncertainty, hope, promise and celebration, the Church community, our faith in God and our experience of His Divine Love for us all have enabled, especially those of us who constantly pray together, to become stronger in spirit and to more clearly comprehend what it means to be a Christian, a Good Christian, a Good Armenian Christian.

As we continue to gather together, I pray that Christ and His Holy Spirit forever remain that beacon of hope and source of inspiration enabling you always to do God's will as Our Lord stated. "Thy will be done", so that God's Glory shines always in His Church.

As your pastor, through the sacred consecration to the Priesthood, I have been called to guide you and spur your spirits onward to live a life of charity, faith, hope and love. I only pray that my own human frailties have not become obstacles or impediments in your own quests to become God pleasing servants of the church. I pray that I have somehow brought a measure of spiritual satisfaction to you despite my own human weaknesses.

If there have been times where I may not have always been responsive to your hopes, I ask for your indulgence of my offenses and seek your prayers and patience. And it is truly by your steadfast prayers that I can move forward in my ministry to you, presenting Christ in all His Glory.

I remain faithful to the magisterium of the Holy Apostolic Church of

Armenia, H.H. Lord, Lord Vasken I Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, as well as to our diocesan ordinary Apb. Torkom Manoogian, offering our prayers for their well being. With their guidance and wisdom, we are certain to remain faithful to the work of the Apostles.

### Acknowledgments

I wish to thank all of our dear faithful, who have worked diligently with me, lessening the burdens placed upon my shoulders and transforming that yoke of work into a yoke of sweetness.

To:       The Altar Servers and Care Takers  
          Choir  
          Our Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates  
          Secretarial Assistants  
          Guild Members  
          ACYOA Juniors & Seniors,  
          Projects Committee and  
          All faithful individuals

I extend my appreciation and offer my prayers for your good health in this year before us.

### Worship

Each week and on Major Feast Days, we have celebrated the Divine Liturgy (Soorb Badarak) bringing the real presence of Christ to our faithful in His Body and Blood, which is that taste of salvation which awaits us in the heavenly abode.

The following Rites were celebrated in 1989.

Funerals:   Toros Madaghian       Feb. 16th  
              Mary Kamakian       March 30th  
              Rose Akgulian       May 10th  
              Helen Chordegian   April 20th

Weddings:   Dr. & Mrs. Mikaelian  
              Paragamian-Pappas

Baptisms:   Antaramian  
              Sahakian (So. Milwaukee)  
              Michael Sorensen  
              Kara Kunesh  
              Mallory Rose Voss  
              Megan Buchaklian  
              Vatche Kaftedjian  
              Nico Rae Hagopian  
              Ambrookian (So. Milwaukee)  
              Caitlin P. Larson

Chrismations:   Paul Fiegel  
                  Jeff Merrick  
                  Sara Alberts  
                  Todd Larson

Engagement:   Binky Armaganian & Michael Flatly



Visitations/Ministry to the Infirm

We continue to reach out to our faithful thru home visitation, especially to those who are infirm and unable to attend weekly worship. We offer prayer, administer the Sacrament to them and extend moral and spiritual support with the help of the newly formed "Good Samaritans" group of the Women's Guild. We regularly attempt to visit the shut-ins, as well as those residents in local nursing homes.

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We have had many non-Armenian, as well as Armenian Clergymen visit St. Mesrob Parish throughout the year.

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I continue my visitations to the South Milwaukee Parish of the Holy Resurrection, celebrating the Badarak on Saturday evenings. During 1989, a total of 15 Divine Liturgies were celebrated for which the St. Mesrob Parish was duly financially rewarded for offering its pastoral charitable service to a sister parish in need.

Earthquake Relief

Our Patriarch H. H. Vasken I, along with H. H. Karekin II of the Illustrious House of Cilicia, visited America in February, seeking the support of American Armenians in the rebuilding process of Armenia, following the devastating earthquake of December 7th, 1988. Along with all clergy of the Diocese, I was summoned to New York to meet with both the Patriarch and Antelias Catholicos.

Our community mobilized their efforts in packing clothing airlifted to Armenia during the month of March. Along with workers from the Holy Resurrection, St. John and St. Hagop parishes, new and used clothing was sent to Armenia.

In April, a children's gathering was held in Milwaukee for four young victims of the Earthquake. Many of our youth attended and met first-hand the survivors. This contact, all the more, re-inforced the reality of the earthquake, by touching the lives of those youngsters and their guardians and parents.

Educational

I have had opportunity to represent our Parish and the Armenian Church in many eucumenical gatherings, there lecturing and informing others about our faith, culture and tradition.

Christian Education    DRE

Through the efforts of an extremely dedicated Superintendent, Mrs. Lauren Chalekian and the following teachers and staff

Alice Hazarian  
Christine Hardy  
Mariam Sahakian

Sue Nersesian  
Harold Sahakian  
Elsie Garoukian

Claire Kadamian  
Peter Sherinian  
Lucine Tcheurekdjian

Sue Esayian  
Karen Garoukian-Ferraro

our 'young' church has learned the fundamentals of their Christian Faith and its particular Armenian Expression.

### Armenian Culture

During the fall, under the auspices of the newly formed Armenian Heritage Committee (formerly the Educational Committee), Adult Armenian language classes were conducted. Mrs. Hourig Tcheurekdjian rendered her expertise to a faithful group, who attended weekly classes which ran for a 10 week period. Their interest has sparked the program to continue.

Also, this new Heritage Committee will endeavor to offer programs of entertainment, as well, regarding the Armenian Cultural experience. With their hard work, they presented a most interesting display at the Armenian Fest during July. Our thanks to Dn. Charles Hardy, Ann Cherkinian, Harold and Mariam Sahakian and Alice Hazarian for their zeal and dedication.

### Bible Study

We have continued our fellowship of the St. Mesrob Bible Study group. For eight years of my ministry here in Racine, I have shared with these same participants the opportunity to lead discussions based on scripture by reading and studying both Old and New Testaments. This year, our Diocese mandated that all parishes should have Bible Study groups. We encourage anyone interested in learning about the 'Holy Writ' to join us when we meet.

### Youth

The ACYOA Jrs. remain to be an active group in our Parish, assisting whenever called upon, the work of the church. One of the highlights of their community endeavors in the name of St. Mesrob, was the Walk-A-Thon for Armenian Earthquake Relief, by which they raised over \$1,000.00 to send to Armenia.

Five of the ACYOA Jrs., Magill Weber, Gina Korakian, Laura Derderian, Haig Tcheurekdjian and Joey Gabrielian attended the St. Nersess Summer Study Conference at the Seminary. This broadening experience has enriched their lives and has sparked an interest in others to attend in future years. We thank the advisors, Seta Andekian, Michael Kaprelian and Margie Korakian for lending their assistance.

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With the celebration of 100 years in America, this year we enter a new decade 1990 and will close a century toward the year 2000. In the year 2001, the Armenian Church worldwide will celebrate a milestone; 1700 years of the burning of the flame of Christ in the institution called the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church.

It is no doubt that the Holy Spirit does live in the church, especially the Armenian Church, despite all the persecution she has endured. With the innumerable dedicated souls throughout the ages that have kept her alive, thru the blood of the martyrs, the confessors, the saints and all holy witness, She, the Bride has survived because Christ the Bridegroom is immortal and lives in her. Our call today in the 20th and 21st centuries is to ensure that the 1700 year old flame stays alive. It is only by knowing who we are today, that tomorrow will recognize who we were, remember us, and in turn emulate us and come to know themselves as well.

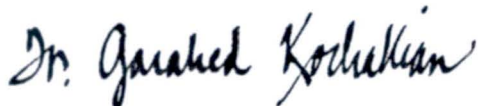
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There are many struggles still ahead of us; the fears and anxieties of survival. But through your efforts and the work of this blessed community of St. Mesrob, you all, in some measure can become the sparks that keep the flame alive by continuing to be God-Pleasing servants and sowers of the seeds of faith for tomorrow.

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As your pastor, I have witnessed such a vibrance in you all and I pray that your endeavors continue to bear fruit. That fruit of the Tree of Faith of which you may eat and be nourished so that it will enable you to work wonders in the vineyards of this earth and bring glory and Light of God into the darkness so that He, the King of Kings will shine forever.

With Prayer-filled Blessings,



Fr. Garabed Kochakian,  
Parish Priest and Pastor

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The year 1989 was an exciting and interesting year for the Parish Council who in keeping with the by-laws of the Diocese, strive to communicate with all organizations and individuals within the parish to keep a free flow of knowledge of our activities, responsibilities and requirements. We reviewed our expectations with the various parish organizations and proceeded to meet with the executive bodies of all of them.

At these meetings, we reviewed relationships, goals, expectations, responsibilities and any other questions that arose. It afforded the organizations an opportunity to have a dialogue with the Parish Council with a clear understanding of the relationship that should exist. Parish Council Members participated in the question and answer sessions which allowed them to have insight into the respective organizations.

