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Շնորհէ մեզի, ով Տէր, որ Զու Սուրբ Հոգիդ առաջնորդ ըլլայ մեզի եւ արդիւնաւորէ մեր որոշումներն ու ծրագիրները մեր ծուխին բարիքին համար: Գոհութիւն կու տանք Քեզի բոլոր այն օրհնութիւններուն համար զորս մեզի պարգեւեցիր անցեալ տարուան ընթացքին, եւ կ'աղօթենք որ մենք, եկեղեցւոյ անդամներս, կարենանք միասնաբար զործել առաւել ոյժով եւ եռանդով յառաջիկայ տարեշրջանին:

Օգնէ մեզի, ով Տէր, որ մեր անձերը ընծայենք Քեզի եւ պատրաստ ըլլանք զոհելու մեր ժամանակը, դրամը եւ տաղանդը Զու Սուրբ Փառքիդ եւ Թագաւորութեանդ տարածման համար: Առաջնորդէ մեզ, կ'աղաչենք Քեզի, եկեղեցւոյս ծխական Խորհուրդի եւ Վերստուգիչ անդամներու ընտրութեանց մէջ: Շնորհէ որ նոր ընտրուելիք անդամները հաւատարմութեամբ եւ սիրով կատարեն իրենց պարտականութիւնները:

Կը զովաբանենք Քեզ, Տէր Աստուած մեր, բոլոր այն ծառաներուդ համար որոնք անձնուիրաբար զործած են Զու հոգեւոր այգիիդ մէջ ու պաշտած Զու Սուրբ Անունդ: Կը փառաբանենք Քեզ մանաւանդ անոնց համար, որոնք մեկնած են անդարձ եւ ննջած ի Քրիստոս: Անոնց յաւիտեմական հանգիստ պարգեւէ ով Տէր:

Ով Ամենակալ Տէր, Զու լոյսդ մշտապէս թող փայլի մեր վրայ եւ առաջնորդէ մեր քայլերը դէպի ճշմարտութեան ճանապարհը:

Դուն ով Տէր, գիտես մեր պէտքերը եւ կարիքները մեր խնդրածէն եւ հասկցածէն աւելի. եւ Քեզի, Որդիիդ եւ Ամենասուրբ Հոգիիդ հետ, կը վայելէ փառք, իշխանութիւն եւ պատիւ այժմ եւ միշտ եւ յաւիտեանս յաւիտենից. ամէն:

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PRAYER FOR AN ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Grant, O Lord, that thy Holy Spirit may preside over us now in all our concerns and deliberations for the welfare of this parish. We thank thee for all the blessings of the past year, and pray that we may go together from strength to strength in the year before us. Help us all to dedicate ourselves to thee, and to be ready to make sacrifice of time and money for the extension of thy kingdom.

Guide us, we beseech thee, in the choice of our Parish Council and Auditing Committee, and may they discharge their duties faithfully.

We praise thee for those thy servants who labored and worshipped here before us, and especially for those who have departed this life since we last met together. Grant to them eternal rest, O Lord, and let thy light perpetual shine upon them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. For thou, O Lord almighty, knowest our needs and our wants to be more than that which we ask or comprehend; and to thee, with the Son and the all-holy Spirit, is fitting glory, dominion, and honour, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We will present to you a general summary of our Church activities together with the reports of our auxiliary organizations in a format similar to the one submitted last January by our former chairman. We will be glad to submit detailed information, upon request, at the conclusion of this report.

PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: H. HORASAN  
VICE-CHAIRMAN: J. SOULETANIAN  
SECRETARY: J. YERETSIAN  
TREASURER: A. SARIAN  
ASSIST. TREASURER: T. BODOURIAN

Your Parish Council decided to also elect liaison officers with various auxiliary organizations for a more efficient feedback of information from them.

ST. SAHAG MESROB-SCHOOL: A. BALTAYAN  
SUNDAY SCHOOL: H. AMPAGOURIAN  
LADIES AUX.: J. SOULETANIAN  
A.C.Y.O.A. L. KHOSROVIAN  
CHURCH CHOIR: " "

MEETINGS: Your Parish Council met 20 times usually on Wednesdays at 8:30 sharp. The meetings lasted approximately 3 hours with most members present.

