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S A M P L E B A L L O T

Chairman of the Day

Col. George Juskalian

Secretary of the Day

Mrs. Arpie Tate

Parish Council (Elect 4)

Joseph Vartabedian
Jeanette Torokhanian
Hratch Semerjian
Berj Koukeyan
John Kavookian
Nora Gibson
George Armen

Diocesan Delegate (Elect 2)

Dean Shahinian
Ohannès Sahakyan
John Gueriguian
Isabelle Goshgarian
George Derderian

Auditing Committee (Elect 3)

Edward Onanian
Thomas Magarian
Blanche Manian
Albert Manian
Raffi Karahisar
Socratès Boyajian
Raymond Babigan

Nominating Committee (Elect 3)

Valentine Stahl
Hripsima Nazarian
Charles Kumkumian
Ann Kavookian
Levon Garabedian
Nadya Carson
Abraham Bodurian

Presented by the 1984 Nominating Committee:

- Grace Shahinian
- Esther Krikorian
- Siran Levonian

* NOTE: Nominations from the floor will be recognized.
Please secure the prior consent of the Nominee.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

FEBRUARY 3, 1985

1. Opening Prayer - Roll Call
2. Election of Assembly Tivan
3. Minutes of 1984 Assembly
4. Reports
 - A. Pastor and Parish Council
 - B. Diocesan Delegates
 - C. Women's Guild
 - D. Church School
 - E. Armenian School
 - F. Choir
 - G. A.C.Y.O.A. SR. and JR.
 - H. Hye Club
 - I. Ararat Avak Society
 - J. Building Project
 - (1) Building Fund Committee
 - (2) Construction Committee
5. Election of Parish Council, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee Members
6. Old Business
7. New Business - Proposals and Amendments
8. Parish Council Treasurer's Report
9. Auditing Committee Report and Proposed Budget
10. Announcement of Election Results
11. Benediction and Adjournment.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday, February 5, 1984

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church of Washington, D.C. was called to order by the Parish Council Chairman, Mike Tashjian, at 12:28 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Father Vertanes Kalayjian offered the opening prayer. The Parish Council Secretary, Raffi Karahisar, called the roll of voting members. Out of the 143 members eligible to vote, 54 were present, thereby constituting a quorum.

At the invitation of Mike Tashjian, the Nominating Committee Chairman, Abraham Bodurian submitted the names of the following candidates for the Assembly Tivan:

Chairman: Norig Asbed and Col. George Juskalian

Secretary: Valentine Stahl and Esther Kirkorian

In addition, Raffi Karahisar was nominated from the floor as secretary. The nominations were closed and Col. George Juskalian and Raffi Karahisar were elected chairman and secretary, respectively, through a secret ballot. Col. Juskalian thanked the Assembly for the honor bestowed upon him, and proceeded with the next item on the agenda, the minutes of the 1982 Assembly, which were approved as submitted. (For the election results see the attached sample ballot - Addendum #1)

REPORTS

Pastor's Report: Der Hayr offered two additional items omitted inadvertently from his written report. See Addendum #2.

Under special acknowledgments, he thanked Yeratzgin Kalayjian for her loving patience and endurance, and Jerry Hakimian, for his dedication during the renovation work. Mrs. Bush suggested that these two missing items be published in the next issue of Shnorhali. In his comments beyond his report, Der Hayr deplored the lack of input from the parishioners and appealed for more feedback. Dr. Kumkumian stressed the importance of strong leadership and the need for new direction in getting the community involved and growing. Der Hayr's report was accepted as amended.

Parish Council Report: Mike Tashjian presented the highlights from his written report, thanking publicly the following individuals and groups:

- Der Hayr for his dedication and his leadership;
- The Parish Council members for their support;
- Jerry Hekimian, for the long hours he spent during the renovation;
- The Ladies, for their dedication and hard work during the Bazaar, despite the on-going construction;
- Raffi Karahisar, for chairing the two picnics;
- Berj Koukeyan, for the countless hours he spent on church maintenance;
- Gary Avedikian, for managing the Bookstore and overseeing the rental of the parking lot;
- Armenak Boyadjian, for the fine job he has done with the Choir as the Choir Director;
- Hratch Semerjian, for his role in furnishing the library and Patrick Garabedian for his donation of the Video Recorder;
- Ann Kavookian for handling the hall rentals;
- Alenoush Varoujanian and Alice Tashjian, for their role in reorganizing the A.C.Y.O.A. Junior group, with assistance fromouny. Kodjanian.

Der Hayr made the point that two sections in the Annual Report titled "Young Adult Discussion Group on Christian Faith" and "St. Mary's Church Bookstore" should be considered as an addendum to the Pastor's and the Parish Council reports. With no additional comments, the Parish Council Report was accepted as rendered.

Elections

At this point, the Assembly Chairman proposed to change the order of the agenda, moving up the following items:

- Item 5 - Election of Parish Council, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee members
- Item 8 - Parish Council Treasurer's Report
- Item 9 - Auditing Committee Report and Proposed Budget
- Item 4J Building Project (a) Building Fund Committee and (b) Construction Committee.

and adding a new item, ACEF Report, after the Avak Society Report. As the proposal was accepted, the Chairman called upon the Nominating Committee Chairman Abraham Bodurian to proceed with the elections. The name of Andre Peltekian which appeared on the sample ballot was removed due to ineligibility and the nominations were closed. As the Nominating Committee withdrew to count the votes cast, Col. Juskalian thanked the Committee members for their diligent work in securing a broad slate of candidates, and proceeded with the agenda.

Treasurer's Report. Dr. Edward Onanian gave explanations for the various expenses and receipts, pointing out that the operating budget was essentially balanced for 1983. Responding to questions from the floor, he stated that [1] First class postage is used on membership notices to assure that they will be received on a timely basis. [2] A VCR was purchased during 1983 to be used for the Schools and other activities, from a donation made in December 1982. The report was accepted as rendered. Der Hary thanked Mr. Jack Kojabay Dilanian for granting us access to his Xerox machine, and noted that it had been used extensively on several projects.

Bazaar Committee Report. Dr. Edward Onanian reported a net return of \$23,865 for the 1983 Bazaar, down \$800 from the previous year, but a minor miracle considering the circumstances. The report was accepted as presented.

Auditing Committee Report: Blanche Manian, on behalf of the Auditing Committee, reported that the books of the Sunday School, Armenian School, Choir, Women's Guild, Building Fund and Parish Council had been audited and found to be in order. The Hys Club books were unavailable for auditing, but will be reviewed at a later date. The Committee recommended that a significant portion of the "unusually large cash balance" in the Armenian School Savings Account be made available for debt reduction and that efforts be made to control the escalating utility costs through conservation measures. Dr. Onanian and Hratch Semerjian offered the explanation that these sums of money in the Savings Account were raised a few

years ago through the active fund-raising efforts of the Armenian School Committee, for the purpose of purchasing books and furnishings for the School, and to provide a reserve against any short-falls in income. A motion was made by John Gueriguian who accepted an amendment suggested by Der Hayr, that the Parish Assembly recommend that the Armenian School Committee loan a part of the money in its savings account to the Parish Council and the Armenian School Committee. The motion and the Auditing Committee's report were accepted.

Proposed Budget. Dr. Edward Onanian went over the budget, pointing out that an expense side item for the Church utilities amounting to \$8,200 had inadvertently been omitted. He emphasized there was no fat in the budget, and the only room for expansion in receipts is in the pledges. However, he continued, even a 10% increase in pledged will still leave us short by \$8,000 from the targeted amount. Dr. Onanian discussed the Parish Council's proposal to establish two new committees, a Stewardship Committee to increase membership support, and a Ways and Means Committee to generate revenue. He pointed out, we should be able to get a minimum of 250 voting/supporting members, starting with the offspring of our active parishioners. Dr. John Gueriguian commented that once we bring in these new members we have to develop the projects to keep them involved. Dr. Onanian and Der Hayr responded that previous efforts to actively recruit volunteers for different projects, or children for the A.C.Y.O.A./Sunday School, carried out in the form of letters or questionnaires, had mostly fallen on deaf ears. Dr. Onanian pointed out that the current average membership contribution is around \$200, and that an additional \$1 a week from each member would bring us close to our target. Der Hayr commented that our membership dues are well below the average for the other denominations. Responding to a question about the anticipated increase in telephone rates due to the AT&T restructuring, Dr. Onanian stated that the Parish Council is looking into the matter of alternative long-distance services and buying our own equipment.

Memorandum of Understanding: Dr. Onanian briefly explained the contents of the Memorandum of Understanding between Der Hayr and the Parish Council, with regard to stipend, allowances and vacation. He brought to the Assembly's attention that Der Hayr will be allowed to take his vacation in view consecutive weeks if he so desires. Responding to questions from the floor, he stated that (1) Visiting priests would be considered for at least two of the weeks Der Hayr will be away and (2) Bishop Varajabedian has been approached in the past as a guest celebrant and hopefully he will be able to accept our invitation this summer. Der Hayr explained that it is Diocesan Policy not to have guest priests of other denominations without the presence of the local pastor. The motion was made and accepted to approve the budget and the Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

Election Results. At this point, the Nominating Committee Chairman, Abraham Bodurian announced the results of the elections. Those elected, in alphabetical order are as follows:

Parish Council

Jack (Kodjabay) Dilanian, Nishan Dulgerian, Krikor Ekrek, Vaughn Sayian, Mike Tashjian

Auditing Committee

Levon Garabedian, Blanche Manian, Dean Shahinian

Nominating Committee

Esther Krikorian, Siran Levonian, Grace Shahinian

For the complete results of the voting see addendum #1.

Dr. Edward Onanian requested that the ballots be retained and not discarded. It was noted that the complete results would be submitted to the Parish Council.

Building Committee Report

Dr. Onanian gave the Building Committee Report, on behalf of Committee Chairman Jerry Hekimian who was unable to attend. He went over the details of what has been done in the downstairs hall and in the sanctuary. He discussed the proposed plans to install air-conditioning in the sanctuary, and an A/C and heating unit for downstairs, for the additional sums of \$1000

and \$7000 respectively. He reported that the A/C ducts for the downstairs hall were already installed for \$6000 to avoid the cost of redoing the ceiling. He pointed out that with the new arrangement we will be able to heat upstairs and downstairs separately, and that further energy savings will be achieved through the use of a newly purchased 7-day timer-thermostat. He also announced that plans are being developed for the next phase of the renovation, which will involve the altar area. The Building Committee Report was accepted as presented.

Building Fund Committee Report, Building Fund Committee Financial Report

Dr. Onanian explained the highlights of the Building Fund Committee reports, pointing out that (1) The total cost of the renovation, including the proposed A/C and heating work, is estimated to be \$130,000; (2) We have borrowed \$50,000 to meet our obligations. He stated that the Parish Council has recommended that the Committee raise \$60,000 over the next two years (over and beyond bazaar proceeds, and other anticipated incomes). Responding to a question about the total costs incurred since our property was purchased some 30 years ago and its current value, Dr. Onanian explained that getting yearly appraisals would be too costly, and it would be meaningless to keep score of the total cost of the buildings over the years. Der Hayr added that for tax purposes with the D.C. Government, the original building is assessed at around \$400,000, which figure has appeared in our yearly Diocesan Report. It was also pointed out that the members of the Parish Council are the officers of the Corporation, and this information is kept up-to-date with the D.C. Government. At this point a motion was made to accept the Committee's report and the proposed \$17,000 expenditure on the A/C and heating work. The motion carried.

Diocesan Delegates. The written report of the Diocesan delegates was accepted as rendered as there were no questions or comments from the floor.

Women's Guild. Mrs. Queenie Avedikian announced that another \$500 was donated by the Guild to the Building Fund, after the report was submitted. The report was accepted with a minor correction for the date of the 1983 Bazaar [changed from November to October] Sunday School. The Sunday School report was accepted as presented.

