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A Prayer Before Meetings

Hanoon Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooy'n Srpo.

Eemasdootyoon Hor Heesoos/ door eendz eemasdootyoon/ uzparees khorhel yev khosel yev kordzel arrachee ko hamenayn jham/ ee char khorhurtotz/ ee paneetz yev ee kordzotz prgya zees/ yev voghormya ko araradzotz yev eendz pazmameghees.

Park Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooy'n Srpo/ Ay-jhum yev meeshd yev haveed-yans haveedeneetz/ amen.

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.

Յանուսն Հօր եւ Որդւոյ եւ Հոգւոյն Սրբոյ:

Իմաստութիւն Հօր Յիսուս, տուր ինձ իմաստութիւն զբարի խորհել եւ խօսել եւ գործել սոսկի քո յամենայն ժամ: Ի չար խորհրդոց, ի բանից եւ ի գործոց վրկիա զիս: եւ ողորմեա քո բարարածոց եւ ինձ բազմամեղիս:

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A Prayer After Meetings

Hanoon Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooy'n Srpo.

Bahaban Amenaynee Kreesdos adj ko hovanee leetzee ee verah eem/ ee diveh yev ee keesheree/ ee nsdeel ee dahn/ ee knal ee djanabahr/ ee nundjel yev ee harnel/ zee mee yerpek sasanetzaytz/ yev voghormya ko araradzotz yev eendz pazmameghees.

Park Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooy'n Srpo/ Ay-jhum yev meeshd yev haveed-yans haveedeneetz/ amen.

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.

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Պահապան ամենայնի Բրիտանոս, աջ քո հովանի լիցի ի վերայ իմ, ի տունէ եւ ի գիշերի, ի նստիլ ի սան, ի դնալ ի ճանապարհ, ի ննջել եւ ի յառնել, զի մի երբեք սասանեցայց: եւ ողորմեա քո բարարածոց եւ ինձ բազմամեղիս:

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- ա. Հոգեւոր Հովիւէն
- բ. Ժխական Խորհուրդէն
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7. Ը Ն Տ Ր Ո Ւ Թ Ի Ի Ն Ը - ձեռնարկ ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴԻ, ԸՆՏՐՈՂԱԿԱՆ ԵՒ ՀԱՇՈՒՆԵՔՆԻՆԻ 3ԱՆՉՆԱԹՈՒՄԵՐՈՒ
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12. Հին Հարցեր
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AGENDA FOR ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

1. Opening and Memorial Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Assembly Tivan
4. Minutes of 1991 Assemblies
5. Nominating Committee Report
6. Reports:
 - a. Pastor
 - b. Parish Council
 - c. Diocesan Delegates
7. Election of Parish Council, Auditing and Nominating Committee members
8. Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget -- 1992 --
9. Reports (continued):
 - d. Building Fund Committee
 - e. Women's Guild -- Choir
 - f. Church School -- Armenian School
 - g. AGYOA Strs. and Jrs. and Three H of St. Mary
 - h. Ararat Avak Society and Earthquake Committee
 - i. Bookstore -- Library -- Shnorhall
 - j. Armenian Church Endowment Fund Parish Committee
10. Auditing Committee Report
11. Announcement of Election Results
12. Old Business
13. New Business -- Proposals and Amendments
14. Benediction -- Adjournment

SAMPLE BALLOT

Parish Assembly Chairman
(Elect One)

Paul Murad
Hratch Semerjian

Parish Assembly Secretary
(Elect One)

Judith Hagopian
Lucia Magarian

Parish Council Members
(Elect Five)

David Andonian
Socrates Boyajian
Stephen Evereklian
Vartkes Keshishian
Alfred Moosakhanian
Stephen Ohanian
David Sahr
Onnig Sivaslian
Beth Ann Tutunjian
Vartan Zenian

Nominating Committee
(Elect Three)

Carl Bazarian
Edward Bodurian
Grace Shahinian

Auditing Committee
(Elect Three)

Richard Hatchik
John Kavookian
Thomas Magarian
Elise Vartabedian

Finance Committee
(Elect One)

Robert George, Jr.

PRESENTED BY

1991-92 Nominating Committee

Col. George Juskalian
Mrs. Ani Keshishian
Mrs. Nadia Koseian

1991 Parish Council

Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, President
Mr. Mike Tashjian, Chairman
*Mr. Varoujan Varoujanian, Vice Chairman
*Mr. Stephen Evereklian, Secretary
*Dr. Socrates Boyajian, Ass't. Secretary
*Mr. Levon Andonian, Treasurer
°Dr. Hagop Markarian, Ass't. Treasurer
Members: Mr. Jack Dilanian
Col. Moorad Mooradian
Mr. Hagop Safak

*The terms expire - - - - °Has resigned

Diocesan Delegates

Dean Shahinian, Esq.
Dr. Hratch Semerjian

Note: Nominations from the floor will be recognized.
Please secure the prior consent of the nominee.

MINUTES OF
ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
SESSION ONE - JAN. 27, 1991

The Parish Assembly began at 1:05 PM.. Opening prayer was offered by Der Hayr for the souls of the deceased members especially Der Khoyan. Roll call by S.Evereklian revealed that 40 were present. Representing ACYOA Jrs. was Saro Kalayjian.

It was suggested that meeting should take place even though the quorum was not established. It was brought out that the meeting could proceed if those present understood that it would take 2/3 of the voting members present to pass motions. Motion was made and passed to continue the meeting.

Motion was made to accept the minutes of Feb.11,1990 Assembly. It passed.

Dr.C.Kumkumian reminded the election of Tivan to run the meeting. Motion was made to elect the Tivan. Dr.C.Kumkumian was elected as Parish Assembly Chairman and Mr. Stephen Ohanian, Secretary by secret ballot.

Dr.E.Onanian made a motion to modify the agenda section F, and not take any action on the reports from the Planning Groups at this meeting. The specific action on the reports are to be taken, if necessary, during the next meeting. Motion passed.

Dean Shahinian explained the role of The Planning Groups indicating that each group will meet and report back in 45 minutes. These groups were:

- A. CULTURAL & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. Panel: Dr.Socrates Boyajian, Mr Arto Hovhanesian, Mr.Steve Evereklian and Mr.David Zenian.
- B. PARISH ADMINISTRATION. Panel: Col. George Juskalian, Mr.Onnik Janjigian, and Dean Shahinian, Esq.
- C. FINANCE: Panel: Mr. Arut Koseian, Dr.Edward Onanian, Dr.Hratch Semerjian, and Mr. Levon Andonian.
- D. YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Panel: Yerezgin Anahid Kalayjian, Mr.Varoujan Varoujanian and Mr. Saro Kalayjian.

The Groups returned to the Sanctuary at 3:05 P.M. Mr. Shahinian invited each group to present its report by a speaker. The reports from each group are attached to these minutes.

Motion was made to get these reports in writing no later than on Thursday Jan. 31, in order to present them to the next Session of the Assembly. The Assembly expressed its happiness with this setup. The First Session of the Parish Assembly adjourned at 3:30 P.M. with Der Hayr's prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor-President

Dr. Charles Kumkumian, Chairman

Mr. Stephen Ohanian, Secretary

Summary of the Parish Administration Panel Discussion:

The panelists for the Parish Administration discussion group were Col. George Juskalian (Chairman), Mr. Onnik Janjigian, Mr. Dean Shahinian, Esq., with Mr. Raffi Karahisar acting as the secretary. The following is a high-level summary of the ideas, and/or proposals brought forward during the meeting, not presented in any specific order:

o Establishing a telephone information service:

A frequently updated telephone recording service could be provided to inform the parishioners of the latest Armenian community activities or any newsworthy events.

o Establishing telephone trees:

To further enhance communications, telephone trees could be established to reach parish members on short notice (e.g., in case of death / illness in the family).

o Providing nursery care for families who otherwise couldn't attend parish activities.

o The formation of special committees:

Under this proposal, a number of special 5-9 person committees would be created, under the direct supervision of the Parish Council, to coordinate various parish functions in the following areas:

- The Spiritual Committee would deal with the needs of the community in the areas of counseling, bereavement, home visitations, assistance to the needy, outreach, worship, etc.;
- The Social Committee would coordinate activities such as dances, athletic events, fellowship hours, dinners, etc. for the youth, young adults, married couples and/or the seniors;
- The Cultural Committee would handle lectures, art exhibits, concerts, language instruction, the library, etc.;
- The Armenian Issues Committee would be in charge of organizing / coordinating activities dealing with Armenian aid, congressional issues; acting as liaison to embassies; assisting on immigration issues, etc.;
- The Parish Administration Committee would be responsible for the following areas:
 - Secretarial / clerical services (e.g., correspondence, graphics, printing, mailing, scheduling);
 - Computer related services, to maintain address databases, to assist in bookkeeping or fund-raising activities (e.g., correspondence to donors);
 - Communications, e.g., to prepare press releases, to handle publicity, to maintain an Armenian information center, to initiate telephone calls, etc;
 - Building maintenance functions.

Concerns were also were raised in the following areas:

- o We need to find enough volunteers to work on these committees. We may need to bring professional people on board (i.e., to put them on payroll) to pursue some of these activities;
- o We need to get the young people involved; we need an organized youth leadership to offer fellowship to young adults;
- o We need to reach out those parishioners who can not attend church activities;
- o The Parish Council needs the support, cooperation and respect of the community at large, to be effective, to avoid burn-out, and to retain the talent and experience of current and past members.

Social and Cultural Activity's
Discussion Group - Jan 27, 1991

The discussion centered around coordinating the Social, Cultural and Sports activities through the cooperation of church organizations.

The Choir and the Women's Guild should work together for concerts.

"Armenian Life" organized by Dean Shahinian and co-sponsored by St. Mary, should receive more encouragement.

Choir should undertake a recruitment drive, have talent search, develop ways to keep them, etc.

Expand the lecture series and talk-discussions with current events, in conjunction with the Armenian School, ACYOA Jrs., etc.

Create opportunities for social contact among families.

Ways and means for adult transportation.

Revive the Hye Club concept.

Have meetings on regular intervals to discuss, review and implement these ideas.

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
1991 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
January 27, 1991

Report of the Discussion Group on Church Finances

Submitted by
Edward Onanian and Hratch Semerjian

The topics discussed in this Group included the status of the current reserve funds, and the need for fund-raising activities to supplement the operations budget and to increase the reserves available to secure long term income. Currently, the Building Fund contains resources to meet long term needs for repair and upgrading of Church sanctuary and other facilities. It was concluded that a Finance Committee should be formed to raise funds and establish an endowment fund, which could be invested in short and long term resources. The Group also discussed the possibility of investing in real estate. This normally requires approval by the Parish Assembly, Diocesan Council, and Diocesan Trustees. This is a very lengthy process, which may be counterproductive in cases where relatively timely decisions need to be made. One possibility brought up during the discussions was the formation of a non-profit organization, with the participation of several church members, which could make decisions related to acquisition of real estate. Once proper approval is obtained through channels, then the deed could be transferred to the Church. It is also proposed that the Finance Committee would take over the functions of the existing Building Fund Committee.

Based on this discussion, the attached proposal was drafted for a five member Finance Committee; the committee members would have five year rotating terms. It is also proposed that the Assembly ask the Nominating Committee to present a slate of candidates for the Finance Committee at the Parish Assembly to be held on February 10, 1991.

PROPOSAL

It is critically important to provide a long term financial basis for the operation of our Church, and to meet the needs of our Community on a continuing basis. This can be accomplished only by setting aside capital resources for investment purposes, and by using these resources to secure a steady and reliable source of income for our Church operations. Such activities will also provide the opportunity for our parishioners to donate funds and real estate towards an endowment fund to support our Church and to secure a strong operational base for future generations to come.

It is therefore proposed that a Finance Committee be formed to manage the capital resources of St. Mary's Armenian Church. Functions of this Committee include fund raising activities, management of the building renovation funds, and establishment and management of a Long Term Investment Fund for our Church to provide long term income and financial stability. The functions of the present Building Fund will be incorporated within the functions of the new Finance Committee.

It is also proposed that a line item be established in the annual Church budget, equal to 10% of the previous year's budget, as a set-aside for the Long Term Investment Fund. The income received from the investment fund will be contributed towards the operations budget on an as needed basis.

The Finance Committee will consist of five (5) members, with 5-year rotating terms such that one member will be elected at each Annual Parish Assembly. Nominations for the Finance Committee will be put forth by the Nominating Committee. The Finance Committee will report directly to the Parish Assembly.

January 27, 1991

Youth Activities - Sunday School Report
Summary of Ways to Help the Sunday School

1. Increase awareness of the Sunday School and the parents' obligation to see that their children receive a good Christian education.
2. Active support by all organization of the Church for the mission of the Sunday School, to teach the Christian faith to children and help make the Sunday School a vital part of our church family.
3. More and continued participation by the families in the Christian life of their children and in Sunday School activities, to encourage the children in their religious study and help them become closer to God
4. Additional time in the schedule to help the Sunday School function more effectively.

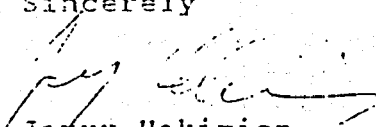
Submitted by,
Mrs. Anna Derderian

Youth activities, Armenian school report of 1/27/91 discussions

The Armenian school classes held on sundays should offer instruction of the Armenian alphabet (reading and writing) to ALL the students of the church. This method would provide a basis for the future members of the church to be able to follow the church services in our language.

We should also recognize the fact that, we are not able to teach more than basic reading and writing on sundays during the time period allocated. If we are to provide a more adequate curriculum the weekly classes should be considerably longer, about three or three and a half hours, probably on a saturday.

Sincerely


Jerry Hekimian

A.C.Y.O.A.

1. Pursue more vigorously recruitment of a Youth Director.
2. Either it's in our budget or in the church's (Parish Council's) budget maintain a line item provision not only for a Youth Director, but also for such expenses as Retreats, Regional Conference/Sports Weekends, St. Nersess Summer Study Programs, St. Vartan Summer Camp etc.
3. Form a Parents' Advisory Council to assist the Youth Advisor and/or the Youth Director in planning and implimentation of the youth activities.
4. It is earnestly requested from the parish, a general awareness and participation in the youth organized activities such as lectures, family nites, dances, etc.

On behalf of the Discussion Group
Submitted by
Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Minutes of February 10, 1991 Parish Assembly
Second Session

- A. The Second Session of the Parish Assembly was convened at 1:25 P.M. by Dr. Charles Kumkumian, Chairman of the Parish Assembly. An opening prayer was offered by Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian.

A roll call indicated that 44 voting members out of 190 members were present. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the meeting should take place, understanding that it would take 2/3 of those present and voting to pass motions, and that decisions are subject to the approval of the Diocese.

- B. The minutes of January 24, 1991, Parish Assembly (First Session), were read by Stephen Ohanian and accepted as presented. (See the "Supplement" attached to the Annual Report.)

