

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

42nd & Fessenden Sts., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

January 17, 1978

Dear Parishioner,

You are invited and urged to attend the annual Parish Assembly to be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 29, 1978, beginning at 12 Noon, to consider the items set forth in the attached agenda. Other items of business must be submitted to the Parish Council Chairman, Ed Onanian, in writing prior to the meeting.

Enclosed also are copies of the organizational reports for 1977. Please read them and bring them with you to the meeting.

Church services will begin at 10 a. m. on January 29 and will terminate at approximately 11:30 a.m. A light luncheon will be served immediately after church services, and the meeting will begin at 12 Noon.

We look forward to seeing you on the 29th.

Pastor and Parish Council

Մերեւելե Եկականներ,

Այսօր հրահրուած էք մասնակցելու Տարեկան Անդամական Ժողովի որ պիտի գումար-
ւի կերակի օր Յուն. 29, 1978 կեսօրին ճիշտ 12-ին, նկատի ունենալու համար ներ-
գրուել Օրակարգի հարցերը:

Նոր հարցեր եւ աստիճաններ պետք է ժողովէն առաջ գրաւոր կերպով յանձնուին
Եկական Խորհուրդի Առեւտրեա Տիար Էտ. Օնանեանին:

Ներգրակ կը գտնէք նաեւ Եկեղեցւոյ օժանդակ-կազմակերպութեանց 1977-ի տեղեկա-
գրերը: Հաճեցէք կարգաւ եւ ձեր հետը բերել այս տեղեկագիրը ժողովին օրը:

Յունուար 29-ին Ս. Պատարագը պիտի սկսի ժամը 10-ին եւ պիտի վերջանայ մօտ
ժամը 11:30-ին: Թեթիւ ճաշէ մը ետք պիտի սպասարկուի Տիկնանցի կողմէ, ժողովը
պիտի սկսի ժամը ճիշտ 12-ին:

Ձեր սպասելու որ բոլորը աւ ներկայ ըլլաք որչին ժողովին:

Հովիւ եւ Եկական Խորհուրդ

SAMPLE BALLOT - 1978

Parish Council - Vote for Five (5)

- Gary Avedikian Treasurer or Asst. Treasurer of Parish Council for several terms, Member of St. Mary's since beginning, Charge of Church Book and Record Store for 2 years, Retired from Geological Survey, Dept. of Interior, Supervisor of Photo-Process Sec., Map Reproduction Branch.
- John Azhderian Member of St. Mary's since beginning, Bachelor's degree in business administration, degree in law, Commissioned Officer in Maritime Service and Licensed Navigator in World War II, Taught school in Montgomery County 13 years, Member of Fairfax School Board, runs farm.
- Levon Garabedian BA and Master's degree, 18 years of service in Personnel Office of the Federal Reserve Board, served as an adviser on the Parish Council for one term.
- Edward Jamgochian B.S. (Physics) from MIT. M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers. At Present Group Leader at Mitre Corp. involved in Energy. Has lived in Parish since 1970.
- Sirarpie Ohanessian Master's degree in Linguistics - Radcliff, Retired in 1976 from Center for Applied Linguistics where she taught English to those whose mother tongue is not English. Member of Executive Committee of local AGBU, Knowledgeable about Armenian history and Church, Selected to attend a number of Armenian Assembly sessions.

Auditing Committee - Vote for Three (3)

Ray Babigan, Vartkes Broussalian, Robert George, Jerry Hekimian, Casey Kazanjian

Nominating Committee - Vote for Three (3)

Abraham Bodurian, Armen Garabedian, Jack Kazanjian, Edward Onanian,
Ohannes Sahakian.

Submitted by Your 1977 Nominating Committee

Queenie Avedikian

Abraham Bodurian

Charles Kumkumian

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
 Washington, D. C.
 Annual Parish Membership Assembly
 January 29, 1978

Table of Contents

	Page	1
Agenda		2
Minutes of Annual Parish Assembly, Jan. 30, 1977	3 -	5
Pastor's Report	6 -	9
Pastor's Report - Armenian	10 -	12
Parish Council Report	13 -	14
Memo of Understanding		15
Report on the 75th Diocesan Assembly	16 -	17
Project Reach Out - Annual Report	18 -	19
Women's Guild Annual Report		19
Choir Report - 1977		20
Sunday School Report		21
ACYO Annual Report		22
Hye Club's Annual Report		23
Ararat Avak Society Report		24
Auditing Committee's Report		25
Parish Council Treasurer's Report		28
Parish Council Report (cont'd)		29
Bazaar Report		30
Women's Guild Financial Statement		31
Choir - Treasurer's Report		32
A.C.Y.O.A. Financial Report		33
Hye Club Financial Report		34
Sunday School Financial Report		34
Proposed Budget - 1978		35
Building Fund Committee	26 -	27

Prayer Before Meeting -

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
 Jesus, Wisdom of the Father/give me wisdom to always think and speak and
 do what is good in Your sight/ Save me from evil thoughts/ words and deeds./
 Have mercy on all your creatures/ and on me, a sinner.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit/ now and
 always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Prayer After Meeting -

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
 O Christ, Guardian of all/ may Your hand shelter me/ during the day and at
 night/ at home and while traveling/ while asleep and awake/ that I may never
 fall./ Have mercy on all your creatures/ and on me, a sinner.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit/ now and
 always and unto the ages of ages/ Amen.

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Washington, D.C. 20016

Agenda for Annual Parish Assembly
January 29, 1978

1. Opening Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Assembly Chairman and Secretary
4. Minutes of 1977 Assembly
5. Reports
 - a. Pastor and Parish Council
 - b. Building Fund Committee
 - c. Diocesan Delegates
 - d. Women's Guild
 - e. Sunday School
 - f. Choir
 - g. ACYO, Hye Club, Ararat Avak Society
 - h. Auditing Committee
6. Election of Parish Council, Auditing Committee, and Nominating Committee Members
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Proposed 1978 Budget
10. Announcement of Election Results
11. Adjournment and Benediction

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1977

The Annual Parish Assembly convened in the sanctuary at approximately 12 noon after a light lunch served by the Women's Guild in the Parish Hall following the regular morning Holy Badarak. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Edward Onanian, Chairman of the Parish Council. Our new Pastor, Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian opened the meeting with a prayer and asked that all parishioners participate in the prayer. Miss Ann Kavookian, a Parish Council member, took the roll call and of the 110 paid up members, 46 were present which constituted a quorum.

Then Dr. Onanian called for nominations from the floor for Chairman of the Assembly. Dr. Kumkumian and Dicran Jangochian were nominated. Dr. Kumkumian was elected by a show of hand votes of 29-16. Mrs. Valentine Stahl was selected to serve as Secretary.

Dr. Kumkumian acknowledged and thanked the members on behalf of the Tivan for their confidence and conducted the meeting according to the previously published agenda. Miss Kavookian read the minutes of the 1976 Assembly. Mr. Dicran Jangochian requested clarification on "Cultural Fund being discontinued." Miss Kavookian read that portion of the minutes again and Mr. Hekimian explained that that money had been "earmarked" for the Cultural Fund but never allocated. He then requested that the correction be made to the minutes. Miss Isabelle Goshgarian made a motion that the minutes be accepted with the correction. It was unanimously carried. The Chairman asked that copies of the minutes of the previous year's Assembly be included in the Annual Report booklet sent to the parishioners prior to the meeting.

REPORTS

The Chair ruled that each representative of the Church organization will stand to answer questions on the previously submitted reports contained in the booklet mailed to each member.

BAZAAR REPORT. Dr. Onanian briefly stated that the Bazaar report was incorporated in the Parish Council report. Mr. Hekimian explained that the \$5,195.89 blank figure under "Net Profit" was the food item. Ann Kavookian stated that the \$5,000 figure for "Bazaar (1976)" in the Parish Council Treasurer's report should be \$6,000. She explained that the extra \$1,000 check will be added to the 1977 Fiscal Year report. Mr. Krikorian made a motion to accept the report; Isabelle Goshgarian seconded and it was accepted.

At this point, the Chairman commended all persons including Der Hayr Kalayjian for an outstanding, professional job in preparing the "Notice of Meeting of the Parish Assembly, the Memorandum of Understanding" and all reports related thereto in English and Armenian. This bilingual notice set a precedent and was extremely helpful to all members present.

DIOCESAN DELEGATE'S REPORT. Mr. Abraham Bodourian, Diocesan Delegate, stated that the June 1976 issue of Shnorhali had published the draft understanding of "unity" adopted by the 1976 Diocesan Assembly and he requested that this Parish take a stand on "unity" in order that the Delegates may know where the Parish stands on this issue and thus give the Delegates some guidance in the future on the "unity" policy of this Parish. Dr. Onanian said that that subject came under "new business" and that it should have been brought up to the Parish Council before the meeting.

The Parish Council did not receive a single item of "new business" and, therefore, it could not be considered at this time. It was deferred until the agenda considered "new business." The report was accepted.

