

DIOCESAN DELEGATES' REPORT OF THE 72ND ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY  
HELD IN ST. VARTAN ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL IN NEW YORK, MAY 3-4, 1974

The undersigned together with Bishop Papken and Dr. Essefian, chairman of the Parish Council, were privileged to represent St. Mary's Armenian Church of Washington, D. C. at the 72nd Annual Diocesan Assembly held May 3-4, 1974 in St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in New York City.

Dr. Essefian was elected English secretary of the Assembly and Col. Juskalian served as chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Excerpts highlighting the Primate's annual message follow:

"We have more parishes with facilities undreamed of a generation ago; we have more members; we have more and more varied activities...

"To say we have more priests than ever before is only meaningful to dramatize our growth. The critical consideration is that we need more, many more.....

"We are fortunate in the establishment and existence of St. Nersess Theological School; it has not only yielded graduates for service in our Church, it stands as an effective mechanism by which new candidates can be continually prepared. Three of its graduates are already active in our parishes, and two others are on their way within a year.....

"But priests are not made overnight. It takes years, and this only after the proper candidates are found.... We cannot do this alone; it is the responsibility of all of us..... We must be alert to the potential in our own communities; we must seek out young people who show an inclination. We have the school; we have unlimited possibilities of service; we must find the candidates that surely exist in our communities....

"The oneness of our Church remains a paramount consideration. To achieve that oneness demands in fact the sacrifice of all the unworthy personal prejudices which in the course of time have hardened into even less worthy convictions....

"Our budget today is about four times what it was a mere decade ago. Ten years ago about 75% of our budget was provided by the parishes. Last year our headquarters itself was responsible for raising more than half the budget-raising in fact twice as much as the entire budget ten years ago....

"Our Diocesan Center is relied upon today more than at any time in our history....by all people who look to the Armenian Church as the authentic center.... of Armenian life in America....

"The Diocesan Endowment Fund has been established....and a very encouraging beginning made toward securing the future of our Diocesan life.....

"Ours is a great mission, worthy of our commitment and our sacrifice, raising itself like a towering steeple above the difficulties that tend to immobilize us....."

Report of the Unity Committee.

In effect, no progress had been made during the year because a new bishop had come to the Prelacy under the Holy See of Antelias and he needed time to familiarize himself with the situation.

Endowment Fund.

The newly created Endowment Fund showed a total of \$366,635 in assets and \$528,000 in pledges as of May 1, 1974.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT - 1974

In 1974 the Sunday School had a staff of twelve teachers and substitutes and forty-five children enrolled and regularly attending. In addition, about ten children attended occasionally.

New textbooks were purchased for the coming year. The Nursery was redecorated, and new toys were bought for the Nursery.

The Superintendent, Joseph Vartabedian, has suggested having an Advisory Board consisting of three persons. However, during 1974 no volunteers could be found for such a Board.

The Pastor, Bishop Papken, suggested that guest speakers be invited to address the staff after their meetings. Two lectures were given, one by Bishop Papken and one by Dr. Chadsey.

In March a Spaghetti Party was given by the Sunday School to the children, their families and friends. In June a Family Fun Night was given for the children and their parents, which proved to be a huge success. The children attended Mass in the Franciscan Monastery and toured the place.

In the fall a class for Seniors was set up for the older children. Miss Vergine Barsoumian volunteered to be instructor.

On December 22nd the Women's Guild gave a Christmas party for the Sunday School children, whose annual Christmas party was postponed to Sunday January 5th.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Vartabedian, Secretary  
(in the absence of Joseph Vartabedian, Supt.)

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FINANCIAL POSITION

INCOME

Began the year with - - - - -	\$224.39	
Received from Children's collections and gifts	<u>378.82</u>	
Total		\$603.21

EXPENSES

Textbooks, Supplies, Toys, etc.	305.81	
Balance in checking account		\$297.40
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CHOIR REPORT

December 1974

Upon request of Choirmaster Dicran Jamgochian a meeting was held on September 22, 1974, solely for the purpose of election of choir officers and delegates to the Choir Convention in New Jersey.

Results of this meeting are as follows:

Chairman	Jack Andonian
Secretary	Dorothy Small
Treasurer	Clara Andonian
Delegates	Dicran Jamgochian and Queenie Avedikian

At present the choir has 15 members. Presently our Choirmaster is out of the country. Thanks to the assistance of Past Choir Director, Dr. Arra Avakian and Deacon Ashod Krikorian, the choir is doing the best it can.

Also Organist Mr. Boghos Zulikian, having gone into business for himself, we have not had a regular organist every week. We thank Mrs. Ann Booher, Miss Sosi Basmadjian and Master John Krikorian for helping with the organ playing whenever asked.

We encourage and welcome any new members interested in joining the Choir.

