

# ST. PETER ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

WATERVLIET, NY



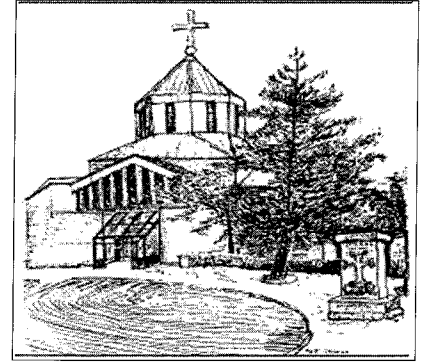
ANNUAL REPORT  
2023

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Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian, Parish Priest



February 26, 2024

The Parish Council of St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church invites all dues-paying members to the Annual Parish Assembly, which will take place in the Gdanian Auditorium on Sunday, March 5, following worship services. Those individuals who have paid their annual dues through 2022 are eligible to vote and to take part in the proceedings.

## AGENDA

- 1) Call to order / Welcome message
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Welcome by Parish Council
- 4) Establish a Quorum
- 5) Minutes of the 2023 Parish Assembly
- 6) Accept/Complete Ballot of Candidates
- 7) Election of:
  - 5 Parish Council Members
  - 2 Diocesan Delegates
  - 3 Nominating Committee Members
  - 1 Auditing Committee Member
  - 2025 Parish Assembly Officers
- 8) Pastor's Message and Annual Report
- 9) Report of the Parish Council
  - Items of New Business:
    - a) 2024 Proposed Budget
    - b) Capital Campaign Update
- 10) Report of the Diocesan Delegates
- 11) Report of the Sunday School
- 12) Report of the Armenian School
- 13) Report of the Women's Guild
- 14) Report of the ACYOA
- 15) Report of the Auditing Committee
- 16) Closing Prayer

*Brian Agharian*  
*Parish Council Chair*

# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF ST. PETER ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH MARCH 5, 2023**

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church, 100 Troy Schenectady Road, Watervliet, New York convened in the Gdanian Auditorium immediately following worship services on Sunday, March 5, 2023. Serving as Parish Assembly Officers for the day were Ronald Kaiser, Chairman, and Shelley Martin, Secretary.

The meeting began at 12:10 p.m. with the invocation given by Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian. Forty-seven (47) dues-paying members were present out of 162 total membership; therefore; all decisions were obtained by two-thirds affirmative votes of the members present.

Chairman Kaiser then announced the need to request three (3) additional nominations from the floor to complete the slate of candidates for Parish Council as well as three (3) for the Nominating Committee, one (1) for the Auditing Committee, and one (1) for the Secretary of the 2024 Assembly. The following volunteered as candidates for the Parish Council: Helga Apkarian, Suzanne Dickinson, and Ronald Kaiser. The following volunteered as candidates for the Nominating Committee: Sandra Bedian, Charlene Hrachian, and Winnie Kutchukian. Carol Tutunjian volunteered as a candidate for the Auditing Committee and Paulette Doudoukjian volunteered as a candidate for the 2024 Assembly Secretary. The motion to accept the slate of candidates passed unanimously.

After the business of completing the slate of candidates, Chairman Kaiser welcomed everyone then introduced Parish Council Chairman, Brian Apkarian. Mr. Apkarian thanked everyone for attending the meeting and also gave thanks to all the Parish Council members for their hard work throughout the year. He then acknowledged Patricia O'Keefe who will be leaving the council after six years of service, as required, telling her what an asset she has been these past six years.

Chairman Kaiser asked for any comments on the Minutes of the 2022 Parish Assembly; there were none. The motion to accept the 2022 Parish Assembly Minutes was made by John "Frenchie" Ekmalian; seconded by Charlotte Sevazlian. The motion was unanimously accepted.

## **REPORTS**

**Pastor's Report:** Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian addressed the Assembly pointing out that we had 47 dues-paying members present and, although we did not meet the required quorum, it was a decent increase over last year. Year after year, we lose members who have passed on and we remember them and ask for God's blessing. More importantly than membership, is taking an interest in the church and growth in faith. Some churches are beginning to recognize membership through stewardship, rather than the payment of dues. In the late 1800's, we followed a western approach to membership. In the next ten years or so, we should see a shift to stewardship in parishes; stewardship of treasure, time, and talent. In 2022, we had a handful of families committed and dedicated to coming to our Sunday School with their children. It is essential to realize and understand that three- and four-year-olds worship differently than adults and bring life into the sanctuary. We must do all we can to encourage these families to worship with us. Fr. Stepanos then discussed the establishment of "Armenian Church Faith Kits" for children baptized in the church and what unique gifts and letters families would receive over a three-year period. There has been a favorable response from families.

It has been challenging to establish normalcy the past several years regarding the ACYOA Juniors and Seniors. A letter was sent to families encouraging them to be part of ACYOA; a handful of families have participated.

Charlene Hrachian and Cheryl Ohanesian have also been instrumental in an outreach program to connect with shut-ins and the elderly. They are also involved with establishing a bereavement group and bringing the Gospel to our people.

Fr. Stepanos then asked for questions, comments, or thoughts. Charlotte Sevazlian thanked Fr. Stepanos for his continued devotion and commented that, if anyone looked at his pastoral calendar over the past year, it is so full!! Fr. Stepanos added that it is his continued joy to serve all of us in his ministry for the past 28 years and also thanked his family for their continued support. He then acknowledged two very recent births to our church family.

