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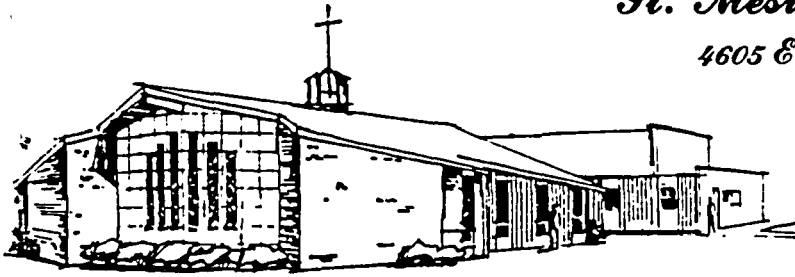
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**1991 ANNUAL REPORTS**

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Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, Pastor

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January 30, 1992

Dear Member,

**The Annual Parish Elections and Assembly of the St. Mesrob Armenian Church will be held on Sunday, February 9, 1992 at 11:00 a.m., following the Divine Liturgy that will begin at 9:00 a.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 1992 Parish Council, Nominating, Auditing and Permanent Trust 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.

On this day, the Church Sunday School classes will be held 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

In the event of inclement weather, Sunday, February 16th will be the date of the Annual Assembly at 11:00 a.m.

Pastor & Parish Council

Encl.



**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

**February 9, 1992**

**St Mesrob Armenian Church  
Racine, Wisconsin**

**Badarak begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School will be held between the hours 9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.**

Brunch begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 11:00 a.m. with verification of eligible voters proceeding during the light lunch which is hosted by the Parish Council.

**AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer at approximately 11:00 a.m.
2. Verification of Eligible voters and call for quorum
3. Election of Chairman of the Day and Secretary of the Day.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Parish Assembly.
5. Adoption of the Agenda.
6. Pastor's Annual Report and Message
7. Parish Council Report.
8. Parish Treasury and Financial Reports.
9. Review and Adoption of the 1992 Budget.
10. Nominating Committee Report and Elections .
11. Auditing Committee Report.
12. Permanent Trust Committee Report.
13. Proposals to the 90th Annual Diocesan Assembly, April 30th - May 3rd, Saint David Armenian Church of Boca Raton, FL.
14. New Business  
*Parish Council Proposal; RE: Financial Planning for the Future*
15. Reading Review and Acceptance of Organizational Reports.
16. Motion to Adjourn - followed by the Benediction

**IMPORTANT** - In accordance with the by-laws, those who are paid-up members through 1991, are eligible to vote. **Ballots must be cast in person!** Voting will start after the meeting is officially opened.

**SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING**  
**Diocesan Delegates Report**

June 9, 1991

Parish Council Chairperson Jack Kazarian called the meeting to order. Der Garabed led the opening prayer.

Chairperson Jack Kazarian stated that 44 members were present and that represented a quorum.

Jack Kazarian informed the meeting attendees that Tom Gengozian was in Watertown attending an ACYOA reorganization meeting concerning the new Department of Youth Ministry. He mentioned that Tom has agreed to work toward revitalizing the youth situation in the parish.

Also, Mesag Vidian has stepped down as parish custodian and will be replaced with Mike Kadamian.

Sam Akgulian moved that the agenda be adopted. Martha Kargenian seconded the motion. Approved.

**Clergy Conference.**

Der Garabed reported on the Clergy Conference which was held at the Don Bosco Retreat Center just prior to the Diocesan Assembly. Issues raised at the conference include:

- Spiritual revival of the church in Armenia. There is a need for printed material in the eastern Armenian dialect to help with this spiritual renewal. This would include the Sunday School curriculum developed in the Eastern Diocese of America.

Various cults such as the Hari Krishnas have been converting the people in Armenia. Also, other Christian churches have been establishing themselves in the country and attracting Armenians away from the Orthodox Mother Church.

A committee has been established to develop ways of evangelizing the country. Two clergymen from America each month will go to Armenia to establish churches, organizations, organize youth groups, etc.

This development has also created a shortage of priests in the country.

- Political problems in Armenia still exist and were addressed.

### Unity.

Efforts to unify the church are not going well. Some parishes participated in joint commemorations of April 24th in defiance of the canons and rules of the church. The Bishop made it clear that clergy would be suspended if they don't obey the rules.

- Restructuring of Sunday morning worship. A pilot program for a new service would include a 1 hr. Badarak after a 1 hr. Christian family session on Sunday mornings.

- Reform of liturgical rights.

### Youth.

Meaning of the liturgy to youth was discussed.

### Delegates Report.

Murad Gengozian reported on the Diocesan Assembly in Tenefly, NJ. 119 delegates were present with Martin Cholakian chairing the meeting with co-chair George Sarafian. Kai Kazarian served as a parliamentarian and Murad Gengozian served on the Courtesies Committee. In addition, Father Garabed and Kai Kazarian were elected to the nominating committee.

Proposals. Two proposals were addressed.

1. Proposal to allow Diocesan churches to participate with non-diocesan churches in commemoration of April 24th was defeated.
2. Proposal to require Primate to report on progress of the Unity committee on a quarterly basis was passed.

St. Mesrob has presented a proposal to the Diocesan Council to establish a Youth Ministry in Racine. Will be discussed later.

Budget -- Diocese in running at a deficit of \$365,000 for 1991 and a total deficit of \$928,000 for the past 3 years.

The ACEF reported \$14 million in restricted funds.

Since our Parish Council Chairman was unable to attend the Diocesan Assembly, delegate Murad Gengozian attended a special session for Council Chairpersons on fund-raising.

Due to the situation in Karabagh, the Saturday afternoon session was suspended to allow delegates and clergy to participate in a demonstration in front of the Russian Consulate in New York.

Kai Kazarian reported that the theme of the Assembly was the Youth in the Armenian church. A great deal of frustration was expressed at the lack of involvement in the church by Armenian youth. It was revealed that the Bishop has been working on a plan to work on this problem which includes the establishment of a Family Ministry Department at the Diocese. Details are to come.

The unity committee report was endorsed by the assembly which stated that no further meetings will be planned with the Prelacy Committee unless the Diocesan Committee can be assured that the Prelacy is prepared and willing to work toward a final By-laws for a re-unified Diocese.

Lauren Chalekian reported on the DRE convocation. This was the first annual superintendent's gathering.

Dr. Gloria Thomas addressed the group. Among other things she stated that Sunday School is the duty of the entire parish, it belongs to everyone, not just the teachers. She suggested that we learn to live with secularism and look for ways to utilize outside influences to our advantage. The use of video as an educational medium is one example of this.

Lack of parental participation in Sunday worship is a problem in many parishes. Lauren stated that St. Mesrob is already doing some of the things suggested at the convocation, such as involving a church deacon and taking field trips.

A group of mid-west superintendents will work on kicking off the new year with a program that will encourage more parental involvement.

### Youth Ministry.

Murad Gengozian informed the parish of the proposal to establish a youth ministry in the mid-west that would be housed at St. Mesrob. He was asking for parish approval for using church facilities for this purpose.

Elsie Garoukian pointed out the need for the youth director to be accountable to someone. Yeretzgin Roberta suggested that the youth director report to the MRC and work out of his or her own home.



Sam Akgulian moved that the proposal to establish a youth director for the mid-west who would report to the diocesan council and utilize facilities at St. Mesrob to the extent that this activity is not taxing on the parish priest and secretary, be accepted. Peter Kazarian seconded the motion. Approved.

5. Family Ministry was discussed in Watertown - Tom Gengozian was in attendance and will report to the Council.

An example of the changes in the ACYOA is the return to separate General Assembly and Sports Weekend Events.

6. Building.

Roof Leaks - - The projects committee has worked on the church roof and feels the problem has been solved. If the repair works it can save the cost of a new roof, which is \$40,000.

Parking Lot -- The dip in the parking lot will need to be attended to in the future. Est. Costs: \$1000-\$1600.

Block Wall -- Will need to be attended to.

Jack Kazarian pointed out that these building requirements will come up in the future and funding for repairs will be needed.

Secretary's Report.

The minutes were read by the Secretary. Murad Gengozian moved that the Secretary's report be accepted. Claire Kadamian seconded the motion. Approved.

Murad Gengozian moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dan Korakian seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Der Garabed led the assembly in the closing prayer.

Diocesan Delegates are as follows:

Fr. Garabed Kochakian

George Stevoff

Murad Gengozian

Kai Kazarian

Respectfully submitted,



Kai Kazarian,  
Parish Council Secretary

**PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT  
1991**

But sanctify the Lord Christ in your hearts;  
and be ready to give an answer in meekness  
and reverence to everyone who seeks from you  
a word concerning the hope of your faith.  
(I Peter 3:15)

Through these words from scripture, we are all summoned to be signs of hope to each other, sparking and igniting the flame of Christ in our hearts, to draw all those who are near to us closer to God and closer to understanding the identities and roles we play in his great design of our salvation.

As the Pastor of this faithful flock, known unto God as the Church of St. Mesrob, I have always placed before me, the image of Christ Our Lord as my hope which continually guides me in ministering to the spiritual needs of his faithful servants. Being your shepherd has been a gift from God and a blessing to me personally. The privilege of celebrating the Holy Eucharist and sharing the real presence of Christ Our Lord and the images of His Kingdom have become our common reward that gives us together but a foretaste of life in heaven.

With the conclusion of another year of life here in this parish, I enter into my tenth year as Parish Priest of the St. Mesrob Armenian Church of Racine and ponder upon the successes and failures of my work in your midst. It has been a rewarding decade in many respects, in which vast changes in the complexion of the community and the spirit of the congregation have occurred. I am now just beginning to see the passage of a generation of infants, whom I have baptized move on to a generation of children and young adults and in the same movement; the passage of the middle-aged to senior status, and yes, the passage of the elders unto the realm of eternity.

This is the life of this family of God; one of movement, going forward in the Glory of Christ. And, I thank God for the years wherein I have moved onward with you.