EASTER MASS: In accordance with your instructions at last year's general meeting Easter Mass was celebrated in our Church hall with the permission of our Primate.

24th APRIL: Martyrs day was celebrated in our Church hall under its auspices with the participation of the Armenian Evangelical Church, the A.G.B.U. and the A.R.F.

CHURCH SERVICES: Every Sunday, except on 2 occasions during which Rev. Tashjian was away on church business, high mass was celebrated in our Church, for a total of 55 times. Rev. Tashjian also performed:

47 Baptisms  
31 Marriages  
13 Burials  
21 Requiem Mass

165 Home Blessing Visitations

The Right Rev. Vache Hovsepian celebrated High Mass in our Church on Christmas 1970 and on the Feast of Transfiguration on July 5th.

LIBRARY: A new Library Fund was established through an anonymous donation of \$300.00.

As of December 31, 1970 this Fund has been raised to \$859.00. It had been our intention to build in the Parish Council room adequate book cases as soon as \$1,000.00 became available for this project. It is our ardent hope that the new Parish Council can achieve this very worthwhile endeavour with the continued support of our Parishoners.

CEMETARY: Through the personal efforts of our Rev. Tashjian, Mr. Morair, Kassabian, and the backing of your Parish Council, arrangements have been made with York Cemetary for a 2,000 plot subdivision reserved for our Community. The management of the cemetary has also donated a parcel of land in the center of this subdivision for the future erection of a suitable marker, by our Church.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY: We want to thank our Rev. Tashjian who with the support of your Parish Council was able to compile an up to date list of Armenian families in the greater Toronto area for this Directory. Our thanks to the many contributors who made this project possible. Through this most practical endeavour your Church was able to accumulate a net surplus of \$1,796.00.

EVANSTON SEMINARY: Through the efforts of Rev. Tashjian we were able to send a group of 7 boys and girls to the Evanston Seminary for a period of 1 week to participate in Religious discussions with other young people from North America.

CUFFLINKS : It has been our pleasure, according to custom, to present to the retiring members of our 1968-1969 Parish Council, service cufflinks in appreciation of their efforts.

FINANCIAL: Our financial position is presented by the attached certified statements. We have now savings in the amount of \$17,666.37. In view of the greater needs that will arise in our Community it is important that we do not become complacent and be ever more aware of the financial needs of our Church. Now is the time to build a fund towards the larger Church Building that we all aspire to.

Printing Work Shop: A room to accomodate our printing equip-ment has been donated by the Ram-Land corp.. the A.C.Y.O.A. office will no longer be used as a printing room.

The Parish Council would like to express its thanks to the Right Rev. Vache Hovsepian, to our own Rev. J. Tashjian and to you in particular for your support during this past year.

I would like to express my personal thanks to the members of the Parish Council as well as to the members of the various Committee Members and Auxiliary bodies without whose assistance my task would have been impossible.

LADIES AUXILIARY

CHAIRMAN: MRS. H. AFARIAN  
SECRETARY: MRS. CH. ARTINIAN  
TREASURER: MRS. H. AYNACYAN

MEETINGS: Six Membership Meetings and ten Executive Committee Meetings were held during the year.

MEMBERSHIP: There are 91 registered members.

ACTIVITIES:

- 1) March 8 : Lenten Dinner
- 2) March 29 : Easter Egg-Cracking Party
- 3) April 26 : Madagh Dinner
- 4) Sept. 19 : Dinner Party
- 5) Oct. 3 : Annual Bazaar
- 6) Nov. 7 : Annual Dance at the Inn-On-the-Park
- 7) Nov. 25 : Dinner Party

The Executive Committee Members of the Ladies Auxiliary express their thanks to their Honorary Chairman Mrs. H. Ounjian for the washing and ironing of the Altar cloths, to Mrs. Ohannessian, Mrs. S. Hamamjian and to Diramair Tashjian for the preparation of "Mass" every Sunday, to Mr. H. Davidian for the laundering of the table clothes of the Parish hall and to all their supporters in the Community.