- C. Nominating Committee Report for Elections:

Mr. Abraham Bodurian reported and indicated that new names were added in a sample ballot that had been presented previously. The new list included ten names. Mr. Arut Koseian declined. Mr. Bodurian asked for nominations from the floor, but no new nominees resulted. Yeretzgin said that Malvina Brown had told her to inform the Assembly to drop her name from the ballot. Mr. Semerjian, in response, said that all the nominations had been secured beforehand; therefore, we should not accept second hand information.

The final number for Parish Council nominees was: nine (9) names for five (5) vacancies. Der Hayr conveyed George Derderian's request that his name be added for the Finance Committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed to close nominations.

- D. Reports:

1. Pastor's Report: Der Hayr thanked everyone for a productive year. He noted, however, that parishioners' participation in activities had been less than had been expected. Furthermore, he said, the church community had not responded to important functions that had taken place; it was not possible to call and twist everybody's arm in order to get them to attend such activities. Der Hayr emphasized that it was time to rethink our priorities. He suggested that we should come up with solutions. In response to Der Hayr's remarks, Dr. Onanian said that the work habits and work schedules of spouses and the work schedules of the second generation should be looked at closely. He also observed that people were being caught between church events and their busy schedules; present circumstances prevent people from responding properly. Der Hayr expressed his thanks and appreciation to Dr. Onanian and suggested that these issues be addressed at the Diocesan level as well.

Among his acknowledgments, Der Hayr praised Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian for the excellent work she has done for this community.

He then presented her with the Pastor's Certificate of Recognition. This recognition was overwhelmingly approved and applauded by the Assembly.

2. Parish Council: Mr. Varoujan Varoujanian reported and referenced his report in the Annual Report. Mr. Varoujanian noted that the young, and relatively inexperienced, Parish Council members had done an excellent job.
3. Diocesan Delegate: Mr. Dean Shahinian reported on behalf of the Diocesan Delegates and referenced the report in the Annual Report. Miss Sirapi Ohannessian raised a question: she asked whether a By-Law amendment passed by the Diocesan Assembly would be a law. In response, Mr. Shahinian pointed out that it would be a law after the approval of His Holiness the Catholicos, providing that two consecutive Diocesan Assemblies act upon it affirmatively.

A motion was made, seconded and passed, and the three reports were accepted as submitted.

E. Elections:

Mr. Abraham Boudarian, Dr. Hratch Semerjian, and Mrs. Lucy Murad conducted the elections of Parish Council members, along with the Auditing and Nominating Committee members, respectively.

F. Treasurer's Report & Proposed Budget 1991:

Mr. Levon Andonian reported and referenced the report in the Annual Report. Minor modifications were made concerning medical expenses and postage increases on the proposed budget, but the bottom line remained the same. Der Hayr suggested that Youth Activities be allocated more funds by modifying the expenses. A motion was made and seconded, and the report was accepted.

G. Reports From Organizations of the Church:

1. Choir Report: Der Hayr said that Dr. Socrates Boyajian had asked him to pass along the information that he was on a missionary trip and therefore could not attend this meeting. Der Hayr expressed appreciation on behalf of parishioners for the superb job that Dr. Boyajian has been doing. Mrs. Queenie Avedikian brought to our attention that not being able to get new members for the choir was a serious problem.
2. Women's Guild: Yerezgin reported; she remarked that there was a problem getting a new chairlady for the Women's Guild.
3. Sunday School: Mrs. Rita Bush said that the Church School continues to teach the Christian faith to our Sunday School children.
4. Armenian School: A representative was not present to report.
5. Library: A representative was not present to report.
6. ACYOA Seniors & ACYOA Juniors: No representative from either organization was present to report.

7. Bookstore: Mr. Gary Avedikian presented his report and parishioners expressed their appreciation to him for the good job he was doing.
8. Building Fund: Dr. Edward Onanian presented the report and brought to our attention that the building's electrical & heating systems needed to be upgraded. He explained that the electrical system is inadequate for the additional new load. He further pointed out that there were some funds set aside to meet the possible urgent need of major repairs.
9. Avak Society: A representative was not present to report.
10. Youth Committee: Dr. Charles Kumkumian said that we do need an active membership on the Committee. Mr. Paul Murad gave a short report.
11. Shnorhali: Mrs. Shahinian reported and thanked everyone for his/her support.
12. My Kinsman: A representative was not present to report.
13. Armenian Church Endowment Fund: A representative was not present to report.

H. Announcement of Election Results:

Dr. Hratch Semerjian announced the results.

1. Parish Council (5 to be elected):
Col. Moorad Mooradian (40); Mr. Hagop Safak (33); Mr. Mike Tashjian (29); Mr. Jack Dilanian (27); and Mr. Hagop Markarian (23) were elected. Alternate, Mr. Richard Hatchik (21); others, Mr. Thomas Magarian (14); Mr. Andre Peltekian (12); and Miss Malvina Brown (10).
2. Nominating Committee (3 to be elected):
Col. George Juskalian (37); Mrs. Nadia Koseian (27); and Mrs. Ani Keshishian (18) were elected. Alternate, Mrs. Takouhi Hallajian (17); others, Mrs. Roseann Alexander (16); and Mr. George Derderian (16).
3. Auditing Committee (3 to be elected):
Dr. Hratch Semerjian (31); Mrs. Lucy Murad (30); and Mr. Raffi Karahisar (28) were elected. Alternate, Mr. Vaughan Sayian (25); others, Mr. John Kavookian (10); and Mrs. Casey Kazanjian (8).

I. Old Business--New Business:

Der Hayr informed the meeting that since the elevator for the handicapped project was temporarily found not feasible by a special Parish Assembly, the Janigian family has decided to place the \$5,000.00 plus fund in the Diocesan Endowment Fund, with St. Mary's Armenian Church (Easter and Mother's Day altar flowers) and St. Vartan Camp as the beneficiaries of the income of that Fund.

I. Old Business--New Business (cont'd)

New Business: Finance Committee:

The text of the proposed Finance Committee is attached. Guidelines for the Finance Committee were proposed with the following amendments:

1. The Finance Committee shall report directly to the Parish Assembly and shall coordinate with the Parish Council. This Committee shall replace the Building Fund Committee.
2. The Finance Committee to consist of seven (7) members with 7-year rotating terms.
3. Original proposal with two (2) amendments.

The above-proposed three (3) amendments were discussed and voted. Only amendment No. 1 passed unanimously. The other two (2) amendments did not pass.

Election of the Finance Committee--Those elected were:

Dr. Edward Onanian (25); Mr. Carl Bazarian (22); Mr. Stephen (Mermer) Ohanian (15); Mr. Arut Koselian (12); Mr. Mike Tashjian (12).

The alternates with equal votes were: Mr. Jack Dilanian (11); Mr. Jerry Hekimian (11).

The other votes were cast as follows: Mr. George Derdarian (8); Mr. Joseph Vartabedian (7); Mr. John Kavookian (5).

Other New Business:

Dr. Kumkumian suggested that instead of discussing the workshop reports at this meeting, we should have a special Parish Assembly to discuss workshops in detail. A motion was made that "We have a special Parish Assembly meeting to discuss workshop recommendations in approximately four weeks." The motion was seconded and passed.

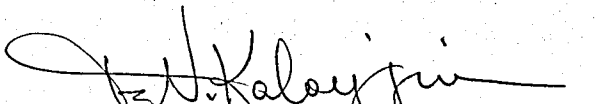
Col. M. Mooradian suggested that we should bring the youth to such meetings; that we should not isolate ourselves from our youth.


Der Hayr congratulated newly-elected Parish Council members and thanked the outgoing Parish Council members.

Dean Shahinian thanked Der Hayr for organizing and coordinating various activities.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M. with a prayer by Der Hayr.

Respectfully Submitted


Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, President


Dr. Charles Kumkumian, Chairman


Stephen Ohanian, Secretary

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
1991 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
January 27, 1991

Proposal

(Vote Passed)

It is critically important to provide a long-term financial basis for the operation of our Church, and to meet the needs of our Community on a continuing basis. This can be accomplished only by setting aside capital resources for investment purposes, and by using these resources to secure a steady and reliable source of income for our Church operations. Such activities will also provide the opportunity for our parishioners to donate funds and real estate toward an endowment fund to support our Church and to secure a strong operational base for future generations to come.

It is therefore proposed that a Finance Committee be formed to manage the capital resources of St. Mary's Armenian Church. Functions of this Committee include fund raising activities, management of the building renovation funds, and establishment and management of a Long Term Investment Fund for our Church to provide long term income and financial stability. [The functions of the present Building Fund will be incorporated within the functions of the new Finance Committee.]

The Committee will assume the responsibilities and assets of the present Building Fund Committee, and will receive the funds presently assigned to the Building Fund, namely, donations in lieu of flowers, donations for building projects, and one-half of the net proceeds of the annual bazaar. The Committee will also receive annually the surplus from the parish council's operating budget, but only to the extent that such surplus places the operating account's opening balance for the year in excess of 15 percent of the operating budget for that year.

[It is also proposed that a line item be established in the annual Church budget, equal to 10% of the previous year's budget, as a set-aside for the Long Term Investment Fund. The income received from the investment fund will be contributed towards the operations budget on an as needed basis.]

The Finance Committee will consist of five (5) members, with 5-year rotating terms such that one member's term will expire at each Annual Parish Assembly. The terms of the original five members will be determined by the votes each receives, with the highest vote getter serving five years, the second highest four years, etc. In the case of vacancies on the Committee, the positions will remain unfilled until the following Annual Parish Assembly, when successors will be elected to complete the unexpired terms. [One member will be elected at each Annual Parish Assembly.] Nominations for the Finance Committee will be put forth by the Nominating Committee. The Finance Committee will coordinate its activities with the Parish Council and will report directly to the Parish Assembly.

Minutes of May 19, 1991 Special Parish Assembly

- A. The Special Parish Assembly was convened at 12:45 p.m. by Dr. Charles Kumkumian, Chairman of the Parish Assembly. An opening prayer was offered by Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian.

An attendance sheet signed by all those who were present indicated 35 in attendance.

A motion was made, seconded and approved that, for this meeting only, Col. Moorad Mooradian would be acting secretary to take the minutes of this Special Meeting.

- B. Dr. Kumkumian recommended that the Agenda as set forth in the April 16 notification to all parishioners exclude Finances, since this Discussion Group was not ready to discuss its workshop findings, and begin instead with a report from the Diocesan Assembly delegates. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

- C. Prior to Dr. Hrach Semerjian's report, Der Hayr made a special point to acknowledge the large representation of the ACYOA Seniors in attendance. Der Hayr also gave a synopsis of some items discussed in the Minutes of the Feb. 10, 1991 Parish Assembly, Second Session.

- D. Dr. Semerjian reported:

1. The Clergy Annual Conference heard a report on the deteriorating situation in Armenia. His Holiness the Catholicos Vasken I asked the Diocese for consideration and assistance to help garner support against the Azeri attacks. The Karabagh Watch Committee had organized a demonstration, and all members at the Diocese Assembly were called upon to attend in front of the New York Soviet Mission to the U.N.
2. The Clergy Conference discussed discipline in the Church, issues relative to Communion and other pastoral matters.
3. A panel discussion on youth activities was held at the Diocesan Assembly.
4. Western Diocese reported that they have the same concerns about youth problems in the Church and the added difficulties associated with the large number of newly-arrived Armenians into the U.S.
5. The Primate Bishop Khajak Barsamian, in his address, stated that they should be concerned about the difficulties overseas without ignoring the substantial problems that have to be solved in the U.S. Armenian communities.

Dr. Semerjian's report on the progress of the unity issue was not optimistic, and he provided, also, a resume of other issues. He will have a written report for the next Parish Assembly. He conveyed congratulations for the fine showing by St. Mary's representatives who were elected to the Diocesan Council: Der Hayr and Dean Shahinian, in addition to Ed Onanian.

- E. Dean Shahinian reported that the Assembly had discussed various aspects of youth activities and concerns. He stated that the panel members felt that the Armenian-American youth have spiritual needs, and that those needs will be met in or out of the Armenian Church, and that the panel was concerned that the needs be addressed within the Armenian Church. The issue is what will the Armenian Church do to attract the Armenian youth?

Lively discussion ensued.

- F. Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian made a suggestion to Der Hayr to have a non-Badarak service (perhaps on a weekly or monthly basis during a day other than Sunday) that will enlighten the youth or anyone else who would like to attend an instruction-centered service.

Yeretzgin reported that the other problems mentioned at the last Parish Assembly still exist and that some action must be taken. She said that there is no particular priority for the problems; they are all grave.

A lively discussion followed with one of the attendees stating that perhaps the Women's Guild could take a lead in addressing problems of assisting youth in conjunction with the "My Kinsman" program.

- G. Since one of the items mentioned in discussion was the length of the service, Der Hayr discussed keeping the service concise - - one to one-and-a-half hours.

Moorad Mooradian mentioned that add-on's that keep parishioners longer, such as installation of a new choir or Parish Council members, should be accomplished after the normal services. All seemed to agree that was a good idea to consider.

Der Hayr added that he was at the call of all and would do what is necessary on any day, but he did not wish to be standing in the Sanctuary alone.

Col. Mooradian added that we should not expect miracles from the youth; that it will take time to turn things around. The most that the Parish should look for from the youth, he said, is steady but definite progress.

- H. Dean Shahinian reported on the suggestion of a hot line that would be of nominal cost to the parish and by means of which parishioners could call in to find out what was going on in the Washington Armenian Community, in particular with St. Mary.

George Armen mentioned the establishment of a computer based information clearing center.

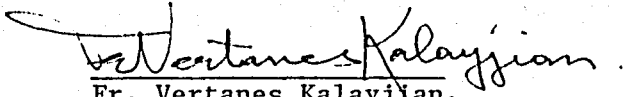
George Juskalian discussed the pros and cons of a telephone tree to publicize special events. The general consensus was that both the hot line and the tree ideas should be pursued.

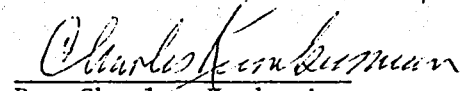
A motion was made, seconded and passed that George Armen, Queenie Avedikian and Greg Murad will develop ideas and pass on ideas about the hot line and telephone tree to the Parish Council for action and consideration.