Armenian School. Responding to questions from the floor, the treasurer of the Armenian School Raffi Karahisar explained that, [1] Financially, the Armenian School is barely breaking even, and it is dependent on the Women's Guild and other donations to meet its operating costs, such as teachers' stipends and school supplies. [2] There will be a concerted effort to collect tuition payments which are in arrears. Dr. Onanian commented that the yearly \$1000 donation from the Women's Guild to the Armenian School on the occasion of the Christmas Hantes was the result of an understanding reached between the Parish Council and the two organizations, to resolve scheduling problems that had occurred in the past. In response to another question, Der Hayr reported that the graduates of the Armenian School are currently enrolled in an Advanced Studies Program, and are not in a position to serve as teaching assistants in the School. The Armenian School Report was accepted as presented.

Choir. John Krikorian, the Choir Chairman, thanked his Executive Committee consisting of Queenie Avedikian and Clara Andonian, and his advisors, Jean Babashanian and Jack Andonian. He pointed out that St. Mary's will be hosting the Annual Choir Assembly this September [28-30] and the Choir will be needing the community's support. Seventy-five delegates [plus guests and family] are expected to attend the event. Mr. Armenak Boyajian, the Choir Director, thanked the community for its support, and discussed his future plans which include a larger choir to render the Komitas Badarak, and the training of the male choir members as Uraragirs. Socrates Boyajian commented about the opportunity we may have in breaking in one of the six new badaraks never performed publicly. Dr. Onanian mentioned that the Choir room renovation will be tied in to the Altar renovation. Col. Juskalian

thanked Armenak Boyajian for the new spirit and the high-degree of perfection he brought into the choir, and commended John Krikorian for his articulate presentation of the Choir Report which was accepted as rendered.

A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. Alice Tashjian, on behalf of herself and Alenoush Varoujanian, thanked Der Hayr for his help and support. Der Hayr in turn thanked the A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. and Souny Kodjanian for organizing the pre-meeting luncheon. The Assembly Chairman commended the group for their dedication.

HYE Club. On behalf of the Hye Club, Mike Tashjian gave a verbal report in lieu of a written one. He mentioned a few Hye Club activities which included a slide presentation, a dance at the beginning of the year, and the New Year's Eve dance which raised \$4,500, the most financially successful event so far, thus enabling the Hye Club to fulfill a \$10,000 pledge made to the Building Fund. He also reported that the Hye Club is still looking for a Chairman.

AVAK Society. There was no written report submitted by the Avak Society. Dr. Onanian reported the \$300 was donated by the Society to the Building Fund. Der Hayr in his brief remarks, commented about the monthly gatherings averaging 25 attendees, and thanked Mrs. Kumkumian, Mrs. Avedikian, Mrs. Guariguian, Yeretzgin Kalayjian and Mrs. Kavorkian for their dedication.

Armenian Church Endowment Fund. Col George Juskalian submitted the ACEF report, acknowledging the name of past benefactors of the Fund, and urging more support from the parishioners. Dr. Onanian, responding to a question, explained that plans for a special board with plaques displaying the names of donors to the recent Building Fund Campaign had been temporarily delayed. Mrs. Perkins reported in this regard that we will be receiving the board soon from a friend of St. Mary's now residing in Massachusetts.

New Business. Under new business, Col. George Juskalian read two letters submitted by George Armen and Rita Bush, proposing to (1) discuss the issue of discouraging smoking in church build-

ings, [2] restrict smoking to specially designated areas only. During the discussion that ensued, Dr. Ohannes Sahakyan emphasized the health hazards caused by smoking. Der Hayr stressed the role of educating the people about the dangers of smoking through special signs. Col. George Juskalian proposed that the matter be referred to the Parish Council for consideration. The proposal was accepted. He then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, after thanking Der Hayr and the secretary for their assistance. A motion to adjourn was accepted. Der Hayr thanked the outgoing members of the Parish Council, Nominating and Auditing Committees, congratulated the newly elected members and offered the benediction before the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian
President

Col. George Juskalian

Col. George Juskalian
Chairman

Raffi Karahisar

Raffi Karahisar
Secretary

[The following should be read as part of
the Pastor's Report.]

6. Altar Care and Mas

With the help of Mrs. A. Kumkumian, Mr. Simon Kumkumian, Miss A. Manigian, Miss A. Kavookian, Miss S. Ohannesian and Mrs. J. Oskoian, the altar received good care. I thank also Glenmont Cleaners' Erdogan Brothers who offered their services free. I thank the ladies who continuously and anonymously have prepared and doctored the Mas for Holy Badarak during the past year. May they all continue their services in good health.

7. Special Acknowledgements

I tried to avoid mentioning the names of the individuals to whom I feel particularly grateful for the assistance they have given to me personally, and for the devotion they have manifested toward the church.

I would like, however, to thank Yeretzgin, both as the pastor and husband, for her loving patience and endurance which she has always shown, both in the Schools and as a gracious hostess whenever she was called upon.

I would like to thank also Jerry Hekimian for the endless hours he devoted for the renovation project still in progress. As the new year begins, along with some of the visible accomplishments for which we are proud and thankful to our Lord and grateful to all participating parishioners, we face new challenges. With God's blessings and your cooperation we hope to meet those challenges during the months ahead of us.

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian

Տարեկան Անդամական ժողովը ժամը 12:28 -ին ի կարգ հրաւիրուեցաւ: Ժր-
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յայտարարուեցաւ:

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եան, Ատենապետ եւ Տիար Ռաֆֆի Գարահիսար, Ատենաղապիր:

1983 տարուան Անդամական ժողովի ատենագրութիւնը վաւերացուեցաւ:

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աւելցուց երկու կէտեր որոնք անուշադրութեամբ դուրս
մնացած էին: Շնորհակալութեան խօսքին մէջ յիշեց Երէցկիսին եւ թիրալր
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հրաժեշտութիւնը աւելի շեշտուած առաջնորդութեան եւ զաղութիւն մասնակ-
ցութեան: Տէր Հօր տեղեկագիրը ընդունուեցաւ յաւելուածով մէկտեղ:

ԾԽԱՆԱՆ ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴԻ Տիար Մ. Թաշճեան իր տեղեկագրին կարեւոր մասերը
շեշտեց շնորհակալութիւն յայտնելով.-

- Տէր Հօր իր նուիրումին եւ ցոյց տուած ղեկավարութեան համար:
- Ժխական Խորհուրդի անդամներուն ցոյց տուած օգնութեան համար:
- Տիար Ժ. Հէքիմեանին որ վերանորոգութեանց տրայադրեց երկար ժամեր:
- Տիկնանց որոնք նուիրումով եւ ժրջանօրէն օգնեցին Պագարին:
- Տիար Ռաֆֆի Գարահիսարին որ երկու քիքնիքները ղեկավարեց:
- Տիար Պերճ Բուքէյեանին որ երկար ժամեր տրամադրեց եկեղեցւոյ նորո-
գութեանց:
- Տիար Կարապետ Աւետիքեանին որ հոգ տարաւ Գրատան եւ Բարքինկին:
- Տիար Արմենակ Պոյաճեանին իբրեւ Դպրաց Դասի ղեկավար:
- Դոկտ. Հր. Սեմերճեանին, Մատենադարանի կահոյքի զնման աշխատանքի համար:
- Տիար Պատրիկ Կարապետեանին, Վիտէօ Սիսթեմի նուէրին համար:
- Օր. Անահիտ Գաւուզճեանին, սրահի վարձքի կարգադրութեանց համար:
- Օր. Ալեանուշ Վարուժանեանին եւ Օր. Ալիս Թաշճեանին, Կրտսեր Երիտասար-
դաց խումբը վերակազմելուն համար եւ Տիար Ս. Գոմանեանին օգնութեան:

Տէր Հայրը նշեց որ ``Երիտասարդաց Հոգեւոր Դաստիարակութեան Դասախօ-
սութիւն`` եւ ``Եկեղեցւոյ Գրատուն`` տեղեկագիրները պէտք է նկատի
առնել իբրեւ մաս Հովիւին եւ Ժխական Խորհուրդի տեղեկագիրներուն:

Ժխական Խորհուրդի տեղեկագիրը ընդունուեցաւ:

ԸՆՏՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ Օրակարգի հարցերուն շարքը փոխելով ընտրութեան ընթացք
տրուեցաւ: Ատենապետը շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց ընտրողա-
կան յանձնախումբի կատարած շնորհակալ աշխատանքին համար:

ԳԱՆՉԱՊԱՀԻ ՏԵՂԵԿԱԳԻՐ Դոկտ. Ե. Օնանեան բացատրութիւններ տուաւ զանա-
զան հարցերու կապակցութեամբ եւ նշեց որ 1983ի
պիւտճէն որոշ չափով հաւասարակշռուած էր: Տէր Հայրը շնորհակալութիւն
յայտնեց Տիար Յակոբ Տիլանեանին որ տպագրական գործերու համար տրամա-
դրած էր իր գրասենեակի մեքենան:

ՊԱԶԱՐԻ ՏԵՂԵԿԱԳԻՐ 1983-ի Պագարէն զոյացած է 23,865 տոլար որ թէեւ
նախորդ տարիէն 800 տոլար պակաս էր բայց եւ այն-
պէս յաջող արդիւնք մըն էր նկատի ունենալով պարագաները:
Հաշուետուութեանց տեղեկագիրը ընդունուեցաւ:

ՀԱՇՈՒԵՔՆՆԻՉ ՅԱՆՉՆԱԽՈՒՄԲ Տիկ. Գ. Մանեան Յանձնախումբին կողմէ տեղեկագրեց որ հաշիւները քննուած եւ ամէն ինչ կարգին գտնուած են: Հայ Դպրոցի խնայողութեան գումարին մասին առաջարկուեցաւ որ Հայ Դպրոցի Յանձնախումբը փոխ տայ ծխական Խորհուրդին պարտքի շիջման համար: Առաջարկը եւ Յանձնախումբի տեղեկագիրը ընդունուեցան:

1984-ի ՊիտՏՃԷ Դոկտ. Ե. Օնանեան նշեց որ աւելորդ ծախքեր չկան պիւտճէի մէջ եւ թէ նոյնիսկ 10 տոկոսով անդամները իրենց տարեկան նուէրները աւելցնեն, մօտ 8 հազար տոլարի պակաս մը պիտի գոյանայ: Բացատրուեցաւ երկու յանձնախումբեր կազմելու անհրաժեշտութիւնը: Մտակարարման Յանձնախումբ որ խթանէ անդամներու առաւել օգնութիւնը, Միջոցառումներու Յանձնախումբ որ ձեռնարկներ ձեւակերպէ եկամուտ հայթայթելու: նշուեցաւ որ կարելի է առնուազն 250 բուէարկող-օգնող անդամներ ունենալ սկսելով ներկայ անդամներու երիտասարդ զաւակներէն:

- նոր անդամներ ունենալու եւ գանոնք գործոն պահելու կապակցութեամբ կարծիքներու փոխանակում եղաւ:
- նշուեցաւ որ միջին հաշուով անդամներու տարեկան նուիրատուութիւնը 200 տոլարէ: Ըսուեցաւ որ շաբաթական 1 տոլար հաւելումով մեր նպատակին մօտեցած կ'ըլլանք: Տէր Հայրը նշեց որ ուրիշ յարանուանութեանց հետ բաղդատած մեր անդամատուրքը միջին գումարէն շատ աւելի ցած է:

Համաձայնութեան Գիր Տէր Հօր եւ ծխական Խորհուրդի միջեւ եղած համաձայնութիւնը բացատրուեցաւ: Տէր Հայրը հինգ շաբաթներու իր արձակուրդը պիտի կարենայ միասնաբար գործածել: Իր բացակայութեան գոնէ երկու փրակներուն այցելու եկեղեցականներ պիտի ունենանք: Բարգէն Սրբազանը անցեալին հրաւիրուած է իբրեւ հիւր պատարագիչ եւ կը յուսանք որ այս անգամ պիտի կարենայ ընդունիլ մեր հրաւերը:

Տարեկան Պիւտճէն եւ փոխադարձ համաձայնագիրը վաւերացուեցաւ:

ԸՆՏՐՈՒԹԵԱՆ ԱՐԴԻԽՆՔԸ Ընտրողական Յանձնախումբի, Ատենապետ Տիար Ա. Պատուրեան տուաւ ընտրութեան արդիւնքը.-

ԺԱԱԿԱՆ ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴ Յակոբ Տիւանեան, նշան Տիւլկէրեան, Գրիգոր Էքրէք, վահան Սայեան եւ Մկրտիչ Թաշճեան:

ՀԱՇՈՒԵՔՆՆԻՉ ՅԱՆՉՆԱԽՈՒՄԲ Լեւոն Կարապետեան, Պլանչ Մանեան եւ Տին Շահինեան:

ԸՆՏՐՈՂԱԿԱՆ ՅԱՆՉՆԱԽՈՒՄԲ Եսթէր Գրիգորեան, Սիրան Լեւոնեան եւ Կրէյս Շահինեան:

Շինութեան ՅԱՆՉՆԱԽՈՒՄԲԻ ՏԵՂԵԿԱԳԻՐ Դոկտ. Օնանեան տուաւ տեղեկագիրը յանուն Յանձնախումբի Ատենապետ Տիար Ժ. Հէքիմեան որ բացակայ էր: Մանրամասնութիւններ տրուեցան հին սրահի եւ եկեղեցւոյ մէջ եղած նորոգութեանց շուրջ: Օղափոխիչ սարքի հաստատման առաջարկ եղաւ 8 հազար տոլարի ծախքով: Յայտարարեց նաեւ որ ծրագիր կը մշակուի խորանի եւ շրջակայքի վերաշինութեան մասին: Շինութեան Յանձնախումբի տեղեկագիրը ընդունուեցաւ:

Շինութեան ՖոնՏի ՅԱՆՉՆԱԽՈՒՄԲԻ ՏԵՂԵԿԱԳԻՐԸ Դոկտ. Օնանեան տուաւ բացատրութիւնները: Ընդհանուր նախատեսուած ծախքը՝ ներառեալ օղափոխիչ սարքը, 130 հազար Տոլար: Փոխ առնուած է 50 հազար Տոլար: Ծրագրուած է գալիք երկու տարիներու ընթացքին գոյացնել 60 հազար Տոլար: Հարցումի պատասխանելով ըսուեցաւ որ եկեղեցւոյ հին շէնքը քաղաքապետարանի կողմէ գնահատուած է 400 հազար Տոլար: Ծխական Խորհուրդի անդամները եկեղեցւոյ գորբորէյշընի պատասխանատու անդամներն են եւ ըստ այնմ կը տեղեկագրուի քաղաքապետարանին ամէն տարի: Առաջարկ եղաւ եւ վաւերացուեցաւ թէ տեղեկագիրը եւ թէ 17 հազար Տոլարի օղափոխիչ սարքի ծախքը:

ԹԵՄԱԿԱՆ ՊԱՏԳԱՄԱՌՈՐԻ ՏԵՂԵԿԱԳԻՐ Գրաւոր տեղեկագիրը առանց հարցումի եւ յաւելեալ բացատրութեան ընդունուեցաւ:

ԵԿԵՂԵՑԱՍԷՐ ՏԻԿՆԱՆՑ ՄԻՈՒԹԻՒՆ Տեղեկագրին յանձնուելէն ետք՝ ըստ Տիկ. Թ. Աւետիքեանի, 500 տոլար եւս փոխանցուած է Շինութեան ֆոնտին: Տեղեկագիրը ընդունուեցաւ:

ԿԻՐԱԿՆՕՐԵԱՅ ԴՊՐՈՑ Գրաւոր տեղեկագիրը ընդունուեցաւ:

ՀԱՅ ԴՊՐՈՑ Հարցումներու պատասխանելով Տիար Ռ. Գարահիսար բացատրեց որ .-

1.- Հայ Դպրոցը հազիւ կը հաւասարակշռէ իր պիւտճէն եւ Տիկնանցի եւ այլ նուիրատուութեանց պէտք ունի:

2.- Գործօն ջանք պիտի ըլլայ թոշակները գանձել:

Դոկտ. Օնանեան բացատրեց որ ձեռնարկներու խաչածեւումը եւ առատութիւնը նկատի ունենալով համաձայնութիւն գոյացած է Տիկնանցի կողմէ տարեկան Հազար Տոլարի յատկացումը ընելու: Տեղեկագիրը ընդունուեցաւ:

ԴՊՐՈՑ ԴԱՍ Ատենապետ ժ. Գրիգորեան շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց իր վարչութեան եւ խորհրդականներուն: Նշեց որ Դպրաց Դասերու Տարեկան Համագումարը տեղի պիտի ունենայ Սեպտեմբերին Ուաշինկթընի մէջ մեր եկեղեցւոյ հիւրընկալութեամբ:

Դպրապետ Տիար Ա. Պոյաճեան շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց զաղութիւն ցոյց տուած նեցուկին համար: Յիշուեցան կարգ մը զաւիթ ծրագիրներ եւ տարւելիք աշխատանքներ: Ատենապետ Գոլ. Ճ. Ճըսգալեան շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց Տիար Պոյաճեանին նոր ոգի եւ բարձր աստիճանի կատարողութիւն իրագործած ըլլալուն համար եւ Տիար ժ. Գրիգորեանին լաւ տեղեկագիր մը տուած ըլլալուն համար: Տեղեկագիրը ընդունուեցաւ:

ԿՐՏՍԵՐ ԷՂ. ՍԻ. ՈՒԱՂ. Օ. ԷՂ Ալիս Թաշճեան իր եւ Ալենուշ վարուժանեանի կողմէ շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց Տէր Հօր օգնութեան եւ նեցուկ կանգնելուն համար: Տէր Հայրը իր կարգին շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց խումբին եւ Տիար Ս. Գոմանեանին, ժողովէն առաջ տրուած ճաշին համար: Դիւանի Ատենապետը եւս իր զննատանքը յայտնեց:

ՀԱՅ ԳԼԱՊ Գրաւոր տեղեկագիր չըլլալուն, Տիար Մ. Թաշճեան բերանացի տեղեկագրեց հետեւեալը.- Սլայտներու Ցուցադրութիւն, Պարահանդէս մը, նոր Տարուան Խրախմանքը որ գոյացուց 4,500 տոլար: Այդ գումարով Հայ Գլապի 10 Հազար Տոլարի խոստումը, Շինութեան ֆոնտին, կ'ամբողջանար: Յիշեց որ տակաւին փնտոտուքի մէջ են Ատենապետ մը ունենալու:

ԱՆԱԳՆԵՐՈՒ ԸՆԿԵՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ Գրաւոր տեղեկագիր չկար: Դոկտ. Օնանեան նշեց որ 300 Տոլար նուէր եղած է Շինութեան ֆոնտին: Տէր Հայրը նշեց որ հաւաքոյթները տեղի կ'ունենան ամէն ամիս մօտ 25 ներկաներով: Շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց Տիկնանցի Ա. Գումագումանին, Թ. Աւետիքեանին, Ա. Կէրիկեանին, Երէցկիւնին եւ Է. Գէորգեանին անոնց ծրաջան աշխատանքին համար:

ՀԱՅ ԵՆԵՂԵՑԻՈՑ ՀԻՄՆԱԴՐԱՄ Գոլ. Ճ. Ճըսգալեան շնորհակալութեամբ յիշեց անցեալի բարերարներու անունները եւ կոչ ըրաւ որ ծխականները աւելիով օգնեն ֆոնտին: Դոկտ. Օնանեան բացատրեց որ մասնաւոր յուշատախտակը ժամանակաւոր կերպով ուշացած է: Շինութեան ֆոնտին նուիրատուներուն անունները հոն պիտի գետեղուին:

ՆՈՐ ՀԱՐՑԵՐ Իբրեւ նոր առաջարկ նկատի առնուեցաւ չծիւելը քաջալերելու միջոցներ որդեգրել եւ ծիւելը սահմանափակել որոշուած վայրի մը մէջ: Առաջարկուեցաւ որ այս հարցը ծխական խորհուրդին յանձնուի նկատառման: Առաջարկը ընդունուեցաւ:

Տէր Հօր եւ Ատենապետին շնորհակալութիւն յայտնելէ ետք, Ատենապետը նրկատի առաւ ժողովը փակելու առաջարկը:

Տէր Հայրը շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց ծխական խորհուրդի ղադարեալ անդամներուն, Ընտրողական եւ Հաշուեքննիչ Յանձնախումբերուն եւ շնորհաւորեց նորընտիր անդամները եւ փակման աղօթքէն վերջ ժողովը վերջ գտաւ ժամը 4:25 -ին:

Տէր վրթանէս Բինյ. Գալայճեան Գոլ. Ճորճ Ճըսգալեան Ռաֆֆի Գարահիսար
Նախագահ Ատենապետ Ատենապետ

Այս տեղեկագիրը ամփոփումն է անցնող տարուան գործունեությունն: Ձայն կը ներկայացնում խոնարհաբար՝ Տիրոջ եւ ձեզի: 1984 տարիով կ'ամբողջանայ հովուությունս Ութերորդ տարին:

Ա. - ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴՆԵՐՈՒ ԿԱՏԱՐՈՒՄ

1. Ս. Պատարագ եւ մասնաւոր արարողութիւններ եւ խորհուրդներ մատակարարուեցան՝ Եկեղեցւոյ կանոններուն համաձայն եւ ըստ պահանջի: 1984ին ունեցանք 7 Մկրտութիւն, 9 Պսակ եւ 13 թաղում: Ասոնցմէ դուրս, Տասր առիթներով ներկայ եղայ կամ մասնակցեցայ թաղումներու եւ պակի՝ գաղութիս մէջ կամ այլուր:

Հիւր Եկեղեցականներ Տարուան ընթացքին ունեցանք հետեւեալ հիւր եկեղեցականները որոնք պատարագեցին եւ քարոզեցին. -

- Հոգ. Տ. Տիրան Վրդ. Կիւրեղեան, Հովիւ Մուկուլայի Հայոց:
 - Գերշ. Տ. Գէորգ Եպս. Սէրայտարեան, Առաջնորդ Վրաստանի:
 - Հոգ. Տ. Մեսրոպ Վրդ. Մութաֆեան, Գիւանապետ Պոլսոյ Պատրիարքարանի:
 - Հոգ. Տ. Վազգէն Վրդ. Թաղոյեան որ Տէր Հօր քաջակայութեան ատեն այցելու հովիւն էր:
 - Ամենապատիւ Տ. Շնորհք Արք. Գալուստեան, Պատրիարք Թուրքիոյ Հայոց:
- Սրբազան Հայրը Ուաշինկթըն տուած այցելութեան առթիւ Հրաշափառով մուտք գործեց եկեղեցին եւ անոր յաջորդեց իրեն ի պատիւ արուած ընդունելութիւնը: Եղած կոչին պատասխանելով մեր գաղութը նիւթապէս օգնեց Պատրիարքարանի տարած դաստիարակչական եւ քարտիւրական աշխատանքներուն:

2. Խորհրդատուութիւն եւ Ընկերային ծառայութիւն Այս մարզին մէջ, հովուական խրատ եւ խորհրդատուութիւն ըրի անձնական, ընտանեկան, ամուսնական, գործի, բնակարանի, գաղթի եւ քաղաքացիական հարցերու կապակցութեամբ: Օգնեցի Հայ պատմութիւնը ուսումնասիրողներուն, անձնական յանձնարարագիրներ արուեցան, դատարանի մէջ թարգմանութիւն եւ վէճերու միջնորդութիւն հայթայթեցի:

- Մօտ 50 գաղթականային օգնութիւն եւ յանձնարարագիր արուեցաւ:
- Երկու անգամ դատարան ներկայ եղայ:
- Չորս ուսումնասիրութիւններու օգնեցի եւ թերթերուն նամակներով կամ հեռաձայնով լուսաբանութիւն տուի հայոց պատմութեան շուրջ:
- Երեսունէ աւելի ընտանեկան եւ անձնական խորհրդատուութիւն ըրի:
- Քսանէ աւելի ամուսնական եւ Պսակի առթիւ խորհրդատուութիւն ըրի:
- Յիսունէ աւելի հիւանդանոցի եւ տնային հիւանդի այցելութիւն եւ տնօրինէր ըրի:

Բ. - ԳՐԱՍԵՆՍԱԿԻ ԱՇԽԱՏԱՆՔ

1. Գրասենեակի ժամերն էին 10-էն 2 որուն ընթացքին մասնակի ժամով քարտուղարուհիին օգնութիւնը ունեցանք: Կէսօրէ ետք եւ երեկոնները եւս օգտագործեցի յաւելեալ աշխատանքներու համար:

2. Հրատարակութիւններ. Շնորհալին եւ նոյն չափի պրակներ տպուեցան եւ ցրուեցան Ութ անգամ եւ 200 էջերէ աւելի պարունակութեամբ: Ասոնց միջոցաւ ըրինք մեր տեղեկատուութիւնը եւ յայտնեցինք մեր շնորհակալութիւնը բոլոր նուիրատուներուն, ապեցինք կրօնական, մշակութային եւ պատմական յօդուածներ: Մեր ծխականներէն շատեր օգնեցին այս թերթիկները կազմելու եւ փոսթը տանելու: Ասոնցմէ գառ քազմաթիւ թողուցիկներ եւ նամակներ դրկուեցան ուղղակի կապ հաստատելու համար ծխականներու հետ:

Մեր հրատարակութիւնները կը դրկուին աւելի քան 1,100 հասցէի, իսկ Շնորհալին մինչեւ վերջերս՝ 850 հասցէի: Այդ թիւը խնայողութեան համար նրազեցուցած ենք մօտ 600-ի:

9.- ԿԱԶՄԱԿԵՐՊՉԱԿԱՆ Աշխատանքներու շարունակեցի անհատներու եւ խումբերու հետ Խորհրդակցելով, ծխական աշխատանքներու առնչութեամբ:

1. Ծխական Խորհուրդը իբրեւ Հովիւ-նախագահ, ներկայ եղայ եւ մասնակցեցայ ծխական Խորհուրդի որոշումներուն եւ աշխատանքներուն: Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն ծխական Խորհուրդի անդամներուն եւ Ատենապետ Տիար Մ.Թաշճեանին որ նուիրումով եւ ձեռնհասօրէն կանտարեց իր պարտականութիւնները:

2. Օժանդակ Մարմիններ Շարունակեցի մօտէն գործակցիլ եկեղեցւոյ կազմակերպութեանց հետ, նախագահելով անոնց ընթացիկ եւ մասնաւոր ժողովներուն: Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւնս՝ Տիկնանց Միութեան, Դպրաց Դասի, կիրակնօրեայ եւ Հայ Դպրոցներու, կրտսէր եւ երէց երիտասարդներու, Արարատ Աւագներու Ընկերակցութեան Գործադիր Վարչութեանց, Ատենապետներուն, Տնօրէններուն, ուսուցիչներուն եւ բոլոր անխոնջ եւ հոգածու նուիրեալներուն: Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն Օր.Ալէնուշ եւ Պրն.Վարուժան Վարուժանեաններուն որոնք օգնեցին կրտսեր երիտասարդաց Խումբին: Նաեւ բոլոր երէց երիտասարդներուն որոնք նոյնը ըրին իրենց խումբին համար:

7.- ԴԱՍՏԱՐԱԿԶԱԿԱՆ ԵՒ ԲԱՐԵՍԻՐԱԿԱՆ

1.- Հաւատքի հարցերու շուրջ հարցազրոյց Շնորհակալութիւն Տիար Տին Եահիւեանին որ գործօն պահեց այս աշխատանքը: Հաճեցէք կարդալ այս մասին առանձին տեղեկագիրը որ կցուած է Հովիւին տեղեկագրին:

2.- Մեր երիտասարդները դարձեալ մասնակցեցան եւ օգտուեցան Ա.ներսէսի ամառնային դաստիարակչական ձեռնարկէն: Յովհաննէս եւ Մարի Սիմոնեաններու անունով Հիմնադրամէն՝ ծխական Խորհուրդը օգնեց այս յայտագրին:

3.- Դասախօսութիւնները եւ Մեծ Պահքի երեկոյեան արարողութիւնները օգտագործուեցան բաշալերելու թէ պաշտամունքը եւ թէ աւելցնելու մեր գիտելիքը:

4.- Բարեսիրական ֆոնտ Մեր պիւտճէին մէջ նշուած է այս մասին: Անանուն ծխական մը խոստացած է ուրիշներու նուիրածին չափով աւելցնել այս ֆոնտը արդիւնաւէտ պահելու համար: Այս մասին աւելի զգայուն պէտք է ըլլալ:

Երախտագիտութեամբ կը նշեմ որ մեր միւս Անանուն բարերարը այս տարի եւս մեզի դրկած է Հազար Տոլարի նուէր մը՝ Շինութեան ֆոնտին համար:

6.- ՄՇԱԿՈՒԹԱՅԻՆ ԵՒ ԱՅԼ ՁԵՌՆԱՐԿՆԵՐ

1.- Յունուարին համոյքն ունեցանք Տիար Երջան Պօղոսեանի նկարչական ցուցահանդէսը կազմակերպելու Տիկնանց հովանաւորութեամբ:

2.- Ծխական Խորհուրդը կազմակերպեց շնորհակալութեան ճաշ՝ մը մեր գործունեայ անդամներուն ի պատիւ: Գովելի ձեռնարկ մըն էր:

3.- Ամառուան քիքնիքներու առթիւ հիւրասիրեցինք հայ երիտասարդները որոնք Ուաշինկթըն կը գտնուէին իրենց ընտրած մասնագիտութեանց մէջ փորձառական աշխատանք կատարելու կառավարական եւ այլ հաստատութեանց գրասենեակներու մէջ:

4.- Պաշտօնապէս մասնակցեցայ հետեւեալ առիթներով, Առաջնորդարանը կամ եկեղեցին ներկայացնելու կամ պարտականութեանս կապակցութեամբ օգտուելու:

- Եկեղեցիներու Ազգային Խորհուրդի շրջանային ժողով Ուաշինկթընի մէջ:
- Թեմական Պատգամաւորական ժողով - Ֆէրլոն, Նիւ Ճըրզի:
- Ծխական Խորհուրդներու շրջանային ժողով - Ուաշինկթընի մէջ:
- Ցեղասպանութեան-Հոլոքոսթի Դաստիարակչական նիւթերու սէմինար-Պոլիմոր:
- Խոսելավարժութեան Սէմինար, կազմակերպուած Առաջնորդի կողմէ-Նիւ Եորք:
- Եկեղեցւոյ շուրջ Թաղային Խորհուրդի հետ դասարանի մէջ վկայութիւն ըրի մօտակայ նաշարաններու մէջ խմիչք գործածելու դէմ:
- Ուսուցիչներու գործնական պատրաստութեան ժողով՝ թէ կիրակնօրեայ եւ թէ Հայ Դպրոցի ուսուցիչներուն համար:

5.- ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆ ԱՅՑ երէցկիւնը եւ ես նշանակուեցանք երիտասարդաց Ամառնա-
յին Դաստիարակչական Այցի իբրեւ ղեկավարներ: Արձակուրդս այս նպատակին
գործածեցի: Ճրագիրը ըլլոր մասնակցողներուս համար ալ ուսանելի եւ ներ-
շնչող փորձառութիւն մը եղաւ:

6.- Պուլիմորի Գաղութ վեցերորդ տարին է որ Ս. ճննդեան Տօնին առթիւ
Ս. Պատարագ մատուցինք, մասնակցութեամբ մեր եկեղեցւոյ Դպրաց Դասին:
Անձնապէս միշտ կապ կը պահեմ եւ տրամադրելի եմ իրենց հոգեւոր եւ այլ
ընկերային ծառայութեանց:

7.- Խորանի Հոգատարութիւն եւ Մաս Խորանի եւ այլ պէտքերու համար, Տիկ.
Ա. Գուլմզումեանի, Պրն. Ս. Գուլմզումեանի, Օր. Ա. Մանիկեանի, Օր. Ա. Գալուզեանի,
Օր. Ս. Օհանէսեանի եւ Տիկ. Ճ. Օսգոյեանի օգնութեամբ լաւ խնամք տրուեցաւ:
Շնորհակալութիւնս կ'լէնմառննթ Քլինըրզի էրտոկան եղբայրներուն որոնք
ձրիաբար մարտեցին զգեստները:

Շնորհակալութիւնս նաեւ այն տիկիներուն որոնք ասնուն կերպով շինեցին
եւ նուիրեցին Ս. Պատարագի ՄԱՍԸ: Բոլորին կը մաղթենք քաջաողջ եւ եր-
ջանիկ տարի մը:

ՄԱՄՆԱԽՈՐ ՇՆՈՐՀԱԿԱԼՈՒԹԻՒՆ Փորձեցի շիշել անունները ըլլոր անոնց ո-
րոնք իրենց օգնութիւնը չզլացան թէ ինձի անձնապէս եւ թէ եկեղեցիին:

Կ'ուզեմ սակայն շնորհակալութիւնս յայտնել երէցկիսին թէ իբրեւ Հովիւ
եւ թէ իբրեւ ամուսին իր համբերատար եւ յարատեւ սիրոյն որ միշտ ցու-
ցաբերած է:

Նոր Տարիին հետ, տեսանելի իրագործումներու կողքին, որոնց համար հպարտ
ենք եւ գոհութիւն կու տանք Աստուծոյ եւ երախտագէտ ենք ըլլոր մասնակից
ծխականներուն, մեր դիմաց կը գտնենք նոր նուաճումներու ասպարէզ:

Աստուծոյ օրհնութեամբ եւ ձեր գործակցութեամբ մենք յոյս ունինք որ
մեր աշխատանքները յաջողութեամբ պիտի պսակուին:

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Տ. Վրթանէս Բինյ. Գալայժեան

PASTOR'S REPORT - 1984

The following is a summary of my activities as your Parish Priest, which I humbly offer to God and to you. At the conclusion of the year 1984, I completed the eighth year of my service as the Pastor of St. Mary's Parish.

A. Sacraments and Services

1. The Divine Liturgy. Special services and sacraments were celebrated and administered according to the church calendar and as they were needed.

In 1984, we had 7 baptisms, 9 weddings and 13 funerals. I attended and/or participated in funerals and weddings in the community and out of town on ten different occasions.

Visiting Clergy. During the year we had several clergy visiting our community. They all had the opportunity to celebrate Holy Badarak and deliver the sermon.

- Very Rev. Diran Gureghian, The Pastor of Moscow, USSR.
- His Grace Bishop Kevork Seraidarian, Primate of Georgia, USSR.
- Very Rev. Mesrob Mutafian, the Chancellor of the Armenian Patriarchate of Istanbul, Turkey.
- Very Rev. Vasken Tatoyan, who was the visiting pastor during Der Hayr's absence during the summer.
- His Beatitude Archbishop Shnork Kaloustian, The Patriarch of Istanbul, Turkey having paid a visit to Washington, D.C. There was a ceremony preceding the reception held in his honor. Funds were raised to support the Patriarch's educational and charitable work.

2. Counseling and Social Services. The areas covered were: personal and family counseling, job placements, housing, immigration and naturalization, nursing home, Armenian heritage research guidance, personal recommendations, court appearances and translation, mediation, marriage counseling etc.

- approximately 50 social service and immigration cases
- two court appearances
- four research assistances and numerous newspaper corrections by letters and phone calls concerning news about Armenians.
- over 30 family and personal counselings
- over 20 marriage and wedding counselings
- over 50 home visitations and blessings/hospital visitations
- numerous letters of recommendation were given both for immigration and scholarship purposes.

