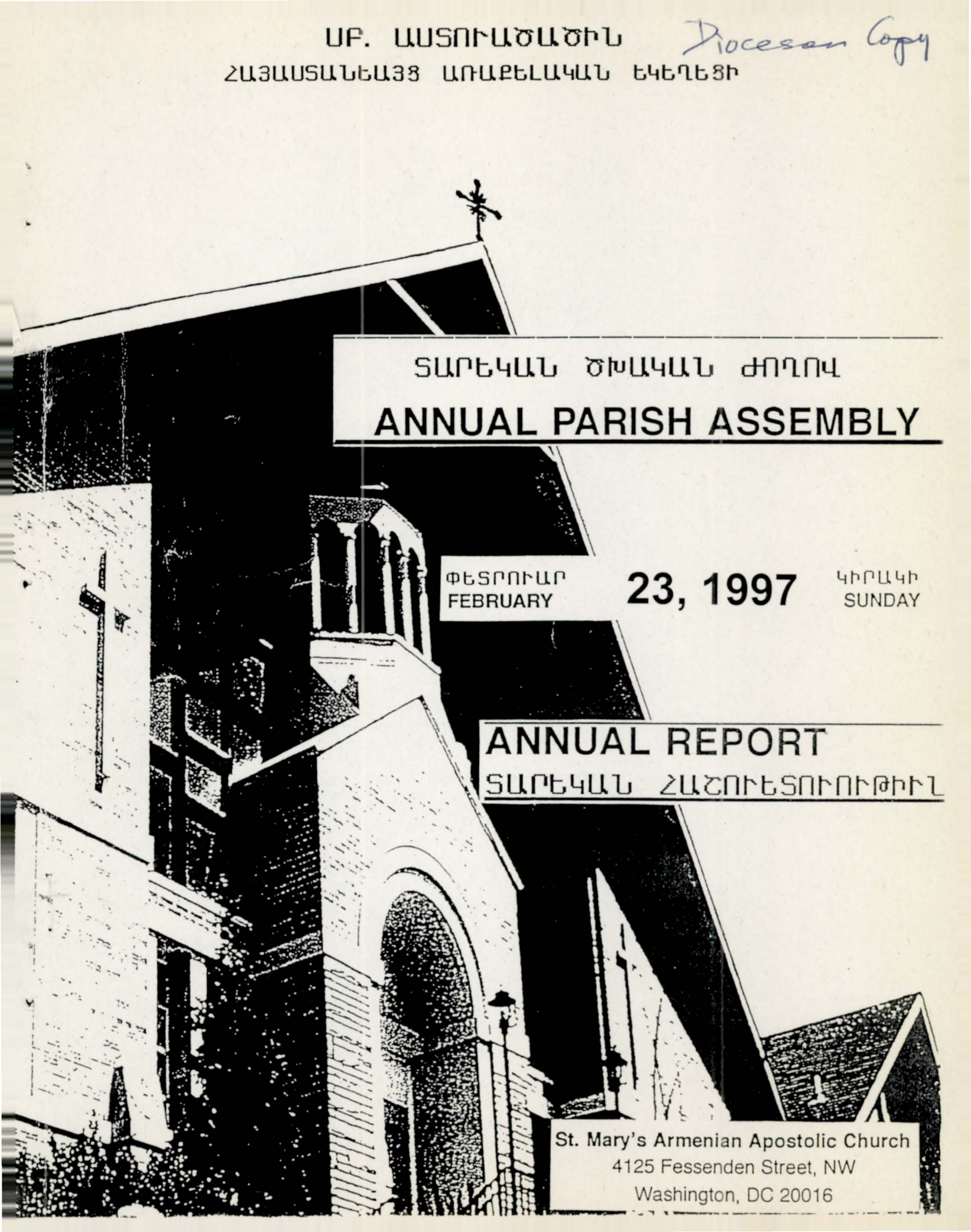


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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

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FEBRUARY

23, 1997

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ANNUAL REPORT
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St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church
4125 Fessenden Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016

February 6, 1997

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 23, 1997, 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, Mr. Paul Murad, in writing, prior to the meeting.

Church services will begin at 10:00 AM on February 23 and will terminate at approximately 11:30 AM.

A combination of light luncheon and refreshments will be served by the Women's Guild and the meeting will begin at 12 Noon sharp. **Please be prompt.**

We will be grateful if you call the church office at 202.363.1923 for luncheon reservations. RSVP

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 on February 23.... when?

We look forward to seeing you on February 23, 1997.

Pastor and Parish Council

Agenda for Annual Parish Assembly

1. Opening and Memorial Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Assembly Tivan-Officers
4. Minutes of 1996 Assemblies
5. Nominating Committee Report
6. Reports:
 - a. Pastor's
 - b. Parish Council's
 - c. Diocesan Delegates'
 - d. Finance Committee / Endowment Fund
7. Election of Parish Council & Delegates, Auditing and Nominating Committee members
8. Treasure's Report and proposed Budget for 1997
9. Auditing Committee Report
 - e. Women's Guild / Choir
 - f. Shnorhali School
 - g. ACYOA Jrs., Srs., And Three "M" of St. Mary
 - h. Ararat Avak Society
 - i. Bookstore / Library / and Shnorhali Newsletter
10. Announcement of Election Results
11. Old Business
12. New Business - Proposals and Amendments
13. Benediction - Adjournment

SAMPLE BALLOT - 1997

St. Mary's Annual Parish Assembly - February 23, 1997

Parish Assembly Chairman (Elect One)

Dr. Ara Avedisian
Br. Gen. Albert Kaehn, Jr.

Parish Assembly Secretary (Elect One)

Mr. Saro Kalayjian
Miss Andrea Murad

Parish Council Member (Elect 5)

Dr. Ara Avedisian
Mr. Steve Evereklian
Mr. Arto Hovannesian
Mr. Paul Murad
Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian
Mr. Vartan Vartanian

Nominating Committee (Elect

Mrs. Siran Levonian
Mrs. Sylvia Kadjianian
Mrs. Hripsime Zenopian

Auditing Committee (Elect One)

Mr. Stepan Ohanian
Dr. Edward Onanian

Diocesan Delegate (Elect 2)

Yeretzgin A. Kalayjian
Mrs. Lucy Murad
Mr. Paul Murad
Dr. Edward Onanian
Dr. Hratch Semerjian
Dean Shaninian, Esq.

Finance Committee (Elect One)

Dr. Ara Avedisian
Mr. Vaughn Sayian

1996 Parish Council

Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian	Pastor-President
Mr. Paul Murad *	Chairman
Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian *	Vice Chairman
Mrs. Anahid Ayrandjian	Secretary, I
Mr. Harry Derderian	Secretary II
Mr. Steve Evereklian *	Treasurer
Dr. Ara Avedisian *	Assist. Treasurer
Members:	Mr. Raffi Bardizbanian
	Mr. Arto Hovannesian *
	Mrs. Susan Ohanian

Diocesan Delegates

Dr. Edward Onanian *
Dean Shaninian, Esq. *

Auditing Committee

Mr. Raffi Karahisar - 1998
Mr. Harry Derderian - 1997
Dr. Edward Onanian - 1996 *

Finance Committee

Dr. Edward Onanian - 2000
Mr. Souny Kodjanian - 1999
Mrs. Lucy Murad - 1998
Mr. Mike Sahakian - 1997
Mr. Boghos Sivaslian - 1996 *

- THE TERMS EXPIRE - ELIGABLE TO BE CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

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

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Փետրուար 7, 1997

Սիրելի ծխականներ,

Այսու կը հրաւիրենք ձեզ մասնակցելու եկեղեցւոյ Տարեկան Ծխական Անդամական Ժողովին որ տեղի պիտի ունենայ Կիրակի, Փետրուար 23-ին, կէսօրուայ ժամը 12:00-ին:

Հարցերը նկատի պիտի առնուին այս էջի վրայ տպուած օրակարգի համաձայն:
Որեւէ Նոր հարցեր կամ առաջարկութիւններ պէտք է ժողովէն առաջ գրաւոր կերպով յանձնուին Ծխական Խորհուրդի Ատենապետ՝ Պրն. Փոլ Մուրատին:

Փետրուար 23-ին Սուրբ Պատարագը պիտի սկսի ժամը 10-ին եւ պիտի աւարտի մօտ ժամը 11:30-ին: Թեթեւ չաշ եւ հիւրասիրութիւն տեղի պիտի ունենայ, բայց ձեր Նախապէս հեռաձայն ընելը անհրաժեշտ է որպէսզի ըստ այնմ պատրաստուիք:
Հաճեցէք հեռաձայնել (202) 363-1923:

Անդամական Ժողովին մասնակցիլը եւ որոշում առնելը բոլորիս պարտքն է եւ պարտականութիւնը: Ուրեմն կը սպասենք ձեզ տեսնել Փետրուար 23-ին:

Հոգեւոր Հովիւ եւ ծխական Խորհուրդ

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1. Բացման եւ Հոգևոց Աղօթք
2. Անդամներու ներկայութեան ստուգում
3. Դիւանի ընտրութիւն
4. 1996-ի տարեկան ժողովի ատենագրութեան վաւերացում
5. Եկեղեցւոյ Նորոգութեան ծրագիր
6. Ընտրողական Յանձնախումբի Տեղեկագրութիւն
7. Տեղեկագրութիւններ
 - ա) Հոգեւոր Հովիւի
 - բ) Ծխական Խորհուրդի
 - գ) Թեմական Պատգամաւորներու
 - դ) Ֆինանսական Յանձնախումբի
8. Ընտրութիւն
 - ա) Ծխական Խորհուրդի
 - բ) Ընտրողական Յանձնախումբի
 - գ) Հաշուեցնելիչ Յանձնախումբի
 - դ) Ֆինանսական Յանձնախումբի
 - ե) Թեմական Պատգամաւորներու
9. Հաշուետուութիւն
 - ա) Ծխական Խորհուրդի 1996-ի պիւտձէի հաշուետուութիւն
 - բ) 1997-ի պիւտձէի վաւերացում
10. Տեղեկագրութիւններ (շարունակութիւն)
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Արարատ Աւագներու Ընկերակցութեան
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11. Հաշուեցնելիչ Յանձնախումբի Տեղեկագրութիւն
12. Ընտրութեանց արդիւնքներու ճանուցում
13. Հին հարցեր
14. Նոր հարցեր եւ առաջարկութիւններ
15. Փակման Աղօթք եւ Արձակում

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY
ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
February 25, 1996**

The Parish Assembly was called to order at 12:15 p.m. on February 25, 1996. The reading of the roll revealed that 85 dues paying members were in attendance which constituted a quorum. Nominations for Assembly Chair and Secretary were Brig. Gen. Albert Kaehn Jr. and Linda Ekizian, respectively. A motion was passed to close the nominations and by a secret ballot the election confirmed the above names, with 83 and 82 votes respectively.

1. Minutes of the 1995 Assembly

The minutes of the 1995 Assembly were accepted without comment.

2. Proposed Renovation

Don Hogan, Architect and Steve Evereklian, financial and contract advisor presented this report. Don Hogan explained that this project commenced two years ago with the goal to solve structural problems (e.g. difficult access from the front steps and lack of handicap accessibility) and to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the Church to conform with Armenian traditions. Acknowledgement was made to Martin Zakarian who had contributed extensively in regard to the aesthetic element of the proposed renovation. The projected renovations were published in advance of this meeting in a booklet form and the presenters offered further elaboration of the schematic renderings. It was noted that front access is restricted by D.C. codes to 10 feet. An external chair lift to the side of the building is projected. It could be independently operated by those served by the lift. A dome befitting Armenian Church traditions would be added to the existing roof structure. A choir loft and aesthetic renovations to the Altar are also proposed. Mr. Evereklian stated that this project, with an estimated total cost of \$549800.00, would ideally proceed in three phases over a three year period commencing in late Spring/early Summer, as follows:

- 1 - Renovations to front steps and inclusion of chair lift
- 2 - Construction of dome and choir loft
- 3 - Altar renovations

The Chairman emphasized that the costs are an estimate and that the Parish would not be expected to pay the total costs at one time. The proposed renovations are submitted as components and could be approved incrementally as funds become available.

A detailed question and answer period followed this presentation. In this session, it was revealed that the cost of an internal elevator was excessive; that the choir loft could be multi-purpose and would meet acoustic standards; that the tower would be glass or wire enclosed to prevent bird entry; that the natural light on the Altar would be diminished in this design and artificial lighting would be incorporated. It was noted that the total cost estimate would be reduced by \$70,000 if the choir loft was not constructed. It was also stated that our Church renovations should elevate our visible position in the Nation's Capital. It was suggested that, as such, fund raising should be broader than the local Armenian community. Some parishioners shared the view that other structural renovations

need to be addressed, notably additional classrooms and additional seating in the sanctuary. The designers noted that building a third floor on the school building to accommodate additional classrooms would cost approximately \$300,000. Partitions have been implemented in the Church hall for additional classrooms. (Note: Additional classrooms would cover some 2400 sq.ft. at a cost of \$125 to \$150 per square foot, the cost would easily approach or exceed \$300,000.)

The question was raised as to whether the retail value of the Church property was worth the estimated costs of the renovation proposal and whether building a new church would be a better alternative. This discussion surfaced again later in the meeting.

Parish Council Chairman, Paul Murad, read Proposal I (attached to these minutes) and submitted a motion that it be recognized: the motion was seconded and discussion continued.

Ed Onanian suggested that an assessment of the re-sale value of the Church should be made (with or without proposed renovations); additionally other real estate (whether building or land) options should be examined. A debate regarding the re-sale value of the Church followed. Some parishioners offered a historical perspective of real-estate options considered by St. Mary's over the past twenty-five years. It was stated that the prospect of purchasing a separate Church hall (for various functions, e.g. banquets) had not been investigated.

The Chairman inquired as to whether the motion (i.e. Proposal I) should be changed. Ed Onanian suggested the following as an information item:

- 1) The front steps could be renovated for 45K from restricted or unrestricted funds or insurance claims
- 2) The chair lift could be installed provided that the appropriate financing is raised
- 3) Sanctuary and dome renovations (i.e. Phase II) would be suspended until other real estate/re-sale options are investigated

Paul Murad made a motion that the following amendment to Proposal I be added to paragraph (b). (See the attached Proposal I - amendment in italics.

The amendment was approved by voice vote. The Proposal I (as amended) was voted upon and the motion was carried by 58 yeas, 5 nays.

After the vote, the Chair was requested to review what had just been approved (for information and clarification). The Chair stated that the Assembly had fundamentally approved in concept a renovation as described in the architectural renderings, and had authorized a redo of the front stairs and the installation of an outside elevator (both described in the booklet).

3. ACYOA Juniors Report

A report of the year's activity was offered. The Juniors now welcome new members from Baltimore. \$1000 has been donated to the Parish Council. A decorative coin was presented to Dean Shahinian for his service to the youth. Enthusiastic appreciation was offered to Yeretzgin for her guidance and support. The report was accepted as read.

4. Pastor's Report

Der Hayr urged and encouraged the Parish to participate in Church sponsored events emphasizing the educational programs which are designed for the parishioner's spiritual growth. Der Hayr also noted that we have a growing Church membership from Armenia and these new members should be welcomed and aided by our community. He also stressed that the community become aware of the financial obligations of the Church. While some events are profitable, not all proceeds are submitted to the Church; participation does not necessarily offer relief to the financial burden of the Church. The report was accepted as read.

5. Parish Council Report

The Chairman pointed out that the 1995 Annual Parish Council Report was contained in pages 15 through 21 of the Annual Report prepared for the Parish Assembly. He called for questions or comments; there were none. The Parish Council Report was accepted as read by voice vote. (Note: This action gives Assembly approval to the Memo of Understanding between the Parish Council and Reverend Kalayjian for calendar year 1996; further, the Assembly accepted the 1995 Bazaar and Rug Sale reports in approving the Parish Council Report).

6. Diocesan Delegate Report

The Delegates report had attached to it a report on the National Ecclesiastical Assembly submitted by Dean Shahinian, Delegate to the National Ecclesiastical Assembly. Ed Onanian reported that there has been no advancement re: unity since the May 1995 discussion. He offered a historical perspective to the issue, which is a political one. The report was accepted as read.

7. Finance Committee

The Chairman referred the Assembly to the Finance Committee Report which was presented on pages 22-23 of the Annual Report prepared for the Parish Assembly. It was pointed out that the financial situation of the Parish Council is not strong. Operating costs were such that the Finance Committee responded to the Parish Council request and transferred \$10,000 to the operating fund -- this kind of action depletes our reserve. Without a cash cushion in operating funds, cash flow problems become acute. Keep in mind that many of the assets managed by the Finance Committee have been designated for expenditure on specific projects; and funds are set aside in reserve for contingencies. The Finance Committee did show that some \$230,000 are available (total assets); these funds could be available in whole or in part for allocation components of the proposed renovation. However, prudent management suggests we must have a reserve; renovation dollars

must be raised via fundraising, and the operating fund must become strong and stable to support the day to day activities of the Church.

8. Women's Guild

Zivart Bolat, Takuhi Hallajian and Jean Sayian were added to the report's list of committee members. Alice Baker encouraged Parish participation in Women's Guild events. A question was raised as to whether the Bazaar should take place in October (when the weather is generally better) instead of November. This will be referred to the Women's Guild for consideration. The report was accepted as read.

9. Choir Report

Clara Andonian reported that the dinner dance raised \$1588. Appreciation was offered to Dr. Boyajian and Arto Hovanessian for their dedicated service. The report was accepted as read.

10. Shnorhali School Report

Dn. Hamlet offered his thanks to the teachers, Linda Ekizian and Jerry Hekimian for their assistance. He noted that the school enjoys 99 students, with 60-65 attending each Sunday. He recounted Ms. Der Stepanian's meeting with the teachers of the Armenian studies program. The need for additional classrooms (notably for third grade classes) was stressed. A question was raised as to whether the library could be converted into a classroom. It was pointed out that the Library would eventually be moved to the location formally occupied by the bookstore, after the front Church steps are renovated. Partitions were again cited as being used in the Church Hall for additional classrooms. The report was accepted as read.

11. Library Report

In answer to a query regarding the utilization of the Library, Der Hayr stated that the Library is utilized by the community as a resource center for research and school papers. The report was accepted as read.

12. Three M

Thanks were given by the Parish Council for Three M's financial contribution to the operating budget. The report was accepted as read.

13. Endowment Fund

A motion was carried to remove this report as a separate agenda item, since it is covered in the Finance Committee's report.

14. Operating Budget

Items on the budget were corrected as follow: under Income, Candles should show \$4820; under Expense, Transfer should show \$22463. Many accounting problems have surfaced due to frequent changes in personnel doing the treasurer function. Poor record keeping was cited. The Auditing Committee has made an offer, which the Parish Council has accepted, to conduct audits of the operating and restricted fund accounts on a quarterly basis. The Auditing Committee is working to recreate details of the Restricted Funds account. Tighter controls and improved procedures are badly needed. A budget for 1996 was not presented to the Assembly. A motion was made, seconded and approved as follows: *The Parish Council will mail a proposed 1996 operating budget (showing projected income and projected expenditures) to voting members of the Church not later than April 1, 1996. A Special Parish Assembly meeting will be called within one month after the mailing date to act on the 1996 budget. In the meantime, The Parish Council will cover expenses at a rate not exceed the expenditure rate of calendar year 1995.* The report was accepted as read.

15. Auditing Committee Report

The library and bookstore were not audited. The auditors did reconcile the Bookstore account, which as of 02/24/96 showed a balance of \$2100.08. Auditors appealed to activity chairmen and treasurers to keep checkbooks current; keep good records; make deposits in a timely manner; and reconcile discrepancies early (do not wait until year's end and be forced to attempt to explain actions from memory) The auditors strongly recommended that Restricted Funds be separated out from Operating Funds; that these funds be held in separate accounts to give a clearer picture of the financial condition of the Church. The Assembly Chairman expressed the consensus of the Assembly that this be done as soon as possible. The Chairman thanked Ed Onanian, Raffi Karahisar and Harry Derderian for their guidance and account reconciliation efforts. Auditors recommended that proceeds from the Bazaar and Rug Sale be transferred to the Parish Council and Finance Committee in the same calendar year that the events were held. The report was accepted as read.

16. Proposal II: Membership Dues (see addendum II)

The motion was carried to increase membership fees from \$100 to \$150. The need for increased supporting members was emphasized.