WOMEN'S GUILD. Mrs. Queenie Avedikian, Recording Secretary, gave the report and did not elaborate as it was complete in every detail. Under "Misc. Disbursements," the bulk of the \$1131.95 figure contains the \$779.81 which the Women's Guild advanced to the Bazaar Committee in September in order that the Bazaar Committee may start various preparations such as purchasing food, supplies, etc. Under "Misc. Receipts," the \$896.81 figure includes the \$779.81 which the Bazaar Committee returned to the Women's Guild. Ann Kavookian made a motion to accept the report and Mrs. Flossie Baldadian seconded with words of praise and appreciation for the magnificent job accomplished in 1976 - the Bicentennial Food Festival, Bazaar to name a few.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Dr. Kumkumian, Superintendent of the Sunday School, asked that since Miss Mary Vartabedian was not present at the time, all questions regarding the report be addressed to him. There were no questions, and the report was accepted as presented.

CHOIR REPORT. Report was accepted as presented without any comment.

ACYOA. Miss Margo Dedeyan, Co-Chairman, presented the ACYOA Report. Mr. Gary Avedikian asked why there was no financial report and Dr. Onanian stated that he had received the report which showed that ACYOA had \$702.95 in its treasury but he had not received the report in time to publish it. Miss Dedeyan announced their forthcoming 10th Anniversary Ball in April, 1977 and appealed to everyone for support. "If you do not attend, please be a sponsor," she urged.

BUILDING FUND. Dr. Onanian reviewed details of the Building Fund. The report was accepted.

AUDITING COMMITTEE. Mr. Ray Babigan, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, stated he had reviewed all the Church accounts and found everything in order in all reports from all committees. A suggestion was made that a statement be submitted in writing to the effect that the Auditing Committee had audited all reports and everything was found to be correct and in order in all aspects. All members agreed to this recommendation. This oral report was accepted.

NOMINATIONS. All the individuals named on the sample ballot had accepted the nominations but nominations would also be accepted from the floor. For Parish Council members, Mr. Bodourian announced that Dr. Sahakian was withdrawing his name from the ballot as Parish Council member but he would remain on the Nominating Committee. Mr. Ashod Krikorian also personally declined from nomination. Mr. Dicran Jamgochian urged that in justice to the wonderful work done by the ladies, ladies should also be nominated to serve on the Parish Council. Miss Isabelle Goshgarian and Mrs. Valentina Stahl were nominated from the floor. Following members were elected:

PARISH COUNCIL

Joseph Vartabedian 36
Sarkis Satian 36
Albert Manian 29
Isabelle Goshgarian 22

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Ray Babigan 41
William Duchessi 38
Vartkes Broussalian 35

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Queenie Avedikian 36
Charles Kumkumian 33
Abraham Bodourian 31

DIOCESAN DELEGATES

Abraham Bodourian 30
Edward Onanian 24

Following is the count for nominees to the various committees:

PARISH COUNCIL

Jack Hananian. 19
Alan Kazanjian 18
Valentine Stahl 18
Levon Garabedian 16
John Azhderian 14

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ohannes Sahakian 29
Casey Kazanjian 27

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Casey Kazanjian 24
Jack Andonian 16

DIOCESAN DELEGATES

Serpouhi Essefian 21
Mary Vartabedian 13
Armen Garabedian 5
Ashod Krikorian 4

Mr. Jerry Hekimian reported on the progress of the Space Committee. The report was to be ready by October 1st but it was delayed. The architect's proposal had just come in and the Committee had not studied it to date and until it did, the Committee could not comment on it. However, Mr. Hekimian did say that the Committee had met several times and considered the feasibility of adding to our present property rather than buying other property. A full report will be submitted at a special membership meeting for that purpose. Of the \$1500 allocated to the Space Committee to study the space problem, only \$750 has been spent.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dicran Jangochian made a proposal that the Church Parish Hall be available to all visitors from outside this community, specifically Armenian intellectuals. It was later rephrased and amended to read, "Should the Church hall be made available to organizations or Ad Hoc Committees wishing to sponsor receptions or similar affairs for visitors from Soviet Armenia." After a lengthy discussion, majority members decided to table this issue.

On the subject of annual dues, Mr. Jerry Hekimian proposed that annual dues be raised from \$52 to \$75 per annum. No majority vote - no discussion.

PROPOSED BUDGET - 1977

Dr. Onanian reviewed most of the items in the proposed budget for Calendar Year 1977 which is attached to these Minutes. Since the largest expense item was the Pastor's stipend, Dr. Onanian explained the basis of that figure which primarily follows the Diocesan guidelines. He also recommended that since we will need \$5,000 more this year to meet expenses, each member voluntarily would add \$1.00 to his/her weekly pledge to balance the budget. Mrs. Bella Kazanjian urged everyone, every Armenian to pay more, to help, to support, to preserve Armenian heritage and culture. The budget was accepted as presented.

Der Hayr Kalayjian led the Assembly in the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Kumkumian, Chairman

Valentine (Bostonian) Stahl
Secretary

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian,
President

Pastor's Report - 1977

A year ago this month I assumed my duties here as the Pastor of St. Mary's Parish. With God's help we have completed the year with certain satisfaction. My first and humble duty is to thank God for the opportunities I was privileged with to serve Him and His church during the past year.

As we start another year together, I would like to call this year the year of Homecoming and our slogan "The Joy of Homecoming." As the psalmist has sang, let us also say "I rejoiced when they said to me: Let us go to the House of the Lord." Through our Project Reach Out this theme will be heard throughout the year and we hope it will rally people around the House of the Lord, the Home of our spiritual life, our church, St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church.

The following is a summary of my activities as your Parish Priest, which I humbly offer to God and to you.

A. SACRAMENTS & SERVICES

1. Divine Liturgy was celebrated regularly every Sunday. On few occasions when I was out of town Deacon A. Krikorian and Mr. E. Sourian, choirmaster, conducted the morning services. Together with the choir and the altar servers they have our deepest gratitude.

Sermons were delivered every Sunday in English and in Armenian either together or on alternate Sundays. Special services: Christmas, Lenten, Easter, etc. were also held according to our church calendar. The highlight of the Lenten Services were the Meditations that were offered by guest speakers. Similar format will be used this year, also.

2. Sacraments and Home Blessings. In 1977 we had 2 weddings, 4 Baptisms and four funerals. Hokehankist, grave site prayers and home blessings were held according to the requests made and as opportunities arose. Home visitations were made over 125 times and the sick in the hospitals and at homes also were visited over 20 times.

3. Family and Individual Counseling. On over 45 occasions families and individuals were given special attention to solve their problems. As spiritual and general counseling is one of my major duties I note with certain satisfaction the fact that more of our parishioners are finding church's spiritual help useful for their personal and family needs.

4. Social Services. Another area where we intend to extend the church's ministry is Social Services. To help newcomers to the community to adjust and find jobs and lodging I made myself available. Over 20 families received our care during the past year.

The health care of the elderly, Immigration problems, Wills and adoptions, and other needs were also cared by the church.

B. OFFICE ACTIVITIES

1. Office Hours were kept throughout the year. Aside from home visitations and other personal contacts, the telephone was used quite extensively to keep contact with the parishioners and the members of the community at large. These visits were also very helpful to get to know many of our parishioners.

2. Publications. The Parish Monthly Paper, Shnorhali, was published 10 times during the year. The Armenian Section was added and the content expanded generally. Special bulletins, fliers, Lenten Companion Booklet and the Annual Reports were also mailed out.

3. Correspondence. In relation to official business of the church and my pastoral duties correspondence was kept regularly and documented in the files.

4. Consultations. Special effort was made to solicit ideas and suggestions through private group consultations during and outside of the office hours. The subjects covered a variety of organizational and community matters.

5. Public Affairs. On 16 different occasions I happily represented the parish during public affairs and receptions and conveyed the good will of our parishioners according to the occasion.

C. Organizational

1. Parish Council. We did have a good working relationship among the Parish Council members. As a new parish priest I received extended measure of cooperation and help. Several members went beyond their normal duties to make my adjustment and acquaintance with the parishioners and the area geography easier, also, during the purchase of my car and the Parish House. I thank them all.

To chair a Parish Council meeting and tend the needs of the parish at this transitional, and in many aspects difficult times, was not easy and I am sure you all recognize this. For this and for many more reasons, on behalf of all of you and myself, I would like to express my deep appreciation to Dr. Edward Onanian for his distinguished leadership as the Parish Council Chairman. Our thanks go also to the retiring members of the Council as well as to those who will remain to serve the Parish next year. Almost all of them have given years of their service to the church and deserve our gratitude. The Parish Council met regularly twice a month, except during the Summer months.

2. Auxiliary Organizations. Besides presiding over the regular meetings of the church organizations, efforts were made to increase the level of participation among their respective memberships and add the quality of their activities.

- Women's Guild. Continued its dedicated work throughout the year and we thank each and everyone of the active workers.