B. Office Activities

1. For the fifth year, we gratefully acknowledge the dedicated services of Mrs. P. Whitty as our part-time secretary. The office hours were 10:00-2:00 P.M. which she graciously extended quite frequently. The afternoon office hours and most of the evenings, I personally use to carry on my responsibilities.
2. Publication. The parish newsletter, Shnorhali and full size special issues were published eight times, totaling over 200 pages (8.5x11) of information, concerning our parish activities, acknowledgement to our financial supporters, religious, cultural and historical articles.

We had several of our parishioners who helped us to collate and prepare them for mailing. In addition, numerous special fliers, letters etc. were also mailed for more direct and effective communication with the parishioners. Our general mailing list is over 1,100 and the Shnorhali, until recently, was mailed to 850 addresses. We have trimmed that to less than 600.

C. Organizational

I carried on my efforts to solicit ideas and suggestions through private and group consultations.

1. Parish Council. As the Pastor-President, I presided over and participated in the deliberations of the Parish Council at the regular and special meetings, with a few exceptions when either I was out of town, sick or otherwise occupied with an official matter.

Special thanks to all the Parish Council members and the Chairman Mr. Mike Tashjian, who so ably and with dedication carried on his duties.

2. Auxiliary Organizations. I continued to work closely with the church organizations and presided over their regular and special meetings: Women's Guild, Choir, Church School, Armenian School, A.C.Y.O.A. Jr. and Sr. groups. Ararat Avak Society. My special thanks to all the executive members and the chairman, Superintendents and teachers for their diligence and dedication.

Special acknowledgment is due to Miss Alenoush Varoujanian and Mr. Varoujan Varoujanian who as Advisors helped to carry on the work of the A.C.Y.O.A. Jr. Group. I thank also a group of Sr. A.C.Y.O.A. members who are keeping the youth together and active.

D. Educational-Charitable Activities

1. Discussion Group on Christian Faith. We thank Mr. Dean Shahinian for keeping this most important educational and inspirational program on a regular and active schedule. Please read the special report attached to the Pastor's report
2. Our youth again benefited from the educational experiences provided by the St. Nersess Summer Study Conference. Both the Religious Study and the Deacon's Training proved beneficial.

We acknowledge the establishment of the Hovannes and Marie Simonian Endowment Fund from which our Parish Council subsidized part of the expenses.

3. Lectures and Lenten Evening Services were held not only for worship but also for an opportunity to learn.
4. The Charitable Fund. Now a line item in our budget. We have a parishioner who anonymously has pledged to match every dollar that is donated for this purpose. We need to be sensitive and responsive in this matter. I gratefully acknowledge that our other anonymous benefactor has again sent us \$1,000 for the Building Fund.

E. Miscellaneous

1. Diocesan St. Vartan Camp. By the Primate's appointment I am now serving on the St. Vartan Camp Committee. I attended a few of the meetings held in New York City.
2. Retreat. We had a retreat for adults organized by Mr. Dean Shahinian. The effectiveness of this retreat in bringing together about 20 of our young parishioners, developing a lasting fellowship amongst them and sensitizing the participants to their own spiritual heritage is immeasurable.
Something funny happened on the way to the retreat. With a flat tire and last minute discovery of bad brakes forced me to turn back. But they all had a wonderful time.
3. April 24 - Bloodmobile. We promoted the Bloodmobile which was organized in memory of the martyrs of 1915, by the ACYOA Srs. It was a commendable project which aimed at showing our gratitude to the Red Cross for their their help during the massacres.

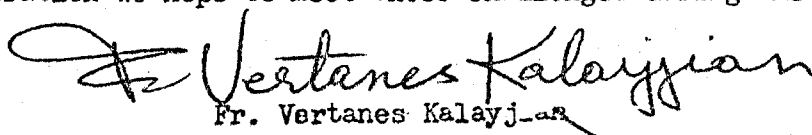
The following day a special memorial service was held on Sunday 22, when our children participated in placing flowers on a special memorial wreath. Madagh was distributed and special photographic display was held in the Hall.

4. Cultural and Other Activities.

- a. In January we had the pleasure of hosting an exhibition of paintings by Mr. Yerchan Boghosian, sponsored by the Women's Guild.
 - b. The Parish Council hosted a "Thank You" Dinner to honor our active members. It was well attended and well received.
 - c. During the summer we had the opportunity again to host at our picnics the young Armenian Interns who were serving in the various governmental and business offices in their chosen fields.
 - d. Officially participated in the following activities either to represent the parish or the Diocese or to benefit professionally.
 - N.C.C. Regional meeting held in Washington D.C.
 - Diocesan Assembly held in Fairlawn, N.J.
 - Regional Meeting for the Parish Councils and Church organizations in Washington, D.C.
 - Holocaust-Genocide-Educational Material Seminar, Baltimore, MD
 - Seminar-Workshop on Public Speaking held at the Diocese in New York, N.Y.
 - Neighborhood Councils challenge of the Alcoholic License renewal - Court appearance.
 - Workshops for teachers of both Armenian and Sunday Schools.
5. Trip to Armenia. Both Yeretzgin and I were called upon to be the group leaders for the A.C.Y.O.A. sponsored Summer Study Trip to Armenia. I used my vacation time for that purpose. It was the most rewarding, edifying and inspiring experience for all participants.
6. Baltimore Community. This is the sixth year that we have been conducting Christmas Services with our own Choir participating, close to the Armenian traditional date. I continue to be in touch with them and have made myself available for their spiritual needs and social services.
7. Altar Care and Mas. With the help of Mrs. A. Kumkumian, Mr. Simon Kumkumian, Miss A. Manigian, Miss A. Kavookian, Miss S. Ohannesian and Mrs. J. Oskoian, the altar received good care. I thank also Glenmont Cleaners' Erdogan Brothers who offered their services free. I thank the ladies who continuously and anonymously have prepared and donated the Mas for Holy Badarak during the past year. May they all continue their services in good health.
8. Special Acknowledgements. I tried to avoid mentioning the names of the individuals to whom I feel particularly grateful for the assistance they have given me personally, and for the devotion they have manifested toward the church.

I would like, however, to thank Yeretzgin, both as the pastor and as a husband, for her loving patience and endurance which she has always shown.

As the new year begins, along with some of the visible accomplishments for which we are proud and thankful to our Lord and grateful to all participating parishioners, we face new challenges. With God's blessings and your cooperation we hope to meet those challenges during the months ahead of us.


Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian

ANNUAL REPORT TO PARISH
SEMINAR ON CHRISTIAN FAITH

The Seminar in Christian Faith is a forum where people meet to informally discuss significant aspects of God, the church, faith, and our lives. Men and women of all ages have attended and are welcome. No knowledge is presumed and everyone has the opportunity to express their experiences and views or to raise questions.

The seminar met on the first and third Sundays of each month throughout the year in the newly decorated lounge on the lower level of the main building. This year, 1984, has been its third year. All books and materials were given free of charge to participants.

This year we discussed a wide variety of subjects, including:

The Beatitudes: Is It a Blessing to be Blessed?
The Parables
"To obey is better than sacrifice"
The Second Coming of Christ or The World's Last Night
Why Does God Allow Me to Suffer?
"Hosanna" -- Lord, Save Us!
Montaigne's essay "On Repentance"
Christian Love
Satan, Evil and Temptation
Death
Capital Punishment
Abortion
The Armenian Church Around the World
The Ideal Parish
The Mission of the Armenian Church in America in the 1980's:
What Are We Building?
Armenian Art in Miniatures (slide show)

Some sessions were led by guest speakers: Mrs. Marie Broussalian, Ani Kazanjian and Larry Law, Mari Kibritian, and Greg Kumkumian.

An adjunct program is Armenian Fellowship Weekend, a retreat for young adults held in the Shenandoah Mountains, May 18-20, 1984. The program included talks and discussions about the Lord's prayer, "What does God mean to me?" and Satan, evil and temptation; the Badarak; and Armenian music. We saw a slide show on Yerevan and an illustrated talk on "An Armenian Living in Turkey". We had lessons in Armenian dancing, cooking, and language; and enjoyed recreation, including volleyball, tennis and hiking. Leading the activities were Dean Shahinian, Greg Kumkumian, Socrates Boyajian, Tatiana Ekrek, Mari Kibritian, and Patrick Garabedian.

January 1985

Dean V. Shahinian

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The Church Bookstore continues to stock a wide variety of Armenian books, records, stamps, posters, novelties, coins and stamps.

The store has books in both Armenian and English on history, religion, art and architecture as well as poetry books and novels. Recent additions include a Book of Armenian Costumes from Yerevan, an Armenian/English-English/Armenian dictionary, and the 1985 Diocesan Calendar with reproductions of Armenian manuscripts.

Imports from Jerusalem include posters bearing pictures of Armenian kings and sterling silver crosses and chains.

"KISS ME - I'M ARMENIAN" mugs, "I LOVE ARMENIANS" bumper stickers, and greeting cards with beautiful pictures of dolls in Armenian costumes are some of the great gift items. Drinking mugs with personalized names in the Armenian alphabet are available by order.

As provided by the Bookstore Charter prepared by the Parish Council, bookstore items are priced at 20% over the cost, and the the current stock inventory is valued at approximately \$2,000.00. The bookstore was able to turn over \$2,000.00 to the Parish Council in 1984.

Gary Avedikian, the Bookstore Manager is adding new books to the Church Library as they become available. Thanks to Alice and Garabed Manigian who have donated books to the Library, to Queen and Peter Manoogian who donated a book of Armenian Miniatures Vaspouragan, and to Anna and George Derderian who donated Armenian coins and books. The Library has approximately 75 books at the present time.

The bookstore is open every Sunday after church services. Come in and browse.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - 1984

We have completed another successful year. We had a very active year and met all the challenges with wisdom and courage. Most of our goals were met with the sincere cooperation of the entire community.

I. RENOVATION

The renovation work was completed with the installation of carpeting in the rear section of the sanctuary. Also completed was the installation of the central air-conditioning system in the sanctuary, old hall and kitchen, making our entire building air-conditioned. Our special thanks to Mr. Jerry Hekimian who acted as our In-House Construction Manager.

II. BAZAAR

Once again, thanks to our Women's Guild and other dedicated members, this year's bazaar was a success. Our special thanks again go to Dr. Ed Onanian for getting it all together.

III. OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. Two Picnics: One was held in June and the other in August. We thank Raffi Karahisar for chairing both.

B. Choir Convention: In September we hosted the Annual Assembly of the Armenian Church Choirs of America. Special thanks to Der Hayr for coordinating the Assembly and to Mr. Armenak Boyajian, Mrs. Queenie Avedikian and Mrs. Anna Derderian, and to other volunteers who helped make this a successful weekend.

C. Dinner for His Beatitude Patriarch Shnork Kalustian: Our thanks to the special committee which was formed for this project to plan the banquet and fundraising for the Holy Cross Fund to benefit our brothers and sisters living in Turkey.

D. Thank-you Dinner: This was hosted, prepared, and served by the Parish Council members to show their appreciation to all active working members of our church.

E. Landscaping Project: Our special thanks to Jeanette Torokhanian for beautifying our property. Her hard work and talents are greatly appreciated. She will need both your financial and physical help in order to continue her work in the Spring. Please give her a helping hand.

IV. Other Items Needing Parish Council Decision or Attention:

- A. Corrected a water meter problem
- B. Diocesan Regional Meeting
- C. Gathering information on bingo games
- D. Parish House repairs: Air conditioning, plumbing, electric range. Air conditioning will soon need to be replaced.
- E. Approval of of "St. Mary's Balian Library" Charter
- F. Review of the altar renovation plans
- G. Meetings with the representatives of the Armenian School, Choir, ACYOA Seniors, Church School and Women's Guild
- H. Church Hall Rentals - our thanks to Ann Kavookian for her untiring efforts in coordinating this.
- I. Bookstore sales and Parking Lot rentals by our dedicated Manager Mr. Gary Avedikian and his wife and assistant Queenie.
- J. Miscellaneous repairs by our concerned and dependable Maintenance Committee Chairman Berj Koukeyan and his assistants.

During the past year several Council members, due to personal circumstances found themselves unable to attend some of our meetings. We were handicapped also by the fact that Der Hayr was not able to attend some of the meetings.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all of you who have helped us with our special projects throughout the year, and to Der Hayr and the members of the Parish Council for their genuine efforts in assisting me with my duties as Chairman.