17. Election results

Parish Council Members

*Mrs. Anahid Ayrandjian	61
*Mr. Raffi Bardizbanian	58
*Mr. Harry Derderian	61
*Ms. Susan Ohanian	57

Nominating Committee

*Mrs. Rita Bush	60
*Mrs. Sandra Riley	57
*Mrs. Grace Shahinian	60

Auditing Committee

*Mr. Raffi Karahisar	44
Mr. Varougan Varoujanian	15

Finance Committee

Mr. Vartkes Keshishian	13
*Dr. Edward Onanian	48

* indicates elected

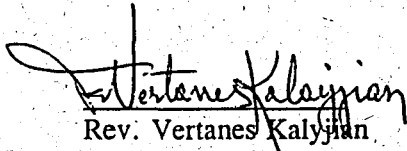
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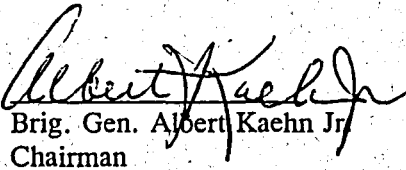
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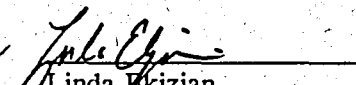
19. Closing of the Meeting

The Chairman thanked Linda Ekizian for graciously offering her services as Secretary. Der Hayr expressed appreciation to the outgoing Executive members and welcomed and congratulated those elected. He concluded the meeting with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Rev. Vertanes Kalyjian
Pastor


Brig. Gen. Albert Kaehn Jr.
Chairman


Linda Ekizian
Secretary

Proposal II

Whereas:

There are problems with managing the Parish Council operating budget due to the competing effects from the funding cycles of income and expenses as well as a requirement to set aside restricted funds that need to be separated from the operating funds.

In fulfillment of previous Parish Assembly requests regarding the operating budget, many discussions were held during Parish Council meetings on how to find means for raising funds for the operating budget.

Therefore:

The Parish Council in consultation with the Finance Committee makes the following proposal:

It is moved that:

The dues of Parish members shall be increased from \$100 to \$125 per annum to help defray such cycles and add stability to the Council's operating budget.

The Parish Council

This motion was amended to increase the dues to \$150 per annum: the amended motion was passed by the Assembly by a greater than 2/3 vote.

PROPOSAL I

Whereas:

At the request of a Special Parish Assembly held on 24 September, 1995, the Parish Council was instructed to intensify the planning and gathering of data regarding the Sanctuary Renovation Project to allow deliberating more meaningful decisions.

Therefore:

In fulfillment of these Special Parish Assembly requirements, a booklet was published and mailed to the Parish to inform them of the subsequent Master Plan that includes designs and preliminary cost estimates for the various renovation components;

Thus, the Parish Council in consultation with both the Renovation Committee and the Finance Committee makes the following proposal:

It is moved that:

- a) The Parish Council is hereby authorized to accomplish the Sanctuary Renovations in three phases at a cost not to exceed \$550,000 with an 8% allowance permitted for unplanned costs; moreover, the Parish Council agrees not to enter into any contract until it has the required funds on hand.
- b) The first phase has an urgent nature considering the current deteriorating condition of the front steps; these steps will be replaced in accordance with the Master Plan. In addition an elevator access will be included for the handicapped. The time period will be 1996-97 at an estimated cost of \$81,000. Amendment included here, to wit: *Furthermore, the Parish Council will form a committee to investigate other options and discuss its findings with a Special Assembly before starting the second phase.*
- c) The second phase shall include refurbishing the deteriorating front facade and addition of a traditional style dome above the vestibule as well as inclusion of a loft that may be used either for the choir or approximately 20 to 40 additional parish members. The time period will be 1997-99 at an estimated maximum cost of \$316,000.
- d) The third and final phase shall be the alteration of the sanctuary interior and will include altars, windows and a baptismal font. Estimated time period will be from 1999-2001 hopefully in time to celebrate the 1700th Anniversary of Armenia accepting Christianity. Estimated maximum costs are \$153,000.

It is our considered opinion that it will cost the church less if we expeditiously move to take advantage of current costs for materials and mortgages involved in these activities.

The Parish Council

PASTORS REPORT

1996

At the conclusion of the year 1996, I completed the 20th 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>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
Baptisms	22	30	29
Weddings	7	8	7
Funerals	10	6	13
Engagements	2	2	3
Confirmations and/or Adult Baptisms	-	-	4

B. SOCIAL SERVICES, PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

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 participation of the young adults and the Shnorhali School added special beauty and enjoyment. Those who attended will attest, that it was spiritually rewarding and uplifting to hear the children perform under the direction of Yerezgin.
2. **Baltimore Community.** This is the 18th year we have been conducting Christmas Service with our choir participating. I continue to be in touch with the community and administer to it's spiritual and social welfare. Yerezgin and I visited Baltimore on several occasions.
3. **Counseling and Social Services.** The areas covered were hospital; nursing homes; personal, premarital and family counseling; job placement; housing; immigration and naturalization; Armenian heritage research guidance; personal recommendations; scholarship applications; court appearances and translation; educational testing and document translations; mediation and / or marriage counseling; lectures; social service, etc.

C. OFFICE ACTIVITIES

4. **Church Office:** During the year we had the services of Mrs. June Kavookian, a part-time secretary. She has worked almost like a full time and we appreciate that very much. Office hours were 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The afternoon and almost all evening hours I personally use to carry on my responsibilities. Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian, who was with us over a year and a half, completed his Internship in November and has been assigned to another parish as a Deacon-in-Charge. He has been a great help and we wish him success in his future plans.

5. **Publications.** The parish newsletter, the SHNORHALI, and full-size special issues were published five times, totaling over 275 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 1300 and Shnorhali was mailed to 750 addresses. The average Sunday Bulletin printing was continued periodically. 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. In this particular area Yerezgin's contribution is huge!

D. **DIOCESAN AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

6. **Annual Diocesan Assembly.** In May, I attended The Diocesan Clergy Conference and Annual Assembly held in Wynwood, PA. Please read the details in the Diocesan Delegates' report. Prior to the General Assembly the Clergy Annual Conference was held at the same location.
7. **VEHAPAR'S VISIT.** Being in the Nation's Capital is both a privilege and obligation. On January 15 we had a Hrashapar welcoming service here in this sanctuary followed with a "Youth Forum" which allowed our young parishioners to interact with His Holiness. On this occasion our Bishop Papken was honored by being elevated by His Holiness to the rank of Archbishop. We congratulate him. A Banquet followed at the J.W. Marriott, Washington, DC.
8. **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 Capitol our community is in a special position to do a little more than other parishes.

9. 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:

10. Support the mission of HAVAD
- Support the Diocesan Fund for Armenia's Recovery (FAR)
 - Support the Orphan's Fund through the Women's Guild "CASP"
 - Support the "ARMENIA FUND"
 - Support the WGCC sponsored "School Bag" program.
 - Act as conduit to help those who have relatives in Armenia.
 - Support the Washington based Armenian-American Health Association.

- Support the Armenian Embassy here in Washington with volunteers.

In my last year's report for the first time I brought to your attention that:

"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 repeat my appeal again for all our parishioner to be more active in this area.

I was happy to inform you last year that we now have two special classes in the Shnorhali School teaching Eastern Armenian in response to the growing number of Hayasdantzees and Barsgahays (Armenians from Iran). This program, I am glad to say is bearing fruits.

11. **Prayer Luncheon at the Embassy** I am happy to report that as the coordinator I have taken the initiative to organize monthly **Prayer-Luncheons** at the Embassy of Armenia. On the average 30-40 of our parishioners and area's young professionals now have the opportunity to enjoy Christian fellowship and develop closer understanding of the affairs of the Embassy. Guest clergy deliver the spiritual message and the Ambassador does the briefing with Question and Answer that follows.

12..Last but not 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 United States 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.

13. **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 dedication with the leadership provided by the Chairman Mr. Paul Murad.

14. **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, ACYOA JR's and SR's., 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.

15. **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 parishioners to offer the Sunday Meditations in lieu of the pastor's sermons. We shall continue these inspirational activities.

16. **Young Adult's Sunday.** The first Sunday of the month is Shnorhali School's Communion Sunday. To complement these Sunday programs a series of lectures were organized by Dean Shahinian under the title "Armenian Life". I have observed that these lectures are received as very informative, educational and inspirational. We thank Dean who as the President of the Ararat Foundation continues his contributions to the spiritual enrichment of our community and elsewhere.
17. **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.
18. **Bookstore.** We thank Mr. Rostam (Armik) Khatchaturians who continues his responsibility regularly. We thank him for his dedication.
19. **St. Mary's Balian Library.** Our thanks to Ms. Elizabeth Kayaian Garabedian who continued her task with concern and dedication. The library's change of location is now a reality. I invite you to take a look at it. We thank Mr. Steve Evereklian for the fine job he did in renovating the space. We thank Mrs. Marie Balian who made and donated the Armenian Style ceramic Madonna which is now part of our library.
20. **60th Anniversary** of our church and community was celebrated on the weekend of September 22, 1996. It was a multifaceted and multi-level celebration-event:
 - a. **Celebration of Holy Badarak and Ordinations.** His Eminence Abp. K. Barsamian celebrated the Holy Badarak and ordained Acolytes and Stole Bearers (see Choir Report).
 - b. Banquet-Celebration at the Hyatt Regency, Bethesda. With a special program and commemorative book.
 - c. Dr. Charles Kumkumian receiving St. Nersess Shnorhali Award.
 - d. Last but not the least Yerezgin and I thank the Parish Council and the 60th Anniversary Banquet Committee who acting on behalf of the parishioners offered a surprise recognition for our services in the form of a Pectoral gold cross for me and a gold cross pendant for Yerezgin. His Eminence, the Primate, did the honor of the presentation and that made it even more memorable. We were both deeply touched by this gesture of gratitude.
21. **Armenian Memorial Weekend (April 24).** We have been observing this important anniversary with a variety and creative ways: Multi-Media Art Exhibition, Tehlirian's Berlin Trial, Mr. Edward Alexander as lecturer, Young Artist's Talent Show, Madagh and wreath laying ceremony with the young adults participating in the program.
22. **Cultural Events.** There were a variety of ways one could get enriched culturally: "Armenia: Land of Wonders" was an unqualified and spectacular success both in its educational and inspirational objectives; The Vartanantz Celebration; Three "M" sponsored lectures and Seminars; Alexandria-Gumri Sister City Festival, Young Artist's Talent Show, Art Show and much more. The challenge, I have always underlined, is just being there. A

note of thanks also to Mr. Arsen Sayian and his "Ani Chorale of Washington" who continue to enrich our community's cultural life.

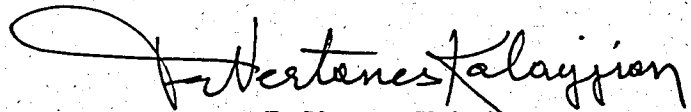
23. Our church has reason to rejoice in the fact that we now have the ACYOA SR's on active track. We are indebted to Saro Kalayjian who took up the challenge of putting a list of 50 Young Adults, sending them letters, post cards, making phone calls to motivate them to gather around the organization. As of now over 20 such young adults are affiliated with the group. They need our support and we should feel obligated to give it to them.
24. Charitable Activities. The special "Charitable Fund" enabled us to extend a helping hand to at least three emergency situations. Through the Shnorhali School, The ACYOA JR's and SR's and the Women's Guild we responded to the needs of the community around us. Haiganoush Tangamian, the paralyzed young athlete also became a focal point of concern. Our community generously responded to help her out.
25. Spiritual, Religious Educational programs were developed and implemented to a great satisfaction to many who attended: The Lecture Series on Catechism/Sacraments, the Seminar on "Prayer; A Way of Life"; The Lenten Friday and Sunday programs "In Search of our Spiritual Heritage", etc. We commend Dean Shahinian, Esq. for conceiving, planning and implementing a Seminar dedicated to the question: "What Will Be the Future of The Armenian Church in America". It was held on September 28, 1996 in Philadelphia, PA under the sponsorship of Ararat Foundation of which Dean is the Founder-President. Close to 150 people attended and became part of the discussion at this most significant event.
26. Weekly Bible Studies continued regularly on Thursdays from 7:30-8:30. The attendance ranges from 10-15. The sessions are lead by some of the participants taking turns: Dr. Gregory Kumkumian, The Coordinator; Dean Shahinian, Esq.; Mr. Vartan Vartanian; Dr. Charles Kimkumian; Mrs. Clara Andonian; Mr. Simon Kumkumian and others. We thank Dr. Greg Kumkumian for his continuous dedication for this program.
27. William Doctor (Yervant Hekimian) Will. It has been over a year that our "anonymous" benefactor who for several years kept us guessing as to the identity of the perpetrator of this generous kindness. Three months prior to his death I was given the "power of attorney". When he passed away I turned the task to the Parish Council to probate his will which designated St. Mary's to administer the Fund for Scholarship grants for students who are fully or partially Armenian descent residing in the United States and Canada. I urge this Assembly to appoint or elect 5 member committee to explore the extent that it wishes St. Mary's to get involved in assuming legal and moral obligation which the late benefactor clearly places upon the Parish and it's leadership. I would like to place this issue on the Agenda of the day under Old or New Business.
28. In response to our **URGENT APPEAL** most of our parishioners responded positively. With an additional contribution of \$ 10,000 from an anonymous benefactor we were able to raise around \$ 20 thousand to close the anticipated gap in the 1996 budget. Our thanks to one and all.

I. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

29. **Altar Care.** 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 and **Mrs. Anna Bolek** for making MAS.
30. 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 1996 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. She has also been serving on the Women' Guild Central Council in New York for the 4th year. She has been the Spiritual and Armenian Education Program Director of Camp Nubar for the last 22 years. She also serves on the Executive committee of the Armenian Medical Association of Metropolitan Washington. So, on your behalf and mine I thank **Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian**. Lest we take it for granted, we thank **Deacons Vartkes Keshishian, Mark Krikorian, Arto Hovanessian & Dr. Richard Doyar** and **Stolebearers Jack and George Guiragosian, Dr. Hratch Semerjian, Choir Director, Mr. Boghos Zulikian, Organist** who continue their services along with the choir members with almost perfect attendance. Last, but not least, to our Parish Council Member **Steve Evereklian** who did go beyond the call of duty during this past year, specially in handling the now completed renovation of the front entrance and the access for the handicapped.

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, Pastor

1996 տարուան վերջը կ'ամբողջանայ 20-րդ տարին Ս.Աստուածածին Եկեղեցւոյ հովուուական աշխատանքիս: Հետեւեալը ամփոփումն է անցնող տարուան գործու- նէութեանս որ իբրեւ հաշուետուութիւն խոնարհաբար կը մատու- ցանեմ մեր Տիրոջ եւ ձեզի:

Ա. ԽՈՐՀՐԴԱԿԱՍԱՐ ՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ

- 1. Տարուան ընթացքին տեղի ունեցած են՝ Մկրտութիւն-29, Ս.Պսակ-7, Թաղում-13, Նշանտուք-3, Չափահաս անձի Մկրտութիւն-Դրոշմ-4: Անցեալ տարիներու հետ բաղդատելու համար դիմել անգլերէն տեքստին:

Բ. ՀՈՎՈՒՈՒԱԿԱՆ ԱՅԼ ԱՇՈՒՍԱՆՔՆԵՐ

- 2. Կիրակնօրեայ կանոնաւոր Ս.Պատարագի կողքին եղան մասնաւոր արարողութիւն- ներինչպէս Ամերիկեան Քրիսմըս, Ս.Պատարագ Պոլիմորփի մէջ եւայլն: Եղան անձնական, ընտանեկան խորհրդակցութիւններ, հիւանդանոցի, ծերանոցի այց, ամուսնական հարցերու խորհրդակցութիւն, աշխատանքի, բնակարանի, քաղաքա- ցիական, գաղթականական հարցեր եւայլն: Հայագիտական ուսումնասիրութիւն- ներու, կրթաթոշակի օգնութիւն, դատարանի մէջ եւ զբաւոյր թարգմանութիւն- ներ, անհատներու եւ ընտանեկան հարցերը լսել, դասախօսութիւններ եւ ընդ- հանրապէս ընկերային ծառայութիւններ մատուցանել:

Գ. ԳՐԱՍԵՆԵԱԿԻ ԱՇՈՒՍԱՆՔՆԵՐ

- 3. Տարուան ընթացքին մասնակի ժամերով ունեցանք քարտուղարուհի, Տիկ. ծիւն Գովուգեան որ նուիրումով աշխատեցաւ: Ժամերն էին 9-էն մինչեւ 2-ը: Կէսօրէ ետք եւ երեկոնները եւս տրամադրած եմ պարտականութիւններուս: Բարեշ. Համլէթ Սրկ. Մեհրաբեանը որ մէկուկէս տարի մեզի հետ էր, ամբողջա- ցուց իր այստեղ մնալու իր ծրագիրը եւ հիմա նշանակուած է ուրիշ ծուկի մը պատասխանատու: Իր ներկայութիւնը օգտակար էր եւ իրեն կը մաղթենք ապագայ ծրագիրներու յաջողութիւն:

- 4. ՀՐԱՏԱՐԱԿՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ. Ենորհալին լոյս տեսաւ 5 անգամ 275 էջերով տեղեկա- գրելով մեր ծխական աշխատանքներու մասին: Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն թերթիկի խմբագիր Տիկ. Կրէյս Շահինեանին: Մեր ընդհ. հասցէացանկը 1300 է եւ Ենորհալին կը դրկուի 750 հասցէի: Պարբերաբար հրատարակեցինք նաեւ կիրակնօրեայ թերթիկներ: Ասոնցմէ գառ դրկեցինք նաեւ բազմաթիւ թերթիկներ ծանուցումներ, քարթեր աւելի անմիջական հաղորդակցութեան համար: Յաճախ ժողովուրդի հետ հեռախօսով կապ պահեցինք եւ այս աշխատանքի մէջ երէցկի- նին աշխատանքը հսկայական է:

Դ. ԹԵՄԱԿԱՆ ԵՒ ԱՅԼ ԳՈՐԾՈՒՆԷՆՈՒԹԻՒՆ

- 5. Ներկայ եղայ եւ մասնակցեցայ թեմական Պատգամաւորական եւ Եկեղեցականաց Համագումարին որ տեղի ունեցաւ Մայիսի առաջին շաբթուան ընթացքին ֆիլա- տելֆոյ մէջ:
- 6. Վեշ. ՀԱՅՐԱՊԵՏԻ ԱՅՅԸ տեղի ունեցաւ Յուն. 15-ին: Հրաշափառ արարողութեամբ Վեյր մուտք գործեց Եկեղեցի եւ տեղի ունեցաւ մասնաւոր հանդիպում երիտա- սարդաց հետ: Այս առիթով Բարգէն Սրբազան ստացաւ Արքեպիսկոպոսութեան տիտ- դոսը: Կը շնորհաւորենք զինք: Երեկոյեան տեղի ունեցաւ Վեյին ի պատիւ ընդունելութիւն-ճաշկերոյթ:
- 7. Հայ Աւետարանական համայնքի պաշտամունքները տեղի կ'ունենան մեր եկե- պեցւոյ սրահին մէջ եւ մենք առիթ ունեցած ենք կարգ մը ձեռնարկներ միա- սին կազմակերպելու եւ զիրար քաջալերելու: Պիտի շարունակենք նոյնը ընել:

Ե. ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԻ ՎԵՐԱԲԵՐԵԱԼ ԱՇՈՒՍԱՆՔՆԵՐ

- 8. Մայրաքաղաքի մէջ գտնուող գաղութ մը ըլլալու պատճառաւ յատուկ դիրքի մը մէջ ենք աւելին ընելու, որովհետեւ աւելին կը սպասուի մեզմէ:
 - Հիւրասիրել շարք մը պատգամաւորներ, պաշտօնական անձեր եւ արուեստա- գէտներ:
 - Հիւրերուն եւ այստեղ հաստատուած անհատներուն հայթայթել բժշկական խնամք: Ենորհակալութիւն մեր բժիշկներուն իրենց օգնութեան համար:

• Կը շարունակենք օգնել ՀԱՎԱՏ-ին, Հայաստանի Օգնութեան ֆոնտին, Տիկ-նանց Միութեան կողմէ հովանաւորուած Որբախնամ ծրագրին, Կարոցականնե-րու օգնութեան, փոխադրամիջոց ըլլալ Հայաստանի հարազատներու օգնութեան, օգնել Ուշիկնկթռնի Բժշկական Միութեան, կամաւորներով օգնել Հայաստանի Դեսպանատան:

9. Անցեալ տարուան տեղեկագրիս մէջ նշած էի հետեւեալը. - "Նոր իրականու-թիւն մը կայ որ մեր ուշադրութենէն պէտք չէ վրիպի: Նախկին ՅՈՒՆԵ-րու վրայ - Խորքերթցի, Մալաթիացի, Արաբկիրցի, Պէյրութցի, Պոլսեցի - հիմա մեր մէջ ունինք Հայաստանցի: Գալիֆորնիայի հետ թիւով չենք կա-րող մրցիլ բայց կարող ենք մրցիլ մեր հիւրասիրութեամբ եւ օգնութեամբ:"

Նոյն կոչը կը կրկնեմ որ մեր գաղութը աւելի զգայուն եւ աշխոյժ աշխա-տանք ցոյց տայ այս մարզի մէջ: Ուրախ եմ նաեւ ըսելու որ Արեւելահա-յերէնով տրուած երկու դասապահերը Շնորհալի Կարոցի մէջ սկսած են ի-րենց լաւ արդիւնքները տալ:

10. Հայ Դեսպանատան մէջ Աղօթածաշ տեղի կ'ունենայ ամէն ամիս: Իբրեւ կազ-մակերպողը, ուրախ եմ ըսելու որ ամէն ամիս 30-40 հոգի ներկայ կ'ըլլան օգտուելու համար քրիստոնէական աղօթահաւաքէն եւ լսելու Դեսպանը եւ իրագել ըլլալու Հայաստանի մասին: Հիւր եկեղեցականներ կու տան հոգե-ւոր պատգամը:

11. Եւ վերջապէս աւելի աշխոյժ ըլլանք քաղաքական գետնի վրայ ի նպաստ Հայաստանի եւ Արցախի:

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12. Ժխական Խորհուրդի նուիրեալ անդամներու գործակցութեամբ արդիւնաւոր տարի մը ունեցանք: Ամսական երկու անգամ ժողովները տեղի ունեցան կա-նոնաւոր կերպով: Մասնակի ժողովներ ալ տեղի ունեցան:

13. Օժանդակ կազմակերպութիւններ

Շնորհակալութիւն պէտք է յայտնել եկեղեցասէր Տիկնանց Միութեան ան-դամներուն, Դարաց Դասին, Շնորհալի Դարոցին, Երիտասարդաց կրտսեր եւ Աւագ Խումբերուն, ՅՄ կազմակերպութեան, Արարատ Աւագներու Խումբին որոնց հետ մօտէն աշխատեցայ: Շնորհակալութիւն վարչական անդամներուն, Տնօրէնին, Ուսուցիչներուն եւ Խորհրդատուներուն իրենց նուիրումին եւ զոհաբերութեան համար:

14. Մեծ Պահքի հսկումներուն եւ արարողութեանց առիթով հրաւիրեցինք հիւր-խօսողներ մեր ծխականներէն, որոնք տուին օրուան հոգեւոր պատգամը:

15. Ամսուան առաջին կիրակիները յատկացուցինք Շնորհալի Դարոցի համար Ս. Հաղորդութեան եւ մասնաւոր պաշտամունքի: Անոր կողքին տեղի ունեցան "Հայ Կեանք" դասախօսութիւններու շարքը Ս. Պատարագէն անմիջապէս ետք: Այս շարքի համար մեր շնորհակալութիւնը կը յայտնենք Պրն. Տիկնանցին որ իբրեւ Հիմնադիր-նախագահ Արարատ ֆոնտին կը շարունակէ իր նպաստը բերել գաղութի հոգեւոր կեանքի շինութեան այստեղ եւ այլուր:

16. Բարեսիրական ֆոնտ-ը մեր եկեղեցիին միջոցներէն մէկն է օգնելու ա-նոնց որոնք պէտք ունին: Ֆոնտը կը զոյանայ մեր ծխականներու նուէր-ներով: Ասոր կողքին Շնորհալի Դարոցը եւ Երիտասարդացը անտունիներու համար օգնութիւն կը հաւաքէ: Այս ֆոնտով կ'օգնենք մասնաւորաբար նոր հաստատուած ընտանիքներուն:

17. Գրատունը կը շարունակէ օգտակար ըլլալ շնորհիւ Պրն. Արմիկ Խաչատուր-եանցի նուիրեալ աշխատանքին: Շնորհակալութիւն իրեն:

18. Եկեղեցույս Պալեան Գրադարանի համար շնորհակալութիւն կը յայտնենք Տիկ. Էլիզապէթ Գայայեան-Կարապետեանին որ կը շարունակէ իր նուիրեալ աշխատանքը: Գրադարանի նոր վայրը արդէն պատրաստ է: Շնորհակալութիւն Պրն. Ստեփան Էվէրէքլեանին նորոգութեանց աշխատանքի համար: Տիկ. Մարի Պալեան պատրաստած եւ նուիրած է Սէրամիք Աստուածամայր մը որ հիմա Գրադարանի գարդը կը կազմէ: Կը թելադրեմ որ ացելէք հոն տեսնելու:

19. 60-ամեակի Տօնակատարութիւն-ը տեղի ունեցաւ Աեպտ. 22-ի շաբաթավերջին մի քանի ձեւով եւ մակարդակով:

• Ս. Պատարագ եւ Չեոնադրութիւն. Առաջնորդ Սրբազանը պատարագեց եւ քարո-զեց եւ Դպիրներ եւ Ուրարակիրներ ձեոնադրեց:

- Տեղի ունեցաւ փառաշուք ճաշկերոյթ եւ յայտագիր Պէթնեգոսայի Հայաթ Թիմընսի պանդոկի մէջ:
- Սուրբ ներսէս Ենորհալիի պատուոյ մէտալը՝ Վեհ. Հայրապետի կողմէ, տրուեցաւ Դոկտ. Չարլզ Գըմգըմեանին իր երկարատեւ ծառայութեան համար:
- Եւ վերջապէս կրկին շնորհակալութիւն կը յայտնենք՝ Երէցկիներ եւ ես, 60-ամեակի առիթով ինծի տրուած լանջախաչին եւ Երէցկիներին տրուած վզի խաչին համար որ ծուխին կողմէ տրուեցաւ մեր տարիներու ծառայութեանց համար, Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր ձեռքով: Սրբազան Հօր ներկայութեան եւ ձեր ցոյց տուած զնահատանքին համար մեծապէս զգացուած ենք:

20. Հայկական Ցեղասպանութեան Յիշատակի Եարթութեանը - Ապրիլ 24 - Այս կարեւոր թուականը կը յիշատակենք զանազան միջոցառումներով: Արուեստի ցուցահանուէտով, Թէլիփրանի նուիրուած դասախօսութեամբ, երիտասարդ Տաղանդներու Համերգով, Մատաղ-Հոգեհանգիստով եւ մասնաւոր ծաղկեպսակի զետեղումով:
21. Մշակութային Զեռնարկներ. Չանազան առիթներով ունեցանք մշակութային միջոցառումներ զաղուէթի անդամներու վայելքի եւ գոհունակութեան համար: Անոնցմէ էին. - Հայաստան-Հրաշքներու Երկիր՝ միօրեայ ուսուցողական եւ ներշնչող ծրագիրը որ զործադրուեցաւ Օր. Սիլվա Տէր Ստեփանեանի կողմէ, վարդանանց Տոնակատարութիւնը, Դասախօսութիւններ եւ Սէմինարներ ՅՄ-ի կողմէ, Ալեքանտրիա-Կոլմարի ֆէսթիվալ, Երիտասարդ Տաղանդներու Ելոյթը, Արուեստի Գուցահանուէտը եւ ուրիշ ձեռնարկներ: Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն եւ զնահատանք Պրն. Արսէն Սայեանին եւ Անի Երզնիստեանին որոնք կը շարունակեն մտապահել մեր զաղութեան կեանքը:
22. Մեր զաղութիւնը պատճառ ունի ուրախ ըլլալու անով որ Աւագ Երիտասարդները Սինիքը Էյ. Սի. Ուայ. Օ. Էյ. - վերակազմուած է նորիւ Պրն. Սարո Գալայ-Սեանի շնորհիւ: Ան ի մի հաւաքեց 50-է աւելի անուններ որոնցմէ առնուազն 20-ը կապ կը պահեն կազմակերպութեան հետ: Պէտք ունին մեր օգնութեան եւ պարտաւոր պէտք է զգանք այդ օգնութիւնը տալու իրենց:
23. Բարեսիրական Աշխատանք-ը կարելի կ'ըլլայ ԲԱՐԵՍԻՐԱԿԱՆ ֆոնտի միջոցաւ: Այս ֆոնտի մէջ կը դրուին այդ նպատակով եղած նուէրները որպէսզի մենք ալ մեր կարգին կարենանք նպաստել ուրիշներուն: Եկեղեցւոյ կազմակերպութիւններու առանձին զործերէն զատ առիթ ունեցանք դրամ հաւաքելու պատանուի Հայկուշ Թանկամեանի ի նպաստ:
24. Հոգեւոր-կրօնական եւ Դաստիարակչական ծրագիրներ մշակուեցան յօգուտ մեր ծխականներու հոգեւոր դաստիարակութեան: Անոնց կարգին՝ Զրիստոնէական մեր հաւատամքի մասին դասախօսութիւններու շարքը, Աղօթքի մասին Սէմինարը, Ուրբաթ եւ Կիրակի օրերու Մեծ Պահքի արարողութիւնները, այս բոլորը միասնաբար եւ ի խնդիր մեր հոգեւոր մշակոյթին օգտակար եղան: Կը զնահատենք Պրն. Տին Շահինեանի աշխատանքը մասնաւորաբար ՝ ինչ պիտի ըլլայ Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ Ապագան Ամերիկայի մէջ՝ թեմայով միօրեայ ժողովը կազմակերպելուն համար: Ան տեղի ունեցաւ Սեպտ. 28-ին ֆիլատելֆիոյ մէջ ղովանաւորութեամբ Արարատ ֆոնտին որուն Հիմնադիր-նախագահն է: Մօտ 150 հոգի ներկայ եղան:
25. Եարթական Սուրբ Գրքի Սերտողութիւն-ը շարունակուեցաւ կանոնաւորաբար եւ 10-15 հոգիներ ներկայ եղան: Սերտողութիւնը կը ղեկավարեն մասնակիցները՝ Տրքթ. Կրէկըրի Գըմգըմեան, Պրն. Տին Շահինեան, Պրն. Վարդան Վարդանեան, Տրքթ. Չարլզ Գըմգըմեան, Տիկ. Գոհար Աստոնեան, Պրն Սիմոն Գըմգըմեան եւ ուրիշներ: Ենորհակալութիւն Տրքթ. Կրէկըրի Գըմգըմեանին որ կը շարունակէ ղեկավարել այս շատ կարեւոր ձեռնարկը:
26. Ուիլիամ Տրքթըր - Երուանդ Հէքիմեան - ի կտակը. Տարիէ մը աւելի է որ մեր անանուն բարերարը՝ որ երկար տարիներ մեզ մոլորի մէջ ձգեց իր ինքնութիւնը պահելով, մահացած է: Իր մահէն մօտ երեք ամիս առաջ ինծի տուած էր իր փոխանորդը ըլլալու իրաւունքը: Մահէն ետք ամէն ինչ յանձնեցի ծխական խորհուրդին որ նշանակուած էր իբրեւ ՝ Մատակարար կտակով հաստատուած կրթաթոշակի ֆոնտին: Այս կրթաթոշակէն կրնան օգտուել լրիւ կամ մասնակիօրէն Հայ ծնողաց զաւակներ Ամերիկայի եւ Գանատայի մէջ: Կը թելադրեմ որ այս Անդամական թողովը նշանակէ կամ ընտրէ յանձնախումբ մը 5 հոգիներէ բաղկացած ընտելու համար թէ որքնով կ'ուզէ ըստանձնել օրինական եւ բարոյական պարտաւորութիւնը որ հանգուցեալ բարերարը դրած է այս եկեղեցիին վրայ եւ անոր ղեկավարներուն վրայ: Այս հարցը կը խնդրեմ որ օրակարգի վրայ դրուի իբրեւ հին կան նոր հարց:

27. Իրրեւ պատասխան մեր դիմումին, շատ մը ծխականներ դրականօրէն օդնեցին Մասնաւոր Հանգանակութեան: Անանուն մնալ ուզող քարերարի մը 10 Հազար եւ այլ առատածեոն նուէրներով ակնկալուած պիտոճէական քացը զոցուեցաւ: Շնորհակալութիւն բոլորին:

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28. Խորանի խնամքը շարունակուեցաւ շնորհիւ կարգ մը տիկիններու: Շնորհակալութիւն նաեւ անոնց որոնք ՄԱՍ-ը պատրաստեցին, մասնաւորաբար Տիկ. Աննա Պոլէքեանին: Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն Օր. Անահիտ Գալուզեանին որ խորանի ծաղիկներու, Քրիստոս քարթերու, Սրահի օգտագործման եւ այլ աշխատանքները կը շարունակէ նուիրումով:

29. Ցանկը այն ծխականներուն որոնց մասնաւորաբար շնորհակալ եմ իրենց ծառայութեանց եւ օգնութեանց համար, երկար է: Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն բոլոր վարչականներուն որոնք միասնաբար 1996-ը ըրին յաջող տարի մը: Կրկնութիւն ըլլալու գնով ըսեմ որ խորունկ գնահատանքով պարտական եմ իբրեւ հովիւ մէկու մը որ նաեւ է Կենակիցս, աշխատակիցս եւ անփոխարինելի խորհրդատու հովուուական գործիս: Ասոնցմէ դուրս ան եղած է Տիկ. նանց Կեդրոնական վարչութեան անդամ, 22 տարիներէ ի վեր նուազար ծամբարի բուժքոյր, Ուաշինկթընի Հայ Բժշկական Միութեան վարչութեան անդամ եւ այլ կազմակերպութեանց հետ մօտէն աշխատող եւ ղեկավարող: Ուրեմն ձեր բոլորին կողմէ եւ իմ կողմէ շնորհակալութիւն երէցկին Անահիտ Գալալեանին:

Շնորհակալութիւն նաեւ Սարկաւազներ՝ Վարդգէս Քէշիշեանին, Արթօ Յովհաննէսեանին, Տոքթ. Ռիչըրտ Տոյեանին, Պրն. Մարք Գրիգորեանին. Ուրարակիրներ Ճէք եւ Ճորճ Կիրակոսեանին, Դպրապետ Դոկտ. Հրաչ Սէմէրճեանին, Օրկընիսթ Պրն. Պօղոս Զուլիկեանին որոնք միւս նուիրեալ Դպրաց Դասի անդամներու հետ կը պայծառացնեն մեր կիրակնօրեայ պաշտամունքները: Եւ վերջապէս մեր ծխական խորհուրդի անդամներէն Պրն. Ստեփան Էվէրէքլեանին որ իր պարտականութենէն անդին նուիրումով եւ սիրով առաջ տարաւ եկեղեցւոյ նորոգութիւնը եւ բարեգարդումը:

30. Նոր Տարիի այս սկիզբին, մեր յաջողութիւններու կողքին՝ որոնց համար փառք կու տանք Աստուծոյ, ունինք նոր իրագործումներու կարելիութիւններ: Աստուծոյ օգնութեամբ եւ ձեր գործակցութեամբ կը յուսանք այլ ծրագիրները եւս յաջողցնել զալիք ամիսներու ընթացքին:



Աղօթարար՝ Տ. Վրթանէս Ա. Քհնյ. Գալալեան, Հովիւ

*Memorandum of Understanding Between
The Parish Council of St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church
of Washington, D.C.
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>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
Basic Stipend	\$21,560.00	\$22,050.00	22,750.00
Service Increment	10,780.00	9,880.00	11,081.00
Membership Increment	1,540.00	1,575.00	1,625.00
Mileage Allowance	8,200.00	8,200.00	8,200.00
Life Insurance	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$43,580.00	\$43,205.00	\$45,156.00

These figures are based upon Diocesan guidelines regarding 1997 Clergy Stipend. In addition to this amount, the Parish Council voted for a bonus of \$2,000. which brings the total to \$47,156.00. The Parish will also make the required contributions to the Clergy Insurance and IRA accounts which are estimated at \$10,947. The Parish will assume the payment of all utility expenses (heating, electricity, water, sewer and telephone) at the Parish house.

2. *Vacation:* In accordance with the Diocesan vacation schedule, we agree that Fr. Kalayjian is entitled to four weeks of vacation to include four Sundays. Leave may be accrued with the prior consent of the Parish Council. As of 1/1/97, Fr. Kalayjian has no accrued leave from the 1996 calendar year.

As in prior years, except in emergency situations, two weeks notice will be provided by Fr. Kalayjian 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 proves 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 lodging and travel expenses for attendance at the Clergy Conference and at the Diocesan Assembly. In the case of the ACYOA or Choir Assemblies, it is expected that these particular organizations provide lodging and travel expenses.

3. *Duration:* this memorandum of understanding becomes effective on January 1, 1997 and continues through December 31, 1997 provided that it receives the approval of the Annual Parish Assembly.

Parish Council 1996 Annual Report

On Sunday, February 26, 1996, we held our Annual Parish Assembly. At that time, the new Parish Council was elected. With confirmation from the Diocese, a special Parish Council meeting was held in April to elect officers for the calendar year 1996 with a term to last until the next annual Parish Assembly in early 1997.

The 1996 members of the Parish Council were:

Mr. Paul Murad	Chairman	Mr. Arto Hovannessian	Member
Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian	Vice Chairman	Ms. Susan Ohanian	Member
Mr. Steve Evereklian	Treasurer	Mr. Harry Derderian	Member
Ms. Anahid Ayrandjian	Secretary	Mr. Raffi Bardizbanian	Member
Dr. Ara Avedisian	Member		

The Parish Council meet twice a month during the year with special sessions to treat unusual events such as the Bazaar. Minutes for these meetings are available for review. Invitations were extended to Dean Shahinian, Esq. and Dr. Ed Onanian who were Diocesan Delegates to attend these meetings. In general, the council continued many programs that were actively underway because these efforts were in the best interest of the church and the Armenian community as a whole. Different approaches were also required facing the reality of renovations, operating with a deficit budget and the need for joint activities. The following provides a list of the accomplishments and issues which are currently under advisement and planned activities.

1. Parish Council Liaison/Points of Contact for each church activity was assigned as follows:

Women's Guild- Evelyn Vartabedian
Finance Committee- Paul Murad
3M Adult Fellowship & ACYOA- Susan Ohanian
Choir- Arto Hovannessian
Shnorhali School- Harry Derderian
Maintenance- Steve Evereklian

2. In keeping with the Primate's wishes, the council continued using the services of Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian as part of the St. Mary's staff. Deacon Hamlet's activities included participating in altar and liturgical activities as well as the Shnorhali School. Partial funding for the Deacon was provided by the operating funds. Deacon Hamlet was reassigned to a parish in Connecticut and we all will miss him and wish him continued success on the path that he has chosen.

3. The annual Picnic was very successful under the leadership of Steve Evereklian, Susan Ohanian, Ara Avedisian and Arto Hovannessian. The picnic included a soccer game involving Homenutmen and the Alumni of the Hye Club where a good time was had by all. The efforts of these individuals as well as others such as George and Jack Guirogossian are appreciated very much. The picnic was a financial success and with only about 200 people in attendance.

4. We held two special Parish Assemblies which had the purpose to inform the Parish about planned renovation activities involving the large hall, the steps under Phase I, the front of the church under Phase II, and the altar area under Phase III. Based upon these discussions, renovations on the large hall which were planned to be completed within two months for the 60th Anniversary celebration and the Bazaar were delayed indefinitely and work continued on the Phase I activities which included the front steps and a handicap elevator based upon funding made available by the Hermine O'Reilly bequest completing this phase of the renovations.

5. The William E. Docter's will which is a scholarship fund for children having one or both Armenian parents throughout the U.S. and Canada is currently in

probate and completion of probate is expected in March 97. Following probate, a methodology will be put in place to carry out the spirit and intent of Mr. Doctor prior to his death. Throughout this process, legal advice has been included for setting-up the fund for awarding scholarships.

6. Following the lead of the previous Parish Council, we looked into the possibility of a joint New Year's Affair. Because of the loss of revenue from the previous year's affair, the council decided to have a New Year's affair at Saint Mary.

