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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20016

A Prayer Before Meetings

Hanoon Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooy'n
Srpo.

Eemasdootyoon Hor Heesoos/ door
eendz eemasdootyoon/ uzparees khor-
hel yev khosel yev kordzel arrachee ko
hamenayn jham/ ee char khorhur-
totz/ ɸe paneetz yev ee kordzotz prgya
zees/ yev voghormya ko araradzotz yev
cendz pazmameghees.

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

Յանոն Հոր եւ Որդւոյ եւ Հոգւոյն Սրբոյ.
Իմաստութիւն Հոր Յիսուս, առաջ ինձ իմաստութիւն զբարիս խորհել եւ խօսել եւ գործել
առաջի քա յամենայն ժամ. ի շար խորհրդոց, ի բանից եւ ի գործոց վրկեա զիս. եւ սղորմեա
քա արարածոց եւ ինձ բազմամեղիս:
Փառք Հոր եւ Որդւոյ եւ Հոգւոյն Սրբոյ. այժմ եւ միշտ եւ յաւիտեանս յաւիտենից. ամէն:

A Prayer After Meetings

Hanoon Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooy'n
Srpo.

Bahaban Amenaynee Kreesdos adj
ko hovanee leetzee ee verah eem/ ee
dveh yev ee kcesheree/ ee nsdeel ee
dahn/ ee knal ee djanabahr/ ee nun-
djel yev ee harnel/ zee mee yerpek
sasanetzaytz/ yev voghormya ko ara-
radzotz yev eendz pazmameghees.

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

Յանոն Հոր եւ Որդւոյ եւ Հոգւոյն Սրբոյ.
Գահապան ամենայնի Գրիստոս, աջ քա հովանի լինել ի վերայ իմ, ի առաջ եւ ի զիշերի,
ի նստիլ ի առն, ի զնալ ի նանաղարհ, ի ննջել եւ ի յառնել, զի մի երբեք սասանեցայց. եւ
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SAMPLE BALLOT - 1993

ST. MARY'S PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY - FEBRUARY 6-7, 1993

Parish Assembly Chairman

(Elect One)

1. Col. George Juskalian
2. Dr. Charles Kumkumian

Parish Council Members

(Elect Five-- 5)

1. Brig. Gen. Albert Kaehn
2. Col. Moorad Mooradian
3. Mr. Alfred Moosakhanian
4. Mr. Gregory Murad
5. Mr. Hagop Safakian
6. Mr. Avedis Ozkayan
7. Mr. Onnik Sivaslian
8. Miss Beth Ann Tutunjian

Nominating Committee

(Elect Three-3)

1. Mr. Abraham Bodurian
2. Mrs. Asanet Hacikoglu
3. Miss Sirarpi Ohannessian
4. Mrs. Seta Sivaslian
5. Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian
6. Mrs. Hripsime Zenopian

Parish Assembly Secretary

(Elect One)

1. Mr. Richard Boornazian
2. Mrs. Valentine Stahl

Diocesan Delegates

(Elect Three-3)

1. Mr. George Derderian
2. Dr. Edward Onanian
3. Dr. Ohannes Sahakian
4. Mr. Vaughn Sayian
- * 5. Dr. Hratch Semerjian
- * 6. Dean Shahinian, Esq.

Auditing Committee

(Elect One)

1. Mr. Raffi Karahisar
2. Mr. John Kavookian
3. Miss Elise Vartabedian

Finance Committee

(Elect One)

1. Mr. Arut Koseian
2. Mr. Michael Sahakian
3. Mrs. Leda Zenian

1992 Parish Council

Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor - President	
Mr. Stephen Ohanian,	Chairman
Mr. Vartkes Keshishian	Vice - Chairman
Mr. Steve Evereklian	Secretary
David Sahr, Esq.	Ass't Secretary
*Mr. Hagop Safakian	Treasurer
*Mr. Richard Hatchik	Ass't Treasurer
Members:	
	*Mr. Hagop Dilanian
	*Col. Moorad Mooradian
	*Mr. Mike Tashjian

Diocesan Delegates

Dean Shahinian, Esq.
Dr. Hratch Semerjian

*The terms expire

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

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

*Session I February 6, 1993 Saturday 5:30 P.M.

5:30 - 6:30 P.M. Light Meal will be served (make your reservation)
6:30 - P.M. First Session Begins
9:30 - P.M. End of First Session

Focusing on the Goals and Objectives of St. Mary's Parish (Panel Discussions)

Panel One: Mission of the Church

- Strengthening the Family
- Building Support System in the Parish
- Enriching the Spiritual Life of the Parishioners

Panel Two: Youth/Education

- Relationships Among the Youth
- Identifying and Formulating
Solutions to the Needs of Our Youth
 - Shnorhali School of St. Mary
 - Young Adults' Sunday Program
 - Adult Religious Education

Panel Three: Finance

- Membership/Dues/Pledges
- Investments
- Fund Raising: For Parish/For Armenia

Panel Four: Administration/Church Building

- Communications - Maintenance
- Organizations - Renovations
- Annual Events - New Projects

*The First Session will start with opening remarks from Der Hayr and Dean Shahinian, Esq.

The Session will break-up into Four Panels to consider the above topics for an hour and half with a ten minute break.

The Session will reconvene to consider the recommendations of the Panels.

Session II - February 7, 1993 Sunday 12:30 Noon

Holy Badarak 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. (No Hokehankist)
Light Lunch 11:30 - 12:30 Noon
Session II 12:30 - 4:00 P.M. Sharp

1. Opening and Memorial Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Assembly Tivan
4. Minutes of 1992 Assemblies
5. Nominating Committee Report
6. Reports:
 - a. Pastor
 - b. Parish Council
 - c. Diocesan Delegates
 - d. Reports from the First Session: Recommendations of the Four Panels
7. Election of Parish Council, Auditing and Nominating Committee members and Diocesan Delegates
8. Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget -- 1993 --
9. Reports (continued)
 - e. Finance Committee
 - f. Women's Guild -- Choir
 - g. Shnorhali School
 - h. ACYOA Srs. and Jrs. and "Three M" of St. Mary
 - i. Ararat Avak Society
 - j. Bookstore -- Library -- Shnorhali --
 - k. 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

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5:30 - 6:30 ԹԵԹԵԼ Ծաշ պիտի սպասարկուի - Հեռաձայնել պէտք է

6:30-ին պիտի գումարուի ԱՌԱՋԻՆ ՆՍՏԱՇՐՋԱՆԸ

9:30-ին պիտի աւարտի Առաջին նստաշրջանը

Առաջին նստաշրջանի թեման է՝ Ս.ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱԾԻՆ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ ԶԳՏՈՒՄԸ ԵՈՒ

ՆՊԱՏԱԿԱԿԵՏԸ - ժողովը խմբակներու պիտի բաժնուի -

• ԱՌԱՋԻՆ ԽՄԲԱԿ - ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ ԱՌԱՔԵԼՈՒԹԻՒՆԸ

- Ընտանիքի գօրացում-ամրակայում
- Ժխական իրարօգնութեան միջոցառում
- Ժխականներու հոգեւոր կեանքի ուժեղացում

• ԵՐԿՐՈՐԴ ԽՄԲԱԿ - ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԴԱՅ ԵՈՒ ԴԱՍՏԻԱՐԱԿԶԱԿԱՆ ՀԱՐՑԵՐ

Երիտասարդաց փոխյարաբերութիւն
Որոշել եւ ձեւակերպել լուծումներ
Երիտասարդ սերունդի պէտքերու համաձայն

- Եկեղեցւոյս Շնորհալի ՎԱՐԺԱՐԱՆ
- Երիտասարդաց կիրակնօրեայ Յայտագիր
- Չափահասներու կրօնական Դաստիարակութիւն

• ԵՐՐՐՈՐԴ ԽՄԲԱԿ - ՖԻՆԱՆՍԿԱՆ ՀԱՐՑԵՐ

- Անդամագրութիւն - Անդամատուրք - Տարեկան Խոստում
- Ֆինանսական ներդրում-շահագործում-խնայողութիւն
- Հանգանակութիւններ՝ Եկեղեցւոյս եւ Հայաստանի համար

• ԶՈՐՐՈՐԴ ԽՄԲԱԿ - ԵԿԵՂԵՑՈՅ Կառոյցը եւ Կազմակերպչական հարցեր

- Հաղորդակցութիւն
- Կազմակերպութիւններ
- Տէնքի Հոգատարութիւն
- Վերանորոգումներ
- Տարեկան Չեռնարկներ
- Նոր ծրագիրներ

Առաջին նստաշրջանի քացման խօսքը պիտի ընեն Տէր Հայրը եւ Տիար Տին
Շահինեան: Նստաշրջանը պիտի բաժնուի ԶՈՐՍ ԽՄԲԱԿՆԵՐՈՒ ՎԵՐՈՅԻՇԵԱԼ
Հորս նիւթերը նկատի առնելու համար, մէկ ու կէս ժամ տեւողութեամբ
եւ տասը վայրկեան դադարով: Խմբակներու աշխատանքէն ետք նստաշրջանը
պիտի շարունակուի առաջարկներ եւ տեղեկագիրներ նկատի առնելու համար:

St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church
Minutes of the Parish Assembly
February 9, 1992

The meeting was called to order at about 12:30 p.m. on February 9, 1992 after an opening prayer by Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian. A roll call revealed 127 out of a possible 231 dues paying members were present. Also in attendance were approximately 24 new dues paying members for 1992; however, these new members were not allowed to vote. The election for officers to preside over the Assembly (Tivan) was held. Paul Murad and Hratch Semerjian were nominated for chairman, and Judy Hagopian and Lucia Magarian for secretary, respectively. Voting by secret ballot revealed the following results: Paul Murad-41; Hratch Semerjian-82. As Judy Hagopian was absent, Lucia Magarian was elected with 82 votes.

Dr. Semerjian and Mrs. Magarian took their seats. The Chairman thanked the Assembly for this honor, and designated Dr. Edward Onanian as the parliamentarian. Following this, Dr. Semerjian gave some general instructions on protocol and the conduct of the meeting. He then reminded the people in attendance that only dues paying members could participate in the discussions and in voting. Much heated disagreement on this principle occurred; Dr. Semerjian read Article 7 of the Diocesan By-laws to establish the veracity of the policy.

Dr. Semerjian then asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Mr. George Derderian wanted to know where the charitable fund report was. Dr. Semerjian reassured him that it would be included and also agreed to add a Report on the Armenian Life Series. The Chairman then asked Col. George Juskalian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to present the slate of candidates for the 1992 elections. Col. Juskalian introduced the candidates and opened it for nominations from the floor. The Chairman then explained how the Auditing Committee election was to proceed. Article 14(F) of the By-laws had been amended; therefore, three members would be elected with staggered terms. Since this is the first year for this procedure, the highest vote getter will serve for three years, the next for two, and the next for one. It was revealed that last year a tie occurred between Mike Tashjian and Arut Koseian on the Finance Committee, and a new vote was now needed to break the tie. Der Hayr reminded the Chair that the tie should have been submitted to the President last year for a resolution rather than being postponed. Regarding the election of Parish Council members, the Chair explained that the seat vacated by the resignation of Dr. Markarian would be filled by the alternate from last year's election, Mr. Richard Hatchik. Then a motion to close the nominations was made and carried. The Nominating Committee was instructed to prepare the ballots.