With the cooperation and support of St. Mary's community our efforts will always meet with success.

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian
Pastor-President

Mike Tashjian
Chairman

Krikor Ekrek
Secretary

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 Fr. Kalayjian's services as Pastor of St. Mary's Church during the period set forth herein:

1. Stipend and Allowances:

Basic Stipend	\$ 15,120
Service Increment	6,480
Membership Increment	1,080
Car Allowance	3,740
	<u>\$ 26,420</u> Plus Clergy

Insurance and IRA

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

2. Vacation

In accord with the Diocesan vacation schedule, we agree that Fr. Kalayjian shall be allowed to take four weeks of vacation, including four Sundays. Leave may be accrued with the prior consent of the Parish Council. There was no leave balance outstanding at the end of 1984. (There is a possibility that Fr. Kalayjian may be called upon by the Primate to serve again as the group leader for the ACYOA Study Program in Armenia. In that event, he shall be allowed to take five additional weekdays of leave).

In addition, Fr. Kalayjian shall be allowed to take leave on the Sunday of the Diocesan Assembly weekend, provided his return to Washington for services should prove inconvenient. A similar policy shall apply in the event he chooses to attend the ACYOA and/or Choir Assemblies. 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 ACYOA or Choir Assemblies, it is expected that those organizations will provide lodging and travel allowances.

This memorandum of understanding becomes effective on January 1, 1985 and continues through December 31, 1985, provided it receives the approval of the Annual Parish Assembly.

PARISH COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 1984

Receipts

Pledges	\$27,155.00
General Donations	3,657.00
Candles	2,553.80
Plate	2,744.35
Yughakin	5,019.00
Sacraments	2,400.00
Hokehankist	3,050.00
Flowers	320.00
Shnorhali	380.00
Special/Memorial Dtns	1,191.00
Parish Council	
Activities (net)	777.20
Hall and Parking	5,885.00
Book Store	2,000.00
Bazaar (1983)	910.00
Bazaar (1984)	11,500.00
Church Organizations	1,800.00
Bank Interest	1,016.81
Endowment Fund	188.01
Misc.	919.00

Sub-total \$73,466.17

Charitable Fund	300.00
Patriarch's Visit	5,510.00
Ethiopian Relief	550.00
Altar Fund	1,060.00
Bazaar Advance	231.75
Building Fund Transfer	23,225.47

Total \$104,343.39

Expenses

Pastor	
Stipend	\$25,474.80
Mileage Allowance	
Benefits	4,584.75
House Utilities	3,358.74
Janitor	3,195.00
Secretary	3,018.00
Telephone	1,212.89
Utilities	9,791.66
Postage	1,360.71
Church Supplies	571.58
Flowers	251.26
Office Equipment/Supplies	3,190.20
Kitchen Supplies	1,186.63
Choir Master	2,650.00
Property Insurance	1,882.50
Building Equipment	
and Maintenance	3,975.62
Diocesan Dues	9,283.00
Diocesan Activities	105.70
Youth Program	514.80
Visiting Priests	451.05
Misc.	192.08

Sub-total \$76,250.97

Primate's Dinner ('83)	2,410.85
VCR	277.00
Patriarch's Visit	5,510.00
Ethiopian Relief	550.00
Building Fund Expenses	24,505.27

Total \$109,504.09

CASH POSITION

Balance, 1/1/84	\$13,423.88
Receipts	104,343.39
	<u>\$117,767.27</u>
Disbursements	109,504.09
Balance, 12/31/84	\$8,263.18

ASSETS

Checking (Riggs)	\$158.56
Checking (National Permanent)	<u>8,104.62</u>
Total	\$8,263.18

Proposed Budget

Calendar year 1985

<u>Receipts</u>		1984 <u>Actual</u>
Pledges	\$39,000	\$27,155
General donations	4,000	3,657
Candles	2,300	2,554
Plate	2,500	2,744
rughakin	5,000	5,019
sacraments	2,000	2,400
nokehankist	3,000	3,050
rlowers	350	320
shnorhali	500	380
Special/Memorial donations	1,000	1,191
Parish Council Activities	2,000	777
Hall and parking	5,000	5,885
Book Store	2,000	2,000
bazaar	11,000	12,410
Church Organizations	2,000	1,800
Endowment Fund	250	188
Other	---	1,936
Total	<u>\$81,900</u>	<u>\$73,466</u>

Expenses

Pastor		
Stipend	\$22,680	\$21,735
Mileage allowance	3,740	3,740
House Utilities	3,780	3,359
Insurance and IRA	5,500	4,585
Janitor	3,300	3,195
Secretary	4,000	3,018
Telephone	1,300	1,213
Utilities	10,000	9,792
Postage	1,500	1,361
Church supplies	700	572
flowers	300	251
Office equipment and supplies	3,000	3,190
Kitchen supplies	1,000	1,187
Building equipment and maintenance	6,000	3,976
Choir Master	2,600	2,650
Property Insurance	1,900	1,883
Diocesan Dues	9,300	9,283
Diocesan Meetings	800	106
Youth Program	500	515
Other	---	643
Total	<u>\$81,900</u>	<u>\$76,254</u>

1984 BAZAAR

November 7 - 10, 1984

Financial Report

RECEIPTS

Luncheon	\$ 6,427	
Carry-out	2,216	
Bake Table	6,588	
Dinners	5,656	
Beverages (evenings)	624	
Appetizers	372	
Arts & Crafts	1,230	
Jewelry (net)	256	
Rugs (net)	2,390	
White Elephants	373	
Grand Raffle	2,866	
Other Raffle	420	
Candle Lighting	2,428	
Pre- and Post-Bazaar Sales	2,268	
Donations	345	
Miscellaneous	38	\$ 34,497

DISBURSEMENTS

Food Items	8,724	
Kitchen Supplies	805	
Raffle	579	
Cleaning/Trash Removal	602	
Administrative	420	11,130

Net Return \$ 23,367

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:

To Parish Council	\$11,500
To Building Fund Committee	11,500
In Bazaar Committee Account	461

Respectfully submitted,

Vaughn Sayian, Treasurer

BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

Calendar year 1984

The Committee launched a drive in March to raise \$60,000 by the end of 1985, of which \$20,000 was needed by the beginning of July. Thanks to the continued generosity of many parishioners, and the particular generosity of a family which prefers to remain anonymous, we were able to meet our objectives.

As we did, however, we not only incurred higher costs than we had anticipated, but we saw the need for further improvements. In particular, a significant amount of work remains to be done in the kitchen area. We need also to complete the landscaping project. Since these improvement efforts are expected to continue, the repayment of our renovation loan will be delayed. The loan has a 5-year term, but we were hopeful of repaying in two, i.e., by the end of 1985.

It proved convenient once again to make disbursements from both the Committee's and the parish council's accounts. Accordingly, a detailed breakdown of the total costs incurred for renovation in 1984 is presented below:

Architectural services, fees, etc	\$2,499.03
Electrical work	7,595.68
Materials	4,344.17
Flooring	4,038.30
Air Conditioning	30,148.26
Carpentry services	5,559.25
Kitchen shelving	734.48
Plumbing	4,314.79
Landscaping	1,135.00
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	\$60,368.96

Other expenses for which payment initially was made from the parish council account were as follows: Library (\$1,775.00); Parish house (175.68); Loan payment (\$1,791.66); Office furniture (\$380.00); Altar project (\$300.00); Printing and Postage (\$315.40); Pledge Dinner (\$459.61). These payments totalled \$5,197.35.

Pledge payments and donations totalled \$56,000. At year's end, the amount of receivable pledges was approximately \$20,000, most of which should be received in 1985. We received also more than \$9,500 in memorial gifts. Our share of Bazaar proceeds amounted to \$12,100.00.

The Committee continued to meet the mortgage payments on the parish house. As noted in the above listing, a disbursement of \$300 was made for professional services in connection with the renovation of the altar area, which will be the final phase of St. Mary's expansion and renovation program.

Your response to appeals during the past several years has been truly remarkable. With your generous support, our parish has been able to expand and improve its facilities, and to do so without incurring a heavy debt burden. With your continued support, the remaining work will be completed and our loan repaid well ahead of schedule.

respectfully submitted,
Edward Onanian, Chairman

Building Fund Committee Financial Report

Calendar Year 1984

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Pledges	\$53,005.00	Parish House Mortgage	\$4,684.20
Lieu of Flowers	9,550.00	Loan Payments	12,579.58
Bazaar	12,100.00	Renovation	41,061.04
General Donations	2,490.00	Misc.	83.49
Landscaping "	508.00	Return of Parish Council	
Interest	<u>1,676.49</u>	funds	<u>8,225.47</u>
 Total	 \$79,329.49	 Total	 \$66,633.78

CASH POSITION

Balance	1/1/84	\$10,627.99
Income		<u>79,329.49</u>
		\$89,957.48
Expenses		<u>66,633.78</u>
Balance	12/31/84	\$23,323.70

CASH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Columbia First Federal, savings	\$22,181.48
Merrill Lynch Ready Assets Trust	1,051.45
Riggs, checking	90.77
Pledges Receivable	20,380.00

LIABILITIES

Columbia First Federal Mortgage	\$46,036.46
American Security Bank Loan	41,666.70
Payable to Parish Council for '84 expenses	1,279.80

REPORT ON THE 82ND ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America held its 82nd Assembly at the St. Leon Armenian Church in Fairlawn, New Jersey from May 3rd - 6th. The Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, presided over the Assembly.

The decisions made at the Assembly emphasized the future development of the Armenian Church in America. Some of the highlights were:

1. The Primate's address to the delegates on Thursday, May 3rd. The address emphasized the Church's long-term challenges which lie ahead in the preservation of the Armenian language, culture and people: "surely we can channel our individual strengths into guaranteeing the future health of our church and its good works... History tells us that the life of nations and peoples is a matter of responding to challenges. How well a challenge is met determines how well a nation grows and flourishes. Responding requires a flexibility of mind, a historical imagination and a determination to meet the future rather than having it be a series of changes."

His Eminence ended his address by stressing the principles which have kept the Armenian people together: "Our commitment to family, our keen sense of justice, our honest and sagacious business sense, the meaning of a man's word, the pivotal role of faith and beauty in our everyday lives."

2. The establishment of a regionalized program with the Diocese. Churches within designated regions would coordinate and program activities among themselves. The region as a whole would be under the supervision of the Diocese. New England was designated as the first region where this policy would be implemented.
3. The approval of the 1984 annual budget of \$1,547,000.
4. The approval of the Hye-Rise Committee's proposal to continue work on a development plan and contract for a high-rise structure over the Diocesan headquarters. The high-rise would in the long run furnish the Diocese with extra revenue through rentals.
5. The increase of the number of Diocesan Council members from nine to eleven by electing Edward Chapian of the Holy Martyrs' Church of Bayside, New York for a three-year term and Daniel Dorian of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Cambridge, Mass. for a one-year term.

6. The election of two new members to the Diocesan Board of Trustees. Edward Bashian of New Jersey was elected for a ten-year term, and Judge John K. Najarian of Rhode Island was elected for a four-year term to fill a vacancy.
7. The approval of a proposal to appoint a committee for the organization of a national commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. The committee would be formed by a joint effort between the Primate and the Diocesan Council.
8. The acceptance of a plan to approve the Diocesan budget for the following year instead of approving it during the year that is in process.
9. The approval to appoint a Diocesan Commission which will examine liturgical life and prepare a report for the 1985 Assembly.
10. The approved of a proposal which would review the role of the nominating, auditing and advising committees of the Assembly. It was agreed that procedural guidelines to help guide the work of these committees were needed.
11. A vote of confidence was given to the Diocesan Unity Committee report. Judge John K. Najarian presented the report and expressed hope that the Bylaws would be completed by the 83rd Diocesan Assembly in 1985.
12. I hold this opportunity to thank the parishioners of St. Mary's Armenian Church for giving me the chance to serve as their delegate for the past four years. I thank and wish good luck to the acting Parish Council and delegates serving our church.