- The choir sponsored a very successful and intimate thanksgiving dinner and dance. Approximately 120 people and 20 children attended and Arto Hovannesian with the assistance from the Choir making this event a success. The turkeys were donated by Steven Ohanian, Vartkes Keshishian, and Hayrabed Dilanian and the Koseian and Sivaslian families were also kind enough to donate the rest of the food for the affair. We commend the Choir for a very successful affair.

- Using thanksgiving as a model, the large hall was decorated for New Years where Arto, Susan, and Steve essentially ran the show, provided the food, party favors and ran a very successful raffle. Over 120 people and 30 children attended the event and it successfully netted the council \$1,300. We thank Berj Kalayjian and Der Hayr for decorating the hall.

7. The stellar event of the year was the celebration of the Church's Sixtieth Anniversary. This function was chaired by Evelyn Vartabedian, the Council's Vice Chair Person, with assistance from parish council members to include Arto Hovannesian, Susan Ohanian, and Anahid Ayrandjian. Ms Jean Sayian and Clara Andonian also helped as well as Ani Keshishian and Rebecca Petrosian with the booklet. This involved creating a detailed document that explained the church's history and how we have changed to meet the challenges concerning a changing world with the emergence of Armenia as a free nation, the Armenian earthquake, Winter 92 relief as well as changes within the tapestry of our parish. The event also included the Primate blessing our choir members as well as awarding the Medal of Saint Nerses to Dr. Charles Kumkumian. Members of the committee also awarded Der Hayr with a Pectorial Cross and Yeretzgin with a pendant cross for their years of service.

8. In preparation to this event and the Primate's visit, the Parish Council on an ad hoc basis came in the prior morning to the 60th Anniversary Affair and performed lawn work to beautify the Church grounds as well as wet vacuum the interior of the Sanctuary. A majority of the Council was in attendance as well as spouses to include Steve Ohanian, Nubar Ayrandjian and Nubar Janigian with members from the ACYOA also lent a hand and all of their efforts are appreciated by the Council.

9. At the request of our Church Choir under the Chairmanship of Arto Hovannesian, a Diocesan Choir Convention for 1997 will be hosted by our parish. This will involve many planning functions and activities and the council will support these functions as much as possible. We regretfully accepted the resignation of Socrates Boyajian who had so professionally directed the choir for many years. Dr. Boyajian's services will be missed. Our thanks to Dr. Hratch Semerjian who stepped forth to assume these responsibilities with assistance from Yeretzkin.

10. In keeping with the Christmas season, through our charitable fund we helped a few families meet some of their financial obligations. We understand how difficult these things could be during this time of year and feel that it is part of our Christian responsibilities to ensure that everyone have a Merry Christmas and happy holiday. We urge you all to continue to support our charitable fund so that we may help others. The council also agreed to continue with restricted funds set aside for such functions and donated \$1,200 to HAVAD.

11. The Annual Bazaar was a success and a basic source of revenue for St. Mary's. Its success hinged strongly upon contributions from the Women's Guild and the Parish Council. The Council would again like to thank the contributions of the

Bazaar Chairman Brig. Gen. Al Kaehn as well as his Assistant Chairmen Mr. Onnig Sivaslian as well as members of the Women's Guild for their long hours and excellent contributions in making the event successful.

12. Our rug sale will be delayed until Spring.

13. An Anniversary Candle-Lighting Dinner was held in December. Although a majority of the awards function occurred during the formal 60th anniversary event, this affair was quite successful due to the efforts of our Council Chair Ladies Annahid Ayrandjian and Susan Ohanian... they made an absolutely delicious meal which was enjoyed by one and all.....

14. Ad Hoc Committee as well as the renovation committee meetings were underway during the course of the year regarding the church renovations. This involved special meetings with the Architect and the Renovation Committee and included separate meetings with the Finance Committee, the Women's Guild as well as major discussions during Parish Council meetings to discuss details and options.

- The Ad Hoc committee provided a report that was read at a special parish council and a special assembly. The report is included as an enclosure as well as the minutes of that meeting and indicates that we should look into future options concerning this parish. The recommendations derived at the meeting was to purchase several acres and maintain the current structure.

- The Chairman had sent requests for proposals to five different vendors to contract the front steps and elevator activities defined under Phase I. Bids were received from two separate vendors. The chairman negotiated with each vendor and presented their proposals to the construction committee without their knowledge of who the offerers were. Data with the committee's recommendations were presented to the parish council who made the final selection; the offers were essentially very close on financial requirements but differed on the additional work provided. On the basis of these deliberations, a contractor was selected and the Finance Committee was notified to provide the funding from the O'Reilly bequest. We plan to place an appropriate memorial to acknowledge Mrs. O'Reilly's contribution.

15. During the course of the year, the Parish Council accepted contributions from the following organizations:

Women's Guild	\$10,000
ACYOA	\$2,000
3 M	\$1,500
Bookstore	\$2,000

These contributions were greatly appreciated and helped the council meet its financial obligations. A loan was received from the Finance Committee for \$5,000. The Council was very cautious in budgetary matters. We set-up a separate restricted fund to compartmentalize the Parish Council's operating budget from the restricted funds to minimizing expending these commingled funds. Moreover, a major priority was to repay the Finance committee. To meet the lean Summer months, we borrowed \$5,000 from the Finance Committee as well as \$3,000 from the restricted funds. In addition, our Diocesan dues went up approximately \$200 per month raising the amount due to the Diocese from \$1700 to \$1900 per month as well as an Etchmiadzin Louma of \$650. In January, the Diocesan dues were increased to \$2100 per month.

16. We were pressed by maintenance needs. The 50 year old boiler was breaking down, windows would not close in the sanctuary, heat pumps needed in Shnorhall Classrooms were breaking down on an almost regular basis. In fact a survey of the church's maintenance needs easily came to \$20,000; this included new windows in the kitchen, fixing roof leaks and the protective overhead structure on the 42nd street entrance that is rotted out. We replaced four tiers of bricks in the back of the building. The Council also replaced and enlarged the wooden deck cover over the church's barbecue and back door area. We also appreciate the

efforts of Serouj Badalian for installing and servicing the emergency and exit lights within the building.

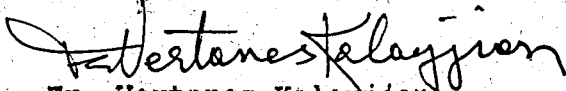
17. The Council authorized extensive maintenance at the Parish House that included waterproofing the basement and the removal as well as replacement of a wooden storage shed in the rear of the property.

18. The council made an urgent appeal to the Parish for an additional \$35.00 per member to see us through anticipated financial shortfalls. To the great surprise of everyone, many members of the parish were far more than generous and have helped with donations from several hundred dollars to \$3,000, and in one case an anonymous donation of \$10,000. The council greatly appreciated these funds especially in our time of need.

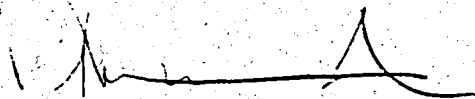
19. The Parish Council recognizes the Chairpersons and Executive Committees of our Church's organizations to include: Mrs. Alice Baker and Mrs. Seta Sivaslian of the Women's Guild; Yeretzkin Anahid Kalayjian of the Shnorhali School; Dr. Hratch Semerjian the Choir Director; Mrs. Arousiag Kumkumian and Miss Ann Kavookian as Avak Society Coordinators; Mr. Armik Khatchaturian of the bookstore; Mrs. Elizabeth Garabedian for the Library; Mrs. Grace Shahinian for the Shnorhali and our unending gratitude to Yeretzgin for her assistance whenever and wherever needed. We also offer our thanks to our Diocesan Delegates Dean Shahinian, Esq. and Dr. Edward Onanian. We would like to thank the many others that have helped the Church during the past year and appreciate your future assistance as we enter an era of challenge that will eventually renew our faith.

20. On January 17, 1997, Parish Council Members and Der Hayr attended a function at the Armenian Embassy to greet the new Prime Minister of Armenia. It was an excellent affair where the minister stated he was interested in improving relations with the various organizations within the diaspora.

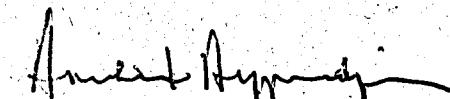
Respectfully Submitted:



Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian
Pastor, President



Paul A. Murad
Parish Council Chairman



Anahid Ayrandjian
Parish Council Secretary

Special Parish Assembly

A special Parish Assembly meeting was called for during 17 November 1996. This was to be a singular purpose meeting to discuss results of an ad hoc committee that examined various options regarding the church and address the 3 phase action plan for the church renovation. Unfortunately Der Hayr was called to the Richmond, Va. parish and there was a scheduling conflict with an ACYOA event that occurred the same day. As a consequence of these factors, a quorum was not present.

Despite these challenges, the Parish Council took the initiative to turn the meeting into an information/discussion session to address the renovation activities. Paul Murad, the Parish Council Chairman, led the meeting; Al Kaehn acted as moderator and facilitator; and Andrea Murad graciously acted as recording secretary.

Portions of the previous Special Parish Assembly meeting which addressed earlier renovation issues were reviewed. The renovations were to be conducted in three separate phases:

o Phase I called for changing the front steps and including an elevator outside of the building proper to provide sanctuary access for the handicapped and physically impaired members of the Church.

o Phase II would address a re-do of the front facade of the church which is badly in need of repair, and include the creation of a choir loft on the inside using supports put in place to provide structural integrity to an Armenian-style dome resting on the roof.

o Phase III called for renovation of the altar and adjacent areas on that end of the Church.

Recall that the Parish Assembly approved this Master Plan (supported by architectural diagrams and approved by the Washington D.C. building code authorities) in concept. Moreover the Assembly gave the Council approval to proceed with Phase I as funds were made available.

Mr. Murad presented a review of the major maintenance activities in the recent past with their attendant costs; he pointed out anticipated costs for needs such as window replacements, boiler overhaul/replacement, and asbestos removal. Mr. Evereklian provided a progress report on Phase I describing the work performed and the target dates for completion. (Phase I work would not interfere with the Annual Bazaar). Mr. Murad presented a review of the process used by the Parish Council in selecting the contractor for the Phase I activities. Five bidders were asked to participate in submitting proposals; two submitted formal bids. The Council made a fair and impartial selection without knowing the identity of the bidders. Although the initial estimate for Phase I was \$81,000. in the original plan, the contract was awarded to S+T Construction Company for a contract cost of \$68,500.

Ensuing discussions covered the following: security for the elevator and the church in general; the need for lockable windows throughout the ground floor; a training program for those who will use the elevator to include the key system; and the need for a service contract which performed routine maintenance on the elevator.

At the previous Parish Assembly meeting, the Council was requested to form an ad hoc committee which would look at alternatives to investing in a significant renovation to the current Church property. That ad hoc committee was made up of Harry Derderian, John and June Kavookian, Lucy Murad and Greg Manoogian. The ad hoc committee report was summarized for all present. The report is attached. After Mr. Murad presented the summary of the report, discussion ensued addressing each of the options discussed in the report. Topics covered included: the purchase of property for a new facility; raising a third floor on the school building at a potential cost of some \$300,000; approaching Soorp Khatch regarding a joint venture; the way money was raised (\$400,000.00) for the school building because the congregation saw the need; and demographics of the Armenian community in the larger metropolitan area. These topics involved considerable discussion, but no decision was reached.

It was clear that the congregation has reached a major decision point, requiring a level of

commitment, one way or another. To that end, and to be able to take the next step in this process, whatever that might be, the following was agreed upon:

a. In preparation for the Annual Parish Assembly meeting on 23 February 1997, the membership would be provided the following:

- A copy of the minutes of the February 96 Special Parish Assembly meeting,
- A copy of the ad hoc committee report which looked at alternatives, and
- A copy of these minutes.

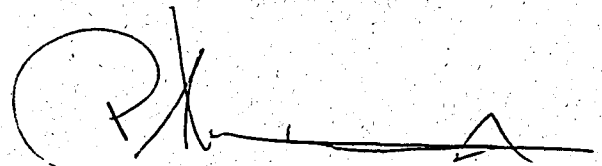
b. The Parish Council should lead in the formation of a Planning Group which would provide a vision for the future direction of the Church to include defining facilities, activities, the needs and mechanisms for achieving these goals. This group should have representation from all the various segments of the Congregation with regard to age and country of origin (note that the current Church membership is now made up of people who are American born and those who come from Turkey, Greece, Iran, Lebanon and, most recently, Armenia). This constituency shift must be considered in planning for the future. This Planning Group should produce its first strategic plan before the Parish Assembly meeting in Feb 98.

The Parish Council will look into these issues. The most important point associated with the distribution of the three items listed above is the provision of information. With this information, the congregation will have necessary and sufficient data available upon which to base an informative decision for the next step, whatever the will of the Congregation is to be. It was further recognized that the major concern should be a Church which provides primarily an inspirational place for worship; the social and educational activities are also recognized for their importance to the life and well-being of the Armenian community.

Respectfully submitted:



Andrea Murad
Acting Recording Secretary



Paul Murad
Parish Council Chairman

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH A PRELIMINARY STUDY

Summary:

The Parish Membership concurrence is requested for the actions leading to a full scale disposition of the existing sanctuary and school. The objective of this paper is to provide different alternatives to assist in establishing a decision for the final disposition.

It is recommended that one of the following alternatives be pursued: (1) continue current renovations and expand to include additional school space by constructing a third floor; (2) selling the existing facilities and purchasing another facility at a different location; (3) purchasing land and building new facilities, including sanctuary, school, parking and hall/recreation facilities; or, (4) doing number three in cooperation with Holy Cross Armenian Church for a unified Armenian community.

Background:

St. Mary's Armenian Church recently celebrated its 60th year of operation in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. It has done great service to all Armenians in the area over the years. However, in recent years we have seen a change, naturally, of constituents and Parish membership. Our church is growing and is expected to grow in the near future as the influx of Armenians from overseas continues. We are not presently in a position to accommodate these increases without some future expansion and improvements.

This preliminary study discusses some options that may help to meet these needs.

General:

There are seven basic approaches that can be taken with the property:

1. Sell the facility to another religious group and close St. Mary's.
2. Sell the facility and purchase another larger like facility.
3. Continue the current schedule of renovations.
4. Continue the current schedule of renovations and expand it to include additions to the school building.

5. Purchase land and build a new facility.
6. Purchase land and build a new facility in cooperation with Holy Cross Armenian Church.
7. Do nothing.

1. **Sell the facility to another religious group and close St. Mary's**

There is a continuing pattern of expansion of the congregation without the revenue to support it. The influx of Armenians from overseas in future years will greatly stress this unbalance. It has come to the Parish Counsel's observation that the participants enjoying the use of St. Mary's is greater than the number of dues paying members. Under the current financial conditions, where the operating funds barely meet or are below the operating costs of the church, it may be desirable to consider the closing of St. Mary's and selling the property.

If St. Mary's is closed and sold, parishioners will have to find other more robust Armenian Churches to meet their spiritual needs.

The sanctuary and adjacent school building property were recently estimated as having a value of approximately \$2 million. However, the final sale amount will depend on the marketability of the property. It should be noted that the marketability of "church" property depends on the transparency of its religious affiliation. For example, if a church building looks like an Armenian Church, a Protestant, catholic or Jewish religion based group would be less likely to purchase it. The more St. Mary's looks like an "ordinary" building the more likely it is to be sold.

2. **Sell the facility and purchase another larger like facility**

The estimated real estate value of St. Mary's is approximately \$2 million in the present market. It should be noted that this value is transitory in nature and only reflects the value of the property at a single point in time. Currently, St. Mary's sanctuary and school building do not project an "Armenian only" image. The buildings are generally suitable for any religious group, therefore, St. Mary's would likely be easier to sell.

Several improved and unimproved properties were reviewed ranging in asking price from approximately \$1million to \$3million, from 8 acres in Gaithersburg to less than 2.5 acres on Bradley Boulevard, respectively. Under the conditions of purchasing a developed piece of property, say the Bradley Boulevard property, we would most likely have to renovate it to meet our needs in the long run, update in the short run.

Although, renovation of this property was not calculated it could reach as much as \$500k to \$800k to expand and update the facility. Renovation is generally more expensive than virgin construction. With this in mind, if we take the value of the Bradley Boulevard property and subtract the value of St. Mary's we have an outstanding debt of approximately \$1.4million which we would have to finance. The financing of this debt would be approximately \$12k a month. We would have to finance an additional debt amount of approximately \$800k for renovation. This would mean an additional \$6k a month in mortgage expense. St. Mary's, in 1995, did not generate enough revenues to meet its expenses and had to borrow funds from the church's Finance Committee. The mortgage payments would have been in addition to the other monthly expenses of the church. This far exceeds the historic revenue levels of St. Mary's.

Unless a facility is found which closely matches the needs of the Parish, purchasing an existing facility within the very near metropolitan area or within D.C. proper is doubtful. However, it should be noted that this could change depending on the future availability of suitable facilities.

3. Continue the current schedule of renovations only

The current schedule of renovations will improve the limited facilities but will not accommodate the increases in people in the near future. Continuation of the renovations will cost approximately \$550k. Some of the scheduled renovation will make the property more difficult to market.

This is a three phase activity:

- Phase I is the replacement of the front steps and the addition of a handicap elevator for \$81k, to be completed by 1996-1997;
- Phase II is to refurbish the front facade add a traditional style dome and include a choir loft for \$316k, to be completed in 1997-1999;
- Phase III will include the sanctuary interior, alters, windows and baptismal font for \$153k, to be completed in 1999-2001.

If the renovations were stopped at the end of Phase I we could divert the expected funds to pursuit of other facilities.

4. **Continue the current schedule of renovations and expand it to include additions to the school building**

Expanding the existing facility to include an addition, third floor, to the school building would increase the projected cost of the renovations by approximately \$300,000, @ \$135/ft².

5. **Purchase land and build a new facility**

A few unimproved properties were reviewed ranging in asking price from approximately \$1million to \$3million. Taking the price of \$1 million for the property, a construction estimate was made which included a sanctuary, school, offices, kitchen, social hall, and parking facilities. The total cost was at the very least approximately \$2.6 million. With this in mind, if we take the value of the property plus improvements and subtract the value of St. Mary's we have an outstanding debt of approximately \$1million which we would have to finance. The financing of this debt would be approximately \$8k a month. This would mean an additional \$8k a month in mortgage expense above and beyond the costs of operating the church. St. Mary's, in 1995, did not generate enough revenues to meet its expenses in 1995 and had to borrow funds from the church's Finance Committee. The mortgage payments would have been in addition to the other monthly expenses of the church. This far exceeds the historic revenue levels of St. Mary's.

Unless a piece of property is found which closely matches the financial means of the Parish, purchasing land within the very near metropolitan area or within D.C. proper is doubtful. However, it should be noted that this could change depending on the future availability of suitable sites.

6. **Purchase land and build a new facility in cooperation with Holy Cross Armenian Church**

There is a possibility that if we and Holy Cross combine our financial resources a new facility which meets all the needs of the Armenian community in the Washington Metropolitan Area can be realized. This preliminary study did not fully explore the political, economic and institutional facets of this option. However, it may be very feasible to do this. Although a larger sanctuary and other facilities may be needed the cost increases are within a manageable range. New facilities could be constructed for the purposes of defray operating and sunk costs by making them available to the general public during times of non-use by the church.

7. **Do Nothing**

This speaks for itself.

BAZZAR REPORT

The annual Church Bazaar was held on 6-7-8-9 November 1996. The Parish Council decided that the Bazaar and Rug Sale should be held as 2 separate events, separated by several months; thus this report addresses only the Bazaar which was held on the above dates. The format was changed slightly in that the Bazaar ended at 5:00 PM on Saturday, 9 November 1996; there was no shish kebab dinner held on Saturday night. This decision was reached after careful consideration of 2 primary factors: first, financial data showed Saturday night not to be a profit maker; and second, the impact of the Saturday night workload on the volunteers was taking an unbearable toll. We took a new initiative and extended the Saturday shish kebab sandwich luncheon through the afternoon until 5:00 PM. The results were very encouraging: the 1996 Bazaar yielded a profit of \$19, 992.96 with the new schedule; this compares to a 1995 Bazaar profit of \$ 19, 907.13. We continued to conserve on our expenses, and were fortunate to turn in that profit in the face of one very bad weather day (Friday). The Bazaar was again successful due to a lot of hard work by dedicated and talented people.