The meetings set the stage for the relationship that currently exists which should continue in the future. It is a relationship based upon openness and understanding for each other's responsibility.

The Parish Council also met with the parish's salaried employees and reviewed the duties and responsibilities which again were for the benefit of the Parish Council Members as well as the employees.

In keeping with a policy of openness and exchange of information, the Parish Council called for a special parish assembly at which time all items of interest either to the parish council or any members of the parish were discussed. The purpose of the special assembly as announced was for informative purposes only at which time no formal business would be conducted. As a result, an issue did arise which was subsequently resolved in a special assembly that was convened for that purpose. The Parish Council feels strongly that open communications with all members and organizations is the proper manner in which to answer and resolve questions that arise. We sincerely urge all parishioners to communicate with us directly on any issue that concerns them.

Some of the issues addressed by the Parish Council and not totally resolved are the formation of a "Outreach Committee" and "Long Range Financial Planning Committee." We find a need to communicate with individuals in our community who are not members and relay to them our desire to have them join our parish. There is also a need to have current parish members more involved in the activities of the parish. On the financial side, it is important that we review the demographics of the parish and determine where our revenues will be coming from, not only this year and next year, but five and 10 years into the future so we may arrange or perhaps rearrange our financial position not only with the expenses that will arise, but the amount and source of the revenues.

The Parish Council is also committed to preparing a revised "Parishioners Handbook and Policy Manual" which was last printed in 1985. The manual serves as a guideline for many questions that arise and becomes especially valuable to new members.

A review of our financial condition for 1989 which is contained elsewhere in this annual report will reflect the Parish Council's diligent concern for the ever important financial stability of the parish.

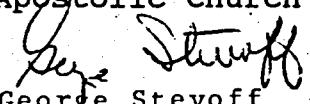
The Parish Council recognizes there are continuing financial concerns which fall into the area of repairs and maintenance but feel with proper planning, the concerns should be surmountable. Our Projects Committee continues to oversee the maintenance of our physical structure with proper diligence. Their single largest need has been and continues to be the need for volunteers to assist during the summer months.

Once again, our Festival Committee has performed outstandingly creating a successful festival and as importantly giving us a sense of direction for the future by answering many of the questions which have arisen as a result of our relocating at the new festival site.

Both the Stained Glass Committee and the Organ Fund Committee have completed their designated projects and have been dissolved with all excess funds turned over to the parish treasurer. We thank both of these committee members for their services.

The Ways & Means Committee continues to plan activities in the name of the Parish Council and will be available to all parish organizations for their suggestions for activity and fund raising projects. Several functions were performed directly by the Ways & Means Committee. Their detailed activities appear elsewhere in this report. We extend our appreciation to them also.

To enumerate all of the parishioners who have served with us for the year would fill this report. We wish to thank all of you that have given so generously of your time, talent and money. The strength of our parish is derived from its membership and this Parish Council is proud to have played its part in maintaining the St. Mesrob Parish in its leadership role.

On Behalf of  
Parish Council  
St. Mesrob Armenian  
Apostolic Church  
  
George Stevoff  
Chairman

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 INCOME STATEMENT  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1989

|                           | ACTUAL             |                    | BUDGET             | OVER                | PERCENT | BUDGET             |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------|--------------------|
|                           | 1988               | 1989               | 1989               | (UNDER)             |         | 1990               |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>           |                    |                    |                    |                     |         |                    |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP DUES</b>    |                    |                    |                    |                     |         |                    |
| FUTURE YEARS              | \$900.00           | \$1,375.00         |                    |                     |         |                    |
| CURRENT YEAR              | 14,975.00          | 15,700.00          |                    |                     |         |                    |
| PRIOR YEARS               | 1,810.00           | 715.00             |                    |                     |         |                    |
|                           | <u>\$17,685.00</u> | <u>\$17,790.00</u> | <u>\$18,000.00</u> | <u>(\$210.00)</u>   | -1.17%  | <u>\$18,000.00</u> |
| STEWARDSHIP               | \$21,674.75        | \$23,687.00        | \$24,000.00        | (\$313.00)          | -1.30%  | \$25,000.00        |
| PLATE COLLECTIONS         | \$3,017.35         | \$3,184.63         | \$3,000.00         | \$184.63            | 6.15%   | \$3,400.00         |
| <b>DONATIONS</b>          |                    |                    |                    |                     |         |                    |
| CHRISTMAS                 | \$685.00           | \$1,251.00         |                    |                     |         |                    |
| EASTER                    | 929.00             | 936.00             |                    |                     |         |                    |
| REQUIEM                   | 395.00             | 515.00             |                    |                     |         |                    |
| IN LIEU OF FLOWERS        | 8,295.00           | 3,900.00           |                    |                     |         |                    |
| CANDLES                   | 204.00             | 247.00             |                    |                     |         |                    |
| DESIGNATED GIFTS          | 575.00             | 202.00             |                    |                     |         |                    |
| GRAPE/WATER BLESSING      | 245.00             | 248.00             |                    |                     |         |                    |
| OTHER                     | 511.95             | 65.00              |                    |                     |         |                    |
|                           | <u>\$11,839.95</u> | <u>\$7,364.00</u>  | <u>\$12,000.00</u> | <u>(\$4,636.00)</u> | -38.63% | <u>\$9,000.00</u>  |
| SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (3)   |                    |                    |                    |                     |         |                    |
| SISYAN CHURCH FUND        | \$250.00           | \$10.00            |                    |                     |         |                    |
| SACREMENTS AND CEREMONIES | \$840.00           | \$430.00           | \$1,000.00         | (\$570.00)          | -57.00% | \$600.00           |
| <b>AFFAIRS</b>            |                    |                    |                    |                     |         |                    |
| FESTIVAL (NET)            | \$19,019.72        | \$25,139.61        | \$25,000.00        |                     |         | \$26,000.00        |
| MADAGH (NET)              | 1,189.41           | 928.32             | 1,050.00           |                     |         | 1,000.00           |
| DINNERS (NET)             | 61.83              | 2,556.51           | (400.00)           |                     |         | 2,600.00           |
|                           | <u>\$20,270.96</u> | <u>\$28,624.44</u> | <u>\$25,650.00</u> | <u>\$2,974.44</u>   | 11.60%  | <u>\$29,600.00</u> |
| <b>RENTALS</b>            |                    |                    |                    |                     |         |                    |
| CHURCH HALL               | \$520.00           | \$895.00           | \$500.00           |                     |         | \$900.00           |
| PARISH HOME               | 6,187.50           | 6,875.00           | 7,500.00           |                     |         | 7,500.00           |
|                           | <u>\$6,707.50</u>  | <u>\$7,770.00</u>  | <u>\$8,000.00</u>  | <u>(\$230.00)</u>   | -2.88%  | <u>\$8,400.00</u>  |
| <b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>     |                    |                    |                    |                     |         |                    |
| NOW ACCOUNT INTEREST      | \$259.39           | \$391.82           |                    |                     |         |                    |
| BOOK SALES                | 199.00             | 2,281.42           |                    |                     |         |                    |
| CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS      | 4,135.81           | 5,655.70           |                    |                     |         |                    |
| CLERGY SERVICES           | 125.00             | 725.00             |                    |                     |         |                    |
| GIFTS, ESTATES            | 200.00             | 500.00             |                    |                     |         |                    |
| ESCROW-PARISH HOME        | \$625.00           |                    |                    |                     |         |                    |
|                           | <u>\$5,544.20</u>  | <u>\$9,553.94</u>  | <u>\$6,000.00</u>  | <u>\$3,553.94</u>   | 59.23%  | <u>\$5,850.00</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>     | <u>\$87,829.71</u> | <u>\$98,414.01</u> | <u>\$97,650.00</u> | <u>\$764.01</u>     | 0.78%   | <u>\$99,850.00</u> |

