

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

FEBRUARY DUSCINULO SUNDAY 26, 1995

ANNUAL REPORT

St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church 4125 Fessenden Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016

February 11, 1995

Invitation to the Parish Assembly

Dear Parishioners:

You are invited to attend the Annual Parish Assembly to be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, February 26, 1995, beginning at 12 noon.

We shall consider the items set forth in the Agenda as appears below. Other items of business or proposals must be submitted to the Parish. Council Chairman, Brig. Gen. Albert Kaehn, Jr. in writing prior to the meeting.

Church services will begin at 10:00 am on February 26 and terminate at approximately 11:30 am.

A combination of light luncheon and refreshments will be served, and the meeting will begin at 12 noon sharp. Please be prompt.

We will be grateful if you will call the church office at 202-363-1923 for luncheon reservations. R.S.V.P. Please call between the hours of 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

It is a privelidge to be part of the decision-making process. This is your church; if you do not participate, who will? And, if not on February 26, when?

So, we look forward to seeing you on February 26, 1995.

Pastor and Parish Council

Agenda for Annual Parish Assembly

- 1. Opening and Memorial Prayer
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Election of Assembly Tivan
- 4. Minutes of 1994 Assemblies
- 5. Nominating Committee Report
- 6. Reports:
 - a. Pastor
 - b. Parish Council
 - c. Diocesan Delegates
- 7. Election of Parish Council. Auditing and Nominating Committee members
- 8. Treasurer's Report and proposed Budget for 1995
- 9. Reports (continued):
 - d. Finance Committee
 - e. Women's Guild Choir
 - f. Shnorhali School
 - g. ACYOA Jrs. and Three M of St. Mary
 - h. Ararat Avak Society
 - i. Bookstore Library Shnorhali
 - j. Armenian Church Endowment Fund Parish Committees
- 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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Φետր. 11, 1995

Սիրելի ծխականներ,

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- 2. ԱՆԴԱՄՆԵՐՈՒ ՍՏՈՒԳՈՒՄ
- 3. ԴիրԱՆԻ ԸՆՏՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ
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Sample Ballot - 1995

St. Mary's Annual Parish Assembly - February 26, 1995

Parish Assembly Chairman

Elect one

1. David Zenian

Parish Council Members

Elect Five -5

- 1. Ara Avedisian
- 2. Garabed Grehian
- 3. Arto Hovhannessian
- 4. Paul Murad
- 5. Evelyn Vartabedian
- 6. Greg Murad (one year term)

Auditing Committee

Elect One

- 1. Harry Derderian
- 2. John Kavookian

Parish Assembly Secretary

Elect one

1. Linda Ekizian

Nominating Committee

Elect Three - 3

- 1. Rita Bush
- 2. Siran Levonian
- 3. Janel Moosakhanian

Finance Committee

Elect One

1. Souny Kodjanian

1994 Parish Council

Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian

- * Brig. Gen Albert Kachn, Jr.
- * Mr. Onnik Sivaslian
- * Lt. Beth Ann Tutunjian Mr. Vruir Aghamalian

Pastor-President

Chairman - Secretary

Vice Chairman

Treasurer

Assist Treas.

Members:

Mr. David Andonian, * Mr. Garabed Grehian,

Mr. Vartkes Keshishian, and * Mr. Hagop Shafakian

Diocesan Delegates:

Dr. Edward Onanian

Dean Shahinian, Esq.

Lucy Murad, Alternate

* The terms expire.

Note:

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

OF

PARISH ASSEMBLY OF

ST. MARY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 20, 1994

The Parish Assembly was called to order at 12:45 p.m. on February 20, 1994. The meeting was opened with a prayer. The reading of the role revealed that 66 out of 250 dues paying members were present, enough to constitute a quorum. Charles Kumkumian and David Sahr were nominated to serve respectively as Chairman and Secretary of the Assembly. The Assembly approved their selection by secret ballot.

1. Minutes of 1993 Assembly

The minutes of the 1993 assemblies dated February 6, 1993 and March 20, 1993 were approved without comment.

2. Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee presented the list of nominees for Parish Council, Auditing Committee, Nominating Committee and Finance Committee as set forth in the Annual Report to the Parish Assembly. A motion was made to close the nominations, the motion was seconded, and the nominations were closed. The Nominating Committee prepared and distributed the ballots.

3. Pastor's Report

Der Hayr highlighted the main points of his report contained in the Annual Report. He discussed the need to assist immigrants from Armenian and the important role that St. Mary's plays in the Nation's Capitol to represent the Armenian Church to visitors from the Armenia Republic. He discussed the upcoming dance and lecture series and encouraged parishioners to attend these activities. He thanked Yeretzgin for her assistance with his duties. In the question and answer period, there were discussions concerning ways to improve attendance at the various activities sponsored by the Parish and on increasing membership and involvement in the Church.

4. Parish Council Report

Parish Council Chairman Stephen Ohanian summarized the report of the Parish Council. He thanked each Parish Council member and Der Hayr for their work over the previous year. Der Hayr expressed his gratitude for Mr. Ohanian's service as Chairman over the last two years. With respect to unfinished business, Mr. Ohanian reported that the report of the Renovation Committee was still in preparation and that a special Parish Assembly meeting would be held in the near future to discuss renovation of the Church.

5. Diocesan Delegate's Report

Dean Shahinian presented the Diocesan Delegate's Report including an update on the unity discussions between the two Armenian Churches in the United States. He reported that the next Diocesan Assembly would take place end of April in Houston, Texas and that the primary topics on the agenda would be unity, election of the primate and the budget. During the discussion period, parishioners discussed the prospects for achieving unity and the procedures followed by the Diocese in raising funds for Armenia. One parishioner asked what was being done to increase the number of clergy so each parish would have its own clergy. Mr. Shahinian indicated seven to eight students were currently at St. Nerses seminary and that the church is continuing to try to attract people to serve in the parishes. Because of concerns expressed that the unity discussions were not proceeding successfully, it was agreed that St. Mary's should consider preparing a statement of its position on the unity issue. Der Hayr said he would follow up on this matter. A motion was made to accept the Pastor's, Parish Council's and Diocesan Delegate's Report, and they were unanimously accepted.

6. ACYOA Junior's Report

George Guiragossian presented the ACYOA Junior's Annual Report. In addition to numerous activities over the last year, he reported that ACYOA had donated \$1,500 to children in Armenian, \$150 to the homeless in the District of Columbia and had transferred \$3,000 to the Parish Council. He gave special thanks to Yeretzgin and Der Hayr.

7. Treasurer's Report and Budget

Beth Tuntunjian and Hagop Safak presented the Treasurer's Report and the proposed budget. In response to a question as to why it appeared that the Diocesan dues would be less in 1994 than in 1993, Beth Tuntunjian explained that in 1993 the payment had also included a \$10,000 payment due in 1992. The budget for the Shnorhali was also discussed and the present system of donations. Beth Tuntunjian reported that all major bills had been paid including the Diocesan dues and that the Bazaar for 1993 was incorporated in the Treasurer's Report. Ed Onanian raised a question about the fairly high level of expenditures devoted to utilities in the proposed budget. It was agreed that the Parish Council should review the Church's use of utilities to ensure that utilities are being used effectively. George Derderian requested clarification as to how the Parish Council plans to use monies in the charitable fund. He distributed a copy of the charter of the charitable fund to remind members of the Assembly as to its original purposes. The Parish Council was tasked with the duty of reviewing use of monies in that account. Hratch Semerjian pointed out that the charitable and the other restricted funds should not be used to balance the budget and suggested that further improvement should be made to keep better track of restricted funds. He noted that the Treasurer's Report was improved from past years and that the finances of the Church were now being kept on the computer. Arto Hovanessian questioned the telephone bill of \$3,068, suggesting it was too high. Der Hayr reported that the downstairs telephone has been cut off from long distance service as a step to ensure unofficial calls are not billed to the Church.

Lucy Murad gave a brief report on Winter Rescue. \$17,000 had been spent last year in sending aid to Armenian. Another \$21,000 was returned to the Church because additional shipments could not get through. The Church has forwarded the \$21,000 to the Diocese. Currently, Winter Rescue has \$4,500 in seed money for future fund-raising. The total expenses for last years' efforts were \$2,600. A motion was made to adopt the Treasurer's Report and 1994 Budget. They were approved unanimously.

8. Finance Committee Report

Ed Onanian gave the Finance Committee Report and discussed the establishment of a long term investment fund. The Committee's plan is to place \$5,000 monthly in a Fidelity mutual fund up to a total of \$50,000 at which stage the investment would be reevaluated. The intention is to generate enough income over the next decade to cover half of the expenses of the Parish. He also reported that the current mortgage on the Parish house has a \$30,000 balance and an 8.75 interest rate with 13 years remaining. The Committee reviewed but decided not to refinance the property.

9. Women's Guild

Lucy Murad reviewed the activities and current events of the Women's Guild. The Women's Guild is seeking to formalize a Visiting Committee consisting of members who could visit older members of the Women's Guild.

10. Choir Report

Arto Hovanessian gave the choir report. The choir is trying to take over from the Parish Council the obligation of paying the organist. He is also trying to put together a junior choir. Queenie Avedikian complimented Mr. Hovanessian on expanding the membership of the choir.

11. Shnorhali School

Linda Ekizian provided the report. Der Hayr stated the eventual purpose is to integrate the Sunday school and the Armenian school. On behalf of the Armenian language school, Raffi KARAHISAR expressed his appreciation for contributions by the members of the church.