- Choir. One of the important elements for celebrating a meaningful and inspiring Divine Liturgy undoubtedly is the choir. We thank the members who faithfully attended and contributed with their talents. Particularly encouraging and heartwarming is to see the participation of more of our younger members. I acknowledge with gratitude the efforts of Mr. Casey Kazanjian who is instrumental for their participation and Mrs. K. Andonian who is teaching the Sunday School the hymns of Divine Liturgy in preparation for our youngsters eventual participation.

- Sunday School. With great satisfaction I note the progress is made through the dedicated services of the teaching staff under the leadership of Dr. Charles Kumkumian, Supt. We thank them one and all.

- A.C.Y.O. Second only to the Sunday School, I note with great satisfaction the progress they have made in developing fellowship within the group. The level of enthusiasm and motivation are the sure signs that more creative and constructive activities are to be expected of them during the next year.

- Hye-Club. After months of consultation with several of our young parishioners in November we called a meeting for the purpose of organizing activities for the young group between ages of 18-30's. The result was very encouraging and you will read about their activities elsewhere in this booklet. I thank particularly Mr. Mike Tashjian who assumed the temporary chairmanship and helped to maintain a high level of interest and enthusiasm among the group. Together with the other members of the temporary executive committee they deserve our thanks and encouragement.
- Ararat Avak Society. To provide opportunities for our elder parishioners (Avaks) to meet socially and have enjoyable activities, we organized the Avak Society. For a while the gatherings were held regularly on a weekly basis. At this point the activities have become periodic. We hope we may be able to revitalize it this year. I thank Mrs. A. Kumkumian who personally and Mrs. Z. Onanian on behalf of the Daughters of Vartan, helped us to organize activities. No less were the services of Mr. G. Avedikian who provided transportation quite regularly. We thank them all.

D. Miscellaneous

1. Baltimore Community. I kept contact with our neighboring community. Particular attention was given to the youth group which received active encouragement from our A.C.Y.O. Together we had a couple of activities.

2. Summer Programs.

- The Parish Council and the Women's Guild jointly sponsored six of our A.C.Y.O. members to attend the St. Nersess Summer Study Conference. It was both enjoyable and educational experience for those who attended. We hope to expand the program to include more participants.
- A Summer Retreat was held in Belmar, N. J. with 20 of our A.C.Y.O. members attending. Together with the St. Nersess Program the Belmar experience brought the members closer and increased their motivation to help each other and the church.

3. Deacons Training

I have started training deacons and acolytes. We expect in the near future they will take their turns serving on the altar.

4. Altar Care and Mass.

With the help of Mrs. A. Baker, Mrs. Z. Onanian, Miss A. Manigian, and Miss A. Kavookian, the altar received an adequate care. We expect to improve both the vestments and the general care of the related church articles. We thank the ladies who continuously have prepared and donated the Mass during the past years. May they continue their services in good health.

Remarks

As we start another year I would like to share a few thoughts with you.

*

What you will not find in the Parish Council's report is what I would like to remind you here, and that is the continuous pressure and the frustration that the Council members and Pastor experience throughout the year.

The pressures are mainly financial and the report will show you what I mean. But there is also a pressure that exists when one attempts to remain within the mission of the church and tries to deliver the message of the Armenian Apostolic Church not to outsiders but to her own people. The needs and the interests within our community are quite diverse and at times are so polarized that an effort to find a common denominator becomes a hazardous task. When we add to this a certain lack of full cooperation then you would understand the nature of the frustration that the executive officers experience throughout the year. To tackle these and other issues that are pressing upon us, the Parish council, upon my recommendation, initiated a program which came to be known as Project Reach Out (P.R.O.). I consider this the single most important undertaking that the Parish was called upon to adopt. We are indeed fortunate that both George and Anna Derderians accepted to coordinate the project and up to now they have done a remarkable job in laying down the foundation of a program that I hope becomes an ongoing internal-missionary activity of the church. The task cannot be completed by them or by the devoted members of the P.R.O. Committee nor by the Parish Council alone. Now is the time that we get involved and lend them our support to complete the task.

There is the bright side of it. There is evidence that the church attendance on Sundays is increasing. More people have made pledges this year and those who had their pledges in the past, have appreciably increased the amount of their financial help.

The Sunday School has registered over 100% increase in this year's enrolment. The number is now over 70. From last year's 110 dues paying members we now have 131 members. The A.C.Y.O. is moving confidently and with enthusiasm. Their membership has increased from 12 to 23. The Hye-Club is attracting an average of 40-50 young participants every Friday. All these indicate that we are moving forward. The change may not be spectacular, but if we reach out there is a greater potential that this church may accomplish.

- Related to the observations is our problem of space. I do urge you to give this matter your most serious consideration. We don't want to lose our momentum. Since we all agree that our space is inadequate, we have to come up with a solution.

This year we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of our Parish and the 15th anniversary of the consecration of our Church. Let us make this year a memorable year as another milestone in our Parish History. I call upon your faith and your dedication to come up with bold initiatives to secure better spiritual and fellowship environment with adequate facilities.

I thank each and everyone of you who made my task easier and rewarding. I look forward to serving this community another year with the Grace of God.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor

5.- Հրապարակային Ձեռնարկներ.- 16 առիթներով, Բուրախուլթեամբ ներկայացուցի մեր եկեղեցին ձեռնարկներու եւ ընդունելութեանց առիթներով եւ ձեր կողմէքարի տրամադրութիւններու թարգմանը Գործնական ժողովուրդի ղրկւալ:

Գ.- Կազմակերպչական

1.- Երեսկան Խորհուրդը ցոյց տուաւ լաւ համադրութեան իբրեւ նոր հովիւ այդ գործակցութիւնը ինչի եւս տրուեցաւ աւելիով: Դատ մը անդամներ, իրենց կարելին ըրին գործա դիւրացնելու, մասնաւորաբար ինքնաշարժիս եւ իրատան համան առիթով: Մասնաւոր գնահատանքի խօսք ունիմ Դոկտ. Զ. Օնանեանին որ իբրեւ ատենապետ ձեռնհասութեամբ վարեց Երեսկան Խորհուրդի աշխատանքները: Ենոր հակալութիւն կը յայտնեմ նաեւ դարբեալ եւ մնացող անդամներուն իրենց եկեղեցիին մատուցած ծառայութեանց համար: Դատերը անոնցմէ երկար տարիներու ծառայութիւն մատուցած են եկեղեցւոյ եւ արժանի են բոլորին գնահատանքին:

2.- Օթանդակ Կազմակերպչութիւններ.- Բոլոր ժողովներուն նախագահէ գատ աշխատեցանք անոնց գործունէութեան մակարդակը եւ անդամներուն մասնակցութիւնը բարձրացնել:

Տիկնանց Միութիւնը շարունակեց եկեղեցանուէր իր գործունէութիւնը եւ մասնաւորաբար Ժրջան անդամութիւններուն կը յայտնենք մեր շնորհակալութիւնը:

Դպրաց-Դասի դերը արարողութեանց լաւ կատարման համար դիտենք որ շատ անհրաժեշտ է: Այդամներուն կանոնաւորաբար մասնակցելուն մեր գնահատանքը կը յայտնենք: Մասնաւորաբար ուրախ ենք որ Պրն. Մ. Գազանեանի շնորհով երիտասարդներն ալ կը մասնակցին եւ Տիկ. Գ. Անտոնեան անոնքմէ Մ. Պատարաչի երգերը սորվեցնելու պարտականութիւնը:

Կիրակնօրեայ արժարանի յաշող ընթացքը գործունէութեամբ կը նշենք: Մեր շնորհակալութիւնը կը յայտնենք ուսուցչական կազմին որ Դոկտ. Զ. Գուրմազեանի ղեկավարութեամբ օրինակելի աշխատանք կը տանին:

Ուրախութեամբ կը նշենք նեւ երիտասարդաց խումբի արձանագրած յաշողութիւնները իրենց խնդրակառութիւնը եւ միակամ աշխատանքը յոյս կուտայ մեզի պարզայի լաւագոյն արդիւնքներու ակնկալութեան:

Ամիսներու խորհրդակցութիւններէ ետք ծնունդ առաւ Հայ-Գլապը որ 18-էն վեր երիտասարդներու համար կազմակերպուեցաւ իրենց գործունէութիւնը մինչեւ հիմա զաշակերական է եւ կը գնահատենք մասնաւորաբար Պրն. Մ. Գազանեանի աշխատանքը այս խումբին յառաջիմութեան մէջ:

Արարատ Աւազ ընկերութիւնը եւս կազմակերպուեցաւ առիթ տալու մեր երէց անդամներուն իրարու ջով հաւաքուելու եւ ընկերային մթնոլորտ մը վայելելուն: Ի՞նչեւ այժմ իրենց հաւաքոյթները պարբերաբար կ'ըլլան, կը յուսանք որ մօտ ատենէն իրենք ալ կը սկսին ելնել աշխոյժ գործունէութեան:

Գ.- Զանազանք

1.- Գալթիմորի մեր զաղուլի անդամներուն հետ աշխատեցանք կապ պահել: Մասնաւորաբար ուշադրութիւն դարձուցինք երիտասարդներու աշխատանքներուն եւ մեր երիտասարդացիս հետ զաշակերցիս իրենց ձեռնարկները:

2.- Ամառնային Թայտադիւններ.- Երական Խորհուրդի եւ Տիկնանցի հովանաւորութեամբ մեր երիտասարդներէն վեցը մասնակցեցան Մ. Տերսէն Անտոնեանի արարատի մասնաւորային դասընթացքին: Մէկ շաբաթու մըն ալ Պէլմարի նիւ ձըր-գի մէջ ու Գործնական ժողովուրդի մեր անդամները օգնեցին մեր երիտասարդներուն:

3.- Դարկաւագաց խորձեր.- Դիւսած ենք մեր երիտասարդները վարժեցնել սպասարկելու Դ. Խորանին իբրեւ ուրարակիւրներ եւ մոմակալներ: Մ. տատենէն անոնք պիտի կարենան իրենց պաշտօնը ստանձնել խորանին վրայ:

4.- Խորանի Բարեզարդում.- Խորանի պետքերը հոգացին Տիկիներ Ա. Պէյքը, Զ. Օնան-եան եւ Օրիորդներ Ա. Մանիկեան եւ Ա. Գալուզեան • րիմակելի սիրով: Կը յուսանք որ քիչ մը աւելի ճիշտով բոլոր պակասները կը լրացուին այս տարի: Շնորհակալութիւն իրենց նուիրումին համար:

Ն Կ Ա Տ Ո Ւ Մ Ն Ե Ր

Նոր Տարուան սկզբնաւորութեան պիտի ուզէի հետեւեալ խորհրդածութիւնները ընել

Ինչ որ այս տեղեկագիրներու մէջ պիտի չգտնէք հետեւեալն է թէ լիակաւ խորհրդերը միշտ ալ գաղութիս պահանջներուն ճնշման տակ է եւ յաճախ ալ անարդիւնաւէտութեան անգոր զգացումը կը տիրէ հոգիներէ ներս:

Ճնշումին մեծ մասը նիւթական անբաւարարութենէն կու գայ եւ հաշուետուութեան մէջ կը տեսնէք այդ բացայայտութիւն:

Բայց ճնշումին միւս տեսակն ալ կայ երբ մեկը կը փորձէ եկեղեցւոյ առաքելութեան հաւատարիմ մնալ եւ տարածել մեր եկեղեցւոյ պատգամը մեր իսկ զաւակներուն: Մեր գաղութի անհատներուն պետքերը եւ հետաքրքրութիւնները նոյնքան այլազան են որ ընդհանուր յայտարար մը գտնելու փորձը կը դառնայ դժուարին վտանգաւոր ըլլալու աստիճան: Երբոր լման համագործակցութեան պակասն ալ աւելցնենք կը նաք ուրեմն հասկնալ այդ անգոր զգալու պատճառները:

Այս հարցերը ուրեմն դիմադրաւելու համար է որ գլխաւորաբար սկսանք իրոճեքթի հետ Առկիւն: Այս ձեռնարկը անձնապէս կը համարեմ յիսկան խորհուրդի ամենէն կարեւոր նախաձեռնութիւնը: Ուրախ ենք որ ձեռք եւ Աննա Տեղեկեանները ստանձնած են դեկավարել այս ձեռնարկը որ կը յուսանք որ ժամանակի ընթացքին կը դառնայ ներքին առաքելութեան շարունակուող աշխատանք մը: Այս գործը անոնցմով, իրենց հետ գործող նուիրեալ Յանձնախումբով եւ կամ յիսկան խորհուրդով միայն չի բազործուիր: Ատենն է որ միակամ շանքով սատարենք իրենց այս գործը յաջողութեամբ յառաջ տանելու:

Կացութեան լաւ կողմն ալ դիտենք: Յայտնի է որ Կիրակնօրեայ ժամապաշտութեան մասնակցողներու թիւը կ'աւելնայ հետզհետէ: Այս տարի նիւթական գնութեան խօստում ընողներու թիւը աւելցած է: Աւելցած է նաեւ անցեալին խօստում ընողներու նիւթական գնութեան քանակը: Կիրակնօրեայ վարժարանի ուսանողներու թիւը 100 տոկոսով աւելցած է եւ անցած 70-ը: Անցեալ տարուան 110 տրատու անդամներու դեմ այսօր ունինք 131: Երիտասարդացը կը յառաջդիմէ վստահաբայլ եւ խանդավառ: Անոնց թիւն ալ 12-էն ելած է 23-ի: Հայ-Գլապի ձեռնարկները իրարու կը հաւաքեն 40-50 երիտասարդ-երիտասարդուհիներ ամեն ուրբաթ:

Այս բոլորը կը թեւադրեն որ կը յառաջդիմենք: Ռոփոխութիւնը թեքեւս այնքան ալ զարմանահրաշ չէ բայց եթէ ձգտինք քիչ մը աւելի այս ծուխը աւելիին կը նայ հասնիլ:

Ասոնց հետ կապ ունեցող ուրիշ հարց մըն ալ է մեր տեղի անբաւարարութիւնը: Կոչ կ'ընեմ բոլորիդ որ այս հարցը լռութեամբ նկատի առնենք: Մտեղծուած թափը շարժումի պէտք չէ կասեցնել: Բանի որ բոլորս ալ համաձայն ենք որ մեր ունեցած տեղը անբաւարար է ուրեմն լուծում մը պետք է գտնել:

Այս տարի պիտի տօնենք մեր ծուխին հաստատման 25-ամեակը եւ եկեղեցւոյս օծման 15-ամեակը: Աշխատինք այս տարին յիշատակելի տարի մը ընել իբրեւ հանգրուան մը մեր ծուխին պատմութեան մէջ: Կոչ կ'ընեմ ձեր հաւատքին եւ նուիրութեան որ պէսզի խիզախ նախաձեռնութեամբ ապահովենք մեզի համար հոգեւոր եւ ընկերային միջնորդութիւն մը յարմարաւէտ միջավայրի մէջ:

Շնորհակալութիւն բոլորիդ որ իմ աշխատանքս դիւրացուցիք որով աւելի եւս վարձատրուած կը զգամ: Լաւագոյն ակնկալութիւններով ուրեմն կը սկսինք այս տարին ծառայելու համար այս գաղութին տիրոջ շնորհքով:

Աղ. Թարար Վրթանէս ԲՏՆՅ. Գալայճեան

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Calendar Year 1977

The arrival of a new pastor, the purchase of a parish house, the establishment of Project Reach Out, the establishment of the Ararat Avak Society and the Hye Club, and the growth and vitality of the ACYO were among the highlights of parish life during 1977. To the extent necessary, each of these developments will either be discussed here or in other reports presented at this Assembly.

With the arrival of a pastor, and in particular one with a family, the Parish Council early in the year began to search for a parish house. Within a few months, its Housing Committee recommended a house in Rockville for purchase, and the Council in turn brought this recommendation to a Special Parish Assembly in June. After much discussion of all aspects of the issue, the Council was authorized to purchase the house it had recommended. We went to settlement on the house on August 1, and immediately thereafter began to arrange for the cleaning, painting, and repairs necessary to make the house ready for occupancy. These were accomplished by early September, which was our initial target date for the arrival of Der Hayr's family. As it developed, however, Der Hayr found it necessary to delay his family's move, and thus the house was not occupied until late November.

Funds for the downpayment and the costs associated with the purchase and renovation of the house were drawn from the Building Fund Committee's treasury, and that body will be responsible for meeting the mortgage payments on the house. Financial details appear in the Building Fund Committee's report.

Maintenance needs of the church received considerable attention throughout the year. Repairs were made on, among other things, the organ, the chimes, and the furnace. The canopy above the 42nd Street entrance was waterproofed, and metal shelves were installed in the utility room off the kitchen.

As anyone familiar with the church knows, a number of minor repairs are necessary throughout the building. An inventory of repair needs was taken at year's end, and these will be undertaken as resources (financial and physical) permit. Volunteer help and donations will be most gratefully accepted.

In addition to repairs, plans have been approved for landscaping the 42nd Street side of our church property; this project will be undertaken in the Spring by the ACYO. Within the sanctuary, lights will be installed in the side altars to illuminate the paintings and our altar curtain will most likely be replaced. In the office, the present address plate system will be replaced by a computerized mailing list.

A program entitled Project Reach Out (PRO) was developed during the year to help us determine the needs of our parishioners and acquaint them with St. Mary's services and activities. With George and Anna Derderian serving as co-ordinators, the program is now well under way and promises to be of great benefit to the church and community. We are indebted to the members of the PRO committees, and in particular to George and Anna Derderian for their able and dedicated service on this program.