A motion was made to accept the Pastor's Report by Patricia O'Keefe; seconded by John "Frenchie" Ekmalian. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORT OF PARISH COUNCIL:** Parish Council Chairman, Brian Apkarian, stated that every year we had revenue to cover what was listed as a deficit and have remained in the black. John “Frenchie” Ekmalian stated that the COVID grant money received in 2020 and 2021 amounting to \$67,000 would not be there this year. Charles Tutunjian then thanked Brian Apkarian for his work on the Council. Mr. Apkarian then asked for comments or questions. There being none, a motion to accept the Parish Council report was made by John “Frenchie” Ekmalian; seconded by Francine Kaiser. The motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the Capital Campaign project, Fr. Stepanos said that Harry Shamlian was not here today but thanked him and all those on the committee for making progress. He also stated that there is \$70,000 cash on hand earmarked for the project with additional verbal commitments for a total of \$285,000 toward the \$400,000 goal to begin construction. Charles Tutunjian stated that drawings were being finalized on a construction standpoint. There will soon be a set of plans together with prices. The Committee is going with a construction manager approach to oversee the project. The architect will retain the specific contractor for each project and modify the design for each contractor to work within our budget. A fee will be paid to the construction manager, but in the long run, we will save up to \$100,000 taking this approach. There should be a complete set of plans by the end of March. Robert Bedian shared that approval had taken place for the project last September. Fundraising is currently taking place. We need to raise approximately an additional \$120,000. Mr. Tutunjian also stated that there were still a few things that needed addressing such as brickwork and lighting and obviously enough money to cover expenses as needed. Hopefully, more families will come to embrace our church with the beautiful new curb appeal.

Fr. Stepanos thanked Mr. Tutunjian and Mr. Bedian for their expertise in this area. He then introduced Mariam Aghayan whom he had asked to serve on the Capital Campaign Fundraising Committee. He stated that she is an extremely talented young woman and that she was a large gifts officer for a private institution.

Mariam Aghayan stated that her family emigrated here 16 years ago. She currently works as a major gifts officer raising \$100,000 or more per project, stating that no gift is too small or too large. This church provides all Armenians a home. Ms. Aghayan went on to discuss the many ways of giving to the church. Ronald Kaiser asked if there were any questions for Ms. Aghayan. There being none, Suzanne Dickinson made the motion to accept the Report of the Parish Council; seconded by Francine Kaiser. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN DELEGATES:** Cheryl Ohanesian stated that she is a Diocesan Delegate along with R. Paul Moroukian. She noted that this is the third year in a row that the Diocesan Assembly was held via a series of Zoom meetings. The meetings that took place are listed in the Diocesan Delegates Annual Report. Ms. Ohanesian recognized the election of our new primate, Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan. She also highlighted the project being undertaken by the Diocese at St. Vartan Cathedral. The cost was initially 21 million dollars but is increasing. A working committee is being established to begin fundraising for the amount of 60 million dollars for repairs to the Cathedral and areas around it. If anyone is interested in the PowerPoint presentation discussing the project further, please ask Ms. Ohanesian and she will send it to you. The 121<sup>st</sup> Assembly Conference is to be an in-person conference held in Texas.

A motion to accept the Report of the Diocesan Delegates was made by Zovig Ashjian; seconded by Charlene Hrachian. The motion passed unanimously.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT:** Although the Sunday School representative was not present, Chairman Kaiser asked if there were any questions regarding the Sunday School Report. There being none, a motion was made to accept the report by Holly Dadekian; seconded by Zovig Ashjian. The motion passed unanimously.

**ARMENIAN SCHOOL REPORT:** Fr. Stepanos stated that today is the one-year Dareleetz for Ani Altounian taking place at Holy Cross Armenian Church. Our Armenian School is grateful for her 40+ years of dedication to the school. Thanks was also extended to Dr. Ara Kayayan for taking over the responsibility of running the Armenian School as the Principal. With no further questions or comments, a motion was made to accept the Armenian School Report by Ralph Enokian; seconded by Suzanne Dickinson. The motion passed unanimously.

**WOMEN’S GUILD REPORT:** Sharon Foley thanked everyone on the Guild for their hard work and support. She then talked about the various outreach programs in which the Women’s Guild has been involved. She particularly highlighted a collection for Christopher House for Veterans where \$300 was raised. The money is to be used for veterans or a child of a veteran with a disability. She also mentioned

that the Women's Guild donated \$15,000 to the church's general fund for 2022 and has contributed an additional \$6,000 thus far for the Capital Campaign. She again acknowledged all the hard work of the members. Since there were no questions or additional comments, a motion was made to accept the Women's Guild Report by Zovig Ashjian; seconded by John "Frenchie" Ekmalian. The report was accepted by majority vote.

**ACYOA REPORT:** With no questions or comments, a motion was made to accept the ACYOA Report by Thomas Nevins; seconded by Francine Kaiser. The report was unanimously accepted.

**REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE:** Robert Bedian stated confusion regarding the report of the general funds. Fr. Stepanos acknowledged that, since Toros Shamlian was no longer conducting the parish year-end financial reports, and there were new people involved, the financial reports are more confusing to the lay person. Fr. Stepanos thanked Toros Shamlian for all his many years of expertise and for sharing his talent with the church. Being there no further questions or comments, a motion to accept the Report of the Auditing Committee was made by Charles Tutunjian; seconded by John "Frenchie" Ekmalian. The motion passed unanimously.

Holly Dadekian of the Nominating Committee then announced the election results:

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Brian Apkarian, Jonah Doudoukjian, John (Frenchie) Ekmalian, Catherine Knauer, Raffi Moroukian III, and Cheryl Ohanesian. First Alternate: Ronald Kaiser

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Charlene Hrachian, Alice McMullan, and Mary Panjarjian.