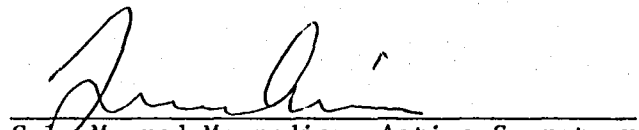
- I. Dr. Kumkumian said that we cannot do everything at once. Some priorities have to be developed for the Parish Council to consider. We have had enough talk, he said; we need action.
- J. Additional youth problems were brought up and discussed, such as their having to ask for money each time they want to do something. After a number of suggestions, Dr. Kukumian suggested that the Youth Council and their advisors get together with Der Hayr to develop plans for the Parish Council to consider items that will get the youth involved with the Church.
- K. Yeretzgin agreed that the Women's Guild will pursue the problems associated with assisting the elderly and the sick with such needs as rides to the Church and other functions, as well as some problems related to the nursery.
- L. At 3 p.m., it was agreed that the Parish Council would review the balance of the items on the Summary Sheet for inclusion at the next Parish Assembly. It was recommended that a Special Assembly be held again in mid-September.
- M. Dr. Semerjian recommended that the Parish Council submit a progress report at the next Parish Assembly on the various items pending and those discussed at today's meeting. Dr. Kumkumian said that was understood. He asked Der Hayr to close the meeting with a prayer.
- N. Dr. Socrates Boyajian mentioned that the report of the Social and Cultural activities are as presented. There was no time to go into the recommendations. They were referred to the Parish Council for consideration.

0. Der Hayr stated that he was pleased with the progress made at today's meeting. He ended the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted


Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian,
President


Dr. Charles Kunkumian,
Chairman


Col. Moorad Mooradian, Acting Secretary

1991-ի վերջաւորութեան լրացած կ'ըլլայ հովուական աշխատանքիս 15-րդ տարին: Այս տեղեկագիրը անցնող տարուան զործունէութեան ամփոփումն է զոր կը ներկայացնեմ Տիրոջ եւ եւ ձեզի:

Ա. Հովուական Աշխատանքներ եւ Խորհրդակատարութիւնք.

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Սուրբ Պատարագի կանոնաւոր մատակարարումէն զատ տեղի ունեցան նաեւ մասնաւոր արարողութիւններ եւ պաշտամունք:

1. Զրիսմըսի Արարողութիւն. Դեկտ. 24-ին ի յարգանս Արեւմտեան Տօնին մոմալոյց արարողութիւնը զոհ ձգեց ներկաները: Կը յուսանք շարունակել սկսուած սովորութիւնը:
2. Պոլիմորփի Գաղութ. Տասներեքերորդ տարին է որ Ա. ծննդեան Տօնի աթիւ Ա. Պատարագ մատուցինք մասնակցութեամբ եկեղեցւոյս Դպրաց Դասին: Անձնապէս միշտ կապ կը պահեմ եւ տրամադրելի եմ իրենց հոգեւոր եւ այլ ընկերային-ծառայական պէտքերուն:
3. Աթլանթայի Գաղութ. Աշխատանքները կայուն վիճակի մէջ են:
4. Խորհրդատուութիւն եւ Ընկերային-ծառայութիւն. Այս մարզի մէջ կ'ըլլան նաեւ հիւանդանոցներու եւ հանգստեան տուններու այցելութիւն, անձնական, նախա-ամուսնական, ընտանեկան եւ ամուսնական խրատ եւ Խորհրդատուութիւն, զործի, բնակարանի, գաղթականական եւ քաղաքացիական հարցերու օգնութիւն, անձնական եւ կրթաթոշակի յանձնարարականներ, դատարանի եւ դպրոցներու մէջ թարգմանութիւններ եւ ընտանեկան հարցերու միջնորդութիւն եւ այլ օգնութիւններ: Հովուական այցելութիւններու եւ տնօրէնէքի կողքին վերոյիշեալ հարցերով զբաղեցայ բազում առիթներով:

- Բ. 1. ԳՐԱՍԵՆՆԱԿԻ ԱՇԽԱՏԱՆՔ. Գրասենեակի ժամերն էին 9-1 որուն ընթացքին մասնակի ժամերով քարտուղար մը ունեցանք: Կէսօրէ ետքի ժամերը եւ զրեթէ բոլոր երեկոյները եւս օգտագործեցի աշխատանքներու համար:
2. ՀՐԱՏԱՐԱԿՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ. ԾՆՈՐՀԱԼԻ ԹԵՐԹԻԿԸ եւ նոյն չափով պրակներ տպուեցան եւ ցրուեցան 11 անգամ եւ 450 էջերէ աւելի պարունակութեամբ: Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութեամբ կը յիշեմ Տիկ. Կրէյս Շահինեանը եւ Պրն. Մարք Գրիգորեանը որոնք զործակցաբար խմբագրեցին ԾՆՈՐՀԱԼԻՆ:

Ասոնցմէ զատ բազմաթիւ թողուցիկներ եւ նամակներ դրկուեցան ուղղակի կապ հաստատելու համար ծիականներու եւ գաղութին հետ: Մեր հրատարակութիւնները կը դրկուին աւելի քան 1200 հասցէի, իսկ Ծնորհալին՝ 800 հասցէի: Հրատարակած ենք սիրակնօրեայ թերթիկներ եւս յաւելեալ յիշեցումներու եւ ծանուցումներու համար:

Գ. ԹԵՄԱԿԱՆ ԵՒ ԱՅԼ ԱՇԽԱՏԱՆՔՆԵՐ

1. Ս.ՎԱՐՊԱՆ ԺԱՄԲԱՐ. Անցեալ տարի ճամբարի տնօրէն չէի բայց այս կապակցութեամբ ծրագրումի ժողովներուն մասնակցեցայ: 1992-ի համար Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը դարձեալ տնօրէն նշանակած է զիս:---
2. Հ.Բ.Ը.ՄԻՈՒԹԵԱՆ ՆՈՒՎԱՐԻ ԺԱՄԲԱՐ. Անցնող տարիներու նման շարունակեցի կապս իբրեւ Խորհրդատու ճամբարի Յանձնախումբին:
3. ԹԵՄԱԿԱՆ ԺՈՂՈՎ. Մայիսին գումարուած եկեղեցական եւ պատգամաւորական տարեկան ժողովներուն մասնակցեցայ: Տիար Տին Շահինեան եւ ես ընտրուեցանք իբրեւ թեմական Խորհուրդի անդամ միանալով Դեկտ. 1-էտուրրտ Օնանեանին որ մեր եկեղեցիին կու տայ առաւելագոյն ներկայացուցչութիւն:

4. ԷՔՈՒՄԷՆԻՔ-ՄԻՋ-Եկեղեցական Աշխատանքներ. Երկու առիթներով Առաջնորդը ներկայացուցի. -ա. ԽՂՃԻ նՈՉ կազմակերպութեան համագումարի նիւթն էր Քրիստոնեայ Գաղութներ Արեւելեան Եւրոպայի եւ Սովիէթ Միութեան մէջ բաղադրական փոփոխութիւններու լոյսին տակ: Բ. Կրօնքը եւ Բարոյականը հանրային ծառայութեան մէջ նիւթն էր այն համագումարին որ կազմակերպուած էր Պրուքինկս Ինսթ.ի կողմէ:

գ. ՀԱՅ ԱՌԵՏ. ԸՆԿՆՄԱԿՅՈՒԹԻՒՆ. Տարիներէ ի վեր Հայ Ա.Ե.Ս. Համայնքը կրօնական պաշտամունք կը կատարէ այս յարկի տակ: Յաճախ միասնաբար աշխատած ենք մեր հայկական-քրիստոնէական նպատակներու իրագործման համար: Մայիսին ունեցանք վեր. ճոնազեանի հրատարակած գրքի մասին դասախօսութիւն իր դասեր Ալիս Հայկի կողմէ: Ինքնը ուրախութեամբ կ'ողջունենք նման գործակցութիւններ:

դ. Երախտագիտութեան Յուշարձան. Մարտին տեղի ունեցաւ բացումը եւ օրհնութիւնը արձանի մը՝ ֆրէս. Սողոյեանի կողմէ բանդակուած, իրրեւ խորհանշան հայոց երախտագիտութեան, երկրաշարժի առթիւ տրուած մարդասիրական օգնութեան համար: Գերշ. Բարզէն Սրբազան եւ ես կատարեցինք արարողութիւնը: Արձանը զետեղուած է Ամերիկեան Կարմիր Խաչի բակին մէջ:

ե. Յիսնամակ. Յունիսին տեղի ունեցաւ Գերշ. Բարզէն Եպ. վարժապետեանի բահանայական ձեռնադրութեան Յիսնամակը նախագահութեամբ Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր: Չեւնարկը հովանաւորուած էր թեմական Պատուիրակի Յանձնախումբի եւ ծխական Խորհուրդի կողմէ: Այս առիթով դարձեալ կը շնորհաւորենք Սրբազան Հայրը եւ շնորհակալութիւն կը յայտնենք իր ծառայութեանց համար:

զ. Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր Այցը եւ Յեղասպանութեան Յուշածեռնակ. Ապրիլ 20-21 շաբաթավերջին տեղի ունեցան շարք մը ձեռնարկներ: Տիկնանց Շրջանային Համագումարը, Պոսթոնէն Սայաթ նուա Պարախումբի ելոյթը, Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր Պատարագը եւ ձեռնադրութիւնը դպիրներու եւ ուրարակիրներու, Մատաղի օրհնութիւն եւ ծաղկեպսակի զետեղում:

5. ՆԱԽԱԳԱՀԻՆ ԱՅՅԸ

Կոյ. 13-ին վեճաբանութեամբ Տիար Լեւոն Տէր Պետրոսեան առաջին ժողովրդականօրէն բնորոշած նախագահը, նորանկախ Հայաստանի Հանրապետութեան, պաշտօնական իր այցը տուաւ իր պաշտօնը ստանձնելէ անմիջապէս ետք: Իրեն կ'ընկերակցէր Մեծայարգ Տիար Ռաֆֆի Յովհաննիսեան, Արտաքին Գործոց նախարարը: Տեղի ունեցան՝ ընդունելութիւն Գոնկրէսի մէջ, հանդիպում Մ. Ն. Ի նախագահի եւ պետական ղեկավարներու հետ եւ իր անունով ընդունելութիւն որուն ներկայ եղան Ամերիկեայ Գաղութի ներկայացուցիչներ: Ինձի համար ուրախութեամբ եւ հպարտութեամբ առիթ էր ներկայ ըլլալ Օղակայանի, Գոնկրէսի եւ ընդունելութեան ձեռնարկներուն: Վերջին երկուքին ներկայ էր նաեւ Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը:

6. ՉԵՌՆԱՐԿՆԵՐ ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԻ ՀԱՄԱՐ

Իրրեւ Մայրաքաղաք, Ուաշինկթընէն անցան անհատներ եւ խումբեր որով ունեցանք հետեւեալ առիթները. -

- Պատանիներու նկարչական Յուշահանդէսը, հովանաւորու ձեւաճ Ալեքսանտրիա բաղադրի: Ալեքսանտրիա-կուճայրի կցորդ բաղադրներու Յանձնախումբի անդամ են՝ Տին Եահինեան, Հէլէն Տէմիրճեան-Պէրթի, եւ Ռիթա Պալեան: Տիկ. Պալեան նաեւ կազմակերպիչն էր նկարներու շրջունը ցուցահանդէսին, Ամերիկայի զանազան բաղադրներու մէջ:
- Հայաստանի Պատանեկան հուշագիտումը խորհրդակառու ու անմոռանալի ելոյթ ունեցաւ Մայիսին: Շնորհակալութիւն ըլլոր անոնց որոնք օգնեցին երէցկիսին եւ ինձի այս ձեռնարկը կարճ ժամանակի մէջ իրագործելուն:
- Այն շաբաթավերջին երբ Տիկնանց Շրջ. Համագումարը տեղի ունեցաւ, ընդունեցինք այցելութիւնը բանէ աւելի պատանիներու որոնք Սպիտակ բաղադրէն կու գային: Ինքահայրեր կրցանք ապահովել անոնց համար որոնց մկրտութիւնը տեղի ունեցաւ Եկեղեցւոյս մէջ: Գանատայէն բարեբարի մը օգնութեամբ կրցանք իրենց համար ընել անհրաժեշտ գնումներ:

- Ետապ Օգնութեան Հանգանակութիւնը ըրինք ի պատասխան Առաջնորդ Արքազան Հօր կոչին, օգնելու համար մեր հայրենակիցներուն սննդամթերք եւ հագուստ հասցնելու համար այս ձմեռուան ցուրտին դիմագրաւելու: Լման տեղեկութիւններ լոյս պիտի տեսնեն առանձին գրքոյկով: Ենորհակալութիւն Զօր. Ալպէրթ Քէյնին եւ իր Յանձնախումբին: Նուէրները տակաւին կը շարունակեն գալ:
- Երկու առիթներով հանդիպեցանք եւ լսեցինք բժիշկներու, բուժքոյրերու, եւ հոգեբաններու խումբերու որոնք Ամերիկա կը գտնուէին իրենց մաս. նազիտութիւնը առաջացնելու եւ համազուժարներու մասնակցելու:
- Դեկտ. ին՝ Արքազան Հօր, Գարլ Պագարեանի եւ ծորճ Տէրտէրեանի հետ ներկայ եղայ Երկրագործական Նախարարութեան մէջ տեղի ունեցած ստորագրութեան արարողութեան որով 15 միլիոն արժողութեամբ ուտեստեղէնի նուէր կը տրուէր Հայաստանի մեր Առաջնորդարանի միջոցաւ: Պատմական երջանիկ պահ մըն էր:

Այս առիթով մասնաւոր շնորհակալութեամբ կը նշեմ աշխատանքը հետեւեալներուն. -

- Տիար Տին Եահինեան, իրաւաբան, որ Ալեքսանտրիա-կոլմայրի կցորդ քաղաքներու Յանձնախումբի անդամ է եւ նախագահը Արարատ Հիմնադրամի որ տնխամբ աշխատանք կը տանի հանդիպելով Արեւելեան Եւրոպայի ներկայացուցիչներու անոնց փոխանցելով Հայ ժողովրդի բարի կամեցողութիւնը: Ուրիշը մարոյեանի ի պատիւ դրոշմաթուղթերու լոյս տեսնելու առիթ կազմակերպեց ընդունելութիւն որ տեղի ունեցաւ Գոնկրէսի սրբահաներէն մէկուն մէջ:

- Տիար Վարդգէս եւ Տիկ. Ռիթա Պալեան որոնք անհատական նախաձեռնութեամբ եւ իրրեւ ՀԲԸՄ-ի նախագահի Գլխալի Ատենապետ, բարի կամեցողութեան դեսպաններու դերը կատարեցին ընդունելով Հայ եւ ոչ-Հայ այցելուներ եւ կազմակերպեցին Պատանեկան նկարչական Յուլանանդէսը հոս եւ Ամերիկայի տարածքին:

- Տիար Գարլ Պագարեան որ անսովոր կ'ոճով շարունակեց գտնել եւ հաստատել միջոցներ որով Առաջնորդարանը կապ պահեց Սպիտակ տան, եւ կառավարական եւ բարեսիրական գրասենեակներու հետ: Երկրագործական նախարարութեան տուած օգնութեան առիթիւ իր ղիւանազիտութեան եւ յարաբերութիւններ մշակելու կարողութիւնը մասնաւորաբար պէտք է նշել: Ուրիշ դուռ մըն ալ բացաւ Վիթմ-ի միջոցաւ, որով Մէկ միլիոն տոլար արժողութեամբ ուտեստեղէն պիտի դրկուէի Հայաստան:

Իրրեւ Հովիւ, ես ալ առիթ ունեցայ դիմաւորելու տարբեր առիթներով, ներկայացուցիչներ, այցելուներ եւ գաղթականներ որոնք Հայաստանէն կու գան եւ անոնց տուի պէտք եղած օգնութիւնը:

7. Հ Ա Վ Ա Տ Անցնող տարուան սկիզբը՝ Առաջնորդ Արքազան Հօր հաւանութեամբ, նախաձեռնող եղայ հրաւիրելու ժողով մը կազմելու համար մասնաւոր Գումարտակ Քրիստոսի Համար: Իկեղեցական եւ աշխարհական անհատներ ներկայ եղան: Նպատակն էր ուսուցողական յայտագիր սկսիլ Ս. ներսէս Ամառնային Դասընթացներու նման: Վերջնական արդիւնքը եղաւ ՀԱՎԱՏ-ի կազմումը-Հայ Իկեղեցւոյ Վարդապետութեան Տարածման Յանձնախումբի անդամ: Յունիսին երկուրով գացինք Հայաստան հոգեւոր պէտքերը եւ գործունէութեան կարելիութիւնները ուսումնասիրելու համար:

Սեպտ. ին, երէցկին Անահիտ չորս ուրիշներու հետ գնաց Հայաստան եւ քրիստոնէական դաստիարակութեան յայտագիր իրագործեցին 150-է աւելի ուսուցիչներու համար որոնք իրենց կարգին Հայաստանի երախաներուն պիտի փոխանցեն հիմնական գիտելիքները մեր հաւատքին: Մանրամասնութիւններ այս ձեռնարկներու մասին երեւցան Հայկ. թերթերու եւ մեր Ենորհակալի մէջ:

8. Այս ծուխը նախաձեռնող եղաւ Իկեղեցականաց Դարունակական Ուսուցման յայտագրին եւ ես ալ ընտրուեցայ Յանձնախումբի անդամ, կազմակերպելու եւ իրագործելու այս ծրագիրը Արժ. Տ. Գարեգին ԲՆՆ. Գասպարեանի հետ:

7. ԿԱԶՄԱԿԵՐՊՉԱԿԱՆ. ծխական աշխատանքներու առնչութեամբ շարունակեցի անհատներու հետ եւ ժողովական խորհրդակցութիւններս:

1. ԵՍԱԿԱՆ ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴ. Իբրեւ Հովիւ-նախագահ, նախագահեցի եւ մասնակցեցայ խորհուրդի որոշումներուն եւ աշխատանքներուն, բացի այն սարագային երբ անհանգիստ էի կամ բաղաժեշտ բացակայ: Այս տարի անսովոր կերպով բարձր էր թիւը այն ժողովներուն ուր մեծամասնութիւն չունէինք:

2. ԹԵՄԱԿԱՆ ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴ. Ընտրութենէն ստղին, Մայիսէն ի վեր, ներկայ եղայ խորհուրդի ժողովներուն բացի մի քանիէն:

3. ՕՖԱՆԴԱՆ ՄԱՐՄԻՆՆԵՐՈՒ հետ շարունակեցի մօտէն գործակցիլ, նախագահելով անոնց ընթացիկ եւ մասնաւոր ժողովներուն եւ ձեռնարկներուն, բացի երբ ստիպուարար բացակայիլ պէտք էր:

Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն՝ Տիկնանց Եկեղեցատիրացին, Կարաց Դասին, Կիրակնօրեայ եւ Հայ Դպրոցներուն, Աւագ եւ Կրտսեր Երիտասարդաց, Արարատ Աւագ Ընկերութեան, անոնց Առեւտրականներուն, Տնօրէններուն, Ուսուցիչներուն եւ բոլոր անխոնջ եւ հոգածու նուիրեալներուն:

-- ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԴԱՅ ԵՐԷՅՆԵՐԸ վերսկսած են գործունէութիւնը օգնութեամբ Տիկ. Լուսի Մուրառի, Գնդ. Մուրառ Մուրատեանի եւ խումբ մը երիտասարդ ծխականներու: Օր. Լինաս էրիզեան ղեկավարեց Ուրբաթ երեկոներու խօսակցութիւն-խորհրդակցութիւնները. Սեպտ.ին Համագումարին մասնակցողներու թիւը ապաւորիչ էր: Տին Շահինեան եւ ես ներկայացուցինք թեմական խորհուրդը:

-- ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԴԱՅ ԿՐՏԱԵՐՆԵՐԸ արթուն հսկողութեան եւ հոգածութեանը տակ երէցկին Անահիտ Գալայճեանին, ունեցան գործօն եւ արդիւնաւէտ տարի մը: Կը թելադրեմ որ կարդար իրենց տեղեկագիրը:

ԵՐԵՐ ԿՄ Ս. ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱԾԻՆ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ - ԹՂԻ ԿՄ ՕՖ ՍԷՅՆԹ ՄԵՐԻ -

Նոյ.ին տեղի ունեցաւ բացման ձեռնարկը այս նոր կազմակերպութեան որ սկսաւ մէկ տարուան խորհուրդով, ծրագրումով եւ ալօթքով, երբ երէցկիներ եւ ես հրաւիրեցինք բոլոր այն զոյգերը որոնք այս յարկի տակ ամուսնացան անցնող 16 տարիներու ընթացքին: Հրաւերը ղրկուեցաւ նաեւ Հայ Դպրոցի, Կիր. Վրժին.ի Երիտասարդաց Կրտսեր եւ երէց խումբերու ծնողաց: Խումբը երկու գլխաւոր ձեռնարկ ունեցաւ է ցայժմ 150-ի մօտ մասնակցութեամբ: Կազմակերպչական ժողովին ներկայ էին 25-է աւելի գործօն հետարրորութիւն ունեցող անհատներ եւ զոյգեր: Նոյ.ի ժողովին երէցկիներ եւ ես մանրամասնեցինք այս խումբի նպատակը: Ներկաներու պատասխանը խանդավառ էր: Տրուած նպատակներուն եւ առաջադրուած ձեռնարկներուն նկատմամբ զրական էր կեցուածքը: Այդ բոլորը կարելի է ամփոփել հետեւեալ կէտերու մէջ.-

-- Ստեղծել առիթներ ի մի բերելու երիտասարդ զոյգեր եւ անհատներ եւ անոնց մէջ սնուցանել բրիտանուէական հոգեկցութիւն-բարեկամութիւն: Անու-նին երեք Մ-երը կու գան անդերէն Մըսթըր, Միսըս եւ Միս բառերէն:

-- Նախաձեռնել յայտագիրներ որոնք՝ անպաշտօն եւ բնկերային հանդիպումներէ զատ, զարկ տան, առաջ տանին զազութի կրօնական, կրթական եւ մշակութային զարգացումը:

-- Մասնակցիլ եւ զգայուն դառնալ զազութի հոգեւոր եւ բնկերային բարեկեցութեան:

-- Անհատապէս եւ հաւարարար ի վիճակի եւ ի գօրու բլլանք դիմակալելու եւ լուրջ բննարկելու բնկերային, բարոյական, կրօնական, եւ բաղաժեշտ այժմէական նկատուած հարցերը:

Հետագայ ժողովի մը ընթացքին խումբը գործնական քայլեր առաւ որոշ ձեռնարկներու առնչութեամբ - կրօնական, Դատարարակչական, Արուստ եւ Երաժշտութիւն, Ընկերային-Մարզական, Ժողովրդական Դար, Առողջապահական եւ վերջապէս եկեղեցւոյ օգտին նիւթական ապահովութիւն բերող միջոցներու ծրագրում:

Այս լայն շրջանակով խումբը կարող է եկեղեցւոյ հոգեւոր, մշակութային, բնկերային այլ մարզերու մէջ ամուսին մղիչ ուժը դառնալ: Այս խումբը պէտք ունի գուրգուրանքի եւ բաշակերանքի:

Խուճբը սկսած է մշակել իր կանոնադրութիւնը որ պատրաստ ըլլալէ ետք կը բերուի ծխական Խորհուրդի վաւերացման: Կանուի է անունները տալու անոնց որոնք խանդավառօրէն զործի լծուած են: Բայց իբրեւ Հովիւ եւ ձեր անու- նով կ'ուզեմ վեր առնել դերը եւ շնորհակալութիւն յայտնել երէցկիսին որ կը շարունակէ կազմակերպիչ եւ մղիչ ոյժը ըլլալ այս ձեռնարկին, այսինքն Թրի էմ Օֆ Սէյնթ Մէրի կազմակերպութեան:

Ե. ՊԱՍՏԻԱՐԱԿԱԿԱՆ ԵՒ ԲԱՐԵՍԻՐԱԿԱՆ

1. Մեր երիտասարդներէն ոմանք մասնակցեցան եւ օգտուեցան Ս. ներսէսի Ամառնային Դասընթացքներէն: Երիտասարդաց մասնակցութիւնը քաջալերե- լու համար կարելի է օգտուիլ մասնաւոր ֆոնտերէն որ տրամադրելի է ծխական Խորհուրդի կողմէ:
2. Մեծ Պահոց Հսկումներ, դասախօսութիւններ, խորհրդածութիւններ տեղի ու- նեցան հիւր խօսողներու եւ ծխականներու կողմէ եւ մասնակցութեամբ: Մեծ Պահոց Ուրբաթ օրերու հսկումներու առթիւ ունեցանք Պահոց երե- կոյեան աւանդական ճաշերը:
3. Երիտասարդաց կիրակի. Ամսուան առաջին կիրակին մնաց Ս. Հաղորդութեան կիրակի եկեղեցւոյ դպրոցներու աշակերտներու համար: Երրորդ կիրակի- ները յատկացուցած ենք երիտասարդաց այս կիրակիներու յայտագրին վրայ Պրն. Տին Շահինեան շարունակեց ՀԱՅԿԱԿԱՆ ԿԵԱՆՔ դասախօ- սութիւններու շարքը որ կը ծփացնէ մեր կիրակիները: Այդ մասին կարդալ տեղեկագիր այլուր այս գրքոյ կին մէջ:
4. Չափահասներու Ս. Գրական սերտողութիւնը Սեպտ. էն ի վեր վերսկսաւ: Ծնոր- հակալութիւն Դոկտ. Չարլզ Գրմզըմեանին եւ Պրն. Ճորժ Տէրտէրեանին որոնք աշխատանքը շարունակեցին այնքան առեն որ հետաքրքրուող կար: Դժբախտա- քար չշարունակուեցաւ:
5. Մշակութային Ձեռնարկներ որոնք թէեւ մեր ծուխի կողմէ կազմակերպուած չէին բայց եւ այնպէս հարստացուցին մեր զաղութային կեանքը:
 - Սրբազան Համերգ՝ Ապրիլ 28-ին Անի երգչախումբի կողմէ, ղեկավարու- թեամբ Տիար Արսէն Սայեանի:
 - Վաստուրական Պարի Խուճբի ելոյթը, ղեկավարութեամբ Տիկ. Սեդա Գարօղ- լանեանի:
 - Ուիլիլիմ Սարոյեանի ``Կեանքիդ ժամանակը`` թատերական գործի բեմա դրութիւնը:
 - Պատանիներու նկարչական Ցուցահանդէս հովանաւորուած Ալեքսանտրիա- կումայրի Յանձնախումբի եւ ՀԲԸՄ-ի նախագահի Գլապի կողմէ եւ Տիկ. Պալեանի ղեկավարութեամբ:

Բոլորին անձնապէս եւ հաւաքաբար մեր խորին շնորհակալութիւնը:

Զ. ԶԱՆԱԶԱՆՔ

1. ՍՈՒՐԸ ԽՈՐԱՆԻ ՀՈԳԱՊԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ ԵՎ ՄԱՍ. Յանկը՝ Տիկիններուն որնք Ս. Խո- րանի պէտք եղած խնամքը տուին հետեւեալն է. - Տիկիններ՝ Ասանէթ Խաչի- կեան, Սօնա Պարրոճեան, Կիւլպահար Թիւֆէրճեան, Մարիամ Մէրմէր, Զուարթ Պոլաթ, Բ. Ալեքանտր, Օ. Օկիւլեան, Մ. Կարապետեան, Ա. Գրմզըմեան եւ Օր. Ա. Գալուբեան, Օր. Ա. Մանիկեան: Ծնորհակալութիւն նաեւ Տիկիններուն որոնք սիրայոժար պատրաստեցին Ս. Պատարագի ՄԱՍԸ - Տիկիններ Ծաքէ Տիլանեան, Ոսկի Աքտէմիր, Նուրհան Գայա, Աննա Պոլէք, Մարիամ Թիւֆէրճեան: Բոլորին կը մաղթենք քաջառողջ եւ երջանիկ տարի մը:

2. ԲԱՐԵՍԻՐԱԿԱՆ ՖՈՆԸ

Աւելորդ է կրկնել որ պէտք է զգայուն ըլլալ եւ ընդառաջել եկեղեցւոյ այս շատ կարեւոր առաքելութեան: Տարուան ընթացքին փորձեցինք նպաս- տել Ուաշինկթընի անպատասպար աղբատներու եւ հայրենակիցներու: Գոհու- նակութիւն կը յայտնեմ որ այս զետնի վրայ կը շարունակենք մեր դերը եւ կոչուեմք իրականացնել որոշ չափով եւ նաեւ կիրակնօրեայ եւ Հայ Դպրոցներու աշակերտներու օգնութեամբ:

3. ԳՐԱՏՈՒՆ

- Ենթահակադասությունները կառավարելի գրատուներ, իրեն օգնական ունենալով Տիկինը՝ թագուհին: Գրատուներ առիթ կու տայ որ Հայ ընտանիքները կազմեն իրենց անձնական Հայկական Գրադարանը եւ միեւնոյն տանն հասոյթ մը գոյացնէ եկեղեցիին համար:
4. Ա. Աստուածածին եկեղեցւոյ Պաշտան Մատենադարանը շնորհիւ Տիկ. Էլիզապէթ կարասեանի կը շարունակէ իր դերը մատչելի ըլլալով մեր զառութի պէտքերուն: Ենթահակադասությունները եւ ամուսնոյն Պատրիկին:
5. ԱնԱնոն-ԱսծԱնՕԹ ԲԱՐԵՐԱԸ այս տարի եւս մեզի դրկած է Հազար Տուարի իր նուէրը: Այս տարի 5-Հինգ Հազար Տուար ալ նուիրած է Ուսեստեղէնի համար Ետպ օգնութեան ֆոնտին: Ենթահակադասությունները եւ Աստուած աւելիով վարձատրէ զայն կամ զանոնք, առողջութեամբ եւ երջանկութեամբ:
6. Ենթահակադասությունները կը նշենք նաեւ ուրիշ անձանց-անանունը բարերար մը որ ի պատասխան մեր 1991-ի պիւտճէի մէջ ունեցած դժուարութեան, բոլոր խոստում-առաջարկը որ ծխականներու անցեալ տարուան բրած խոստումներու վրայ յաւելեալ առէն մէկ տուարի դիմաց պիտի նուիրէ մէկ տուար, մինչեւ 5-Հինգ Հազար Տուար: Յայտն մեր ծխականները մինչեւ 3 Հազար Տուար խոստացած են ի պատասխան այս մարտահրաւէրին:

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Թիւր որոնց մասնաւորաբար պարտական եմ թէ անձնապէս եւ թէ իբրեւ Հովիւ, շատ է եւ կարելի չէ բոլորը աստեղ յիշել: Ենթահակադասությունները բոլոր վարչական Մարմիններուն անհատապէս եւ հաւարաբար որոնք իրենց լաւագոյնը ըրին 1991 տարին յաջողութեամբ պսակելու:

Կրկնութեան վտանգը յանձն առնելով դարձեալ կ' ուզեմ արտայայտել իմ խորագաց գնահատանքը եւ երախտագիտութիւնը մէկու մը որ նաեւ կեանքի բնկերս է: Ժշմարիտ իմաստով ան եղած է անփոխարինելի ընկեր-գործակից-խորհրդատու իմ հովուական պարտականութիւնս եւ աշխատանքներս կատարելու ընթացքին: Որով, ձեր եւ իմ կողմէ շնորհակադասությունները երէցկին Անահիտ Գալայճեանին:

Նոր տարուան սկիզբին, տեսանելի իրագործումներու համար հպարտ ենք եւ զոհութիւն կու տանք Աստուծոյ եւ երախտագէտ ենք բոլոր մասնակից ծրխականներուն: Անոնց կողքին մեր դիմաց կան տակաւին նուաճումներու լայն ասպարէզ: Աստուծոյ օրհնութեամբ եւ ձեր գործակցութեամբ մենք յոյս ունինք որ մեր աշխատանքները նոր նուաճումներով պիտի պսակուին:

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Տ. Կրթանէս Աւագ ԲՆՆՅ. Գալայճեան
Հոգեւոր Հովիւ

PASTOR'S REPORT
1991

At the conclusion of the year 1991, I completed the fifteenth year of my service as the pastor of St. Mary's Parish. The following is a summary of my activities of the past year as your parish priest, which I humbly offer to God and to you.

A. SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>
Baptisms	16	9	18	17
Weddings	12	18	10	10
Funerals	8	8	11	7
Engagements	3	4	7	5
Confirmations	-	-	1	2

Social Services, Pastoral Activities & Guest Clergy

In addition to the regular Sunday worship, special services were held:

1. Christmas Candlelight Service. On December 24, in honor of the Western Christmas celebration, we held a candlelight service. Those who attended found it rewarding. We hope to continue the practice, and we need more participation.
2. Baltimore Community. This is the thirteenth year we have been conducting Christmas Services with our own choir participating. I continue to be in touch with the community and administer to its spiritual and social welfare.
3. Atlanta, Ga. Mission Church. The activities were dormant.
4. Counseling and Social Services. The areas covered were hospitals; nursing homes; personal, pre-marital and family counseling; job placement; housing; immigration and naturalization; Armenian heritage research guidance; personal recommendations; scholarship applications; court appearances and translations; educational testing translations; mediation and/or marriage counseling; lectures; social services, etc.

B. OFFICE ACTIVITIES

1. Church Office. During the year we had the services of a part-time secretary. Office hours were 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The afternoon and almost all evening hours I personally use to carry on my responsibilities.
2. Publications. The parish newsletter, SHNORHALI, and full-size special issues were published eleven times, totaling 450 pages (8.5x7) of information concerning our parish activities. Special thanks and gratitude I extend to Mrs. Grace Shahinian and Mr. Mark Krikorian, the co-editors of the SHNORHALI. Our general mailing list is over 1200, and the SHNORHALI was mailed to 800 addresses. The average Sunday Bulletin printing was 100. In addition, numerous flyers, letters and reminders were mailed for direct and effective communication with the parishioners. Often we had to follow up with extensive phone calls.

C. DIOCESAN AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. St. Vartan Camp. Last year I did not serve as Camp Supervisor. However, I attended several meetings in Philadelphia and New York for planning and preparation as a Committee member. For the 1992 season I am appointed as the Director of the Camp.
2. Camp Nubar. I continued my involvement as an advisor to the camp committee.
3. Annual Diocesan Assembly. In May, I attended the Diocesan Clergy Conference and Annual Assembly held in Tenafly, New Jersey. Dean Shahinian, Esq. and I were elected members of the Diocesan Council, joining Dr. Edward Onanian and giving St. Mary's the largest representation in the Council. Please read the details in the Diocesan Delegates' report.
4. Ecumenical/Religious Activities.
 - a. On two occasions I was asked to represent the Diocese at (1) a conference organized by the Appeal of Conscience. It dealt with the status of Religious Communities in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union in the light of the fast-changing political environment; and (2) a conference on Religion and Ethics in Public Policy, organized by the Brookings Institution and held on the Hill.
 - b. Armenian Evangelical Association

For a number of years now, we have welcomed the Armenian Evangelical Association's use of church facilities for their meetings and worship. We had, in the past, frequently joined our efforts for common Armenian-Christian objectives. In May, we had the opportunity to introduce the publication of a book, Judgment Unto Truth, written by Rev. E. K. Jernazian and presented by his daughter Alice Haig. The event was sponsored jointly by the Association and the Cultural Committee of St. Mary's Women's Guild. We welcome such cooperation.
 - c. Monument of Gratitude

In March, there took place the unveiling and blessing of the statue created by famed Armenian sculptor, Friedrich Sagoyan, symbolizing the Armenian gratitude for the humanitarian assistance during the Earthquake. It was placed prominently on the Red Cross square at the headquarters; His Grace Bp. P. Varjabedian and I officiated at the blessing.
 - d. Fiftieth Anniversary

In June, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of His Grace Bp. P. Varjabedian's ordination into the priesthood, with the Primate presiding. The affair was co-sponsored by the Legate's Council and St. Mary's. We take this opportunity to congratulate him and thank him for his services to this community.

e. Primate's Visit and Genocide Commemoration

On the weekend of April 20-21, we had a series of activities to commemorate the Genocide and highlight the national re-birth. The events were: The Women's Guild Regional Conference dealing with the role of women in the Armenian Church; the performance of the Sayet Nova Dance Company of Boston; the Primate's celebration of Holy Badarak and the ordination of Tbeers and Ooraragiers; and the laying of the wreath by the Youth and serving of Madagh.

5. President's Visit. On November 13, 1991, Levon Der Petrosian, the first democratically elected President of the Republic of Armenia paid his first official visit to the United States soon after his inauguration. Accompanying him was the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Raffi Hovannisian. Within a few days after his arrival there was a reception at Capitol Hill, a meeting with the President of the United States and leaders of Congress. On his behalf, a reception was given for representatives of the Armenian Community in the United States. I was happy and proud to be at the Airport, on the Hill and at the reception. The latter two events were attended by the Primate, too.

6. Activities Related to Armenia. Being the Nation's Capital, Washington, D.C. is part of many individuals' and groups' itinerary. Thus, we had the following:

- Children's Art from Armenia, under the auspices of the City of Alexandria. We have on the Alexandria-Gumayri Exchange Committee Dean Shahinian, Helen Demirjian Bertot and Rita Balian. Mrs. Balian was also the Curator of the Nationwide Touring Exhibition of the children's art.
- National Youth Symphony of Armenia gave a most exhilarating performance (May 2). A truly unforgettable experience. Thanks to all who helped Yeretzgin and me to organize this event on short notice.
- On the same weekend as the Women's Guild Conference and the Primate's visit, we had over twenty youth and their leaders from Spitak. We were able to arrange Godfathers, for we baptized those who were not yet baptized. And through a generous donation from Canada we were able to provide them with new shoes, clothing and other items.
- Emergency Fund Drive for food was organized in response to the Primate's appeal. The Earthquake Committee was reactivated, and the effort produced a good response in providing clothing and funds. A full report will be published, hopefully, by the end of February. We thank Gen. Al Kaehn and the Committee for a job well done. Gifts are still coming.
- On two occasions we had the opportunity to meet and hear teams of physicians, nurses and psychologists from Armenia, who were in the United States for further education and conferences.

-- In December, with the Primate, Mr. Carl Bazarian, Mr. George Derderian and I were part of a delegation at the Department of Agriculture, where the signing of documents took place for the \$15 million of food aid from the United States government to Armenia. It was an historic and happy occasion.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of:

- = Dean Shahinian, Esq., who, as a member of the Alexandria-Gumayri Committee and as the President of the Ararat Foundation, worked tirelessly to meet heads of states from Eastern European countries and others, introducing and offering the good will of the Armenian people. On the occasion of William Saroyan's commemorative postal stamps issued last year, the Ararat Foundation hosted a reception on the Hill to honor and acknowledge the event.
- = Vartkess and Rita Balian, who, on their own initiative and as officers of the AGBU President's Club, acted as the good-will ambassadors to Armenian and non-Armenian visitors and sponsored and organized the Children's Art Exhibition here and nationwide.
- = Carl Bazarian, who behind the scene continued to make contacts and opened new ones for the Diocese so that it could be in touch with the White House and other governmental and charitable agencies. His diplomatic and his negotiating skills while the Department of Agriculture aid package was being processed have to be acknowledged. Another door he helped open through VITA -- Volunteers in Technical Assistance -- produced a food donation of \$1 million from the Huntsman Chemical Corporation of Utah.

As your pastor, I was involved in welcoming still other representatives, officials and visitors, as well as refugees, from Armenia and provided assistance where needed.

7. HAVAD. Early last year, I took the initiative, with the approval of the Primate, to call a meeting at the Diocese to organize what I called then a "Peace Corps for Christ." More than a dozen clergy and lay concerned individuals responded. The objective was to provide a training program and conduct educational programs in the style of St. Nersess Summer Studies, as well as to start a Summer Youth Camp in Armenia with a similar program as the one at St. Vartan Diocesan Camp.

The eventual outcome was the formation of HAVAD -- Committee for the Propagation of Faith. I was appointed by the Primate to work on the Committee. In June, two members of HAVAD, including myself, went to Armenia for a fact-finding mission.

Later in September, Yeretzgin Anahid with four others went to Armenia for an intensive christian education program to train some 150+ teachers to carry on the sacred task of teaching the children in Armenia the fundamentals of our faith. The details of these activities appeared both in the Armenian press and in the SHNORHALI.

8. This Parish having proposed a "Continuing Education for the Clergy," I became the "chosen" committee member to organize and coordinate the annual event with Fr. Karekin Kasparian.

D. ORGANIZATIONAL

I carried on a direct effort to solicit ideas and suggestions through private and group consultations on a variety of subjects.

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, except when I was ill or out of town. This year we experienced an unusual rate of absence of quorum.
2. Diocesan Council. Since the May election I attended the Council's Monthly Meetings with one or two exceptions.
3. Auxiliary Organizations. I continued to work closely with the church organizations and presided over their regular and special meetings except when they were held on Sunday after church services or when I had to be away for an emergency. Women's Guild, Choir, Church School, Armenian School, ACYOA Jrs., and Ararat Avak Society continued to function.
 - Senior ACYOA was reactivated with the help of Lucy Murad, Col. Moorad Mooradian and a group of young adult parishioners. Miss Linda Ekizian spearheaded Friday Nite discussion-talk sessions. The September Sports Weekend was well attended by our group, and both Dean Shahinian and I represented the Diocesan Council at their business meetings.
 - Junior ACYOA under the constant watch and care of Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian had a most active and productive year. Please read their report elsewhere in this booklet. I welcome Varoujan Varoujanian and Levon Andonian, who will join Yeretzgin and Beth Ann Tutunjian to provide help as advisors.

My special thanks to all the Executive Committees and their respective chairmen, principals, teachers and advisors for their diligence and dedication.

Three "M" of St. Mary. The inaugural get-together of the Three "M" of St. Mary took place on November 9, 1991. It all began after more than a year of thinking, planning and praying, when Yeretzgin and I extended a personal invitation to all the couples who were married during the past sixteen years under the roof of this church. The initial invitation was extended also to the parents of students of the Sunday and Armenian Schools, and Jr. and Sr. ACYOA members. The group, so far, had two major gatherings and an average of 150 people in attendance. Additional organizational meetings were held with the more actively interested members (over 25) participating.

At the November meeting, Yeretzgin and I expounded on the purpose of the group. The response was enthusiastic; most of the attendees were receptive to the ideas and proposed objectives as well as the suggested activities. The thoughts expressed can be summarized in a few points:

- To create opportunities to bring young married couples and single persons of the community together to foster a spirit of christian fellowship (thus, Three "M" = Mr.+Mrs.+Ms.).
- To initiate activities, in addition to informal and social gatherings, which will enhance the community's religious, educational and cultural development.
- To increase our sensitivity to and participation in the spiritual and social welfare of the parish.
- To empower ourselves individually and collectively to address the current social, ethical, moral, religious and political problems.

At a follow-up meeting the group made concrete progress in identifying and adopting certain activities in areas of: Religious Education, Arts and Music, Social and Sports, Folk Dance, Health Sciences, and, last but not the least, Fund Raising activities for the benefit of the church.

This broad-based and energetic group can be the driving force for the growth of St. Mary's Parish spiritually, culturally, socially and in many other ways. It needs to be nurtured, cared for and supported.

The group is working on developing and adopting a set of by-laws. Once these are finalized they will be brought to the Parish Council for approval. It is too early to acknowledge the services of the individuals who have involved themselves enthusiastically. But I must, as pastor and on your behalf, acknowledge and thank Yeretzgin for the role she has played, and still does, as the organizer and driving force behind The Three "M" of St. Mary.

E. EDUCATIONAL, CHARITABLE AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

1. Our youth continued to benefit from the educational experience provided by the St. Nersess Summer Study Conference. Funds to encourage the participation of our youth were available from the Hovanness and Marie Simonian Fund, Valentine Bostonian Stahl Fund and the Fr. V. Kalayjian Fund.
2. Lenten Evening Services, Lectures and Meditations by guest speakers and parishioners were offered not only for worship but also for an opportunity to learn and mature in our Christian heritage. The Friday Night Lenten talks were offered along with a traditional light Lenten supper. For Lenten Sundays I invited our Young Adult parishioners to offer the Sunday Meditations in lieu of the pastor's sermons. We shall continue these inspirational activities.
3. Young Adults' Sunday. Along with the first Sunday of the month being Sunday School Communion Sunday, the third Sunday was observed as Young Adults' Sunday. To complement these Sunday programs a series of lectures were organized by Dean Shahinian under the title of "Armenian Life." I have observed that these lectures are received as very informative, educational and inspirational. They also provide opportunities for enhancing fellowship among our people. Please read the separate report on this program.