12. THREE M ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Kenneth Kalunian summarized the report of the 3M Group.

13. Other Reports

Brief reports were given for AVAK, the Bookstore, the Library and the ACEF.

14. Audit Committee Report

Hratch Semerjian reported on the audit of the Parish Council, the Women's Guild, the Finance Committee, the Shnorhali, the 3M and other groups. He reported there had been improvement from last year's audit, but room remains for further improvement. The use of the computer has been very helpful. He recommended that the Parish Council handle the expenses for the Shnorhali. The

other organizations continue to provide material to the Audit Committee which is not ready for auditing. Some of the organizations engage in cash transactions, i.e., they collect cash for certain items and then pay out cash without keeping any record of the receipt or payment. He emphasized the importance of getting receipts, writing checks and not paying cash. He said the Bazaar and rug sale was the best run in many years, and he gave special praise of Al Kaeh n for handling the Bazaar and the rug sale and for Beth Tuntunjian in improving the Parish Council accounts.

15. Election_Results

The election results for the Parish Council, the Auditing Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Finance Committee are set forth below:

<u>Parish</u>		Nominating	المناها الولاي المتفارطات الدرام ومستسب فالمساد
Vrouyr Aghmalian	51	Linda Ekizian	38
Knarig Movsesian	50	Meline Kaehn	37
David Andonian	49	Queenie Avedikian	36
Vartkes Kesishian	47	Zivart Bolat	35 (Alternate)
Garabad Grehian	37 (Alternate)	Janel Moosakhanian	32 (Alternate)
Auditing		Finance	
Edward Onanian	49	Lucy Murad	33
John Kavookian	11 (Alternate)	Eliz Vartabedian	26 (Alternate)

16. Old Business

Under old business Der Hayr reported that there would be a meeting soon on the renovation project report.

New Business

Dean Shahinian presented his proposal (copy attached) to be submitted to the 1994 Diocesan Assembly requesting the Diocese to publish a book in English and in Armenian on the Armenian Church's teachings on moral issues. There was extended discussion concerning the proposal. Ed Onanian proposed an amendment to the "rationale" for the proposal as follows:

> Such a book would not necessarily provide 'yes' and 'no' answers but would inform our members of Church teachings relevant to these issues.

In addition, he proposed that the third sentence of the first paragraph of the rationale be deleted.

Dean Shahinian accepted this amendment, and the proposal passed 18-6.

18. Closing of Meeting

Der Hayr closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor

Vertanes Kalayjian Dr. Charles Kumkumian David R. Sahr

Chairman

Secretary

Proposal to be Submitted to the 1994 Diocesan Assembly by St. Mary's Armenian Church, Washington, DC

PROPOSAL: The Diocesan Assembly directs the Diocese to publish a book in English and in Armenian on the Armenian Church's teachings on moral issues. The Assembly expects that this book will be published in whole by, or such parts as are completed distributed to the Diocesan Delegates at, the next Assembly.

Rationale: Armenians face moral choices in their professional, family and personal lives. A book of Christian teachings on such choices would be useful to Armenians. If the Church fails to offer moral guidance, Armenians making choices may either make bad choices or go to other churches or philosophies that offer moral guidance.

Publication of such a book would restore confidence, particularly among the young, that the Church is aware of and concerned about morality.

A book on the Church's teachings on moral issues would be of interest to many people, both lay and clergy. The Diocese has demonstrated the capability to publish books on a number of other subjects.

It is important to note that, in 1986, the Diocesan Assembly passed a similar motion. However, in the intervening eight years, such a book has not been published.

Pastor's Report 1994

At the conclusion of the year 1994, I completed the eighteenth 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

	1991	1992	1993	1994
Baptisms	17	20	12	22
Weddings	10	7	9	7
Funerals	7	6	5	10
Engagements	5	3	2	2
Confirmations	2	-	-	-

B. SOCIAL SERVICES, PASTORAL ACTIVITIES & GUEST CLERGY

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

- 1. Christmas Candlelight Service. On December 24, in honor of the Western Christmas celebration, we held a candlelight service. The spiritual message was delivered by Miss Nairy Ohanian. The participation of the young adults and violinists under the direction of 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 sixteenth 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 homes; personal, premarital 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.

C. OFFICE ACTIVITIES

- 4. Church Office. During the year we had the services of a part-time secretary. Office hours were 9:00 AM 2:00 PM. 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 seven times, totaling over 300 pages (8.5 x 7) 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 700 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.

D. DIOCESAN AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- <u>6. Annual Diocesan Assembly.</u> In May, I attended The Diocesan Clergy Conference and Annual Assembly held in Houston, TX. Please read the details in the Diocesan Delegates' report. Prior to the General Assembly the Clergy Annual Conference was held at the same location. I was again elected as the chairman of the Conference. As a Diocesan Council member I attended the monthly regular meetings.
- <u>7. HAVAD.</u> We continued to work on the Committee for the Propagation of the Faith of the Armenian Church (the Armenian acronym is HAVAD), I as the Vice-Chairman and Yeretzgin as the Secretary. Yeretzgin participated in an evangelical mission in July and I had the opportunity to continue the activities of Children's Christian education-oriented camps in Armenian in July-Aug. for three weeks, using my vacation time.
- 8. Visiting Clergy. We welcomed among us the following: Rt. Rev. Abp. Mesrob Mutafian from Istanbul, Turkey; Rt. Rev. Bp. Barkev Mardirossian, Diocesan Primate of Artzakh (Karabagh); Very Rev. Abraham Dz. Vartabed Mkrtchian, Diocesan Primate of Siunik, Armenia; who visited us with special missions. We assisted them all to accomplish their various missions. In my absence we also had Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian, Rev. Arnak Kasparian and Very Rev. Mesrob Dz. Vartabed Semerjian who celebrated Badarak, delivered sermon and administered Sacraments.
- 9. Armenian Evangelical Association. For a number of years now, we have welcomed the Armenian Evangelical Association's use to 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.

E. ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ARMENIA

Being in the Nation's Capital our community is in a special position to do a little more than other parishes.

- -We continue to host a regular stream of official delegations from Armenia, with receptions and by providing transportation and escort assistance.
- We have welcomed artists, performers and have provided them with our hospitality.
- A number of visitors as well as those who have settled in this area have received medical, dental and other necessary care. We thank our medical and dental doctors in the area for their gracious and generous help.

We continue to:

- -Support the mission of HAVAD
- -Support the Diocesan Fund for Armenian's Recovery (FAR)
- -Support the Orphan's Fund
- -Support the "ARMENIA FUND"
- -Support the Diocesan sponsored Sister Sunday School "School Bag" program.
- -Act as conduit to help those who have relatives in Armenia.
- -Support the Washington based Armenian-American Health Assoc.
- -Support the Armenian Embassy here in Washington. We celebrated the Third Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia.

There is a new reality which must not escape our attention and care. In addition, to all the previous "Tzees" (=Kharpertzees, Malatyatzees, Arabgirtzees, Beirut-tzees, Bolsetzees, etc.) now we have the Hayasdantzees. We can't compete with California with numbers but we can compete by being hospitable and helpful.

I would like to inform you (some of you already know) that recently we had a delightful evening with our Hayasdantzee compatriots. Yeretzgin and I hosted an evening with over 80 invitations extended. Around 70 responded and enjoyed good food, fellowship, music & dance. At the end, for 45 minutes. I presented slides of Badarak and commentary. I do encourage social interaction among our various groups. We should not remain fragmented and alien to each other.

Last but not the least we should also be politically active in support of Armenia and Artzakh. I assure you I am not asking anything that you already are not doing...except we should do it consistently and vigorously - by letters, phone calls, telegrams, faxes etc.- to our Senators, Representatives and to the President of the U.S. to bring peace to the region.

F. ORGANIZATIONAL

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

- 10. 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. It was a productive year and the Parish Council members should be commended for their harmonious and dedicated services with a capable leadership provided by Brig. Gen. Albert Kaehn.
- 11. 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. 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.

G. EDUCATIONAL, CHARITABLE AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- 12. I regret to report that there was none to benefit from the educational experience provided by the St. Vartan Summer Study Conference and St. Vartan Camp this year. 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.
- 13. 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.

- 14. 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 report on this program. We started also to have "Instructed Divine Liturgy," a program where the congregation is given explanations on the Holy Badarak to enhance understanding, appreciation and participation.
- 15. St. Mary's 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 helping to re-locate Armenians from Armenia.
- 16. Bookstore. We thank Mr. Gary Avedikian, who maintained the operation of this vital service of St. Mary for at least as long as I have been at St. Mary's. In fact he and Queenie are to be credited for what we have to day. . . an exemplary bookstore. The torch has been passed on to Mr. Rostam "Armik" Khatchaturian. We thank him for taking this responsibility and wish him and his family the best.
- 17. St. Mary's Balian Library. Our thanks to Ms. Elizabeth Kayaian Garabedian, who continued her task with concern and dedication. Soon the library will change location by moving into the old bookstore, thus making it more visible and accessible.