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ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 INCOME STATEMENT  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1989

|                                | ACTUAL      |             | BUDGET      | OVER         | PERCENT  | BUDGET      |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------|-------------|
|                                | 1988        | 1989        | 1989        | (UNDER)      |          | 1990        |
| <b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>           |             |             |             |              |          |             |
| <b>STIPENDS &amp; SALARIES</b> |             |             |             |              |          |             |
| <b>RESIDENT CLERGY</b>         |             |             |             |              |          |             |
| STIPEND                        | \$22,420.00 | \$23,985.00 | \$23,000.00 | \$985.00     | 4.28%    | \$25,700.00 |
| HOUSING                        | 7,020.00    | 7,020.00    | 7,020.00    | \$0.00       | 0.00%    | 7,020.00    |
| MEDICAL INSURANCE              | 2,930.94    | 2,315.40    | 3,000.00    | (\$684.60)   | -22.82%  | 2,730.00    |
| IRA                            | 1,000.00    | 1,000.00    | 1,000.00    | \$0.00       | 0.00%    | 1,000.00    |
| UTILITIES                      | 2,390.70    | 2,181.36    | 2,500.00    | (\$318.64)   | -12.75%  | 2,400.00    |
|                                | \$35,761.64 | \$36,501.76 | \$36,520.00 | (\$18.24)    | -0.05%   | \$38,850.00 |
| <b>VISITING CLERGY</b>         |             |             |             |              |          |             |
| CLERICAL                       | 484.56      | 100.00      | 400.00      | (300.00)     | -75.00%  | 300.00      |
| CUSTODIAN                      | 2,120.00    | 2,105.00    | 2,080.00    | 25.00        | 1.20%    | 2,080.00    |
|                                | 3,030.00    | 2,752.50    | 3,000.00    | (247.50)     | -8.25%   | 2,800.00    |
|                                | \$41,396.20 | \$41,459.26 | \$42,000.00 | (\$540.74)   | -1.29%   | \$44,030.00 |
| DIOCESAN DUES (4)              | \$17,010.00 | \$15,260.00 | \$14,000.00 | 1,260.00     | 9.00%    | \$18,000.00 |
| ETCHMIADZIN LOOMA (5)          | \$418.00    | \$187.00    | \$200.00    | (13.00)      | -6.50%   | \$250.00    |
| <b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>           |             |             |             |              |          |             |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL (6)              | \$2,534.00  | \$129.50    | \$200.00    | (70.50)      | -35.25%  | \$200.00    |
| ARMENIAN SCHOOL                |             |             | 200.00      | (200.00)     | -100.00% | 200.00      |
| CHOIR                          |             |             | 200.00      | (200.00)     | -100.00% | 200.00      |
| ACYOA JUNIORS                  |             |             | 200.00      | (200.00)     | -100.00% | 200.00      |
| SOFTBALL TEAM                  | 219.00      | 207.40      | 200.00      | 7.40         | 3.70%    | 220.00      |
| WOMEN'S GUILD                  |             |             | 200.00      | (200.00)     | -100.00% | 0.00        |
|                                | \$2,753.00  | \$336.90    | \$1,200.00  | (\$863.10)   | -71.93%  | \$1,020.00  |
| <b>UTILITIES</b>               |             |             |             |              |          |             |
| GAS                            | \$4,395.56  | \$4,258.35  | \$4,500.00  | (241.65)     | -5.37%   | \$4,500.00  |
| ELECTRIC                       | 3,745.41    | 3,418.47    | 3,900.00    | (481.53)     | -12.35%  | 3,700.00    |
| WATER & SEWER                  | 212.12      | 464.64      | 250.00      | 214.64       | 85.86%   | 300.00      |
|                                | \$8,353.09  | \$8,141.46  | \$8,650.00  | (\$508.54)   | -5.88%   | \$8,500.00  |
| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b> |             |             |             |              |          |             |
| TELEPHONE                      | \$1,160.35  | \$1,167.78  | \$1,200.00  | (32.22)      | -2.69%   | \$1,200.00  |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES                | 1,424.24    | 1,105.95    | 1,500.00    | (394.05)     | -26.27%  | 1,200.00    |
| COPIER                         | 2,989.02    | 3,419.66    | 3,000.00    | 419.66       | 13.99%   | 3,600.00    |
| CHURCH SUPPLIES                | 2,505.23    | 1,649.20    | 2,600.00    | (950.80)     | -36.57%  | 2,000.00    |
| KITCHEN SUPPLIES               | 507.05      | 800.83      | 600.00      | 200.83       | 33.47%   | 800.00      |
| POSTAGE                        | 786.96      | 938.68      | 800.00      | 138.68       | 17.33%   | 1,000.00    |
| PRINTING                       | 781.15      | 50.00       | 600.00      | (550.00)     | -91.67%  | 1,100.00    |
| CHURCH INSURANCE               | 3,112.10    | 3,303.91    | 3,200.00    | 103.91       | 3.25%    | 3,500.00    |
| PARISH AUTO                    | 1,524.13    | 969.76      | 1,600.00    | (630.24)     | -39.39%  | 1,000.00    |
| OTHER                          | 673.97      | 212.69      | 800.00      | (587.31)     | -73.41%  | 250.00      |
|                                | \$15,464.20 | \$13,618.46 | \$15,900.00 | (\$2,281.54) | -14.35%  | \$15,650.00 |

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 INCOME STATEMENT  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED, DECEMBER 31, 1989

|   | ACTUAL               |                    | BUDGET             | OVER                | PERCENT        | BUDGET             |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|   | 1988                 | 1989               | 1989               | (UNDER)             |                | 1990               |
| <b>BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</b> |                      |                    |                    |                     |                |                    |
| BUILDING EXTERIOR                         | \$96.50              | \$230.01           | \$1,000.00         | (769.99)            | -77.00%        | \$500.00           |
| BUILDING INTERIOR(8)                      | 321.36               | 2,004.93           | 1,000.00           | 1,004.93            | 100.49%        | 500.00             |
| NEW EQUIPMENT                             | 1,408.00             |                    | 1,000.00           | (1,000.00)          | -100.00%       |                    |
| BUILDING SUPPLIES                         | 874.53               | 526.93             | 1,000.00           | (473.07)            | -47.31%        | 700.00             |
| RUBBISH PICKUP                            | 234.78               | 303.28             | 300.00             | 3.28                | 1.09%          | 400.00             |
| SNOW PLOWING                              | 360.00               | 860.00             | 600.00             | 260.00              | 43.33%         | 1,000.00           |
| OUTDOOR EQUIP. MAIN.                      | 553.98               | 241.60             | 500.00             | (258.40)            | -51.68%        | 300.00             |
|   | <u>\$3,849.15</u>    | <u>\$4,166.75</u>  | <u>\$5,400.00</u>  | <u>(\$1,233.25)</u> | <u>-22.84%</u> | <u>\$3,400.00</u>  |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>                      |                      |                    |                    |                     |                |                    |
| PARISH HOUSE                              | \$2,655.69           | \$1,944.35         | \$2,400.00         | (455.65)            | -18.99%        | \$2,200.00         |
| DESIGNATED GIFTS                          | 575.00               |                    |                    | 0.00                |                |                    |
| BOOKS                                     | 178.10               | 199.56             | 150.00             | 49.56               | 33.04%         | 200.00             |
| DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY                         | 1,966.61             | 446.14             | 2,300.00           | (1,853.86)          | -80.60%        | 2,400.00           |
| ST. NERSES CONFERENCE                     | 100.00               | 400.00             |                    | 400.00              |                | 500.00             |
| COPIER ESCROW                             | 210.00               |                    |                    | 0.00                |                |                    |
| OTHER                                     | 405.60               | 694.11             | 150.00             | 544.11              | 362.74%        | 700.00             |
|   | <u>\$6,091.00</u>    | <u>\$3,684.16</u>  | <u>\$5,000.00</u>  | <u>(\$1,315.84)</u> | <u>-26.32%</u> | <u>\$6,000.00</u>  |
| TRANSFER-PERMANENT TRUST                  |                      | \$2,872.08         |                    |                     |                | \$3,000.00         |
| REPAY 1987 LOAN-P. TRUST                  | \$4,000.00           |                    |                    |                     |                |                    |
| REPAY 1988 LOAN-P. TRUST                  |                      | \$9,301.00         | \$5,300.00         | 4,001.00            | 75.49%         |                    |
|   |                      |                    |                    |                     |                |                    |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>                | <u>\$99,334.64</u>   | <u>\$99,027.07</u> | <u>\$97,650.00</u> | <u>\$1,377.07</u>   | <u>1.41%</u>   | <u>\$99,850.00</u> |
| <b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>                  | <u>(\$11,504.93)</u> | <u>\$2,259.02</u>  | <u>\$0.00</u>      |                     |                | <u>\$0.00</u>      |

NOTES

- (1) The Parish Council borrowed \$9,300.00 from the Permanent Trust in 1988 which was paid back by December 31, 1989.
- (2) There was \$685.00 in unpaid bills relating to 1988 expenses at December 31, 1988. There was \$220.17 in unpaid bills relating to 1989 expenses at December 31, 1989.
- (3) During 1988 and 1987 \$641 was collected by special collection and paid to St. Nerses in 1988. Also, \$1250 was collected for the Sisyan Church Fund of which St. Mesrob was required to pay \$1,000.
- (4) \$3,090 was 1987 expense paid in 1988.
- (5) \$226 was 1987 expense paid in 1988.
- (6) During 1988 \$2,534 was received "In Lieu Of Flowers" and turned over to the Sunday School
- (7) The balance in the General Fund checking account at December 31, 1989 is \$5,000.00.
- (8) Heritage Insurance Company reimbursed the church \$1,379 in 1990 for pipe leak expenses.