Respectfully Submitted

Jack Andonian, Chairman  
St. Mary's Choir

ST. MARY'S CHOIR - TREASURER'S REPORT 1974

INCOME

12-31-73	Balance	608.39	
1-7-74	Christmas Collection	91.40	
3-29-74	Interest	7.87	
4-15-74	Easter Collection	122.50	
6-28-74	Interest	7.96	
7-23-74	Donation - Mr. Aghajanian	25.00	
9-30-74	Interest	8.32	
11-25-74	Donation - Dr. Avakian	20.00	
12-15-74	Donation - Mr. & Mrs. Ralfe Mesrobian	100.00	
12-31-74	Interest	6.00	
	Cash on hand	<u>4.00</u>	
			1001.44

EXPENSES

4-15-74	In lieu of flowers for Arthur Najarian	15.00	
6-17-74	Plaque	52.20	
7-23-74	Organ Repair	56.50	
11-6-74	In lieu of flowers for Jack Babashanian	15.00	
11-13-74	Bazaar donation	50.00	
11-13-74	Choir Convention - Room and transportation for delegates	<u>149.43</u>	
			<u>338.13</u>
12-31-74	Closing Balance		663.31

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CASH POSITION

Opening Balance	1-1-74	608.39
Income	393.05	
Expenses	338.13	54.92
Closing Balance	12-31-74	663.31

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Andonian  
Treasurer



## ANNUAL REPORT

ACYO - 1974

1974 saw many new changes from previous years. Chairman Audrey Fried resigned in February - Aram Andonian succeeded her as chairman Pro Tempore, and in September Malvina Brown and Alan Kazanjian were elected as co-chairmen. Difficulties weren't in adjusting to the four chairmen but more specifically in adapting to new styles. Up until 1974 the ACYO has strained to hold together but this year was different. Membership last year was 8 and in 1974 we increased to a list of 30 names, at least 18 members are active. The members have been actively involved throughout the Armenian community. Our members have been serving on the altar; singing in the choir; teaching Sunday School. We also are in the Dicran Jangochian Chorale; members of A.S.A. and AGBU and Knights of Vartan. We write for the Shnorhali Bulletin; and last but not least we have contributed our Service to our beloved St. Mary's Parish and done the best we could to inspire the youth of our church.

Two meetings a month are held in the Church Hall on the 1st and 3rd Fridays, at 7:30 p.m. Here is a list of activities the Washington, D. C. ACYO has participated in -

- January - Attended Philadelphia Anniversary Ball
- February - 1. Sponsored the 7th Anniversary Ball  
2. Attended the Richmond Anniversary Ball
- March - No meeting nor activities
- April - No meeting nor activities
- May - Malvina Brown and Alan Kazanjian were delegates to the Diocesan Youth Assembly. Aram Andonian represented the juniors.  
A total of 5 members attended.
- June - Aram Andonian and Linda Kumkumian attended the St. Necess Summer Seminar in Crestwood, N. Y.
- July - We took a day excursion to Shenendoah to have a reorganizational meeting with newly-appointed advisor Dicran Jangochian. We spent hours deliberating on important ideas and culminated the afternoon with dinner and a tour of the Luray Caverns.  
We also had two car washes.
- August - We presented the Play ALL IN THE ARMENIAN FAMILY. We had a Chicken Bar-B-Que following the Blessing of the Grapes.  
We had one more car wash; a Bake Sale; Several Volley Ball practices.
- September - Thirteen of us went to Toronto for the Sports Weekend. We sent a Volley Ball Team and Cheerleaders. We also competed in Ping Pong and Tennis. None of which we won, however it was the first time we entered a team sport for competition. We also enjoyed all the social events of the weekend.  
Elections were held and the results were as follows:

Co-Chairman	- Malvina Brown
	- Alan Kazanjian
Recording Secretary	- Linda Kumkumian
Corresponding Sec'y	- Saro Dedeyan
Treasurer	- David Andonian
Asst. Treasurer	- Jimmy Broussalian
Publicity Director	- Ken Terzian
Asst. Publicity Dir.	- Cindy Broussalian
Liaison to Parish Council	- Aram Andonian
Alternate	- Necess Babayan

- October - Our group went together to see a film. We also had a pumpkin sale and our first annual Halloween Costume Party.
- November - We had one of our members take photographs at the Bazaar; we assisted as much as possible with various tasks at the Bazaar and we donated \$50. We also had our Winter Wonderland Dance. It was 100% supported by our ACYO members but sparsely supported by the parishoners.
- December - Malvina Brown and Linda Kumkumian were delegates to the Philadelphia Constitutional Convention. We also had a Crab Feast, and a food and clothing drive, which is being continued throughout the year. Bishop Papken gave us a Christmas Dinner prepared by Mr. Halaby. We also had a Progressive Dinner.

1974 was a year predominately of social events.

1975 should prove to be a more socio-cultural-educational-religious year.

We are now instituting the six month period Service Award to the membership fulfilling the criteria for such an award.

We are proud of what we had. A group of people who do have common interests. People who open the channels for communication. We hope and pray that at the end of this year we can add our A to the end of our name and we can call ourselves ACYOA again. The last A stands for America.

We wish to extend a heart-felt thank you to all those who have had patience with us and supported us faithfully. Now we'd like to see all of you at our future activities.