H. Misc. Cultural Educational and Social Activities.

- 18. Church Anniversary. We have celebrated our communities 59th Anniversary with a memorial candle lighting and appreciation of the women's Guild dedicated services. The following received the "Pastor's Recognition Award": Mrs. Makrouhi Garabedian, Mrs. Anoush Manouelian, Mrs. Jean Sayian, Dean Shahinian, Esq. and Mr. Nubar Ayrendjian as the "Volunteer of the Year." 1995 marks the 60th Anniversary of the beginnings of our church. It is an occasion for a festive celebration. I suggest we select a special "60th Anniversary Celebration Committee" to mark the occasion properly.
- 19. Armenian Memorial Weekend. (April 24) Art Exhibit and Memorial Services with Madagh was held with area artists and our church youth participating.
- 20. Two high caliber <u>cultural events</u> were held: Jivan Gasparian, Doudouk and Babakhanian, Piano. Organized by the Cultural Committee of the Women's Guild under the chairmanship of Mrs. Leda Zenian.
- 21. Young performing artists were hosted at the church, creating a "cultural feast" for those who attend. It was organized by Yeretzgin.
- 22. The Walter's Art Gallery Exhibition "Treasures in Heaven: Armenian Illuminated Manuscripts" was the cultural highlight of the year. I was given the honor of being one of the honorary co-sponsors of the exhibition and encouraged community support and participation.
- 23. The New Year's Eve celebration with the whole Metropolitan Wash.- Balt. community supporting and participating was another milestone creating goodwill and fellowship. We thank our chairman and vice chairman Brig. Gen. Al. Kaehn and Mr. Onnik Sivaslian who co-chaired the event on behalf of St. Mary's.
- <u>24. Nursery Room.</u> The Nursery room is now a reality and is in operation thanks to the initiative and follow up by Mrs. Amelie Krikorian and her great support Mr. Mark Krikorian. We thank David and Leda Zenian for generously donating the cost of the conversion and the equipment of the room. There were other parishioners also supporting the effort and we thank them all.
- 25. I helped organize and launch the <u>ARAMAC</u> (Armenian American Action Committee) which is intended to be a grass roots organization intended to mobilize public response to media distortions as well as to encourage the Armenian community response in defense of our community's ethnic, religious and political interests. I am no longer directly involved in its organizational activities. Dr. John Balian and a handful of co-workers deserve to be commended for continuing the mission.

- 26. Yeretzgin and I launched another mini-program for the ACYOA Jrs. which is called <u>"Merit Awards for Armenian Religious & Cultural Education."</u> Through this program our youth will be exposed to the parish life practically in all it's endeavors and receive spiritual and cultural education as well. We thank Dean Shahinian, Esq. and Mr. Vartan Vartanian who graciously accepted to teach approximately 30 of our youth on Sundays alternating eah other.
- 27. Weekly Bible Studies are now on a regular part of our activities. On Fridays from 7-8 we meet to study the scriptures and to pray. We thank Dr. Gregory Kumkumian who spearheaded the effort and to a number of young adult parishioners who take turns in leading these studies. It is open to all, and we welcome all.

An "in house retreat" was held with "Do You Believe?" as the theme. It was attended by our young adults and adults. We urge everyone to be more responsive to such spiritually enriching activities.

29. An evening of brainstorming with our young adults (the ACYOA Sr. age group) was held to explore the ways and the means of improving participation in and development of programs to enhance social, cultural and spiritual life of the young adults in the community.

This, I consider the greatest challenge facing us all. I need and welcome any and all constructive help.

I. Acknowledgements

- <u>30. Altar Care.</u> The list of the ladies helping to give the altar area the necessary care has remained strong. I thank all who made and donated MAS, repaired and made altar covers and vestments. 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.
- 31. 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 organizations who, one and all, helped to make 1995 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/ 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 services along with the choir members 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.

Praverfully.

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor

1994-ի վերջին կ`ամբողջանայ հովուուական ծառայուԹեանս 18-րդ տարին։ Հետեւեալը ծխական աշխատանքներուս ընդհանուր եւ ամփոփ տեղեկազիրն է զոր կը ներկայացնեմ Տիրոջ եւ ձեզի։

- Տարուան մէջ տեղի ունեցած են 22 Մկրտութիւն, 7 Պսակ, 10 Թաղում եւ 2 նըշանտուք։ Անցեալ տարիներու Տետ բաղդատութիւնը տեսնել Անգլ բաժնի մէջ։
- Կիրակնօրեայ կանոնաւոր պաշտամունքներու կարզին տեղի ունեցան մասնաւոր արա– րողութիւններ եւ պաշտամունք ըստ կարզի եւ պահանջքի որոնցմէ են Քրիսմըսի առ– Թիւ եւ ծնունղի առթիւ Պոլթիմորի մէջ կատարուածները։
- ծխական աշխատանքները տեղի ունեցան զլխաւորաբար հնտեւեալ մարզերու մէջ.-Հիւանդանոց եւ ձերանոց այցելութիւն, անձնական եւ ընտանեկան խորհրդատըւու-Թիւն, աշխատանք եւ բնակարան կարգաղրել, զաղթականական եւ կառավարական հար-ցեր, կրօնական,մշակութային-պատմական ուսումնասիրութեանց օզնել, յանձնարա-րական նամակներ եւ Թարզմանութիւններ` զրաւոր եւ ղատարանի մէջ, ղասախօսու-Թիւններ եւայլն։

–Հայ Աւետարանչական ընկերակցունիւնը տարիներէ ի վեր պաշտամունք կը կատարէ -Մեր սրահին մէջ։ Անցեալին զործակցած ենք զանազան առիններով եւ պնտի շարու–

Մայրաքաղաքի մէջ ըլլալու պատմառաւ մեր զաղուիը բացառիկ ղիրքի մէջ է բիչ մը աւելին ընելու քան ուրիշ ծուխեր։

- Հիւրընկալած ենք պետական զործիչներ, ներկայացուցիչներ, պատզամաւորներ, արուեստազէտներ եւայլն։
- Օգնած ենք որ անոնցնէ շատեր բժշկական խնամբ ստանան։ Մեր շնորհակալունիւ– նը կը յայտնենք մեր գաղունի ազնիւ բժիշկներուն իրենց պատրաստակամունեան համար։ Շարունակեցինք օգնել.–
- Հ.Ա.Վ.Ա.Տ.ին, Առաջնորդարանի կողմէ հովանաւորուած Հայաստանի Օգնուինան ֆոնտին, Որքախնամ ֆոնտին, Տերմինիա-Հայաստան ֆոնտ>>ին,երթակնօրեայ Դպրոցներու Դպրոցական պայուսակի ձեռնարկին, Հայաստան գտնուող ազգականներու հասցուելիք օգնուինան, Ուաշինկիընի Բժշկական Ընկերակցուինան, Հայկական Դեսպանատան եւայլն։

- Հոկտ․ին նշեցինք Հայաստանի Երրորդ Տարեղարձը ևւ հասոյքը նուիրեցինք : Դեստանատան։

Նոր՝ իրականունիւն մը ունինք մեր դաղունի մէջ որ ուշադրունեն պետք չէ վրիպի։ Նախորդ ``ցի``ննրու վրայ` (Նարրերդցի, Արաքկիրցի, Պէյրունցի, Պոլսեցի եւայլն...) աւելցաւ հիմա Հայաստանցիները։ Թիւով Գալիֆորնիայի հետ չենք կարող մրցիլ քայց հիւրասիրունեամը ևւ օգնուննամբ` կարող ենք։ Կ`ուզեմ տեղեկացնել` ոմանք արդէն դիտեն, որ վերջերս հանելի երեկոյ մը ունեցանք երը Երէցկինը ևւ ես 80-է աւելի հրաւէր դրկեցինք։ Մօտ 70-ը պատասխանեց եւ ունեցանք լաւ ճաշ, ընկերային մինոլորտ, երժշտունիւն եւ պար։Վերջաւորունեան, մօտ 45 վայրկեան խումրին ցոյց տուի սլայաներ ևւ բացատրեցի Ս.Պատարագը։ Ար քաջալերեմ որ սերտ յարարերունիւններ մշակենք եւ մասնատուած չմեսանք։

Քաղաքականտալես ալ մնանք զործուննայ, օզննլու համար Հայաստանին եւ Արցախին մեր սենախորներուն եւ ներկայացուցիչներուն զրելով, խօսելով եւ ընդհանրապես կապ պահելով որպեսզի այդ շրջանի մեջ խաղաղուժիւն հաստատուի։

<u>ԿԱԶՄԱԿԵՐ ՊՉԱԿԱՆ</u>

ծխական Խորհուրդի իքրեւ նախագահ-Հովիւ մասնակցնցայ ժողովներուն եւ ծրագիրներուն։Աշխատանքը արդիւնաւոր էր եւ պէտք է գնահատել ծխական Խորհուրդի նըւիրեալ անդամները կարող ղեկավարունեամ Ձօր.Ալպէրն Քէյնի`իրրեւ Ատենապետ, լաւ գործ ըրին։

`Շարունակեցի մօտէն զործել եկեղեցւոյ միւս կազմակերպուքիւններու հետ.-Տիկնանցի, Դպրաց Դասի, Շնորհալի Դպրոցի, հրտսեր Երիտասարդացի, Չափահասներու, եւ Աւազներու աշխատանքներուն եւ հաւարոյիներուն։ Շնորհակալուքիւն րոլորի վարչական անդամներուն,իրենց նուիրումին համար։

ԴԱՍՏԻԱՐԱԿՉԱԿԱՆ - ԲԱՐԵՍԻՐԱԿԱՆ - ՄՇԱԿՈՒԹԱՅԻՆ

- Մեծ Պահոց շրջանին շարունակեցինք հսկումները եւ ունեցանք հիւր խօսողներ ՈւրբաԹ եւ կիրակի օրեր։ Երիտասարդ չափահաս‰երու համար նշանակած ենք ամսը– ւան Երրորդ նիրակին մասնաւոր յայտագրով։
- Բարեսիրական ֆոնտին միջոցաւ կը շարունակննի օզտակար ըլլալ տեղւոյս Հայ
- Դրատունը Տաստատուեցաւ եւ շարունակեց զործել նէրի եւ Քուինի Աւնտիքհան– ննրու աշխատանքով եւ նուիրումով։ Հիմա պարտականութիւնը փոխանցուած է Պրն.Արմիկ Խաչատուրեանին որուն շնորՏակալութիւն կը յայտնենք եւ յաջո– ղութիւն կը մաղթենք։