**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
PERMANENT TRUST STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1989**

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988     | \$239,022.32           |
| INCOME - INTEREST             | 15,791.84              |
| DIVIDENDS                     | 1,410.13               |
| STOCK MARKET VALUE CHANGE     | 9,127.25               |
| ADDITIONS (OTHER THAN INCOME) | 9,972.08               |
| DEDUCTIONS                    | <u>&lt; 220.00&gt;</u> |
| BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1989     | <u>\$275,103.62</u>    |

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>ADDITIONS :</b>  |                    |
| Rose Akgulian (Sahag Akgulian Memorial Fund)                | \$ 100.00          |
| Ardis Cherkinian (Ardis Cherkinian Family<br>Cultural Fund) | 5,000.00           |
| Sunday School Certificate of Deposit                        | 2,000.00           |
| Parish Treasury   | <u>2,878.08</u>    |
| TOTAL   | <u>\$ 9,972.08</u> |

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|--|------------------|
| <b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>                                 |                  |
| Safe Deposit Box Rent                              | \$ 20.00         |
| St. Nerses Students (Sahag Akgulian Memorial Fund) | <u>200.00</u>    |
| TOTAL  | <u>\$ 220.00</u> |

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|--|--------------|
| <b>ASSET COMPOSITION:</b>                  |              |
| STOCKS:                                    | \$ 33,759.48 |
| ATT  | \$ 6,856.85  |
| WISCONSIN ENERGY                           | \$12,672.00  |
| AMERITECH                                  | \$ 2,040.00  |
| BELL SOUTH                                 | \$ 2,604.38  |
| BELL ATLANTIC                              | \$ 2,225.00  |
| SOUTHWEST BELL                             | \$ 1,916.25  |
| US WEST                                    | \$ 1,602.50  |
| NYNEX                                      | \$ 1,827.50  |
| PACIFIC TELESIS                            | \$ 2,015.00  |
| PASSBOOK SAVINGS:                          | \$ 1,057.95  |
| CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:                   | \$176,188.52 |
| Heritage Bank                              | \$86,386.93  |
| North Shore                                | \$42,928.28  |
| Dime (Albany, NY)                          | \$42,932.63  |
| Organ Fund(Heritage)                       | \$ 3,940.68  |
| RESTRICTED FUNDS:                          | \$ 43,974.14 |
| Sahag Akgulian Memorial<br>Fund            | \$ 3,258.10  |
| Ardis Cherkinian Family<br>Cultural Fund   | \$40,716.04  |
| CASH NOT DEPOSITED AT DECEMBER 31, 1989    | \$ 11,560.02 |
| IN TRUST ON BEHALF OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS: | \$ 8,563.51  |
| Sunday School                              | \$ 6,098.25  |
| Choir                                      | \$ 2,465.26  |

TOTAL \$275,103.62

TREASURER Sarkis Kazarian

*Sarkis Kazarian*

ST. MESROB CHOIR

We have 13 members. Our Executive Committee consists of 3 members. They are:

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Mary Stevoff                | Chairman  |
| Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian | Secretary |
| Patricia Balian             | Treasurer |

Lisa Akgulian is the Choir Director, Janet Cherkinian is Organist and Tony Minasian is Librarian. Other members are: Sue Vidian, Rose Margosian, Alice Hazarian, Mary Ann Injasoulian, Cohar Topalian, Carol Miller and Mark Akgulian.

Approximately 10 choir rehearsals were held throughout the year. Rehearsals are needed for Lent, Holy Week, Christmas and all major feast days.

Lisa Akgulian and Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian attended the annual assembly of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America, on November 3 - 5, 1989 in Philadelphia, PA.

For the future, we have planned the following:  
Fund raising for new choir robes.  
Fabrication or purchase of new choir robes.

Respectfully submitted,



Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian,  
Secretary

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1989**

**ORGANIZATION ST. MESROB CHURCH CHOIR**

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988 | \$ 728.50 |
| INCOME RECEIVED                | 1,052.00  |
| DISBURSEMENTS PAID             | < 866.10> |
| FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL  | -0-       |
|                                |           |
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1989 | \$ 914.40 |
|                                |           |

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

| <u>EVENT</u>        | <u>PROFIT/&lt;LOSS&gt;</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| DONATIONS RECEIVED: | \$225.00                   |

DONATIONS GIVEN:

ASSETS:

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Cash in checking account               | \$ 914.40  |
| Permanent Trust Certificate of Deposit | \$2,465.26 |

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-89):

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Due Parish Council | \$376.40 |
| Other              | 38.00    |

Treasurer Patricia A. Balian

*Pat Balian*

## ST. MESROB WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild was organized in 1926 to keep alive the Christian Faith among its members and attend church regularly. Encourage members to learn and live in conformity to the doctrines and traditions of the Church. To assist the pastor, cooperate with the Parish Council and extend moral and material help to the Church.

We have 43 members. The Executive Committee consists of 9 members. They are:

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Seta Andekian        | Chairman                |
| Mary Ann Injasoulian | Vice Chairman           |
| Mary H. Akgulian     | Corresponding Secretary |
| Claire E. Kadamian   | Recording Secretary     |
| Tarquin Andekian     | Treasurer               |
| Mary Katerdjian      | Assistant Treasurer     |
| Alice Vartanian      | Advisor                 |
| Martha Kargenian     | Advisor                 |
| Mary Hogopian        | Advisor                 |

During the year our group met 12 times, plus many other times while working together or in small groups on activities. We had the following activities:

- 3/3/89 Were hostesses for "World Day of Prayer" sponsored by Church Women United. Ushered guests into church and served dessert following the service.
- 3/89 First Baptist Church Hot Meal Program - Prepared and served a dinner to the needy. Many members worked in the preparation, transportation and serving of the meal. This was a greater community event. Did another one 8/28/89.
- 4/8/89 Family Fun Night Pot-Luck. About 50 attended this family event. There was great food, fun games and wonderful fellowship.
- 4/23/89 Helped the Parish Council prepare food for the annual Madagh. This was a Parish event, with about 150 people attending.
- 8/15/89 Family Picnic held at Armstrong Park. About 60 attended the pot-luck supper. Children had fun playing together and adults visited. Highlight of the event - Sark and Mary Cherkinian locked their keys in the car. Everyone got into that act.
- 9/6/89 Bus trip for about 40 members and guests to St. Sava Monastery, Long Grove Village for shopping and lunch with a brief stop at Sara Lee for purchasing goodies. It was a full, fun day.
- 9/23/89 Fashion Show in the Church Hall. It was a huge success. There was a luncheon first, prepared by members, followed by the show. About 125 attended. The decorations were lovely. Great community affair.

- 11/4/89 & 11/5/89 Holiday Fair at Memorial Hall. We made and sold homemade goods. Many worked on preparing the items sold and many worked shifts at the Hall that Saturday and Sunday. Almost completely sold out.
- 11/11/89 Bus trip for members, family and guests to Chicago for Christmas shopping. Nearly 40 spent the day window-shopping, shopping and browsing around.
- 12/2/89 Christmas Party for members, spouses and guests at Racine Yacht Club. About 40 attended the very good buffet dinner. After the dinner, the group went back to Church for dessert and a program. A good time was had by all.

For the future, we have planned the following: Hostessing several fellowships after church, another Family Fun Night Pot-Luck, assisting with the Madagh, taking on the responsibilities of food for the Armenian Fest '90, having a Family Picnic, working at the Holiday Fair again, doing the Christmas Card Project again and having a Christmas Party.

In 1989, the Women's Guild made donations of \$100.00 to the St. Tarkmanchatz Secondary School in Jerusalem, to sponsor a 5th grade boy. We donated about \$905.00 for new kitchen supplies, \$50.00 for Hye-Camp and \$25.00 to Church Women United.

We were fortunate to receive the following donations: \$100.00 from the Madaghian Family in memory of Toros Madaghian, \$140.00 from the Benjamin Kamakian Family in memory of Mary Kamakian and a convection oven donated by Harold and Mary Sahakian.

A new group was formed this year, called "The Good Samaritans". They have visited Mr. Andekian and Mr. Avakian this year.

We have sent at least 50 cards to parishioners. Some get-well, congratulation, baby, sympathy, etc.