It is my hope that the Divine Energy of Christ and His Holy Spirit remain and even strengthen our journey together in the year to come, greeting every new challenge of faith with confidence and courage. We must, "together" improve the quality of our spiritual lives so that the fruits born from our efforts will not only please ourselves, but most importantly remain "God Pleasing".

It will not be easy; but then Christ said to us, "the world will persecute you", in other words, it will never be easy. In that persecution, our test of faith, compassion, hope and love, despite the struggles we encounter, will become that dominion and power in our lives on this earth that will open the gates of Heaven at the end of our journey here.

With the winds of change, that hover over the face of the earth, we too have been caught up in them this past year, globally, nationally and locally. 1991 ushered in an historic milestone in the life of the Armenian Church and people. In September of 1991, the independent Republic of Armenia emerged from the collapse of the Soviet Union. The Catholicate in Armenia was now able to preach the Gospel of Christ without fear or governmental interference. New seminaries have been opened and old ones renovated for the training of priests and the evangelization of the Christian message of Salvation in the motherland.

Our Diocese has responded to and continually assists Armenia in the recovery of the 1988 earthquake that devastated one third of the country. President Levon Der Bedrosian has stated that until the United States government officially acknowledges and establishes diplomatic relations with Armenia, the Diocese of The Armenian Church is the official representative of our people in this country. At the end of December, a shipment of foods worth 15 million dollars was shipped to Armenia by the U. S. Government. Gradually life in Armenia is moving ahead with the many rebuilding programs that continue, particularly the American project of rebuilding Stepanavan. Over half of the housing units have been completed and inhabited.

His Holiness Vasken I, has solidly established warm, cordial and secure relations with the new Armenian government. The prospects are bright for the future; spiritually, economically and sociologically; but only as bright as our continued help and support to Armenia continue from the diaspora.

With the agreement of H.H. Lord Vasken I, our Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos, and our Diocesan Primate, His Grace Bishop Khajag, a program of Christian Evangelism has begun, in which our diocesan clergymen will take part. Already, the Rev. Fr. Krikor Hairabedian has been in Armenia for several months to set up the office and plan the programs. Beginning this March and every month thereafter, two priests will spend one entire month in an Armenian village planting the seedlings of Faith and preaching the Gospel of "Good News" to the thousands, who thirst for it daily.

Locally, we at St. Mesrob have contributed in many ways to this "Renaissance of Faith and Renewal" in the motherland. By special arrangement with

Western Publishers and their former President, Mr. William Nahikian and a California business-man, Mr. Steven Lazarian, a shipment of 1300 Golden Book Bibles and Story Books was sent on the United Armenian Relief Plane to Kumayri(Leninakan) to the Lord Byron School. These Bibles will be used for both religious education and the instruction of the English language.

Also in response to an appeal for aid in clothing and food, by the Diocese, a shipment of approximately \$6,000.00 worth of new clothing was sent by arrangement with our own Sam Kaprelian and his former place of employment, The Jockey Factory. Sweaters and jogging suits were sent to clothe the needy. In addition, monetary collections were made through the mail, as well as in the church, in order to aid the many Armenians who are still displaced as a result of the 1988 earthquake and live in tents and temporary shelters.

Saint Mesrob Parishioners have, indeed, responded well to these appeals and we pray that the goodwill and charity of Christian giving continues.

But, charity begins at home as well. Giving to, for and in the parish, of oneself, is as equally as important as monetary gifts, donations and pledges. Time, talent, ingenuity, creativity and above all "leadership" to guide and assure the good works of all, is of paramount importance. Yes - Service to God, Service to the Church, Service to One's People goes hand in hand with faith, hope and love.

In these times, when there are multiple activities that dominate family life, such as education, self-improvement, leisure, rest, sporting events, etc., the church community has to continually struggle and even sometimes compete to win the appeal of her congregants. All Christian churches suffer this same malaise of attitude, complacency of initiative and lack of commitment from the flock. And, all shepherds and pastors experience similar frustrations, moments of despair and defeat, when attempting to build the Glory of God and the spiritual strength of Christ's Church in a sea and ocean of a seemingly infectious indifference. This continues to be our cross here in our community. We, as a church, are no exception from the effects of apathy and indifference, and this is why it is important to talk and speak of such realities that hamper and retard our efforts, rather than spurring and moving them forward as we hope. And, it is hope, my hope that you heed our words of concern. I pray that the Holy Spirit touch you, give you courage and charge you to come forward to serve the church, work with me, follow me and together with me come to that Glory which Our Saviour has waiting for us, Glory in the fruits borne from our work.

In retrospect to our works in the vineyard of the Lord, I share with you some of the highlights of the 1991 ministry here at St. Mesrob. But before enumerating the activities of my pastorate here at St. Mesrob, I wish, firstly, to thank all of you in our congregation, who have willingly worked with me, lessening the burdens placed upon my shoulders; transforming our anxieties to celebrations of gratitude and thanks to God for the blessings He has collectively bestowed upon us.

To - Our Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates,  
Altar Servers and Choir Members,  
Christian and Cultural Educators,  
Secretarial and Custodial Workers,  
Office Volunteers,  
Caretakers of Our Facilities,  
All Auxiliary Groups,

I offer my words of deepest gratitude and continued prayers for their Health and Spiritual Growth in the year ahead.

We begin our review of parish life with worship.

Each week on Sundays, as well as ferial days (when prescribed), we have celebrated the celebration of The Holy Badarak (Divine Liturgy). In addition, other offices of prayer have been offered in accordance with the liturgical calendar. Our unity, as a family, only becomes stronger when we gather at worship, are fed by the Lord's Precious Body and Blood and are inspired by the messages of Sacred Scripture. We can continue great deeds only when we come to the Lord and execute them in his All Holy Name. Without prayer, without Communion, without the Words of Eternal Life, there is no church.

We have offered the following Sacraments and Sacramental Services:

**Funerals - 4**

Tony Minasian  
Anna Keishian  
Richard Vartanian  
Archalous Vidian

**Weddings - 2**

Vartabedian - Kedierski  
Cherkinian - Hardesty



**Engagements - 1**

Cherkinian - Hardesty

**Baptisms & Chrismations - 8**

Nathaniel Schlabaugh  
Samuel Schlabaugh  
Mitchell Voss  
Alexis Karen Mikaelian  
Leah Nicole Buchaklian  
Michael Alan Sheridan  
Marge Korakian  
TinaMarie Dorn

Plus a Divine Liturgy in Greenfield on September 30, 1991, a Divine Liturgy in Minneapolis on April 20, 1991, weekly Vigil Services during Great Lent and many Home Blessings throughout the year.

**Pastoral Visitations**

We continue to reach out to the faithful members of our congregation, who are infirm and unable to attend worship or activities at our church. For them we offer our prayers, administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion as they request it and extend our moral and spiritual support, guidance and charity to them, each to their own needs.

We continue to assist our sister-parishes in the Wisconsin area, who do not have full-time pastors, by responding to their sacramental needs, as our schedule allows. This intracommunal collaboration has been regulated by our Diocesan Primate. It is our fervant prayer that soon these communities will have their own pastors.

**Educational**

Our efforts to teach the gospel message to all levels and ages in our parish is one of our primary focuses. It is only with knowledge and understanding that we can begin to practice the mysteries that God has deigned for us.

We are extremely fortunate to have a well organized Sunday Church School with dedicated leadership and a concerned staff of teachers, who have themselves received professional training at the Mardigian Institute Seminars

offered every year at our Diocese. We are greatly encouraged also by the increase of parental participation in all our programs for the children of our church.

The Diocesan Curriculum is the official text and material used to instruct the young about the Orthodox Faith and its unique Armenian expression. The parish is indebted to these volunteers, who offer their many talents for the spiritual edification of the young church. This past fall we embarked on a **New Family Worship** experience once a month and have been encouraged that more and more families are sharing the Eucharist of Our Lord together with their children.

Bi-monthly we continue our Bible Study sessions. Our lively and sometimes overly loquacious dialogues reveal much of the knowledge about our church tradition, customs and piety that has been hidden from us because it was never properly discussed. Bible Study is perhaps one of the best educational encounters our parish offers. All are welcome to attend and join in this search for faith and understanding in the Orthodox Tradition.

### **St. Nersess Conferences**

This year, as part of our ministry to our youth, we sponsored five youth, who attended the St. Nersess Summer Conference at the Seminary in New Rochelle, New York. They were indeed shining examples of well-mannered, educated and spirited adolescents, who represented our parish from the Mid-West. All of them are actively involved in our ACYOA Jr. group or serving at the Holy Altar on Sundays. Their parents are, likewise, to be commended for nurturing these young people in **The Armenian Christian Tradition**.

This year, through the good-will of Helen and Edward Mardigian of Detroit, a special Armenian Studies Program was offered at our Diocese during the semester college break. Three young girls, who are enrolled beyond the freshman year in college or university were accepted into this one week program of intensified Armenian Education.

Finally, a note on re-organization. Through the help of our Parish Council and older youths, the ACYOA Srs. was reorganized with hopes that new activity of diversified interest will grow from this group, as they become responsible young adults in our parish.

### **Special Events**

On April 21, 1991, our annual Madagh Dinner was held in our church hall. A special program and speaker was organized, in remembrance of the

occasion. Following the Special Requiem Liturgy for the victims of the 1915 Genocide, a love-meal and blessing of madagh took place in the church hall with the participation of the deacons and altar-servers.

Speaker of the day was Ms. Claire Mangasarian of Madison, who recently published her grandfather's biography. She spoke of the need to document history in the light of the Genocide of 1915 and record events, as relayed by the seniors of our community, so that this painful but important part of our history does not become forgotten.

### **Primate's Visit**

The weekend of May 25th and 26th was a memorable one in the life of our parish. Our Primate, His Grace Bishop Khajag made his first Pastoral Visit to Racine since his election to office.