**AUDITING COMMITTEE:** Joseph O'Keefe

**CHAIRPERSON FOR 2024 PARISH ASSEMBLY:** Roswita Fragomeni

**SECRETARY FOR 2024 PARISH ASSEMBLY:** Shelley Martin

Fr. Stepanos returned to the podium to share when he was made aware of Hayr Mesrop's serious car accident on July 16, 2022. The Primate remained in our community for 11 weeks while recovering from his injuries and is very grateful for the prayers, encouragement, visits, and delicious meals provided to him during that time. The Primate will be visiting St. Peter Armenian Church the weekend of April 14-16, 2023. On that Saturday night, there will be a gathering of medical personnel of the Capital District to meet with him. On that Sunday, there will be a large fellowship event in the Gdanian Auditorium after Badarak for the church community to welcome Hayr Mesrop.

Fr. Stepanos then thanked Ronald Kaiser for serving as Chairman of the Assembly and Shelley Martin for acting as Assembly Secretary. He also thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work all year long as well as all the hard-working people who work as a team to support our church. Ralph Enokian stated that many of the people in our church have jobs, but that Fr. Stepanos is the "Captain" and that he is one of the finest clergymen he has ever met. There was then a round of applause.

A motion was then made to close the meeting by Zovig Ashjian; seconded by Francine Kaiser. The motion passed unanimously.

Fr. Stepanos then closed the meeting by saying the Hayr Mer followed by a closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

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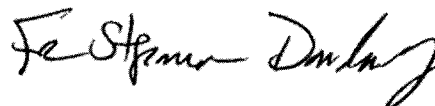
Shelley Martin  
2023 Parish Assembly Secretary

Reviewed by,



Ronald Kaiser  
2023 Parish Assembly Chairman

Reviewed by,



Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian  
Parish Priest

**CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO PARISH COUNCIL  
AND OTHER OFFICES**

**PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

(Vote for 5 for a two-year term)

Linda Bedian

Dr. Robert Dadekian

Francine Kaiser

Kevork Parseghian

Charlotte Sevazlian

Harry R. Shamlian

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Two (2) additional candidates to be announced or taken from the floor.

**DIOCESAN DELEGATES**

(Vote for 2 for a four-year term)

Cheryl Ohanesian

R. Paul Moroukian, Jr.

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One (1) additional candidate to be announced or taken from the floor.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

(Vote for 3 for a one-year term)

Zovig Ashjian

Paulette Doudoukjian

Roswita Fragomeni

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Two (2) additional candidates to be announced or taken from the floor.

**AUDITING COMMITTEE**

(Vote for 1 for a three-year term)

Alice McMullan

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One (1) additional candidate to be announced or taken from the floor.

**CHAIRPERSON FOR 2025 PARISH ASSEMBLY**

(Vote for 1 for a one-year term)

Charles Tutunjian

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One (1) additional candidate to be announced or taken from the floor.

**SECRETARY FOR 2025 PARISH ASSEMBLY**

(Vote for 1 for a one-year term)

Alice McMullan

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One additional (1) candidate to be announced or taken from the floor.

# PASTOR'S MESSAGE AND ANNUAL REPORT

Dear St. Peter Armenian Church Faithful,

*"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your loving kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night..."* (Psalm 92:1-2)

I give thanks to the Lord for the St. Peter Armenian Church and to each of you for the opportunity to serve you as your parish priest. It is an honor, privilege, and blessing. I am grateful. The year 2023 was full of lots of excitement and proved to be a year of growth in a variety of ways for our parish.

**Capital Campaign Project:** The Capital Campaign committee has worked tirelessly and diligently throughout the year (and over the past few years), promoting, marketing, and fundraising for the new entryway, plaza, parking lots, and driveways.

On October 11, the front entryway and plaza construction began and, on October 15, a special blessing of the front of the church took place. The ACYOA youth participated in this special blessing by throwing rocks and soil from our Motherland into the front entryway soil which will be mixed along with other rocks and soil from Artsakh when the foundation is filled and prepared for the final stages of the construction.

The traditional Armenian entryway, with its four arches, dome, and cross, will serve as a beacon of hope for all Armenians worldwide. We will build this new entryway and plaza as a tribute to all those churches torn down in the past year in Artsakh. We will build up! Long live Artsakh and long live the holy lands of our ancestral people. ***"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*** (Matt. 16:18)

**Bishop Mesrop's Visit, April 13-15:** Our Primate, Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, visited our parish on April 13-15 for a celebratory reunion with our community. Our Church family played such an important role in Bishop Mesrop's healing, and it was his opportunity to return to us for a visit. We truly were blessed with the homecoming visit of our Srpazan Hayr. Unfortunately, I tested positive for covid just prior to his arrival and was unable to be there in person. I am grateful for Facetime and Zoom for providing me the opportunity to participate.

Srpazan met with the Women's Guild on Friday evening and the youth on Saturday morning and with our Parish Council on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday evening, a special event took place honoring all the doctors and nurses that cared for Srpazan Hayr. It was a privilege for our church to host a special dinner recognizing and thanking all Armenian medical professionals in the Capital District, the Armenian American Health Professionals Organization (AAHPO), as well as honoring all those Armenian and non-Armenian doctors, nurses, and medical professionals who cared for Srpazan Hayr at Albany Medical Center and Sunnyview Rehabilitation Center

**12-Hour Vigil for Artsakh, October 4:** The 12-hour Artsakh vigil was filled with worship, prayer, scripture readings, Armenian music, dance, and special guest segments. We were grateful to have had presentations from famous Armenian-American author, Chris Bohjalian, author of *The Sandcastle Girls*, Armenian-American songwriter and musician, Laura Zarougian, and Daniel Curry, US & Global Studies teacher from the Troy City school district.