– Եկեղեցւոյն Պալեան Մատենաղարանը կր հողացուի Տիկ-Էլիդապեի Գայեահան– Կարապետեանի կողմէ։ Մօտ ժամանակին այն կը փոխաղըննը վարի սրահը որպես

զի անելի մատչելի ըլլայ։

- Նշուեցաւ Շկեղեցւոյս 59-րդ Տարեդարձը եւ Տիկնանց Գնահատանքի օրը։ Հետեւեալները ստացան ՟՟Հովիւին Գնահատանքի Մրցանակը՝> Տիկիններ Մաքրուհի նարապետեան, Անուշ Մանուէլեան, Ժին Սայեան եւ Պրն.Տին Շահինեան։Իբրեւ Տարուան նամաւոր՝ մրցանակ ստացաւ Տիար նուպար Այրանճեան։

1995-ը կը Նշէ Եկեղեցւոյս 60-ամեակը որ առին է մեծաշուք տօնակատարունեան։ Կը Թելադրեմ որ ընտրենք մասնաւոր **60-ամեակի Տօնակատարունեան Յանձնախումբ» օրը եւ ձեռնարկը պատշան կերպով կազմակերպելու համար։

- Նկարչական Ցուցահանդէսով, Հոզևհանզիստ-Մատաղով նշեցինք Հայկ.Ցեղասպա-ՆուԹեան տարեղարձը։
- Երաժշտական ձեռնարկներ՝ Ջիվան Գասպարեան, Տուտուկ եւ Պապախանեան, Դաշնակ տեղի ունեցան Տիկնանցի կազմակերպմամբ եւ ատենապետութեամբ Տիկ. Լետա Ջէնեանի որուն կը յայտնենք եւ իր Յանձնախումբին, մեր գնամատանքը։
- Պատանի արուեստազէտ կատարողներ ելոյԹ ուննցան մշակուԹային խրախճանք մը տալով,Երէցկնոք կազմակերպմամբ սրահ հաւաքուած ներկաներուն։
- Պոլթիմորի Ուոլթըրզ Պատկերասրանի մէջ տեղի ունեցաւ Հայկական Մանրանկարչական Ցուզանանդէս որուն պատուակալ նովանաւորողներէն մին ըլլալու պատիւը տրուեցաւ ինձի։ Պատմական եւ նշանակալից այս առիթը մենք թաջալերեցինք։
- Նոր Տարուան խրախճանքը որուն մասնակցեցան Ուաշինկիըն-Պոլիիմոր զաղուիի Հայուիիւնը, յաջող ձեռնարկ մըն էր որ առիի նղաւ նոր քարնկամուիիւններու Եւ լաւազոյն տրամադրուինանց։Շնորհակալուիիւն Զօր.Ալպէրի Քէյնին Եւ Պրն. Օննիկ Սվազլեանին որոնք եկեղեցւոյս կողմէ մասնակցեցան կազմակերպչական աշխատանքներուն մեծ նուիրումով։
- Մանկամսուրը արդէն դարձած է իրականութիւն շնորհիւ Տիկ.Ամրլի Գրիզորեանի հետեւողական աշխատանքներուն եւ նուիրատուութեամբ Տէր եւ Տիկ.Դաւիթ Ջէնեանի։ Ուրիշ նուիրողներ ալ եղան որոնց կը յայտնենք մեր շնորհակալիքը։
- ԱՐԱՄԱՔ՝ Հայ-Ամերիկհան-Յանձնախումբ-ը կազմելու աշխատանքներուն մասնակցեցայ։ Նպատակն է ժողովրդական զիտակցութիւնը եւ մասնակցութիւնը՝ մեզ շահաքրքրող հարցերու առնչութեամբ քարձր պահել եւ այդ Նպատակովնամակ,հեռաձայն, հեռազիր ղրկելուաշխատանքներուն մասնակցիլ քաջալերել։
- Երէցկինը եւ ես ղաստիարակչական եւս մէկ ուրիշ ձեռնարկ սկսանք կրտսեր Երիտասարդաց խումբին համար։ նպատակն է վարժեցնել զանոնք մասնակցելու Եկեղեցւոյ կեանքին զանազան մակարդակներու վրայ։ Դաստիարակներն են Պրն. Տին Շահինեան եւ Պրն. Վարդան Վարդանեան որոնք մօտ 30 աշակերտներու հետ այս ծրազիրը յաջողցնել յանձն առած են։
- ՇաբաԹական Ս․Գիթի սերտողուԹիւնը կը շարունակուի ուրբաԹ օրեր 7 8 Եր․ ՇնորհակալուԹիւն ՏոքԹ․Կրէկըրի Գըմզըմեանին որ հանդիպումները կը ղեկավարէ մասնակցուԹեամբ մի քանի ուրիշ իրիտասարդներու։
- Եկեղեցւոյս սեչ ուսօցանը ՆիւԹին շուրչ: Կը Թելադրենք որ աւելի շատ Թիւով մասնակցինք այս տեսակի Տոզեւոր եւ շինիչ ձեռնարկներուն։
- Աւազ Շրիտասարդաց խումբի մը հետ զաղափարներու փոխանակման օր մը ունեցանք

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- Խորանի քարեզարդման համար աշխատող Տիկիններուն կը յայտնենք մեր գնահատանքր եւ նաեւ անոնց`որոնք ՄԱՍ կը պատրաստեն եւ կը նուիրեն, եկեղեցական ըզգեստները եւ խորանի ծաձկոցները կը կարեն։
- Այն քոլորին որոնց իմ գնամատանքը եւ երախտագիտուԹիւնը կ`ուզեմ յայտնել շատ են։ ՇնորմակալուԹիւն քոլոր վարչական անդամներուն որոնք 1995-ը արդիւնաւէտ ըրին։
 - նրկՆու0իւն ըրած ըլլալու զնով, կ`ուզեմ իմ խորին երախտիքը եւ գնահատան− քը յայտնել մէկու մը որ է Նաեւ իմ կեանքի ընկերը, զործակիցը եւ անփոխա− րինելի խորհրդականը։ Ուրեմն ձեր քոլորին եւ իմ անունով շնորհակալու0իւն կը յայտնեմ Երէցկին Անահիտ Գալայնեանին։
 - շմոռՆանք նաեւ մեր սարկաւազները`Վարդզէս Քէշիշեան,Մարք Գրիզորեան եւ ուրարակիրներ Ճէք եւ ՃորԾ նիրակոսեան որոնք կը շարունակեն իրենց ծառայուԹիւնը զրեԹէ առանց բացակայուԹեան, Դպրաց Դասի միւս անդամներուն հետ։

Նոր Տարուան շէմին, զոհ ենք մեր իրագործումներուն համար եւ շնորհակալ բոլոր ծխականներուն որոնք օգնեցին։ Նոր ծրագիրներ ունինք մեր առաջ եւ Աստուծոյ օրհնու@եամբ եւ ձեր զործակցու@եամբ կը յուսանք զանոնք եւս իրագործել զալիք ամիսներու ընԹացքին։ ԱղօԹարար՝ _______

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Parish Council 1994 Annual Report

On Sunday, 20 February 1994, we held our Annual Parish Assembly. At that time, the new Parish Council was elected. At the Parish Council meeting on 5 April 1994, the Council elected officers for the calendar year 1994 and until the next annual Parish Assembly in early 1995.

The 1994 members of the Parish Council were:

Brig. Gen. Albert Kaehn Jr. Chairman Mr. Onnik Sivaslian Vice Chairman Lt. Beth Ann Tutunjian Treasurer Mr. David Andonian Asst. Secretary Mr. Vruir Aghamalian Asst. Treasurer Col. Moorad Mooradian Secretary Mr. Vartkes Keshishian Member Mr. Hagop Shafakian Member Mrs. Knarig Movsessian Member

The Parish Council met regularly twice each month during the year. Minutes of the meetings are available for review. The Council worked diligently and harmoniously, always focused on what was the best for the Church and the church family. The following provides a list of (1) Accomplishments, and (2) issues which continue to be worked, and planned activities.