On that weekend, he presided at worship on Saturday evening and ordained to the Order of Sub-deacon, Daniel Eghia Korakian. At the banquet that followed in our church hall, he presented The Saint Mesrob Mashdotz Award to Mikael Garoukian for years of dedicated service to our beloved parish. Also His Grace gave the Diocesan St. Vartan Award to George Stevoff for his exemplary work, not only in our parish, but on the Diocesan level. Presently George serves on the Diocesan Council.

Finally, on Sunday morning, His Grace celebrated The Divine Liturgy and award diplomas to four of our young adults, who graduated from Sunday School. He addressed the entire church school and parents encouraging them to serve God and our church and remain ever-faithful to the call of Christ.

### **Worship**

We were blessed this past year to have had other Armenian clergy visit St. Mesrob and celebrate for us, the Holy Eucharist and speak at our church:

In the Spring of 1991, the Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue of Southeastern Wisconsin presented a program at St. Mesrob. The evening began with Vespers in the Armenian Orthodox tradition. Participating were: Fr. Steven Sarafian, Fr. Thomas Hughson, Fr. Alexander Golitzin and Rev. Fr. Paul Frachette. A program on Orthodox-Catholic relations was presented following worship.

In May, Our Diocesan Primate, His Grace Bishop Khajag Barsamian visited our parish, ordained Daniel Korakian as Sub-deacon and celebrated the Soorp Badarak.

In August, Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian, a former pastor of St. Mesrob, presently pastor of St. James Armenian Church of Watertown, celebrated the Holy Liturgy on The Feast of the Assumption of The Mother-of-God, The Ever Virgin Mary.

In December, Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian, the Director of The Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry celebrated the Divine Liturgy.

### **Ecumenical Programs**

We are thankful that our community actively responds to the North Side Food Pantry, housed at Trinity Methodist Church, by continually supplying foods for the poor and needy. This is an Ecumenical Collaboration of the Northside Parishes.

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we joined the Faith Methodist Church and the Trinity Methodist Church for a special prayer service to thank God for our blessings on this occasion of Thanksgiving. We offered the homily that evening in the Trinity Sanctuary. It was encouraging to see many of our parishioners join the other two congregations for this service.

We continue to take part in ecumenical dialogues with clergy from other churches. We have lectured in various non-Armenian parishes about our church and continue to represent our Diocese nationally on the Board of Governors of the National Council of Churches of Christ and the Oriental Orthodox-Roman Catholic Dialogue Bilateral.

### **IN CONCLUSION**

These are but some of the host of activities we have enjoyed in 1991. We thank God Our Father for the opportunity to glorify His Name through these works of the Spirit.

And now, 1992 has begun. What will happen this year? Will we do as well, or will we weaken? It all depends upon our willingness to serve, give time, give talent and the creativity needed to move us onward. **Christ has called you all to follow Him and his shining light.** Without Service, the Light weakens and Hope is lost.

Through your contined service to your church, **YOU** will provide the answers to those great mysteries and with Divine Blessing, as God-pleasing servants, **YOU** will keep alive that flame of faith, ignited by Christ in 301 A.D. in the land 'Armenia' and passed down to us today from the Hand of Our Illustrious Sainted Gregory, the Enlightener.

There are many struggles still ahead of us; the fears and anxieties of survival; yet through our collective efforts and work for our community of St. Mesrob, we all, in some measure can become the sparks that keep the flame of faith alive by aspiring to be God-pleasing servants and builders of hope for the future.

I continue to pray for openness, honesty and mutual respect between us. As your Parish Priest, I hope that whatever your physical and spiritual ills are, you yourselves share them with me directly, so that justly we together, through prayer and love, can witness the healing power of God to whatever wounds you bear. May the love of Christ Our Saviour be with you all and I pray that your future as a parish in the year ahead, be bright, productive and fruit-ful and that the future clergy of our church, who shepherd and guide you, will do so with the Grace of The Holy Spirit.

With prayers,



Fr. Garabed Kochakian  
Parish Pastor and Priest



## PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 1991

The year that has just passed is another link shaped with nearly 1700 others in the Christian life of the Armenian Church, So how have we forged this link: by reception of Bishop Khajag Barsamian and having ordained Dan Korakian as sub-deacon, by encouraging the young adults of the church to reform the ACYOA, by working hard to put a little monies aside for posterity, by establishing a new chair arrangement for the annual festival, by generous donations in various ways to our fellow Christians in the new Armenian Republic, by the spirit of volunteerism, by continued administration of the sacraments, and good Christian benevolence. May it be God's will that he instill in all of us the vigor to continue to prosper especially when a new challenge faces us.

Over the years many problems arise and with the help of Biblical optimism they are all solved. However, let me present one problem which might be typical of the new era that our church's physical facilities are in - the roof of the sanctuary. It typifies the need for large expenditures for the maintenance of our building. Some of the other expenses might be repairs to the block walls of our annex, repairing the parking lot, a gravel roof here, and some rugs there. The point is that in 5 years we will be spending much more on building maintenance than we are now, and the question arises, how shall we pay for it? Discuss amongst yourselves in a Christian manner what some of the financing methods might be, whether they be fund raisers, permanent trust, or some compromise in between. We need agreement amongst ourselves that looks forward to the future.

As regards the break-in this past summer, the theft of electronic items and vandalism to doors and such totaled around \$3600. The sanctuary was not touched. Because we have adequate insurance and the volunteer spirit, we were protected from any loss.

In closing, I can not name you all, all of you who are filled with the sprit of contribution who by effort and volunteerism keep our church facilities up and who provide service of one form or another to members of our community. Be amply rewarded by having assisted with the forging of another link. God bless you all.



Jack Kazarian  
Parish Council Chairman

Parish Council President - Fr. Garabed Kochakian  
Parish Council Chairman - Jack Kazarian  
Parish Council Vice-Chairman - George Sahagian  
Parish Council Secretary - Kai Kazarian  
Parish Council Treasurer - Hourig Tcheurekdjian  
Parish Council Advisor - Myron Chordegian  
Parish Council Advisor - Sam Garabedian  
Parish Council Advisor - Murad Gengozian

ST MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

	ACTUAL 1990	ACTUAL 1991	BUDGET 1991	OVER (UNDER)	%	BUDGET 1992
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
MEMBERSHIP DUES						
FUTURE YEARS	\$800.00	\$780.00	\$1,000.00			\$800.00
CURRENT YEAR	\$15,200.00	\$19,975.00	\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00
PRIOR YEARS	<u>\$1,825.00</u>	<u>\$900.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>			<u>\$1,200.00</u>
	\$17,825.00	\$21,655.00	\$22,000.00	(\$345.00)	-2%	\$22,000.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$23,090.05	\$24,901.50	\$25,000.00	(\$98.50)	0%	\$25,000.00
PLATE COLLECTIONS	\$3,600.40	\$3,587.83	\$3,700.00	(\$112.17)	-3%	\$3,600.00
DONATIONS						
CHRISTMAS	\$432.00	\$2,123.00				\$1,500.00
EASTER	\$981.00	\$1,004.67				\$1,100.00
REQUIEM	\$340.00	\$785.00				\$700.00
IN LIEU OF FLOWERS	\$3,637.00	\$6,766.00				\$4,000.00
CANDLES	\$132.00	\$130.00				\$150.00
DESIGNATED GIFTS	\$1,025.00	\$3,839.40				\$1,000.00
GRAPE/WATER BLESSING	\$292.58	\$51.00				\$150.00
OTHER	<u>\$252.00</u>	<u>\$1,043.83</u>				<u>\$500.00</u>
	\$7,091.56	\$15,742.90	\$7,500.00	\$6,242.90	110%	\$9,100.00
② SPECIAL COLLECTIONS						\$0.00
BIBLES FOR ARMENIA		\$500.00				
	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>
SACRAMENTS/CEREMONIES	\$325.00	\$2,560.00	\$600.00	\$1,960.00	327%	\$500.00
AFFAIRS( NET)						
FESTIVAL	\$22,031.49	\$25,305.21	\$24,000.00			\$20,000.00
MADAGH	\$533.46	\$574.92	\$1,000.00			\$700.00
KATAH	\$1,161.00	\$1,451.93	\$1,200.00			\$0.00
DINNERS	<u>\$1,094.65</u>		<u>\$2,500.00</u>			<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	\$24,820.60	\$27,332.06	\$28,700.00	(\$1,367.94)	-5%	\$26,700.00
RENTALS						
CHURCH HALL	\$1,160.00	\$575.00	\$1,000.00			\$600.00
PARISH HOME	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>			<u>\$7,500.00</u>
	\$8,660.00	\$8,075.00	\$8,500.00	(\$425.00)	-5%	\$8,100.00
OTHER RECEIPTS						
NOW ACCT INTEREST	\$409.30	\$150.12	\$450.00			\$0.00
BOOK SALES	\$6,694.46	\$1,351.64	\$2,600.00			\$1,100.00
CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS	\$3,949.92	\$2,719.79	\$4,000.00			\$8,300.00
CLERGY SERVICES	\$675.00	\$200.00				\$300.00
GIFTS, ESTATES	\$0.00					\$0.00
BURNISH MACHINE	\$1,162.50					
CHERKINIAN ENDOW	\$2,539.05					
⑥ INSURANCE REIMB	\$1,378.99					\$3,600.00
ARMENIAN MUSICAL	\$670.95					
ESCRW PARISH HOME	\$234.14					
MISCELLANEOUS		<u>\$153.00</u>				
	\$17,714.31	\$4,574.55	\$7,050.00	(\$2,475.45)	-35%	\$13,300.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$103,126.94	\$108,928.84	\$103,050.00	\$5,878.84	6%	\$103,300.00