FINANCIAL:

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1970   | \$ 478.47 ✓       |
| Net Income                  | <u>3,311.07</u> ✓ |
| Total                       | \$3,789.54        |
| Transfer to Parish Treasury | <u>3,500.00</u>   |
| Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1970  | <u>\$ -289.54</u> |

We wish to acknowledge that \$875.00 of the amount donated to our Church will be transferred to St. Sahag and Mesrob School as requested by the Ladies Auxiliary.

A. C. Y. O. A.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Eugene Karadjian Vice-Chairman: Eddy Khounganian  
Treasurer: Arto Chubukjian Ass. Tres: Varujan Karabulut  
Rec. Secr: Myda Menjolian Corr. Secr: Sonia Khounganian  
Publicity: Zaven Kalemkiarian  
Advisors: Kegham Kokorian Sonia Casbarian

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MEMBERSHIP: The Senior A.C.Y.O.A. now has 55 members. During the past year our membership drive was very successful. We need more members and we encourage everybody who wants to become a member, to do so.

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ACTIVITIES

Here is a list of various A.C.Y.O.A. activities in 1970. Some of these have been well attended, others have not been so through general apathy.

JANUARY: \* A highly successful New Year's Eve Ball  
- One get together party for the youth.

FEBRUARY - Two film nights for the public

MARCH ---- Again two film nights were presented to the public

APRIL ---- No activities for obvious reasons

MAY ----- One get together party for the youth  
- One movie night for the public  
- Collection of Lenten Offering

JUNE ----- One film night  
Two get together parties  
- A great trip by bus to Balm Beach

JULY ----- Two national night parties  
- One trip by bus to Balm Beach  
- One trip by bus to Sibbald Point

AUGUST ---- Two national night parties  
- Annual A.C.Y.O.A. Kingston Picnic with Montreal  
- A trip by bus to Crystal Beach

SEPTEMBER -- One national night party

OCTOBER ----- A highly successful MidwaynGames Night  
- One film night for the public

NOVEMBER ----- One Armenian Movie Night. Extremely Successful  
----- One Games Night with very poor attendance  
----- Two film nights for the public  
- One dance party

DECEMBER ----- Christmas Day Shish Kebab Party

Some of the above events have been quite successful. Others had poor attendance. We made some money, we lost some money. Anyway, on the whole, it has been a good year.

A. C. Y. O. A. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1970

INCOME

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| * Forward from Dec. 31/ 1969 -----      | 197:84  |
| - New Year's Eve Ball 1969-1970 -----   | 1779:70 |
| - Membership dues and Donations -----   | 104:00  |
| - Dances -----                          | 648:75  |
| - Christmas Day Shish Kebab Party ----- | 40:50   |
| - Film Nights -----                     | 626:15  |
| - A.C.Y.O.A. Lottery -----              | 1133:00 |
| - Spring Dance A.C.Y.O.A. Share -----   | 130:92  |
| - Misc. -----                           | 43:45   |
| - Lenten Offering Collection -----      | 10:87   |
| - Summer Trips -----                    | 726:80  |
| - Games Nights -----                    | 82:97   |

TOTAL ----- 5524.95

EXPENSES

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|--|---------|
| - New Year's Eve Ball 1969-1970 -----    | 1268:93 |
| - Postal -----                           | 145:70  |
| - Stationary -----                       | 51:51   |
| - Dances -----                           | 352:64  |
| - Film Nights -----                      | 503:59  |
| - Tax to C.A.C. -----                    | 402:00  |
| - Membership Dues to C.A.C. -----        | 81:00   |
| - Lenten Offering to C.A.C. -----        | 20:00   |
| - Donation to ST. NERSES -----           | 25:00   |
| - Donation to TBREVANK -----             | 25:00   |
| - Misc. -----                            | 136:07  |
| - Licences for alcoholic beverages ----- | 90:00   |
| - Gray Coach Lines -----                 | 790:00  |

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|---|--------|
| - Midway Games -----                    | 98.18  |
| - Summer Trips -----                    | 54.86  |
| - Christmas Day Shish Kebab Party ----- | 56.95  |
| - A.C.Y.O.A. Lottery -----              | 444.42 |

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TOTAL ----- 4545.85

SURPLUS ----- 979.10

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The A.C.Y.O.A. has been very active this year and should be commended for their efforts to unite the Youth of Toronto - the Chairman Mr. Karajian has notified me that they have underwritten the costs for the entire repainting of our Church as their contribution to our Church.