4. Adult Bible Seminars; for both Adults and Young Adults. Thanks to Dr. Charles Kumkumian and Mr. George Derderian, who continued the program as long as there was interest and participation. Unfortunately, it has stopped since last October.
5. The cultural events that were not organized by our Parish but which, nevertheless, enriched our Community's life were:
 - Sacred Music Concert (April 28) given by Ani Choral Group with Mr. Arsen Sayian as the Director.
 - Vasburagan Folk Dance Group performance with Mrs. Seda Caroglanian as the Director.
 - The William Saroyan play, "The Time of Your Life."
 - Children's Art Exhibition sponsored by the Alexandria-Gumayri Committee and the A.G.B.U. President's Club, with Mrs. Rita Balian as curator of its Nationwide Tour.

To one and all we express our gratitude and thanks.

F. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Altar Care and Mas. The list of the ladies helping to give the altar area the necessary care has remained strong. They are : Mrs. Asanet Hacikoglu, Mrs. Sona Bakirci, Mrs. Gulbahar Tufekgian, Mrs. Maryam Mermer, Mrs. Zvart Bolat, Mrs. Roseanne Alexander, Mrs. Oghda O'Gulian, Miss Alice Manigian, Miss Ann Kavookian, Mrs. Makrouhi Garabedian and Mrs. Arousiag Kumkumian. On the Mas Committee they are: Mrs. Voski Akdemir, Mrs. Anna Bolek, Mrs. Shake Dilanian, Mrs. Noorhan Kaya and Mrs. Maryam Tufekgian. I thank them all.
2. The Charitable Fund. The Fund continued to be an avenue through which parishioners made contributions to help those in need of assistance. The Sunday and Armenian School students also regularly bring non-perishable food for the homeless of the metropolitan area.
3. Bookstore. We thank Mr. Gary Avedikian, who continues to maintain an exemplary bookstore, which not only provides cultural, historic and religious literature for those who wish to build their home libraries, but which also generates revenues for the church. Our gratitude to Gary, who, with secretarial help from Queenie, keeps managing it.
4. St. Mary's Balian Library. Our thanks to Mrs. Elizabeth Kayaian Garabedian, who continued her task with dedication in keeping the library open, available and accessible to those who need it. She has had the active support and co-operation of her husband, Mr. Patrick Garabedian.

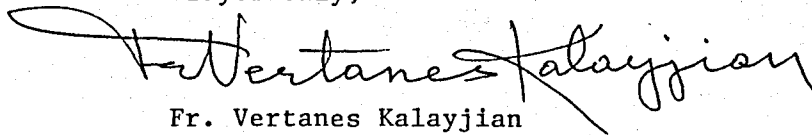
5. We gratefully acknowledge that our still Anonymous Benefactor has again sent us \$1000 for the Building Fund. This year the envelope contained an additional \$5000 for the Emergency Food Fund. May God bless and reward him/her/them manifold in health and happiness.
6. We gratefully acknowledge another Anonymous Benefactor, who, in response to an anticipated shortfall in the 1991 budget, presented a \$5000 challenge/donation. The response of our parishioners, so far, is encouraging. Over and above their last year's pledge/membership amounts, they have made a little over \$3000 in commitments.

Acknowledgements: The names of the parishioners to whom I feel particularly indebted, both as a person and as the Pastor, are too numerous to list: I am indebted to all the Executive members of the church organization who, one and all, helped to make 1991 a rewarding year.

I take the risk of sounding repetitious and routine by expressing my profound appreciation and gratitude to someone who happens to be, also, my life-partner. In a very real sense she has indeed become an indispensable partner/colleague/irreplaceable advisor in my pastoral duties and activities. So, on your behalf and mine I thank Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian.

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 blessing and your cooperation we hope to meet these new challenges during the months ahead.

Prayerfully,



Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

1991

This past year, 1991, evolved into a successful one. Despite a difficult economy and rising expenses for the parish, St. Mary's Church remained within the budget.

The Parish Council met twice monthly and considered items of management for the church. The agenda included an array of subjects: Armenian school, ACYOA, bazaar, rug sale, visiting dignitaries, Bishop Papken's 25th Ordination Anniversary, picnics, church renovation and repair, aid to Armenia, etc.

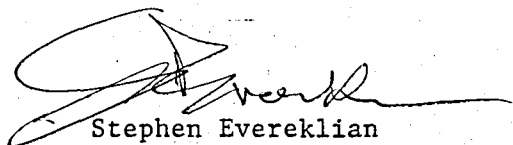
Members of the Parish Council include:

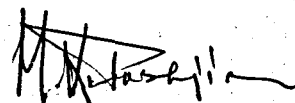
Mr. Mike Tashjian, Chairman
Mr. Varoujan Varoujanian, Vice Chairman
Mr. Steve Evereklian, Secretary
Dr. Socrates Boyajian, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Levon Andonian, Treasurer
Dr. Hagop Markarian, Assistant Treasurer (resigned)
Mr. Jack Dilanian, Advisor
Col. Moorad Mooradian, Advisor
Mr. Hagop Safak, Advisor

My thanks to each member of the Parish Council for their dedicated service to the church and Armenian Community. I appreciate their loyalty and confidence. The church could not function without their outstanding support.

A special thanks is warranted to Der Hyer, the chairpersons, executive bodies of all the church organizations and the volunteers who helped make 1991 a successful year. A church community is only as good as its members and those willing to volunteer their support.

Respectfully Submitted


Stephen Evereklian
Secretary


Mike Tashjian
Chairman, Parish Council

REPORT ON THE 1991 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The 89th Annual Diocesan Assembly convened on May 9-12, 1991, hosted by St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, New Jersey. Martin Cholakian of St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield, Michigan, was elected Chairman. Dr. Hratch Semerjian and Dean Shahinian, Esq. participated actively in the discussions on many issues.

The Clergy at their conference earlier in the week resolved to propose to the Assembly that, in light of the Azeri killing Armenians in Karabaugh, the Assembly cancel a Saturday session of meetings to allow delegates to go to New York City and march in protest in front of the Soviet mission to the United Nations. The Assembly passed the motion.

The Assembly considered several proposals. Two motions were proposed by Washington and both were successful. The Assembly passed motions to devote between 1/2 and 1 full day of the 1992 Diocesan Assembly to the subject of young adult involvement in the parishes and to direct the Diocese to encourage "Sister Parish" relationships between a parish in our Diocese and a parish in Armenia. The Assembly also passed a motion from Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Church, Palos Heights, Illinois, that the Primate should inform the Diocesan Churches on a quarterly basis about the activities of the Unity Committee.

The Assembly voted not to approve several proposals: to devote the entire Diocesan Assembly to discussions about problems in the church on alternate years; to allow a number of young adults to participate as delegates and vote; to initiate a "Stewardship for Armenia" program; to establish a standing committee to meet with other Orthodox churches; and to recommend that priests be permitted to give communion into the hands of people who request it.

The Primate in his Address discussed the importance of helping Armenia and said that Armenia looked to our Diocese for assistance. He also talked about the goal of church unity, the Diocese's administration, and the importance of the family.

The Unity Committee reported that it met three times with the Prelacy Committee during the last year. At the last meeting, only one Prelacy representative appeared. The Unity Committee recommended that the Diocese not participate in further unity talks until the Prelacy Committee shows a commitment to reaching a solution. The majority of the Assembly voted in favor of this.

The Diocese Fund for Armenia's Recovery ("DFAR") reported that Dr. Edgar Housepian's Medical Fellowship Program has been successful, with over 20 Armenian doctors visiting America for education. The Armenian Village that the Diocese has been building remains unfinished due to the government's failure to connect utilities, has been reduced in size to 96 units, and has

cost thus far about \$3 million. DFAR has also sent medicines, milk and books to Armenia, and brought to America the National Youth Symphony of Armenia. Over \$5 million of the \$9 million collected for earthquake relief remains unspent and is held in bank certificates of deposit in the United States.


The Assembly passed a budget projecting a deficit of \$365,000. The Treasurer reported also that deficits during the past few years had been covered by borrowing from restricted funds, in amounts that exceeded \$750,000. Delegates expressed strong concern about this and asked for more fiscal responsibility by passing a resolution asking the Diocesan Council to submit a balanced budget for the next year.

The Washington delegation organized a panel discussion on "Young Adult Involvement in the Church" featuring several speakers, including the current situation, the role of parents, the lack of time spent on these issues, the importance of allowing young people to have leadership roles, and ideas for successful programs. Dean Shahinian chaired the program and Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian spoke on the panel.

Delegates applauded this innovative panel and many felt that the youth was the most important issue in the Diocese. Some complained that since last year's passing the Department of Youth Ministry funding, which had been collected, nothing formal has been done to promote youth ministry. It was explained that the Primate reorganized the staff, putting the DRE, ACYOA, and other activities under a new "Department of Youth Ministry," and time was needed for the Department to actively promote youth ministry.

A representative from the Western Diocese addressed the Assembly. He said that the Diocese is involved in earthquake relief and assisting immigrants. Their most important concern is the involvement of the youth, and they recently opened a new Diocese campground.

The Assembly elected five new members to the 11-member Diocesan Council, including two from St. Mary's, Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian and Dean Shahinian, Esq. Also elected were Rev. Fr. Untzag Nalbandian (Trumbull, CT), Judge Vincent Gurahian (Westchester, NY), and Mr. Haig Dadourian (Livingston, NJ).


Dr. Hratch Semerjian

Respectfully submitted,


Dean Shahinian, Esq.

Finance Committee Report

During the 1991 Annual Parish Assembly, a resolution was approved to establish a five-member Finance Committee "to manage the capital resources of St. Mary's Armenian Church." The assigned functions of the Committee include "fund-raising activities, management of the building renovation funds, and establishment and management of a Long-term Investment Fund." The Committee also assumed the responsibilities and assets of the Building Fund Committee, and receives the funds previously assigned to that body.

To permit continuity on the Committee, the original five members were elected for terms of one to five years; their successors will be elected to five-year terms. The present members are: Edward Onanian (five-year term); Carl Bazarian (four-year term); Stephen Mermer (three-year term); Arut Koseian and Mike Tashjian whose terms of office (one or two years) have yet to be decided.

During 1991, the Committee met the responsibilities of the Building Fund Committee which it replaced. Unfortunately, however, the Committee, as a body, did not direct much attention to its broader responsibilities. At its only meeting, held on April 30, the members agreed to explore two financial opportunities and to reconvene once additional information had been collected. Since the Committee did not elect officers at that session, I am submitting this report as the outgoing Chairman/Treasurer of the Building Fund Committee.

Turning to our financial experience in 1991, donations in lieu of flowers were our principal revenue source. These amounted to \$12,736, more than \$11,000 of which was transferred or earmarked to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund for the establishment of memorial funds in accord with a resolution approved by the 1990 Parish Assembly. The deceased so memorialized were: Nelly Baghdassarian, Kohar Demirjian, Vartan Manouelian, Maritza Manougian, Elizabeth Nader, Paris Ozkayan, and Vartouhi Safak. Of the other donations received by the Committee, more than half (\$1,810) fell into the earmarked category. Interest income amounted to \$5,758, slightly less than in 1990. We have yet to receive the Committee's share of the proceeds from the annual Bazaar.

On the disbursement side, the Committee met the costs of replacing the heating/cooling system (\$11,250) for the cultural hall, landscaping (\$3,000) the church grounds, and providing for termite extermination (\$740) at the parish house. Monthly payments were made on the parish house mortgage, and in early October a \$10,000 loan was made to the Parish Council to help meet a cash flow problem.

Our present cash balance (\$76,210), when augmented by the Bazaar proceeds and the loan repayment, should place us at approximately the same level as a year ago. Much of this money is earmarked for specific projects and contingencies, including various repair/replacement needs.


Respectfully submitted,
Edward Onanian

Finance Committee Financial Report

Calendar Year 1991*

Income

Lieu of Flowers	\$12,736.60
Donations - General	1,598.00
Earmarked	1,810.00
Interest	<u>5,758.04</u>

Expenses

Mortgage	\$4,684.20
Parish House	740.00
Church Repairs	11,250.00
Landscaping	3,000.00
Memorial Funds (ACEF)	9,686.60
Service Fees	54.76
Loan to Parish Council	<u>10,000.00</u>

Total \$21,902.64

Total \$39,415.56

CASH POSITION

Balance, 1/5/91	\$93,723.59
Income	<u>21,902.64</u>
	115,626.23
Expenses	<u>39,415.56</u>
Balance, 1/4/92	\$76,210.67

Cash Assets and Liabilities

Assets

Columbia First-Checking	\$38,835.56
Columbia First-CD	37,375.11

Liabilities

Mortgage	\$39,731.69
Armenian School	3,000.00

Restricted and/or Reserved Funds**

Altar Project	\$3,430
Parish House (contingency)	3,000
Church (contingency)	5,000
Sanctuary Roof	20,000
Church Electrical System	15,000
Equipment Replacement	15,000
Giant Screen TV	2,500
Mortgage Payments (1992)	4,685
Water Damage Claim	4,625
Memorial Funds	<u>7,235</u>

Total \$80,475

* Includes receipts through January 4, 1992

** Assumes receipt of Bazaar proceeds and repayment of loan

BAZAAR
November 6-9, 1991
FINANCIAL REPORT

RECIEPTS

LUNCHEONS	5492.66
DINNERS	4189.25
CARRYOUT	5586.65
BEVERAGES	1116.35
MEZZA	642.85
BAKE TABLE	6386.19
ARTS & CRAFTS	2005.89
WHITE ELEPHANT	956.00
DONATIONS	265.00
LEFTOVER SALES	1045.40
RAFFLE	4520.00
TOTAL	<u>\$32206.24</u>

EXPENSES

FOOD & RELATED ITEMS	10322.87
LABOR & CLEAN UP	405.00
TRASH REMOVAL	310.15
RAFFLE EXPENSES	1175.40
EXPENSES PAID BY CASH	747.23
MISC./BANK FEES	133.95
TOTAL	<u>13094.60</u>

OPENING BALANCE	1086.51
RECIEPTS	32206.24
EXPENSES	<u>13094.60</u>
PROFIT	\$20198.15

DISBURSEMENTS

50% to PARISH COUNCIL	8324.11
50% to BUILDING FUND	8324.11
YOUTH ADVISOR (raffle net)	<u>3344.60</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	\$ 205.33

FUNDS AT HAND

CHECKING ACCT.	BALANCE	\$ 205.33
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ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

The assets of St. Mary Armenian Church in the Armenian Church Endowment Fund of the Diocese grew last year by more than \$15,000, bringing the church's total assets in the Fund to more than \$42,000. In-lieu-of-flowers donations accounted for \$10,000, and a \$5,000 donation in honor of their mother, Mrs. Knarig Janigian, by her sons, Paul and Richard, accounted for the remainder.