ST MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

	ACTUAL <u>1990</u>	ACTUAL <u>1991</u>	BUDGET <u>1991</u>	OVER <u>(UNDER)</u>	<u>%</u>	BUDGET <u>1992</u>
<b><u>DISBURSEMENTS</u></b>						
STIPENDS & SALARY OF RESIDENT CLERGY						
STIPEND	\$25,700.00	\$27,300.00	\$27,000.00			\$29,007.00
HOUSING/UTILITIES	\$7,020.00	\$7,020.00	\$7,020.00			\$9,660.00
MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$3,032.70	\$3,747.00	\$3,400.00			\$3,600.00
IRA	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
④ UTILITIES	<u>\$1,904.08</u>	<u>\$2,187.71</u>	<u>\$2,400.00</u>			<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$38,656.78	\$41,254.71	\$40,820.00	\$434.71	1%	\$43,267.00
VISITING CLERGY						
		\$425.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6%	\$450.00
CUSTODIAN/SECURITY	\$2,080.00	\$2,182.37	\$2,200.00	(\$17.63)	-1%	\$2,400.00
CLERICAL	\$2,709.50	\$3,048.70	\$3,000.00	\$48.70	2%	\$3,000.00
BOOKKEEPER		<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>		0%	<u>\$500.00</u>
	<u>\$4,789.50</u>	<u>\$6,156.07</u>	<u>\$6,100.00</u>	\$56.07	1%	\$6,350.00
DIOCESAN DUES						
	\$17,510.00	\$18,470.00	\$18,500.00	(\$30.00)	0%	\$19,500.00
DIOCESE YOUTH MINISTRY						
		\$998.00	\$0.00			\$1,000.00
ETCHMIADZIN LOOMA						
			\$250.00	(\$250.00)	-100%	
ORGANIZATIONS						
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$61.14	\$198.00	\$200.00	(\$2.00)	-1%	\$150.00
HERITAGE COMMITTEE	\$644.43		\$200.00	(\$200.00)	-100%	\$150.00
CHOIR			\$200.00	(\$200.00)	-100%	\$150.00
ACYOA JUNIORS			\$200.00	(\$200.00)	-100%	\$150.00
ACYOA SENIORS		\$288.00	\$200.00	\$88.00	44%	\$150.00
SOFTBALL TEAM	\$252.15	\$203.45	\$250.00	(\$46.55)	-19%	\$225.00
WOMEN'S GUILD			<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>
	<u>\$957.72</u>	<u>\$689.45</u>	<u>\$1,250.00</u>	(\$560.55)	-45%	\$975.00
UTILITIES						
GAS	\$3,549.81	\$4,036.47	\$4,000.00	\$36.47	1%	\$4,100.00
ELECTRIC	\$3,272.92	\$3,227.49	\$3,500.00	(\$272.51)	-8%	\$3,250.00
WATER & SEWER	<u>\$310.40</u>	<u>\$345.46</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>	(\$54.54)	-14%	<u>\$350.00</u>
	\$7,133.13	\$7,609.42	\$7,900.00	(\$290.58)	-4%	\$7,700.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES						
TELEPHONE	\$920.12	\$891.34	\$1,200.00	(\$308.66)	-26%	\$900.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,534.09	\$1,438.47	\$1,500.00	(\$61.53)	-4%	\$1,500.00
COPIER	\$3,316.00	\$3,955.37	\$3,600.00	\$355.37	10%	\$4,000.00
CHURCH SUPPLIES	\$3,220.01	\$2,163.81	\$2,500.00	(\$336.19)	-13%	\$230.00
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	\$548.33	\$840.32	\$800.00	\$40.32	5%	\$900.00
POSTAGE	\$1,064.79	\$1,197.55	\$1,380.00	(\$182.45)	-13%	\$1,200.00
PRINTING	\$78.40		\$100.00	(\$100.00)	-100%	
CHURCH INSURANCE	\$3,377.10	\$3,466.00	\$3,600.00	(\$134.00)	-4%	\$3,600.00
PARISH AUTO	\$1,229.92	\$1,569.81	\$1,500.00	\$69.81	5%	\$1,300.00
COMPUTER	\$3,655.40	\$453.95	\$500.00	(\$46.05)	-9%	\$153.00
OTHER	<u>\$162.14</u>	<u>\$98.50</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	(\$201.50)	-67%	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$19,106.30	\$16,075.12	\$16,980.00	(\$904.88)	-5%	\$13,883.00

ST MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

	ACTUAL <u>1990</u>	ACTUAL <u>1991</u>	BUDGET <u>1991</u>	OVER (UNDER)	%	BUDGET <u>1992</u>
<b>BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</b>						
⑤ BUILDING EXTERIOR	\$625.22	\$992.13	\$800.00	\$192.13	24%	\$2,800.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$1,607.50	\$205.46		\$205.46		\$300.00
BUILDING INTERIOR	\$808.63	\$312.61	\$700.00	(\$387.39)	-55%	\$1,200.00
BUILDING SUPPLIES	\$170.39	\$164.93	\$700.00	(\$535.07)	-76%	\$200.00
RUBBISH PICKUP	\$490.94	\$618.30	\$600.00	\$18.30	3%	\$675.00
SNOW PLOWING	\$645.00	\$340.00	\$1,000.00	(\$854.91)	-85%	\$500.00
GROUNDS KEEPING	<u>\$321.02</u>	<u>\$145.09</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>(\$154.91)</u>	-52%	<u>\$200.00</u>
	\$4,668.70	\$2,778.52	\$4,100.00	(\$1,321.48)	-32%	\$5,875.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>						
PARISH HOUSE	\$2,074.19	\$2,207.78	\$2,200.00	\$7.78	0%	\$2,300.00
BOOKS	\$354.86		\$350.00	(\$350.00)	-100%	
DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY	\$1,204.68	\$1,168.76	\$2,400.00	(\$1,231.24)	-51%	\$1,600.00
ST. NERSES CONFERENCE	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	(\$200.00)	-40%	\$300.00
CHOIR ASSEMBLY	\$546.58	\$174.18	\$600.00	(\$425.82)	-71%	\$250.00
DESIGNATED GIFTS		\$3,175.80				
OTHER/DESIGNATED GIFTS	<u>\$472.06</u>	<u>\$73.40</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>(\$426.60)</u>	-85%	<u>\$300.00</u>
	\$4,652.37	\$7,099.92	\$6,550.00	\$549.92	8%	\$4,750.00
① TRANS TO PERM-TRUST	\$5,652.44	\$7,797.63	\$0.00	\$7,797.63		\$0
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<u>\$103,126.94</u>	<u>\$108,928.84</u>	<u>\$102,450.00</u>	<u>\$6,478.84</u>	6%	<u>\$103,300.00</u>

ACTUAL NOTES

- 1 \$5297.63 to perm trust and \$2500 additional amount retained for 1992 year  
\$5000 received from womens guild received in January not recorded.
- 2 Special Collections: \$364 St. Nerses; Kurdish relief \$271; Childrens Bibles \$500; Bibles for Armenia \$500;  
Armenia Food Relief \$415.

BUDGET NOTES

- 3 \$1025 was received from Permanent Trust for deacon's robes. This amount was carried over from the  
donations received in 1991.
- 4 Beginning with the 1992 budget clergy utilities will be a part of the housing and utilities allowance which  
will be \$805 per month.
- 5 This includes \$2500 for repairs to the northern roof of the sanctuary.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- 6 Theft, damage, and time lost from the breakin totaled approximatley \$3600, to be paid by Heritage Insurance  
anticipated in January 1992.
- 7 There was \$413.26 in unpaid bills relating to 1991 expenses as of December31, 1991.
- 8 Check book balance as of Dec.31st, 1991 is \$12,797.63. Starting with close of 1991 \$7500 will be retained by the  
general treasury for start of the new year.



**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
**PERMANENT TRUST STATEMENT OF CONDITION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991.**

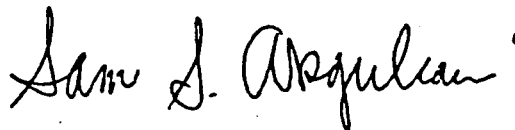
Since our report of a year ago, we've seen a reversal in the economy. This down-trend has hampered our growth, due to lower interest rates. Even though we continue to grow, our capital increases were not as aggressive as in prior years. They were, however, good enough to keep pace with the inflationary spiral. In 1990, our combined total assets from all sources were \$290,256. The 1991 report shows a total of \$315,101 which is a moderate increase of 8%. Let us remember that only \$258,578 is accessible to St. Mesrob Permanent Trust Fund, because approximately \$56,523 is classified as "Restricted Funds". These funds, known as **The Ardis and Ann Cherkinian Armenian Cultural Endowment Fund and The Sahag Akgulian Memorial Fund**, plus other church organizations which are carried as separate accounts.

One area which was encouraging was our stock holdings in the market place. In a business climate characterized by uncertain economic conditions, the stockmarket reached an all time high. Our stock holdings increased by 14% over 1990, and had an average dividend yield of 5%. From a base of \$17,447 in 1985, we now have a book value of \$34,828, which is a 100% gain. This combined with an average dividend yield of 5% over this 6 year period has turned into a very profitable investment. Because the church is tax exempt from dividends, a study may be in order to increase our stock holdings, and diversify into other areas. This look into other avenues of investment could enhance our total financial position. Some thought should also be given to obtaining expert financial counselling on future investments.

Due to wear and tear on our complex over the past 18 years, we are now seeing signs of deterioration. Some major capital expenditures could be forth-coming over the near term. It may be necessary to keep shorter C. D. notes or a higher cash reserve in the event corrective action repairs become a necessity.

Finally, we must prepare ourselves to react rapidly to changes to create profitable growth. We must identify and find new investment opportunities, outside of traditional methods. Therefore, we must focus on our goals, so that what we're doing is really in the best interest of St. Mesrob Church.