Pastor's Report

Father Kalayjian invited everyone to turn to pages 25-27 in the Annual Report (distributed during the meeting) and follow along in English while he delivered his report in Armenian. When he concluded, Mr. Stepan Ohanian expressed his appreciation for all the work Der Hayr has done. He said that Der Hayr worked hard to attend to the needs of this parish, and we need to demonstrate our support so that we may continue to uphold Der Hayr's contributions.

Parish Council's Report

The Parish Council report was presented by Mr. Mike Tashjian, Chairman of the Council. He expressed his disappointment for the lack of participation by the parishioners, and encouraged everyone to become more active. He said that the contributions and dues payments were so low at times, and the funds were so scarce, that the Treasurer had difficulty paying the bills during the lean months of summer. This led to a general discussion on raising funds. Mr. Vartkes Keshishian asked about the Parish Council's activities to raise funds. Mr. Tashjian listed many of the activities held during the year: the bazaar, rug sale, picnics, etc. Mr. Tom Magarian wanted to know if any of the funds raised to help Armenia had affected the Church's ability to raise funds for its own operating budget. This led to an explanation that the chief source of funds comes from the membership dues and pledges, and when people don't participate, the Church suffers. Referring to the general participation within the community, Mrs. Lucy Murad reminded everyone that it was not unusual in the past to have as few as 40 people at meetings and at the annual Parish Assemblies. Mr. Tashjian added that, during the past year, even the Parish Council had trouble mustering a quorum in many of their meetings. A discussion followed on the feasibility of raising dues and actively encouraging more pledges. In response to some inquiries as to what the average combined contribution was, Der Hayr revealed that, to date, 1992 figures showed that 57 individuals had responded with an average pledge of \$200. It was pointed out that this figure was misleading, because it included a few individuals who contribute significantly more than the rest, and a more accurate figure would be an average of little more than \$100 per person. Mr. Derderian then spoke about the illogic of such arithmetic. He said: "Some people think if they give \$150, they've done 50% more than they have to; and if they give \$200, they think they've done twice as much as they have to. The truth is, we have a problem of understanding our real Christian, Biblically mandated, responsibility". Then he directed everyone to read the prophet Malachi in the last book of the Old Testament to find out what we should do.

Diocesan Delegates' Report

Dean Shahinian, Esq. presented the Delegates' report on the Diocesan Assembly and explained that Dr. Semerjian and himself were the delegates to the Assembly in New Jersey. He, too, referred to the complete report included in the Annual Report, and explained that the more dues paying members a church has, the more delegates it can send to the Diocesan Assembly. Among the topics which were covered at the last Diocesan Assembly were: Earthquake Relief, an Armenian Village Program, Physician Exchange (with Armenia), Unity in The Church, Young Adult Participation, and Finances.

A motion was made to accept the Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates' reports. The motion carried.

Elections

The Chairman reminded everyone how much time it takes to serve on the Parish Council and urged those nominated to take their responsibility seriously and to respect the by-laws. He also explained that, if any member "fails to attend four consecutive meetings of the Council without a reasonable and compelling reason", he or she could be removed. The voting took place by secret ballot with a roll call. While the votes were being tabulated, the Chair called on the Parish Council Treasurer to present his report and the proposed budget.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Levon Andonian, the Parish Council treasurer, called attention to the budget that appeared in the Annual Report and asked if anyone had any questions. Der Hayr wanted an explanation on the "transfer funds" and "reimbursements", which was provided by Mr. Andonian.

Mr. Andonian then proceeded to present the proposed 1992 budget. There was a general concern among the Assembly members that the church showed an apparent deficit of \$19,000. The explanation provided was that several income items (such as bazaar proceeds and annual dues/pledges for 1991) had not been actually deposited in the bank account by the end of the 1991 year but were deposited in 1992. Nevertheless, it was observed that there were a few special expenses (coke machine, landscaping, etc.) which were in the budget, and the fact that pledge and membership dues have not kept pace with expenses has resulted in a less than favorable financial situation. Both the Treasurer and Dr. Onanian suggested to the Assembly that we all would have to "dig deeper" into our pockets in the coming year. Mr. Andonian closed his presentation by encouraging more young people to take part in the church activities.

The next item of discussion was the "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU) between the Pastor of St. Mary's Armenian Church and the Parish Council. There was much heated discussion and disagreement concerning the MOU, the attached "Operating Guidelines for St. Mary's Armenian Church" and the Pastor's response to the proposed MOU and Guidelines. Several parishioners spoke up and suggested that the document ought to be thrown out. Mr. Khajak Balekjian stated that Der Hayr was not an employee of the Parish Council and that he should not be treated as one. It was stated that the by-laws should be upheld and should be sufficient for the smooth operation of the Parish Council. More heated discussion followed. Col. Juskalian introduced the following motion. "I move that the subject now before the Assembly be referred to an Ad Hoc Committee to be chaired by Diocesan Council Member Edward Onanian, and consisting of the Pastor, the Parish Council Chairman, one additional member of the Parish Council, the Diocesan Delegates -- Hratch Semerjian and Dean Shahinian -- and former Parish Council Chairlady Lucy Murad for study and recommendation to a Special Parish Assembly to be convened on Sunday, March 1, 1992." The motion was seconded. Another round of heated discussion followed. The Chair again explained parliamentary procedures regarding voting and closing of discussion. A motion to close the discussion was made, which carried. However, before voting on the original motion, several parishioners wanted to know the position of the Pastor and the Parish Council Chairman on the motion. The Chair requested a brief answer from

the Parish Council Chairman and the Pastor on the acceptability of the motion. Mr. Tashjian's answer was positive. Der Hayr's position, however, was that it needed clarification from him before he could say yes or no. Der Hayr was then given the opportunity to address the congregation. He proceeded to register his objections to the inclusion of "The Guidelines" and stated that he would accept the role of the Ad Hoc Committee if these "Guidelines" were removed from the record. A vote was then taken on the motion to delegate the task to the Ad Hoc Committee and it carried. Dr. Onanian concurred that these were internal documents, and should not have been in the Annual Report to start with; he made a motion to expunge "The Guidelines" and all other related documents from the record; this motion carried.

Dr. Onanian then made a motion regarding the Budget. He asked that it be accepted as it was presented with the exception of the item regarding Der Hayr's stipend which would be resolved at the March 1st assembly meeting. This was seconded and carried.

The election results were then announced by Col. Juskalian, which were as follows:
[an asterisk means elected]

For Parish Council: (elect four)

David Andonian	30
Socrates Boyajian	34
Stephan Evereklian	91*
Vartkes Keshishian	83*
Alfred Moosakhanian	33
Stephan Ohanian	69*
David Sahr	62*
Onnig Sivaslian	58 (alternate)
Beth Ann Tutunjian	20

For Nominating Committee: (elect three)

Carl Bazarian	119*
Edward Bodurian	117*
Grace Shahinian	116*

For Auditing Committee (elect three)

John Kavookian	59* 1 year term
Thomas Magarian	38
Elise Vartabedian	53
Hratch Semerjian	92* 3 year term
Levon Garabedian	80* 2 year term
Avedis Ozkayan	30

For Finance Committee (elect one for a five year term)

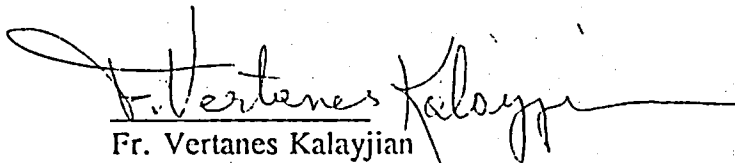
Robert George Jr 68*
Archie Hovanesian 60

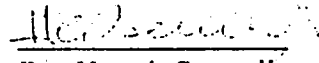
For Finance Committee (elect one for a four year term)

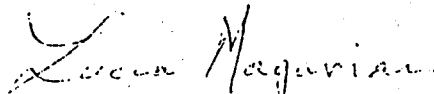
Mike Tashjian 52
Arut Koseian 75*

Due to the late hour of the day, Dr. Onanian made a motion to postpone consideration of the other reports and the remaining items on the Agenda to the March 1st Assembly Meeting which had just been approved. The motion carried. Then a motion to close the meeting was made, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote. Der Hayr took the opportunity to thank the Chairman and the Secretary of the Assembly and to congratulate the newly elected officers of the Parish Council and the other committees. The assembly was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. after a closing prayer by Der Hayr.

Respectfully submitted,


Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian
President


Dr. Hratch Semerjian
Chairman


Mrs. Lucia Magarian
Secretary

St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church
Minutes of the Parish Assembly
March 1, 1992

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. by Dr. Hratch Semerjian. A roll call was taken and 91 were present. In Dr. Semerjian's opening remarks, he reminded all present that this was a continuation of the Feb. 9, 1992 meeting and that items 1-8 and 11 on the agenda had already been covered.

Finance Committee Report

Dr. Ed Onanian talked about the budget and the proceeds from the bazaar ((\$8K). He also explained how the Church Endowment Fund works and said \$13K had been received for it. He also explained the designation of the Restricted and Reserve Funds. Restricted funds are monies received which have been given for specific purposes, such as altar flowers. Reserve Funds are monies set aside for major work, such as the roof, the boiler, etc.

Woman's Guild Report

Mrs. Queenie Avedikian, vice-chairman of the Women's Guild, gave the report. She said that, although the Guild has 117 members, usually only 30-35 people actually attend the meetings. Queenie said she wished more people would volunteer throughout the year to help the church.

Choir Report

Mr. Stephan Evereklian gave the report. He said the balance in their fund was \$2,792.00. He then spoke about efforts to recruit new members. Mr. Socrates Boyajian said there was an ongoing effort to encourage people to join.

Sunday School Report

Ms. Rita Bush reported on the Sunday School. She emphasized the importance of bringing children to the school on a timely, consistent basis. She said this is one of the ways we can encourage our children to live their lives the way God wants them to. Some members of the community wanted to know if there was a drop in attendance, and, if so, why. Mrs. Bush reassured the community that the Sunday school was functioning quite well and that the few children who left did so for personal reasons that had nothing to do with the quality of the school.

Armenian School Report

Mr. Jerry Hekimian delivered the report on the Armenian School. He explained some of the shortcomings and advantages of the program. Among the many advantages are the following: the children learn about their history, culture, and language. The major shortcoming is that not enough children attend. He estimated that only 25 kids out of 100 (a 1 to 4 ratio) are likely to be enrolled. He encouraged the parents to make the effort to get their children involved! He then spoke a bit about how teachers are selected. He said that his one major criteria in choosing teachers is that they be committed to children. Among the things he looks for are the following: they can read

and write Armenian; they are willing to come every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; and that they love children. Col. George Juskalian said he thought the Armenian School was doing a wonderful job.

A.C.Y.O.A. Report

This report was submitted in writing and included in the agenda for all to read.

A.C.Y.O.A. Jr's Report

Miss Keshishian reiterated the written report. Among the highlights of the past year, she mentioned the ski trip and a dinner at Der Hayr's. She said their membership was growing and that everyone was enthusiastic about the coming year. Col. George Juskalian complemented her on an excellent report.