Prayers, music, dance, and prose highlighted the vigil as well as other Armenian national and benevolent organizations offering presentations throughout the day. The St. Peter-Ani Altounian Armenian School sang the United States and Armenian national anthems and other patriotic songs, and the Ararat Dance Group offered a reverent and prayerful dance presentation highlighting the ancient prayer, "Der Voghormia" / Lord Have Mercy.

Other presentations included Gregory and Patrick Kayayan who spoke of their journeys to Armenia and Artsakh. Dr. Ara Kayayan spoke on behalf of the Knights of Vartan and their projects and vested interests in the southern region of Armenia. Antranig Karageozian offered valuable information regarding the Armenian lobby groups in Washington DC, particularly the Armenian National Committee of America.

The earlier part of the vigil included worship services, group prayer time, and a Bible Study led by Elise Vozzy who discussed the themes of suffering and the Cross.

The vigil began at 9:00am with prayer and concluded at 9:00pm with a special requiem prayer service, remembering the Armenian souls departed in Artsakh. The 12-hour vigil had many of the youth of our church reading Psalms and writings of the church fathers interspersed throughout the vigil.

Our Artsakh fundraising efforts raised \$1,500 for AYO/FAR, \$1,500 for Traveling Doctors, and \$3,250 for Mary Yegoryan's cousin, Karlen Gevorgyan, who was killed by Azeri troops.

**Choir and Deacon Workshop, October 27-29:** The Very Rev. Fr. Mamigon Kiledjian, Diocesan Instructor of Sacred Music, visited St. Peter Armenian Church the weekend of October 27-29. On Friday evening, Fr. Mamigon met with the Altar servers and with choir members on Saturday. Fr. Mamigon offered a detailed review on the Badarak, while teaching some new skills to both the choir and our deacons. On Sunday morning, Fr. Mamigon was the guest conductor, directing the choir during Badarak.

### **Adult Christian Education Programing**

**Bible Study Better Together Group:** Thank you to Elsie Vozzy for her Bible study leadership and for sharing her faith, invaluable wisdom, and teaching gifts. Bible study is generally offered in the spring and fall and is open to all. We learn, share, discuss, and grow in our relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Prayer Group:** Thank you to Winnie Kutchukian who organizes and leads the Zoom Prayer Group. She offers guided prayers for those who participate. The objective and intent of this group is to pray for one another and to share prayer needs within our parish and beyond.

**Adult Christian Education Classes:** Thank you to Rhonda Boyajian for her ongoing leadership and continuing development of our Adult Christian Education classes at St. Peter. Rhonda organized and planned classes and speakers throughout the winter, spring, and fall months.

**What's in a Song? (21-49 year olds):** This new and innovative program is offered especially for those between 21 and 49 years old. This is the generation that is most notably absent from church life. It's a unique, different, and refreshing event that presents a song from a contemporary musician. After listening to the song, we discuss its meaning, interpretation, and connection to our faith and the Gospel. We have listened to songs written by U2, Justin Bieber, Jelly Roll, Uncle Kracker, and James Blunt. Wine, cheese, crackers, and hors d'oeuvres are served in a relaxed atmosphere. Please share this with your children, grandchildren, relatives and friends. We also look for volunteers who are interested in being an event host. Babysitting is also provided.

**Lectionary Reader Ministry:** Thank you to Roswita Fragomeni for organizing a schedule of our parishioners to offer the Sunday lectionary readings during the Badarak. Roswita also offers instruction to our parishioners on the protocols of being a lectionary reader. New Sunday readers are always welcomed. Please see Roswita if interested.

**Diocesan Involvement & Activities:** I continue to serve on Diocesan Council, as I have completed seven years of service, continuing to assist our Diocese in the following areas:

- Diocesan clergy advisor to the ACYOA Sr. Central Council.
- Diocesan Council clergy advisor to the Ararat Center board.
- Diocesan clergy mentor to 3 of our newer clergymen.

### **Organic Ministries**

**Bee Congregation:** Our beekeepers have been "busy bees" in 2023. Thank you to Linda Bedian and Charlene Hrachian for maintaining and caring for our friendly bees and their hive and for the delicious *Hill Honey* they have created. In 2023, *Hill Honey* sales raised \$528, which has been given to the Capital Campaign.



**Organic Gardening:** In the late spring, the ACYOA planted a beautiful garden of tomatoes, peppers, mint, and basil. The Adult Christian Education class also planted hyssop. Throughout the summer, the garden produced delicious vegetables which our Sunday congregants enjoyed. The ACYOA, along with the help of other parishioners, maintained and watered the garden. The basil was used for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. What a blessing!

Our **Annual Festival** took place once again during the first weekend of June, and it was a huge success! For the second year in a row, we saw an added successful Friday night to our Festival schedule. This year's Festival profit was over \$55,000, a record high in net profit. Thank you to our Festival Committee Chairs, Chuck Tutunjian and Paulette Doudoukjian, for overseeing our Festival. Thank you also to the many parishioners and friends for their tireless efforts and help that make this event happen. It truly is a parish-team effort. We had over twenty-five young adults under the age of 30 help with the Festival. In all areas of our parish, we continue to think about succession planning!