The Cochairmen of the Bazaar, Onnik Sivaslian and Al Kaehn, wish to express special recognition to the following individuals' and groups of parishioners whose contributions were particularly noteworthy: Alice Baker, Seta Sivaslian, Clara Andonian and Jean Sayian for their leadership, guidance and toil in every phase of the Bazaar; the team Chiefs and all the Women's Guild people for organizing workshops for preparation of the food items which have become so well known; Malvina Brown and Mary Perkins for their special work in publicity; Ann Kavookian and Queenie Avedikian who make the White Elephant a success; Valentine Stahl and Roseann Alexander who keep the Gift Table going; Jeanette and Leo Torokhanian who handle the banner and a host of other logistic matters; Jerry Heckimian, the invaluable assistant treasurer; and Parish Council members who were active during various phases of the Bazaar.

We wish it were possible to include everyone's name who worked at the Bazaar or contributed to it's success in other ways. Be assured, no matter how big or how small your contribution, it is deeply appreciated; without it, the Bazaar could not succeed!

The Parish Council

29 December, 1996

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH 1996 BAZAAR REPORT

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Luncheons	\$ 8281.75	Food/Related Items	\$10,374.52
Carry-Out	8577.50	Clean-Up	300.00
Bake Table	6176.75	Mailing / Printing	831.00
Dinner	3103.50	Misc. Supplies	104.72
Mezza	745.75	Bank Charges	84.06
Beverages	1172.76	Raffle Prizes	750.00
White Elephant	1137.75		
Gift Table	759.50		
Raffle	2482.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 32,437.26	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 12,444.30
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TOTAL EXPENSES.....		\$ 12,444.30	
PROFIT.....		\$ 19,992.96	

DISBURSEMENTS: CHURCH TREASURY: \$ 10,000.00
BUILDING FUND/
FINANCE CMTE: \$ 9,992.96

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 1996

The Committee's activities were directed essentially toward processing memorial donations, meeting a variety of expenses arising at the church and parish house, and monitoring our long-term investment account. Efforts to initiate a major fund-raising campaign stalled once again due to uncertainty over goals and competing appeals for funds. Our interaction with the parish council included a meeting of the two bodies, and frequent conversations with the council's chairman and treasurer. Committee members are Souny Kodjanian, Lucy Murad, Ed Onanian, Michael Sahakian, and Boghos Sivaslian.

Turning to experience in 1996, additional distributions (\$93,600) from the estate of Hermine O'Reilly accounted for most of our income. Since there were no restrictions on the use of these funds, the parish council decided to use a large portion for the front steps and elevator project (\$57,608 in 1996, and \$22,650 in early 1997). Donations in lieu of flowers totaled \$13,158, of which \$9,375 was transferred to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund for the establishment of memorial funds. The deceased so memorialized were: Paramaz Avedisian, Cacilia Bedrosian, Sirarpi Jamgochian, Nuvart Merdinian, and Saghatel Shahverdian. In addition, donations received in memory of Alice Goulian were transferred to ACEF for the fund established in memory of her parents, James and Angele Barouyrian. A memorial fund was established also for Oyannes and Diana Evereklian, but the funds were transferred directly from the donor's account.

Of the earmarked donations, the largest gift (\$4,500) was transferred to ACEF to establish St. Mary's Religious Education Fund, the annual income from which is earmarked for the religious education of the Sunday School children. It is the donor's hope also that the existence of such a fund will encourage contributions from others. Gifts received (\$1,530) on the occasion of the 40th and 50th wedding anniversaries of Dr. & Mrs. Ohanes Sahakian and Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Bodurian, respectively, were directed to the altar project. Another gift (\$300) is reserved for classroom partitions.

Among other disbursements, we met the cost of repairs and improvements (\$12,350) at the church and parish house, and funded the purchase of a new computer system (\$4,440). In addition to the monthly payments on the parish house mortgage, an advance payment (\$5,000) was made again toward reduction of principal which stands now at \$21,509. In September, the parish council requested and received a loan of \$5,000 to meet cash flow problems, and in October the Bazaar Committee received an advance of \$15,000. Both transfers were repaid before the end of the year, and thus are not shown in our financial report.

We were unable to add to our long-term investment account, which at year's end totaled \$72,672 distributed between a balanced (stock/bond) mutual fund and a growth fund. Our holdings with ACEF increased to \$95,523; the annual income is received directly by the parish council and is used for operating expenses and the purposes stipulated by the donors. As for our cash assets of nearly \$150,000, these are earmarked totally for specific purposes and contingencies.

Since I plan to relocate later this year, I will close on a personal note beginning with an expression of gratitude for the friendships my family and I have established and the opportunities you have given me to serve.

We arrived in 1963 when the parish was completing construction of its sanctuary, a courageous action for what was then a very small parish. During our years here, we have witnessed the growth in parish membership, the construction of an addition to our original building, and improvements in the sanctuary, including the installation of air conditioning. As we prepare to leave, we observe a parish that continues to grow, but is in obvious need of additional space to carry out its religious, educational, cultural, and social activities.

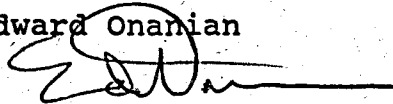
If we substitute the word "church" for "nation," our experience affirms the following observation by John Gardner:

A nation is never finished. You cannot build it and then leave it standing like the Pharaohs did the Pyramids. It has to be built and rebuilt. It has to be recreated in each generation by believing, caring men and women.

Yes, a church is never finished. Each generation, with love and care, must build on the work of preceding ones. St. Mary's has been blessed over the years with parishioners who believed and cared. So long as it remains so blessed, no challenge will be too great and no dream will be impossible.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Onanian



PROPOSAL I - 1997

WHEREAS:

The Phase I of the renovation has been successfully completed (which includes the front steps, the access elevator for the handicapped and the re-location for St. Mary's Balian library) with funds provided from the late Hermine O'Reiley's bequest, and;

WHEREAS:

There seems to be a consensus (as approved in the 1996 Parish Assembly) to proceed with Phase II and Phase III of the renovation plan; the rationale being: a) The appearance and the deterioration of the Altar area and the carpeting b) The lack of and a long overdue Baptismal Font c) Worn out and non-firmly closing windows, allowing heat/cold air seepage, and;

WHEREAS:

At several Parish Assemblies, concern was expressed and the need for a long term, future oriented investment in a parcel of land suitably located within the Beltway or without, and,

WHEREAS:

The Parish Council with the funds available feels confident to start the next phase: Available funds being, at least \$100 Thousand readily available from the Finance Committee and another \$50 thousand through direct promises (pledges) from individuals (Total: \$150,000.00), and;

THEREFORE:

1. Be it resolved that The Parish Council be authorized to continue the renovation project with the Sanctuary/altar renovation as the next (Phase II) project (estimated cost \$ 153,000).
2. Be it resolved, that the Parish Council be authorized to appoint a "Land Acquisition Committee" for investment and long range, future oriented purposes.
3. Be it resolved, that the Parish Council working together with the Finance Committee, be authorized to conduct fund raising program for future oriented, land acquisition purposes.

Proposal II

WHEREAS:

The year 2001, the 1700th Anniversary of Armenia's formal acceptance of and conversion to Christian faith is fast approaching, and;

WHEREAS:

At the recent Special Parish Assembly, concern was expressed for the renewal of Spiritual health and growth of the Parish, and;

WHEREAS:

The need to formulate and implement short-range as well as long-range plan for the spiritual revitalization of the Armenian Community in the Washington-Baltimore Metropolitan area.

THEREFORE, be it resolved:

That the Pastor and The Parish Council in close cooperation with the Church auxiliary organizations

- a. Appoint a committee to formulate objectives, develop and execute plans for the spiritual revitalization of the faithful within the jurisdiction of St. Mary's Parish.
- b. Create and maintain a separate restricted fund administered by the Parish Council for the Parish Spiritual Revitalization Project.

Finance Committee Financial Report

Calendar Year 1996

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Lieu of Flowers	\$13,158.00	Mortgage	\$9,684.20
Donations -- General	849.00	Church repairs/Impv.	8,400.00
-- Earmarked	6,395.00	Parish House repairs	3,950.00
Interest	5,815.95	Front steps/Elev.	57,608.57
Bequest	93,600.00	Office Eqpt.	4,440.00
1996 Bazaar	9,992.96	Memorial Funds(ACEF)	13,940.00
1995 Bazaar	<u>11,410.50</u>	Bank Charges	<u>25.62</u>
Total	\$141,221.41	Total	\$98,048.39

CASH POSITION

Balance, 1/1/96	\$106,530.05
Income	<u>141,221.41</u>
	247,751.46
Expenses	<u>98,048.39</u>
Balance, 12/31/96	\$149,703.07

Cash Assets and Liabilities

<u>Assets*</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
First Union -- Checking	\$95,694.38	Mortgage	\$21,509.17
First Union -- CD	54,008.69		
Funds With ACEF	95,523.49		
Fidelity Brokerage**	72,672.64		

Restricted and/or Reserved Funds

Altar Project	\$6,060
Parish House (contingency)	3,000
Church (contingency)	3,000
Armenian School	3,000
Equipment Replacement	5,000
Giant Screen TV	2,500
Classroom Partitions	300
Mortgage Payments (1997)	4,685
Insurance Claims	23,179
Front Steps/Elevator	22,650
Memorial Funds	<u>76,841</u>
Total	\$150,215

*Since 1991, the Committee has transferred \$25,000 to the parish council for operating purposes.

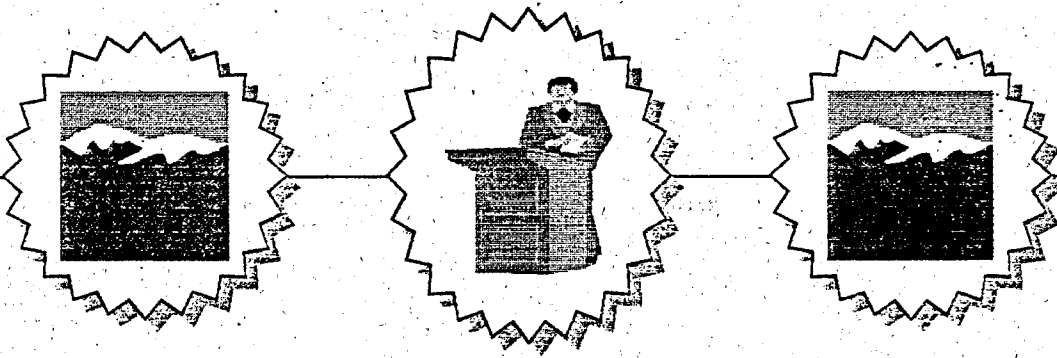
**Long-term Investment Fund

ST. MARY'S
Armenian Church Endowment Fund

December 31, 1996

<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>Total Contributions</u>	<u>Cumulative Income</u>
ANDONIAN, Jack Memorial Fund	\$6,830.00	\$1,328.93
ARAKELIAN, Dr. Ashot Mem. Fund	1,600.00	219.76
ARAKELIAN, Karina Mem. Fund	1,450.00	62.81
ARKOIAN, Moses Mem. Fund	1,985.00	380.58
LOLOYAN, Ohannes Mem. Fund	2,425.00	472.87
AVEDISIAN, Paramaz Mem. Fund	1,315.00	0.00
BABIGAN, Asadour & Perooz Mem. Fund	1,000.00	476.88
BAGHDASSARIAN, Nelly Mem. Fund	1,075.60	285.03
BAROUYRIAN, James & Angel Mem. Fund	9,345.00	187.50
BEDROSIAN, Cacilia Mem. Fund	1,835.00	0.00
(1) BROWN, Artin & Ebrouhi Mem. Fund	3,170.00	467.21
DEMIRJIAN, Kohar Mem. Fund	1,050.00	278.25
EVEREKLIAN, Ovannes & Diana Mem. Fund	500.00	0.00
GEORGE, Robert & Dorris Fund	1,000.00	300.00
(2) HINTLIAN, Manoush & Nishan Mem. Fund	6,142.04	3,947.05
(3) JANIGIAN, Kanarig & Dickran Mem. Fund	6,389.68	1,742.42
(4) KALAYJIAN, Fr. Vertanes Fund	2,625.00	1,736.30
KHOYAN, Rev. Fr. Dikran Mem. Fund	1,000.00	294.47
KIRAZIAN, Victoria Mem. Fund	4,768.17	1,347.00
MANOUELIAN, Vartan Mem. Fund	1,605.00	312.98
MANOUGIAN, Maritza Mem. Fund	1,250.00	329.85
MERDINIAN, Nuvart Mem. Fund	520.00	0.00
NADER, Elizabeth Mem. Fund	560.00	109.20
OZKAYAN, Paris Mem. Fund	3,055.00	809.58
PERKINS, Lt. Col. John Kenneth Mem. Fund	4,135.00	257.81
SAFAK, Vartouhi Mem. Fund	2,966.00	786.00
SHAFKIAN, Pilibos Mem. Fund	2,910.00	378.31
ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH	10,000.00	4,768.75
SAKAYAN, Rose Mem. Fund	2,210.00	287.30
SEKERCAN, Apraham & Maryam Mem. Fund	1,000.00	642.63
SHAHVERDIAN, Saghatel Mem. Fund	765.00	0.00
(5) SIMONIAN, Hovanness & Marie Fund	3,000.00	2,933.00
STAIL, Valentine Bostonian Fund	1,042.00	1,040.21
YENI-KOMSHIAN, Dr. Hovsep Mem. Fund	2,000.00	125.00
(6) RELIGIOUS Education Fund	4,500.00	.00
Receipt Total	97,013.17	26,307.00

- (1) The income is designated for charitable activities.
 (2) The income is designated for cultural activities.
 (3) The income is designated for altar flowers on Good Friday and on Mother's Day.
 (4/5) The income is designated for St. Vartan Camps & St. Nersess Summer Program Scholarship to Parish youth.
 (6) The income is designated for The Shnorhali School Religious Education.



“ARMENIAN LIFE” 1996 LECTURES

March 17, April 28, May 19, September 22, November 24, December 15

St. Mary's and The Ararat Foundation presented six lectures on cultural and medical subjects in 1996. This is the 8th year of "Armenian Life." Dean Shahinian, Esq., is Chairman of "Armenian Life."

“Armenian Villages in Historic Armenia” by Dr. Armand Bedikian. An exciting video tour through historic Armenia in present-day Turkey, including Hromkla, Zeytoon, Jibin and other places where many of our ancestors lived, but that are seldom visited by Armenians today.

“Armenian Folk Tunes” by Ms. Peruz Manoukian and Mr. Leo Derderian. A lively performance of traditional Armenian folk tunes, including an audience sing-along.

“New U.S. Immigration Policies” by Mr. Mark Krikorian. A survey of recent significant changes in the U.S. immigration laws and how they might affect Armenian families.

“Risk Reduction and Heart Disease” by Dr. Edward Bodurian. An interesting discussion of how to decrease the risk of heart disease.

“Skin Cancer Awareness” by Dr. Brenda Berberian. A comprehensive talk on how to recognize common signs of skin cancer and prevent it.

“Care of the Stomach” by Dr. Ohannes Sahakian. An illustrated explanation of the digestive system and how to deal with stomach discomfort and ailments.

DIOCESAN DELEGATES REPORT

The 94th Annual Assembly of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America took place in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, on May 2-4, 1996, hosted by Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church, Wynnwood, Pennsylvania. St. Mary's Armenian Church was represented at the Assembly by Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor, Dr. Edward Onanian and Dean Shahinian, Esq., Diocesan Delegates, and Mr. Paul Murad, Parish Council Chairman. All of our representatives participated actively in the discussions.

Bylaw Amendments. The Assembly considered three proposed bylaw amendments and:

1. Passed for the second consecutive year an amendment to Article 61G to increase the term of membership on the Audit Committee from one to three years and to stagger the terms, so that each year one member would be elected. This was approved by the Catholicos and enacted.
2. Defeated a proposal to create a new Article 56B that would deprive from having delegates at the Diocesan Assembly any parish that is delinquent in its Diocesan dues for two fiscal years and has not made a satisfactory payment plan.
3. Defeated a proposal to amend Article 6 to permit parishioners who are at least 77 years old and have been members of an Armenian Church parish for 45 years to receive the status of "Honorary Church Member" and be exempt from paying dues.

Proposals. The Assembly considered seven proposals from various parishes. It:

1. Tabled a proposal to request the Catholicos to name the new cathedral under construction in Yerevan St. Trdat Armenian Cathedral.
2. Passed a proposal to budget at least \$5,000 to cover the expenses of retired clergymen to attend the Diocesan Assemblies.
3. Passed a proposal for the Diocese to distribute reports of the representatives of the Armenian Church to the National Council of Churches and that the expenses of participation be disclosed in the annual Diocesan Financial Report.
4. The Chairman ruled out of order a proposal that the Diocese keep principle and use only the interest from unrestricted bequests. [This proposal may have resulted from the past practice of using unrestricted bequests to cover operating losses or debts.]
5. Defeated a motion to repeal the 1% assessment for youth ministry. Many delegates expressed concerns about the lack of programming and general ineffectiveness of the Department of Youth Ministry.
6. Passed a motion directing the Diocese to establish technology guidelines involving telecommunication and computer hardware and software.
7. Tabled a proposal to ask the Prelates not to consecrate new churches in North America.

Budget. The Assembly approved a 1996 Diocesan budget of \$3,613,260. The Diocese consists of parishes with 8,469 dues paid members.

Audit Committee Report. The Audit Committee, composed of Ms. Karen Dederyan, Mr. Arthur Mardigian, and Mrs. Ann Devejian, presented an insightful report noting the Diocese has cash flow problems, problems in repaying the \$3.1 million that the Diocese has borrowed from restricted funds and asking whether there is a cap on borrowing and the large number of

parishes who are in arrears in paying their Diocesan dues. In elections, Mr. Shahinian was elected to serve on the 1997 Diocesan Audit Committee.

Cathedral Renovation and Beautification. The Diocese paid \$3.5 million to renovate and beautify the Cathedral complex. \$3.1 million of this money was borrowed from the Diocesan restricted funds, with the intention to repay the funds at over \$230,000 per year. This project included repainting and recarpeting the Cathedral, repairing leaks in the plaza, putting gold on the dome, redecorating Kavookjian Auditorium, replacing the cooling system, and other items. Delegates expressed concerns about the large size of the project and of the borrowing.

Unity. The Diocesan Unity Committee ("DUC") reported that meetings previously scheduled for November-December 1994 were never held. Mr. Zarvin Kasparian, DUC Chairman, sent a letter to Richard Sarajian, Esq., Prelacy Unity Committee ("PUC") Chairman, dated November 22, 1995, stating the DUC is prepared to continue efforts to realize the reunification of our Churches within the parameters of the 1982 Guidelines. As of the time of the Assembly, no reply had been received. The Assembly voted confidence in the DUC. There have been no meetings since October 1994 between the DUC and PUC. The Primate announced that with his permission clergy from the Diocese and Prelacy may participate in joint services. When we served on Diocesan Council, we had urged the Diocese to do this.

Armenian Church Endowment Fund. Col. Victor Arzoomanian reported that the ACEF now has \$32 million. He noted that donations made for the "Living Memorial" pillar on the Cathedral plaza will be put in ACEF.

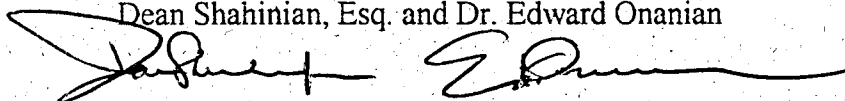
New England Region Report. Mr. Zarvin Kasparian reported that the New England Region, which consists of 11 parishes, is now evaluating its operation. [Some parishes in the Region have asked that the Region be dissolved. The Diocese has not supported the Region financially in recent years and the programs have declined in number.]

St. Nersess Seminary. The Administrator of the Seminar, Rev. Arakel Aljalian, reported that the building is being renovated and a new library will be dedicated to Abp. Tiran Nersoyan.

Mission Parishes. Nineteen communities have been designated as "mission parishes" -- the Divine Liturgy is celebrated by a visiting priest a few times each year and a local administrative committee exists.

Clergy Conference. Dn. Norman Odabashian reported on the Clergy Conference, which took place on April 29-May 1, 1996. Topics discussed included the Catholics' visit; educational programs for parish councils; "Clergy in the Bylaws of the Armenian Church of America" and clergy powers; youth issues; and eligibility for deacons. Workshop speakers included Dr. Anny Bakalian speaking on "Who is the Armenian Church Community Today?" and Mr. Papken Vartanian speaking on "National Psychology and National Ideology."