- 1. Over 170 persons assembled at Saint Mary's Armenian Church on Friday March 11 to honor Archbishop Barkev Mardirosian, Primate of the Armenian Dioceses of Artzakh (Karabagh), and to hear his message of the suffering, heroism and hope. The community contributed over 25,000 to help the Armenians in Artzakh achieve the independence needed to guarantee their continued existence and security.
- 2. The Sister City Alexandria-Gyumri had its second Armenian Festival on April 16, 1994. Our cosponsor, Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities estimated the crowd to number 6,000. The program featured many American/Armenian talented performers. Dean Shahinian, Master of Ceremonies, introduced Mayor Patsy Ticer and Congressman James Moran, both of whom were instrumental in forming the Sister City Committee and spoke their kind words.
- 3. There was a Parish Council Liason/Point of Contact for each church activity, as follows:

Women's Guild- Al Kaehn
Finance Committee- Al Kaehn
Choir - Vartkes Keshishian
Auditing Cmte - Beth Tutunjian
Bookstore/Library - Vruir Aghamalian

3M Adult Fellowship- Knarig Movsessian ACYOA- Beth Tutunjian Shnorhali School- Onnik Sivaslian D.C./Baltimore Liason- David Andonian

- 4. For personal reasons, academic and other extended involvements, Col. Moorad Mooradian resigned from P.C. We respected his wishes and reluctantly accepted his resignation. We called upon Mr. Garabed Grehian, who was the alternate in the 1994 election. The Primate was so informed and approved the decision. We expressed our gratitude to Col. Mooradian and welcomed Mr. Grehian wishing him a fruitful tenure in the service of God.
- 5. We engaged DHI Roofing Contractor to re-do the roof of the Sanctuary, and to repair the flat roof over the rooms at the rear of the altar. The roofing job was completed; we were fortunate that no structural repair was required. Funds for this \$14,285 job were used from the Finance Committee account (Formerly the Building Fund).
- 6. The Annual Church Picnic, planned for and conducted on June 12, 1994, was quite successful. Some 150 people attended; a modest profit for the Church Treasury was realized. The Armenian Assembly Summer Interns were jointly hosted with the Knights of Vartan.
- 7. The bookstore, bigger and better in its operation, was moved to Room 101, the room adjacent to the 42nd street entrance. Gary Avedikian has done a great job in the bookstore; he has asked to be releived from the post, over a period of time. Armik Khatchadurian has phased in as the new bookstore manager.

- 8. By the end of July 1994, Soorp Khatch Church had organized and taken some action for having a New Year's Eve Party. It was generally agreed that the 5 major parties on New Year's Eve last year fragmented the Armenian American Community in the Greater Washington D.C. area. In the interest of (1) unity within the Armenian-American community in this area, and (2) recognition of the fact that the Armenian-American family prefers to be together on New Year's Eve, representatives of your Parish Council met with their Soorp Khatch counterpart in July and reached agreement that both churches would combine resources and talent to organize and execute a memorable New Year's Eve Dinner Dance on December 31, 1994. The event was a real success! It was held at the Watergate Hotel; some 470 people attended; and St. Mary's Received some \$2070.00 in proceeds from the affair. The Soorp Khatch Committee has already expressed interest in joining with St. Mary's again for New Years Eve 1995.
- 9. We organized and held a very successful Banquet/Dance on Sunday, 2 October 1994, in recognition of the 3rd Anniversary of Armenia's independence. Ambassador and Mrs. Rouben Shougarian were the honored guests. Mrs. Jean Sayian spearheaded the committee for this first class event. Proceeds of some \$3,000.00 were presented to the Embassy in Washington D.C for use as they saw best.
- 10. The Annual Bazaar was again a success, and a major source of revenue for St. Mary's. It was held 9-12 November 1994. Your Parish Council members were very involved throughout all phases of the activity. My thanks to each of my colleagues for their willingness to help, and their time and talents before, during and after the event. My special thanks and congratulations goes out to the Women's Guild, its members and friends, without whom there would be no Bazaar. Special thanks to Jean Sayian and Clara Andonian, co-captian of the Bazaar ship, and to Onnik Sivaslian and Vartkes Keshishian, co chairmen of the entire event. Bazaar proceeds were some \$22,000.00.
- 11. Our Rug Sale was successful too. Our special appreciation goes to Arut Koseian of Arut Oriental Rugs. In addition to donating the beautiful oriental rug for our raffle, Arut and his team moved the rugs from his stores to St. Mary's for the sale. This is not a trivial task. But his time and his energy are a great benefit to St. Mary's and we are deeply appreciative of his unswerving support of St. Mary's Church. Proceeds from the rug sale were almost \$2,000.00.
- 12. We had a yard clean up initiative led by the Parish Council. Parish Council members were ably and willingly assisted by Margie Satian, Avedis Kojoyan, and Jeanette Torokhanian. A special thanks to all who donated their time and energy to this project. We'll be looking for volunteers in a few months to do the spring "spruce up"!
- 13. Many small but significant repair/maintenance/carpentry jobs have been completed throughout the Church facility. The Parish Council wishes to thank Nubar Ayrandjian for his time, talent and expert craftsmanship.
- 14. The two rooms behind the altar have been renovated. They were in bad need of work. The roof over them was repaired during the Church rooting project, the rooms are cleaned up and freshly painted, and are available for storage of altar items and Women's Guild materials.
- 15. Plans for renovation of some portions of the Church are proceeding with due deliberation. In September 1994, we held joint Parish Council Renovation Committee, Finance Committee meeting to discuss how we shall proceed. We agreed we should proceed with the activities development of an Investigation and Conceptual Design, which would take an approach which considers historic Armenian Symbolism and traditions, but within a relatively reasonable budget. Since that time we have worked with the architect (Collins and Kronstadt, et al) to develop a statement of work which spells out our expectations for the conceptual design initiative; we have signed a letter contract, knowing that Mr. Harold Sakayan, Esq. has graciously offered to underwrite this early design initiative. Three areas of the church are being addressed: (1) the Altar and the area behind it, (2) the front of the church, and (3) a dome made of lightweight material to give the church an appearance typical of traditional Armenian churches. Any work on renovation beyond those effort just described will be brought to the Parish Council Assembly for approval.
- 16. The Parish Council voted to re-tile the floor in the older church hall. A tile has been selected and the choice was coordinated with the Women's Guild. Depressed area in the floor will be professionally leveled and resurfaced prior to the installation of new tile. Entrance ways and stair landings will be reworked concurrently. This project should be completed within a month, depending on demands for use of the Old church hall.

- 17. The Church 59th Anniversary celebration (Memorial Candle Lighting and Parish Appreciation Day) was held on 4 December 1994. Those who have done so much to see to it that the Church prevails were recognized with special awards. They were: Mrs. Makrouhi Garabedian, Mrs. Anoush Manuelian, Mrs. Jean Sayian, Dean Shahinian Esq., and Mr. Nubar Ayrandjian. The Parish Council prepared and served the hot lunch (with great guidance and assistance from our Captain, Yeretzgin). Our special thanks to the Mardirosian family, who donated the beautifully cooked lamb shanks.
- 18. The Parish Council recognizes the Chairperson and Executive Committees of our Church organizations: Lucy Murad of the Women's Guild; Dr. Socrates Boyajian, Choir Director; the deacons; choir members and the organist; Gary Avedikian and Armik Khatchadurian of the bookstore, Mr. Jerry Hekimian and Ms. Linda Ekizian of the Shnorhali School, and their teachers and staff; and Ms. Ann Kavookian, who's always there when we need her in a variety of capacities. And a special thanks to Grace Shahinian, for the way she has handled the publication of the Shnorhali. (Grace- wishing you a speedy and complete recovery). And of course our unending gratitude to Der Hayr and Yeretzgin for their concerned leadership, counsel and spiritual guidance.
- 19. The Parish Council must undertake a Church Membership Drive to increase significantly the number of dues-paying members. The Annual dues for members is \$100 (minimum per calendar year). The payment of dues represents the official way of becoming a member of the St. Mary's Church family. You must be a dues-paying member to vote in the Parish Assembly. As you can see from all that has been indicated above, this is a very active church. The cost of everyday operation and maintenance goes on, and in this day and age, it does so at considerable cost. The Parish Council develops an annual budget, and attempts to manage within its means, just as you do in your households. We do so, to provide you a facility where you can worship, and have available to you a Church where you can observe the traditional and most impressive services which have so much meaning in our lives. We need your financial support in the form of payment of dues in order for St. Mary's to be able to continue to meet spiritual, cultural, educational, and social needs of its church community. To put this in some kind of perspective; we mail out copies of the Shnorhali to some 750 addresses; that suggests a potential dues paying membership of some 1500 people. Yet today, our dues paying membership has been steady at only some 250 members for the past several years. We will continue to work hard and conduct the traditional fund raising events (bazaar, luncheons, etc.). But that is just not enough to maintain an active church program in a first class House of Worship. We need your support: become a dues -paying member! Remember we're talking about \$2.00 per week (\$100 per year, minimum). We look forward to your continued active participation in Church Activities.
- 20. As I step down as Chairman, I want to express a deep sense of gratitude to my colleagues on the Parish Council. While every member has made a contribution which I appreciate, I want to especially recognize Onnik Sivaslian, whose commitment, willingness, and can-do attitude are absolutely unmatched at St. Mary's. In all our processes, Onnik was there, knee-deep. I wish the 1995 Parish Council the spirit of harmony we had in 1994, and I hope for them the biggest year at St. Mary's, ever!

21. The members of the Parish Council look forward to seeing you more at Church sponsored events. Give us your ideas; we need your thoughts on ways to make St. Mary's grow and meet the needs of the Armenian-American community.

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor- President

Bazaar Rug Sale 1994

The 1994 Bazaar and rug sale were both very successful. It took the dedication and effort of many people to have the combination of these events produce revenue for the church in the amount of \$24,080.27.

With regard to the Bazaar, a special debt of gratitude goes to the following individuals and groups of parishioners, whose contributions were particularly noteworthy:

Vartkes Keshishian and Onnik Sivaslian, the Co-chairman of the event. Jean Sayian and Clara Andonian, for their leadership, guidance and toil in every phase of the Bazaar. The Team Chiefs, and all their people, who made it all happen during the period 9-12 November 1994. All the ladies whose many hours at workshops provided the delicacies which the Bazaar attendees crave. Our special booth operators, Grace Shahinian and Anne Kavookian, whose activities had banner years. All the people who provided baked goods which produced the outstanding revenue.