In terms of social activities, the Council on April 2 hosted a dinner honoring our Sunday School teachers, choir, and altar servers. The Annual Picnic was held on June 5, and the Bazaar in mid-October. We were pleased also to join in early June with the Women's Guild in hosting a reception in honor of His Grace Bishop Karekin Kazanjian, Primate of Australia and the first pastor of our church.

We regret that there is little to report regarding efforts to seek a solution to the space needs of the church. Early in the year, the Space Committee established by the 1976 Parish Assembly received a feasibility study on what could be done within the confines of our present location. However, consideration of this matter was deferred during the search for a parish house, and unfortunately was not fully resumed by year's end.

With regard to church finances, we operated at a \$5,200 deficit in 1977. In a transitional year such as the past one, this was not entirely unexpected, and is not a matter of serious concern so long as the experience is not repeated this year. The warning was given at last year's Parish Assembly that our proposed budget for 1977 was our highest ever by far, and that each of us would have to make an upward adjustment in our pledge donations to meet it. Pledge income did increase, from \$8,910 to \$11,180, but this still was considerably less than what was needed. Efforts are being made by the Parish Council to secure an increase in pledge income, and we are pleased to report that many parishioners have recognized the current situation and have increased their pledges. All parishioners must do so, however, if we are to avoid future deficits. Each of us must bear in mind and call to the attention of others that the year is 1978, that our weekly expenses average close to \$700, and that the individual pledge levels of a decade ago are no longer adequate.

In the year ahead, St. Mary's will commemorate the 25th Anniversary of its establishment and the 15th Anniversary of the consecration of our sanctuary. Although considerable progress has been made during this span of time, the parish still has many challenges to meet. We are blessed, however, with the resources to meet these challenges, if only, we are willing to make them available. We close with the prayer that all of our parishioners will fully meet their obligations to the church in 1978 and beyond, and that our parish during its second 25 years will move closer to full realization of its potential.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Onanian, Chairman

**Memorandum of Understanding Between the
Parish Council of St. Mary's Armenian
Apostolic Church of Washington and
Reverend Vertanes Kalayjian**

... We agree that the following monetary and related considerations shall apply to Reverend Kalayjian's service as pastor of St. Mary's Church during the period set forth herein:

- 1. Stipend and allowances** 1/
- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Basic Stipend | \$8,860 |
| Service Increment | 2,540 |
| Car Allowance | 2,550 |
| Total | \$13,950 |
- plus clergy insurance and IRA

1/ The parish will assume the payment of all utility (heat, light, water, and telephone) expenses at the parish house.

Deductions will be made from Reverend Kalayjian's stipend at the rate of \$1,500 per year until the auto loan made to him in 1977 is repaid in full; the loan balance at the close of 1977 was \$4,575.00.

2. Vacation

In accord with the Diocesan vacation schedule, we agree that Reverend Kalayjian shall be allowed to take leave on two Sundays while on vacation. Leave may be accrued with the prior consent of the Parish Council.

In addition, he shall be allowed to take leave on the Sunday of the Diocesan Assembly weekend, provided his return to Washington for that day should prove inconvenient. A similar policy shall apply in the event he chooses to attend the ACYOA and/or Choir Assembly. An allowance shall be provided by the parish toward his lodging and travel expenses in the case of the Diocesan Assembly only. In the case of the Choir and/or ACYOA Assembly, it is expected that those organizations will provide a lodging and travel allowance.

This memorandum of understanding becomes effective on January 1, 1978, and continues through December 31, 1978, provided its financial conditions receive the approval of the Annual Parish Assembly.

Report on the 75th Diocesan Assembly

May 5-7, 1977, Providence, R. I.

The 75th annual Assembly of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America was held on Thursday through Saturday, May 5-7, 1977, at the Armenian Apostolic Church of Sts. Sahag and Mesrob in Providence, Rhode Island. The parish of St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church of Washington, D. C. was represented at that convention by its pastor, Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian and diocesan delegates Dr. S. A. Essefian, Dr. Edward Onanian and Mr. Abraham Bodurian.

The Assembly was presided over by His Eminence Abp. Torkom Manogian, the Primate. Mr. Khachador N. Kazarian of Rhode Island was elected to act as chairman while Rev. F. Terenig Kondralian and Mrs. Lorena Janjigian were elected to serve as secretaries for Armenian and English respectively.

The 75th Diocesan Assembly was attended by 118 delegates out of a total of 201. Only 10 parish council chairmen were present out of a total of 45.

The major issues dealt with may be summed up as follows:

Unity Project: In his review of the negotiations conducted with the "separated brethren" the Chairman of the Diocesan Council, Judge John K. Najarian, stated that,

1) Clergymen under the jurisdiction of the Holy See of the Greater House of Cilicia would have to take an oath of allegiance to the Holy See of St. Etchmiadzin in the event they are elected to serve as primates in the unified church;

2) Regular financial assistance to the Holy See of the Greater House of Cilicia could not be included in the Diocesan budget but that the Armenian Church Endowment Fund could be used as a vehicle for the extension of such aid since some American Armenians would be interested to contribute to that Fund for that very purpose;

3) The Diocese would be willing to send "observers," when invited, rather than "delegates" to attend the Cilician Assembly, for the dispatch of delegates could be interpreted to mean an actual participation of the Diocese in the business of the said Assembly;

4) There shall be no cooperation at this stage such as on the occasion of the commemoration of April 24-until a full overall agreement is reached on all issues.

The Diocesan Assembly thereupon approved an amended form of a proposal which was inspired by a decision reached at an informal gathering of delegates from both sides held on March 26, 1977, at the Tappan Zee Inn in Nyack, N. Y. which reads:

"It is hereby resolved that this Assembly supports the continuing efforts for achieving unity within the Armenian Church of America. It is further resolved that this the 75th Diocesan Assembly empowers the Diocesan Council and the Primate to accept and approve guidelines for unification as they may be developed by the combined negotiating committees".

Diocesan Budget: The Diocesan budget for the current fiscal year 1977-1978 totals \$552,000.00 as compared with that of the preceding year which consisted of \$526,500. Nearly one half of that total, i.e., \$248,000.00 is earmarked for the salaries of Diocesan personnel. On the income side, parish assessments amount to \$313,000.00, an increase of \$33,000.00 over last year.

Transmitted below are some salient passages from the Primate's address to the Diocesan Assembly illustrating the position of the Diocese on such matters as the clergy, Unity and Finances:

"We have heard talk and complaints about breaches of discipline, committed by clergy and lay leaders alike, and about the inability and indifference of the Primate and Diocesan authority to deal with such situations. These views are not justified.

It is also true that the Diocesan Council has been careful not to make precipitate decisions to discipline those who have been unresponsive to its directives. Such circumspection is not weakness, but consideration of the feelings and attitude of those involved, whose errors may have derived not necessarily from ill will, but perhaps from a too great a desire to serve....

"There is only one Armenian Church in the world and there is consequently only one universal head, the Catholicos of all Armenians.... In the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America there are churches which claim to be Armenian churches, but do not accept the jurisdiction or authority of the Catholicos of all Armenians. This we do not and cannot accept.... The importance of cooperation is constantly suggested as a step toward eventual unity. For example, why not allow clergy from both groups to perform joint services, as evidence of cooperation?.... The worship of the Church is an expression of the unity of the members of the same church. Until the separated brethren recognize the authority and jurisdiction of the Catholicos of all Armenians, there is an illegal division of the Church.

"Our current financial situation is difficult in the extreme.... During the past three or four years, and most acutely during the summer months, we have often lacked sufficient funds to do our work properly, to implement the programs we have been charged with, and which are designed to fulfill the role of the Diocese in the Community. There have been times when we were unable to pay bills for such basic expenses as utilities, let alone the salaries of the staff... Every vote and every decision has got to be backed with money, money that is there or will be there when needed... All cathedrals have permanent sources of income besides parish assessments. Unfortunately, since the consecration of our cathedral nine years ago, we have not yet acquired a tangible source of income, neither through the Endowment Fund we established in 1973, nor through direct contributions to the Diocese. We have appointed a finance committee and a patrons committee which we hope will succeed in establishing income-producing projects...."

The St. John Parish of Southfield, Mich. will be hosting the 76th Diocesan Assembly in May 1978, which will be highlighted by the election of a Primate, as the third four-year term of the incumbent "Arachmott" Abp. Torkon Manogian expires at that time.

It was a privilege to represent this parish at the 75th Diocesan Assembly. **Respectfully submitted,**

Abraham Bodurian

Project Reach Out - Annual Report

In May of this year, the Parish Council decided to establish a program for increasing church attendance. A comprehensive proposal for what was to be Project Reach Out was submitted to the Parish Council in June, 1977 and was accepted.