**2023 PASTORAL VISITATIONS AND WORK**

Hospital, Nursing Home, Illness & Homebound visitations: **34**

General pastoral visitations: **32**

Pre-marital, baptismal and chrismation meetings: **14**

**LITURGICAL**

Home Blessings: **10**

**2023 SACRAMENTS**

**Baptisms: (8)**

Eleanor Ara Masciangelo, January 21

Theo Alexander Masciangelo, January 21

Mason Daniel McKenna, July 8

Theodore S. Hartunian, July 22

Quinn Ani Schoolcraft, July 29

Robert Kevork Bedian, July 29

Everett Michael O'Keefe, November 11

Elise Rose Nedoroscik, December 16

**Chrismation: (1)**

Francine Linda Kaiser, December 10

**Funerals: (9)**

Dayna K. Vizoyan, January 8

Edward Kaprielian, March 25

Shirley A. Avakian, July 7

Eliza Wronowski, September 14

Edward Tutunjian, November 2

Mary (Mikhitarian) Bernstein, November 10

Grace M. Nazarian, November 17

Zareh Altounian, December 15

Dolores M. Soutanian, December 17

**Marriages: (2)**

Garo Shohmelian to Araz Boyadjian, June 25 (Montreal, Canada)

Zach Cooper to Melanie Nalbandian, August 19 (Indianapolis, IN)

**Engagement Service: (1)**

Natalie Topalian & John Fitzmaurice, October 22

**Out of Parish Sacraments: (2)**

Baptism: Mikael Musaelian August 12 (Niagara Falls)

Funeral: Sema Shepherd, August 12 (Niagara Falls)

**Highlighted Activities:**

January 3 – ACYOA Sr. Central Council meeting  
January 8 – Attended Armenian School Hantess  
January 9 – Diocesan Council meeting  
January 25-26 – Diocesan Council meeting  
February 12 – Knights of Vartan Vartanantz Day Commemoration (Zoom)  
February 20-22 – Diocesan Clergy Lenten retreat  
February 24 – Guest Lenten speaker at St. Mark Armenian Church, Springfield, MA  
February 25 – Diocesan Council meeting  
February 28 – Diocesan Clergy meeting  
March 13 – Diocesan Council meeting  
March 16 – Diocesan Clergy meeting  
March 17 – Guest Lenten speaker at St. Leon Armenian Church, Fair Lawn, NJ  
March 26 – Attended Jackie Kubikian’s play  
March 29 – Meeting with AAHPO & Dr. Ara for Primate’s visit  
March 30 – Outreach Ministry meeting  
April 2 – ACYOA Day/Palm Sunday  
April 15-17 – Mesrop Srpazan’s visit  
April 21 – Participated in Holy Martyrs Day commemoration in Troy  
April 23 – Joint Badarak w/Holy Cross at St. Peter for Holy Martyrs Commemoration.  
April 25 – Presentation on Senate Floor for Armenian Genocide  
April 29 – Armenian Concert, Hokobyan Brothers  
May 2-6 – Diocesan Assembly & Clergy Conference, Dallas  
May 12 – Armenian School Year-End Hantess  
May 15 – Diocesan Council meeting  
May 19 – Diocesan Council meeting  
May 20 – Women’s Guild Mother’s Day event  
May 21 – Sunday School closing exercises  
May 21 – ACYOA Organic Garden Ministry  
May 21 – Attended Patrick Kayayan college graduation party  
May 26-27 – ACYOA Sr. Assembly, New Jersey  
May 27 – Attended Armen Shohmelian 65<sup>th</sup> birthday party  
May 29 – Memorial Day Grave Blessings  
May 31 – Meeting with Camp Nubar Director  
June 2-4 – Festival weekend  
June 14 – ACYOA BBQ & Discussion: “What do you seek?”  
June 15 – Festival Appreciation Meeting & Dinner  
June 16 – Attended Lauren Dearsteyne high school graduation party  
June 19-20 – Diocesan Council meeting  
June 22 – CPR/AED training at church  
July 5 – BBQ welcoming our Primate Mesrop Srpazan  
July 9 – Badarak at Camp Nubar  
July 11 – Visit to St. Vartan Camp  
July 15 – Attended Rosie Eleyjian high school graduation party  
July 16 – ACYOA Vartavar Car Wash  
July 27 – Diocesan Council meeting  
July 31 – Movie Night under the Pavilion “The Star”  
August 1 – Taught at St. Vartan Camp  
August 24 – Movie Night under the Pavilion “Evan Almighty”  
August 28 – Meeting with Sarah Stites, AYO Director  
August 29 – Sunday School Family Night  
September 13 – Diocesan Sunday School (Zoom)  
September 14 – Women’s Guild Welcome Back Social  
September 17 – Seminarians Visit  
September 17 – Attended Holy Cross Picnic  
September 20 – “What’s in a Song?” for ages 21-49

September 21 – Armenian Independence Day Ceremonies, Colonie & Watervliet  
 September 25 – Diocesan Council meeting  
 October 1 – Badarak & Program at the Ararat Center  
 October 4 – Artsakh 12-Hour Vigil  
 October 13 – Clergy dinner with Primate  
 October 14 – Mesrop Srpazan’s first Episcopal Badarak  
 October 18 – “What’s in a Song?”  
 October 20 – ACYOA Halloween Lock-in  
 October 21 – Alzheimer’s Walk  
 October 24 – Diocesan Council meeting  
 October 25-26 – Primate’s visit to St. Sarkis, Niagara Falls  
 October 27-29 – Choir Workshop weekend  
 November – Ararat Center meeting  
 November 5 – Festival of Nations  
 November 14 – Diocesan Council meeting  
 November 14 – “What’s in a Song?”  
 November 15 – Diocesan Clergy “Preaching” seminar  
 November 15 – Aram Catholicos visit to Troy  
 November 16 – Knights of Vartan College Thanksgiving dinner  
 November 19 – ACYOA Bowling activity  
 December 6 – Offered Interactive Nativity Activity /Adult Christian Education class  
 December 7 – Parish team ministry meeting  
 December 13 – “What’s in a Song?”  
 December 18 – Sunday School Christmas Pageant  
 December 17 – ACYOA Christmas Cookie Outreach  
 December 22 – Women’s Guild Executive Committee Christmas gathering  
 December 24 – Christmas Eve Services