We wish it were possible to include everyone's name who worked the Bazaar event. Rest assured that no matter how big or how small your contribution, it is deeply appreciated, and without it, the Bazaar would not have been so successful.

We wish to also express our deepest gratitude to Arut Koseian, for holding another successful oriental rug sale. The leadership, resources and know-how he provided were clearly essential to the profitable outcome of the event. We are grateful for his generous contributions in this regard.

The Parish Council

St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church 1994 Bazaar Report

Income		Expenses	
Luncheons	8,031.60	Food & Related Items	12,469.91
Carry Out	6,226.15	Clean up	858.00
Bake Table	7,359.38	Waste Management	432.48
Dinners	7,597.22	Mailing/Printing	1,781.52
Mezza	1,619. <i>5</i> 0	Misc. Supplies	125.00
Beverages	1,327.02	Bank Charges	176.76
White Elephant	1,149.75	Raffle Prize	250.00
Arts & Crafts	2,004.60	Advertising	1,798.45
Raffle	4,192.00	Seed Money	300.00
Jewelry	496.00		
Return Seed Mo	nev 300.00	Total Expense:	\$18,192.12
Total Income:	\$40,303.22		
		Total Income:	\$40,303.22
		Total Expenses:	\$18,192.12
		Net Income: (Bazaar)	\$22,111.10

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:

•	1994	<u> 1995</u>
Basic Stipend	\$20,930.00	\$21,560.00
Service Increment	10,465.00	10,780.00
Membership Increment	1,495.00	1,540.00
Mileage Allowance	7,5 00.00	8,200.00
Life Insurance	1 ,5 00.00	1,500.00

The Parish will also make the required contributions to the 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. A bonus of \$3,000 will be provided during 1995.

2. Vacation

In accord with the Diocesan vacation schedule, we agree that Fr. Kalayjian is entitled to four week of vacation, including four Sundays. Leave may be accrued with the prior consent of the Parish Council. As of 1/1/95 Fr. Kalayjian has no accrued leave from the calendar year 1994.

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, 1995 and continues through December 31, 1995, provided it receives the approval of the Annual Parish assembly.

St. Mary's Armenian Church Rug Sale 1994

Total Receipts Church Share (20%)	\$20,732.00 \$4,146.40	
Expenses (Paid By Arut)		
Advertising Labor Truck Rental Sub total	\$3,938.00 \$950.00 \$104.46 \$4,992.46	
Church Share (50%)	\$2,496.23	\$2,496.23 (-)
(Paid by church)		
Mailing Church Share (50%)	\$638.00 \$319.00	\$319.00 (+)
Net Income	\$1,969.17	
Distribution		
Parish Council Arut Oriental Rugs	\$1,969.17 \$18,762.83	

St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church Bazaar & Rug Sale , November 1994 Summary of Net Income

Bazaar 9-12 Nov. 94: \$ 22,111.10 Rug Sale: 18-20 Nov. 94: \$1,969.17

Total: \$ 24,080.27

Income DistributionParish Council\$12,000.00Finance Committee\$12,080.27

Checkbook Balance as of 02/10/95: \$0.00

Respectfully submitted,

A.J. Kaehn Jr. Bazaar and Rug Sale Treasurer

Finance Committee Financial Report

Calendar Year 1994

Income	Expenses
Lieu of Flowers \$13,940.00	Mortgage \$4,684.20
Donations — General 240.00	Church Repairs 15,735.00
Earmarked 2,000.00	Memorial Funds (ACEF) 8,080.00
Interest 3,425.93	Administrative 27.64
Insurance Claim 17,204.18	Transfer to Fidelity <u>35,000.00</u>
Total \$36,810.11	Total \$63,526.84
CASH PO	SITION
Balance, 1/8/94	\$120,449.67
Income	<u>36.810.11</u>
	157,259.78

Cash Assets and Liabilities

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilitie</u>	<u>s_</u>
Columbia First-Checking	\$93,732.94	Mortgage	\$35,605.75
Loans to Parish Council	15,000.00		•
Funds with ACEF	37,826.60	•	
Fidelity Brokerage	48,116.08		

Restricted and/or Reserved Funds

Altar Project		\$4,430
Parish House (contingency)		3,000
Church (contingency)		5,000
Armenian School		3,000
Church Electrical System		15,000
Equipment Replacement		15,000
Giant Screen TV		2,500
Mortgage Payments (1995)		4,685
Insurance Claims	e de la companya de La companya de la co	24,329
Memorial Funds		32,700
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Total

\$109,644

63,526.84

\$ 93,732.94

Expenses

Balance, 12/31/94

Finance Committee Report

Calendar Year 1994

The Committee began the year by continuing to plan a campaign directed mainly at generating funds for a long-term investment program. However, that effort was placed on hold when we learned that the parish once again would consider renovation of the sanctuary, a project which likely would require a fund-raising drive of its own. Thus, our activity during the remainder of the year focused essentially on processing memorial donations and meeting major parish expenses. Committee members are Carl Bazarian, Robert George, Jr., Lucy Murad, Ed Onanian, and Michael Sahakian.

Turning to our financial experience in 1994, our receipts, except for interest income, were divided nearly equally between memorial donations (\$16,180) and an insurance claim (\$17,204) for an altar fire in 1992. We expect to receive in early 1995 about \$10,000 which will represent the Committee's share of the proceeds from the 1994 Bazaar.

On the disbursement side, the major expense item was the replacement of the sanctuary roof (\$14,285), a project which was carefully researched and monitored by the parish council. The Committee also met the cost of various repairs at the church (\$1,450), made monthly payments on the parish house mortgage, and advanced \$15,000 to the Bazaar Committee which was repaid following the event. We continued to make monthly additions to our long-term investment fund, and increased our holdings with the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF) through the establishment of funds memorializing Mrs. Ebrouka Brown, Lt. Col. John Kenneth Perkins, and Dr. Hovsep Yeni-Komshian. A memorial fund also was established with ACEF in the names of James and Angele Barouyrian, but the financial arrangements in that instance were handled directly by the donor.

We concluded the year with a cash balance of nearly \$94,000 which, along with the anticipated Bazaar income, is earmarked for specific projects and contingencies. Hopefully, the year ahead will bring closure, one way or another, to the issue of sanctuary renovation, and the Committee will have a specific focus for a long overdue fund-raising effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Onanian

ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND CUMULATIVE INCOME ALLOCATIONS BY RECIPIENT For Year Ended December 31, 1993

	pient D#	Recipient and Donors	Total Contributions	Prior Year Cum Income	Curr Year Income	New Cum Income
224	ST.	MARY A-C WASHINGTON D.C.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			•
	1155		6,815.00	0.00	442.98	442.98
	1650	•	650.00	90.00	39.00	129.00
	1850	O ARKOIAN, Moses Memo Fund	1,985.00	0.00	122.53	122.53
	2850	D LOLOYAN, Ohannes Hemo Fund	2,425.00	0.00	157.62	157.62
	4400	O BABIGIAN, Asadour & Perooz Mem	1,000.00	281.88	65.00	346.88
	4650	O BAGHDASSARIAN, Nelly Memorial	1,075.60	75.29	69.91	145.20
	7850	O BROWN, Artin Memorial Fund	1,015.00	142.10	65.98	208.08
	10450	O DEMIRJIAN, Kohar Memorial Fund	1,050.00	73.50	68.25	141.75
	15250	O GEORGE, Robert & Doris Fund	1,000.00	105.00	65.00	170.00
	18700	O HINTLIAN, Manoush & Nishan Mem	6,142.04	2,749.35	399.23	-3,148.58
	20025	B JANIGIAN, Knar Fund	5,389.68	660.24	-350:33	1,010.57
	21100	D KALAYJIAN, Fr. Vertanes	2,625.00	1,224.43	170.62	1,395.05
	26750	O KHOYAN, Rev. Fr. Dikran Memori	825.00	113.80	53.62	167.42
• •	26787	5 KIRAZIAN. Victoria Memorial Fu 🐇	4,768.17	417.21	309.93	727.14
	28727	5 MANOUELIAN, Vartan Memo Fund	1,605.00	0.00	104.33	104.33
•	28750	O MANOUGIAN, Maritza Memorial Fu	1,250.00	86.10	81.25	167.35
	32075	O NADER, Elizabeth Memo Fund	560.00	0.00	36.40	36.40
	35350	O OZKAYAN, Paris Memorial Fund	3,055.00	213.85	198.58	412.43
	37650	O SAFAK, Vartouhi Memorial Fund	2,966.00	207.62	192.79	400.41
	37675	O SAFAKIAN, PILIBOS MEMORIAL FUN	2,910.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	39000	O ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH, Wash	10,000.00	2,818.75	650.00	3,468.75
	39850	O SAKAYAN, ROSE MEMORIAL FUND	2,210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	40900	O SEKERCAN, Apraham & Haryam Hem	1,000.00	447.63	65.00	512.63
	42500	O SIMONIAN, Hovaness & Marie Fun	3,000.00	2,348.00	195.00	2,543.00
	43000	O STAHL, Valentine Bostonian Fun	1,042.00	837.02	67.73	904.75
٠		Recipient Total	66,363,49	12,891.77	3,971.08	16,862.85

WOMEN'S GUILD 1994 ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Committee

Chairlady - Lucy Murad

Vice Chairlady/Recording Secretary - Queenie Avedikian

Treasurer - Jean Sayian
Corresponding Secretary - Ann Kavookian

Advisors - Takuhi Hallajian, Jackie Hatchik, Zevart Bolat,

Asanet Hacihoglu, Evelyn Vartabedian

There are 60 paid members in the Women's Guild. General membership meetings are held once a month and the times and format of our meeting have changed this year to allow more women to attend. Executive meetings are scheduled as needed.