The 3 M's Report

Mary Louise Hunt spoke about the evolution and success of the this new organization. She explained the philosophy of the group was to reach out to young adults--both married couples and singles--to encourage a sense of community and fellowship. Among the highlights of the previous year was a dinner in November with a turn out of 150 people. Among the goals of this group are the following: to foster continued spiritual growth; to learn more about culture and current events; to encourage growth within the Church community. Miss Beth Tutunjian used this opportunity to also encourage everyone to remember their responsibility to the greater Washington community and said that we, as Christians, should continue to help the needy around us.

Avak Society

There was no oral report.

Yeretzgin Kalayjian commented that this group was doing very well under the guidance and dedication of Miss Ann Kavookian and Mrs. Arousiag Kumkumian.

Earthquake Committee Report

Among the members who helped and served on this committee were: Seta Gelenian, Mary Perkins, Col. George Juskalian, and Col. Moorad Mooradian, and Sonia Messerian Crow under the chairmanship of Brig. Gen. Albert Kaehn. Der Hayr explained that a full report on the Earthquake fund would be distributed in April.

Karabagh Committee

Col. Moorad Mooradian said this committee was formed by the Parish Council to assist in fundraising for humanitarian aid to help the victims in Karabagh. The first meeting will be either on March 1 or March 8. Among the specific needs are: water, medicines, hospital supplies and equipment, and food.

Bookstore

No oral report was given. The report appeared in the booklet.

Shnorhali

Mrs. Grace Shahinian thanked everyone for their support of this fine publication. Dr. Hratch Semerjian concurred with her.

Armenian Church Endowment Fund

Der Hayr explained the purpose of this fund was to provide a long term source of security and growth for the church. He said families may add to the fund at any time and that the capital will never be spent; only the interest can be used. Whenever someone dies, a memorial fund will be set up and the money collected will be set aside as part of the endowment. He encouraged everyone to participate in this.

Armenian Life Series

Dean Shahinian presented the report on this valued lecture series. He thanked everyone who participated during the past year. A full written report was included in the Agenda.

A motion to accept these reports was made and seconded. It was carried by unanimous consent.

Auditing Committee Report

Dr. Hratch Semerjian admonished the different committees for not keeping better financial records. He reminded the community at large that each of us volunteers his or her time and that if an individual agrees to serve, he or she should take that responsibility seriously. Records, bills, and receipts must be kept; otherwise, the work of the auditing committee becomes much harder. A motion was made by Lucy Murad to offer a workshop sometime over the next 3 months to explain how effective record keeping should be done. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously consent.

Election Results

The results were reported at the February 9 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ad Hoc Committee Report

Dr. Ed Onanian reported that there was only one meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee. He said, in his opinion, there should be improved communication between Der Hayr and the Parish Council. To this end, he suggested that a multi-faceted training program be done for each newly elected parish council. A motion to accept his report was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding

Mike Tashjian, chairman of the Parish Council, said that whatever points of disagreement had existed before were now resolved, and he submitted a new Memorandum. A motion to accept the new Memorandum of Understanding was made, seconded. Among some of the general discussion that ensued were questions about the need to share Der Hayr's time and service with Atlanta and whether the Richmond priest couldn't share in the functions for the Atlanta community. The motion to approve the M.O.U. passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a general discussion concerning the feasibility of purchasing software to help in the drafting of financial reports. A motion to look into this prospect was made and seconded. It carried with one objection.

The next point of discussion concerned the prospect of raising membership dues. A motion to increase the dues was made by Hagop Safak. To wit: "For the past many years the annual membership dues have been \$100.00, without taking into consideration the rise in inflation and increases in utility and other expenses. Increasing the annual dues to \$150.00 per member will help the church to meet these increased costs in keeping the church operating in the future years." This motion was seconded. Lively discussion followed. Then an amendment to the motion to allow new members to join at the old rate (\$100) while existing members would be asked to pay \$150 was made. A vigorous discussion ensued, and the amendment to the motion was defeated. A second amendment was offered to raise the membership dues to \$200. After another lively discussion, it was also defeated. A third amendment to keep the dues for senior citizens and young adults at \$50.00 while all else would pay \$150.00 was made. Again, after a lively discussion, it was also defeated (21-24). A standing vote on the original motion was then taken and it was defeated 32-31.

Dean Shahinian then read a proposal to be submitted from St. Mary's to the Diocese. To wit: "The Diocesan Assembly asks the Primate and Diocesan Council to place as the highest priority of our Diocese the strengthening of the Diocesan parishes. We ask, accordingly, that they devote more of the Diocese's personnel and resources immediately to projects that will strengthen the parishes, such as: to help attract youth, young adults, and young professionals to the parishes; to help parish lay leaders in various organizations more effectively administer the parishes; to assist parish priests to pastor more effectively; to educate, inform and inspire parishioners about Christian faith and Armenian culture; and to promote the quality of relationships among parishioners." The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

Mr. Evereklian then submitted a proposal to have all new business be considered first on future agendas, but since this is out of order according to procedural rules, the motion was withdrawn. The last order of business concerned an anonymous pledge that was received by the parish council concerning a donation to Der Hayr

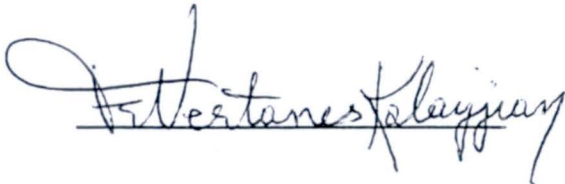
and his family. After a lively discussion, Mrs. Lucia Magarian made a motion to wit: "Any individual can make any donation to the church for any reason and earmark its use for any legitimate concern." More lively discussion ensued. Dean Shahinian asked for a friendly amendment to be added, to wit: "that should the specific donation mentioned earlier actually materialize, the funds should be distributed according to I.R.S. guidelines governing such donations and that the funds to the children be distributed via scholarship." After more discussion, the motion and its amendment carried whereupon Der Hayr said, if this donation is made, he would allocate \$2000 to the endowment fund.

The meeting was adjourned around 5:30 p.m. after a closing prayer by Der Hayr.

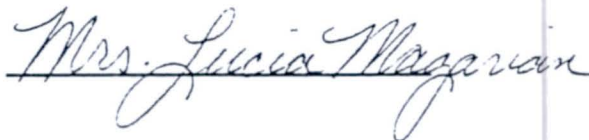
Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian

Dr. Hratch Semerjian



Mrs. Lucia Magarian



1992 BOOK STORE REPORT

The Book Store had a very successful year and will be able to turn over \$3,000.00 to the Parish Council.

We try to anticipate the interests of our parishioners and stock Armenian-related books, posters, jewelry, T Shirts, bumper stickers, novelty items, music tapes and video tapes. We have a limited number of books in Armenian.

We keep informed about the latest salable items by reading the Armenian-American newspapers and brochures from publishers, book stores and other sources. Whenever possible, we deal directly with publishers so that we can get the best discount prices and profit for the church.

The latest additions to our inventory are Armenian postage stamps which seem to be quite popular. The American-Armenian stamp distributor is turning over all his profits to the Armenian government.

Gary Avedikian

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON JULY 27, 1992
ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

A special meeting to discuss the direction of St. Mary's called by our Pastor and Parish Council convened on Monday, July 27, 1992, at 8:00 PM. Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian presided and opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. Stephen Ohanian, Parish Council Chairman, chaired the meeting. Mr. Dean Shahinian, Diocesan Delegate, acted as meeting secretary.

Der Hayr praised the Parish Council for being sensitive to the needs of the parish. Der Hayr identified four areas of concern: (1) giving the children the best that we can, particularly with good role models and education; (2) providing adult education for spiritual growth, in addition to the parish's cultural, intellectual and social experiences; (3) promoting the health of all parish organizations by asking "How can we do things better?" and working together in unity; and (4) raising more money to support the parish programs.

Mrs. Seta Sivaslian, Co-Chairlady of the Women's Guild, reported on activities that took place from January to July 1992. The Women's Guild was very active, by hosting a Lenten Food Festival, Mid-Lent Luncheon, Antranig Dance Ensemble performance, Vijag luncheon, lectures by Mr. David Zenian, Rev. Levon Zekeyan and Mr. Ed Alexander, and other events. In addition, the Women's Guild supervised the hospitality table after Badaraks, cleaning the altar and calling people who are ill. Mrs. Leda Zenian gave the Treasurers Report and noted that the Women's Guild had given \$10,000 to the Parish Council.

Mrs. Clara Andonian reported on the plans for the Annual St. Mary's Bazaar. The Bazaar will take place on November 4-7, 1992, with dinner served on both Friday and Saturday evening. Mrs. Jean Sayian, Mrs. Queenie Avedikian and Mrs. Zenian all stressed the need for more people to help, particularly men. Mrs. Jeannette Torokhanian presented information about having a large sign made to advertise the bazaar.

Mrs. Clara Andonian reported that money had been collected to purchase a washer and dryer for the parish. She said that her brother-in-law has generously offered to donate his labor to install the washer-dryer and the only cost would be for parts. Mr. Vartkes Keshishian said that an option exists to pay a linen supply service for cleaned and ironed tablecloths. Der Hayr suggested that the Women's Guild explore both options and make a recommendation to the Parish Council as to which they prefer.

Mr. Dean Shahinian, Diocesan Delegate, reported on the Diocesan Assembly, which convened in early May. They reported on developments involving church unity, finances, the passage of the proposal submitted by St. Mary's, earthquake relief, Diocesan programs for the parishes and other issues.

Mrs. Mary Louise Hunt reported on the goals and activities of the 3M Fellowship, noting that 3M wants to foster the spiritual and social lives of members and service to the parish. Some of their recent events included sponsoring a multi-media arts exhibition, a covered dish supper, social event, an in-house seminar, a performance of the Armenian folk dance group "Synthes", and a \$100 per ticket raffle. Mrs. Hunt described activities planned for future months.

Mr. Jerry Hekimian, Superintendent of the Armenian School, reported on the accomplishments of the School, the dedication of the teachers and the desirability of having more students. He said that the School is considering alternative times, including a class on Saturday and combining the language with the Sunday School instruction.

Mrs. Anna Derderian, Superintendent of the Sunday School, reported on the students, the quality of the teachers, and School activities, including weekly classes, Communion Sundays, parties, food collection for the poor, gradation. She discussed the curriculum and the sister Sunday School program.

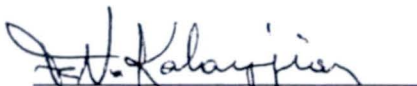
Dr. Edward Onanian reported that the Finance Committee had its organizational meeting in July 1992, and planned to meet monthly. Over the next decade, the Committee hopes to raise a fund to produce 50% of the parish's operating expenses. Der Hayr noted the need for a parish membership committee to solicit pledges, memberships, etc. Dr. Onanian also discussed the Endowment Fund and the need for parishioners to assist Col. George Juskalian and Mrs. Mary Perkins in their work.

Mr. Gary Avedikian, Manager of the Bookstore, reported on the wide variety of Armenian merchandise in the store and encouraged everyone to purchase more items. He also noted the need for someone to assist him in the bookstore.