### **CHURCH AUXILIARIES**

Throughout the year, I have attended a total of **124** church auxiliary meetings and/or activities (included in this figure are other meetings and activities that were parish related). These meetings and activities are a combination of in-person and virtual gatherings.

I participated in **32** meetings connected with the Capital Campaign during the past year. This includes meetings regarding fundraising, construction, groundbreaking, and committee meetings.

**Thank you to our entire parish**, and to each of you, who volunteer and are hardworking and faithful members of our church. Your love of God and Church shined forth once again this year. As your parish priest, I express my heartfelt appreciation to all parishioners and community members who have volunteered their time and talents throughout the year. Your assistance and leadership are invaluable. The names are too numerous to mention, but please accept my thanks.

A special thank you to the faithful leaders, staff, and executive committees of our church auxiliaries, schools, organizations, and ongoing committees, including: Dr. Ara Kayayan, Armenian School; Alice McMullan, Sunday School; Nancy Kassabian & Sharon Foley, Women’s Guild; Elise Vozy, Bible Study; Ani Safaryan, ACYOA Jrs; Tanya Tutunjian, ACYOA Srs; Rafi Topalian, Choir Director, and Ralph Enokian, Organist; all Choir members and Deacons; Paulette Doudoukjian & Chuck Tutunjian, Festival; Mary Panjarjian, Altar Guild; Winnie Kutchukian, Prayer Group; Rhonda Boyajian, Adult Christian Education Classes.

I extend my gratitude to our Parish Council members and Diocesan Delegates for their devotion to the ministry and general care of our church. They have shared their time, talent, and treasure during this past year in exemplary ways. I am inspired by their commitment to God and His Holy Church—they are selfless when it comes to serving. It continues to be a joy working with all of you!

Thank you to our Parish Council Chairman, Brian Apkarian, who has served as Chairman for the past two years. He has done a fabulous job and his leadership skills come so naturally. We are blessed having him serving on the Council. He clearly communicates his ideas, tasks, and vision to the entire Council. He keeps us all on track! He is person of great faith and is an wonderful example for us to follow.

Appreciation and gratitude go to Artie Mahserjian, who completes his six years of service to the Council. Artie has followed his father's footsteps by always lending a hand to our church whenever there is a need. Whether he is on Council or not, he has come to church so many times when there has been an urgent need or issue and that is greatly appreciated. His love and dedication to our church is admirable—thank you so very much!

Thank you to our office manager, Lori Payette. Special appreciation and thanks for all that Lori does for St. Peter Armenian Church. We are grateful for her almost 30 years of service to our church. We are thankful for her dedication and devotion to our church for all these years. Lori is a blessing to our parish.

Thank you, Ani Shohmelian, our church cleaning specialist *jhamgoch*. She continues to do a wonderful job and is a very hard worker. Besides the regular work that Ani accomplishes weekly, she is always ready and available at a moment's notice to tackle a cleaning job and task at church.

Please forgive me if I have inadvertently missed anyone. We are not a church parish and church family without all of you. I thank you - our parishioners and friends - who have participated and supported the programs and activities that have been offered throughout year. I pray that the spirit of love and stewardship remain in your hearts as we continue to be the "church."

## 2024

**Helping Hands Outreach Ministry:** An outreach ministry team is being created to provide a variety of outreach, help, and ministry opportunities for our parishioners in their times of need. The focus of ministry will include making visitations, providing transportation, sending cards and making phone calls, providing small home repairs (odds and ends jobs), and helping with an extra meal.

Perhaps you would you like to share a little of your time periodically to help visit those who are homebound or in nursing homes, doing small home repairs and odds and ends, offering rides to church, supermarkets, or doctor's appointments, making phone calls, texting, or sending cards, or preparing an extra meal for someone. Ultimately, when we offer outreach to others, we offer it to our Lord, Jesus Christ. If interested in lending a helping hand in any of those areas, please contact one of our committee members: Brian Apkarian, Charlene Hrachian, or Cheryl Ohanesian.

*"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison or go to visit you? The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*

(Matthew 25:37-40)

**Bereavement Group:** In 2024, we will be offering a bereavement group, which will welcome anyone who has suffered a loss of any type and is need of support, community, a listening ear, and a caring heart. The groundwork is being prepared for this group and will be led by Charlene Hrachian, Cheryl Ohanesian, and Fr. Stepanos.

**Front Entryway, New Parking Lots & 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, November 10:** It is our hope and prayer that in the fall of 2024, we will complete our Capital Campaign project. With that hope, we plan to welcome His Grace, Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, on Sunday, November 10, to visit our parish and offer the blessing of our new entryway during a ribbon cutting ceremony. We will also celebrate the church's 125th anniversary. Please mark your calendar for November 10 for a wonderful celebration.

My pray for each of you is that this year provides us, our families, our church community, our country, and the world with the Hope of Jesus Christ, and that we may be bearers of His light and Hope to a world in desperate need of God's love and mercy. May the good Lord bless you and shower you with His grace. May He keep all of you under the protection and shadow of His holy cross in peace.