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Shahinian, Esq. and Dr. Edward Onanian



1996 ANNUAL CHOIR REPORT

The Choir has been very actively rehearsing and the growing number of new members has made an impact on the Choir's performance.

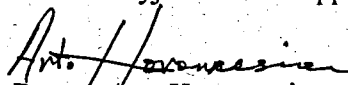
The Choir has graciously received plate donations both at Christmas and Easter for their various expenses, namely, new robes for choir members and Stoles & robes for Deacons.

Various Activities:

1. In January 1996 the traditional Armenian Christmas Service in Baltimore.
2. On June 1 the Choir participated in the Fourth Annual Multi-cultural Extravaganza sponsored by the First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Washington, DC. along with five other Choirs. This was the first time their congregation had heard an Armenian Choir and was very appreciated.
3. The Deacons' robes were ready for the 60th Anniversary celebrations. Choir members' robes are near completion.
4. On September 22, on the occasions of the Church's 60th Anniversary celebration we were glad to see multiple ordinations: Haigaz Shakarian, Vasgen Thomasian, Zaven, Berj, and Saro Kalayjian received Stoles; Acolytes were: Garin Erdogan, Rudy Safak, Ari Janjigian, Aret Koseian and Sevan Ohanian, Maral Dilanian, Serda Ozbenian, Natalie Ohanian, Natalie Zenian, Takouhi Hallajian, Jermen Hallajian, Nadia Koseian, Asanet Khachigoglu, Sona Bakert and Rebecca Petrossian, Rozik Badalian, Lucine Simon, Haigouhi Minasian and Christine Hovanesian had their choir veils blessed.
5. In October the Choir held it's annual meeting and elected nine members; at their Executive Board meeting the new officers were elected as listed below.
6. The Choir hosted for the first time a Thanksgiving Dinner (family style) which was very successful. This could be an annual event in the coming years.
7. The St. Mary's Choir has won the bid to sponsor the 1997 Annual Assembly of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America and will be held in Washington, DC. We all are excited with the challenge.

The Parish Council and the Choir reluctantly have accepted the resignation of Dr. Socrates Boyajian as the Choir Director. We thank Dr. Hratch Semerjian who willingly assumed the responsibility with Yerezgin as an occasional substitute.

I would like to thank the 1996 Executive Committee of the choir for their dedication: Vice-chairman Queenie Avedikian, Treasurer Clara Andonian, Secretary Anahid Ayrandjian, Advisors: Aline Guiragosian, Takouhi Hallajian, Nadya Koseian and Rebecca Petrossian. Special thanks to all choir members for their perfect attendance and especially thanks to Der Hayr Vertanes Kalayjian for his support, guidance and encouragement.


Deacon Arto Hovanesian
Chairman

ST. MARY'S CHOIR 1996 TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE AS OF January 1, 1996

\$ 2744.08

INCOME

Baltimore Assoc. Donation	\$ 200.00
Christmas Collection	200.00
Giratzoooyts	50.00
Easter Collection	700.00
Closed Acct at Melon Bank	642.40
Thanksgiving Dinner	1801.91
Donations	150.00
Interests	<u>44.23</u>
	\$3788.54

EXPENSES

Giratzoooyts	\$ 332.83
St. Mary's Book Store	135.00
Jordan - Organ Repair	500.00
Piano Tuned	70.00
Choir Robes (3)	245.00
Video	200.00
Frame	20.00
Choir Robes	1083.08
Choir Delegate Trans.	150.00
AACCA Dues/Donation	100.00
Hoki Hankist	50.00
Moshe (Orchestra)	100.00
Seed Money for Dinner	300.00
Howard for Clean-Up	75.00
Dinner Expenses (Arto)	240.00
Shiraz Grocery	142.54
* Closed Acct. Melon	642.40
Service Charge Melon Bank	10.00
Harland Check order Sandy Spring	<u>11.41</u>
	\$ 4407.26

CHECKBOOK BALANCE AS OF 12-31-96

\$ 2125.36

* Deposit at Sandy Springs Bank.

SUBMITTED BY CLARA ANDONIAN - TREASURER

ACYOA JUNIORS 1996

ACYOA JR'S. had another fruitful year with Yeretzgin as the Youth Director-Counselor.

1. On February 10, 1996 the "Vartanank" was commemorated with a dinner and program, in conjunction with the Knights & Daughters of Vartan.
2. On February 17, 1996, "Paregentan" Dance was held with a smashing success.
3. On March 9, 1996, we had a meeting at Mr. & Mrs. O. Jangigian's home and held our election of officers.
4. On March 16, nineteen of us attended the one day symposium called "Armenia, Land of Wonders:", and received certificates.
5. On March 23, at the Church of Atonement of Silver Spring, some of our members acted as "Ambassadors of Armenia", and performed a few ethnic Armenian dances for them and introduced the Armenian church and culture with Der Hayr the narrator.
6. On March 31, Palm Sunday, ACYOA celebrated a milestone: The 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the organization. On this occasion 12 new members were added to our list, bringing the number up to 45. The dinner and a special program for the day was enjoyed by everybody.
7. On April 13, a fund raiser/car wash was attempted but unfortunately was not successful because of inclement weather.
8. On April 21, we participated in the observance of the 81st Anniversary of the Genocide, by reading poetry and prose dedicated to the victims of the massacres following the wreath laying ceremony and Requiem Service.
9. On April 27, to commemorate the genocide and to celebrate 50th Anniversary of ACYOA and the rebirth of the Armenian nation, a concert which was a smashing success, was given by a group of talented youth.
10. On May 12, we honored our mothers with a special dinner and program.
11. On October 13, Shushi Dance Ensemble of Tenafly, New Jersey performed for us, bringing the year of the youth to a smashing finale.
12. On October 13th weekend, some of us attended the Sports Weekend in Philadelphia.
13. On November 15-17 weekend, we had our second annual Capital Hye Time, with the participation of Baltimore and Richmond youth.
14. On December 27, we participated in the special Christmas pageant along with the students of the Shnorhali School.

Der Hayr conducted a series of Acolyte training lectures, and ten of our members were ordained as acolytes by our Primate, Arch. Kh. Barsamian, on the occasion of our 60th Anniversary of our church.

Thanks to Mrs. S. Ohanian and Mr. Steve Evereklian, and Mr. G. Cimen, The ACYOA members are on their way to form volleyball and basketball teams.

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

Respectfully,


The Executive Committee

ACYOA JRs. FINANCIAL REPORT

1996

INCOME

Donation for class partition	\$ 300.00
Donation for Charitable purpose	50.00
Vartanantz Dinner	920.00
Paregentan Dance	1030.00
Palm Sunday Donation	355.00
Palm Sunday Dinner	1077.00
Car Wash	37.00
Youth Concert	2045.00
Mother's Day Dinner	717.00
Shushi Dance Ensemble	4560.00
ACYOA Weekend (Capital Hye Time)	2565.00
Christmas Caroling	125.00
Interest	56.72

TOTAL INCOME \$ 13,837.72

EXPENSES

Transfer to Bldg. Fund	\$ 300.00
Donated to S.O.M.E.	50.00
Vartanantz Dinner	443.36
Paregentan Dance	417.51
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Palm Sunday Dinner	262.13
.....
Youth Concert	1185.00
Mother's Day Dinner donated
Shushi Dance Ensemble	3216.00
ACYOA Weekend (Capital Hye Time)	1706.88
Christmas Caroling	49.20
Transfer to St. Mary's	3500.00
Loan to ACYOA SRs.	500.00
Gift to Mr. Shahinian	50.00
Ping Pong, etc.	30.00
Check order	<u>16.43</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 11,726.51

BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/96.....	\$ 1,446.69
TOTAL INCOME.....	<u>13,837.72</u>
TOTAL.....	\$ 15,284.41
EXPENSES.....	<u>11,726.51</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/97.....	\$ 3,557.90

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER
ST. MARY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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

ACYOA Report

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In October of 1996 a meeting was held to discuss the rebirth and mission of the ACYOA at St. Mary Armenian Church. At that meeting an ACYOA Interim Committee was formed. Since then the dedication of a very talented core of individuals has given the ACYOA a successful start at creating an organization dedicated to Christ, the Armenian Church, our Armenian Heritage, and our great country. Though still in its infancy, the ACYOA is quickly becoming and enriching spiritual, educational, and social experience for all of its participants. The talents of the group are broad, and it is my hope that the Lord will continue to inspire the members of the ACYOA to contribute something meaningful in order to fulfill the mission of the ACYOA; a mission that the youth of this parish has willingly chosen to accept.

In September of 1996 we compiled a mailing list of some 90 young Armenian Christians in the Washington area along with an additional forty names gathered from local universities and contacted via e-mail. By January 1997 we had some 15 dues paying members and participation by about 35 people. We have submitted an application and dues to the ACYOA Central Council and are currently awaiting confirmation to be recognized as a Chapter.

The ACYOA Central Council is co-hosting the ACYOA Sports Weekend in Washington on Memorial Day Weekend 1997. Our ACYOA and the parish will play an important role in the success of this event. We are pleased to announce that our Chapter will be represented by at least one sports team.

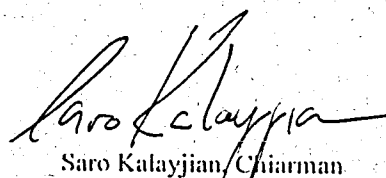
We are currently in the planning stages of various activities i.e. lecture series (topics including church unity, the history of Artzakh, Leadership, Eastern (Oriental) Orthodox ecumenical youth fellowship, and a ski trip. We would like to acknowledge and express our appreciation for the enthusiastic support of our Parish Council especially Steven Evereklian who has made himself available to coach the ACYOA sports teams and serve as an informal advisor to the group.

On January 19, 1997 we held elections. The results are as follows:

- Saro Kalayjian - Chairman
- Vartouhi Shafakian - Vice-Chairman
- Armen McOmber - Treasurer
- Elissa Juskalian - Recording Secretary
- Kareen Sivaslian - Corresponding Secretary

Event:	Date:	Attendance:	Event:	Date:	Attendance:
Meeting - Interim	12.12.96	8	Meeting	12.1.96	9
Meeting	10.6.96	20	Christmas Party	12.20.96	13
Dinner	10.18.96	20	Church Clean-up	12.21.96	8
Bible Study	10.24.96	3	Carrolling	12.27.96	3
Meeting/Dinner	11.8.96	19	Feed the Homeless	1.11.97	postponed
Embassy	11.14.96	2	Meeting/Elections	1.19.97	14
Jr's Dance	11.16.96	15-20	Feed the Homeless	1.25.97	10
ACYOA Coffee Table	11.17.96	4-5	Meeting	1.25.97	12
Bible Study	11.22.96	4	Paregentan Dance	2.8.97	
AYF Meeting	11.22.96	6	Meeting	2.16.97	
National Gallery	11.23.96	4			

Respectfully Submitted,



Saro Kalayjian, Chairman

February 6, 1997

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

1996

Balance brought forward (1-1-96) \$ 464.56

RECEIPTS:

Gifts - Jerrehian Foundation	\$100.00	
Mrs. Rita Bush	100.00	
Mr. Vartan Vartanian	2,500.00	
Mr. & Mrs. V. Tossounian	200.00	
Ghazarian Family	25.00	
Sunday Collection	379.95	
		<u>3,304.95</u>
		\$3,769.51

DISBURSEMENTS:

Purchase of Sunday School Books	\$ 677.50	
New Collection Envelopes	52.36	
Tables for Kindergarten Class	320.19	
		<u>\$1,050.05</u>
		<u>\$2,719.46</u>

Submitted by:

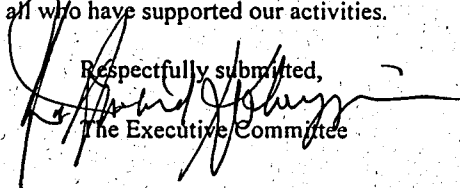
Ann H. Kavookian
Treasurer

THREE "M" 1996

The Three "M" Adult fellowship organized exceptionally helpful religious & cultural activities during the year of 1996.

1. On March 16, we hosted a one day symposium called "Armenia, Land of Wonders", organized by ALLARC. Over 150 people attended this "cultural-educational" feast.
2. Starting on February 26th and continuing through April 1, on six consecutive Mondays, guest clergy addressed the major elements of the Armenian Church Dogma & Doctrines. An average of 40 people attended each of these six lectures.
3. On March 15 members of the Three "M" attended the Friday evening Lenten Service and sponsored the Soup and Sandwich Supper.
4. On March 30th, 1996, an all day religious seminar was held on the topic of "Prayer Life", organized by the DRE. Speakers were: Elise Antreasian and Nancy Basmajian.
5. On April 20, 1996, we had a fun-night with a Tavloo Tournament.
6. On April 21, 1996, the Annual Multi-Media Art Exhibition took place.
7. On August 18, Three "M" started another tradition of celebrating our Church's Name Day with a dinner & program. The Feast of Assumption and grape blessing this year will be on August 17, 1997.
8. On Dec. 14, 1996, we had our family Christmas Family Night, when Santa visits all children of our parish.

We thank Der Hayr and Yeretzgin for their untiring efforts to keep this organization serving the various interests and needs of our community. We thank all who have supported our activities.

Respectfully submitted,

 The Executive Committee

THREE "M" ADULT ORGANIZATION FINANCIAL REPORT -1996-

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
One Day Symposium	\$ 740.00	One Day Symposium	\$ 349.19
Lenten Lecture Series	879.00	Lenten Lecture Series	625.00
Religious Seminar	160.00		
Soup & Sandwich Lenten Supper		25.00
Annual Multi-Media Art Show		192.00
Tavloo Tournament	250.00		
St. Mary's Assumption Day	1010.00		donated dinner
Xmas Family Night	695.00		325.57
End of Year Interest	31.91		
.....	Transfer to St. Mary's	2000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3765.91	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3516.76

BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/96	\$ 1,363.14
TOTAL INCOME 1996.....	<u>3,765.91</u>
	\$ 5,129.05
EXPENSES 1996.....	\$ 3,516.76
Balance on Hand 1/1/97.....	\$ 1,612.29

SHNORHALI SCHOOL 1996

1996 - 1997 school year began with enthusiasm thanks to the dedication of our teaching staff. Our sincere appreciation goes to everyone of them.

During 1995 - 1996 school year, nine students finished the seventh grade level in the Armenian program and received their certificates. The teachers were Mrs. Zivart Bolat and Mr. Alfred Moosakhanian teaching Western and Eastern Armenian respectively. They are not teaching this year. We thank them for their many years of service.

We thank Deacon Hamlet who was with the Shnorhali School during the first full weeks of the school year. Upon his departure, I was asked by Der Hayr to assume the responsibility of the school. We also thank Miss Ann Kavookian and Mrs. Louisa Baghdassarian, who graciously accepted to be assistants to the superintendent in religious and Armenian language programs respectively. And to Miss Ann, our love, and sincere thanks and gratitude for her years of service as a teacher. After so many years she has decided to stop teaching.

The integration of the Armenian and Christian Education programs in the Shnorhali School is still in progress. This goal of having a joint program will take a few more years to get to the realization of a truly combined educational program.

For the 1996-1997 school year, we have 88 registered students, with 15 teachers over 8 classes, and a nursery. Students pay \$50 for their registration which includes the cost of books and related materials. We have created two classes for Eastern Armenian, and a special program of Christian Education and Armenian culture with Dean Shahinian, Esq. and Mrs. Louisa Baghdassarian as teachers.

Our activities to date have been: Halloween Party, Christmas Fun Nite (organized by Three M), Christmas Eve Pageant, Armenian Christmas Dinner Program. We would like to thank Mrs. Grace Shahinian, who buys a gift for each and every student and teacher in the Shnorhali School every year, and presents them on Armenian Christmas to us with much love and care. She has been our Mrs. Santa Claus.

Our 1996 - 1997 Staff is as follows:

Christian Education

Nursery - Tina Doyan
Kindergarten - Shoghig Tramblian
1st Grade - Terry Tossounian

2nd & 3rd - Mrs. Rita Bush
4th Grade - Elisa Juskalian
5th Grade - Saro Kalayjian
6-7-8 Grade - Anna Derderian

Armenian Program

Nursery - Tina Doyan
Kindergarten - Asanet Hachikoglu
1st Grade - Mane Kilajian
Rita Vartanian
2nd Grade - Hripsime Sivaslian
3rd Grade - Marie Zulikian
4th Grade - Ani Derderian
Eastern Arm. - Kohar Abajian
Noone Abajian

In addition, we had the help of Mrs. Julia Stepanian, Mr. and Mrs. Armen Gyulamirian, Miss Lilit Badalian, who helped us to stage a special play.

Among our immediate needs are room dividers to create at least three classroom spaces in the new hall. We need to emphasize the fact that on Sundays the new hall is off limit to the people who like to congregate down below rather than be in the sanctuary worshipping.

We do thank our devoted members of the Parent-Teachers Association. Our Chairman this year is Mr. Harvey Bazarian. Our gratitude to Mr. Aram Paul, last year's chairman, for his dedicated service during the past school year.

Respectfully submitted,


Yeretzhin A. Kalayjian

St. Mary's Armenian School

Financial Report for Calendar Year 1996

Receipts for 1996:

Donations	3138.00
Books	45.00
Tuition	2275.00
Miscellaneous (Interest income)	<u>244.65</u>
	5702.65

Expenditures for 1996:

Teachers' stipends	4020.00
School supplies	2343.52
Miscellaneous	<u>90.00</u>
	6453.52

Net Loss for 1996: (750.87)

Balance at the end of 1995: 7150.47
Balance at the end of 1996: 6399.60

Checking Account Balance: 2450.97
Savings Account Balance: 3948.63
Total Available Funds: 6399.60

Reserve with Finance Committee: 3000.00

Respectfully Submitted

Raffi Karahisar

Note: Savings account closed at the end of 1996
Balance transferred to Checking account

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT - 1996

Executive Board

Co-Chairladies	Seta Sivaslian - complete 2 nd year Alice D. Baker - complete 2 nd year
Vice Chairlady	Asanet Hachikoglu
Recording Secretary	Janel Mooskhanian*
Assistant Recording Secretary	Evelyn Vartabedian
Corresponding Secretary	Zvart Bolat
Treasurer	Jean Sayian - complete 2 nd year Doris George - 1 year term

- Resigned her post January 24, 1996.
 1. Nominating Committee: Takhuli Hallajian, Lucy Murad, and Leda Zenian.
 2. Valentine Stahl, Women's Guild delegate, Lucy Murad, alternate.

There are 54 dues paying members in the Women's Guild. Our monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of the month. Memorial dinners are a part of the guild's function and are prepared and served at the request of family of the deceased.

During the annual Spring Food Festival and bazaar workshops are held during the week to facilitate food preparations. We have also been preparing food for the Alexandria Festival held in May.

JANUARY:

- Prepared Armenian Christmas dinner.

FEBRUARY:

- Executive meeting to elect new officers.
- Had monthly membership meeting at Bethesda Pancake House
- Two workshops for Lenten Food Festival

MARCH

- Prepared light fare for Vesper Services.
- Mid Lenten Luncheon on March 3.
- Four workshops for Lenten Food Festival
- Gave Parish Council \$10,000.00.
- Gave Armenian School \$ 500.00
- Gave American Red Cross \$150.00

APRIL

- Memorial Dinner on April 12.

MAY:

- Prepared chereg for Alexandria (Armenian Day) Festival.
- Participated in sale of food, crafts, and books in Alexandria.
- Celebrated Hampartzoom-Vijag Day.
- Attended Women's Guild Conference in Philadelphia.

JUNE:

- Luncheon and last meeting held at O'Donnells.

JULY & August - No Activities

SEPTEMBER

- Held first official bazaar meeting. It was decided unanimously to eliminate Saturday dinner.
- First meeting of new season was held on September 19.
- Held one workshop.

OCTOBER

- Eight workshop days ere held for bazaar.

NOVEMBER

- 2 Workshop days.
- Bazaar days were November 6, 7, 8 and 9. No dinner was served on Saturday. In spite of bad weather, on Friday, we managed to make just a little less than we did in 1995.
- A fabulous pot-luck dinner preceded our November PM meeting.
- A cash register was purchased.
- No election was held because we did not have a slate to present. The current Executive Committee agreed to stay on until January.
- Cultural Committee had an Art Show / Light Dinner featuring water color artist Mariam Attarian.

DECEMBER

- Our Annual Christmas Party was held at the home of Nora Maghrablian.
- The ladies of Soorp Khatch invited us for their annual Greens Party. This was the second time we were invited and attended. A great time was had by all!