The objectives of Project Reach Out are:

- o To increase St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church membership.
 - o To increase attendance at St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church.
 - o To strengthen ties with parishioners.
 - o To acquaint area Armenians new in the community with St. Mary's, its services and activities.
 - o To find out how parishioners might fully participate in church activities and to make recommendations to the Parish Council which will aid in meeting these objectives.
- A Project Reach Out Committee was formed in July 1977 to consist of Miss Ann Kavookian, Mr. Charles Kumkumian and Miss Sirarpi Channessian, in addition to Der Vertanes and the Project Reach Out Coordinators.
- A Welcoming Committee was formed and is currently functional. The group includes 11 adult greeters and 7 young adult greeters. A guide for greeters was developed and distributed.

A Committee on Cultural and Educational Activities was formed, and is active in the arrangement of a series of lectures and other activities.

A letter announcing Project Reach Out was mailed to over 500 parishioners. It asked for suggestions and the assistance of parishioners in terms of services and donations. Volunteers were assigned to various facets of Project Reach Out. At year's end, a total of \$387.00 in contributions had been received; while direct expenses were \$79.96 used for printed materials, supplies and postage. Considerable expenditures are expected in 1978 for the printing of St. Mary's Church booklet and other materials.

A list of names of Armenians was compiled from Area telephone directories by ACYO members for updating the general mailing list.

A booklet about St. Mary's Church is in the final steps of preparation, which gives a history of St. Mary's, information about the Pastor, worship services, and the activities of the church and its organizations.

A new Visitor's Card was prepared and is ready for printing.

The Project Reach Out Committee presented its progress and details of its program to the Parish Council on September 20, and to representatives of the church executive bodies on November 17.

A survey questionnaire and family information card were mailed in November to about 500 parishioners. The survey results and recommendations will be presented to the Parish Council when a sufficient number of replies have been received.

Preparation for the home visitation program are taking place to meet the above listed Project Reach Out objectives.

The first of two Project Reach Out Open House functions was held on Jan. 14, 1978 for dues-paying members of the church. The second Open House function is to be held in February for newcomers and non-members.

George and Anna Derderian
Coordinators, Project Reach Out

* * *

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT - 1977

Executive Body

Dorothy M. Small	- Chairwoman	Clara Andonian	- Adviser
Flossie Baldadian	- Corresponding Secretary	Makrouhi Garabedian	- Adviser
Queenie Avedikian	- Recording Secretary		
Jean Sayian	- Treasurer		

Activities.

In addition to Monthly Meeting Luncheons we had the following activities:

Jan. - Armenian Christmas Dinner, Parish Assembly Luncheon served.

March - Lenten Luncheon - Program Commemorating St. Shooshan Vartani.

April - Installation Luncheon.

Church Services enacting the "Ten Virgins."

May - Delegate from the Women's Guild attended the Women's Convention in Rhode Island.

- The Delegate reported at the Monthly Meeting.

- Bake Sale - Mini Bazaar.

June - Reception honoring His Grace Bishop Karekin Kazanjian.

Oct. - Annual Bazaar

Dec. - Sunday School Xmas Party refreshments provided by the Guild.

The Women's Guild along with its monthly meetings and luncheons and social activities has supported the many organizations of the church.

This year we have assisted the Sunday School in obtaining Badarak books and teaching equipment. The Choir also received our financial help. They had the added expense of new robes for the choir members.

Project Reach Out required refreshments at their first meeting Jan. 14, and we willingly served on that occasion.

We keep close contact with the Parish Council and our youth group, and in every way try to help keep our church growing in whatever way we can.

Our membership increased by 7 new members in 1977.

Forthcoming activities for 1978 are Las Vegas Nite and a May dance.

In November will be our Annual Bazaar. Traditionally the Guild and the Parish Council work diligently to make this event as successful as possible. In order to be even more successful this year, we will need even greater cooperation. We welcome participants by more women in our community, in our ever-expanding responsibility to our church and its growth. Appreciation to all those who supported the Guild this past year.

Dorothy M. Small, Chairwoman

CHOIR REPORT - 1977

Choir Executive:

Jack Andonian Chairman
Dorothy Small Secretary
Clara Andonian Treasurer

Three official meetings were held in 1977.

Choir members participated in six Lenten Services, which was coordinated by Der Hayr and Mr. Sourian.

The Choir has the pleasure of nine new junior members from Sunday School participating in the Choir, thanks to the efforts of Casey Kazanjian.

Clara Andonian has been instructing all the Sunday School classes every Sunday (before coming into the Choir) in singing the Armenian Church Hymns.

The Choir has purchased thirty new robes, from the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America.

Ashod Krikorian and John Krikorian, represented St. Mary's Choir at the Convention held in Toronto, Canada, November 10-13, 1977.

Choir elections will be held in May 1978.

On December 4, 1977, Der Hayr delivered Instructed Liturgy. On this day the Service was interrupted four times, at which time Clara Andonian and Queenie Avedikian alternately read the explanations of parts of the Liturgy.

THANK YOU - ALL Choir Members, Junior Members, Organist Master John Krikorian and Alternate Boghos Zuligian, Choir Masters Edvard Sourian, and Arch Deacon Ashod Krikorian and all Altar Servers for your devoted Services to St. Mary's and the Armenian Church. We also welcome Yeretgin Anahid as our new member.

Submitted by Jack Andonian - Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

1977

The Sunday School is happy to report that this year's enrollment has increased by 40 students to over 70 students. The teachers have been very responsive to the mission of the Sunday School and have undertaken their duties willingly. The classes and staff are as follows:

Superintendent	- Charles Kumkumian
Assistant Superintendent	- Mary Vartabedian
Preschool	- Aram Andonian
Kindergarten and First Grade	- Ann Kavookian
Second and Third Grades	- Evelyn Vartabedian
Fourth and Fifth Grades	- Nora Gibson
Sixth and Seventh Grades	- Paul Murad
Eighth and Ninth Grades	- George Derderian
Tenth to Twelfth Grades	- Casey Kazanjian
Music Teacher	- Clara Andonian
Assistant Teachers	- Margo Dedeyan
	- Carol Jamgochian
	- Laurie Onanian
Audio-Visual	- Joseph Vartabedian

In addition to the regular lessons the students took part in the following:

Family Night	Closing Exercises
Halloween Party	Poster Contest
Movies	Food Donations for Needy
Picnic	Collection of Funds for Lebanon
Christmas Program	Daily Bible Readings During Lent

The "First Sunday of the Month" program continued through 1977. On this Sunday the Sunday School students take a greater part in the Divine Liturgy. The Senior Class is responsible for giving the Kiss of Peace, confession reading, collections and other responsibilities normally carried out by the Parish Council members. The seventh and eighth graders join the choir and lend their voices in singing hymns. The students in the other classes join their parents in church, after a brief class room session, and take communion as a family.

During the year the pastor and teachers attended a 1-day workshop in Richmond, Va. The workshop was conducted and sponsored by the Council for Religious Education.

This past summer six students from the senior class attended a 10-day retreat in Massachusetts sponsored by St. Nerses Seminary. All of these students will be graduating this year and will be taking on greater responsibilities in the church.

We hope that with the graduation of the above students, along with others, this year, and with the continued support of the teachers and staff that our church will grow both in number as well as in faith. We also hope that with our increase in the number of students that new facilities will be planned and carried out so that we may carry out our teaching unhindered.

C. Kumkumian

ACYO ANNUAL REPORT

In 1977 the St. Mary's ACYO had a very enriching program of activities, which were financially and socially successful. We had 18 membership meetings and 4 Executive meetings. Our membership increased from 12 to 23.

The following is a list of our activities which were reported regularly in the "Shnorhali":

- Feb. 4,5,6 - We went to Seven Springs, Pa. for a weekend of skiing at the Chalet of Mr. "Mole" Janigian.
- Feb. 20 - We went Rollerskating in Baltimore to support the newly formed Youth Group there.
- March 18 - We got together at the church to do some Spring cleaning.
- April - We prepared an Egg Hunt for the Sunday School.
- May 1 - We gave a dinner in honor of all Mothers.
- June 20 - The Richmond and Washington ACYO's met for a day at King's Dominion.
- July 1 - Six ACYO members were fortunate to attend the Annual St. Nerses Summer Study Program which they found very rewarding.
- July 24 - We spent a week at Der Hayr's house in Belmar, N. J. where Der Hayr organized a series of Educational/Religious sessions. We also enjoyed the convenience of having the Beach 3 blocks away.
- Aug. 12 - We concluded our Summer Activities with a Bar-B-Que and Boating at Lake Needwood.
- Sept. 11 - We took care of the Sunday Coffee to mark the beginning of Sunday School. Proceeds were transferred to Sunday School.
- Oct. 14,15,16 - The ACYO assisted the Women's Guild in serving and cleaning during the Bazaar.
- Oct. 29 - The highlight of the year's activities was the ACYO 10th Anniversary Ball which was held at the Bethesda Country Club.
- Dec. 10 - We attended the Winter Dance in Richmond, Va.
- Dec. 16 - The ACYO bought and decorated the Church's X-mas Tree.
- Dec. 23 - ACYO went Carroling to six Armenian houses, including a visit to Mrs. Mesrobian at the Nursing Home. It was followed by a Progressive Dinner.
- Dec. 25 - ACYO took charge of Sunday Coffee.

