

REPORT ON THE 73d ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION
PRESENTED TO ST. MARY'S PARISH ASSEMBLY
JANUARY 25, 1976

The 73d annual assembly of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America was held on Friday and Saturday, May 2-3, 1975, at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church in Cambridge, Mass. The Parish of St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church of Washington, D. C., was represented at that convention by Bishop Papken Varjabedian, pastor, and Srpouhie Essefian, Abraham Bodurian and Ashod Krikorian.

The assembly was presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Manoogian, the Primate, and during his absence by Bishop Papken Varjabedian. Mr. Edward Chapian, Bayside, N. Y., was elected to act as chairman. The secretaries elected were Rev. Father Diran Papazian for Armenian and Mr. Bartevo Bagdassarian for English.

Briefly outlined below are some convention topics that are believed to be of interest to members of St. Mary's Parish:

Creation of a Canadian Diocese

In compliance with the expressed wish of His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I, a separate diocese will be established in Canada comprising the parishes of Montreal, Toronto and St. Catharines. The Right Rev. Bishop Aris Shirvanian, Vicar of Canada, offered a draft plan for the projected diocese for approval by the Diocesan Assembly.

Unity Project

Negotiations have been going on for some years now behind closed doors between representatives of the two Eastern American dioceses of the sees of Holy Echmiadzin and of the Greater House of Cilicia with a view to bringing about a union with the "separated brethren".

For the first time a formal report was submitted by the Unity Committee to the Diocesan Assembly on the progress made so far. A memorandum of agreement was drawn up jointly with the separated brethren and transmitted to the Diocesan Council which, together with the Unity Committee, drafted a submittal to the Assembly called "guidelines for the unification of the Armenian Church in America".

For the information of St. Mary's Parish, it is understood in general that agreement has been reached tentatively over the establishment of one diocese, headed by one primate "arachnort," under the jurisdiction of Holy Echmiadzin.

Needless to say, negotiations will continue until such time when complete accord has been attained over all aspects concerning the structure and operation of the proposed united diocese.

Diocesan Budget for 1975

The assembly of delegates confirmed the Budget Committee's report proposing the 1975 budget for the Diocese to total \$431,900.00, as compared with the previous year's budget of about \$390,000.00. Parish assessments are expected to bring in an income of \$240,000.00 as against \$219,730.00 for the year 1974.

On this occasion it would be only fair to express on behalf of St. Mary's Parish our deep appreciation for the very warm and delightful hospitality accorded by the parish of the Holy Trinity Church of Greater Boston in Cambridge that so generously hosted the 73d convention of the Diocesan Assembly of the Armenian Church of America.

It was a distinct privilege and honor to have been offered the opportunity to represent St. Mary's Parish at the Diocesan convention.

Members of our parish who might be interested in looking over the minutes of the 73d Diocesan Convention in greater detail can do so on Sundays after church service in the Parish Council room.

Respectfully submitted by

Abraham Bodurian
Diocesan Delegate

Jan. 15, 1975

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, JANUARY 25, 1976

PROPOSED BUDGET 1976

<u>Receipts</u>			<u>Disbursements</u>
Pledges	\$12,500.00	Pastor	
Candles	800.00	(Salary, Housing, Auto)	\$ 6,000.00
Plate	1,600.00	Visiting Priest	4,500.00
Weddings, Bapt., Funerals	700.00	Janitor	1,800.00
Hokehankist	1,000.00	Secretary	1,200.00
Flowers	200.00	Heat (Gas)	1,300.00
Shnorhali	500.00	Electric	1,000.00
Easter Yughakin	800.00	Telephone	400.00
Christmas Yughakin	800.00	Postage	460.00
Donations	1,300.00	Office Supplies	750.00
Parish Council Affairs	500.00	Church Supplies	400.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	Flowers	250.00
Rent Hall	1,000.00	Church Insurance	700.00
Bazaar	4,000.00	Clergy Insurance	200.00
In Lieu of Christmas cards	<u>100.00</u>	Diocese Locma	40.00
Total	<u>\$26,000.00</u>	Diocese Dues	4,000.00
		Diocesan Assembly	400.00
		Youth Program	500.00
		Building Maintenance	2,000.00
		Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>
		Total	<u>\$26,000.00</u>

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, JANUARY 25, 1976
STATEMENT - 1975