We would like to thank all the women who helped before and during the bazaar, guild members and especially non members, no task was too big.

Our profound appreciation for Al Kaehn and Onnig Sivaslian for all their invaluable help, for just being there for us.

To all our members and non-members who worked incredible hours, day after day, after day!!!

1997 Executive Committee

Asanet Hachikoglu
Rosemary Arkoian
Zvart Bolat
Roxanne Paul
Sandy Riley
Eva Shafakian
Suzie Mikaeloglu

Co-Charladies
Vice Chairlady
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Advisor

Respectfully submitted,

Seta Sivaslian
Alice D. Baker

**St. Mary's Women's Guild
1996 Financial Statement**

INCOME

Dues	\$ 590.00
Donations	1270.00
Christmas Dinner	1319.00
Lenten Luncheon	1235.00
Easter Sunday	236.00
Hampartzoon Luncheon	630.00
Other Activities	589.00
Spring Festival	11,223.63
Cultural Comm. Lecture	268.00
Cultural Comm. Attarian dinner	452.00
Cultural Comm. Attarian sales	875.00
Food Sales	205.00
Bank Interest	42.11
Trips	1150.00
Sunday Coffee	160.00
Misc. (\$212 Avak Society check cashed)	260.19

TOTAL \$20,508.18

EXPENSES

Christmas Dinner	\$471.95
Easter Sunday	58.00
Hampartzoon Luncheon	414.66
Spring Festival	2956.84
Other Activities	1160.40
Cultural Comm. Lecture Series	350.00
Cultural Comm. Attarian Dinner	223.00
Reimb.Cul. Comm. Attarian Exp.	267.50
70% of sales	612.50
Supplies & Equipment	922.56
Postage	106.56
Gifts & Donations	450.00
Parish Council	10,000.00
Armenian School	500.00
Trips	987.00
WYCC - CASP	1000.00
WYCC	240.00
Misc. (Avak Society)	212.00

TOTAL \$20,932.97

NET LOSS 424.79

BANK ACCOUNT (12/31/96) 593.76

\$ 1,018.55

OPENING BALANCE \$ 1,018.55

Checking Account 1/1/96

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Re: Parish Council Financial Report

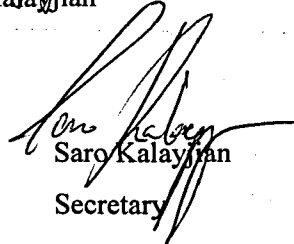
Financial data furnished with this report were completed after the Parish Assembly meeting closed; these data have not been approved by the Parish Assembly. We are planning a special Parish Assembly meeting for 13 April 1997, at which time the Assembly will be asked to approve the Financial Report for 1996 and Budget for 1997. We will advise of any significant changes from the data submitted herewith.


Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian

Pastor-President


Brig. Gen. Albert Kaehn, Jr.

Chairman


Saro Kalayjian
Secretary



ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

OPERATING BUDGET

1/1/96 through 12/31/96

Category Description

12/31/96

Balance Forward

\$

BUDGET 1997

INCOME

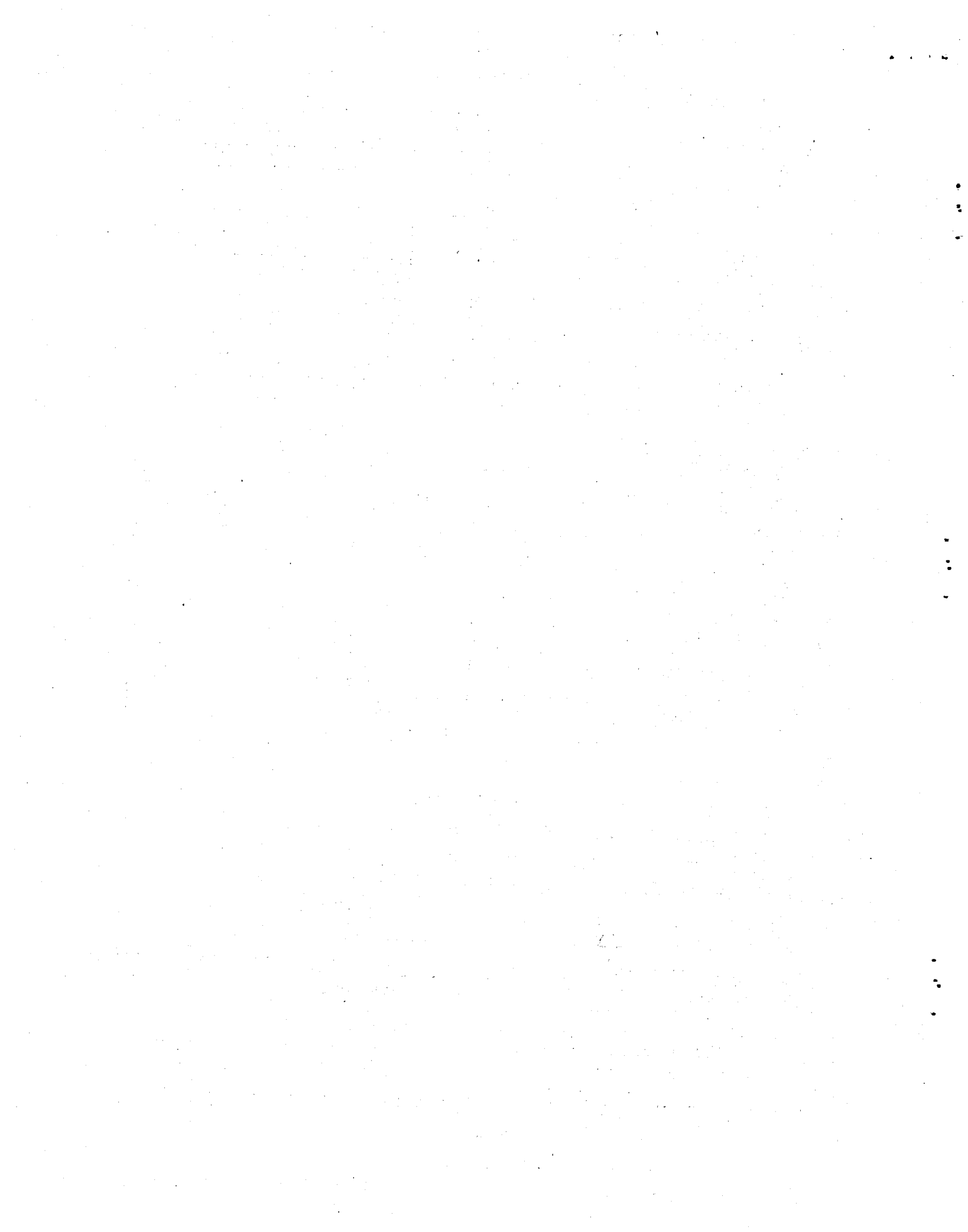
1. Altar Flowers	\$ 245.00	
2. Bazaar 96	10,750.00	
3. Candle	4,577.00	
4. Candlelighting	2,100.00	
5. Church Organization	16,500.00	
6. Donations	8,470.00	
7. Hall & Parking	4,285.00	
8. Hokehankist	5,490.00	
9. Interest	293.00	
10. Plate	6,483.00	
11. Pledges & Dues	48,185.00	
12. Sacraments	4,695.00	
13. Shnorhali	1,315.00	
14. Yughakin	4,830.00	
15. Misc.	2,128.00	
16. Parish Council Activities		
a. 60 th Anniversary	7100.00	
b. Picnic	853.00	
c. Candle light dinner	303.00	
d. New Year 95	8460.00	
e. Misc.(weekly 12/31/95)	2421.00	
f. Christmas donation	584.00	
17. Endowment Fund	4513.74	
TOTAL	144,580.74	

ONE TIME ONLY

Emergency Appeal	\$ 15,635.00	
Computer Fund	2,610.00	
Finance Committee (Advance)	5,000.00	
Restricted Fund	325.00	
In Lieu of Flowers to Fin. Comm.	55.00	
HAVAD		
Bazaar 95	12,165.00	
O'Reilly's Will	4,234.00	
Manigian Will	3,000.00	
Architectural Fee Renovation, Fin. Comm.	1,500.00	
Finance Comm. For Computer	4400.00	
TOTAL	\$48,924.00	

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 193,504.74



ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
OPERATING BUDGET
1/1/96 THROUGH 123196

EXPENSES:	AMOUNT	BUDGET 1997
1. Altar Flowers	\$ 493.09	
2. Altar Supplies	655.19	
3. Bank Charges	100.00	
4. Bld. Equip & Bld. Maintenance	7271.82	
5. Choir & Organist	4705.91	
6. Diocesan Dues	21769.00	
7. Guest Priest	500.00	
8. House Utilities	3638.00	
9. Health Insurance (Pastor)	8947.17	
10. Janitorial Services	*6,775.00	
11. Kitchen Supplies	2000.84	
12. Office Supplies	*2,977.60	
13. Post and Printing	3344.00	
14. Secretarial	*9184.27	
15. Shnorhali	4500.50	
16. Stipend	*46,280.00	
17. Telephone	2096.75	
18. Utilities	17498.85	
19. Misc.	481.85	
20. Building Ins. & Workman's Comp	3246.00	
22. Trash Removal	1238.76	
23. Travel Expenses	1567.65	
24. P.C. Expenses from New Year 96	1788.00	
Sub Total Expenses	\$ 151,060.25	

The following amounts were paid from the RESTRICTED FUND Checking Account in 1996

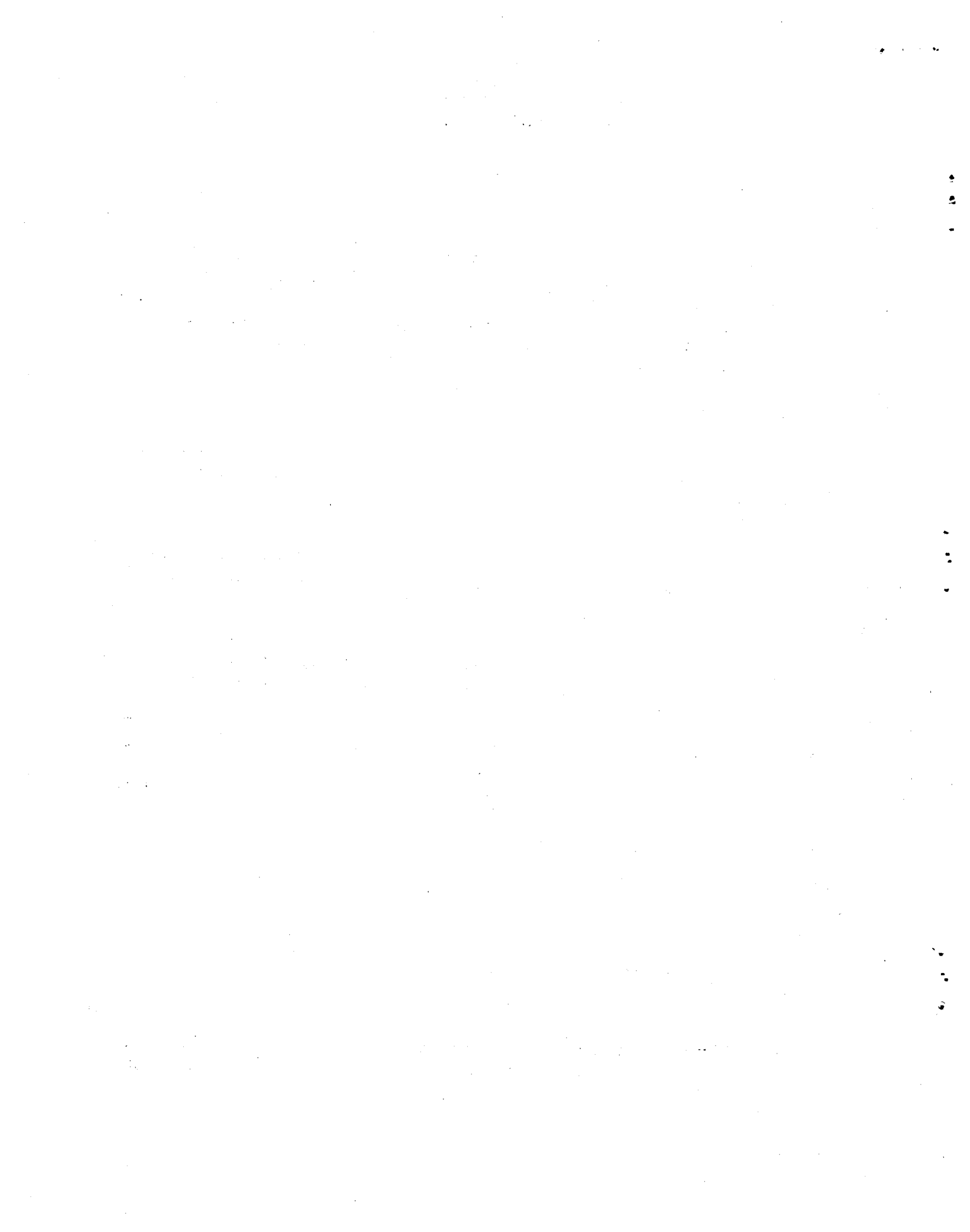
Janitorial Services.....	\$ 550.00
Secretarial.....	\$ 1000.00
Office Supplies.....	\$ 213.69
Stipend.....	\$ 3560.00

ONE TIME EXPENSES

A. Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian	12,227.50	
B. Major Repairs for Church		
• Brick Repair in rear of church	2550.00	
• Barbecue Roof/Deck	1645.00	
• Parish House Shed	1675.00	
C. Havad		
D. Restricted Fund	3000.00	
F. Renovation Church (Architect Fee)	1500.00	
G. Gifts	828.84	
H. Computer	4,400.00	
I. Finance Committee (repayment of loan)	5,000.00	
Expenses	\$ 32,826.34	

*The following amount was paid from the RESTRICTED FUND Checking Account in 1996.
Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian.....\$ 937.50

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 183,886.59



**Saint Mary Armenian Apostolic Church
Washington, D.C.**

Board of Stewards

Introduction

The need for a committee or a board which would function alongside of the Parish Council to fulfill certain tasks, to maintain a continuous program of service and outreach has been felt and recognized. These concerns were brought up more recently by the Pastor and Charles Kumkumian of this parish. The fruits of these concerns are embodied in this document. Having these in mind the following structure and functions covering the above mentioned areas of concern are addressed in this document.

Article 1: Organization of the Board of Stewards

Section 1.1: The Board shall consist of the Pastor and at least seven active members of the church. The Board shall elect annually its own chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer. One third of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 1.2: The Board shall address the outreach, welfare and charitable needs of the congregation. It shall also address, publications, sanctuary maintenance and beautification, as well as organizing ushers and greeters during services. The Board shall administer the funds necessary to sustain its charitable and welfare work.

Section 1.3: The Board shall determine such committees as are necessary to carry out its responsibilities. Committee members shall be selected by the Board. Members of the committees may include non-board members who are active church members.

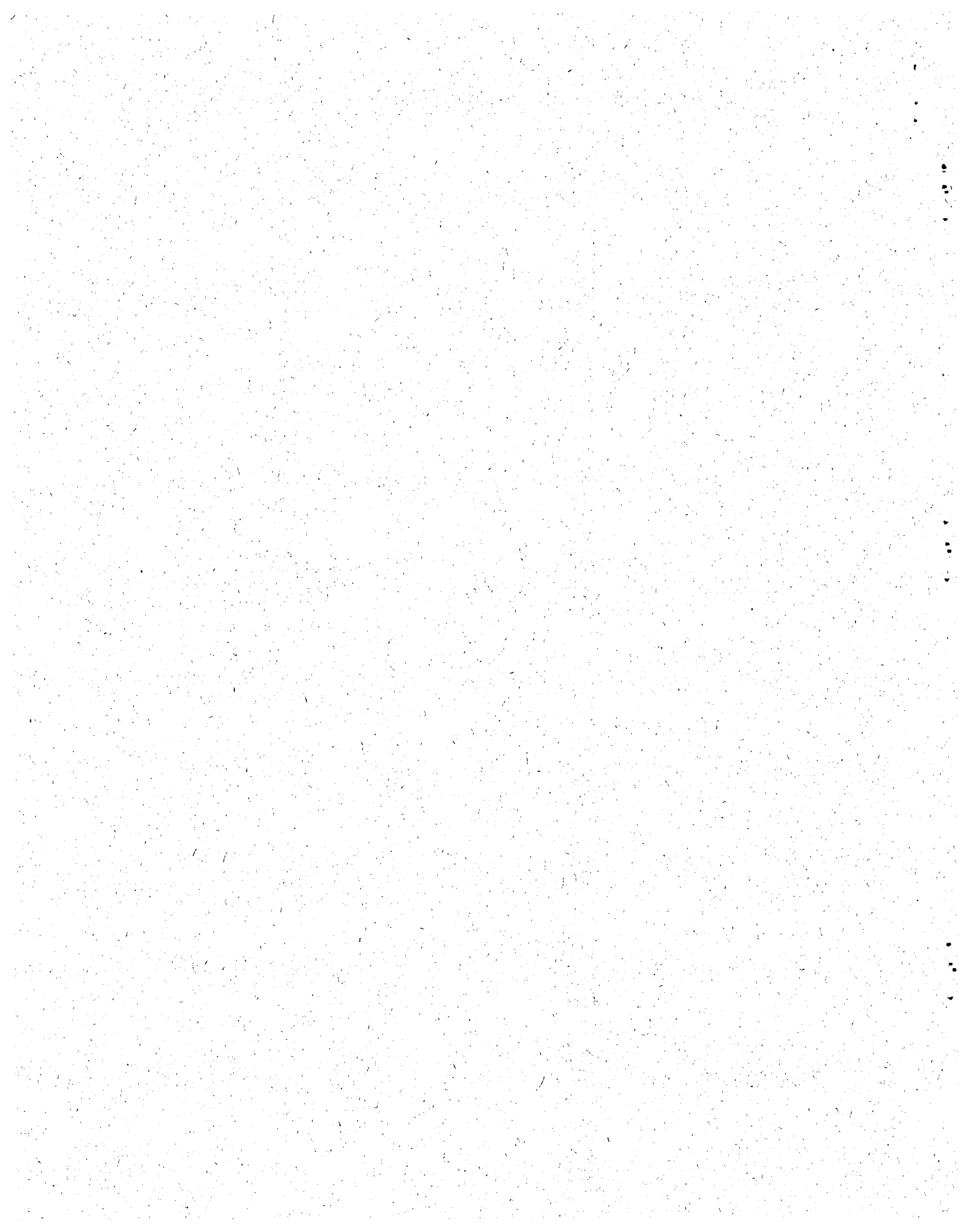
Section 1.4: The Board shall hold monthly meetings and such special meetings as deemed necessary by its officers. It shall keep a record of its proceedings and of all funds at its disposal. It shall submit its report to the Parish Council at least once a year and/or when requested. It shall report on its activities also at the Parish Assembly.

Article 2: Board of Stewards Committees

Committee A: Committee of Ushers and Greeters

The volunteers in this group will be called upon to:

- A.1) Be ushers during Liturgy and other special services.
- A.2) They will assist the Parish Council in greeting the worshipers as they enter the church, usher them to their seats, inform them of the means to follow the services and be part of the service.



- A.3) Distribute to the worshipers the Sunday Bulletin or any printed handouts.
- A.4) Assist or otherwise carry on the tasks of "Kiss of Peace", passing the collection plate, *Hokehankist* candles and *Mas*.
- A.5) Be knowledgeable and alert to manage traffic during the services (when not to or when to enter the church or exit).
- A.6) At regular intervals visit the church hall and gently direct the parishioners to worship in the sanctuary.

Committee B: Maintenance and Beautification

The volunteers in this group will be called upon to:

- B.1) Maintain the altar, the vestry, the chancel with the proper decor and dignity as to enhance the worship atmosphere. Altar clothing, candle supplies, altar flowers should be administered and cared for regularly.
- B.2) Conduct and/or supervise a periodic general clean-up, paint, etc.
- B.3) Bring to the Parish Council's attention any and all needs for repair, replacement or renovation observed within the sanctuary and/or in other parts of the church halls, classrooms, outside grounds and the parking lot.