NOR SEROUNT

Honorary Editor ... Very Rev. J. Tashjian

STAFF

|                  |                |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| English Editor   | H. Selian      | Printer          | V. Salibian    |
| Armenian Editor  | H. Shishmanian | Circulation Dir. | E. Khounganian |
| Publisher        | G. Pederian    | Asst. Circ. Dir. | S. Karabulut   |
| Treasurer        | N. Baltayan    | Typists          | E. Artin       |
| English Reporter | J. Yeretsian   |                  | L. Khounganian |

Nor Serount published 9 issues during 1970. The publication of a Newsletter is a very demanding task - during this past year the English Section Staff Members were the only ones who consistently devoted their time and effort to this publication.

Rev. Tashjian was the only driving force of the Armenian Section and without him this Section would have disappeared by now. This General Assembly will have to decide whether an Armenian Section should be continued and if so come forward with volunteer writers and typists - without your help the Publisher of your paper will have no recourse but to publish the English Section by itself.

It is also recommended that the A.C.Y.O.A. take an active part in the writing of articles so that their views might be reflected more prominently.



FINANCIAL:

|                       |                   |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Balance Jan. 1, 1970  |                   | \$ 851.83         |
| Income                |                   | 161.42            |
| Expenses              | 251.01            |                   |
| Surplus Dec. 31, 1970 | <u>762.24</u>     | <u>          </u> |
|                       | \$1,013.25        | \$1,013.25        |
|                       | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

The circulation of Nor Serount is 350 copies, yet you will notice that only \$161.42 were collected this year.

Please contribute to your Paper by making a donation today. to Mrs. A. Baltayan or any member of your Parish Council.

CHURCH CHOIR:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- CHAIRMAN: M. SELYAN
- SECRETARY: MISS A. REUTEMEDIAN
- TREASURER: H. KASSARJIAN
- ADVISOR: N. DER HOVAGHIAN
- CHOIR MASTER: A. CAVOUK
- ORGANISTS: MRS. A. KASSARJIAN  
MISS A. REUTEMEDIAN

MEMBERS: 20

MEETINGS: 3

ACTIVITIES: The Church Choir cooperated implicitly with the Pastor and Parish Council of our Church, under the able leadership of Choir Master, A. Cavouk its choral renditions enhanced the beauty of Holy Mass celebrations every Sunday and Holiday.

On December 17 our Choir took part in a Christmas Recital at the St. Lawrence Center for the Arts. Those among us present to that event had a most enjoyable and rewarding experience. Mr. Selyan has asked me to remind you that he would welcome anyone who wishes to join it and thus help it accomplish greater goals.

FINANCIAL:

|                            |                   |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Bank position Jan. 1, 1970 | (-44.46)          |                   |
| Donations                  |                   | 614.16            |
| Expenses                   | 369.94            |                   |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1970      | <u>199.76</u>     | <u>          </u> |
|                            | \$614.16          | \$614.16          |
|                            | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: REV. TASHJIAN  
CHAIRMAN: E. DEVLETIAN  
SECRETARY: A. KURKDJIAN  
TREASURER: H. AFARIAN  
ADVISORS: T. BODOURIAN  
V. BEDROSIAN  
S. HICKIYAN

On November 1, 1970 a "Madagh" Lunch was organized by the Committee to launch a campaign to obtain funds for this project. A total of \$4,595. has been pledged this far.

On November 25th His Beatitude Archbishop Shnork Kaloustian of Istanbul arrived to Toronto. He made an official entrance into our Church by the singing of "Hrashapar". The Ladies Auxiliary acted as Host to a Dinner given in the Archbishop's honour following the Church Services. On November 26th T. Bodourian acted as host to a Dinner in his home with Archbishop Shnork as the guest of honor. We want to congratulate T. Bodourian who acted as Chairman and his Committee for a job well done.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: J. Sultanian  
MEMBERS: S. Adourian, M. Papazian,  
N. Kassabian, L. Khosrovian

ACTIVITIES: Spring Dance jointly with A.C.Y.O.A.