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
Fledges	\$10,857.25	Bishop's Salary	\$ 5,000.00
Candles	819.95	" Housing	2,000.00
Plate	1,651.28	" Auto	666.60
Weddings, Bapt., Funerals	830.00	Janitor	1,702.00
Hokehankist	1,101.00	Secretary	1,759.31
Flowers	230.00	Heat (Gas)	1,137.69
Shnorhali	573.00	Electric	830.95
Easter Youghakin	827.00	Telephone	379.88
Christmas Youghakin	675.00	Postage	377.20
Donations	1,305.00	Office Supplies & Equipment	1,036.35
Parish Council Affairs	442.78	Church Supplies	375.21
ACYOA Donation	154.70	Flowers	188.88
Rent - Hall and Parking Lot	1,262.50	Church Insurance	599.00
Bazaar 1975	4,600.00	Clergy Insurance	310.00
In Lieu of Christmas Cards	95.00	Diocesan Dues	3,133.34
		Diocesan Locma	40.00
		Book Store	178.45
		Diocesan Assembly	193.04
		Youth Program	125.00
		Visiting Priests	1,122.29
		Building Maintenance and Equipment	1,923.01
		Miscellaneous	205.85
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Total Receipts	\$25,424.46	Total Disbursements	\$23,284.05

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, JANUARY 25, 1976

CASH POSITION 1975

Opening Balance	\$16,270.67
Income	<u>25,424.46</u>
	\$41,695.13
Expenses	23,284.05
Closing Balance	18,411.08
Cash Assets	
Checking Account (Riggs Natl. Bank)	1,984.67
Savings Account (Equitable Savings & Loan)	12,426.41
(National Permanent Federal Savings)	<u>4,000.00</u>
	<u>\$18,411.08</u>

BUILDING FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME STATEMENT, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Lieu of Flowers	\$1,677.00	Mortgage*	\$2,964.00
Bazaar (1974)	4,000.00		
Donation	50.00		
Bank Credit	5.00		
Interest	498.46		
		Total	\$2,964.00
Total	\$6,230.46		

Cash Position

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1975	\$15,128.00
Income	6,230.46
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	\$21,358.46

<u>Expenses</u>	2,964.00
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1975 18,394.46**

*Mortgage Balance \$2,361.89

**Perpetual Building Assn. (Savings Account)	\$ 8,164.14
American Security and Trust (Checking)	230.32
Home Federal Savings & Loan (Certificates)	10,000.00
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	\$18,394.46

Respectfully submitted by

Edward Onanian
Chairman, Building Fund

FINANCIAL REPORT OF 27th ANNUAL BAZAAR
Nov. 19-22, 1975

Gross Income		\$13,967.38
Candle lighting donations		2,600.00
Grand raffle tickets		1,435.00
Bazaar sales		9,932.38
Food items	7,967.78	
Gift Booth	1,911.17	
ACYOA Booth	53.43	

Breakdown of daily Bazaar sales

	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri. AM	Fri. PM	Sat. AM	Sat. PM	Post Bz.	Total
Bake Tble.	435.15	466.50	502.65	472.90	753.50	501.05	263.90	3,395.65
Luncheons	456.75	621.00	586.90		649.10			2,313.75
Dinners				642.00		1517.50		2,159.50
Drinks				38.55		60.33		98.88
								<u>7,967.78</u>
Gift booth	408.57	298.42	160.00	200.00	270.00	547.68	26.50	1,911.17
ACYOA booth						53.43		53.43
Total	<u>1,300.47</u>	<u>1,385.92</u>	<u>1,249.55</u>	<u>1,353.45</u>	<u>1,672.60</u>	<u>2,679.99</u>	<u>290.40</u>	<u>9,932.38</u>

Attendance

about 200 at luncheons

94 adults and 26 children for Friday evening dinner (tickets \$6.00 and 3.00)

202 adults and 32 children for Sat. evening dinner (tickets \$7.00 and 3.00)

Expenses (by check 5,162.63 plus cash 97.85 minus refunds 306.04) - \$4,954.44

Food items		3,964.73
Gift Booth		241.50
Raffle prizes		610.00
General		138.21

Net Income - - - - - \$9,012.94

Check to St. Mary's church treasury		4,600.00
Check to St. Mary's Building fund		4,600.00
		<u>9,200.00</u>
Balance in checking account prior to 1975 Bazaar		387.36
Balance in checking account after 1975 Bazaar		200.30
		<u>187.06</u>
		<u>9,012.94</u>
		9,200.00

Respectfully submitted by

Jerry Hekimian

Levon Garabedian

Bazaar Committee Chairman

Bazaar Treasurer

Jan. 10, 1976

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT - 1975

I was Fortunate enough to have been able to serve as Chairlady of the Women's Guild of St. Mary's this past year and a half. During this time there were many occasions when the ladies were called upon to perform nothing short of miracles. Mercy Dinners were planned, cooked, and served within two days' notice, luncheons and dinners were prepared to tantalize the appetite of any gourmet, the awesome task of preparing for our annual bazaar was undertaken with undaunted spirit.