In addition to these persons, Madames Jackie Hatchik, Ani Keshishian, Blanch Manian and Suzan Ohanian, and Messrs. George Derderian, Jack Dilanian, Richard Hatchik, and Leo Torokhanian participated in the meeting.

At 10:20 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,


Rev. V. Kalayjian
Pastor


Stephen Ohanian
Chairman


Dean Shahinian
Secretary

Finance Committee Report

The Committee held a long overdue organizational meeting on July 1 at which it adopted the following goal -- to develop within ten years, or preferably by the year 2000, a fund which will generate sufficient income to meet at least one-half of St. Mary's annual operating expenses. The goal is to be attained essentially through an investment program and fund-raising. The Committee also elected the following officers: Edward Onanian (Chairman and Treasurer); Robert George, Jr. (Secretary); and Carl Bazarian, Arut Koseian, and Stephen Ohanian (Advisers).

In early August, the Committee submitted a purchase offer for a commercial site in Bethesda, Maryland, to the Asset Manager for the Resolution Thrift Corporation. That offer was rejected, which led us to respond with a slightly higher one. At this writing (mid-January), we had not been advised of its acceptance or rejection. If accepted, the purchase would have to be approved by the parish at a special assembly, and thereupon presented to the Diocese for its approval. An update will be presented at our annual assembly.

Turning to our financial experience in 1992, revenues were significantly greater than in 1991 mainly because of the receipt of \$20,000 from the estate of Agnes Baker and \$18,324 representing the Committee's share of the proceeds from the 1991 and 1992 bazaars. Donations in lieu of flowers totalled \$17,495, of which \$14,510 was transferred or earmarked to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF) for the establishment of memorial funds. The deceased so memorialized were: Jack Andonian, Moses Arkoian, Ohannes Loloyan, and Pilibos Safak. A substantial sum (\$4,270) was received also from gifts honoring the 45th wedding anniversary of Queenie and Gary Avedikian; these funds were earmarked for maintenance purposes. Interest income (\$4,571) continued to decline, reflecting lower bank rates.

On the disbursement side, the Committee met the costs of installing a new dishwasher (\$600) at the parish house, replacing the church's folding machine (\$480), and various repairs and improvements (\$2,888) at the church. Monthly payments were made on the parish house mortgage, and a \$5,000 loan was made to the parish council to help meet a cash flow problem. An advance of \$5,000 to the Bazaar Committee was repaid following the Bazaar, and thus does not appear in our financial report.

Our present cash balance (\$116,882) is significantly higher than a year ago, but most of this money is earmarked for specific projects and contingencies. The Committee's assets also include nearly \$25,000 in memorial funds with the ACEF, the annual income of which is received directly by the parish council for operating expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Onanian

ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

The Parish Council is happy to report the receipt of \$2,280.13 as the annual proceeds from the various endowment funds established by our parishioners, in memory of their loved ones, with the church as the beneficiary. The list is as follows:

ARAKELIAN, Dr. Ashot Memorial Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 35.00	
BABIGIAN, Asadour & Perooz Memorial Fund	1,000	70.00	
BAGHDASSARIAN, Nelly Memorial Fund	1,075.60	0.00	*
BROWN, Artin Memorial Fund	1,015.00	71.05	
DEMIRJIAN, Kohar Memorial Fund	1,050.00	0.00	*
GEORGE, Robert & Doris Fund	1,000.00	35.00	
HINTLIAN, Manoush & Nishan Memorial Fund	6,142.04	429.94	
JANIGIAN, Knar Fund	5,389.68	282.96	
KALAYJIAN, Fr. Vertanes & Yeretzgin Anahid Fund	2,625.00	183.75	
KHOYAN, Rev. Fr. Dikran Memorial Fund	825.00	36.05	
KIRAZIAN, Victoria Memorial Fund	4,768.17	83.44	
MANOUGIAN, Maritza Memorial Fund	1,230.00	0.00	*
OZKAYAN, Paris Memorial Fund	3,055.00	0.00	*
SAFAK, Vartouhi Memorial Fund	2,966.00	0.00	*
ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH FUND	10,000.00	700.00	
SEKERCAN, Abraham & Maryam Memorial Fund	1,000.00	70.00	
SIMONIAN, Hovaness & Marie Fund	3,000.00	210.00	
STAHL, Valentine Bostonian Fund	1,042.00	72.94	
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RECIPIENT TOTAL:	\$47,683.49	\$2,280.13	

(*) These Funds were placed late in the fiscal year, for the proceeds to appear in this year's report.

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PASTOR'S REPORT
1992

At the conclusion of the year 1992, I completed the Sixteenth 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>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>
Baptisms	9	18	17	20
Weddings	18	10	10	7
Funerals	8	11	7	6
Engagements	4	7	5	3
Confirmations	-	1	2	-

Social Services, Pastoral Activities & Guest Clergy

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

1. Christam Candlelight Service. On December 24, in honor of the Western Christmas celebration, we held a candlelight service. The participation of the young adults and violonists :Mrs. Nairi Poochikian, Miss Katharine Derderian and Dr. Socrates Boyajian added special beauty and enjoyment. Those who attended will attest that it was spiritually rewarding and uplifting.
2. Baltimore Community. This is the fourteenth 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. Counseling and Social services. The areas covered were hospitals; nursing home; personal, pre-marital and family counseling; job placement; housing; immigration and naturalization; Armenian heritage research guidance; personal recommendation; scholarship applications; court appearances and translation; educational testing translations; mediation and/or marriage counseling; lectures; social service , etc.

B. OFFICE ACTIVITIES

4. Church Office. During the year we had the services of a part-time secretary. Office hours were 9:00AM - 1:00PM. The afternoon and almost all evening hours I personally use to carry on my responsibilities.
5. Publications. The parish newsletter, the SHNORHALI, and full-size special issues were published ten times, totaling 350 pages (8.5x7) of information concerning our parish activities.

Special thanks and gratitude I extend to Mrs. Grace Shahinian the Editor of the SHNORHALI. Our general mailing list is over 1200, and the SHNORHALI was mailed to 750 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

6. St. Vartan Camp. Last year I served as the Camp Supervisor. I attended several meetings in Philadelphia and New York for planning and preparation. This year the Camp will be managed by the Dept. of Youth Ministry.
7. Annual Diocesan Assembly. In May, I attended The Diocesan Clergy Conference and Annual Assembly held in Boca raton, Fla. Please read the details in the Dioceson Delegates; report. Prior to the General Assembly the Clergy Annual Conference was held on the same location. Special attention was given to the re-organization of the Youth Ministry and Youth oriented issues.
8. Havad. Aside from being on the Diocesan Council and attending the monthly meetings (except twice), I continued to work on the Committee for the Propagation of Faith (the Armenian acronym is HAVAD) A group of Seminarians and Young Adults under the guidance of Bishop Hovnan Derderian, Primate of Canada and a few other clergymen went to Armenia with a Christian education/revival mission. Later in the Fall, Yeretzgin Anahid, for the second year, went to Armenia for Christian Education program.
9. Ecumenical/Religious Activities. On three 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; (2) a conference on Religion and Ethics in Public Policy, organized by the Brookings Institution and held on the Hill. (3) "Mission to Washington: Religion and Science in Partnership for the Environment" a special conference which was spearheaded by the Vice Pres. Al. Gore (Then the Senator from Tenn.) "The Joint Appeal on the Environment" signed by the religious leaders representing 330,000 congregations nationwide, and the Scientists representing a wide range of discipline, was published and the Document was made part of the Congressional Record on May 13, 1992. On behalf of the Diocese, my signature appears among them.
10. 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. We shall continue to do the same.

D. ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ARMENIA

11. In March we welcomed Bishop Barkev Mardirosian, Primate of Karabagh-Artzakh. A humanitarian fund raising resulted in over \$24,000.00 which we turned over to the Diocese for that purpose.

12. A Prayer-Rally was held on the steps of the Capitol. The event had the communitywide support with Christian Solidarity International assuming the initiative. The rally was a huge success with many Congressmen and Senators addressing the crowd.
13. The first Birthday of the Republic of Armenia was celebrated with an official reception sponsored by the Embassy of Armenia. Many of our parishioners were in attendance.
14. Several fund raising efforts were made to help our compatriots. In addition to the Karabagh Fund we had (1) Choir Robes For Armenia, (2) School Bags for Stepanavan students, (3) Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program, (4) "Save the Children" sponsored by the Armenian-American Health Assoc. of Greater Wash. D.C., (5) Emergency Fund For Armenia, (6) Christmas Project for the Children in Armenia, (7) Republic of Armenia: Armenia Fund/U.S.A., (8) Operation Winter rescue is in progress. My personal estimate is that our community raised close to \$40,000.00 not including the Winter Rescue funds and \$15,000.00 we contributed to the Christian Solidarity International for their Karabagh relief effort from previously raised special funds. The balance of that fund \$ was forwarded to the Diocese.
15. Washington, D.C. as the Nation's Capital, is part of many official individuals' and groups' itinerary. We had the opportunity to welcome several of them in receptions held both officially and privately.
16. We had the opportunity to welcome and bid farewell to 35 Peace Corps Volunteers on route to Armenia. It was both a historic and inspiring occasion.
17. We welcomed and enjoyed the performance of an Armenian Dance Troupe called SYNTHES.
18. Mr. Carl Bazarian is now a member of the Diocesan Fund for Armenia's Recovery (DFAR). We continued to avail our services for its activities whenever we lled upon. As we are painfully aware, Armenia continues to be at the center of our attention and concern. It will continue to remain so.

E. ORGANIZATIONAL

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

19. 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. This situation no longer can be tolerated. P.C. members must take their duties and responsibilities seriously.
20. Diocesan Council. I attended the Council's Monthly Meetings with one or two exceptions.

21. 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, Shnorhali School, Jr, and Sr. ACYOA, Three "M" Adult Fellowship, and Ararat Avak Society continued to function effectively. My special thanks to all the Executive Committees and their respective chairmen, principals, teachers and advisors for their diligence and dedication.

F. EDUCATIONAL, CHARITABLE AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

22. 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 Hovaness and Marie Simonian Fund, Valentine Bostonian Stahl Fund and the Fr. V. Kalayjian Fund.
23. 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.
24. 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. The added program on these Sundays is the Adult Education Classes.
25. The Charitable Fund. The Fund continued to be an avenue through which parishioners made contributions to help those in need of assistance. Also, the SHNORHALI School students regularly bring non-perishable food for the homeless of the Metropolitan Area.
- In addition to the Funds raised for Armenia other charitable activities included (1) helping to re-locate Armenians from Armenia, (2) Funds for the Youth Camp in Istanbul, (3) Funds for St. Vartan Camp, (4) Funds for Sts. Tarkmanchats School, Jerusalem, with close to \$5,000.00 raised for these purposes.
26. I initiated and organized (1) A Fall Lecture Series "Genesis of the Armenian Spiritual Literature and Art" sponsored by the Cultural Committee of the Women's Guild, and (2) A Leadership training and Sensitivity all day Seminar Sponsored by the Three "M" Fellowship.
27. The 56th Anniversary of our Parish was celebrated in Dec. The highlights of the day were the participation of the Ani Choral Group of Washington, D.C. during the Holy Badarak, the recognition of a few of our parishioners: M/M Raymond Babigan, Mrs. Rita Bush, Dr. Charles Kumkumian and Jack Andonian (Posthumously) for their dedication and many years of service and the unveiling of the church outdoor sign donated by Dr/Mrs. Charles Kumkumian and constructed by Mr. Hagop Safakian.