Calendar of Activities for 1994

JANUARY

• The Annual Armenian Christmas Dinner was sponsored by the Guild and organized by the PTA. A wonderful program was preformed by the Shornali School students and the Guild donated \$1000 to the School.

FEBRUARY

- Lenten Festival food workshops.
- Lenten Dinner and Observance of Women Saints' Day

MARCH

Two day Lenten Food Festival

APRIL

- Special Easter Fellowship Hour and sale of Cheoreg after church services.
- Armenian Day "Old Town" Alexandria, Virginia members made Armenian delicacies and manned food booths.
- "New York's Best" Trip, a weekend was spent in the Big Apple to see the Easter Show at the Radio City Music Hall, dinner at a local Armenian Restaurant and an evening at the Tavern on the Green in Central Park.

MAY

- Linda Ohanian Dolan, Registered Dietitian presented a lecturer on heart healthy eating.
- Two delegates were sent to Women's Guild Conference in Houston, Texas.
- Cultural Committee presented Djivan Gasparyan, renown "Duduk" player in Concert at the Performing Arts Center at Montgomery College.
- Hampartzoom Veejag Celebration and Luncheon. Member was honored as "Mother of the Year".
- Atlantic City a bus load of members and friends enjoyed a day out.
- Embassy of the Republic of Armenia the guild assisted the Embassy by making and donating Armenian appetizers to help host a special reception.

JUNE

Women's Guild Day

AUGUST

- Luncheon Reception: A delegation of Women from Armenia attended a luncheon reception we held and discussed the purpose of the special seminars and workshops they would attend while in the United States.
- Yeretzgin Anahid gave a talk on her summer trip to Armenia, which was sponsored by HAVAD (The Committee for the Propagation of the Christian Faith).

SEPTEMBER

- Embassy of the Republic of Armenia the Guild assisted by making and donating Armenian appetizers to help host a reception for President Der Petrossian and a special reception for the First Lady.
- Mini Retreat Theme: "Do You Believe". Retreat Leader: Nancy Basmajian, Co-director, Department of Religious Education, Diocese of the Armenian Church.

OCTOBER

- Cultural Committee presented the Washington Piano Recital Debut of Armen Babakhanian at the Performing Arts Center at Montgomery College.
- Bazaar food workshops.

NOVEMBER

• Annual Bazaar - our members diligently worked one month prior to and during the 4 days of the bazaar.

DECEMBER

- Over 50 members attended our Second Annual (for Women only) Christmas Party. The evening's highlight was our annual Chinese Auction.
- The Women's Guild Central Council we raised \$596.00 selling Raffle Tickets for the Central Council to defray their operating expenses.
- We thank Clara Andonian for being the Guilds' Assistant Treasurer.
- \$1000 a year is donated toward sponsorship of Five Orphans in Armenia.
- \$10,000 was given to the Parish Council.
- Our members helped prepare and organize Memorial dinners to honor our members.

We would like to take this time to remember the following members who are no longer with us: Astrik Aznavorian, Ebrouhy Brown, Oghda Ogulian,

and the following members who are in Nursing Homes: Elizabeth Kevorkian, Sirarpi Ohannessian.

There are many helping hands in the Guild, and we thank and recognize the following committees for doing an outstanding job: Our Visiting Committee and other members who phone and visit the elderly and ill; the Altar Committee who clean and polish the brass and beautify the altar; the Mahs Committee and the Social Services Committee who help provide necessities to our people in need; the Cultural Committee, providing our community with exciting programs; and the Devotional Committee brings us inspirational thoughts, our Ways and Means Committee who brings our Guild exciting new projects.

We wish to thank Der Hayr and Yeretzgin for their guidance and assistance as well as the Parish Council for their support. We would like to thank all the ladies who chaired the functions listed above and we would like to remember our members who were not been with us during the year due to failing health.

Lucy Murad

Women's Guild Chairlady

Queenie Avedikian

Vice Chairlady/Recording Secretary

St. Mary's Women's Guild 1994 Financial Report

Income		Expenses	
Donations (including memorial d	linners) \$2,817.00	Christmas Dinner	\$508.45
Food Sales	546.00	Armenian School	1,000.00
Christmas Dinner	1,378.00	Equip. Supplies	1,833.33
Dues	610.00	Postage	223.55
Lenten Luncheon	1,115.00	Gifts Donations	150.00
W.G.C.C Raffle Tickets	596.00	Dio. Gen Assembly Exp	300.00
N.Y. City Trip	3,970.00	Anniversary Reception	147.39
Atlanta City Trip	860.00	Lenten Luncheon	25.00
Spring Food Festival	11,158.05	Spring Food Festival	5,036.68
Easter Sunday	247.00	N.Y. City Trip	3,733.00
Gasparian Concert	4,340.00	Alexandria Festival	144.00
Vijag Luncheon	807.00	W.G.C.C. Raffle Tickets	596.00
Women's Peace Del	60.00	Embassy Reception	171.65
Coffee Table (summer)	219.00	Parish Council	10,000.00
3M Retreat	35.00	Gasparian Concert	3,189.95
CASP Orphan Fund	50.00	Vijag Luncheon	394.00
Babakhanian Concert	4,145.00	Women's Peace Del	95.96
Entertainment Books	770.00	Bazaar (June purchase-butter)	119.00
Bank Interest	193.15	CASP Orphan Program	1,000.00
Misc.	30.00	Babakhanian Concert	2,720.36
		Bank Charges	21.00
		Christmas Party	293.00
		Entertainment B∞ks	672.00
	422 006 20	Misc. (inc Hokejashes)	982.29
	\$33,996.20		\$34,326.6
		Net Loss	\$330.41
Balance 1/1/94		Balance 12/31/94	
	7,352.58	Savings Accnt	3,044.02
Less loss	330.41	Checking Acent.	3,978.15
	\$7,022.17		\$ 7,022.17

1993/94 SHNORHALI SCHOOL REPORT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In September 1994, seventy children were registered to participate in the Christian Education program of the Shnorhali School. We have been blessed with the enthusiasm and dedication of our teaching staff, as follows: Ann Kavookian (K), Debbie Onanian (1), Rita Bush (2), Teri Tossounian (3), Jenel Moosakhanian (7), Linda Ekizian, Anna and George Derderian (upper grades). Ann Kavookian is our school treasurer.

The Shnorhali School general assembly is successfully led by Yeretzgin. The agenda of the assembly includes hymns, religious instruction, language and folk singing. Students are asked to bring donations of canned goods for distribution to the needy every week. We are deeply appreciative of Yeretzgin's leadership and dedication to educate the students of our school.

On the first Sunday of each month, the students attend the Church service and receive Holy Communion.

Our traditional Halloween Party continues to be a huge success. Nearly 100 children and parents enjoyed the fun, games and food made available for their enjoyment. Sincere thanks go to Ann Kavookian, Teri Tossounian and family and Ellen Mooradian and family for their tireless efforts in making this party terrific.

In November, three of our teachers attended the Sunday School workshop sponsored by the DRE at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Cheltenham, PA. The workshop emphasized the goal of Christian educators and the availability and use of teaching resources and techniques that enage student interest and participation. It also offered us an opportunity to meet with teachers of the St. Sahag and Mesrop and Holy Trinity Sunday schools.

We have received and distributed Bibles to each student in the school. These Bibles were a gift and we are deeply grateful for this generous donation.

Specially designed Shnorhali School bookbags have been made available for purchase. We thank Teri Toussounian for her artistic flair and assistance in coordinating the delivery of this product.

We thank The Jerrehian Foundation and Mrs. Rita Bush for the donations of \$100 each to our school.

I extend my appreciation to Der Hayr, Yeretzgin, our teachers and, especially, to all of the families who recognize the importance of our mission.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Ekizian

Superintendent, Sunday School

The winter semester for the school year 93-94 started with the annual chrismas program during the Armenian chrismas dinner held in January. Every year our annual Armenian chrismas dinner is sponsored by the Ladies Guild and the program for the day is provided by the student body of the Armenian School.

In June we had our closing exercises with a presentation performed by the entire student body.

For the Fall semester we continued our school hours of the previous year, 10 AM to 1.00 PM on Sundays. The classes start with Armenian language instruction, followed by an assembly period, conducted by Yerestguin Anahid. Then we have religion classes followed by Armenian history and culture. The armenian section of Shnorhali school as of September has six classes divided in the following manner:

	number of	Teacher
	students	
Kindergarten	16	Mrs. Asanet Hacikian
First grade	6	Mrs. Nadia Koseyan
Second grade	5	Mrs. Takouhi Hallajian
Third grade	9	Mrs. Ani Derderian
Fifth grade	7	Mrs. Zvart Bolat
Sixth grade	4	Mr. Alfred Moosakhanian
Seventh grade	2	Mrs. Leda Zenian

Our substitue teachers are Mrss. Seta Sivaslian and Hrip Sivaslian.

Mrs. Ceba Balian was a new teacher this year , who started in September, but at the end of November left the school as the family returned to Jerusalem.

Our PTA, under the leadership of Mrs. Hilda Bolat as chairwoman is continuing the responsibility of the coffee hour. The collections from the coffee table are earmarked for the expenses of the school.