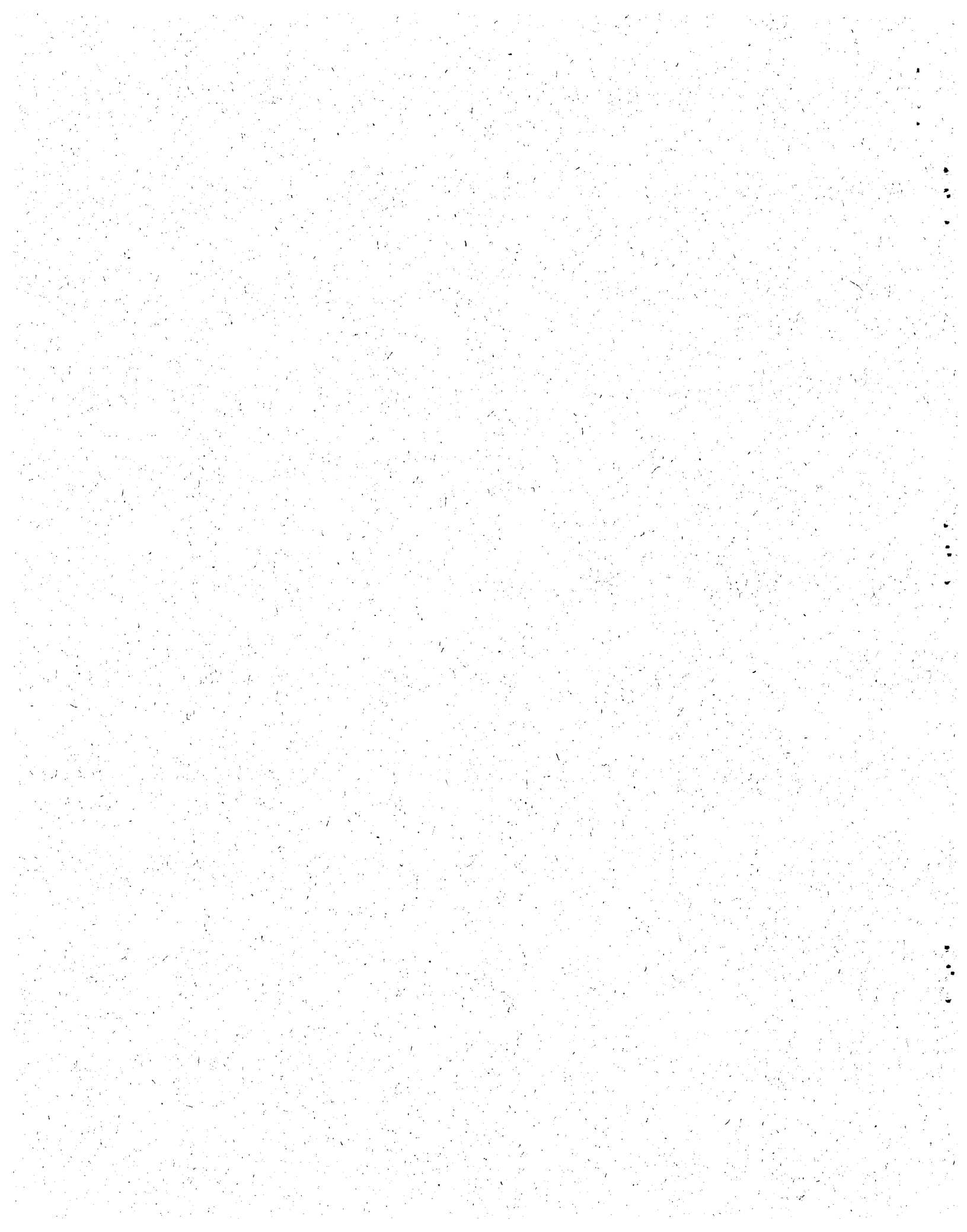
Committee C: Outreach

The volunteers in this group will be called upon to:

- C.1) **Recruitment.** This task could be broad enough to include occasional requests from the Pastor, the Parish Council, the Women's Guild, etc. to assist them in recruiting volunteers for a specific task or project, or narrowly defined to recruit volunteers for the tasks that concern the Board of Stewards only.
- C.2) **Visitations.** This task includes two categories or targeted groups: 1) Those who are new to the community and 2) Those who are members of the church but are falling behind in their attendance and participation. A third one could further be identified as those who are not new to the community but they are non-members.
- C.3) **Project Assist.** To provide transportation and other services as needed such as: bringing the elderly and those without transportation to church services and other functions, providing transportation for shopping, doctor's appointment, drug purchases, etc.

Group D: Publications and Communications

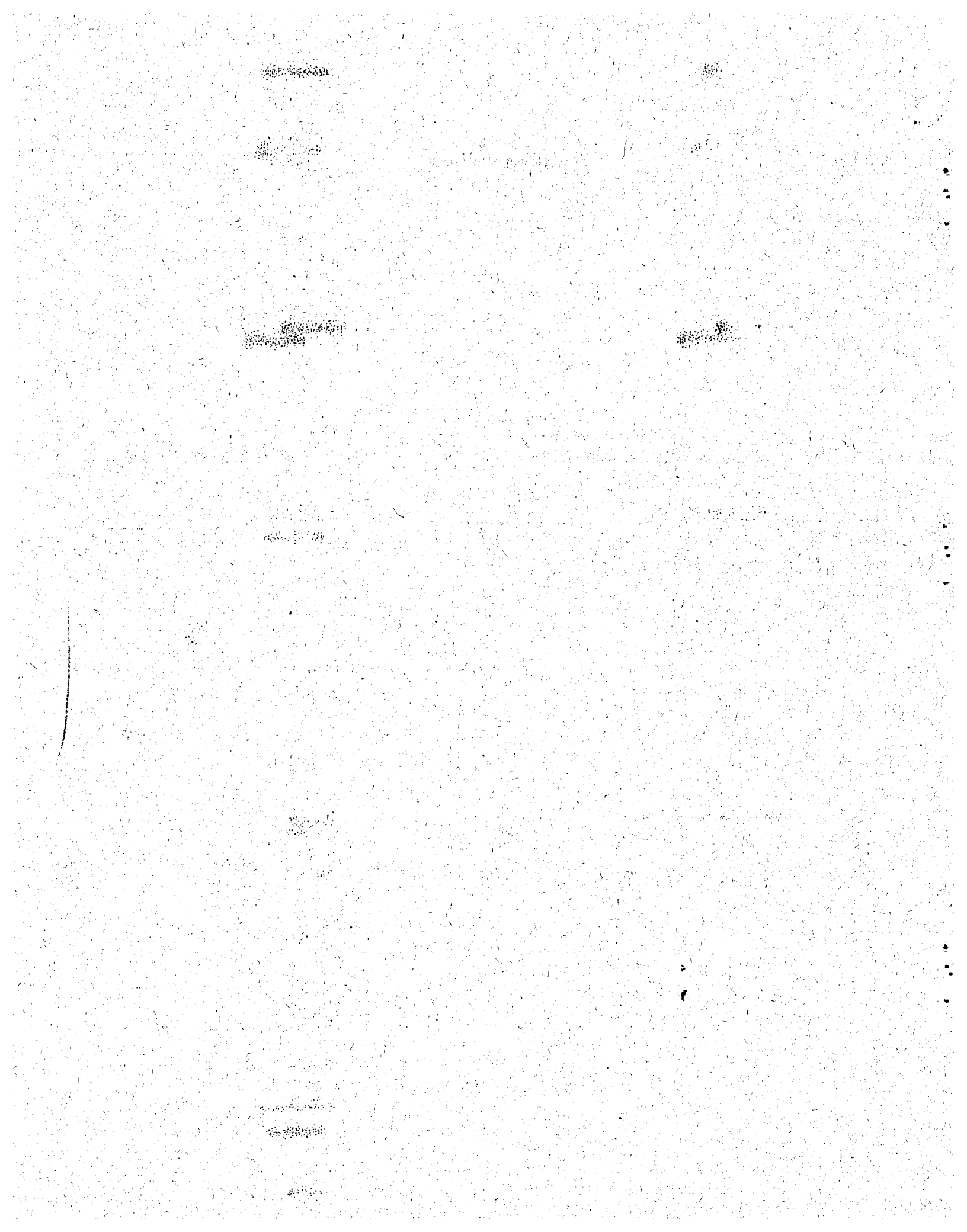
The volunteers in this group will be called upon to:



- D.1) Assist the Editor of the *Shmorhali* in publishing, printing, processing for mailing, etc.
- D.2) Assist the Pastor and the secretary in publishing weekly (Sunday) bulletins and other announcements.
- D.3) Establish a telephone tree or network to reach out to the community when needed.
- D.4) Maintain a data bank which will identify:
 - a) Those who seek jobs.
 - b) Those who have jobs to offer for employment.
 - c) Those who are in need of social services:
 - 1) Immigration/Naturalization
 - 2) Emergency assistance
 - 3) Housing and financial needs

Article 3: General Policies/Guidelines

- Section 3.1:** As stated at the beginning, these volunteers clustered in four committees will function to enhance, augment or otherwise fulfill the objectives and the duties of the Parish Council or of other church affiliated organizations.
- Section 3.2:** The Board of Stewards will function with a low level budget. Large expenditures foreseen by the Board will be administered by the Parish Council.
- Section 3.3:** The membership of the Board will be by recruitment and/or voluntary. Members should remain in office not more than three years. At the end of the three year term the incumbent is eligible for re-appointment.
- Section 3.4:** The Board shall present the candidates for the vacant posts and after the Pastor and the Parish Council's advice and consent, shall proceed with the appointments.
- Section 3.5:** In case the Board is left with only two or less than 1/3 members, the Parish Council will appoint the remaining members to the Board.
- Section 3.6:** In case of any misunderstanding or unresolved disputes among the Board of Stewards' members or between the Board of Stewards and the Parish Council, the ruling of the Parish Council shall prevail.
- Section 3.7:** The Board and the Parish Council may amend this charter by mutual advice and consent.
- Section 3.8:** The Parish Council shall not make decisions that adversely affect the objectives of the Board. The Board may be dissolved by the Parish Assembly.



Proposal

Proposal to the 1997 Parish Assembly of St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church

Whereas:

Currently, the youth of our parish are not properly represented in the membership of our church, and that our parish is making important decisions for the future of St. Mary Church and the voices of our youth have not been adequately heard. The ACYOA at a recent meeting noted that this lack of representation to be a significant absence, and;

Whereas:

Some of our parishioners who are advanced in years live on a low or fixed income and therefore they ought not be financially burdened to maintain their church membership at the current minimum rate.

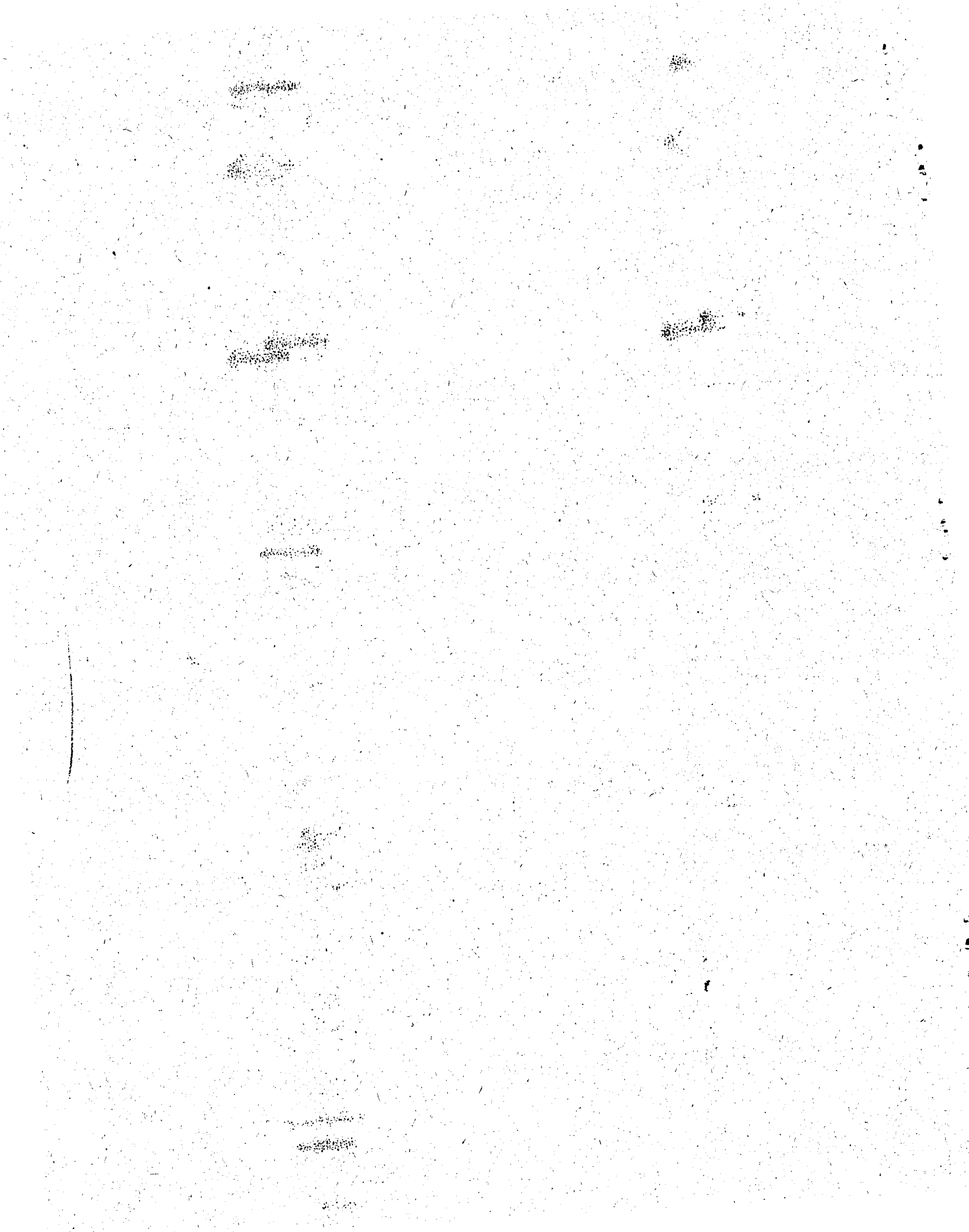
Therefore:

Be it resolved that;

Retroactively, beginning on January 1, 1997 for FY 1997, parish membership dues be reduced to \$52.00 to all persons who meet the following criteria:

- 1) A member in good standing of the ACYOA of St. Mary Armenian Church and,
- 2) An enrolled student in an accredited college or university, or
- 3) A senior citizen or retired person formally requesting reduced membership dues.

Proposed by the ACYOA and the Avak Society of St. Mary Armenian Church



Book Store Financial Report
1996

Income

Sales	\$ 8,495.20
Bank credit (erroneous)	\$ 520.00
Bank Interest	\$ 27.02
Total Income	\$ 9,042.22

Disbursements

Merchandise	\$ 2,915.71
Parish Council Donation	\$ 2,000.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 111.20
Total Disbursements	\$ 5,026.91

Net Profit for 1996: \$4,015.31

Available Funds on 1/1/96:

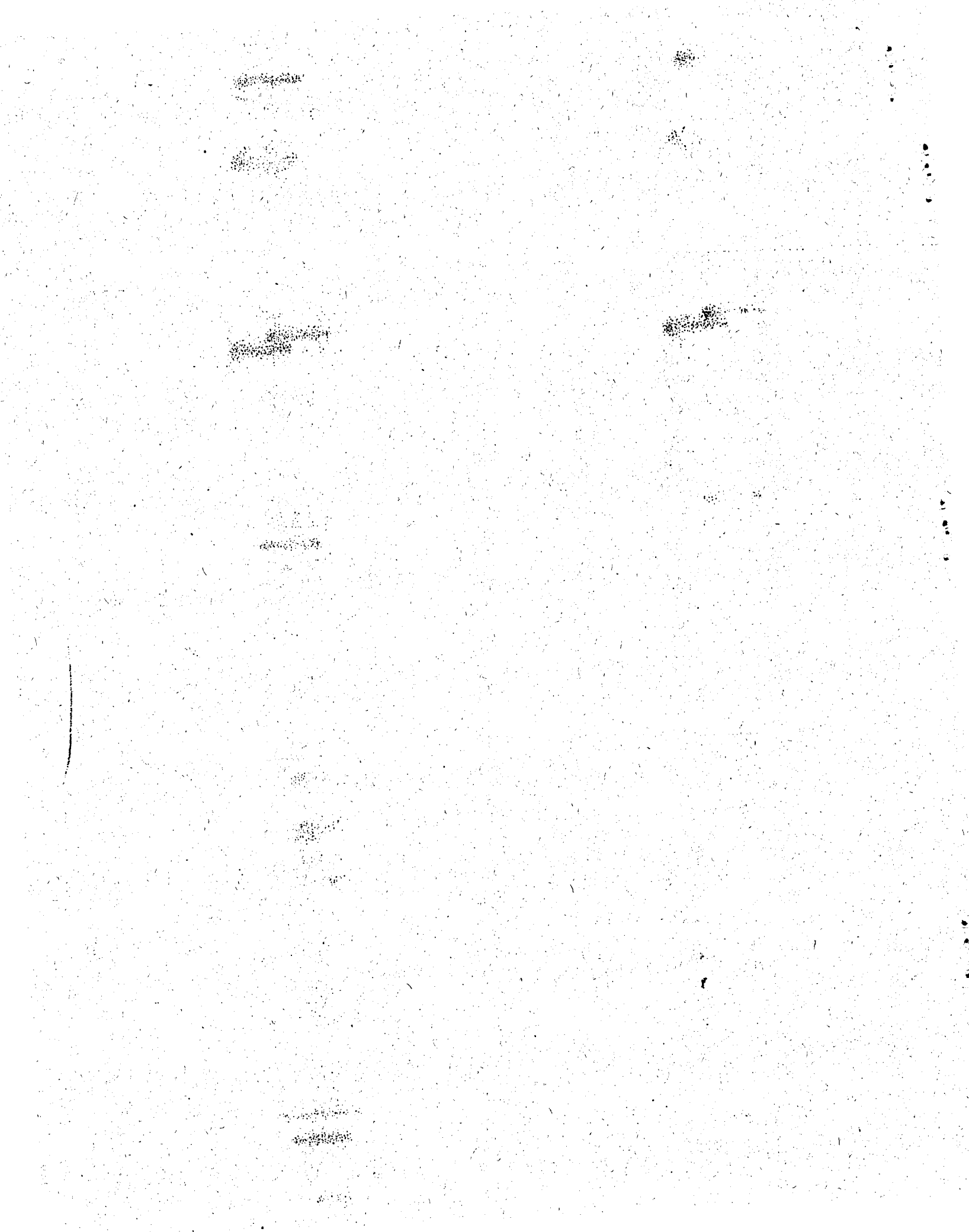
Potomac Valley Bank	\$ 24.92
First Union	\$ 2,105.16
	\$ 2,130.08

Net profit for 1996:	\$ 4,015.31
Closing Balance for 1996:	\$ 6,145.39

Available Funds on 12/31/96:

Potomac Valley Bank	\$6,145.39
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Prepared by the Auditing Committee
2/15/97



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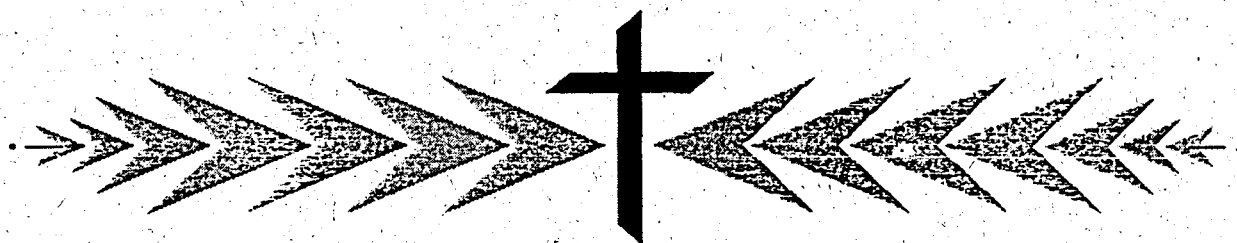
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 Bible Study / Meditation and Guest Speakers 8:15 - 9:15 PM

- **LENTEN SUNDAY SERVICES with**
 Guest speakers to deliver the Sunday Message
 Holy Badarak - Lenten Version
 Sunrise - Arevakal - Service
 Badarak begins at 10:00 AM

- **MID-LENTEN DINNER - WOMEN SAINTS' DAY**
 Sponsored by the Women's Guild
 Sunday, March 16, 1997