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28. The list of the ladies helping to give the altar area the necessary care has remained strong. I thank them all. Special thanks to Miss Ann Kavookian who continues to take care of the Altar flowers and Christmas Greetings in addition to numerous other tasks she performs so lovingly.
29. 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 and the Parking lot rentals and maintenance.
30. 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 cooperation of her husband, Mr. Patrick Garabedian.
31. We gratefully acknowledge that our still Anonymous Benefactor has again sent us \$1000 for the Building fund. This year the envelope again contained an additional \$5000 For the Emergency Fund for Armenia. May God bless and reward him/her/them manifold in health and happiness.
32. Visiting Clergy. We were happy and honored in welcoming the following Clergymen: Archbishop Mesrob Mutafian of Istanbul, Bishop Barkev Mardirosian of Artzakh, bishop Guregh Kapikian of Jerusalem, Very Rev. Sookias Derderian of Armenia, Rev. Fathers Mardiros Chevian and Mesrob Benlian of New York and Dr. Fr. Levon Zekian of Venice, Italy.
33. 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 1992 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.
Lest we take it for granted we thank Deacons Vartkes Keshishian, Mark Krikorian and Stolebearers Jack and George Guiragosian who continue their service with almost perfect attendance.

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

The Parish Council of St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church
of Washington, DC
and Reverend Vertanes Kalayjian

We agree that the following financial and related considerations shall apply to Fr. Kalayjian's services as Pastor of St. Mary's Church during the period set forth herein:

1. Stipend and Allowances:

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>
Basic Stipend	\$19,810	20,300.00
Service Increment	9,905	10,150.00
Membership Increment	1,415	1,450.00
Mileage Allowance	5,400	6,500.00
Life Insurance	500	1,500.00
	<u>37,030</u>	<u>39,900.00</u>

The Parish will also make the required contributions to Clergy Insurance and IRA accounts, which are estimated at \$12,400. The Parish will assume the payment of all utility expenses (heating, electricity, water, sewer and telephone) at the Parish House.

2. Vacation:

In accord with the Diocesan vacation schedule, we agree that Fr. Kalayjian shall be allowed to take four weeks of vacation, including four Sundays. Leave may be accrued with the prior consent of the Parish Council. As of 1/1/1992 Fr. Kalayjian has a modest balance of accrued leave.

As in prior years, except in emergency situations, two weeks' notice will be provided for extended leave. In addition, Fr. Kalayjian shall not be charged leave on the Sunday of the Diocesan Assembly weekend, provided his return to Washington for services should prove inconvenient. A similar policy shall apply in the event he chooses to attend the ACYOA and/or Choir Assemblies. An allowance shall be provided by the Parish toward his lodging and travel expense for attendance at the Clergy conference and at the Diocesan Assemblies. In the case of the ACYOA or Choir Assemblies, it is expected that those organizations will provide lodging and travel expenses.

This memorandum of understanding becomes effective on January 1, 1993, and continues through December 31, 1993, provided it receives the approval of the Annual Parish Assembly.

Parish Council 1992 Annual Report

After the February 1992 election the new Parish Council elected the officers on May 12, 1992 because of the delay in the confirmation process. Members of the Parish Council are:

Mr. Stephen Ohanian	Chairman
Mr. Vartkes Keshishian	Vice Chairman
Mr. Stephen Evereklian	Secretary
David Sahr, Esq.	Assistant Secretary
Mr. Hagop Safakian	Treasurer
Mr. Richard Hatchik	Assistant Treasurer
Members:	Mr. Hagop Dilanian
	Col. Moorad Mooradian
	Mr. Mike Tashjian

The Parish Council members were assigned responsibilities as liaisons with the organizations and for other projects. We met regularly twice a month. In addition, we had three special meetings with the Auditing Committee, with the Executives of the church organizations, and for the Sanctuary Renovation Project. The central message we tried to convey was our concern for the church functioning as a family. We wrote in the May-June issue of the Shnorhali and I quote:

"Families are the foundation of any nation. We, in our turn, coming together, have formed St. Mary's church family. Let us keep the concept of being a family strong so that we can meet the coming difficult challenges. The love, the spiritual link, the mutual respect that we have towards each other, should remain ever strong and deep so that the winds blowing from outside may not destroy what we build."

We are indeed thankful to God that through the good will and the dedication of many in the Women's Guild, the Three "M" Adult Fellowship, the Diocesan Delegates, and the Executives of the church organizations, we maintained that family spirit. A few of our activities need to be highlighted:

- 1- The Sanctuary Renovation was given special attention. Early on we confirmed Der Hayr's nomination of Committee Members: Mrs. Jean Sayian, Mrs. Margie Satian, Mr. Varoujan Varoujanian, Mr. Raffi Sahakyan, and Mr. Stephen Evereklian as the Parish Council liaison. At a special meeting we discussed one new and one revised proposals for the altar design. They are on display at the church hall and we shall discuss a proposal concerning that project.
- 2- The church outdoor sign was finally installed and the ribbon cutting was held on the day of the 56 Anniversary Celebration and Candle Lighting. The occasion was highlighted by the presence and performance of Ani Choral Group of Washington under the Artistic Director of Mr. Arsen Sayian. Four parishioners received the "Pastor's Recognition" awards. We would like to thank again Dr. and Mrs. Charles Kumkumian who generously donated it and Mr. Hagop Safakian who constructed and installed it.
- 3- We held two picnics. The first was organized by Mr. Onnik Janjigian and the second, by Mr. Serouj Badalian with their respective group of volunteers. We thank them all for their efforts and for the job well done.

- 4- As part of our fund raising effort we had a rug sale again on October 30 through November 1. Our involvement was limited to mailing close to 15 thousand pieces of mail which combined the Bazaar advertisement. Mr. Arut Koseian handled all the rest and we thank him for his efforts.
- 5- We had a successful Bazaar as usual despite some adverse economic and weather conditions. Special thanks to the Women's Guild members for the enormous effort and for their untiring dedication they bring to bear year after year, and to Der Hayr for assisting and leading us through. Our thanks also to the Parish Council members and many parishioners for their time and devoted work.
- 6- We enjoyed a very successful and financially rewarding New Year's Eve celebration. We thank the Parish Council members and their wives, relatives, and friends for coming forward for the challenge.
- 7- Church maintenance received special attention. There are still many things to be done. Our thanks to Mr. Nubar Ayrandjian who volunteered and completed many repairs and to Mr. and Mrs. Torokhian for their continuous care for the church landscaping, Bazaar/rug sale sign and for many volunteer hours they lovingly gave; to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Avedikian for managing the Book Store and the parking lot and to many more small items that otherwise would have probably been overlooked; to Mr. Serouj Badalian who completed many of the repairs at great savings to the church under the supervision of Mr. V. Keshishian. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Avedikian who donated the proceeds of their wedding anniversary to the maintenance projects.
- 8- We have acquired improved capacity for the computer, a new folding machine and another computer to be used for the church finances. Our church bookkeeping now is computerized thanks to Mr. Onnik Janjigian. We commend Mr. Hagop Safakian for initiating a new weekly record keeping and for the excellent job he has done as the treasurer. Our thanks also to Dr. Hagop Markarian for his assistance in record keeping.
- 9- A few note worthy and historic events took place and we are happy to have had the opportunity to be part of. Among them: The visit of the President of Armenia, the Honorable Levon Ter Petrosian who was given an official welcome on the Hill; Later on the First Lady of Armenia was also in town and was given a private reception; The Holy Cross Tubrevank (of Istanbul) Alumni Association held its 7th Assembly; In September the first Birthday of the Republic of Armenia was celebrated and we had the honor of welcoming among us Bishop Barkev Mardirosian, Primate of Karabagh - Artzakh Arch Bishop Mesrob Mutafian, the Chancellor of the Patriarachate of Istanbul and Bishop Guregh Kapikian, the Dean of the Sts. Tarkmanchotz school of Jerusalem. Funds were raised for the projects these high ranking clergymen are associated with.
- 10- We are indeed fortunate that our cultural, spiritual life was enriched by several events. Among them, the performance by a dance group from Armenia; The performance by the Ani Choral Group; The in-house retreat/leadership seminar organized by Der Hayr; The start of Young Adult and Adult Religious education program on the third Sundays of the month; the continuation of "The Armenian Life" lecture series organized by Dean Shahinian, Esq.; and other lectures organized by the Women's Guild and the Three "M" group.
- 11- We welcomed the reorganization efforts related to the religious and Armenian language education. These two essential elements of our parish life are now combined under one name Shnorhali School of Saint Mary. In due time these efforts will prove beneficial. Our thanks to Mrs. Anna Derderian who after seven years retired from her duties as Superintendent

of Sunday School. We welcome Miss Linda Ekizian as the new Superintendent and wish her success. We thank Mr. Jerry Hekimian who with a dedicated teaching staff are doing an excellent job. To all our teachers one and all we express our gratitude.

12- An unfortunate fire left our Altar badly damaged. We hope very soon we will be able to repair the damage with a minimum expense as a temporary measure, pending the decision of the Assembly concerning the overall Sanctuary renovation.

We extend our special thanks to Mrs. Grace Shahinian who diligently and excellently is managing the publication of the Shnorhali. We are indeed proud of our parish paper which is both informative and educational. Our thanks to the Chairmen and the Executive Committees of the church organizations: Mrs. Seta Sivaslian and Mrs. Nadia Koseian, Co-Chairladies of the Women's Guild, Dr. Socrates Boyajian, Choirmaster, our Deacons, choir members, and organists. One and all they deserve our gratitude.

With a special satisfaction we note the fact that we had a harmonious and well coordinated year thanks to the leadership, advice, and council provided by our Der Hayr. We note with pride and commend Der Hayr for representing our community on official/formal occasions in an excellent manner which is a credit both to himself and to our church.

Our love and deep gratitude we express to our Yeretzgin for her leadership and activism in many organizational facets of our parish. There is no organization where her involvement is not felt. For the many long working hours, for the many year's of dedicated service, we thank both Der Hayr and Yeretzgin.

In conclusion, we would like to point out that great many tasks are ahead of us. We are happy that the Finance Committee is now ready to plan and execute projects for the long range financial security of our parish. We need to give them our full support when they need and ask for it.

Armenia and our brothers and sisters there will remain at the center of our concern and care. It is a challenge that we cannot afford to ignore.

We offer a special challenge to the incoming Parish Council. We need total commitment to the task. We cannot continue with partial and/or tentative presence on the Council. We owe it to ourselves, to our church, to our Lord to give our best.