We served at 4 funerals and 1 fellowship. Attended Church Women United meetings quarterly. Attended the 1st Women's Guild Central Council Midwest Regional Conference - 10/7/89. Were in charge of altar flowers. Christmas card project begun this year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claire E. Kadamian*

Claire E. Kadamian,  
Recording Secretary

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1989**

**ORGANIZATION ST. MESROB CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD**

|                                |    |             |
|--------------------------------|----|-------------|
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988 | \$ | 500.00      |
| INCOME RECEIVED                |    | 8,556.98    |
| DISBURSEMENTS PAID             |    | < 6,108.49> |
| FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL  |    | < 2,448.49> |
|                                |    | 500.00      |
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1989 | \$ | 500.00      |

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

| <u>EVENT</u>           | <u>PROFIT/&lt;LOSS&gt;</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mid Lenten Dinner      | \$ 348.89                  |
| Two Bus Trips          | \$ 284.50                  |
| Style Show             | \$ 705.61                  |
| Holiday Fair           | \$ 1,002.58                |
| Christmas Card Project | \$ 508.35                  |

DONATIONS RECEIVED: \$1,060.29

DONATIONS GIVEN: \$1,454.80

**ASSETS:**

Cash in checking account \$ 500.00

**LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-89):**

TREASURER Tarquin Andekian

*Tarquin Andekian*

## ST. MESROB SUNDAY SCHOOL

In 1989-1990, we have 70 active members, including students, staff, administration and all other ancillary members.

Our activities for the year will begin with opening 1988, since our actual year runs in conjunction with the school year.

- 9/17/88 Opening of Year with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Students were registered, assigned classrooms. A Fellowship was held after services for the Parish.
- 1/6/89 Armenian Christmas with Blessing of the Water, our Pageant and a party for the entire parish.
- 2/89 Poon Paregentan - Mardi Gras Celebration and Parish Pot-Luck Dinner. Vespers and closing of the curtain for the beginning of Lent.
- 3/89 Easter Sunday Special Assembly for students and families with a video showing and informal classes.
- 6/89 Graduation and Annual Sunday School Picnic for our closing Sunday.
- 8/89 Annual Mardigian Institute in New York City. Our representative was Christine Hardy.
- 9/17/89 Opening for the year with Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, student registration and Parish Fellowship.
- 12/10/89 Used Book Sale
- 1/7/90 Armenian Christmas, Blessing of Water, Sunday School Pageant and Parish Fellowship.

We also sponsored 2 other Parish Fellowships and hold monthly staff meetings.

For the future, we have planned the following:

2/25/90 Poon Paregentan

Easter Sunday Special Assembly for Families

"All" School Outing - perhaps the Zoo or Skating.

5/27/90 Closing Day Parish and Sunday School Picnic

We will have no graduating class for 2 years, since the present curriculum requires that students go to classes through Grade 12.

The Sunday School Teachers and Staff would like to thank all who support our activities and patronize our events. Your kind comments and moral support truly 'refuel' us and give us the energy to continue in our task of educating and instilling Christian morals and values in our young people.

Here is a list of our staff:

|                     |                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| President           | Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian          |
| Superintendent      | Lauren Chalekian                    |
| Secretary           | Susan Nersesian                     |
| Treasurer/Registrar | Susan Esayian                       |
| Art Coordinator     | Alice Hazarian                      |
| Assembly (Resource) | Claire E. Kadamian                  |
|                     | Mariam Sahakian                     |
| Librarian           | Carol Gengozian                     |
|                     | Sharon Kadamian                     |
| Music/Jr. Choir     | Lisa Akgulian                       |
| Pre-School          | Alice Hazarian/Lucine Tcheurekdjian |
| Kindergarten        | Christine Hardy                     |
| Level 1 & 2         | Mariam Sahakian                     |
| Level 4             | Elsie Garoukian                     |
| Level 5             | Claire E. Kadamian                  |
| Level 6 & 7         | Susan Nersesian                     |
| Level 8 & 9         | Lauren Chalekian                    |
| Level 10            | Harold Sahakian                     |
| Liaison             | Sam Kaprelian                       |

Respectfully submitted,

*Lauren R Chalekian*

Lauren R. Chalekian,  
Superintendent



**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1989**

**ORGANIZATION ST. MESROB CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988 | \$ 1,020.06  |
| INCOME RECEIVED                | 2,033.64     |
| DISBURSEMENTS PAID             | < 1,276.63 > |
| FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL  | < 551.73 >   |
|                                | =====        |
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1989 | \$ 1,225.34  |
|                                | =====        |

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

| <u>EVENT</u>        | <u>PROFIT/&lt;LOSS&gt;</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| DONATIONS RECEIVED: | \$730.00                   |

**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

**ASSETS:**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Cash in checking account                | \$ 1,225.34 |
| Permanent Trust Certificates of Deposit | \$ 6,098.25 |

**LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-89):**

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Due Parish Council | \$725.34 |
|--------------------|----------|

Treasurer Susan Esayian *See Esayian*

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The Armenian Heritage Committee was organized in August, 1989. The purpose of the Committee is for the promotion, preservation and programing of Armenian educational and cultural events within the St. Mesrob Armenian Church Parish.

We have 6 members, including our Executive Board, consisting of 3 members. They are:

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Chairman           | Charles Hardy        |
| Secretary          | Mariam Sahakian      |
| Treasurer          | Ann Cherkinian       |
| Teacher/Instructor | Hourig Tcheurekdjian |

We had the following activities:

July 9, 1989 This Committee was responsible for organizing and developing, as well as manning, the cultural activities and booth, at Armenian Fest '89.

October 4th - Our Committee was responsible for instigating,  
November 29th developing and sponsoring the Armenian Language Class for the family.

For the future, we have planned the following:

April, 1990 Armenian Genocide Commemorative Concert by the Racine Symphony Orchestra.

Feb. & March 2nd Term of Armenian Language Classes.

Armenian Staffing the cultural booth and sponsoring cultural  
Fest '90 activities that day.

Other cultural programs, as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mariam V. Sahakian*

Mariam Sahakian,  
Secretary

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1989**

**ORGANIZATION ST. MESROB CHURCH HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

|                                |    |          |
|--------------------------------|----|----------|
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988 | \$ | 390.77   |
| INCOME RECEIVED                |    | 184.88   |
| DISBURSEMENTS PAID             |    | < 76.85> |
| FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL  |    | -0-      |
|                                |    | -----    |
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1989 | \$ | 498.80   |
|                                |    | =====    |

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

| <u>EVENT</u>        | <u>PROFIT/&lt;LOSS&gt;</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| DONATIONS RECEIVED: | \$25.00                    |

**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

**ASSETS:**

Checking Account Cash      \$498.80

**LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-89):**

TREASURER Ann Cherkinian



\*\* Cash for this committee was transferred from the Armenian School checking account which was closed during 1989.

ST. MESROB A.C.Y.O.A. JUNIORS

We had 16 active members in 1989. Our Executive Committee consists of the following:

|                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| President           | Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian |
| Chairman            | Magill Weber               |
| Vice Chairman       | Haig Tcheurekdjian         |
| Secretary           | Laura Derderian            |
| Treasurer           | Christa Chalekian          |
| Advisors            | Seta Andekian              |
|                     | Michael Kaprelian          |
| Advisor/<br>Helpers | Marge Korakian             |
|                     | Judy Hammes                |

In 1989, we had the following activities:

Skiing at Crystal Ridge - Approximately 8 Juniors, advisors and parents. Purpose - Fellowship.

Train Trip to Chicago - Approximately 14 Juniors attended, also several parents, advisors and Fr. Kochakian. Purpose was shopping and fellowship.

Halloween Party - Held in Parish Hall. All Sunday School children invited. Parish Event.

Walk-a-Thon for Armenian Earthquake - Walked from Racine's Festival Hall to St. Mesrob's. Sponsored by the mile. Money sent to Diocese for Armenian Earthquake Fund. All A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors and advisors attended, led by Fr. Kochakian. Purpose - To contribute to relief efforts in Armenia.

Bake Sale after church - Held in Parish Hall. Most of the Juniors attended, plus advisors. Parish Event. Purpose - To raise funds for A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors.

Lock-In - Held in Parish Hall and Classrooms. Attended by most Juniors and advisors. Purpose - Fellowship.

For the future, we have planned the following:

|         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| Skiing  | Trip to Chicago |
| Lock-In | Fund Raisers    |

In 1989, the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors made donations to the Armenian Earthquake Fund of \$1,638.76.