Respectfully submitted
Vartkess M. Balian
Diocesan Delegate

WOMEN'S GUILD 1984 ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Committee

Chairlady
Vice Chairlady
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

Myrna Seropian
Queenie Avedikian
Astghig Sahhar
Siran Levonian
Sosi Windle

Advisors

Roseann Alexander
Melina Kaehn

Flossie Baldadian
Hermine Sahakian

There are 84 members in the Women's Guild. General membership meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and Executive Committee meetings are held as needed.

Calendar of Activities for 1984

January Annual Armenian Christmas Dinner
..... Art Exhibit and Sale of Yerchan's Paintings
February Hosted Parish Assembly Luncheon
..... Hosted Requiem Luncheon for Barkev Kirk
April Lenten Luncheon, which included Women Saint's Day
..... Program and talk by Alice Antreassian
..... Special Easter Coffee
..... Guided Tour of East Wing of National Museum of Art -
..... Arshille Gorky's film and paintings.
May Hampartzoom-Veejag Program and Luncheon -
..... honored 2 members as Women of the Year.
June Doll and Doll House Exhibit
September Hosted Farewell Luncheon For Choir Assembly
October Cooking, Baking and Craft Workshops for Bazaar
November Annual Four-day Bazaar
December Sponsored an Armenian Child in Beirut

In addition to the activities listed above, Lahmajoun has been sold throughout the year and Taheen Hatz, when available, has recently been added to items for sale.

The Guild helps to defray the expenses of both the Church and Armenian Schools.

We try to communicate with and visit the elderly, lonely and ill and would like to be notified of any illnesses of persons in the Armenian community who would welcome calls or visits.

During 1984 several of our ladies have provided supportive services to the American Cancer Society by making fabric and crocheted accessories which are used in the post-operative rehabilitation of cancer patients. We are also joining the Daughters of Vartan to participate in the SOME (So Others May Eat) program to help provide food for the Street people in the D.C. area. We plan to continue these programs and to also participate in other programs for the sick, lonely and needy.

The Women's Guild has monitored and/or hosted a fellowship coffee hour after church services on Sundays during the year. I would like to thank all of the parishioners who have served as hostesses and would like to encourage others to volunteer to participate in the future.

My special thanks to Queenie Avedikian, my Vice Chairlady and right hand. I could not have done the job without her help.

I am also grateful for all the help and support which I received from the members of the Guild, the Parish Council, and to Der Hayr and Yeretzgin who are always available with their help.

I wish the new Executive Committee a successful and productive year and would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and wonderful year in 1985.

Respectfully submitted,
Myrna Seropian, Chairlady

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Այս տարուան անդամներուն թիւն էր 84: Կանոնաւոր ժողով-հաւաքոյթներ տեղի ունեցան իւրաքանչիւր ամսուան երրորդ երեքշաբթի օրերը:

Տարեկան ձեռնարկներու կարգին ունեցանք հետեւեալները.-

- Ս. ծննդեան ճաշկերոյթ - Արուեստի նկարչական Ցուցահանդէս
- Միջինքի ճաշ եւ կին Սրբուհիներու Յիշատակութիւն:
- Արշիլ Կորքիի ֆիլմի ցուցադրութիւն - Նէշընըլ Միւզիքմ օֆ Արթ - :
- Համբարձման Տօն - Վիճակ - Տարուան 2 Մայրերու պատուում:
- Պուպրիկներու Ցուցահանդէս - Պագարի պատրաստութիւններ եւ Պագար:

Ասոնց կողքին ծխական կեանքին առնչութեամբ մաշ սպասարկեցինք Տարեկան ժողովի, Դպրաց Դասերու Համագումարին, Զատկուան եւ հոգեմաշերու առթիւ:

Տիկնանցը շարունակեց նիւթապէս օգնել Հայ եւ Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոցներուն: Հայ որբ մը որդեգրեցինք Լիբանանի աղէտեալներէն: Հիւանդներու եւ տարեցներու տունները եւ հիւանդանոցները այցելեցինք: Մեր անդամներէն շատերը կամաւորապէս օգնեցին.-

- Ամերիկեան Գանսէրի Ընկերութեան -
- Ճաշ հայթայթեցին այդ նպատակով կազմակերպուած հաստատութեանց:

Սուրբ Պատարագէն ետք հիւրասիրութիւնը շարունակեցինք: Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն Տիկ. Թագուհի Աւետիբեանին առանց որուն Ատենապետի պաշտօնս պիտի չկարենայի լիովին կատարել:

Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն ժրջան անդամներուն, ծխական Խորհուրդին,

Տէր Հօր եւ երէցկիներին որոնք միշտ պատրաստակամ եղած են օգնելու:

Նորընտիր Վարչութեան կը մաղթեմ յաջող տարի մը եւ այս առիթը օգտագործելով բոլորիդ կը մաղթեմ երջանիկ, առողջ եւ սքանչելի տարի մը 1985-ին:

Մըրնա Սերոբեան, Ատենապետուհի

WOMEN'S GUILD 1984 FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1983 \$ 6,439.35

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 465.00	
Sunday Coffee	1,409.50	
Armenian Christmas Dinner	1,330.00	
Lenten Luncheon	1,405.20	
Veejag Luncheon	388.73	
Lahmajoun Sales	1,250.04	
Cultural Activities	259.75	
Other Activities	1,580.02	
Cultural Fund Donations	25.00	
Other Donations	238.50	
Miscellaneous	176.40	8,528.20
		<hr/> 14,967.55

DISBURSEMENTS

Equipment & Supplies	98.97	
Armenian Christmas Dinner	267.22	
Lenten Luncheon	147.60	
Veejag Luncheon	173.68	
Lahmajoun Purchased	950.00	
Cultural Activities (Lace Exhibit 12/83)	90.27	
Other Activities	1,268.61	
St. Mary's General Fund	1,000.00	
St. Mary's Building Fund	5,675.00	
Armenian School	1,054.78	
Church School Communion Breakfasts	59.63	
Miscellaneous	409.22	11,194.98
		<hr/> Balance as of December 31, 1984 \$ 3,772.57

Savings Account Balance 12/31/84	1,999.56	
Checking Account Balance 12/31/84	1,706.19	
Cash on Hand 12/31/84	66.82	\$ 3,772.57
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In January 1985 \$1000 was donated to the Armenian School, \$1000 was donated to St. Mary's General Fund and \$500 was donated to St. Mary's Church School.

As of January 14, 1985

Savings Account Balance	1,999.56
Checking Account Balance	505.87
Cash on Hand	45.66
Total Balance	* \$ 2,551.09

* \$1,303.47 is the Cultural Fund which can be used only for cultural purposes. This amount has been included in the general accounting for interest earning purposes only.

CULTURAL FUND 1984 REPORT

<u>Receipts</u>		December 31, 1983 Balance	1108.99
Donation	\$ 25.00	Plus	284.75
Yerchan's Paintings	259.75	<u>Disbursements</u>	1,393.74
	<hr/> 284.75	12/83 Lace Exhibit	\$ 90.27
		Less Disbursements	90.27
		December 31, 1984 Balance	<hr/> \$1,303.47

1984 CHOIR REPORT

"God sent his singers upon the Earth with songs of sadness and of mirth that they might touch the hearts of men and bring them back to Heaven again."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Singing is an integral part of worship, especially in our Armenian Apostolic tradition. The relationship of music and worship dates back to the very foundations of our Christian tradition. In I Chronicles 15-16, we read:

"And David spake to the Chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding by lifting up the voice with joy . . ."

So did our St. Mary's Choir during the year of 1984, not missing any Sunday service even when Der Hayr was away on vacation.

We started the year On Friday evening, January 6th by assisting Der Hayr in performing the Armenian Christmas service in Baltimore with the Armenian community there.

On Easter Sunday the Choir performed very successfully with professional instrumental accompanists - Arnold and Julie Gregorian who are members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Albert Kapikian, Sebu Uslan, Socrates Boyajian, and Seta Gelenian.

In September the Choir had the honor to participate in the wedding ceremony of our dear Deacon Arto Hovannesian.

The weekend of September 28-30, the Choir hosted the 38th Annual Choir Assembly of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs. The weekend was filled with activity - meetings, a workshop, a choir rehearsal, luncheons, dinners, dancing. The highlight of the weekend was the musical program which followed the Saturday night banquet. The audience, which included His Eminence Bishop Torkom Manoogian who presided over the Assembly, were delighted with the musical talent and selections. Der Hayr surprised Serpazan Hayr and all present with a beautiful tenor rendition of a very difficult and beautiful song. The piano selections of Lucy Nalbandian and Barbara Stathis received much applause and Socrates Boyajian's musical composition, played on string instruments by Socrates, Kathy Derderian and Albert Kapikian was most effective. The narration was written by George Derderian and presented by Queenie Avedikian.

Arnold Gregorian's offerings on the Bass awed the audience to silence and Boghos Zulik's piano renditions of old-time light and rhythmic medlies brought forth smiles and tapping feet. Both received standing ovations and requests for encores. In his closing remarks Serpazan Torkom thanked and complimented each performer by name. During Sunday morning services the church seemed to swell with the beautiful voices of a Host of Angels. Delegates from churches throughout the Diocese (the cream of their choirs) supplemented and complimented our choir. Many thanks to the Women's Guild for preparing and serving the Farewell Luncheon after the services.

Many thanks to our Senior ACYOA for chairing the Friday night dance, thus involving our young people and rounding out and adding sparkle to a full weekend.

Queenie Avedikian, Anna Derderian and Socrates Boyajian, under Der Hayr's able leadership, deserve a vote of thanks and sincere appreciation for their planning, diligence and sacrifices made before, during and after the Assembly's activities.

The Junior Choir is successfully continuing to sing once a month with the guidance and direction of their Choir Master Socrates Boyajian who is diligently preparing them for full service.

I am grateful to the following organists who accompanied the choir during services throughout the year - Boghos Zulik, Lucy Nalbandian and Socrates Boyajian. Barbara Stathis and Martin Ahlijanian served as substitute organists. We regret that John Krikorian, one of our dedicated organists and members, resigned for personal reasons during the year.

I would like to thank Clara Andonian, Choir Treasurer, Anna Derderian, our Public Relations Writer, Queenie Avedikian, Choir Secretary, and Der Hayr who helps us in so many ways. Thanks also to all choir members and soloists and deacons who sang with the choir as well as on the altar.

My appreciation is extended to Mike Tashjian and the Parish Council and to all parishioners of St. Mary's for their moral and financial support.

I hope the Spirit of God will lead all of us to more successful years and I wish you all a very blessed year in 1985.

Respectfully submitted
Armenak B. Boyajian
Choir Director

1984 CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance December 31, 1983 \$1,228.31

RECEIPTS

1/8/84	Christmas Collection	\$ 287.75	
1/9/84	Donation (Baltimore	195.00	
3/28/84	Interest	35.41	
4/22/84	Easter Collection	415.45	
6/10/84	Donation (Kantarian	100.00	
6/30/84	Interest	41.35	
9/28/84	Interest	48.63	
10/4/84	Choir Convention	5,371.50	
11/26/84	Donation (H. Semerjian)	50.00	
12/31/84	Interest	91.73	6,636.82
			<u>7,865.13</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

1/12/84	Rental of Van & Gas to Baltimore	36.00	
1/12/84	Refreshments - Choir Rehearsal	11.34	
1/12/84	Printing and Postage	54.76	
4/6/84	Choir Books	65.70	
5/11/84	Deposit to Holiday Inn	100.00	
7/23/84	Choir Assn. of America	75.00	
8/27/84	Office Supplies	54.00	
9/26/84	Choir Convention	3,879.02	
10/22/84	Xerox Music Sheets	23.21	
12/29/84	Refreshments	15.75	4,325.44
12/31/84	Closing Balance		<u>\$ 3,539.69</u>

Respectfully submitted
Clara Andonian, Treasurer

A.C.Y.O.A. SENIORS 1984 REPORT

Executive Committee:

Co-Chairmen: Linda Ekizian
Greg Kumkumian

Secretary: Tatiana Ekrek
Publicity: Saro Dedeyan
Treasurer: Andrea Basdekian
Senior Advisors: Diane Ekizian - Zareh Tahmazian
Parish Council Liaison: Krikor Ekrek

Membership is approximately 25 youth ages 18 - 25.