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."* (Numbers 6:24-26)

*Respectfully submitted on the twenty-second day of February 2024*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

*Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian, Parish Priest*

# PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2023 was another busy, challenging, and successful year for St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church. Highlights included the full recovery of His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, a very successful three-day Armenian Festival, and the Capital Campaign and groundbreaking for our new entryway. The main challenge faced by parishioners this year was pain in our hearts as the events in Artsakh unfolded, exasperated by the silence from world leaders and media.

On the weekend of April 14-16, Bishop Mesrop paid a special visit to our parish, nearly a year after injuries he sustained in an auto accident followed by his treatment and rehabilitation at Albany Medical Center and Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital. He said, "Being back among the St. Peter faithful felt like a homecoming." During the visit, the Parish Council enjoyed the opportunity to host Bishop Mesrop for lunch. This was an informal opportunity for him to get to know the Parish Council members. A highlight of the weekend was a special dinner recognizing Armenian medical professionals in the Capital District and honoring the physicians and healthcare workers who tended to Fr. Mesrop during his treatments.

On April 23, parishioners gathered in the Gdanian Auditorium for a Madagh meal which featured speaker Mariam Aghayan who provided historical and geopolitical context to the war and subsequent blockade in Artsakh.

In May, Fr. Stepanos, Parish Council Chair Brian Apkarian, Diocesan Delegate Cheryl Ohanesian, and Women's Guild Diocesan Delegate Charlotte Sevazlian attended the 121<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Assembly, hosted by St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Carrollton, TX. The primary theme of the assembly was to understand and commit to the Diocesan Plan – Growing in Faith Together.

Our Festival in June was a tremendous success, with a net profit of just over \$55,000, a 23% increase over the previous year. Additionally, in September and October we held two Friday Flavors of Armenia drive-thru dinners which raised over \$4,400 for the Capital Campaign. For the Festival and the Friday Flavors of Armenia events, the Parish Council went high-tech by adding several Square point-of-sale devices that were pre-programmed with menu items and prices, making credit card transactions simpler and faster. Additionally, this point-of-sale system allows easy analysis of sales by item, making inventory planning more accurate.

As discussed at the Parish Assembly in March, groundbreaking event for the new entryway was to occur after we raised two-thirds of the project budget. Having met that goal, on September 24, the Capital Campaign Committee hosted a fellowship / coffee hour to inform and update the parish on the progress of the campaign and the timing of the work to follow. Work began in October and, as we concluded 2023, we had raised over 80% of the total budget goal. Work on the entryway will be completed in spring of 2024, then work will commence on the driveways and parking lots.

On October 4, the church held a 12-hour vigil to bring awareness of the unprovoked acts of hostility against the Armenian people in Artsakh; first the brutal invasion, then the deadly blockade. The vigil was filled with worship, prayer, scripture readings, Armenian music, cultural dance, and special guests. Special presentations were offered by Armenian-American author of the *Sandcastle Girls*, Chris Bohjalian, and Troy School District US & Global Studies teacher, Daniel Curry. Armenian-American songwriter and musician Laura Zarougian performed beautiful and contemplative songs from her collection.

As we look ahead to the remainder of 2024, we will experience another successful Festival and other wonderful events, the unveiling of the new entryway, and the second phase of the Capital Campaign in support of the new driveways and parking lots. Undoubtedly, we will face unexpected challenges, but together we will rise to each occasion. Finally, our parish is blessed by an energetic group of volunteers that make our programs and events so enjoyable for our parishioners and the broader community.

*Brian Apkarian*  
*Parish Council Chair*

# **DIOCESAN DELEGATES ANNUAL REPORT**

Unlike the previous three years, the 121st Diocesan Assembly took place fully in person on May 4-6, hosted by St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Carrollton, Texas. Highlights of the first day included a message from His Holiness Karekin II followed by a response to his message from the Diocese. The Primate, Bishop Parsamyan, formally welcomed the Assembly which was followed by greetings from the Host Committee at St. Sarkis.

Next, the slate of candidates for the following offices was presented: Board of Trustees, Diocesan Council both Clergy and Lay, and the Auditing and Proposals Committees. Electronic voting by delegates followed and carried over into the next day until final results in all categories were obtained.

The day continued with the presentation of reports by the Diocesan Legate and Director of Ecumenical Office, Armenian Church Endowment Fund, and the St. Vartan Cathedral and Fundraising Efforts (available as a YouTube video).

Day two, May 5, began with a worship service including the Order of Special Prayer, a booklet prepared by the Sacred Music Council. The Primate delivered a formal address. Two videos shown: 1) Growing in Faith Together (GIFT); and 2) The 125th Anniversary, are available for viewing on YouTube. A large part of the day included Round Table Discussions which focused on the following topics: services, building a community reflecting Christ in our love for each other, increasing outreach efforts, and holding a Christian ethic of dignity and justice. A Common Life discussion centered around sustaining our faith together and the responsible and effective administration of the church. The Celebration of Faith conversation addressed encouraging the full and active participation in the Badarak and outlined opportunities to enrich our spiritual life in the diocese. And finally, the Education Round Table looked at training parishioners in faith formation and parish ministries as well as raising awareness of the need for vocations. Also included was education in Armenian Language and Culture. The Diocesan Plan discussion included specific ways to put into practice the detailed Pastoral Plan for the Diocese.