There is no doubt that our hardworking ladies are the strong backbone of our Church. They spend unending hours in the kitchen for the bake sales, dinners, luncheons, etc. They volunteer for the thousand and one jobs that need their attention. Through their tireless efforts, unending devotion, and faith, they have been faced with many challenges and have come through as winners.

All this is accomplished by a handful of our full membership. As with other organizations, many are not interested in participating, or are not willing to sacrifice a little of their time, or do not want to get deeply involved for fear of being left with all the burdens that accompany such a responsibility.

With this Bicentennial Year, let's remember the spirit of the Founding Fathers of America. With strong determination, courage, and spirit, they overcame great odds to stand for what they believed and fought for what was right. Let US follow their example. Let's not stand on the sidelines and watch the gallant few struggle to reach our goals. Let's all get involved and carry on the work and traditions of our beloved Church. You will not only feel a sense of satisfaction but will be the helping hand in carrying on our goal of strengthening our ties and moving forward toward bigger and better accomplishments.

1/11/76

Respectfully yours,
Marguerite Satian

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1975

- JANUARY: 5 Armenian Christmas Dinner
26 Parish Assembly Lunch
28 General Membership Meeting. Festival Italiano Luncheon
- FEBRUARY: 18 General Membership Meeting
23 Lenten Luncheon: Special program honoring St. Hripsime.
Guest of Honor Dr. S. A. Essefian
- MARCH: General Membership Meeting. Luncheon
- APRIL: 17 Banquet in honor of His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian,
prepared and served by Women's Guild.
- May: 20 General Membership Meeting. Guest of Honor Archbishop
Manoogian. Guest Speaker Audrey Megregian
- JUNE: NO MEETING
- JULY: NO MEETING
- AUGUST: NO MEETING
- SEPTEMBER: 16 General Membership Meeting. Luncheon
21 Communion Breakfast for Sunday School Children
27 Bake Sale at Montgomery Mall
- OCTOBER: 22 General Membership Meeting. Luncheon. Bazaar Workshop
- NOVEMBER: 19, 20, 21, 22 Annual Church Bazaar
- DECEMBER: 16 General Membership Meeting. Elections
21 Christmas Party and Lunch for Sunday School Children.

WOMEN'S GUILD 1975 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Dues	315.00	
Sunday Coffee	872.96	
Christmas Dinner	424.50	
Lenten Luncheon	310.00	
Bake Sale	171.80	
Donations	553.00	
Luncheon Meetings	423.00	
Interest - savings account	70.87	
Miscellaneous	<u>544.09</u>	\$ 3,685.22

Disbursements

Kitchen equipment	872.05	
Sunday School	138.92	
Christmas Dinner	134.00	
Lenten Luncheon	40.00	
Activities	312.39	
Miscellaneous	<u>921.63</u>	<u>2,418.99</u>

Net Profit

\$ 1,266.23

Balance 1/1/75 savings account	525.82	
Balance 1/1/75 checking account	573.36	
Cash on hand 1/1/75	<u>892.50</u>	1,991.68

\$ 3,257.91

Balance 12/31/75 savings acct.	2,596.69	
Balance 12/31/75 checking acct.	661.22	
Cash on hand 12/31/75	<u>----</u>	\$ 3,257.91

Respectfully submitted by

Jean Sayian
Treasurer, Women's Guild

CHOIR REPORT - 1975

Choir Executive Body:

Chairman	Jack Andonian
Secretary	Dorothy Small
Treasurer	Clara Andonian
Delegates	Ann Andonian and Dorothy Small

Our Choirmaster is Dicran Jamgochian, who took over the duty when, unfortunately Mr. E. Sourian became ill. Dicran Jamgochian also, has been playing the organ, because our other three organists only fill in occasionally when requested.

On several occasions Deacon Ashod Krikorian has filled in as Choirmaster in Dicran Jamgochian's absence.

St. Mary's Choir has ten members who faithfully serve the Church every Sunday. There are an additional eight to nine members who come occasionally.

The Choir had three meetings in 1975.

A Choir Committee delivered a fruit basket to Mr. E. Sourian, on behalf of all members wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness.

The Choir is currently inquiring about purchasing new robes for the Choir Members and all the Deacons.