Respectfully,



**Sam. S. Akgulian,**  
**Mary Akgulian & Mikael Garoukian**  
**St. Mesrob Church Permanent Trust Committee**

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
PERMANENT TRUST STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991**

<b>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1990:</b>		<b>\$290,256.51</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	- Interest	\$15,766.47
	Dividends	\$1,602.95
	Unrealized Gain in Market Value of Stocks	\$4,362.33
	Additions (other than income)	\$5,312.63
	Deductions	(\$2,199.89)
 <b>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1991:</b>		 <b><u>\$315,101.00</u></b>
 <b>ADDITIONS:</b>		
	Reversal of bank service charges	\$15.00
	Parish Treasury	\$5,297.63
		<u>\$5,312.63</u>
 <b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>		
	Bank service charge	\$5.00
	Safe deposit box rent	\$20.00
	St. Nerses Students (Sahag Akgullian Memorial Fund)	\$200.00
	Parish Cultural (Ardis Cherkinian Family Cultural Fund)	\$535.00
	Parish Treasury for Deacons' Robes	\$1,042.35
	CD Interest paid directly to Sunday School Treasury	\$397.54
		<u>\$2,199.89</u>
 <b>ASSET COMPOSITION:</b>		
<b>STOCKS:</b>		
	AT&T (INCLUDES \$209.19 OF DIV. REINVESTED)	\$6,266.65
	WISCONSIN ENERGY	\$15,543.00
	AMERITECH	\$1,905.00
	BELL SOUTH	\$2,328.75
	BELL ATLANTIC	\$1,930.00
	SOUTHWEST BELL	\$1,938.75
	US WEST	\$1,515.00
	NYNEX	\$1,615.00
	PACIFIC TELESIS	\$1,785.00
	<b>TOTAL STOCK VALUATION:</b>	<b>\$34,827.15</b>
	<b>PASSBOOK SAVINGS:</b>	<b>\$2,511.28</b>
	<b>CASH NOT DEPOSITED (FROM PARISH COUNCIL):</b>	<b>\$5,297.63</b>
	<b>CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:</b>	
	Heritage Bank	\$97,705.42
	North Shore Bank	\$53,265.85
	Bank of Elmwood	\$28,705.01
	Republic Capital Bank	\$36,264.52
	<b>TOTAL CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:</b>	<b>\$215,940.80</b>
	<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS:</b>	
	Sahag Akgullian Memorial Fund	\$3,334.96
	Ardis Cherkinian Family Cultural Fund	\$44,121.47
	<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$47,456.43</b>
	<b>INTRUST ON BEHALF OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:</b>	
	Sunday School	\$6,204.84
	Choir	\$2,862.87
	<b>TOTAL INTRUST ON BEHALF OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:</b>	<b>\$9,067.71</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b><u>\$315,101.00</u></b>

TREASURER:

Mary A. Akgullian

DATE: 1-26-92

**ST. MESROB CHURCH CHOIR**  
**1991 REPORT**

The St. Mesrob Church Choir was organized in 1925 to provide vocal response on behalf of the congregation and to sing church hymns to the glory of the Lord.

In 1991 we had 20 active members, including our Executive Board. Our officers were:

**President**  
**Chairman**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**  
**Organist**  
**Assistant Organist**  
**Assistant Organist**  
**Director**  
**Assistant Director**

**Fr. Garabed Kochakian**  
**Patricia McConnell**  
**Natalie Schlabaugh**  
**Karen Kunesh**  
**Janet Cherkinian**  
**Margaret Dadian**  
**John Tabet**  
**Lisa Akgulian**  
**Carol Miller**

On Easter Sunday, April 2nd, the collection during Badarak was taken for the Choir. The funds were used basically to contribute to the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America, so that they may continue to perpetuate work on the Divine Liturgy. This was a parish event at St. Mesrob only.

November 1st through the 4th found Patricia McConnell, John Tabet, Natalie Schlabaugh and Roberta Kochakian with Der Hayr attending the Annual AACCA Convention in Cleveland, OH.

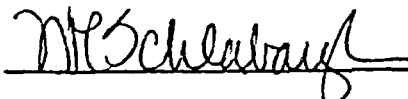
Some of the activities planned for 1992 include a Madrigal Dinner in May and a Fall Fundraiser.

Our Choir received Honorable Mention and a Gomidas Award at the Annual AACCA Convention in Cleveland, OH on November 3rd. We were understandably proud of these awards.

We gave a donation of \$150.00 to AACCA in 1991 and also a \$25.00 donation to St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church.

We received \$20.00 from the Margosian Memorial, \$180.00 from a wedding (name unknown), \$322.50 from the St. Mesrob Parish Easter collection, \$100.00 from the Anna Keishian Memorial and \$2,500.00 from Patricia McConnell for new music books.

Respectfully,



**Natalie Schlabaugh,**  
**Secretary**

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991

ORGANIZATION Choir

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1990	\$	647.15
INCOME RECEIVED		3,605.50
DISBURSEMENTS PAID		1,205.98
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL		0.00
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1991	\$	3,046.67
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FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
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DONATIONS RECEIVED:

\$3,605.50

DONATIONS GIVEN:

AACCA - choir plate collection 1990	\$	150.00
AACCA - choir plate collection 1991		150.00
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church		25.00

ASSETS:

Cash            \$3,046.67

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12/31/91):

Purchase of Cert. of Deposit to be held until upcoming sacred music books are published	\$2,500.00
Due parish council	46.67

PREPARED BY Karen M. Kuresh Date Jan. 26, 1992

**ST. MESROB WOMEN'S GUILD**  
**1991 REPORT**

The St. Mesrob Women's Guild was organized in 1926 to keep alive the Christian faith among its members, attend church regularly and encourage members to learn to live in conformity to the doctrines and traditions of the Church. They assist the Pastor, cooperate with the Parish Council and extend moral and material help to the Church.

In 1991 we had 49 active members, including our Executive Board. Our officers were as follows:

<b>President</b>	<b>Fr. Garabed Kochakian</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Mary Stevoff</b>
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Tarquin Andekian</b>
<b>Corresponding Sec.</b>	<b>Mary H. Akgulian</b>
<b>Recording Sec.</b>	<b>Claire Kadamian</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Hourig Tcheurekdjian/Byds Musurlian</b>
<b>Ass't. Treas.</b>	<b>Mary Katerdjian</b>
<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Seta Andekian</b>
<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Mary Hagopian</b>
<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Martha Kargenian</b>
<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Alice Vartanian</b>

During the year, we held 11 monthly membership meetings, plus many more where we were in smaller groups: working for Armenian Fest '91, Hot Meals Program, Mid-Lenten Dinner and the Armenian Christmas Fair.

Our 1991 activities included:

**Sunday, March 3, 1991 - Mid - Lenten Dinner.** Mary Katerdjian chaired the event with Martha Kargenian. Mary H. Akgulian and Seta Andekian assisted. Nearly 100 attended the delicious meal and stayed for fellowship after the meal.

**Saturday, March 16, 1991 - Women's Saints Day.** St. George's Church in Waukegan, IL hosted this affair. The theme was, "Women's Call for Peace and Safety to Our Armed Forces". There was a church service, followed by the luncheon and program. Mary Kaprellian made the arrangements to secure a bus for that day.

**Thursday, March 21, 1991 - Fish Fry Supper/Meeting.** We all enjoyed a second-time around supper and then had our regular meeting. Gave everyone a chance to visit and share camaraderie.

**Sunday, March 31, 1991 - Easter Sunday Fellowship.** Following The Divine Liturgy, parishioners came into the Church Hall for the annual Easter Fellowship. We served chereg and Easter eggs, along with the coffee and punch. People seem to enjoy this particular fellowship.

**Wednesday, April 10, 1991 - Southeastern Wisconsin Orthodox/Catholic Dialogue.** Following the worship service and program, we served a fellowship in the Church Hall. This was a very special occasion for all who came.

**Sunday, April 21, 1991 - Annual Requiem & Madagh Dinner.** Sue Vidian and Mary Stevoff chaired the kichen committee. Members helped to prepare, serve and clean-up for the affair.

**Saturday, November 23, 1991 - Armenian Christmas Fair.** This undertaking was co-chaired by Yerezgin Roberta Kochakian and Natalie Schlabaugh. This was a wonderful, profitable event. Doors opened at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m. The crowds of people attending were all we could handle sometimes. Everyone seemed to have good comments to make during and after the event. Members and non-members who participated did a great job. We hope to make this an annual event.

**Sunday, November 24, 1991 - Tri-Parish Special Thanksgiving Service.** Trinity Methodist Church on Erie Street hosted along with Faith Methodist and our parish a unique service. Those parishioners who attended were filled with the true spirit of Thanksgiving. We sent chereg for the fellowship which followed the service.

**Sunday, December 8, 1991 - Christmas Party.** This event was chaired by Catherine Mikaellian and Seta Andekian. It was held at "The Docks", which was festively decorated. The food was good, but the fellowship was wonderful.

1991 found us supporting the same young boy at St. Tarkmanschatz Secondary School in Jerusalem, who we have supported for a number of years. He is now in 7th grade.

We served two meals in the Hot Meals Program at First Baptist Church. One, March 11th and the other, October 14th. Mary Kaprelian and Mary Stevoff chaired these projects. ACYOA Jrs. helped in serving the meals, as did many members and spouses. This is a great project to work on.

The Guild sponsored a Fellowship after church, February 24th. We served at three funerals this year. Pat Paragamian and Martha Kargenian efficiently take care of this responsibility, along with many members of Guild. Cards were sent by Byds Musurlian, Sunshine Committee Chairman, who was replaced by Mary Cherkinian, to church members and friends for special occasions: Wedding, Engagement, Get-Well, Sympathy, Congratulations, etc.

Good Samaritans and the Nursing Home Visitation Group made visits in 1991. Hopefully in 1992 we'll get around more. There is a need for home and nursing home visits to our older members.

We have sent representatives to Church Women United. We participated in World Day of Prayer on March 1st, the annual May Fellowship and World Community Day on November 1st. Mary Tewagian and Mary Akgulian try to attend this ecumenical group.

The Parish Christmas Card project met success again this year. Parishioners seem pleased to have this card go out to all church members. We appreciate your support of this project.