Respectfully submitted

Malvina Brown  
 Alan Kazanjian  
 CO-CHAIRMEN, ACYO

St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church

- Malvina Brown
- Alan Kazanjian
- Linda Kumkumian
- Sara Babayan
- David Andonian
- Judy Brown
- Jan Terzian
- Cindy Brown
- Alan Andonian
- Mercedes Babayan

**A.C.Y.O. 1974 TREASURER'S REPORT**

**INCOME:**

Opening Balance	12/31/73	499.12	
Feb. Dance at St. Elizabeth's	2/26/74	431.05	*
Christmas Cards	5/23/74	15.00	
"All in the Armenian Family" Play	8/7/74	241.50	
Parish Council Donation for Sports Weekend	8/14/74	400.00	
Donation Bill DuChessi	8/28/74	50.00	
Chicken BBQ	10/17/74	170.00	
1 Week Coffee	10/17/74	12.00	
Pumpkin Sale	10/24/74	30.00	
November Dance	10/31/74	90.50	**
Turkey Raffle	11/29/74	36.00	
December Dance	12/3/74	62.00	***
	<b>Income</b>		<b>\$2,037.17</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Phone & Misc. Bills	1/2/74	10.00	
Feb. Dance, St. Elizabeth Hall Deposit	1/7/74	25.00	
Hall Rental, Balance Paid, Plus Dance Expenses, Food, Decorations, Etc.	2/19/74	250.00	
1st Volley Ball Net & Ball, and last of Dance Receipts	2/21/74	60.00	
Better set 2nd Volley Ball Net and Ball	7/2/74	24.12	
Cash Box for Play at door	7/2/74	40.00	
Plane Fare and Room Deposits for Sports Weekend Toronto, Canada, 11 attending	8/14/74	989.00	
Washington A.C.Y.O. T Shirts, Volley Ball Team	8/28/74	25.00	
Reimbursement to Malvina Brown for Room Deposit also for transportation to Airport, Sports Weekend.	10/17/74	48.00	
November Dance Box Money at Door	10/24/74	25.00	
Church Mailing, Stamps & Misc. cards	11/5/74	36.00	
December Dance Box Money at Door	11/29/74	35.00	
December Dance Expenses	12/3/74	75.00	
A.C.Y.O. Constitution Meeting in Phila. Malvina Brown Delegate (1st)	12/3/74	40.00	
ACYO "Crab Feast" for membership	12/4/74	30.00	
ACYO Constitution Meeting in Phila. Linda Kumkumian 2nd Delegate	12/12/74	40.00	
Paint for ACYO Cabinet and Mailing	12/20/74	16.00	
Xmas Tree for Sunday School	12/24/74	10.00	
Pledge for Candle lighting (Bazaar)	74	50.00	
		<u>\$1,828.12</u>	
	Closing Bal. 12/31/74		209.05
	Interest		11.79
	Closing Bal.		<u>220.84</u>

**CASH POSITION:**

1/1/74 Opening Bal.	499.12	
Income	1538.05	
Expenses	<u>1828.12</u>	
	- 290.07	499.12
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		209.05
	interest	11.79
		<u>220.84</u>

Donations <sup>by</sup> to Band: 12/31/74 Closing Bal.

\* Jack & David Andonian-\$60  
 Mickey Kerneklian 10  
 \*\*Jack & David Andonian- 60  
 \*\*\*Jack Andonian - 30

Respectfully submitted,  
 David Andonian, Treas.  
 ACYO



BUILDING FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME STATEMENT, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1974

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>		
Lieu of Flowers	\$5,035.00	Mortgage*	\$2,964.00	(247 months)
Bazaar (1973)	4,000.00	Service charges	<u>5.00</u>	
Interest	<u>480.16</u>	Total	\$2,969.00	
Total	\$9,515.16			

Cash Position

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1974	\$ 8,581.84
Income	<u>9,515.16</u>
	\$18,097.00

Expenses

Balance, Dec. 31, 1974	<u>2,969.00</u>
	\$15,128.00**

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\* Mortgage Balance \$5,115.14

**Perpetual Building Assn. (Savings Account)	\$ 4,902.68
American Security and Trust (Checking)	225.32
Home Federal Savings & Loan (Certificates)	<u>10,000.00</u>
	\$15,128.00

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Onanian, Chairman  
Building Fund



FINANCIAL REPORT OF ANNUAL BAZAAR  
 ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 November 6th through 9th, 1974

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>GROSS INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>NET INCOME</u>
<u>FOOD</u>	6,830.70	3,705.04	3,125.66
Bake table	3,026.80		
dinners	1,818.00		
lunches	1,985.90		
<u>GIFT BOOTH</u>	1,563.65	283.05	1,280.60
<u>RAFFLE</u>	1,861.00	760.95	1,100.05
<u>CANDLE LIGHT DONATION</u>	2,781.00		2,781.00
<u>MISC. EXPENSES (GENERAL)</u>		162.76	- 162.76
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>13,036.35</u>	<u>4,911.80</u>	<u>8,124.55</u>

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jerry Hekimian, Chairman  
 Bazaar Committee