We were fortunate to receive the following donations:

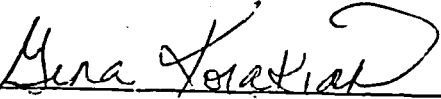
\$25.00 from Mr. Paul Minasian

Turkey Decorations &  
Christmas Stockings from Mrs. John Esayian

Cookies for Bake Sale from Mr. Ed Domanico

We would like to thank Fr. Garabed and advisors for helping us  
achieve our goals.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gina Korakian

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1989**

**ORGANIZATION ACYOA - JUNIORS**

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988 | \$ 1,070.71 |
| INCOME RECEIVED                | 1,585.14    |
| DISBURSEMENTS PAID             | < 1,746.91> |
| FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL  | < 319.38>   |
|                                |             |
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1989 | \$ 589.56   |

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

| <u>EVENT</u>                | <u>PROFIT/&lt;LOSS&gt;</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Walk-a-thon                 | \$945.41                   |
| Bake Sale                   | 48.45                      |
| Stocking Raffle             | 52.00                      |
| Felt Turkey Decoration Sale | 36.75                      |

DONATIONS RECEIVED: \$ 25.00

**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

Armenian Earthquake Fund \$1,638.76  
 (\$638.76 was a liability at 12-31-88)

**ASSETS:**

Cash in checking account \$589.56

**LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-89):**

Due Parish Council \$ 89.56

TREASURER Joe Gabrielian

*Joe Gabrielian*

ST. MESROB A.C.Y.O.A. SENIORS

The purpose of the A.C.Y.O.A. SENIORS is to encourage members to learn, practice, uphold and propagate the principles and teachings of Christian Faith, according to the doctrines, sacraments and canons of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

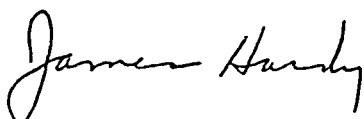
We have 6 members. Our Executive Committee consists of 3 members. They are:

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Thomas Gengozian | Chairman  |
| James Hardy      | Secretary |
| Marc Torosian    | Treasurer |

During the year, our group put on the A.C.Y.O.A. Palm Sunday Dinner, on Sunday, March 19, 1989. It was held in the Church Hall and about 200 people attended. This was a parish and greater community event.

The A.C.Y.O.A. SENIORS have a very serious problem. Lack of enthusiasm, as well as participation and responsibility, are the biggest problems. We have very few members, who can be considered active, which also compounds the problem. The A.C.Y.O.A. SENIORS of our Parish, are non-existent, for all practical purposes. Der Garabed, along with Thomas Gengozian and myself, have tried to revitalize the group, to no avail.

Respectfully submitted,



James Hardy,  
Secretary

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1989**

**ORGANIZATION ACYQA - SENIORS**

|                                |    |          |
|--------------------------------|----|----------|
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988 | \$ | 364.09   |
| INCOME RECEIVED                |    | 994.47   |
| DISBURSEMENTS PAID             |    | <451.19> |
| FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL  |    | -0-      |
|                                |    | -----    |
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1989 | \$ | 907.37   |
|                                |    | =====    |

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

| <u>EVENT</u>       | <u>PROFIT/&lt;LOSS&gt;</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Palm Sunday Dinner | \$ 594.31                  |

**DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

**ASSETS:**

**LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-89):**

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Due Parish Council | \$407.37 |
|--------------------|----------|

TREASURER Marc Torosian

*Marc Torosian*  
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## ARMENIAN FEST '89

The Armenian Fest Committee (formerly the Picnic Committee) was organized in January, 1975. The purpose of the committee is to put on an Ethnic Day (Armenian) at Festival Park to be a church-wide project that will be a substantial financial success. The Madagh celebration was taken from our annual picnic and the whole concept has changed, expanded and grown each year.

We had 25 active members in 1989. Our Executive Board consists of five officers, who also served as the Base Committee, as follows:

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Chairman                | Perry Paragamian   |
| Vice Chairman           | Mike Garoukian     |
| Corresponding Secretary | Gary Vidian        |
| Recording Secretary     | Tom Janikian       |
| Treasurer               | Mary (D.) Akgulian |

Others who headed committees are as follows:

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Art/Decoration             | Janet Mrazek                                    |
| Cultural                   | Rev. Garabed Kochakian/<br>Deacon Charles Hardy |
| Publicity                  | Marguerite Guglielmo                            |
| Beverage                   | Adam Chalekian/<br>Michael Kaprelian            |
| Personnel/Phoning          | Catherine Mikaelian/<br>Mary Kaprelian          |
| Security                   | Sarkis Cherkinian                               |
| Transportation/Maintenance | Tod Mikaelian                                   |
| Financial                  | Mary (D.) Akgulian                              |
| Entertainment/Games        | Leslie Mikaelian/<br>Lauren Chalekian           |
| Sales                      | Tom Janikian                                    |
| Typing/Mailings            | Mary Cherkinian                                 |
| Raffle Sales/Prizes        | Mark Kaprelian                                  |
| Food (Pre-Baking)          | Various Chairmen                                |
| Food On Site               |   |
| (Indoor)                   | Mary Stevoff/<br>Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian    |
| (Outdoor)                  | Nancy Kazarian/<br>Pat Paragamian               |
| Outdoor Grilling           | Sam Akgulian                                    |

Armenian Fest was held July 9, 1989, Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. at the Racine Festival Park.

Armenian Fest is an annual event sponsored by St. Mesrob Armenian Church for the purpose of promoting the Armenian heritage and culture for the Armenian, Racine and surrounding communities.

Approximately 5,000 people attended the festival on July 9th. The air was filled with Armenian music and the delicious aroma of shish-kebob on the grill. Mouth watering pastries were enjoyed by all.

In addition to our traditional ethnic food, music, dancing, the John Bunic Big Band performed, there were children's games and other activities throughout the day.

A cultural display was held in the Green Room. There was a cooking demonstration, videos were shown and names were inscribed in Armenian. Photographs of the Armenian earthquake were on display.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Perry Paragamian,  
Chairman

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1989

ORGANIZATION ST. MESROB CHURCH ARMENIAN FEST COMMITTEE

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988 | \$ 500.00   |
| INCOME RECEIVED                | 48,229.42   |
| DISBURSEMENTS PAID             | <23,089.81> |
| FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL  | <25,139.61> |
|                                | <hr/>       |
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1989 | \$ 500.00   |
|                                | <hr/> <hr/> |

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

| <u>EVENT</u>               | <u>PROFIT/&lt;LOSS&gt;</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| July 9, 1989 Armenian Fest | \$25,139.61                |

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

DONATIONS GIVEN:

ASSETS:

Cash in checking account \$ 500.00

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-89):

Treasurer Mary D. Akgulian

*Mary D. Akgulian*

## ST. MESROB STAINED GLASS WINDOW COMMITTEE

Our Executive Committee consists of 5 members. They are:

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian | President |
| Sam Akgulian               | Chairman  |
| Ardis Cherkinian           | Treasurer |
| Mardiros Nersesian         | Advisor   |
| Alice Hazarian             | Advisor   |

The Committee was dissolved at the conclusion of 1989.

### Armenian Portraits of Faith

The beginning of the Book

With the available finances remaining after the fabrication and installation of the beautiful stained glass windows, thought was given by the Stained Glass Committee to expanding on a project to further promote the artistic and educational value of the windows which presented the Armenian Church, her history and faith. The idea of the publication of a book, showing the windows replicated in full color with a commentary explaining the imagery, theology and meaning of each window in the Armenian tradition, came forth from the Window Committee. The project was presented by the Window Committee to the Parish Council (1986) for consideration and approval and received endorsement. Thus plans moved ahead.

Committee member, Ardis Cherkinian, Treasurer, presented the idea to a local publisher, E. J. Hill of Racine, for guidance. Emily Hill met with members of the committee and the pastor to draw up a plan. After receiving the number of windows and the nature and scope of the project, she was able to better advise the Window Committee how to proceed.

The committee then decided areas that needed to be addressed -

- authorship of text
- photography of windows
- design of book
- layout/typesetting of text
- editorship and proof reading
- procuring bids of printers and varied processes
- marketing of publication

The committee asked Fr. Garabed to author the text, since he had worked with the artists during the fabrication of the windows. He agreed to do this task and offered his work as a donation to St. Mesrob. The publishing, which encumbered the layout, typesetting and bidding, was offered by Emily Hill, as a gesture of good will, because she had a close friendship with Ardis and Ann. The editing, which gave shape to the text, was done by Ann Cherkinian. All the photography work, shooting the slides and then retaking them was done by Peter Sherinian. Proof reading was done by Yerezgin Roberta Kochakian. Also numerous iterations of the text (numbering 16 versions) were passed on to readers of other publishing houses, i.e. Magraw Hill of NYC, Harcourt Brace, by Mrs. Hill.

Bids for printing of the book were procured by the publisher from Tru-Line and Angel Printers, both local printers. Specifics in printing were the following:

- Color Separations
- Prep Charges
- Press
- Stock (Paper)
- Bindery
- Case Binding and Shipping

After several negotiations over the three years of production, and thru the efforts of Sam Akgulian, the present price for the entire project was reduced from \$20,710.00 to \$16,300.00 from Tru-Line. At present, available finances from the initial donations for the fabrication of the windows (over a three year period, gathering interest) is \$18,934.00.

Additional funding from benefactors outside Racine was suggested to lower our costs and this was pursued. Two additional donors, each gifting \$1,000.00, helped defray the total costs by another \$2,000.00. They were Mr. William Nahikian of Racine and Mr. and Mrs. George Krikorian and son, of Worcester, Massachusetts.