**Eva Kaprelian** took care of Altar Flowers, until joining the Sunday School Staff. Thanks for a job well done. She was capably replaced by **Margaret Kirkorian**. Thank you for stepping in, **Margaret**.

We gave \$300.00 for stoves and fuel to the Armenian Relief Fund.

We need help in our group. Many are unable to assume responsibility because of age, though they do their share. (The mind is willing, but the body is weak). Please join us so we can use your particular talents with a project that needs assistance. Each member helps. Thank you again for helping with Armenian Christmas Fair. Your expertise and assistance made it the success that it was.

Respectfully,

*Claire Kadamian*

**Claire Kadamian,  
Secretary**

WOMEN'S GUILD FINANCIAL REPORT FROM JANUARY 1, 1991 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1991

Check Book Balance as of January 1, 1991 . . . . . 500.00

Income:

Altar Flowers	480.00
Easter Altar Flowers	256.00
Christmas Altar Flowers	265.50
Dues	188.00
Katah Sales	1,262.00
Mid-Lenten Dinner	639.00
Hot Meal Program Donation	10.00
Women's Saint Day Trip (Bus)	170.00
Mahs Donation	25.00
Funerals (4)	1,798.22
Armenian Christmas Fair	5,409.97
Christmas Card Donations	680.00
Christmas Party	576.01
Miscellaneous Income	84.34

Total Income . . . . . 11,844.04

Disbursements:

12,344.04

Altar Flowers	722.65
Katah Expenses	243.39
Funerals (4)	1,224.21
Mid-Lenten Dinner	226.48
Easter Fellowship	46.82
Ecumenical Fellowship	114.93
Hot Meal Program (2)	207.07
Armenian Christmas Fair	1,846.74
Mahs Expense	12.88
Christmas Party	576.01
Christmas Card Expenses	254.00
Postage, Supplies	39.87
Bus Trip: Women's Saint Day	165.00
Diocese - Emergency Fund (Home Heaters)	300.00
Paper Plates/Supplies for Kitchen	387.60
Guild Central Council (Dues)	39.00
T. Tarkmanchatz Secondary School	100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	326.57

Total Disbursements . . . . . 6,833.22

5,510.82

Excess Treasury Funds in the amount of \$5,010.82, Check No.1864 given to Parish Council 5,010.82

Check Book Balance as of December 31, 1991 . . . . . 500.00

Note: Couch to be purchased from money given to Parish Council.

*Virginia Musurlian*  
Virginia Musurlian,  
Treasurer



ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991

ORGANIZATION Women's Guild

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1990	\$	500.00
INCOME RECEIVED		11,844.04
DISBURSEMENTS PAID		6,833.22
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL		5,010.82
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1991	\$	500.00
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FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
Mid-Lenten Dinner	\$ 412.52
Katah Sale	1,018.61
Armenian Christmas Fair	3,563.23
Christmas Card	426.00

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

DONATIONS GIVEN:

Diocese of the Armenian Church - Emergency Relief (Home Heaters)	\$	300.00
T. Tarkmanchatz Secondary School		100.00

ASSETS:

Cash \$500.00

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12/31/91):

PREPARED BY Virginia Mesrobian Date 1/26/92

**ST. MESROB SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**1990-1991 REPORT**

In accordance with the new Fiscal/Operational Year of August 1st - July 31st, this report of St. Mesrob Sunday School is for our September 1990 - May 1991 school year.

St. Mesrob Sunday School opened on Sunday, September 9, 1990. Registration brought us to an enrollment of 50 students. Teachers and staff numbered 14 and our Parish Council Liaison was **Sam Kaprelian**. The present listing of teachers, staff and students is listed below:

<b>President</b>	<b>Fr. Garabed Kochakian</b>
<b>Co-Ordinator/Supt.</b>	<b>Lauren Chalekian</b>
<b>Secretary/Teacher</b>	<b>Sue Nersesian - Level 1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Sue Esayian</b>
<b>Librarian/Records</b>	<b>Carol Gengozian</b>
<b>Sub-deacon</b>	<b>George Kadamian</b>

**Teachers**

<b>Alice Hazarian - Preschool</b>	<b>Lucene Tcheurekdjian - Preschool</b>
<b>Eva Kaprelian - Kindergarten</b>	<b>Christine Hardy - Level 3 &amp; 4</b>
<b>Marge Korakian - Level 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>Elsie Garoukian - Level 7</b>
<b>Claire Kadamian - Level 8 &amp; 9</b>	<b>Pam Kazarian - Level 10 &amp; 11</b>
<b>Edward Antaramian - Level 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>Sam Kaprelian - Level 10 &amp; 11</b>
<b>Dan Hagopian - Level 10 &amp; 11</b>	

**Students**

**Preschool**

**Brianne Azarian**  
**Ani Gafka**  
**Sara Guglielmo**  
**Mara Hagopian**  
**Ricky Lee**  
**Katie Proctor**  
**Haley Rasmussen**  
**Nathan Schlabaugh**  
**Heather Vanoss**

**Kindergarten**

**Daniel Azarian**  
**Marissa Gafka**  
**Nathaniel Kadamian**  
**Nadalia Kargenian**  
**Alexander Kaprelian**  
**Evan Kunesh**  
**Heather Perfetto**

**Level 1 & 2**

**Stephen Andekian**  
**Anthony Azarian**  
**Ari Hagopian**  
**Michael Kaprelian**  
**Avedis Kargenian**  
**Kyle Kraft**  
**Cory Vartanian**

**Level 3 & 4**

**Eric Buchaklian**  
**David Johnson**  
**Heidi Kadamian**  
**Matthew Nersesian**  
**Michael Rasmussen**  
**Samuel Schlabaugh**

Level 5 & 6

**David Barootian  
Michael Barootian  
Amy Buchaklian  
Monica Heller  
Paula Johnson  
Lisa Kaprelian**

Level 7

**Aaron Chalekian  
Mark Hammes  
Caitlin Kalinoski  
Aaron McGraw**

Level 8 & 9

**Michelle Barootian  
Adam Buchaklian  
Lisa Hagopian  
Amy Heller  
Peter Korakian  
Marna Nersesian  
Chad Vartanian**

Level 10 & 11

**Melinee Andekian  
Talene Buchaklian  
Christa Chalekian  
Timothy Hammes, Jr.  
Lara Kazarian**

The 1990-91 activities included:

**Sunday, September 9, 1990** - Registration for students, short assembly and a coffee hour immediately following services for Sunday School families and the Parish.

**Sunday, December 23, 1990** - Celebration of Western Christmas with our very own "Santa" (**George Kadamian**) telling the children a Christmas story and passing out a small treat.

**Sunday, January 6, 1991** - Armenian Christmas. Grades 6 -11 participated with **Der Hayr** in the Blessing of the Water Service. **Aaron Chalekian** being the Godfather. Grades 1 - 5 enacted the Birth of Christ with a pageant entitled, "First Christmas". Our preschool recited a piece entitled, "So Happy". A Parish Fellowship with cake and coffee followed in the Church Hall.

**Sunday, February 3, 1991** - Poon Paregentan (Mardi-Gras) Celebration. Festivities for the Sunday School and the Parish followed closing of the curtain for the Lenten season. Pot-luck lunch and games followed.

**Sunday, March 10, 1991** - Field Trip to the Spertus Jewish Museum in Chicago. A group of 42 teachers, chaperones and students were bussed to Chicago where we toured the Student Artifact Center. Groups participated in age appropriate activities, which included an archeological "dig" on the Tell (gathering place), art activities and a visit to an ancient Israelite home. After lunch at McDonald's, we were permitted back into the Museum itself for a tour conducted in part by **Mark Akgulian**, curator of exhibits for the Museum.

**Sunday, May 26, 1991** - 11th Grade Graduation and Sunday School closing presided over by **Bishop Khajag Barsamian**. This Graduation Class consisted of **Joe Gabrielian, Gina Korakian, Haig Tcheurekdjian and Magill Weber**. Diplomas and Bibles were presented by the **Bishop and Fr. Garabed Kochakian**, who presided as teacher for this Graduating Class. A Parish

Fellowship was sponsored by the parents of these graduates. This was the formal closing of our Sunday School for the year.

In August of 1991, St. Mesrob was fortunate to have sent 3 representatives to the annual Mardigian Institute in New York at our Diocesan headquarters. Those representatives were: **Lauren Chalekian, Marge Korakian and Alice Hazarian**. Topic for study that session was, "Will our Children Have Faith?", with a variety of interesting speakers and work sessions. The week ended with a retreat at St. Nersess Seminary.

In addition to all of the above activities of our Sunday School, in May of 1991 I was sent as our Sunday School Superintendent to the Diocesan Assembly in New Jersey. This is to become an annual meeting of all Sunday School Superintendents in our Diocese during Assembly week. Many problems and various issues were discussed during this day-long meeting.

It was decided at this meeting to divide into areas and set up regional Superintendent Conferences to better enable us to discuss problems and formulate ideas. Our first Midwest Regional Superintendent's Conference was held on October 19, 1991 in Waukegan. At this time it was decided to try at least 1 yearly Midwest Regional Sunday School activity to try and familiarize our children with each other in the surrounding areas. St. Mesrob Parish will therefore be inviting our sister parishes to our annual Poon Paregentan/Mardi Gras Celebration on March 1st.

In closing, our Sunday School opened this year on September 15, 1991 with an enrollment of 56 students, 17 teachers and staff. Parents were invited to our first assembly program and the response was phenomenal. We had a group of over 100 students, teachers and parents in attendance. Our Kick-Off Breakfast served approximately 125 people. This may become an annual event.

Thanks to ALL who have supported our Sunday School. Your numbers are many and are appreciated.