The Parish Council of St. Mary's arranged in June of 1975 for special Choir Pins to be given out to all members including Organists and Deacons.

Elections for the new executive body will be held in May of 1976.

Thank you one and all for your support. We also encourage and welcome any new members interested in joining the Choir.

Respectfully Submitted by

Jack Andonian
Chairman

ST. MARY'S CHOIR - TREASURER'S REPORT 1975

INCOME

12-31-74	Balance	\$ 657.31	
12-31-74	Interest	6.00	
1-7-75	Christmas Collection	110.00	
3-4-75	Donation - Raffi Karahisar	5.00	
3-30-75	Easter Collection	150.78	
3-31-75	Interest	8.40	
4-28-75	Choir Assoc. Collection	36.60	
6-30-75	Interest	10.24	
9-30-75	Interest	9.83	
12-31-75	Interest	<u>7.62</u>	
			\$1,001.78

EXPENSES

1-7-75	Wine for Altar	23.00	
4-28-75	Choir Assoc. Collection	36.60	
8-1-75	20 Choir Books	60.00	
9-23-75	Choir Robe Cleaning	20.00	
10-22-75	Fruit Basket - Sourian	20.75	
10-31-75	Choir Convention - 2 Delegates Transportation and Room	<u>220.00</u>	
			380.35
12-31-75	Closing Balance		\$ <u>621.43</u>

CASH POSITION

Opening Balance	1-1-75		\$657.31
Income		\$344.47	
Expense		<u>380.35</u>	-35.88
Closing Balance	12-31-75		<u>\$621.43</u>

Respectfully Submitted by

Clara Andonian
Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

January - December 1975

During 1975 the Sunday School enrolled 40 children. There are 12 teachers, including substitutes. Joseph Vartabedian was superintendent from January to June. Dr. Charles Kumkumian was selected as new superintendent. Joseph Vartabedian is now in charge of audio-visual aids.

In November Valorie Goekjian and Michael Chevian conducted a 1-day workshop for the Sunday School teachers. Expenses were covered by the Diocese.

Activities for 1975 included:

- Family Fun Nite
- Pot luck dinner
- Guest speaker, Mrs. London
- Annual Christmas program - party for children
- Dinner/Meeting for parents

Treasurer's Report:

Balance 1-1-75	\$297.40
Receipts (Gifts and weekly collections).	475.90
Expenses (Books, tape recorder, film rental, supplies, etc.)	495.03
Balance 12-31-75	\$278.27

Respectfully submitted by

Ann Kavookian

Mary Vartabedian
Secretary, Sunday School

January 13, 1976

ACYOA ANNUAL REPORT - 1975

1975 was a hard, but rewarding year. We lost almost all of our senior members, yet at the same time gained many new younger members. Consequently the members' average age went down significantly.

Elections were held in September and the following new slate of officers was elected:

Co-Chairmen	Cindy Broussalian Maggie Prodromidis
Corresponding Secretary	Paula Khederian
Recording Secretary	Christine Calvit
Treasurer	Saro Dedeyan
Liaison to Parish Council	Aram Andonian
Advisor	Mrs. Mary Broussalian

Despite the loss of our seasoned members we managed to undertake a substantial amount of activities, such as,

- 1) Chicken Bar-B-Que following the Blessing of the Grapes Service
- 2) Turkey Raffle
- 3) Selling books at the bazaar profits from which went to the Church
- 4) December Snow Ball dance
- 5) Sports activities on weekends, such as ice-skating and basketball
- 6) ACYO Gazette in the Shnorhali
- 7) Singing for the Sunday School
- 8) Holding meetings on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

Our emphasis in these activities has been geared towards sparking an active interest in ACYOA in the youth of our church and replenishing our membership rather than raising income.

For our future activities we would like to continue to pursue this objective and at the same time take on a more serious program. We are currently in the process of thinking through and formulating a program that will reflect some basic themes and ideas.

I would like to confess that we have experienced some difficulties in ACYOA in view of the absence of a counselor, and senior and experienced members. While we realize we need guidance, we also need understanding if the ACYOA is to prosper.

As a group we are very close to one another and have respect for each other's ideas and capabilities. Each of us realizes our responsibility in upholding the ACYOA's ideals and maintaining its potentially important role as a forum for the youth of the church. Although we are young we work extremely hard, probably more than is generally realized.

For the future, we hope that we can develop a closer working relationship with the Parish Council who we are confident will aid and support us.

Respectfully submitted by

Cindy Broussalian
Co-Chairman

Jan. 17, 1976