In-lieu-of-flowers memorial funds were established for the following:

Nelly Baghdassarian Memorial Fund	\$1,075.
Oski Dadour Memorial Fund	1,000.
Kohar Demirjian Memorial Fund	1,050.
Maritza Manougian Memorial Fund	1,230.
Paris Ozkayan Memorial Fund	3,055.
Vartouhi Safak Memorial Fund	2,966.

The annual income from the above donations is credited by the Diocesan Armenian Church Endowment Fund to our church for its use.

A noteworthy donation of \$6,000 was made by Mrs. Marjorie Dadian direct to the diocese for the benefit of St. Vartan Summer Camp.

Submitted By:

George Juskalian & Mary Perkins,
St. Mary's ACEF Representatives

The list of the past "Memorials" and "Funds" established by the church and individual parishioners appears below: The "Income Allocated" amounts were received in the early part of 1991.

<u>Endowment Fund Report - 1991</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Income Allocated</u>
Arakelian, Dr. Ashoot Memorial	\$ 500.00	\$ 20.00 General
Babigian, Asadour & Perooz Memorial	1,000.00	80.00 General
Brown, Artin Memorial Fund	1,015.00	00.00
Hintlian, Manoush & Nishan Memorial	6,142.04	491.36*
Kalayjian, Fr. Vertanes Fund	2,625.00	210.00**
Khoyan, Rev. Fr. Dikran Memorial	515.00	20.00 General
St. Mary Armenian Church Fund	10,000.00	800.00 General
Sekercan, Abraham & Maryam Memorial	1,000.00	80.00 General
Simonian, Hovaness & Marie Fund	3,000.00	240.00 **
Stahl, Valentine Bostonian Fund	1,042.00	83.36 General
	\$26,839.04	\$2,024.72

* Parish Council-sponsored Cultural Activities.

** Designated for St. Nersess and St. Vartan Scholarships.

WOMEN'S GUILD 1991 ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Committee

Chairlady - Alice Baker
Vice Chairlady - Queenie Avedikian
Treasurer - Leda Zenian
Asst. Treasurer - Ani Keshishian
Corresponding Secretary - Jackie Hatchik
Recording Secretary - Melina Kaehn
Advisors - Helen Fried
Gloria Kazanjian
Seta Sivaslian

There are 117 members in the Women's Guild. General membership meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month and Executive Committee meetings are held as needed.

Calendar of Activities for 1991

January.....Armenian Christmas Dinner. Program by Armenian School Students. \$1000 donation to Armenian School.
March.....Lenten Dinner and Observance of Women Saints' Day. Talk by Col. Moorad Mooradian-"Armenian Women-Thread of Continuity in the Church."
.....Two-day Lenten Food Festival
.....Special Easter Fellowship Hour and sale of cheoreg after church services.
April.....Hosted Regional Women's Guild Conference with Richmond.
.....Cultural Committee of Women's Guild sponsored a performance of the Sayat Nova Dance Group pf Boston.
May.....Sent 3 delegates to Women's Guild Conference in Holy Martyr's Church, N. Y.
.....Hampartzoom-Veejag Celebration and Luncheon. Honored Woman of the Year.
June.....Joined Women's Guild of St. James at Communications Workshop in Richmond, Va.
.....Cultural Committee sponsored talk by David Zenian- "Armenian Priorities - The Needs of the Nation."
October.....Cultural Committee sponsored talk by Edward Alexander about his books -"The Serpent and The Bees" and "A Crime of Vengeance."
.....Cooking, Baking and Crafts Workshops for Bazaar
November.....Bazaar Workshops and 4-day Bazaar.
.....Cultural Committee hosted dinner and social evening for the scholars of the Society for Armenian Studies. Members were introduced and Society's program was explained.

As a part of our Outreach Program we donated \$100 to Public Television WETA.

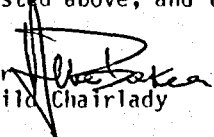
We continue to monitor the Fellowship Hour after church services and need more volunteer hostesses. If you wish to host a Fellowship Hour any Sunday, please notify Mrs. Susan Ohanian (301) 258-9273 2 weeks in advance. Also ask for advice on what to bring and be sure to clean up afterwards. If this is in conjunction with a Hokehankist also notify Der Hayr. Our thanks to Gary Avedikian for brewing a pot of coffee when there are no volunteers.

Our Visiting Committee and other members try to phone and/or visit the elderly and ill. Please notify us if you know of anyone who would like to be called or visited.

We would like to thank the members of the Altar Committee who cleaned, polished the brass and beautified the altar when it was necessary.

Thanks are also extended to the ladies who prepared Mas when it was needed and to the ladies who decorated the bier that was used during the Burial of Christ Service the Friday night of Holy Week.

We wish to thank Der Hayr and Yerezgin for their guidance and assistance and are grateful to the Parish Council for their cooperation. We would also like to thank all the parishioners who worked so dilligently to make the bazaar a success, and the ladies who chaired the functions listed above, and those who assisted them.

Alice Baker 
Women's Guild Chairlady

Տիկնանց Միուժինը ունի 117 անդամներ: Ժողովները տեղի ունեցան ամսուան եր-
րորդ շինգշաբթի օրերը եւ վարչական ժողովները ըստ պահանջքի:

վարչական կազմ.- Ալիս Պէյբըր՝ Ատենապետ, Թազուհի Աւետիբեան՝ Փոխ-Ատենապետ,
Լետա Զէնեան՝ Գանձապահ, Անի Քէշիշեան՝ Փոխ-Գանձապահ, Ճէքի
Խաչիկ՝ Թղթ. Զարտուղար, Մէլինէ Քէյն՝ Ատենաղպիր, Խորհրդականներ՝ Հէլէն Ֆրիտ,
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- Հայկական ծնունդի ծաշկերոյթ եւ Հազար Տուարի նուէր Հայ Դպրոցին:
- Պահոց ծաշ եւ Հայ Սրբուհիներու Օրուան նշում- Օրուան խօսողն էր Գնդ. Մուրատ Մուրատեան:
- Պահոց ծաշերու Պագար - Զատկական Չէօրէկ:
- Տիկնանց Շրջանային Համագումար - Սոյաթ նովա Պարախումբի ելոյթ:
- Համբարձում-Վիճակ, Տարուան Տիկինը: Սէմինար Ռիչմոնտի Տիկնանց հետ:
- Դասախօսութիւն Տիար Դաւիթ Զէնեանի կողմէ՝ Հայկ. այժմէական հարցերու մասին:
- Դասախօսութիւն Տիար Էտուրտ Ալեքզանտրի կողմէ իր երկու գրքերու հրատարա- կութեանց առթիւ:
- Պագարի նախապատրաստութիւն եւ Տարեկան Պագար:
- Հայ Պատմաբան Մասնագէտներու ընդունելութիւն:

Կիրակնօրեայ Պատարագէն հոբ կը շարունակենք հոգալ հիւրասիրութեան սեղանը:
Ծնորակալութիւն Սուգան Օհանեանին, Թազուհի Աւետիբեանին եւ Կէրիին:

Այցելութեանց Ցանձնախումբը կատարեց իր պարտականութիւնը հեռաձայնով, այցելու-
թեամբ եւ բարթով յայտնելով հիւանդներուն մեր մաղթանքները առողջութեան:

Ծնորակալութիւն Ա. Խորանի եւ Մասի հոգ տանող Ցանձնախումբին եւ Զրիստոսի Գե-
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Ծնորակալութիւն Տէր Հօր եւ երէցկիներն իրենց տուած ուղղութեան, օգնութեան
եւ հոգածութեան համար, ծխական Խորհուրդի՝ զործակցութեան, Պագարի յաջողութեան
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ներուն:

Ալիս Պէյբըր, Ատենապետ
Եկեղեցասէր Տիկնանց Միութեան
վարչութեան

WOMEN'S GUILD 1991 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Dues	\$ 910.00	
Donations	1685.00	
Christmas Dinner	1300.00	
Sayat Nova Dance Group	13930.00	
Atlantic City Trips	2943.00	
Sales of Food	276.00	
Spring Food Festival	5631.65	
Lenten Luncheon	1057.82	
Easter Luncheon	393.55	
W.G. Regional Conference	487.00	
Vijag Luncheon	991.00	
B.C.C. Country Club Luncheon	396.00	
Bazaar	4628.57	
Sunday Coffee	1144.50	
Interest	457.18	
Other Activities	1123.50	
		\$37,354.77

Expenses

Christmas Dinner	\$ 144.53	
Atlantic City Trips	2245.75	
New York City Trip	680.00	
Armenian School	1000.00	
Spring Food Festival	1503.97	
Tablecloths	217.87	
Sayat Nova Dance Group	5934.25	
W.G. Regional Conference	604.94	
W.G. Delegate	470.00	
Women's Saints' Day	300.00	
Parish Council	10000.00	
W.G. Central Council Dues	200.00	
Vijag Luncheon	146.00	
B.C.C. Country Luncheon	410.00	
Bazaar	4628.57	
WETA	100.00	
Supplies and Equipment	1124.45	
Other Expenses	702.12	
		\$30,412.85
<u>Net Profit</u>		6,941.92

<u>Reconciliation</u>		
Balance 1/1/91	\$2,663.11	Checking Acct. \$8,854.07
Net Profit	6,941.92	Savings Acct. 750.96
	\$9,605.03	\$9,605.03

Choir Annual Report

St. Mary's Armenian Church Choir

St. Mary's Parish Council
4125 Fessenden Street
Washington, DC 20016

Re: Choir Annual Report - 1991

We are pleased we had two new choir members join our ranks this year. They are Anaheid Ayrandjian and Sona Ghazarian. Just in case we forgot about Loree Klanian last year, we would like to recognize her joining us as well. We welcome these new members with open arms and thank them for their continued devotion and support.

Twice each year, the choir asks for donations through a plate collection. We would like to thank the parish for this years' generous donations.

This year, Socrates Boyajian represented St. Mary's at the annual choir assembly held this year at St. Gregory of Narek Church in Cleveland Ohio.

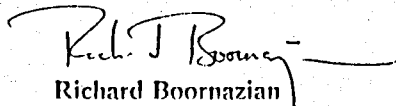
In January, the choir and deacons participated in our annual Christmas service for our Baltimore parishioners. They are always appreciative of this effort.

The choir has been holding rehearsals the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. They have practiced and learned half of the Khorenian Badarak which can be heard in the church on those same Sundays.

We are very pleased with the elevation of 3 of our sub deacons to full deacons by our primate Khajag Barsamian. They are Socrates Boyajian, Arto Hovanessian, and Mark Krikorian.

On behalf of the choir executive committee: Queenie Avedikian, Vice Chairman; Karen Omartian, Secretary; Stephan Evereklian, Treasurer; we submit this annual report to the parish.

Prayerfully,


Richard Boornazian
Choir Chairman

ST. MARY'S CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT Annual Report 1991

Income

Beginning Balance, 1/1/91	\$ 2570.33	
Christmas Collection	365.00	
Easter Collection	620.00	
	<u>\$ 3555.33</u>	<u>\$ 3555.33</u>

Expenses

Two Delegates to the Choir Association Conference	300.00	
Memorial Plaque	310.24	
Choir Association Contribution	100.00	
Choir Association Music Competition	200.00	
	<u>\$ 910.24</u>	<u>\$ 910.24</u>

Net Income		2645.09
Interest Income Through 12/91		147.48
Ending Balance		<u>2792.57</u>

St. Mary's Sunday School
Annual Report 1991

There are 33 students enrolled in the Sunday School for 1991-92. The regular teaching staff is: Miss Ann Kavookian, Miss Deborah Onanian, Mrs. Sandra Riley, Miss Susan Armen, Mrs. Rita Bush, Mr. George Derderian, Mrs. Anna Derderian, Mr. Dean Shahinian. Substitute teachers and teacher's aides: Mrs. Ellen Bodurian, Mrs. Ida Gueriguian, Dr. Charles Kumkumian, Mrs. Ellen Mooradian, Mr. Gregory Murad, Mrs. Roxanne Schweitzer, Miss Elise Vartabedian. Treasurer: Miss Ann Kavookian.

The Sunday School schedule is: General Assembly, 11:15-11:30 A.M., with prayer, announcements, lessons, songs and activities; Christian Education classes, 11:30-12:30 P.M. On Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of every month except during Lent, students attend Church Services and receive Holy Communion. Some students read the Confession and the Bible in Armenian and English; others serve on the altar.

The Sunday School sponsored charitable activities throughout the year. The on-going collection of canned food for needy families in the Washington area, with several deliveries made during the year to the distributing organization, Food For All Seasons. A special collection sponsored by the Sunday School in November was taken to benefit St. Mary's Charitable Fund for those in need in the Armenian Church Community. Certain Sunday School offerings were used for special purposes -- funds from the Lenten Charity Drive went to help provide the children of Artsakh with food, medical supplies, clothing, books and toys; offerings were set aside for the Special Food Emergency Fund for the People of Armenia and to help the needy in our Armenian Church Community.

Activities during the second half of the 1990-91 year included: the trip to the Capitol Children's Museum in Washington of Sunday School and other students and their teachers and families, to see an exhibit of art by the children of Armenia; the Friday evening Lenten Supper hosted by the Sunday School on March 8, with the students and their families enjoying a buffet supper, followed by Church Services with readings from St. Nersess Shnorhali and the Bible, and a meditation on salvation through Christ by Mr. George Derderian; participation in the procession and memorial service commemorating the Armenian Genocide in April; a Family Night with spaghetti dinner and games, on May 3.

The Sunday School and Armenian School co-sponsored a luncheon in June. At Closing Exercises, 13 Sunday School students were awarded attendance pins. Joanna Bush received a silver Armenian coin, a gift from a parishioner, and her fifth in a row, for perfect attendance. Seven students were recognized for their efforts in the weekly collection of canned food for the poor.

On opening day of classes, September 8, Parish Council Chairman Mike Tashjian spoke to the students during Assembly.

Der Hayr presided over the Sunday School Teachers' Dedication Service on October 6, in which the teachers received a special blessing and renewed their sacred obligation to teach the students the Christian faith.

A special tour of the altar for students and teachers was conducted by Mark Krikorian, subdeacon at St. Mary's on one Sunday after Church Services.

The Pre-Halloween Costume Party and Professional Magic Show was on October 25 and featured Malcolm the Magician, games, prizes and excellent refreshments provided by the families attending.

On Open Class Day, October 27, parents joined students in Assembly and classes with their children.

Students sent get well and Christmas cards to sick children throughout the year, and said prayers for them. They created posters with sayings about Jesus, and Christmas poems and essays for display on the bulletin boards.

Mr. Dean Shahinian taught the students Christmas songs and other Christian songs around Christmas.

On Sunday, December 15, students presented a Christmas program in Church with songs, Bible readings and recitations. The congregation sang Carols. Students later received gifts and exchanged Christmas cards. At the special extended Christmas Assembly, on December 22, students sang Christmas songs, read their essays and poems, worked on puzzles, made ornaments and enjoyed refreshments.