Respectfully,

*Lauren Chalekian*

**Lauren Chalekian,  
Coordinator/Superintendent**

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991

ORGANIZATION Sunday School

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1990	\$	542.90
INCOME RECEIVED		899.46
DISBURSEMENTS PAID		678.40
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL		42.90
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CASH BALANCE <u>JULY 31, 1991</u>	\$	721.06
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FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
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DONATIONS RECEIVED:

\$334.00

DONATIONS GIVEN:

Diocese of the Armenian Church - Lenten Donation	\$ 25.00
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ASSETS:

Cash	\$500.00	
Certificate of Deposit - Held by Permanent Trust		

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 7/31/91):

Due Parish Council	\$221.06	(Paid to Parish Council in August 1991)
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PREPARED BY Susan Esayan Date 1-26-'92

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE**  
**1991 REPORT**

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

In 1991 we had 6 active members, including our Executive Board. Our officers were:

**President**  
**Chairman**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**

**Fr. Garabed Kochakian**  
**Charles Hardy**  
**Marlam Sahakian**  
**Ann Cherkinian**

**Hourig Tcheurekdjian** was the Armenian School Teacher/Instructor.

Our 1991 activities included the following:

**February 28, 1991 - Teaching about the Armenian Genocide in Schools.** Our committee of three met with Mr. Jeff Blaga, Head of Social Studies for Racine Unified School District #1. A videotape, (Everyone's Not Here: Families of the Armenian Genocide), as well as 2 study guides, 1 teacher's manual and 1 resource guide to the Armenian Genocide were donated by the Committee to the School District for use in the Racine schools. A follow-up will be made in 8 months. We also have submitted a list of resource persons to speak about Armenian Culture or History.

**March 1991 - Same as above,** this time donating to Kenosha Unified School District.

**Sunday, June 9, 1991 - Fellowship.** Coffee, cider and kringle was served by our Committee after church.

**Sunday, July 7, 1991 - Armenian Fest '91.** We were responsible for organizing and developing, as well as manning the culture booth and activities, which included a crash course in Armenian language. We also arranged for the Hamazkain Sardarabad Dance Ensemble from Glenview, IL to perform. This year Noah's Ark was featured as background for the taking of Polaroid group photographs. This was a full day for us all.

**September 17th thru December 4th, 1991 - Armenian Language Classes for Children.** A ten week session of classes on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. was taught by Hourig Tcheurekdjian. 4 students attended regularly.

**Sunday, October 13, 1991 - Luncheon and Program.** Lunch was served in St. Mesrob Cultural Hall followed by the Program, Treasured Images: Armenians Through the Eye of the Camera, with **Ms. Ruth Thomasian**, (Director of Project SAVE). Sister churches, as well as other public communities, had been invited. There were 84 persons attending. Ms. Thomasian also visited homes in the community, as well as met with individual at church.

**Sunday, December 8, 1991 - An Audiovisual Presentation and Lecture by Rev. Joseph and Esther Alexanian (from Kenosha) on their trip to Soviet Armenia. A total of 40 persons attended this excellent program which ended with refreshments being served.**

Some activities planned for 1992 include:

Second term of Armenian Language Classes (April, May, June).  
Sponsoring the cultural booth and activities at Armenian Fest '92, as well as a possible "Holiday" plan which may be offered in conjunction with the Fest.  
Other cultural programs in the works.

In 1991, the Committee presented to **Rev. Joseph and Esther Alexanian** a copy of the book, "Portraits of Faith".

Respectfully

*Mariam V. Sahakian*

**Mariam Sahakian,  
Secretary**

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991

ORGANIZATION Heritage Committee

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1990	\$ 514.58
INCOME RECEIVED	1,182.26
DISBURSEMENTS PAID	1,212.24
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL	14.58
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1991	\$ 470.02
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FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
Sale of tapes at ArmenianFest	\$ 60.00
"Project Save"	256.26
Fellowship - June 8	(44.77)

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

\$690.26

DONATIONS GIVEN:

ASSETS:

Cash \$470.02  
 Button making machine worth \$373.06  
 3 VHS video tapes  
 2 Armenian language video tapes

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12/31/91):

PREPARED BY Ann Cherkinian Date 1/26/92



**ST. MESROB ACYOA JUNIORS**  
**1991 REPORT**

ACYOA Juniors was organized to bring the youth of the Church together with planned activities through the year and to plan fund-raisers that will aid our group financially.

In 1991 we had about 18 active members, including our Executive Board. Our officers were:

<b>President</b>	<b>Fr. Garabed Kochakian</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Haig Tcheurekdjian</b>
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	<b>Christa Chalekian</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	<b>Melinee Andekian</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Lara Kazarian</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Tim Hammes</b>
<b>Christine Hardy</b>	<b>Advisor</b>
<b>Jim Hardy</b>	<b>Advisor</b>
<b>Alice Hazarian</b>	<b>Advisor</b>

Our 1991 activities included: Sponsoring a Halloween Party for the Parish children. There were games, food, prizes, a haunted-house and costume judging. This was held in the Church Hall on Sunday, October 27th.

On Saturday, November 23rd, at the Women's Guild Christmas Fair, we had a booth for children with various activities for little ones: a candy grab, decorating- a- cookie, buying cookies, plus selling felt turkey heads and Christmas stockings, which were handmade and donated to us.

The weekend of January 24th - 26th will be an eventful one for our group. It is ACYOA Juniors Midwest Winter Retreat. St. Mesrob group will be hosting it in the Church Hall. Featured speakers from the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary will have a great weekend scheduled. There will be sports, Armenian music, Bible Study, Armenian language and many other planned activities. We look forward to this. A trip to Chicago in 1991 has been discussed, but not finalized.

We donated \$25.00 to "The Children's Art from the Children's Museum of Armenia".

Respectfully,



**Lara Kazarian,**  
**Recording Secretary**

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991**

ORGANIZATION ACYOA Juniors

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1990	\$ 580.22
INCOME RECEIVED	1,901.79
DISBURSEMENTS PAID	1,064.95
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL	80.22
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1991	\$ 1,336.84
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FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
Palm Sunday Dinner	\$1,223.17
Halloween Party	(121.80)

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

\$ 25.00

DONATIONS GIVEN:

Sunday School	\$100.00
St. Nerses Seminary	100.00
AGBU Chicago Chapter	25.00

ASSETS:

Cash	\$1,336.84
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LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12/31/91):

PREPARED BY \_\_\_\_\_

*Jim Hammes Jr.*

Date 1/26/92

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991

ORGANIZATION ACYOA Seniors

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1990	\$	542.57
INCOME RECEIVED		0.00
DISBURSEMENTS PAID		0.00
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL		0.00
		0.00
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1991	\$	542.57
		542.57

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
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DONATIONS RECEIVED:

DONATIONS GIVEN:

ASSETS:

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12/31/91):

Due Parish Council	\$42.57
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PREPARED BY Hovig Tchourekdjian

Date 1-26-1992

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN FEST**  
**1991 REPORT**

The Armenian Fest was organized in January 1975. The intent was to separate the Madagh from our annual picnic and to make the fest a community affair and to make it a financial enterprise. The intent was accomplished and today our profits from the festival reflect about 25% of the annual church income.

In 1991, we had 23 active members, including our Executive Board. Our officers were:

<b>President</b>	<b>Fr. Garabed Kochakian</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Perry Paragamian</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Mary (D) Akgulian</b>
<b>Advertising/Publicity</b>	<b>Marquerite Guglielmo</b>
<b>Art/Design/Decoration</b>	<b>Janet Mrazek</b>
<b>Beverage</b>	<b>Marderos Nersessian,</b>
	<b>Adam Chalekian &amp;</b>
	<b>Mike Kaprelian</b>
<b>Cleaning/Tables</b>	<b>Mary Hagopian</b>
<b>Cultural</b>	<b>Charles Hardy</b>
<b>Entertainment/Games</b>	<b>Sara &amp; Gary Vidian</b>
<b>Financial</b>	<b>Mary Akgulian</b>
<b>Food Baking</b>	<b>Mary Stevoff</b>
<b>Food on Site</b>	<b>Mary Stevoff &amp;</b>
	<b>Roberta Kochakian</b>
<b>Outdoor Grilling</b>	<b>Sam Akgulian</b>
<b>Personnel Scheduling</b>	<b>Each Chairman</b>
<b>Raffle Sales</b>	<b>Mark Kaprelian</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>Judy &amp; Art Peterson</b>
<b>Security</b>	<b>Sarkis Cherkinian</b>
<b>Set Up/Maintenance</b>	<b>Harry Boranian</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Tod Mikaelian</b>
<b>Typing/Mailing</b>	<b>Mary Cherkinian</b>
<b>Sign Placement</b>	<b>Tom Janikian</b>

Armenian Fest '91 was held on July 7, 1991 at Festival Park. It is an annual event sponsored by St. Mesrob Armenian Church for the purpose of promoting the Armenian heritage and culture for Racine and the surrounding communities.

On festival day, approximately 5,000 people attended. The air was filled with Armenian music and the delicious aroma of shish-kebob on the grill. Mouth-watering pastries were enjoyed by all, plus all the other delicacies.

In addition to the children's games, there was, **Kazoo, the Clown,** entertaining the children and painting their faces.

The **Hamazkain Sardarabad Dance Ensemble** from Chicago was featured. Our own **Mid-East Beat** provided the musical entertainment. There was a cooking demonstration in the Green Room. Videos were shown

and names were inscribed in Armenian. Pictures were taken with Noah's Ark.

In spite of a heavy downpour of rain, the attendees were not discouraged. They came into the hall and enjoyed the Mid-East Beat music, as they consumed the delicious food.

**Without a doubt, this was our most successful festival.**

Respectfully,

  
**Perry Paragamian,  
Chairman**

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991

ORGANIZATION ST. Mesrob Church Armenian Fest

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1990	\$ 500.00
INCOME RECEIVED	45,411.73
DISBURSEMENTS PAID	20,056.52
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL	25,355.21
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1991	\$ 500.00
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FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
July 7, 1991 Armenian Fest	\$25,355.21

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

DONATIONS GIVEN:

ASSETS:

Cash \$500.00

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12/31/91):

PREPARED BY

Mary D. Akhajian

Date

1-26-92

**ST. MESROB RETIREES**  
**1991 REPORT**

The St. Mesrob Retirees were organized in April of 1987 to provide social and recreational outlets for members and spiritual and education activities.