In closing, we wish to acknowledge Der Hayr's close supervision and guidance throughout the year. We also wish to express our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tashjian for their support of our activities.

We realize that without the support of St. Mary's parishioners and their friends our affairs would not be as successful. We ask for your continual support.

Margo Dedeyan
Chairperson

P.S. The first activity of the New Year will be a "Disco" Dance jointly sponsored by the ACYO and the Hye Club on January 28, in St. Mary's Church Hall.

THE HYE CLUB'S 1977 ANNUAL REPORT

The Hye Club's first meeting on November 11, 1977 was organized by Reverend Kalayjian. Thirty people were present to discuss and decide what type of group this was to be. Decided was that this was to be a social and cultural young adults group, for ages eighteen and over. A temporary Executive Committee composed of Mike Tashjian, Chairman; Audrey Fried, Secretary; and Malvina Vartanian, Treasurer was appointed for planning and carrying out upcoming events. Leading the discussions and providing direction were Mike Tashjian, George Derderian and Onnik Janjekian.

A suggestion was made that the church hall be open to Hye Club members every Friday night in order to get together, where Tavloo, ping pong and other games could be played and also some dancing and dancing lessons be given. There was a conflict of time periods because the ACYO met every other Friday night at the church for their meetings. So it was decided that we would meet Friday nights at the church when the ACYO did not and have outside activities the other Friday nights.

Since our first meeting we have had the following activities:

- November 18 Open House "Pot Luck Dinner"
- December 2 Dinner Theater at the Hayloft
- December 9 Bowling
- December 23 Christmas Open House with "Pot Luck"
- December 31 New Year's Party

Our New Year's Party was a tremendous success. Approximately 125 people attended and enjoyed the buffet dinner, dancing and music and we would like to extend a special thanks to Reverend Kalayjian for his support and help and also the ladies who helped by donating their delicious dishes.

Our goals for the coming year are to form a more active and cohesive group, write by-laws and have more cultural, organized sports, and educational activities. Presently the temporary executive committee has been enlarged to include Simon Kunkumian, Riva Sahhar, Kgajag Tahmazian, Zareh Tahmazian, and Edick Pezeshkian.

Calendar of Activities for January and February

- January 6 - Open House
- January 13 - Ice Skating
- January 20 - Open House with Ping Pong & Tavloo Tournaments
- January 27 - Night at the Black Angus
- January 28 - Disco Night with the ACYO
- February 3 - Open House
- February 10 - Bowling
- February 18 - "Day at Liberty" Ski Resort
- February 24 - Ice Skating

We would like to extend our appreciation to the Parish Council and Father Kalayjian for all the cooperation and help we have received.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Fried, Secretary

ARARAT AVAK SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

1977

The A.A.S. convened 16 times from February 8, 1977 to the present time. The preliminary meeting took place on February 8, 1977. Twelve people were present. It was decided to hold the meetings on Wednesdays from noon till 4 p.m. Membership dues were determined \$5.00 per year.

Seven members were tentatively appointed on the Executive Committee: Rose Babigan and Shakeh Babashanian, chairpersons; Astrik Aznavorian, Recording Secretary; Hilda Witherspoon, Treasurer; F. Baldadian, Transp.; Ray Babigan and Gary Avedikian, advisors.

The purpose of the Society is to get together to organize interesting programs and projects and have a good time. Luncheons happened to be the most acceptable by many. Many suggestions were made for inviting activities such as showing moving pictures and slides, physical exercises, card and tavli games, visiting museums and so on.

The 2nd meeting took place on March 2nd, with 37 people attending. E. Kevorkian and Flossie Baldadian provided the refreshments. Some had brought sandwiches with them. Der Hayr and Gary Avedikian presented an inspiring film "Muron Orhnutiun." Rev. Maletta and Malvina Brown, who are involved with projects concerning the elderly, were invited to come and make suggestions.

The 3rd meeting started with a luncheon prepared by E. Kevorkian and Anoush Manuelian. After a brief meeting and the reading of the minutes. Armine Manoukian and Ovsanna Melkonian were added to the hospitality committee. Nora Gibson, Hayganoush Sarkissian, Alice Kumkumian were appointed to the program committee.

The 4th meeting was on March 16, with 12 in attendance. Companionship, lunch, and film were on the agenda.

On March 23, our 5th meeting, in the absence of Der Hayr, with 28 present. Zevart Ohanian taught the song "Hye Abrink Yeghpark," with the piano accompaniment by Ray Babigan.

6th Meeting, March 30 - Most of those present, with the leadership of Der Hayr busied themselves polishing all the silver and copper objects used in our church, in order to give a sparkling and shining effect at Easter.

Through April 13 to May 4 - Ginger Tott, a nursing student, led us in calistenics.

September 21 - Meeting and luncheon. 42 present. Sirarpi Ohannesian was the guest speaker. Her topic "Armenia Today." Followed by slides. Daughters of Vartan sang. Five door prizes were given out.

December 11, on our 15th meeting, there were 35 present for the Christmas Party and luncheon. It was the highlight of the season, 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

Astrik Aznavorian, Secretary

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

1977

To The General Assembly,

The Auditing Committee has examined the financial statements and related records of the Parish Council, The Building Fund Committee and the Women's Guild, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1977.

Our examination was made in accordance with such tasks and procedures as we considered necessary and appropriate.

In our opinion the accompanying statements are fair and accurate representation of the financial activities and status of each organization for the year 1977.

Auditing Committee

Ray Babigan,

William DuChessi,

Vartkes Broussalian

BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT - CALENDAR YEAR - 1977

Income

Lieu of Flowers	\$1,390.00
Bazaar (1976)	500.00
Bazaar (1977)	4,500.00
Donation	100.00
Interest	1,519.76
Total	\$8,009.76

Expenses

Parish House	
Down Payment	\$12,400.00
Settlement & Related	2,647.08
Maintenance & Improvements	2,536.80
Mortgage Payments*	1,580.92
Waterproofing-42nd Street	
Canopy	399.10
Feasibility Study - Space	
Committee	850.00
Total	\$20,413.90

CASH POSITION

Receipts	
Opening Balance, 1/1/77	\$31,149.19
Income	8,009.76
	<u>39,158.95</u>
Expenses	<u>20,413.90</u>
Closing Balance 12/31/77	\$18,745.05**

* Mortgage Balance \$49,459.72

** Perpetual Federal Savings (Savings)	\$ 173.08
First Federal Savings (Savings)	4,832.82
Home Federal Savings (Certificates)	13,140.08
American Security & Trust (Checking)	599.07

\$18,745.05

BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE REPORT
Calendar Year 1977

Following the authorization to purchase a parish house, the Committee assumed responsibility for meeting the associated expenses. The purchase price of the house was \$62,000, which was met by a downpayment of \$12,400 and a 30-year, 8.75 percent mortgage loan of \$49,600. Our monthly mortgage payments of \$390.35 are drawn automatically from a savings account maintained at the same bank. Other actions associated with the purchase included incorporation of the church in Maryland and the filing of a request for exemption from property taxes. In connection with the latter, we were subsequently advised that our application for exemption will become effective on July 1 for the 1978 levy year.

With regard to the house itself, it was given a thorough cleaning, the interior and exterior were painted, flooring was installed in the kitchen and foyer, and carpeting was installed in the bedrooms, family room, second floor corridor, and on the steps leading to the upper and lower levels of the house. In December, a new refrigerator was purchased, but the cost of this item doesn't appear in our financial report as the bill was not received until early this year. A small part of these maintenance expenses were met by a \$200 credit obtained from the seller to make minor repairs.

Aside from meeting the parish house expenses, the Committee also assumed the cost of a feasibility study undertaken by an architect at the request of the Space Committee, and paid for the waterproofing of the canopy above the 42nd Street entrance to the church.

The Committee receives 50 percent of net proceeds of our annual Bazaars. Its other principal sources of income in recent years have been in lieu of flower donations and bank interest on its accrued savings. The Committee has not engaged in a fund raising campaign since 1968.