The Kindergarten has 16 students, but some of them do not attend classes every sunday, making the average number of children in the class more like 8 or 9.

We should not forget to mention Mr. Raffi Karahisar who has been our faithful treasurer for as long as I can remember.

.Jerry Hekimian, Superintendent

Jan. 16, 1995

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

Sunday School, Treasurer's Report

1994

RECEIPTS:	·
Gifts - Rita Bush \$100.00 - Jerrehian Foundation 100.00 Sunday Collection 310.62	10.62
\$1,0	97.64
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Collection Envelopes \$ 89.17 Books 63.00 Halloween Party 184.28	36.45
Submitted by: \$ 76	61.19
Ann Kavookian, Treasurer January 24, 1995	

St. Mary's Armenian School Financial Report for Calendar Year 1994

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Receipts for 1994:	e e		Expenditures for 19	<u>94:</u>
Donations		3639.00	Teachers' stipends School supplies	5340.00 1550.75
School Functions		1410.15	School functions	_342.00
PTA Dues Miscellaneous (Interes	t income)	50.00 <u>215.52</u> 5314.67	School functions	7232.75
	Net Loss	for 1994:	1918.08	
	Balance a	it the end of 1993:	7252.98	
	Balance a	at the end of 1994:	5334.90	The second secon
	Checking Account Balance: Savings Account Balance:		1612.96	
•			<u>3721.94</u>	
	Total Ava	ailable Funds	5334.90	
	Loan to Parish Council:		3000.00	
30	•		,	Respectfully Submitted

Raffi Karahisar

ACYOA JRS. REPORT 1994

During the months of Jan-Feb, 1994 the ACYOA Jrs. met, elected officers, and planned their activities for the year. Unfortunately, 2 activities the very much favored ski-trip, and the Paregentan Dance had to be canceled because of severe weather

1. On Palm Sunday, the ACYOA had a dinner program honoring 13 of our members - The honorees had followed a six week course on the basics of Christianity & the Armenian Church. They all received a special certificates. This group was organized by Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian & Yeretzgin. The course was taught by Dean Shahinian, Esq.

conditions.

- 2. On May 8, ACYOA Jrs. hosted the Mother's Day dinner, and presented a beautiful program.
- 3. On Oct. 29, ACYOA Jrs. took part in the Flag ceremony of the celebration of the Third Anniversary of Armenia's Independence.
- 4. On Sept.24, The ACYOA Jrs. and their parents had a pot-luck dinner and outlined the programs planned for the remaining months of 1994.
- 5. On Oct. 7-10, five members of ACYOA attended the sports weekend in Philadelphia, PA.
- 6. During the month of November, some of ACYOA helped out with the Annual Bazaar.
- 7. On Nov. 27, ACYOA organized a Thanksgiving dinner, with a special program. At this time they accepted 12 new members to the organization with special candle-lighting ceremony. During this Thanksgiving season they made a donation of \$100 to a needy Armenian Family.
- 8. On Dec. 24, our members participated in the program of Christmas Eve Church services.
- On Dec. 22, The ACYOA members went Caroling to shut-in elderly Church members and had a pizza party at Church at the end of their visitations.

10. The most important project that ACYOA members are challenged to be part of is the "Merit Award for Armenian Religious & Cultural Education" program. The program involves participation in the Choir, working with the Parish Council as assistants, Assisting a Sunday School and an Armenian School teacher in the Shnorhali School, and receive Acolytes-Deacons training. At the completion of these events, each participant will receive the "Merit Award" of St. Mary's Arm. Church.

In conclusion, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Yeretzgin for helping and guiding us in all of our activities, for the long hours in organizing and patiently seeing them through. Our thanks to Der Hayr for his leadership, fatherly advice, friendship & support. We also thank our parents who participated and supported our activities.

Respectfully, Submitted

Executive Committee

ACYOA Jrs. Financial Report - 1994

Income		Expense	
Ski Trip Deposits From ACYOA Members Ski Trip Deposit to Chalet Returned Palm Sunday Donation Palm Sunday Dinner Mother's Day Dinner Thanksgiving Dinner Donations for Christmas Caroling Interest	350.00 275.00 300.00 561.00 572.00 785.00 275.00 41.43	Ski Trip Deposit Returned Ski Trip Deposit to Chalet Postage Palm Sunday Dinner Certificates-ACYOA Member Postage Sports Weekend Travel Exp Rental for Gym Pizza Party	174.00
Total	3,159.43		1,307.65

Balance at hand (1/1/94)	774.87
Grand Total	3,934.30
Total Income	3,934.30
Total Expense	1,307.65
Balance at hand (1/1/95)	2,626.65

Three "M" Adult Fellowship Report 1994

The Three "M" Adult Fellowship organized a variety of activities during the year of 1994.

- 1. On Jan. 16, sponsored a lecture on "How to become financially independent"
- 2. Our Vartanantz Seminar to have taken place on Feb. 12, was unfortunately canceled because of severe weather conditions.
- 3. On March 25, 1994, The Three "M" sponsored the "Soup & Sandwich" supper before Lenten Friday evening services.
- 4. On May 2, 1994 celebrated a "Cultural Feast" by hosting a dinner for eleven talented children from Gumri, who were in town at the invitation of Gumri-Alexandria Sister City Committee.
- 5. On May 21, Third Annual Multi-Media Art Exhibit took place under the expert guidance of Arpi Sahr & David Akopian
- 6.On Sept. 17, in conjunction with the Women's Guild we had a mini-retreat on the topic of "Do you believe?"
- 7. On Oct. 16, sponsored "Parents & Young Children's" (under 5 years) party, first in it's kind, to create an opportunity for these young families to meet each other, and plan activities that will specifically be helpful to their needs.
- 8. On Oct.22, we had a night out at Mustache Caffe with an enjoyable dinner dance.
- 9. On Dec. 17, we organized the traditional Christmas Family Fun Night, when Santa Clause visited and brought gifts to all children.

In conclusion, we thanks Der Hayr & Yeretzgin for their untiring efforts to keep this organization serving the various interests and needs of our community. This multi-faceted organization should be supported fully, so that it can live up to the challenges it faces for the years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Executive Committee.

Three "M" Adult Fellowship Financial Report - 1994

Income		Expense	
Lecture (Soup & Sandwich) Dinner for Children	70.59 1,640.00	Dinner Expense Paid to Artist	125.00 497.00
· Art Show	710.00	Flowers	25.78
Religious Retreat	135.00	Moustache Cafe	1,371.19
Moustache Cafe	1,440.00	Stamps	290.87
Donation	25.00	Check Book	90.04
Interest	48.64	Service Charge	10.42
Total	4,069.23	Total	2,410.30

Balance at hand (1/1/94) Grand Total	<u>1,220.65</u> 5,289.88
Total Income	5,289.88
Total Expense	2,410.30
Balance at hand (1/1/95) 2.879.58

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

ARARAT AVAK SOCIETY

1995

On the fourth Thursday of each month (except during the summer), approximately 40 Senior Citizens gather in the Church Hall for dining, socializing and programs.

The meals are usually prepared by the committee or by volunteers doing the meal for a particular month in memory of a dear one or just as a contribution as do the Daughters of Vartan once a year.

We also try to take a bus trip at least once a year.

The committee consists of Alice Kumkumian, Ann Kavookian, Roseann Alexander, Clara Andonian, Alice Baker, Elizabeth Kevorkian, Agnes Salisbury and Armine Turmanian.

Each year we have a joint picnic in June and a Christmas Party in December with the Senior Citizens of Soorp Hatch, sharing the work and expenses.

The Christmas wreaths on the front doors were donated by the Avak Society.

Our organization is small and we would like very much to make it a larger group. We try to plan interesting programs, delicious meals and unusual trips for all to enjoy. Socializing is our main activity.

At the present time, we have \$310.00 in our treasury which we will use for a trip or a social activity away from the Church.

Alice Kumkumian Ann Kavookian

1994 Report

St. Mary's Armenian Church Balian Library

The Library had virtually no growth during this year. For the third consecutive year, no funding nor donations in kind have been received from the patron family. The bank account at Riggs Bank was closed due to the monthly service charge initiated by the bank on this inactive account. The balance (about \$130.00) was put into the general treasury.

Only one donation was received for \$20 from Mrs. L. Wahba. This was used to purchase items from the St. Mary's Bookstore, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Mr. Gary Avedikian.

Future plans are to move the collection downstairs to the previous bookstore site, in order to facilitate access and interest. Major renovations will be needed, particularly for shelving. The move will also benefit the flow of work between the Der Hayr and secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

1993 - 1994 Membership List (Preliminary)

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A Prayer Before Meetings

Hanoon Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooyn Srpo.

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

Park Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooyn Srpo/ Ay-jhum yev meeshd yev haveed-yans haveedeneetz/ amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

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

Bubneh Lop be Appens be Lugensh Uppns.

Իմաստունիւն Հոր նիսուս, տուր ինձ իմաստունիւն դրարիս խորհել եւ խոսել եւ դարծել առաջի Քո յամենայն ժամ. ի չար խորհրդոց, ի բանից եւ ի դործոց վորկեա գիս. եւ ողորմեա Քո արարածոց եւ ինձ րազմամեղիս։

Amng Lop be Appens be Lugensh Uppns. midd be dhim be smehmbas smehmbhy. mdfbs

A Prayer After Meetings

Hanoon Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooyn Srpo.

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

Park Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooyn Srpo/ Ay-jhum yev meeshd yev haveed-yans haveedeneetz/ amen.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

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

Buines Lop be Appens be Lagens Uppas.

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