In 1991 we had 92 active members, including our Executive Board. Our officers were:

<b>President</b>	<b>Fr. Garabed Kochakian</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Paul Tewagian</b>
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Edward Kaprellan</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Claire Kadamian</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Sarkis Kazarian</b>

Our 1991 activities included the following:

Thursday, February 14, 1991 - Valentine's Day Luncheon/Party. About 25 members met at Valentyne's Restaurant for a delicious lunch. We returned to the church hall for socializing and dessert.

Thursday, March 7, 1991 - Milwaukee Trip. We took a bus up to Channel 12 to take part in the show, "Milwaukee's Talking". We had a great time participating in the TV show and have been asked back several times to participate again. From the show we went to Old World Milwaukee on 3rd Street. Shopped at Usingers and had lunch at the Third Street Pier. Looked around the shops in the area and then drove to Brady Street and the huge Italian store to shop somemore.

Thursday, April 18, 1991 - Pot-Luck Supper. A Fellowship and Dinner for members and the older ladies of the church was held in the Church Hall.

Thursday, May 2, 1991 - Tour of the Racine Water Dept./Luncheon. Members were taken on a tour of the Dept., which was very informative. After the tour they met at The Old Country Buffet for a luncheon.

Thursday, July 25, 1991 - Kohler Trip. 44 members went by bus up to the Kohler Design Center, where we saw all the new and old types of bathrooms and fixtures. This was followed by lunch at "The Horse & Plow" in the American Club. Then a tour of Walderhaus, home of one of the Kohler's and finally a stop for shopping or browsing at "The Marketplace", the Gourmet Shop at Kohler Village.

Thursday, August 22, 1991 - Annual Retirees Picnic. Wonderful day for our picnic at Armstrong Park. The food, fellowship and activities were great. There were about 60 attending and all had a super time.

Thursday, September 19, 1991 - Crystal Ridge Shish-Kebob Luncheon. John & Lynn Keishian provided a fine luncheon for the large group attending. Games or cards were played following lunch and everyone hated to go home.

Thursday, September 26, 1991 - Luncheon/Guest Speaker. After a light lunch, Fred Wheeler, Atty. at Law, spoke to us on "Wills - Questions & Answers". This was a very informative meeting.

Thursday, October 17, 1991 - Chicago Bus Trip. - A full bus of members drove down to shop at the Middle-Eastern grocery stores and then have a delicious lunch at Reza's Restaurant. After lunch a stop at the new Gurnee Mills Mall for shopping. This trip is a club favorite each year.

Thursday, November 14, 1991 - Guided tour of S. C. Johnson Wax Office Building and two movies at the Golden Rondelle. We were divided into two groups, one taken for the tour first and the other the movies first. Upon completion of the tour or movies, we took in the other part. This was a very interesting, informative morning and we got a chance to see our own, Judy Hachikian Petersen, in the office. Following this we drove to The Old Country Buffet for lunch and then back to the church hall for fellowship.

Thursday, December 12, 1991 - Christmas Party at Holy Resurrection Church in South Milwaukee. The committee did an outstanding job to make this a festive occasion. The lunch and fellowship was excellent. A gift exchange and cards closed the afternoon.

Some activities planned for 1992 included the following:

Dinner/Theatre on Friday, January 24, 1992. Dinner at Infusino's and then on to the Racine Theatre Guild for a performance of "Run for Your Wife".

Valentine's Luncheon/Entertainment/Party on Thursday, February 13, 1992. This promises to be a great afternoon.

In 1991, the Retirees made a \$50.00 donation to St. Mesrob Church for "Bibles for Armenia". We made a \$200.00 donation to St. Mesrob Church. We also purchased two fans and 4 card tables, which can be used by the church.

We were fortunate to receive a \$5.00 donation from **John Keishian**.

We were saddened by the passing away of two of our members:

**Alfred Hayallian and Richard Vartanian**.

We will surely miss them and continually remember them in our prayers.

Respectfully,



**Claire Kadamian,  
Secretary**



ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991

ORGANIZATION Retirees

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1990	\$ 487.40
INCOME RECEIVED	3,489.13
DISBURSEMENTS PAID	3,296.21
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL	200.00
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1991	\$ 480.32
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FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
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DONATIONS RECEIVED:

DONATIONS GIVEN:

ASSETS:

Cash	\$480.32
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LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12/31/91):

PREPARED BY J. Hagan Date 25 Jan 1992

**ST. MESROB PROJECT COMMITTEE**  
**1991 REPORT**

Like other church organizations, the St. Merob's Project Committee entered 1991 with many concerns. It is still unclear how these prime concerns can be resolved, unless more of our parishioners get directly involved. Our numbers are comprised of a few senior citizens, and sometimes our tasks seem impossible, due to this limited help.

Our group is composed of the following members:

<b>President</b>	<b>Fr. Garabed Kochakian</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Sam Akgulian</b>
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	<b>Mike Vidian</b>
<b>Harry Akgulian</b>	<b>Sam Garabedian</b>
<b>Mel Hagopian</b>	<b>Sarkis Kazarian</b>
<b>Sarkis Cherkinian (summer)</b>	

During 1991 some major steps were launched to curtail some of the deteriorating conditions after 18 years in the complex. One concern was the facial siding on the Church. Some of the trim lumber under the siding was water-logged, causing a rotting condition in some sections. With the help of **Mark Akgulian** and members, **Sam and Harry Akgulian**, the reconstruction phase was completed within three weeks at nominal costs.

Urgency is now a key word regarding the roof leak. Last year we made an attempt to resolve the problem, but it now seems our efforts weren't extensive enough. It now appears that another attempt will have to be made on a larger portion on the north section. This must be done in early spring. This will take a large group of voluntary help to prevent a much greater expenditure of adding a new roof.

Reworking the block walls on the hall still requires completion. We feel that this may have to be contracted out, as we do not have the knowledge or tools to tackle this project.

In reference to the vandalism we had the past year, we felt the contractor's bid of \$1,100.00 was excessive, thus the repair was completed at a fraction of that figure, by a few members of the committee.

Another item that has plagued us for many years, was rust in our hot water lines. This has finally been resolved. The entire hot water tank was cleared of pails of sand and other minerals and two anode rods installed.

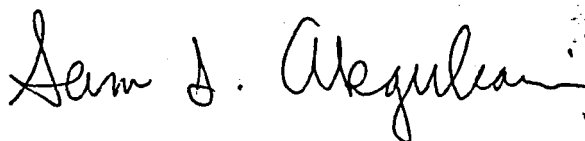
Projects, such as the re-surfacing of the asphalt on the entrance drive, roofing the storage garage and various repairs to the parish house, constitute other areas that must be addressed. These will require additional financial commitments.

Other items, which require regular service periodically, are the freezer, water coolers, light fixtures, plumbing fixtures, cleaning kitchen reservoir, filter cleaning, oiling equipment and other numerous items, too many to mention, are on-going projects.

The new Jacobsen Tractor was a welcome addition in the weekly chore of grass cutting.

Your Projects Committee recognizes its responsibilities, which are conducted without any fanfare. However, as I've stated before, our numbers are small. Our successes provide a taste of what individuals can accomplish by working together. Why not take the opportunity to benefit St. Mesrob by joining us? We are equally committed to our properties and look forward to meeting these challenges with you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam J. Akgulian". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

**Sam Akgulian,  
Chairman**

**ST. MESROB BOOKSTORE**  
**1991 REPORT**

The St. Mesrob Bookstore is a part of the Parish Council. It was organized in 1990 for the purpose of making religious articles, to be used as gifts for others or for our own pleasure, easily accessible for sale to our parishioners. These articles have helped create an awareness of the many things that enrich our culture and heritage and the beauty and the pleasure they elicit from us. Our souls can be filled with the music from the tapes, cassettes and records stocked in the bookstore and our minds can find pleasure and admiration from reading many of the books we have selected for you.

In 1991 we had a committee made up of the following:

**President  
Manager/  
P. C. Liaison  
Treasurer  
Sales Staff**

**Fr. Garabed Kochakian**

**Claire Kadamian  
Margaret Armaganian  
Bonnie Hagopian  
Eileen Kamakian  
Michael Kaprellian  
Pam Kazarian  
Maxine Rahanian**

**Sara Vidian and Nancy (Cherkinian) Hardesty** have helped us in the planning and staffing. Our thanks to them.

Our Sales Staff serve monthly, as scheduled, opening the Bookstore when there is a Fellowship after Church. We opened about ten Sundays in 1990, plus being present at Armenian Fest '91, sponsored by Armenian Fest Committee and at the Armenian Christmas Fair, sponsored by Women's Guild. We did very well at these two special events and thank the Committees for allowing us space at the already crowded facilities.

We cannot stock everything that is available, but your input will be welcomed and special orders are encouraged. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

*Claire Kadamian*

**Claire Kadamian,  
Parish Council Liaison/Manager**

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991

ORGANIZATION Bookstore

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1990	\$	247.25
INCOME RECEIVED		632.91
DISBURSEMENTS PAID		784.47
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL		0.00
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1991	\$	95.69
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FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
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DONATIONS RECEIVED:

DONATIONS GIVEN:

ASSETS:

Cash	\$ 95.69
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LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12/31/91):

St. Vartan Bookstore	\$169.50
Tracy Hamilton	85.65

PREPARED BY: Margaret Herra gancian Date 1/26/92

## 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, 1991. This is with the exception of the Sunday School, which was reviewed on its fiscal year end of July 31, 1991.

Audit Committee: *Lisa Akgulian*  
Chairman: Lisa Akgulian  
Thomas D. Gengozian  
Sam Kaprelian