Barring a serious decline in Bazaar income, the Committee should be able to meet the expenses of the parish house from its Bazaar receipts and in lieu of flower donations. However, should any major expenses arise at the church, such as the replacement of the roof, a special fund raising campaign may prove necessary. It must also be stressed that a fund raising campaign will be an absolute necessity if the parish should decide to build on the land adjacent to the church or purchase property elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Onanian, Chairman

PARISH COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT
CALENDAR YEAR 1977

Receipts

Fledges	\$11,180.00
Candles	1,073.55
Plate	1,884.59
Xmas Yughakin	1,017.00
Easter Yughakin	1,437.00
Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals	477.00
Hokshankist	965.00
Flowers	261.00
Shnorhali	229.00
Donations	1,803.50
Donations - Project Reach Out	395.00
Parish Council Affairs	537.71
Bazaar	5,000.00
Lieu of Xmas Cards	275.00
Donations for use of Hall and Parking Lot	1,905.00
Bank Interest	767.42
Sub-total	29,207.77
Auto Loan Repayments	1,125.00
Total	\$30,332.77

Disbursements

Pastor	\$18,080.00
Stipend	2,250.00
Housing Allowance	220.49
Utilities	2,550.00
Auto Allowance	1,804.56
Insurance and IRA	1,482.77
Secretary	1,761.00
Janitor	467.65
Telephone	1,789.55
Heat (Gas)	1,059.54
Electricity	480.13
Postage	878.52
Office Supplies	225.27
Church Supplies	363.58
Flowers	1,192.00
Insurance (Church & House)	300.00
Youth Program	131.35
Project Reach Out	1,874.07
Building and Equipment maintenance	3,791.00
Diocesan Dues	302.65
Diocesan Meetings	138.25
Visiting Clergy (1976)	1,150.00
Moving Expenses	106.27
Book Store (Net)	13.00
Miscellaneous	34,411.65
Sub-total	5,700.00
Auto Loan	\$10,111.65
Total	\$10,111.65

PARISH COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT
CALENDAR YEAR 1977
 (continued)

CASH POSITION

Opening Balance	1/1/77	\$21,219.86
Income		<u>30,332.77</u>
Total Receipts		\$51,552.63
Disbursements		<u>40,111.65</u>
Closing Balance	12/31/77	\$11,440.98

ASSETS

Cash

Checking Account (Riggs National Bank)		1,472.90
Savings Account (Equitable Savings & Loan)		5,510.35
Savings Account (National Permanent Federal)		<u>4,457.73</u>
Sub-total		\$11,440.98
Auto Note Receivable		<u>4,575.00</u>

Total \$16,015.98

Financial Report of the 29th Annual Bazaar, - October 12, 13, 14, 15, 1977

	Gross Income	Expenses	Net Profit
Grand Raffle	2,027.00	792.43	1,234.57
Candle Light	2,738.00	-	2,738.00
Ladies' Booth	1,933.94	114.24	1,819.70
Food sales	7,019.56	3,783.60	3,235.96
General misc.	-	31.44	- 31.44
Total	<u>13,718.50</u>	<u>4,721.71</u>	<u>8,996.79</u>

Bank account B/F -	182.90
Total deposits	<u>+14,008.50</u>
Total checks drawn	<u>14,011.71</u>
	179.69

Breakdown of deposits

Bazaar receipts	13,718.50
Advance from chr.	250.00
1976 donation	40.00
	<u>14,008.50</u>

Breakdown of checks drawn

Bazaar expenses	4,721.71
Refund chr. advance	250.00
Lost check of 1976	40.00
To Church Gen. fund	4,500.00
To Building Fund	4,500.00
	<u>14,011.71</u>

Bazaar attendance

Friday evening dinner	121 adults, 23 children	@7.50 and 3.00
Saturday evening dinner	168 adults, 22 children	@7.50 and 3.00
Saturday sandwiches	175	@2.50

Breakdown of Bazaar receipts.

	Pre Bazaar	Wed.	Thur.	Fri day	Fri eve (cont.)
Grand Raffle	1,084.00	247.00	110.00	20.00	-
Candle Light	913.00	-	-	-	325.00
Ladies Booth	25.00	354.80	197.50	150.00	193.75
Bake Table	-	497.52	390.75	339.50	266.10
Luncheons	-	368.75	413.00	434.45	-
Dinners	-	-	-	-	986.50
Total	<u>2,022.00</u>	<u>1,468.07</u>	<u>1,111.25</u>	<u>943.95</u>	<u>1,771.35</u>

	Sat. day	Sat. eve.	Post Bazaar	Total
Grand Raffle	-	536.00	30.00	2,027.00
Candle Light	-	825.00	675.00	2,738.00
Ladies Booth	317.50	619.04	76.35	1,933.94
Bake Table	485.00	518.98	434.16	2,932.01
Luncheons	558.85	-	-	1,775.05
Dinners	-	1,326.00	-	2,312.50
Total	<u>1,361.35</u>	<u>3,825.00</u>	<u>1,188.30</u>	<u>13,718.50</u>

Note: Ladies Booth income includes \$280.75 from minor Raffles.

1/9/78

Jerry Hekimian

WOMEN'S GUILD 1977 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Dues	265.00	
Sunday Coffee	776.71	
Christmas Dinner	406.00	
Lenten Luncheon	265.00	
Luncheon and Bake Sale	338.35	
Other Activities	512.50	
Donations	345.00	
Savings Account Interest	<u>395.97</u>	
Total	3,304.53	3,304.53

Disbursements

Kitchen Supplies and Equipment	870.88	
Christmas Dinner	209.15	
Luncheon and Bake Sale	165.18	
Other Activities	530.11	
St. Nerses Seminary	300.00	
St. Mary's Sunday School	613.27	
St. Mary's Choir	250.00	
Misc.	<u>53.56</u>	
Total	2,992.15	2,992.15

Net Profit 312.38

Bal. Savings Account	1/1/77	6,507.08	
Bal. Checking Account	1/1/77	<u>1,503.51</u>	8,010.59

Bal. Savings Acct.	12/31/77	7,403.05	8,322.97
Bal. Checking Acct.	12/31/77	547.64	
Cash on Hand	12/31/77	<u>372.28</u>	8,322.97

ST. MARY'S CHOIR - TREASURER'S REPORT 1977

INCOME

12-31-76	Balance	\$ 674.77	
1-10-77	Christmas Collection	98.75	
3-31-77	Interest	9.22	
4-10-77	Easter Collection	146.49	
6-30-77	Interest	10.97	
9-30-77	Interest	11.71	
11- 6-77	Choir Collection	67.25	
11-20-77	Donation-Caroglanian	20.00	
12- 7-77	Donation-Women's Guild	250.00	
12-31-77	Interest	1.34	
			\$ 1290.50

EXPENSES

10-10-77	Choir Assoc. Donation	35.00	
10-10-77	Choir Robes	855.00	
12- 7-77	Choir Convention	259.20	
			1149.20
12-31-77	Closing Balance		141.30

CASH POSITION

Opening Balance	1-1-77	674.77
Income		\$615.73
Expense		1149.20
		-533.47
Closing Balance	12-31-77	\$141.30

Submitted by:

CLARA ANDONIAN, Treasurer

A. C. Y. O. A.
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1977

Month	Expense	Income
January	0	\$ 45.00
February	\$ 2.20	0
March	13.12	0
April	32.11	35.05
May	189.50	325.00
June	30.87	0
August	0	80.00
October	722.55	1,991.05
December	70.00	60.25
Interest		43.84
Total	\$1,060.35	\$2,222.79

Savings	1,900.44
Checking	<u>322.35</u>
Total	\$2,222.79

HYE CLUB FINANCIAL
REPORT

Opening Balance	12/14/77	\$ 50.00	
Open House	12/19/77	20.00	
Open House	12/23/77	39.00	109.00
New Year's Eve Party			
Gross Income		1,114.75	
Less Expenses		532.00	
Net Income		582.75	<u>582.75</u>
			691.75
Donation - Church			<u>200.00</u>
Balance			491.75

SUNDAY SCHOOL - FINANCIAL REPORT - 1977

Receipts

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1977	340.08	
Special Lenten Collection	100.00	
Children's Envelopes	196.30	
Gifts and Coffee	<u>72.99</u>	
Total Receipts		709.37
Disbursements*		
Books, Supplies, etc.	318.23	
Lebanon Relief Fund	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>418.23</u>
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1977		\$291.14

*Not shown in the expenditures are items that were underwritten by the Women's Guild.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Calendar Year 1978

Income

Pledges	\$14,500.00
Candles	1,300.00
Plate	2,000.00
Xmas Yughakin	1,300.00
Easter Yughakin	1,500.00
Sacraments	500.00
Hokehankist	1,000.00
Flowers	300.00
Shnorhali	300.00
Donations	2,000.00
Parish Council Affairs	1,000.00
Lieu of Xmas cards	300.00
Donations for use of Hall and parking lot	1,800.00
Church Organizations	1,500.00
Bazaar	5,000.00
Special Collection - Theological Educ. Fund	200.00

Total \$34,500.00

Expenses

Pastor	
Stipend	\$11,400.00
Car Allowance	2,550.00
Housing Utilities	1,400.00
Insurance and IRA	1,850.00
Janitor	1,900.00
Secretary	1,500.00
Telephone	450.00
Heat (Gas)	1,800.00
Electricity	1,100.00
Postage	500.00
Office Supplies	750.00
Church Supplies	450.00
Flowers	350.00
Diocesan dues	5,000.00
Diocesan Meetings	800.00
Insurance	1,200.00
Maintenance	1,000.00
Youth Program	300.00
Theological Educ. Fund	200.00

\$34,500.00