The Seniors have funded their activities through two dances and dues. There is \$300.00 in the ACYOA bank account to date.

Activities in which members have participated or sponsored are as follows:

Pot-luck dinner meetings, Ice-skating on the Mall, Archbishop's Basketball Tournament, SOME (So Others May Eat), which involved serving food to the "Street People" in D.C., an all-day seminar on "Armenian Awareness," Mid-Atlantic ACYOA Regional Weekends, Sports Weekend, Beach Trips, The 1984 Choir Convention Dance, Mid-Atlantic Regional Weekend Dance, Red Cross Bloodmobile for Martyrs' Day.

Upcoming activities which the group is gearing up for are the "Paregentan" dance on February 16th and activities for the 70th Anniversary of the Genocide, and April 24th Armenian Martyrs' Day.

St. Mary's Sunday School
Annual Report - 1984

Our Sunday School continues to flourish, both educationally and spiritually. Credit must be given to the dedicated teachers, students and parents who consistently support the efforts of the Sunday School.

Serving our children this year are the following teachers: Miss Ann Kavookian, Mrs. Rita Bush, Ms. Susan Armen, Mrs. Anna Derderian, Mr. Albert Kapikian and Ms. Linda Ekizian. Mrs. Rosemarie Arkoian is the permanent substitute teacher for the entire staff. Assisting Miss Ann's class is Suzanne Manoogian. We are very appreciative of their service to the School.

Effective September 9, the Sunday School adapted a new morning schedule. Basically, the 30 minute assembly (which traditionally started the Sunday School morning) was split in two 15 minute segments. At 10:30, the children meet for an "administrative assembly" and object lessons - based on readings from The Bible. At 10:45, the children attend their regular classes. At 11:45, the children meet for instruction on the Divine Liturgy. The new morning schedule has proven to be quite successful.

The children had two very special holiday programs during this school year. Our thanks go to Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian and Miss Mary Vartabedian for coordinating both activities. The first was a Halloween costume party and dinner at the Church. The second was a Christmas program. This entailed a candlelight service and program. Highlighting this year's program was a reading by Roxanne Kumkumian and a song by Alexandra Arkoian and Joanna Bush. Albert Kapikian's 7-8th grade class performed Love, Armenian Style, a play written by the "director" and Greg Kumkumian in 1975. All programs were quite successful.

In order to respond to the crisis in Ethiopia, our students donated \$80.00 to the cause. The Diocese sponsored this relief fund and will forward the money to Ethiopia.

We are very pleased to report that the Women's Guild has donated \$500 to the Sunday School. We are very grateful to them for their most generous assistance. We do wish to stress, however, that the students need to become more diligent in contributing to the collections which are taken every Sunday.

There are 55 students enrolled in the Sunday School. It is refreshing to note that most of these children attend on a regular basis. We are grateful for the times when those who are not always able to attend join us. Together we learn and grow as members of the Armenian Christian community.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ekizian, Superintendent

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

1984 Financial Report

Balance January 1, 1984 \$ 464.04

Receipts:

Gifts	\$ 295.00	
Weekly Collection	316.10	
Lenten Collection	86.00	
Ethiopian Collection	31.00	
Sale of Bibles	24.00	
Money Returned from Picnic & Party	<u>108.50</u>	
		860.60
		<u>1,324.64</u>

Disbursements:

Books & Supplies	544.48	
Lenten Collection sent to Diocese	100.00	
Ethiopian Collection sent to Diocese	35.00	
Picnic	200.00	
Halloween Party	153.00	
Christmas Party	<u>49.00</u>	
		<u>1,081.48</u>

Balance 12/31/84 \$ 243.16

Respectfully submitted,

Ann H. Kavookian, Treasurer

ST MARY'S ARMENIAN SCHOOL
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1984

RECEIPTS

Tuition	\$1990.00
Books	245.00
Donations	2127.50
School Functions	1275.00
Miscellaneous (interest)	166.86

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' Stipends	\$5090.00
School Supplies	1623.02
Food Items	181.47

\$5804.36

\$6894.49

Surplus for 1984	- \$1090.13 (Deficit)
Balance at start of 1984	6423.49

Balance at end of 1984	<u>\$5333.36</u>
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Available Funds:

Savings Account	\$4919.11
Checking Account	414.25

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN SCHOOL
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1983-84
Period Sept. 83-June 1984

RECEIPTS

Tuition	- \$1620.00
Books	- 161.00
Donations	- 2066.50
School Functions	- 1275.00
Miscellaneous (interest)	- 330.22

\$5352.72

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' Stipends	- \$3930.00
School Supplies	- 562.45
Food Items	- 181.47

\$4673.92

Surplus for 1983-84	- \$ 778.80
Balance at start of 1983-84	- 5457.63

- \$6236.43

Available Funds	
Savings Account	- \$4919.11
Checking Account	- 1317.32

\$6236.43

1984 A.C.Y.O.A. JUNIORS REPORT

The ACYOA Juniors have had a year filled with many activities which kept them busy from month to month. In December 1983 the Executive Committee was installed, comprised of Zaven Kalayjian, Roxanne Kunkumian, Raffi Balian, Kathy Derderian, Talar Keshishian and Berj Kalayjian.* We had a Progressive Dinner in December and went caroling at the homes of some of our "Shut-ins" and to nursing homes which house some members of our Armenian community. * and Karen Kodjanian.

1984 Calendar of Events

JanuarySunday Breakfast at Church
.....Ice Skating after Meeting
February.....Parish Assembly Lunch
.....Ice Skating
.....Sunday Breakfast at Church
.....Valentine Dance
.....8 Members attended weekend seminar at St. Nerses
MarchSunday Breakfast at Church
.....Sold Chocolate Bars to Raise Funds
AprilSunday Breakfast at Church
.....Palm Sunday Coffee
.....Cleaned Church for Easter
.....Easter Egg Hunt for Armerrian School & Church
School Children
MayMothers' Day Dinner - Honored 2 mothers and gave
them gifts (Mrs. Flossie Baldadian & Mrs. Silvia
Kodjanian)
June, July, August.....For one week in each month several members
attended seminars at St. Nerses Seminary
SeptemberFirst Meeting
OctoberSunday Brunch - Expenses donated by
Mrs. & Mrs. Vartkess Keshishian
.....Visit and talk by Nancy Basmajian, Field
Director of ACYOA Jrs. from Diocese
NovemberBowling
DecemberBrunch - Chaired by Yeretzgin

I regret that Alice Tashjian had to resign as my co-adviser in order to attend a school away from home. We all miss her.

We would like to thank the Parish Council, Der Hayr and Yeretzgin for all the help and support which they have given us.

We hope that 1985 will be filled with many new learning experiences and fellowship for all the ACYOA Juniors.

Respectfully submitted
Alenoush Varoujanian, Adviser
Junior ACYOA

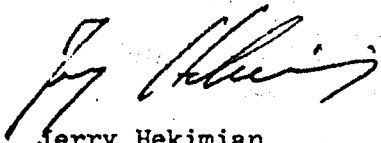
St. Mary's Armenian School annual report for the year 1984

The school meets most every Sunday from 12.20 PM to 2 PM, September thru June
The 1983-1984 school year ended on June 3, 1984 with our year end "Hantes"
The student enrollment for 83-84 was 41, with average attendance of 31. We
had seven classes and assembly attended by eight teachers.

The 1984-1985 school year began on 9-16-84 with enrollment of 44 children,
in seven classes. The average attendance has been 37. This year we have
seven teachers, two of whom are new and the other five veteran teachers. We
also have four teacher's aides (last year's graduates of the school).

Thru out the year we hold 32 sessions on the average, the exact number being
dictated by weather conditions and various church functions occurring at the
same time slot.

Sincerely



Jerry Hekimian
school superintendent.

Members Eligible to Vote in Parish Meetings During 1985
(PRELIMINARY)

Gheyont Aghajanian
 Anne Andonian
 Clara Andonian
 Jack Andonian
 George Armen
 Susan Armen
 Sara Arzoomanian
 Norig Asbed
 Gary Avedikian
 Queenie Avedikian
 Guros Azhdarian
 Astrik Aznavorian
 Jean Babashanian
 Ray Babigan
 Rose Babigan
 Agnes Baker
 Alice Baker
 Harry Baker
 Marie Balian
 Rita Balian
 Vartkess Balian
 Nora Basmadjian
 Carl Bazarian
 Abraham Bodurian
 Elize Bodurian
 Armenak Boyajian
 Keghanoush Boyajian
 Socrates Boyajian
 Mary Broussalian
 Vartkes Broussalian
 Ebruhi Brown
 Rita Bush
 Herman Carson
 Nadya Carson
 Betty Dedeyan
 Sahag Dedeyan
 Anna Derderian
 George Derderian
 Harry Derderian
 Srpouhy Derderian
 Shirley DuChessi
 Nishan Dulgerian
 Mari Ekmekciyan
 Krikor Ekrek
 Levon Garabedian
 Margaret Garabedian
 Doris George
 Robert Geroge
 Anahid Ghazarian
 Nora Gibson
 Isabelle Goshgarian

Ida Gueriguian
 John Gueriguian
 Elizabeth Hanessian
 John Harootunian
 Sharon Harootunian
 Ted Hatcher
 Zepure Hatchikian
 Jerry Hekimian
 Margo Hekimian
 Neshan Hintlian
 Dicran Jamgochian
 Knarig Janigian
 Paul Janigian
 Richard Janigian
 George Juskalian
 Lucine Juskalian
 Alice Kachadourian
 Harry Kachadourian
 Anahid Kalayjian
 Raffi Karahisar
 Narbik Karamian
 Anne Kavookian
 Esther Kavookian
 John Kavookian
 Elizabeth Kayaian
 Casey Kazanjian
 Adrine Kenadjian
 Elizabeth Kevorkian
 George Knight
 Stella Knight
 Silvia Kodjanian
 Souny Kodjanian
 Jack Dilanian
 Berj Koukeyan
 Iskouhi Koukeyan
 Dikran Koumjian
 Ashod Krikorian
 Esther Krikorian
 Aroosiag Kumkumian
 Charles Kumkumian
 Simon Kumkumian
 Bedros Levonian
 Jack Levonian
 Seranoush Levonian
 Siran Levonian
 Tom Magarian
 Nora Maghrablian
 Albert Manian
 Blanche Manian
 Alice Manigian
 Peter Manoogian

Queen Manoogian
 Anoush Manouelian
 Vartan Manouelian
 Armine Manoukian
 Ara Mesrobian
 Dora Moses
 Mihran Nalbandian
 Hripsime Nazarian
 Karen Oates
 Ogda O'Gulian
 Philip O'Gulian
 Sirarpi Ohannessian
 Ed Onanian
 Zvart Onanian
 Julie Oskoian
 Alice Peltekian
 Andre Peltekian
 Mary Perkins
 Ohannes Sahakian
 Vergin Sahakian
 Harold Sakayan
 Rose Sakayan
 Victoria Sakayan
 Jean Sayian
 Vaughn Sayian
 Anna Semerjian
 George Semerjian
 Hratch Semerjian
 Dean Shahinian
 Grace Shahinian
 David Simone
 Valentine Stahl
 Zareh Tahmazian
 Alice Tashjian
 Azniv Tashjian
 Mike Tashjian
 Ovsanna Tashjian
 Arpi Tate
 Louise Terzian
 Jeannette Torokhanian
 Leo Torokhanian
 Mary van Osdol
 Alice Varoujanian
 Harootiun Varoujanian
 Alice Vartabedian
 Evelyn Vartabedian
 Joseph Vartabedian
 Mary Vartabedian
 Ripsime Zenopian
 Zenop Zenopian
 Boghos Zulikian