

Parish Council Report

To our Parishioners:

Your Parish Council is pleased to report to you another year of progress in the affairs of your Parish. As you are aware, the Parish Council took office at a time when difficulties were being met because of the building contractor's failure to perform all his tasks and lack of money in the treasury to cover the greater expenses. After lengthy negotiations and correspondence, together with the building fund committee, the various parties concerned and their lawyers, the way was cleared for us to resume the task of renovating the hall downstairs and completing the unfinished work. An efficient heating system, as you can observe, has been almost completely installed and is in operation. Furthermore, the kitchen ceiling was installed in time for our annual bazaar. This problem of completing the work of construction in the church has not only been time consuming, but has inhibited us from utilizing our hall for other activities that we would have liked. Nonetheless, in spite of all this, it is gratifying to note how much was done. Your understanding and tolerance during the past year have been a source of encouragement to us; also the physical help of Caspar Kasperian in providing a place to keep trash at the rear of the Church and others who are still helping in cleaning up.

The parish council gave a testimonial banquet in honor of Mr. Dikran Koumjian on February 29, a picnic on June 28th and a New Years' party on December 31st. Those who attended these events can testify that all of them were highly successful. The parish council also rendered some assistance to the Ladies Auxiliary in running their Bazaar and to the Building Fund Committee in their anniversary banquet.

The Parish Council during the past year was in a better position than previously to help the Sunday School. The Parish Council considers it its prime duty to ensure adequate facilities for religious instruction to the young who will one day take over the burdens and privileges of our church. Towards this end, it appointed an advisory committee of three to help the superintendent in providing improved instruction. In this connection, we wish to record our deep satisfaction with Mr. Charles Kunkumian, our new superintendent, who has continued the able work of his predecessor, Mr. Hrand Kurkjian. The expenses of two teachers were paid so that they may attend a Sunday School teachers' conference in New York; ceilings were installed in the two end rooms upstairs, of which, one is being used for a class room, in order to reduce the level of noise. A piano was purchased for the use of the Sunday School and other organizations.

Two other items should be mentioned; The lawn was laid down, through the partial donations of Hrand Kurkjian, and a raffle was conducted to raise funds for a cultural program of activities. Unfortunately, the delay in finishing the hall downstairs prevented us from having any program of cultural activities during the past year. However, it is hoped that during the next year a complete program of cultural activities, such as lectures, Armenian dance lessons and art competitions, will be planned.

Respectfully submitted,

Haig A. Basdekian,
Chairman.

Your Church's Financial Picture

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<u>Disbursements</u>	1963 <u>Actual</u>	1964 <u>Actual</u>	1965 <u>Estimate</u>
Salary	\$ 3,822.30	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 4,545.00
Car and Travelling Expenses . .	302.77	256.87	--
Rent	1,500.00	1,375.00	1,500.00
Telephone	375.19	323.41	300.00
Electricity	218.11	359.15	375.00
Gas	78.35	723.67	750.00
Heating oil	471.45	--	--
Church and Office supplies . .	468.55	600.37	300.00
Organist	190.00	90.00	260.00
Archdiocese	1,125.00	1,066.18	3,000.00
Postage and newspaper advert'nt	140.42	81.10	100.00
Insurance	96.13	--	257.00
Maintenance	15.00	1,036.64	500.00
Pepsi Cola	62.92	46.00	60.00
Convention Travel & spec. gifts	--	359.58	150.00
Piano	--	225.00	--
Sunday School	--	47.21	50.00
Affair expenses	--	844.40	500.00
New Floor	--	--	700.00
Total Expenses	\$ 9,066.42	\$ 11,334.58	\$ 13,347.00

Receipts

Balance on January 1, 1964	510.81	290.63	331.98
Plate Collection	1,384.75	1,185.05	1,500.00
Special Donations	801.26	632.25	750.00
Dues and Pledges	4,762.75	5,278.36	5,916.02
Christmas Donations	155.45	229.00	350.00
Easter "	481.00	539.00	600.00
Candles	--	159.03	175.00
Books and Calenders	--	66.00	75.00
Special Affairs	885.11	1,901.00	2,000.00
Sacraments and Ceremonies . . .	146.00	925.35	900.00
Pepsi Cola	--	62.86	75.00
Miscellaneous receipts	--	688.66	--
Total Receipts	9,357.05	11,666.56	13,347.00
Less total disbursements	<u>9,066.42</u>	<u>11,334.58</u>	<u>13,347.00</u>
Surplus or deficit		\$ 331.98	--

290.63
522.61

Jack Andonian, Treasurer