On behalf of the Parish Council we thank you for the privilege for serving our church and our Lord.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Parish Council


Stephen Ohanian, Chairman


Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor


Stephen Evereklian, Secretary



ARMENIAN LIFE



Lecture Series



"ARMENIAN LIFE" is a series of illustrated talks on Armenian culture. The series, chaired by Dean Shahinian, Esq., is now in its fifth consecutive year. The 1992 schedule included the following seminars:

Psychotherapy with the Earthquake Survivors in Spitak and Leninakan, Armenia

Dr. Alice Kassabian described her psychological counseling of the survivors of the December 7, 1988 earthquake during the summers of 1990 and 1991. She worked with survivors of Spitak and Leninakan, the two cities most devastated by the earthquake, and spoke about the bio-psycho-social aspects of their trauma using case histories as illustrations. Dr. Kassabian counsels individuals, families and groups professionally.

The Mission of the Church

Deacon Gregory Kumkumian spoke about the mission of the Armenian Church and setting goals in the St. Mary's parish community. He challenged the parish to assess relationships, priorities and our faith, and to work diligently to form a strong Christian community in the years to come. Mr. Kumkumian has served on the altar, given numerous spiritual talks and chaired various ACYOA activities, and is a medical student.

Armenian Folk Songs

Deacon Vartkes Keshishian discussed the meaning and style of traditional Armenian folksongs. He sang a few exemplary songs, with the accompaniment of his talented daughter Lily, and led the audience in exuberant singing of several popular Armenian folksongs. Mr. Keshishian is a member of St. Mary's parish council and has served the Church faithfully for many years as a Deacon and leading various projects and committees.

Young Adult Views of Armenia

Miss Peggy Bedevian, Miss Lily Hekimian, Mr. Zaven Kalayjian and Mr. Gregory Murad spoke about their summer visits to Armenia. These young adult parishioners described the culture, hospitality, generosity, family life and other aspects of the Armenian people. Miss Bedevian teaches Sunday School and is a graduate of Boston College. Miss Hekimian teaches Armenian School and is a student at The American University. Mr. Kalayjian serves on the altar and is a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Murad teaches Sunday School and studies at George Mason University.

REPORT OF THE 1992 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The 90th Annual Diocesan Assembly took place at St. David Armenian Church, Boca Raton, Florida, on April 30 - May 2, 1992. St. Mary's was represented by Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor, and Dr. Hratch Semerjian and Dean Shahinian, Esq., Diocesan Delegates.

- The Primate, Bishop Khajag Barsamian, addressed the Assembly with respect to the needs of Armenia and Diocesan activities and needs.
- The St. Nersess Seminary Rector, Dn. Hratch Tchilingirian, presented the needs of the Seminary and requested funds for recruitment.

The Unity Committee reported that they continue to negotiate with the Prelacy Unity Committee and understand that the Prelacy intends for cooperation steps to be implemented prior to further progress on unity. The two committees had not met during the previous year.

The Assembly considered various issues involving "Young Adult Involvement in the Parishes," a three-hour session chaired by Dean Shahinian. The program included vignettes of young adult parish life and panel discussions of young adults, parents and youth workers.

The Diocesan Council presented its annual report and the Treasurer presented the proposed annual budget. The DFAR presented the results of the Diocesan efforts, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide aid to Armenia.

The Assembly elected Mr. Martin Cholakian (Chairman), Dr. Garo Garibian (Vice Chairman), Rev. Garen Gdnaian (Armenian Secretary) and Miss Lisa Coloian (English Secretary) of the Assembly; Haig R. Dadourian to the Board of Trustees; Haig Dadourian, Sarkis Soultanian, and Arthur Simonian to the Auditing Committee; Revs. Karekin Kasparian, Arshen Aivazian and Yeprem Kelegian, Dr. Raffi Hovanesian, Mrs. Shakae Shahinian and Ms. Berjoohy Haigazian to the Nominating Committee; and Revs. Arsen Barsamian and Michael Buttero, Messrs. Edward Brewster and Edward Bilzerian, Mrs. Connie Kasparian and Ms. Karen Derderyan to the Proposals Committee.

The Assembly passed proposals, including: the proposal from St. Mary's to place the highest Diocesan priority on strengthening the parishes; to analyze the growth or decrease in parish membership; to prepare a report of past Assembly proposals and their action; to send minutes of the Assembly to delegates within 60 days; to amend Bylaw #7 to require a person to have registered as a member and paid dues at least six months in advance to be eligible to vote at a parish assembly, and a technical amendment to Bylaw 27.

The Assembly defeated proposals to amend Bylaw 27A to permit a Parish Council to appoint replacements to fill vacancies on the Parish Council; to include panels on each of the Diocesan departments in future Assemblies; and to increase the minimum of parish dues from \$15 to \$50 per person.


Dr. Hratch Semerjian


Dean Shahinian, Esq.

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT

There were 91 dues-paying members in the Women's Guild in 1992. General membership meetings were held on the 3rd Thursday of the month with the exception of July and August and during the month of October when bazaar workshops were held. Executive Committee meetings were held when needed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1992

- January.....Armenian Christmas Dinner - Program by Armenian School Students. Donated \$1,000.00 to Armenian School.
- February....Workshops for Lenten Food Festival.
- March.....Lenten Food Festival
.....Lenten Pot-Luck Dinner and Women Saints' Day Program. Donated proceeds to the Women's Guild Central Council.
- April.....Special Easter Fellowship Hour and sale of cheoregs after church services.
- May.....Sent 2 delegates to Women's Guild Conference of the Diocesan Assembly.
.....Cultural Committee organized performance of Antranig Dance Ensemble from New York.
.....Hampartzoom-Veejag Program and Luncheon. Honored Woman of the Year and hosted Armenian ladies' groups from Richmond and Baltimore.
- June.....Cultural Committee organized lecture by Fr. Levon Zekiyan from Venice.
- October.....Lectures organized by Cultural Committee for Cultural Month. Talk by Prof. Levon Chookaszian and 2 talks by Prof. Abraham Terian.
.....Bazaar Workshops.
- November....Bazaar Workshops and 4-day Bazaar.
- December....Lecture organized by Cultural Committee. Talk by Prof. Abraham Terian - "The Life and Legacy of St. Nerses Shnorhali."

The Women's Guild monitored the Fellowship Hour after church services each Sunday. Our thanks to Gary Avedikian for brewing a pot of coffee when there were no volunteers.

Our Visiting Committee visited, called or sent cards and notes to the ill and elderly.

We thank the ladies who cleaned the altar and polished the brass during the year.

Our thanks to the Cultural Committee for organizing lectures during the year and for their efforts in arranging the performance by the New York Antranig Dance Ensemble. This function resulted in a nice profit for St. Mary's.

We also extend thanks to Mrs. Sake Dilanian and her group of ladies who prepared Mas - Mrs. Voski Akdemir, Mrs. Anna Bolek and Mrs. Noorhan Kaya.

We wish to thank Der Hayr and Yeretzgin for their guidance and assistance and are grateful for the cooperation of the Parish Council. We also thank all the parishioners who worked so dilligently to make the bazaar a success.

Co-Chairladies: Nadya Koseian
Seta Sivaslian

WOMEN'S GUILD 1992 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 1,130.00
Donations	3,080.00
Christmas Dinner	1,379.00
Antranig Dance Group	13,319.00
Lenten Food Festival	7,754.64
Lenten Luncheon	933.55
Vijag Luncheon	601.00
Easter Cheoreg	755.00
W.G. Luncheons	1,375.00
N.Y. City Trip	4,770.00
Sunday Coffee	1,566.02
Sales of Food	1,815.50
Interest	299.84
Misc	635.52
TOTAL	39,414.07

EXPENSES

Christmas Dinner	\$ 260.33
N.Y. City Trip	4,081.00
Antranig Dance Group	6,889.82
Lenten Food Festival	2,759.81
W.G. Central Council (delegats)	111.00
W.G. Central Council (Woman's Saint's Day)	300.00
Lenten Luncheon	53.95
Vijag Luncheon	298.55
W.G. Luncheons	669.86
Supplies and Equipments	3,316.43
WETA and American Red Cross	200.00
Lecturers	400.00
Misc. (postage, gifts,...)	868.80
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,219.77

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

Armenian School	1,000.00
Sunday School	500.00
Children of Armenia	1,000.00
Parish Council	15,100.00
Bazaar Com.	2,000.00

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 19,600.00

GRAND TOTAL 39,819.77

RECEIPTS	\$ 39,414.07
EXPENSES	<u>39,819.77</u>
NET LOSS	-405.70

Reconciliation

Balance 1/1/92	9,605.03	Dep. 1/14	994.50
		Savings	5,368.22
Net Loss	<u>-405.70</u>	Checking	<u>2,336.61</u>
	9,199.33		9,199.33

St. Mary's Shnorhali School Annual Report 1992/93
Sunday School

During the period of December - June 1992, the Sunday School sponsored charitable activities. Funds from the Lenten charity drive went to the children of Mankatun #2 in Yerevan, a home for mentally retarded and handicapped Armenian children. Sunday School students, parents and teachers donated \$40 to the American Cancer Society in memory of Mr. Moses Arkoian. In response to the new Sister Sunday School Program initiated by the Diocese, in April the Sunday School sent a letter to our Sister Sunday School in Armenia (14th Sunday School, in Stepanavan region), a greeting card signed by and a recent photograph taken of the students and teachers, and a \$50 donation to help buy our Sister Sunday School much needed supplies. The on-going collection of the canned foods for the poor continued until May, with several deliveries made to the distributing organization, Food for All Seasons.

Activities during the second half of 1991-92 included: the presentation by Der Hayr of a Children's Bible, a gift from the Sunday School, to three students during the Church services on February 2; the Friday evening Lenten Supper hosted by the Sunday School on April 10, with the students and their families enjoying a buffet supper, followed by Church services during which Der Hayr talked about the Acts of the Apostles; participation in the procession to the altar and memorial service commemorating the Armenian Genocide on April 26.

On June 7, the Graduation Ceremony was held for three Senior Class Sunday School students, Tiggy Guerigian, Saro Kalayjian and Ara Semerjian. Each student received a Diploma from the Diocese, a gift from the Sunday School, and an attendance pin. During the ceremony, each student's Baptismal Vows were renewed and each was anointed with Holy Myron by Der Hayr. Each student read a favorite Bible passage and commented on why the passage is important to him. Students and congregation were addressed by Der Hayr and the Senior Class teachers, Mrs. Anna Derderian and Mr. Dean Shahinian.

We thank the following for their donations to the Sunday School: Mrs. Rita Bush, \$100; the Jerrehian Foundation on behalf of Mrs. Rita Bush, \$100.

In September 1993, 86 students enrolled in the School for 1992-93. The regular teaching staff is: Ann Kavookian, Deborah Onanian, Rita Bush, Peggy Bedevian, Greg Murad, Anna Derderian and George Derderian. Respectively, the classes are nursery, pre-school/kindergarten, first/second/third grade, fourth and fifth grade, seventh and eighth grade, nine and tenth grade,

eleventh grade and post-graduates. Substitute teachers and teachers aids include: Linda Ekizian, Roxanne Schweitzer, Ida Guerigian, Charles Kumkumian, Elise Vartabedian, Ellen Mooradian and Ellen Bodurian. Dave Kevorkian lent his expertise as a substitute teacher for the ninth/tenth grade classes during his short stay in D.C. Ann Kavookian also serves as the School treasurer.