After printing, books will be given as gifts to the original donors of the windows. The remaining (approx.) 450 books would be sold (price to be determined) and would become a source of revenue for the St. Mesrob Parish, until the supply is depleted.

This publication has a multi-faceted value. The courage of this committee and the individuals involved to produce such a volume is certainly a worthy endeavor to be commended. It is a 'first of its kind' Art-Theology Book ever to be produced anywhere. It will certainly be a noteworthy contribution to the Universal Armenian Church in this diocese, other dioceses and our own local parish and area, as well, all in the beloved name of St. Mesrob Church of Racine. For too long, we have lived in ignorance regarding the tradition of art and its relationship with theology and history in our church. This volume presents in a clear, concise and beautifully graphic way the faith of our church, as it should properly be expressed in the Armenian Church anywhere, as it is portrayed in her sanctuaries with images, icons and stained glass windows.

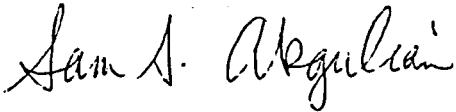
This project culminates three years of research and now will open new windows of our faith to those who until now were in the dark. For the future of our church, it is a teaching tool, for non-Armenians, it will be a "Story Book" of our own faith and for us, it will remain an invaluable treasure. We, of St. Mesrob, indeed, have given birth to the Armenian Portraits of Faith, that will always remind us of our Christian Heritage.

It is the recommendation of the Window Committee, that a special group of experienced individuals be appointed and charged with the marketing of the book. All Armenian Churches could be informed of its sale. Already, the Diocesan Book Store has expressed a desire to purchase 25 copies for sale. As this is a limited edition, 500 copies, if properly marketed, could be sold quickly.

All the color separations, which become our property, may be used for future reprinting or other types of projects, to promote our stained glass windows, i.e. Note Cards, Post Cards, Bulletin Flyers, etc.

Our gain will be, yes the recovery of revenue in sales. Most importantly, the esteem and the pride of our humble parish and community will be our contribution to the life of our beloved Church and Faith in Christ, Our God.

Respectfully submitted,



Sam Akgulian, Chairman

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1989

COMMITTEE STAINED GLASS WINDOW ACCOUNT

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988 | \$18,987.44      |
| INCOME RECEIVED                | 2,998.94         |
| DISBURSEMENTS PAID             | <17,125.34>      |
| FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL  | <4,360.62>       |
|                                | <hr/>            |
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1989 | <u>\$ 500.42</u> |

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>PROFIT/&lt;LOSS&gt;</u> |
|--------------|----------------------------|
|--------------|----------------------------|

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| DONATIONS RECEIVED: | \$ 2,000.00 |
|---------------------|-------------|

DONATIONS GIVEN:

ASSETS:

Cash in checking account \$500.42

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-89):

TREASURER Ardis A. Cherkinian



ST. MESROB RETIREES

The St. Mesrob Retirees was organized in April 1987 to provide social and recreational outlets for members, and spiritual and educational activities.

We have 48 members. Our Executive Committee consists of 4 members. They are:

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Sarkis Cherkinian | Chairman      |
| Byds Musurlian    | Vice Chairman |
| Claire Kadamian   | Secretary     |
| Sarkis Kazarian   | Treasurer     |

During the year, our group met about 45 times.

We had the following activities:

- 1/19/89 Pot-Luck Supper at Church. Social get-together with members and older ladies of the church, who had been invited as guests. Approximately 50 attended a most pleasant fellowship.
- 6/15/89 Brewers Baseball Game in Milwaukee. Joined St. Luke's Hospital "Off Your Rocker" group for a tailgate party and the game. About 30 members attended and had a wonderful time, in spite of the cool damp weather.
- 7/27/89 Picnic at Armstrong Park. We again asked the older ladies to join us for a day of fellowship, food and cards. Approximately 40 attended.
- 10/19/89 Karsoon and Pizza Party. Members met at noon for lunch and then divided up into tables to learn the basics of Karsoon. Had a nice crowd, who seemed to enjoy learning the game.
- 12/10/89 Brunch after church at J. Trumps (Sheraton). Members and guests met for a great lunch and festive fellowship. About 35 attended.

For the future, we have planned the following:

- 1/25/90 Disney on Ice Show/Shopping and Lunch at the Grand Avenue Mall.
- 2/15-90 Luncheon and Speaker. Psychologist, Ellen Honnet, ED. will speak on Stress Management and Discovering Yourself.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claire E. Kadamian*

Claire E. Kadamian,  
Secretary



ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1989

ORGANIZATION ST. MESROB CHURCH RETIREES

|                                |    |               |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------|
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988 | \$ | 245.44        |
| INCOME RECEIVED                |    | 100.81        |
| DISBURSEMENTS PAID             |    | <54.64>       |
| FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL  |    | -0-           |
|                                |    | <hr/>         |
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1989 | \$ | <u>291.61</u> |

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>PROFIT/&lt;LOSS&gt;</u> |
|--------------|----------------------------|
|--------------|----------------------------|

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

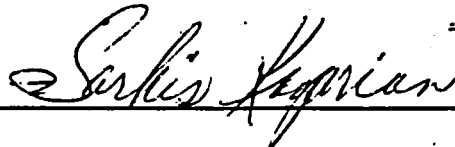
DONATIONS GIVEN:

ASSETS:

Savings Account Cash \$291.61

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-89):

TREASURER Sarkis Kazarian



## ST. MESROB PROJECT COMMITTEE

The Project Committee was organized in June, 1973 to make suggestions for improving and keeping up God's property, and giving it the maintenance care it may need whenever or wherever needed.

We have five members. Our Executive Committee consists of two members. They are:

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Sam Akgulian | Chairman      |
| Mike Vidian  | Vice Chairman |

Other members are: Harry Akgulian, Sam Garabedian and Mel Hagopian.

Fiscal 1989 was a year of major accomplishments.

We are pleased to report that after a long and exhaustive study, the water leakage problem has finally been resolved. From what we thought four months ago, as furnace or meter problems turned into something we never envisioned. A major leak located somewhere in the entire system, was the problem. Through the process of elimination, the leak was found and repaired. Luckily, just in the nick of time, because of the cold winter coming on.

Space does not permit individual mention of those who worked with the committee, through every aspect of this problem. Fact is, everybody did a good job, for the charges proved minimal, in comparison to a major plumbing project. To Sam Kazarian, I wish I had command of words to express adequately my gratitude for his persistent pursuit in finding and resolving the situation. Thank again, to all the other members for their participation and cooperation.

TIME, it is intangible and elusive, and yet it is the most valuable commodity man possesses. If he or she uses it for fractional moments in life to help the church in its challenges, it could prove self-rewarding. Because of limited support, the committee acknowledges a special thanks to Tony Minasian, Peter Kazarian, Sarkis Kazarian and Sarkis Cherkinian, who periodically gave their "time" when requested.

The care of God's property is our total responsibility. This support must come from within the congregational volunteer helpers, both young and old. The group meets every Thursday of the week. We welcome you to work together and enjoy your new-found friendship.

Financially, we remain under Parish Council rule, with the exception of outside donations which occur occasionally.

The demand for new capital equipment will depend on our needs. A new commercial tractor and other equipment may be an immediate requirement. Investment on return will be weighed before actual procurement.

So, let it be the goal of every St. Mesrob Member, this year to strengthen ourselves by giving their services. Join the Project Committee "NOW".

Respectfully submitted,

*Sam S. Akgulian*

Sam Akgulian,  
Chairman

ST. MESROB WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The Ways and Means Committee was organized in October, 1988. This committee was formed by the Parish Council to raise funds for the Church, to assist church organizations in creating programs and events.

We have 7 active members. Our Executive Committee consists of 2 members. They are:

Gary Vidian Chairman  
Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian Secretary

2 of our members resigned half-way through the year.

During the year, our group held 11 meetings.

Friday, July 28, 1989 We gave a Spaghetti Dinner in the Church Hall from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. This was the first fund raising event held by the Committee. 142 people attended. Tickets were \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. The meal was served cafeteria style and dessert was sold separately.

Sunday, October 8, 1989, a Shish Kebob Dinner was held in the Church Hall at 4:30 p.m. The dinner was served banquet style. Tickets were \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. 208 people attended. The program following the dinner consisted of Fr. Garabed presenting an update on the current status on the victims of the Armenian Earthquake of December, 1988 and Lucine Tatosian of Evanston, IL and Tim Torosian of Racine, recent participants of the 1989 A.C.Y.O.A. SENIORS Trip to Armenia, during which a house was built. A raffle was held, which raised approximately \$250.00.