We thank Mrs. Rita Bush for her donation of \$100 to the Sunday School; the Jerrehian Foundation for \$100 donated to the Sunday School on behalf of Mrs. Rita Bush; Mr. Paul Kashmanian for his donation of \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Zenop Zenopian for their donation of \$20; the Women's Guild for its financial support; Mrs. Grace Shahinian for her donation of toys and gifts for the children; and the parents who brought refreshments for the Communion Sunday table throughout the year.

I wish to thank our fine Sunday School teachers for their excellent work this year, and the substitute teachers and teacher's aides who are always ready to help. We appreciate the support of Der Hayr and the parents who help the Sunday School in so many thoughtful ways.

Anna Derderian Respectfully submitted
Mrs. Anna Derderian
Superintendent, Sunday School

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT 1991

Balance brought forward 1-1-1991

\$ 618.04

RECEIPTS:

Gifts - Jerrehian Foundation	\$100.00
- Paul Kashmanian	50.00
Sunday Collection	306.30
Lenten Supper	17.00
Special Lenten Collection	48.00
Bible Sold	16.00
Special Collection for Needy (Christmas)	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>587.30</u>
	\$1,205.34

DISBURSEMENTS:

Gifts & Postage	\$119.92
Books & Supplies	460.11
To Diocese Lenten Collection	98.00
Newsletter Subscription	50.00
Halloween Party Expenses	147.54
Collection for Needy	<u>50.00</u>
	- \$ 925.57
	<u>\$ 279.77</u>

Submitted by:

Ann H. Kavookian
Treasurer

ARARAT AVAK SOCIETY OF ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

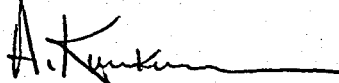
On the fourth Thursday of the month, approximately 40 Senior Citizens gather in the Church Hall (except during the summer months) for socializing, dining, programs, bingo or outings. The meals are usually prepared by the committee or by volunteers. The committee consists of Alice Kumkumian, Chairlady, Elizabeth Kevorkian, Makrouhi Garabedian, Agnes Salisbury, Armenie Turmanian, Roseann Alexander, Oghda O'Gulian and Ann Kavookian.

Our outings are to such places as Baltimore Harbor, Annapolis, the Theatre, picnics and to Thurmont to the Cozy Inn for lunch. We are trying to keep our group as active as possible.

Although our organization's goal is for recreational purposes, we do, at the present time, have a surplus of \$397.72 as of December 31, 1991.

During the year, we purchased 8 long tables for the Church at a cost of \$320.00 and also plan to donate \$500.00 to the Parish Council.

Our organization is open to all Senior Citizens and the more the merrier. We plan to have more interesting programs and trips when an interest is shown but socializing is our main activity.


Alice Kumkumian
Ann Kavookian
January 31, 1992

St. Mary's Armenian School Annual Report 1991

The winter semester for the school year 90-91 started with the annual christmas program during the Armenian christmas dinner held in January.

We had six classes with a student body of 24 during the spring semester.

In June we had our closing exercises with a play performed with the entire student body. Three of the upper class students, Daniele Sahr, Nicole Totah and Nathalie Zenian received their graduation diplomas, having passed the required examination.

The teachers were Mrss. Nadia Koseyan, Takouhi Halajian, Nevart Sourian, Seta Sivazlian and Mss. Susan Armen and Shoghik Missirian.

The Fall semester of the school year 91-92 started in September again with six classes and student enrollment of 24.

The teaching staff in September became composed of Mrss. Nadia Koseyan, Takouhi Halajian, Seta Sivazlian and Mss. Susan Armen, Lily Hekimian and Mr. Alfred Moosakhanian.

M. Jerry Hekimian, Superintendent

Jan. 31, 1992



ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN SCHOOL
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1991

Receipts for 1991

Tuition	\$ 775.00
Books	683.00
Donations	1150.00
School Functions	1343.00
Miscellaneous Interest	493.18
	<u>4444.18</u>

Expenditures for 1991

Teachers Stipends	3690.00
School Supplies	659.00
Miscellaneous	74.54
	<u>4423.54</u>

Net for 1991 (Profit)	20.64
Balance at end of 1990	<u>5226.14</u>
Balance at end of 1991	5246.78

Checking account	\$ 1867.00
Savings account	<u>3379.78</u>
Available funds	5246.78

Loan to Parish Council 3000.00

Respectfully submitted
Raffi Karahisar, Treasurer

ACYOA JRS. ANNUAL REPORT -- 1991

Last year, 1991, was a very active and productive year for us. We grew in numbers, our bonds got stronger, and we matured in our approach to church and Armenian culture.

On the weekend of January 13th, we took a ski trip with Senior ACYOA members to Mole's Hole in Pennsylvania. We had a wonderful time.

On January 26th, Yeretzgin and Der Hayr invited the ACYOA Jrs. to their home for dinner, after which we held a meeting and elections. The officers for 1991 were:

Lily Keshishian, chairlady
Saro Kalayjian, vice chairman
Ararat Janjigian, corresponding secretary
Talin Cekci, recording secretary
Jack Guiragossian, treasurer
Wesley Walker, advisor

Beth Tutunjian was introduced to us as our group advisor. Yeretzgin Kalayjian is the coordinator of cultural and religious activities.

On February 9th, the ACYOA Jrs. and Srs. hosted the traditional Paregentan Dance. We also invited the youth of Soorp Khatch church. This was a very special event because we had a wonderful time together, the youth of both Armenian churches.

On February 21st, some of us attended a retreat at San Lanag Park in Philadelphia along with members of ACYOA Jrs. of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob church of Philly. We enjoyed a weekend of religious discussions and had lots of fun too.

On March 24th, the ACYOA Jrs.' officers were installed. That same day, members of our organization served as Junior parish council members. Following services, the fellowship hospitality hour was hosted by us.

On April 6th, an educational evening and wine and cheese reception were held. Mr. Greg Parsegian of New Jersey presented a very interesting account, with slides, of his expedition to climb Mt. Ararat. A most instructional evening was enjoyed.

On April 20th, on the occasion of the Primate's first visit to St. Mary's, two of our members were ordained as "Stolebearers"; we are very proud of them, especially for the fact that they serve on the altar doing the "Poor var" almost every Sunday of the year.

On April 24th, the Juniors along with the Seniors participated in the special requiem service by presenting a memorial wreath to the altar to honor the memory of Martyrs.

On May 2nd, many of us attended the concert of the National Youth Symphony of Armenia and hosted the young performers in our homes. It was an exhilarating experience. We made many long-standing friends and started corresponding with them, sending them letters and gifts on many occasions.

On May 26th, we organized a trip to the Torpedo Factory Art Center and enjoyed seeing the beautiful exhibition of children's art from Armenia in commemoration of the second anniversary of the Armenian earthquake.

During the summer months, some of us attended the St. Nersess Seminars, which were extremely helpful and spiritually enriching for us.

Two ACYOA members from Yerevan, Armenia visited our church. They had attended the Labor Day Weekend Annual Assembly and Sports Weekend, representing the newly organized church youth group of Armenia. We made a gift of \$100 to them and we have received a beautiful acknowledgement from Armenia.

Although only one of us was able to attend the Sports Weekend in New Jersey, quite a few of us attended the Sports Weekend in Philly during the weekend of October 11th. As always, we had a terrific time with our friends from other states. We even won some trophies.

During the month of November, we helped the Women's Guild with the Bazaar, and we also helped Der Hayr with several mailings.

On December 14th, at a gathering of the Three M's of St. Mary's, we presented a talent show. Some of performed on the piano; we also presented a hilarious comedy, "A Jar of Gold," written by Hovanes Toumanian.

On December 20th, quite a few of us went caroling to some Armenian families who were delighted to hear us sing English and Armenian Christmas songs. After the caroling, we got together in church and had a Roy Rogers chicken and pizza party. We felt good doing this in spite of the fact that it was pouring rain at the time.

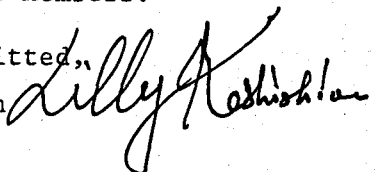
On December 24th, we took part in the American Christmas Eve services in the church.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Seda Gelenian, who volunteered to teach us Armenian dances. We have a great group! We are rehearsing regularly. Special thanks to Mrs. Gelenian.

In conclusion, our sincere thanks and gratitude go to Der Hayr and Yeretzgin Anahid for helping and guiding us in all our activities. Doing things was made possible with their involvement and great enthusiasm. Very special thanks to Yeretzgin for the long, tiring hours she patiently devoted to us. Special thanks to our dear advisor, Beth Tutunjian, who worked with us very conscientiously, especially in the absence of Yeretzgin during the summer months. Special thanks, also, to the Executive Members.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Keshishian



ACYOA JRS. FINANCIAL REPORT -- 1991

<u>Income</u>	
Bibles For Armenia (Deposit)	\$ 227.00
Ski Trip	270.00
Transfer From ACYOA Srs.	273.33
Paregentan Dance	449.00
Journey to Ararat Admissions	341.00
Interest	123.43
	<u>\$1,764.71</u>

<u>Expenses</u>	
Sports Weekend (1990)	\$ 210.07
Ski Trip (1991)	275.00
Ski Trip (Food)	136.00
Mailing - Paregentan Dance	125.00
Journey to Ararat (Honorarium)	250.00
Journey to Ararat (Video Tape)	50.00
Transfer to ACYOA Srs.	240.00
Donation to ACYOA - Armenia	100.00
Pizza	65.10
Piano Tuning	80.00
Ski Trip (1992)	275.00
Pizza	76.84
	<u>\$1,883.01</u>

Opening Balance, Jan'y 1, 1991	2,390.09
Net Loss, 1991	118.30
	<u>\$2,271.79</u>

Jack Guiragossian, Treasurer

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
The Bookstore's 1991 Financial Report

Balance from 1990 \$ 3,826.31

Receipts

Income from Sales	\$14,576.12
Interest Income	172.63
	<u>\$14,748.75</u>

Disbursements

Books and other	
Sale Items	11,398.49
Postage, etc.	308.01
Miscellaneous	354.65
	<u>\$12,061.15</u>

Net Income	\$ 2,687.60
	<u>6,513.91</u>
Transfer to Parish Council	3,000.00
Balance, 12/91	<u>\$ 3,513.91</u>

Checkbook Balance \$ 3,513.91

ACYOA ANNUAL REPORT - 1991

The purpose of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) is to bring together the Armenian young people of the Diocese. The ACYOA provides a social vehicle through which Armenian young people may relate to one another and build friendships and lasting relationships.

The Executive Committee Includes:

President	Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian
Co-Chairmen	Janet Delikahya and Greg Sekercan
Recording Secretary	Mary Delikahya
Treasurer	Elise Vartebedian

MEMBERSHIP

Currently there are 15 dues paying members. All members are required to pay annual dues. The dues are \$15 dollars, \$5 dollars of which are forwarded to the ACYOA Central Council as our contribution.

ACTIVITIES

Chapter meetings usually take place once or twice a month. Other gatherings have included educational, religious, cultural, social athletic and recreational activities. As a group, the Chapter attended and participated in Regional and National events

May 10, a team represented Saint Marys in the Archbishop Tournament. The team competed in basketball and volleyball.

June - a picnic was held in Virginia-25 people attended.

June - both Co-Chairmen attended a conference in Boston to discuss Organizational Structure of the ACYOA. The discussion was geared towards developing a Department of Youth Ministry. The experience was exciting and educational.

June - Ocean City Trip was organized - 20 member attended for a weekend.

July - fund raising - car wash was organized.

July - a lecture was organized, the guest speaker was Col. Moorad Mooradian. Subject covered was "The Current Events in Armenia".

Sept.- National Sports Weekend as well as the Annual Conference was held in Hartford. John Sahakian was the delegate, Derhayr and Dean Shahinian Esq. also represented the parish as well as the Diocesan Council. There were 25 participants from our parish that participated in sport activities. The volleyball team won second place.

Nov. - 24 Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Washington Sheraton.

In July, a discussion group was started. The discussion was set up as an open forum where ideas and experiences of the participants are shared. Linda Ekizian is the leader in the discussions.

The 3rd. Sunday of the month initiated by Derhayr, continues to be an occasion for young adults to attend church and enjoy the fellowship.

GOALS

Our goals for the coming year are to work to bring together all the potential members to participate in more activities and to create enthusiasm.

We would like to thank Lucy Murad and Col. Moorad Mooradian for there interest in re-activating the ACYOA. Similarly we appreciate Dean Shahinian Esq. who organizes "Armeian Life" lectures series. And our special thanks to Dehayr for his support and guidance.

Janet Delikahya

ACYOA SENIORS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH

1991 Financial Statement

Income

Parish Council Advance	\$ 1,000.00
Dues	185.00
Beach Trip Revenue	300.00
Car Wash Revenue	188.27
T-Shirt Sales	60.00
Anniversary Ball Revenue	5,564.35
Donations (coffee hour, lectures)	120.48
Total Income	<u>\$ 7,418.10</u>

Expenses

Boston Trip (ACYOA regional meeting)	\$ 516.00
Beach Trip	270.00
Dues paid - Central Council	85.00
Registration (Sports Weekend)	250.00
Delegates Meeting (Sports Weekend)	175.00
Anniversary Ball	
Band	850.00
Hotel	3,189.37
DJ	225.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
T-Shirts	198.00
Miscellaneous	17.16
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 5,925.53</u>
Net Income	\$ 1,492.57
(balance from 1990)	240.00
Balance 1991	<u>\$ 1,732.57</u>

ARMENIAN LIFE

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St. Mary's Armenian Church, Sunday, 1:00 - 1:30 pm
703-780-2853
Dean Shahinian, Chairman
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During 1991, "Armenian Life" featured six illustrated lectures on Armenian culture. The series is now in its fourth year. Dean V. Shahinian, Esq., has organized and chaired this lecture series. Expenses were paid for by The Ararat Foundation, Mount Vernon, Virginia. The 1991 lectures presented were:

Ancient and Medieval Coins by Mr. George Derderian on Feb. 17

A talk on and showing of the coins minted by King Tigranes, King Levon, King Constandin and others

Holy Week in Armenian Art by Dean Shahinian, Esq. on Mar. 17

A slide show of beautiful Armenian art from the 11th to 17th centuries, narrating Christ's life

Armenian Linguistics by Kajak Balekjian on Apr. 28

A lecture presenting the origins and development of the Armenian language

Building a New Armenian Town by Steven Anlian on Nov. 3

A entertaining slide tour of Bagramian, the new town that Mr. Anlian designed for earthquake survivors

Armenia Today by Dr. Vazken Parsegian on Nov. 24

A discussion of Armenian monuments and insights into Armenia's current crisis

Music of the Khorenian Badarak by Dr. Socrates Boyajian on Dec. 22

A musical performance of selections from the Khorenian Badarak and a comparison with Yegmalian's and Gomidas'

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