The school schedule is as follows: the Christian Education classes start at 10:00 and end at 11:15. A general assembly is held from 11:15 - 11:30 in the Church hall. On the third Sunday of each month, classes are held from 10:00 - 11:00 followed by the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

On September 13, the Shnorhali School of St. Mary's sponsored a registration and orientation day. The Sunday School classes were arranged and the students and teachers met for the first time. The enthusiasm and spirit of this opening day was shared by all.

The following week, several of the teachers met with Nancy Basmajian and Elise Antreassian of the Diocese Department of Religious Education. The meeting presented an overview to the evolving class curriculum, teaching techniques and troubleshooting for typical classroom problems. The DRE has recently reinstated a monthly teaching bulletin which is a valuable resource to the staff.

In October, our Church hall was filled with nearly 100 costumed, excited children at our annual Halloween party which featured games, food, goody bags (thanks to Miss Onanian and her college friends) and an all-around good time. We would like to thank everyone who participated in making this event a memorable success.

In November, we received an invitation to participate in a special Christmas drive sponsored by the DRE for the children of Armenia. Each family was asked to purchase and bag a select list of school items, candy and toys (estimated value of \$25). Each parish shipped their contributions to the DRE for onward shipment to Armenia. Our church sent 15 packages to New York and we received \$100 in donations in lieu of packages. With the DRE's approval, this money will be contributed to St. Mary's relief efforts for Armenia.

For Christmas Sunday, the Shnorhali School participated in a joyous Holiday pageant. Miss Onanian classes treated us with a charming Christmas story.

We thank the following for their donations to the Sunday School: Mrs. Rita Bush, \$100; the Jerrehian Foundation on behalf of Mrs. Rita Bush, \$100 and Mr. Paul Kashmanian, \$50.

The first part of this report relates to school activities from February - June 1992 as submitted by Mrs. Anna Derderian. On behalf of all the students, teachers and parents and myself, I would like to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Derderian for the dedication and devotion she exudes in minding the Christian education of our parish youth. She has given me guidance and assistance since I have accepted the responsibilities of being the new superintendent of the Sunday school and I am grateful.

I would like to thank Der Hayr, the dedicated teachers and support staff, parents and especially the students for their support and participation in this School - which is, in essence, our Church's primary obligation to the Christian education of our youth.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Ekizian
Superintendent, Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

1992

Balance Brought Forward 1-1-92 \$ 279.77

RECEIPTS:

Gifts - Mrs. Rita Bush	\$100.00	
- Jerrehian Foundation	100.00	
- Mr. Paul Kashmanian	50.00	
Sunday Collection	362.30	
Special Lenten Collection	100.45	
Bible Sold	11.00	
Books Sold	50.00	
Special Collection for Moses Arkoian	22.00	
Interest	1.73	
Advance from the Women's Guild	<u>500.00</u>	
		<u>1,297.48</u>
		\$1,577.25

DISBURSEMENTS:

Gifts, Postage, Books, Supplies	\$630.80	
To Diocese Special Lenten Collection	100.45	
To Diocese for Sister Sunday School		
Project	50.00	
Cancer Society in memory of Moses Arkoian	30.00	
Bibles bought	59.00	
Halloween Party	124.74	
Gift for Anna Derderian	<u>50.00</u>	
		<u>\$1,044.99</u>

Submitted by:

Ann H. Kavookian,
Treasurer

\$ 532.26

St. Mary's Shnorhali School Annual Report 1992
Armenian School

The winter semester for the school year 91-92 started with the annual christmas program during the Armenian christmas dinner held in January. Every year our annual Armenian christmas dinner is sponsored by the Ladies Guild and the program for the day is provided by the student body of the Armenian School.

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. Miss Kareen Sivaslian received her graduation diploma, having passed the required examination.

The teachers were Mrss. Nadia Koseyan, Takouhi Halajian, Seta Sivazlian and Mss. Susan Armen, Lily Hekimian and Debbie Onanian and Mr. Alfred Moosakhanian. Our substitute teachers were Mrss. Louisa Baghdasarian and Leda Zenian.

For the Fall semester we made some changes. In cooperation with the Sunday school, both schools were combined into one, the Shnorhali school of St. Mary's. We also dropped the tuition and the charges for the books and made Shnorhali school completely free to all the students. The school hours were revised to 10 AM to 1.45 PM on Sundays. The school starts in September and closed in early June. We have classes every sunday, except Easter. The classes start with religious teaching, followed by an assembly. After a fifteen minute break following the assembly, language and history instruction continue till closing time.

The armenian section of Shnorhali school as of September has eight classes divided in the following manner:

	number of students	Teacher
Kindergarten	7	Mrs. Asanet Hacikian
First grade	9	Miss Lily Hekimian
Second grade	12	Mrs. Ani Derderian
Third grade	8	Mrs. Zvart Bolat
Fourth grade A	8	Mr. Alfred Moosakhanian
Fourth grade B	5	Mrs. Nadia Koseyan
Fifth grade	4	Mrs. Louisa Baghdasarian
Graduates	3	Mr. Jerry Hekimian

Our substitute teachers are Mrss. Zarmine Everekian and Leda Zenian.

We have also organized a PTA, with an executive committee composed of Mrss. Louisa Baghdasarian, Leda Zenian, Suzan Ohanian and Suzan Mikaeloglu.

M. Jerry Hekimian, Superintendent

Jan. 7, 1993

ARMENIAN SCHOOL
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1992

Receipts for 1992

Tuition/PTA Dues	535.00
Books	297.00
Donations	2890.00
School Functions	150.00
Miscellaneous Interest	228.62
	4100.62

Expenditures for 1992

Teachers' Stipends	3720.00
School Supplies	1151.00
Miscellaneous	117.00
	4988.34

Net Loss	887.72
Balance at the end of 1991	5246.78
Balance at the end of 1992	4359.06

Checking Account	853.08
Savings Account	3505.98
Total Available	4359.06

Loan to Parish Council	3000.00
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Respectfully submitted
Ruffi Karahisar, Treasurer

SHNORHALI

During 1992, six issues of the Shnorhali were published.

The financial report for the period January 11, 1992 to January 10, 1993 is as follows:

Income

Parish Council.....	\$ 1,540.00
Donations and ads.....	1,970.00
Interest earned	4.20
Total	\$ 3,514.20
Balance forward from 1992.....	709.22
Total Assets	\$ 4,223.42

Expenses

<u>Shnorhali</u> printing.....	\$ 3,903.25
Service charges.....	15.00
Total expenses.....	\$ 3,918.25

Balance forward as of 1/10/93.. \$ 305.17

Part of the printing costs of two issues are not included above because they were paid directly by the Parish Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace J. Shahinian, Editor

A.C.Y.O.A. JRS. ANNUAL REPORT -1992

1992 was a very productive year. It started with an enjoyable ski trip on January 10-12 at Mr. Janigian's place. We all had a wonderful time.

The weekend of February 14th was the Sports Weekend in Fairlawn, N.J. It was a great experience for all thirteen of us who attended.

On Saturday, February 22nd, the traditional Paregentan Dance was hosted by both Junior and Senior A.C.Y.O.A. We invited the youth of Holy Cross Church. It was a very special event because, with the youth of both Armenian churches we had a wonderful time.

On March 6th the Juniors had a memorable day in staging an enactment of the Battle of Avarayr with the dramatic events that took place before and after the Battle. On the same day, the Armenian Tri-Color was ceremonially placed in the church hall.

The weekend of March 20th some of us attended a spiritually rewarding retreat in Philadelphia.

On April 12th, Palm Sunday, all members took an oath to better serve God and the community. A coffee fellowship hour followed.

On April 25th some of our members helped Mrs. J. Torokhanian in working on the church landscape. We thank her for all the hard work and the time she put in supervising us.

On Sunday, April 26th, we took part in the program for the commemoration of the Genocide by reciting and reading poems and essays and by placing flowers on a special memorial wreath.

On Wednesday, May 13th, we helped the Committee for Karabagh Prayer Rally, by making posters/signs for the occasion. Some of us were present at the rally on the May 14th on the steps of the Capital showing our concern for our brothers and sisters in Artzakh.

On May 22nd, Der Hayr and Yerezgin invited all A.C.Y.O.A. members and their parents for a dinner and had a discussion on participation and involvement in the religious and cultural affairs of the community. Parents expressed appreciation of the many sacrifices made by Der Hayr and Yerezgin for their children.

On June 20th, some of us had a great day of fun and adventure at Kings Dominion.

During the Summer months, four of our members attended St. Nersess Summer Studies Program. The experience was spiritually enriching. Lasting friendships were made with our peers from other churches. We thank the Parish Council for subsidizing the program. Summer activities included also attendance at St. Vartan Diocesan Summer Group and the A.G.B.U. Camp Nubar in Connecticut and New York respectively.

During the month of November Lilly Keshishian, Jack and George Guiragossian, and Ararat Janjigian helped the Women's Guild and the Parish Council with the church Bazaar.

On December 5th, we sponsored a pot luck dinner/Christmas Party in the church hall. It was a pleasure to host thirty-five Peace Corps volunteers who were on their way to Armenia to serve there for the next two years. They enjoyed our hospitality and received gifts from Santa (compliments of the Church Book Store). We were indeed honored very much by their presence.

On December 21st, some of us went caroling to a few Armenian families and a hospital. After the caroling, we got together at Lilly Keshishian's home to wish her a speedy recovery from a recent accident. We thank God that her life was spared.

On both Christmas Eves: December 24 and January 5, some of our members actively participated in the services reading the responsive prayers, bible passages. We are very proud of Jack and George Guiragossian, two of our active members, who serve at the altar almost every Sunday.

In conclusion, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Yeretzgin for helping and guiding us in all our activities, for the long hours in organizing and patiently seeing them through. Our thanks to Der Hayr for his leadership and support. We thank Miss Beth Ann Tutunjian our advisor for showing her concern. Last but not least to all our members, the Executive Committee, our parents who participated in our various activities.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

The Executive Committee

1992 Financial Statement
ACYOA Seniors of St. Mary's Church

INCOME	
• Donations for Gregory Arpejian Hokihankist	\$ 189.75
Parigentan Dance Revenues	<u>1,099.50</u>
Total Income	\$ 1,289.25
EXPENSES	
Donation to Gregory Arpejian Fund	200.00
Parigentan Dance	
Food & Drinks	196.60
D.J.	250.00
Postage & Flyers	141.75
Decorations	82.72
Registration for Archbishops Tournament	250.00
Chapter Chairmen's Meeting in N.Y.	244.55
Christmas Party	222.43
Funds returned to Parish Council	1,000.00
Payments for 1991 Expenses	36.00
Total Expenses	<u>2,624.05</u>
Net Income	1,334.80
Balance 1991	1,732.57
Balance 1992	397.77

Choir Annual Report

St. Mary's Armenian Church Choir

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

Re: Choir Annual Report - 1992

Twice each year, the choir asks for donations through a plate collection. We would like to thank the parish for this years generous donations as well as several generous ad hoc donations. This year, we made donations for choir robes for Armenia.

Mark Krikorian and Queenie Avedikian officially represented St. Mary's at this years annual choir assembly.

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.

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

THE THREE "M" ADULT FELLOWSHIP REPORT
1992

Although in its first year of existence, the Three "M" group had a very interesting and fruitful year. We presented a variety of activities to the community through its Religious, Arts and Music, Health Sciences, Dance, Social and Fund Raising Committees.