All finances of the Ways and Means Committee are channeled through the Parish Council Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

*Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian*

Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian,  
Secretary

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1989**

**ORGANIZATION ST. MESROB CHURCH ORGAN FUND**

|                                |    |            |
|--------------------------------|----|------------|
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988 | \$ | 403.49     |
| INCOME RECEIVED                |    | 20.64      |
| DISBURSEMENTS PAID             |    | -0-        |
| FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL  |    | < 423.97 > |
|                                |    | _____      |
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1989 | \$ | .16        |

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>PROFIT/&lt;LOSS&gt;</u> |
|--------------|----------------------------|
|--------------|----------------------------|

**DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

**ASSETS:**

|                          |    |     |
|--------------------------|----|-----|
| Cash in checking account | \$ | .16 |
|--------------------------|----|-----|

**LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-89):**

|                    |    |     |
|--------------------|----|-----|
| Due Parish Council | \$ | .16 |
|--------------------|----|-----|

TREASURER Janet Cherkinian *Janet Cherkinian*

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All finances of the Ways and Means Committee are channeled through the Parish Council Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

*Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian*

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Secretary

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1989**

**ORGANIZATION ST. MESROB CHURCH ORGAN FUND**

|                                |    |           |
|--------------------------------|----|-----------|
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988 | \$ | 403.49    |
| INCOME RECEIVED                |    | 20.64     |
| DISBURSEMENTS PAID             |    | -0-       |
| FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL  |    | < 423.97> |
|                                |    |           |
| CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1989 | \$ | .16       |
|                                |    |           |

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>PROFIT/&lt;LOSS&gt;</u> |
|--------------|----------------------------|
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**DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

**ASSETS:**

|                          |    |     |
|--------------------------|----|-----|
| Cash in checking account | \$ | .16 |
|--------------------------|----|-----|

**LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-89):**

|                    |    |     |
|--------------------|----|-----|
| Due Parish Council | \$ | .16 |
|--------------------|----|-----|

TREASURER Janet Cherkinian *Janet Cherkinian*

**AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

We have reviewed the books and financial statements of St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church and its supporting organizations and consider them to fairly represent their financial activities and position on December 31, 1989.

**Audit Committee:**

Lisa Akgulian  
Nancy Cherkinian  
Eileen Kamakian



## ST. NERSESS

I arrived at St. Nersess thinking very pessimistically about staying at a seminary for 10 days. But, what I was about to experience, learn, and see proved my pessimistic attitude wrong. In my life time I personally have never seen or experienced such a place like St. Nersess. The people I met there were like a big family. No one cared about what you looked like, what your ideas were, what your values were, or how you dressed. All they cared about was you and the person you were inside. This is why everyone could be themselves and not worry about discrimination on being made fun of (which is what most of the world is like). I felt so at home there and experienced an overwhelming feeling of peacefulness which is still with me somehow.

One of my most memorable situations at the seminary was on our last day in Bible Study. Each Bible Study class gathered together and everyone had to pick a word to describe everyone in the group. We then went around the circle to each person and everyone told that person the word (and why they chose it) that would best describe him/her. I think everyone walked away from their groups feeling pretty good about the discussion, themselves, and the many new and special Armenian friendships they had gained by going to St. Nersess. Another memorable situation was on the last night. We all gathered in church for the service. At the end of church we all formed a big circle and we all hugged the persons to the left and right of ourselves. An Armenian bond was formed and a feeling of love, friendship, and caring filled the room. This is a time I will never forget.

We did, learned, and gained so much at St. Nersess. Everyone, I think, had a good time and have certain little things that they will remember about St. Nersess. I can say that I've found out many new things about myself I've never known before. I also learned more about dealing with my problems and situations. My eyes have opened just a bit more to what life is really like and what is happening around me. I wish there were more places in the world like St. Nersess because just maybe the world could be a little more peaceful and aware of what's happening to the people. I realize that I am going a bit overboard, but I want everyone to know that St. Nersess has benefitted me and everyone else who have attended and will benefit those who may consider attending. I hope that just maybe I will be able to attend next year because it was an unforgettable experience.

by Laura Derderian

## Reflections on the Saint Nersess Experience

When I got to St. Nersess I didn't know what to expect, mainly because I didn't know anybody except the Racine people and Yeretzgin Diane. Once we got there we had some free time for registration and meeting new friends, getting rooms, books and looking around.

At around 8:00 p.m. on the first day we had an orientation. To me the orientation was a very good idea for the new comers (like me) to learn and understand about St. Nersess. Then Father Mardiros called off our names and we stood up and told everyone where we came from, what church we attended and if we had a job. After that all of us made posters on subjects we liked.

The outings included the beach for the day and the fireworks. Everyday we had morning service and evening worship. On a daily basis we had Armenian language, Armenian folk singing, lectures, clean-up, group discussions and Bible study.

During Bible study we studied the Gospel of St. Mark. I remembered when Jesus got angry with the merchants selling pigeons in a temple and Jesus turned the tables over and said, "This is my home. You don't sell things here. You come here to worship".

At one of the lectures the topic was on the Life of Christ. He died for us to forgive our sins and told us there was life after death. He did his preaching in 3 1/2 years. Jesus was the Son of God. Two thieves were hung on the cross with Jesus. One of the thieves asked Jesus to remember him in His Kingdom and to forgive his sins. The other thief didn't believe in Jesus.

In our Bible study we studied about the twelve Disciples. The twelve are: Peter, James, John, Andrew, Matthew, James, Bartholomew, Thaddeaus, Simon, Thomas, Phillip and Judas. I learned a little history on each of the Disciples which was very interesting.

My trip to St. Nersess is one I'll never forget and if anybody has an opportunity, they should go.

By Joe Gabrielian, Jr.

## St. Nersess

There were many highlights of the trip, and many lectures, and many group discussions.

One of the best lectures was called Death and Dying. The lecture was about what life is more like and what death is more like. We had a list to choose from as to what life is like and what death is like. We talked mostly about how it is to have someone in your family die. Most of the people took this particular discussion the hardest especially when we were told to write up our own obituary. It was a very hard thing to do for most people.

One of the best group discussions was on Abortions. They gave us a story to read. It read as follows:

An 18 year old girl whose parents live next door to you has written to you in confidence from another city. Last month she had a big hassle with her parents and left home. She is expecting a child, and there is no possibility of marriage. She expresses feelings of loneliness, confusion, and fear. She pleads with you to tell nobody, but wants your advice on what to do. What can you do? What might happen?

Then we had to brainstorm possibilities of what she could do. Things like abortion, adoption, and other things. Then we all had to decide on one thing that she would do. My group decided adoption and so did most of the other groups.

Everyone had Armenian language classes. I learned a little. We also had Bible Study classes everyday.

I had a great time and I hope to go back again next year.

By Gina Korakian

## St. Nersess Seminar

I think that St. Nersess is one of the best camps I've ever been to. The counselors and instructors there not only provide spiritual guidance but they also make it somewhat fun. For example, in our Bible study groups we didn't just sit and read the Bible; we enjoyed it with interest and some of us even got the chance to teach the class ourselves. I can't say everything always worked out in our group but it always ended up being fun.

Bible study was only one of the many classes we had there. We also had three hours of lectures everyday with guest speakers. Of course, half of the people slept through the lectures so they only had about 15 minutes of the lectures a day. But sleeping through the lectures was not an easy task. The guest speakers were always watching you and if they found you falling asleep they usually woke you up by throwing pieces of chalk at you. If you happened to be lucky and not get hit with a piece of chalk there was always a counselor on hand to wake you up as soon as you put your head on the table.

After all of our classes were finally done, we had about four hours of free time to either play ping-pong or pool in the game room, just sit and talk in the eloquently furnished living room, or swim in the backyard pool that was always watched over by Deacon Serop.

By Haig Tcheurekdjian

## Reflections on St. Nersess

To put into words my ten days at St. Nersess is very difficult -- new ideas have made their way into my head all day. In those ten days my image of God completely changed. Instead of being some unknown force controlling our lives, I saw Him in the 25 other kids I spent my time with. We were from all over North America -- different in personalities and ideas. After seeing all the differences work out, I knew God must be responsible.

One of the best two and a half hours I spent at the seminary were during a discussion on death and dying we had one morning. It was really hot that day and we were sitting in the basement recreation room. I was sitting sandwiched in between about 4 people on a couch made for 2, and I was sure the ceiling fan above me was going to fall the way it was shaking. We talked for a long time -- about our friends, families and what our reactions to death and suicide were. I didn't ever have any immediate family members die so I wasn't sure what to think. So I looked around the room. Every face in the room told a story. Squished on a couch or lying on the floor, no one made eye contact. Staring off into space or at other people's shoes, I saw reactions change and tears fall.

I'm not sure how it ended or even what really happened, but one thing I do know is that I felt a common bond with every person in the room. I know that no matter how different any of us are, we all had a better outlook on life after going to St. Nersess. I felt proud to be a part of St. Nersess after those ten days and proud to be an Armenian.

By Magill Elizabeth Weber