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Gross Income | \$1,191.99    |
| Expenses     | <u>600.65</u> |
| Net Income   | \$ 591.34     |

Picnic:

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Gross Income | \$2,414.10      |
| Expenses     | <u>1,083.24</u> |
| Net Income   | \$1,319.61      |

Armenian Concert at Ryerson Institute

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Gross Income | \$5,418.00      |
| Expenses     | <u>4,074.56</u> |
| Net Income   | \$1,343.44      |

17th Anniversary Ball -

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Gross Income | \$1,586.75    |
| Expenses     | <u>636.26</u> |
| Net Income   | \$ 950.49     |

The Entertainment Committee Members express their appreciation for the help given by many individuals and organizations but specially the Ladies Auxiliary whose dedication was unsurpassed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Sunday School was completely reorganized in line with improving the level of Religious Education to our young ones. Your Parish Council appointed a Board of Trustees to cope with the demanding task.

The new governing body comprises:

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| SUPERVISOR:                    | REV. TASHJIAN        |
| PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: | H. AMPAGOUHIAN       |
| BOARD SUPERINTENDENT:          | D. GHAZARIAN         |
| TR. ASURER:                    | YERVANT TCHOULDJIAN  |
| SECRETARY:                     | MISS NEVART TCUMAYAN |
| MEMBERS:                       | HAGOP BOUDAKIAN      |
|                                | MISS SUZY TCHULDJIAN |
|                                | MISS SONA KASSABIAN  |
| TEACHERS:                      | SHAHAN DEIRIENDJIAN  |
|                                | MISS SONA KASBARIAN  |
|                                | VAHE KERIM           |
|                                | MISS A. MANGELIKIAN  |

Four classes were taught:

- 1st Ages 5-6
- 2nd " 7-8
- 3rd " 9-10
- 4th " 11-12

Attendance has been between 20 and 30 students which is a definite improvement over last year. besides the teaching of the Bible heavy emphasis was placed on the teaching of Sharagans - Visual aids were also used to make the classes more interesting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance at start of term | \$248.79        |
| Student donations        | 28.98           |
| Expenses                 | \$13.94         |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1970    | <u>263.83</u>   |
|                          | \$277.77        |
|                          | <u>\$277.77</u> |

We would like to remind you that as Christian Armenians it is your duty to see that your children get a basic religious education. Bring them to school every Sunday so that they may follow in your footsteps in the service of our Church.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY DELEGATES:

Mr. J. Pederian was the only delegate elected in 1968 who attended this very important Assembly - Your Parish Chairman together with Mr. N. Kassabian attended this meeting as proxies. The proceedings were reported in detail in the "HIGH YEGEGHETZI" and our own "NOR SEROUNT" in detail.

The Highlights of this Meeting were:

- 1) The <sup>Re/</sup>election of the most Rev. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian as Primate of the Eastern Diocese.
- 2) The right to vote of 18 year olds.

It is our belief that as our Community increases in size it becomes more and more important that our elected delegates be present at these meetings to protect our interests. We recommend that delegates unable to perform their duties so inform this Assembly so that alternate delegates be elected to replace them.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Mr. Y. Boyadjian, A. Cavouk, G. Khabayan, M. Papazian, J. Pederian and M. Artinian are the members of this Committee. They have been requested to find candidates for the vacancies in the following categories:

- 1) Parish Council Membership (5)
- 2) Auditors (3)
- 3) Next Assembly's Nominating Committee

AUDITORS:

Mr. Z. Mesrobian, Mr. H. Artinian and Mr. K. Donikian were elected auditors at last year's Assembly Meeting. Upon the resignation of Mr. Donikian, Dr. N. Ceylanli was notified to act in that capacity being next in line. The books of the Parish Council and those of the Auxiliary Bodies were submitted for their audit.

Various other Committees that had been previously formed by this Assembly have remained inactive during this past year and have not reported to the Parish Council - Among them we feel that the Project 1980 Committee be reactivated and possibly changed to Project 1975. At our present growth rate our Church facilities will be inadequate even before that date and plans to remedy that situation must be formulated without delay.

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