During the months of January-February, The Executive Committee along with the representatives of Standing Committees, worked very hard and formulated the By laws of the organization and received the confirmation of the Parish Council.

On Sat., May 30th, The Religious Education Committee headed by Yeretzgin and M/M George Derderian, sponsored its first "In House Retreat", to increase the sensitivity and participation of parishioners in the spiritual welfare of the Parish. Special thanks to Der Hayr for developing and co-ordinating the event.

On Fri. March 27th, the same Committee hosted the Lenten Friday Evening Service. Der Hayr gave a slide presentation and commentary on the Holy Badarak.

The Arts and Music Committee, headed by Mrs. Arpie Sahr, took a very active part in the commemoration of the Genocide, over the weekend of April 24-26 by presenting a Multi-Media Art Exhibit. We owe the enormous success of this project to only one person-Arpie-who very meticulously and conscientiously planned and executed this huge project which was received with great interest and appreciation. It should also be said that the exhibition realized financial profit. Very special thanks to her.

The Dance Committee, under the direction of Mrs. Deda Gelenian, organized a dance group. They had a delightful performance at the American University, on the occasion of the school's International Fair on April 8th. We appreciate all the hard work and the precious time that was devoted by her. The Dance Committee also had the pleasure of sponsoring the performance of an Armenian, Dance Troupe called SYNTHES from Armenia, invited to the U.S. by the International YMCA. Dinner was served and the performers were showered with gifts.

The Health Sciences Committee chaired by Mrs. Mary Louise Hunt, arranged for the Three "M" members to participate in a CPR training course. Nine members took advantage of the opportunity and were very appreciative of the invaluable experience they had gained.

The Social committee, Leded by Mrs. Ani Keshishian and Mrs. Susan Ohanian, organized a Hawaian Night on Sat., Oct. 3, At the Aloha Inn in Gaithersburg. Over a hundred people attended and had a very enjoyable time.

Throughout the year, almost once a month (except the Summer Months) the Three "M" Group had pot-luck dinner-socials with a variety of games, tournaments, competitions etc. Speakers and performers were invited occasionally to enrich these events. These gatherings were enjoyed by everyone tremendously.

The fund Raising Committee, headed by Yeretzgin and Jack Dilanian, ventured on a huge task of running a "Half and Half" raffle.. The objective was to raise \$20,000 for the church. Disappointingly, only half the targeted number of tickets were sold. Nevertheless, we are proud to inform that the project raised \$14,000 to help the church financially. Yeretzgin's role in this effort cannot be minimized and we owe her a big thank you. Our thanks go also to all who participated and purchased the tickets.

We would like to thank Mrs. Mary Louise Hunt who despite being a mother of a toddler and expecting another, was very helpful with her advice, support and constant involvement. We also had the understanding support of her husband Gary who helped prepare our flyers. Their continuous interest helped keep this broad-based and multi-faceted organization focused and we were able to set a pattern of activities that will be a challenge to live up to for the years to come.

In conclusion, we need to be reminded that the Three "M" Adult Fellowship has come to fill a void that existed in our parish life. All who come under the categories of "Mr.", "Mrs." and "Ms", heretofore will find an excellent opportunity to develop and maintain a wholesome fellowship and strengthen the one, big family atmosphere which the church is meant to be.

Respectfully Submitted
The Executive Committee

THREE "M" ADULT FELLOWSHIP

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1992

Receipts

Dues	\$ 607.00	
Art Show Sales	3,290.00	
Dance Group From Russia	812.00	
Hawaiian "Key" Night	2,800.00	
Raffle	18,190.00	
Coffee Income of Religious Retreat		\$25,787.00

Expenses

Art Show	\$ 2,760.00	
Armenian Dance Group From Russia	394.00	
Hawaiian Fun Night	1,891.00	
Raffle Winners	5,750.00	
	+500.00	
Three "M" Mailing	650.00	
Donation to Parish Council	10,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	200.00	
		<u>\$22,145.50</u>
Balance		3,641.50

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St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church

4125 FESSENDEN STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20016

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January 20, 1993

REV. VERTANES KALAYJIAN, PASTOR
TELEPHONE: (202) 363-1923

INVITATION TO THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

Dear Parishioners:

You are invited to attend the Annual Parish Assembly which will be held in two sessions.

The dates and the Agendas for these sessions are attached to this invitation.

Other items of business or proposals must be submitted to the Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Stephen Ohanian, in writing, prior to the meeting.

We will be grateful if you call the church office at (202) 363-1923 to inform us if you intend to attend these two sessions.

It is a privilege to be part of the decision-making process. This is your church, if you do not participate, who will? And, if not now, when?

Let us hear from you.

Pastor and Parish Council

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Սիրելի ծխականներ,

Այսու կը իրաւիրենք ձեզ մասնակցելու Տարեկան ծխական Անդամական Ժողովին որ տեղի պիտի ունենայ ԵՐԿՈՒ ՆՍՏԱՇՐՋԱՆՈՎ:

Այս նստաշրջաններու թուականը եւ օրակարգը կցուած է այս իրաւերին:

Նոր իարցեր եւ առաջարկներ պէտք է ժողովէն առաջ եւ գրաւոր կերպով յանձնուին ծխական Խորհուրդի Ատենապետ՝ Տիար Ստեփան Օհանեանին:

Շնորհակալ կ'ըլլանք եթէ նախօրօք իեռածայնէք եկեղեցւոյս գրասենեակը՝ առաւօտները 9:00 - 12:00, տեղեկացնելու իամար որ ներկայ պիտի ըլլաք այս ԵՐԿՈՒ ՆՍՏԱՇՐՋԱՆՆԵՐՈՒՆ:

Ժողովին եւ առնուելիք որոշումներուն մասնակցիլը մեր բոլորին պարտականութիւնն է: Եկեղեցւոյս գործը մեր բոլորին գործն է: Եթէ ոչ մենք, իսպա ո՞վ, եւ եթէ ոչ այս առիթով, իսպա ե՞րբ մեր ձայնը եւ կարծիքները լսելի պիտի ընենք:

Կը սպասենք լսել ձեզմէ:

Հոգեւոր Հովի եւ ծխական Խորհուրդ



PROPOSAL (1)

RESOLVED that the Parish Assembly should approve the expenditure of \$20,000 with respect to preparing the working drawings of a renovation of the front of the church. Approximately \$15,000 will be devoted to the initial drawings to be prepared by an architect and an additional \$5,000 would be allocated for any contingencies related to the initial planning.

Explanation

The Church is considering a major renovation of the existing premises. The initial working drawings would be used as a basis for beginning the first stage of this renovation which would consist of a renovation of the front of the church. It is the sense of the Parish Council that the front of the church urgently needs renovation to accommodate the entry of funeral parties and to repair disintegrating materials. Renovations of other parts of the church would follow in later phases. At this time, the Parish Assembly is only being asked to approve the initial expenditure to prepare working plans. Future expenditures to begin renovating the front of the church or to initiate later phases of the project would be submitted to the Parish Assembly for its approval.

PROPOSAL (2)

Whereas, the church struggles with ways to attract and retain young people, both men and women.

Whereas, the spirit of the Armenian Church is only as strong as its people, both men and women.

In order to strengthen the leadership role of women in their spiritual communities and increase the involvement of women in the leadership positions both on Parish and Diocesan level, we propose the following:

a. We propose that the Diocesan Council develop a survey to be conducted in each diocesan parish, to assess the needs of all Armenian women. Based on the results of the survey, programs be developed for the fulfillment of their spiritual needs.

b. We propose that the Primate take direct action for the ordination of women as Deacons, stolebearers and Acolytes.

c. We propose that the Primate and the Diocesan Council take the necessary action to involve women in the Diocesan leadership positions and encourage actively to have women represented on the Diocesan Council.

PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL REPORT
CALENDAR YEAR 1992

BUDGET REPORT

1/1/92 through 12/31/92

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	1992 Actual	1992 Budget	Proposed 1993 Budget
INCOME/EXPENSE			
INCOME			
3M Activities	10000.00	0.00	5000.00
Avak Society	1000.00	0.00	1000.00
Bazaar**	8324.11	13000.00	9000.00
Book Store	2000.00	1500.00	2000.04
Building Fund	5400.00	0.00	0.00
Candlelighting	3405.00	4000.00	3999.96
Candles	5149.87	5000.00	5000.04
Charitable	300.00	0.00	3999.96
Cultural Social*	6724.00	3000.00	5000.04
Donations	15414.37	5000.00	15000.00
Flowers	57.33	1000.00	600.00
Hall & Parking	4895.00	6065.00	5000.04
Hokehankist	6495.00	4000.00	6999.96
Interest	744.10	2600.00	999.96
Karabagh Fund	1017.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellan.	699.02	0.00	0.00
Picnic*	4744.50	4400.00	4400.00
Plat	4668.46	7000.00	6000.00
Pledges-Dues	53408.85	57000.00	57000.00
Reinbursement	2501.99	0.00	0.00
Rug Sale	5077.00	8300.00	6000.00
Sacrements	4662.50	5000.00	5000.04
Trans. of Fund	14970.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer	622.80	0.00	0.00
Womens Guild**	10000.00	10000.00	10000.00
Youth Advisor	4344.00	5500.00	6000.00
Yughakin	5924.00	6800.00	6999.96
Total Income	182548.90	149165.00	165000.00

EXPENSES

Bank.Chr.&Exp.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bazaar Exp.	3000.00	0.00	0.00
Bldg.Eg.Maint.	4627.51	3600.00	8000.04
Charitable Donatior	1755.00	0.00	3999.96
Choir/Organist	5715.00	5720.00	6000.00
Church Ins.	3759.00	4000.00	4000.00
Cleaning	6775.00	5200.00	6999.96
Dioc. Dues	7600.00	16000.00	18000.00
Guest Priest	2059.00	500.00	1000.00
Insurance&IRA	12446.74	12000.00	16000.00
Karabagh	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mis.Exp.	668.70	0.00	549.96
Off&Mail	8780.03	3000.00	12999.96
P.C.Activities	5381.53	0.00	6000.00
Parish Telephone	1272.24	1900.00	1300.00
Parish Utilit.	3099.96	3000.00	3100.00
Petty Cash	1000.00	0.00	0.00
Reimburs. Trans	2701.37	0.00	0.00
Secretarial	9005.14	17000.00	14000.04
Shnorhali	2177.00	4000.00	997.56
Stipend	39114.50	37030.00	39900.00
Supplies	397.46	0.00	0.00
Telephone	2210.64	5200.00	3999.96
Transfer Fund	14970.00	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00	750.00
Water.Gas.Electric	13633.39	11000.00	16102.60
Youth Act.	628.33	6500.00	1299.96
Total Expenses	152777.54	135650.00	165000.00

* P.C. Activities

** Church Organizations

RESTRICTED FUNDS

CHARITABLE (GEN.)	3,563.39
BIBLES FOR ARM.	291.00
CHOIR MEM.	500.00
KIRAZIAN ESTATE	1,000.00
YOUTH ADVISOR	10,000.00
GENERAL FUND	\$ 15,354.00