The rest of the day included presentations on the following: Ararat Youth and Conference Center (slideshow available), Fund for Armenia Relief (PowerPoint available), Diocesan Council Report, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, NEA/ERA Bylaws and Church Governance and the newest committee in the process of being developed, Racial and Social Justice.

The final day, May 6, began with a Requiem Service for clergy and delegates who have passed. Next the Auditing Committee presented a report followed by continuation of the Diocesan Council report. Next a discussion on the Diocesan Budget included revisions for 2023 and presentation of the 2024 budget. In summary, there is an anticipated increase in revenue for 2024 and a decrease in some expenses resulting in another balanced budget.

The Assembly was formally adjourned with a prayer. The 122nd Assembly is scheduled to take place on May 1-5, 2024 at St. Mark, Springfield, MA. There is a great deal of specific information available on line concerning everything referenced in this report and more. Anyone interested in details regarding a particular topic should contact Cheryl Ohanesian at [cherylohanesian@gmail.com](mailto:cherylohanesian@gmail.com) or (518) 248-3126.

*Cheryl Ohanesian  
Diocesan Delegate*

# ARMENIAN SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

The Armenian School continued its mission in teaching the children of our community the Armenian language along with Armenian culture and traditions.

Weekly in-person classes were held at the church on Friday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, with occasional Zoom meetings and practices.

In 2023, our students participated in the following school and community events:

1. On January 8, the Armenian School held their **Armenian Christmas Celebration** at Holy Cross Armenian Church, Troy. The students performed songs and recited poems for parents and guests and received special gifts from *Gaghant Baba*.
2. On February 12, students participated with songs and poetry at the **Vartanantz Day Commemoration** hosted by the Knights & Daughters of Vartan at Holy Cross Armenian Church, Troy.
3. March 5 was the first anniversary of the passing of our dear school principal, Mrs. Ani Altounian, that was remembered with **Badarak and Hokehankist** (requiem service) at Holy Cross Armenian Church, Troy. May God enlighten Mrs. Ani's soul.
4. On April 15, Armenian School and Sunday School students were invited to a special breakfast and program with **Primate, Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan**. Students presented a performance of song, dance, and poetry as part of the program.
5. On April 21, students participated by singing the Armenian national anthem at the **108th Anniversary commemoration of the Armenian Genocide** that was held at the Troy Genocide monument.
6. On April 23, Joint services were held at St. Peter Armenian Church with the Holy Cross Armenian Church community in commemoration of the **anniversary of the Armenian Genocide**. Students participated in the program that followed Badarak.
7. On April 29, the Armenian School hosted a **dinner dance** at St. Peter Armenian Church featuring musicians Hakob Hakobyan and Armen Hovhannisyan from Armenia. This was an amazing and very successful event.
8. On May 12, the Armenian School held its **Year-End Hantess**. This year's program featured a family-style evening honoring our mothers. Mrs. Chakeh Kazandjian was named "Mother-of-the-Day."
9. On June 3 & 4, our students performed with the Ararat Dance Group at the **Annual Armenian Festival**.
10. On August 12, the Armenian School organized a fun and educational **field trip to Boston, MA**. The trip included a visit to the Armenian Museum of America, the Genocide Memorial, and the Boston Aquarium. The group enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Armenian Club where our students sang many of the songs they learned during the school year.
11. On September, Armenian School **classes resumed** on Friday evenings for the new school year with 26 students attending from pre-school to high school grades. The addition of an adult class was included this year during school hours.
12. On October 4, students participated by singing two songs in a **special vigil** at St. Peter Armenian Church in support of Artsakh.
13. On October 17, following classes, students enjoyed a festive **Halloween party** with lots of fun and games.
14. On December 17, the Armenian School organized a Christmas outing for our school families to experience "**Santa's Magical Express**."

Dr. Ara Kayayan serves as Principal of the school with Mrs. Rita Ohanian as Vice Principal, and with the following capable and dedicated staff of teachers: Miss Artemis Artoun, Mrs. Lara Ashjian, Mrs. Lisa Bardakjian, Mrs. Nayiri Eleyjian, Mrs. Aida Karian, Mrs. Karin Katranjioghlu, Mrs. Isabel Kubikian, Mrs. Betty Minassian, Ms. Violet Mirzoyan, Mrs. Rima Rejebian, Mrs. Sonia Sukuljian, and Mrs. Nayiri Tournayan. We thank them all for their dedication and sacrifice to the success of our school programs.

Finally, the Armenian School staff is especially thankful to our Hokevor hoviv, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian, and the St. Peter Parish Council for their continued support of the Armenian School and its activities.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Ara Kayayan*



# **SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT**

## **OVERVIEW**

*“The fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22)*

The St. Peter Sunday School embraced the theme of “Fruits of the Holy Spirit” for the 2022-2023 school year. Noting an increase in consistent attendance from the previous years’ format of meeting twice a month on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m., this schedule was again adopted for the 2023-2024 school year, with an additional effort made to promote the twice a month classes and themes for the upcoming weeks on social media, sending e-mails, and direct outreach.

The 2023 year ended with a song and presentation from the Sunday School recapping the “Fruits of the Holy Spirit” to the parish (we know you remember the song). We were also honored to present our spiritual learnings to our Primate, Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan.

Throughout the summer, events were scheduled to keep the Sunday School and community connected. Thursday evening “Movie Nights” returned for two showings: “The Star” was featured on July 27 and “Evan Almighty” was featured on August 24. A Sunday School “Family Night” was held on August 29 with lots of food, fun, and activities for all. On certain Sundays, “Family Worship Days” were designated for all to participate in the services.

## **2023-2024 STAFF**

Little Faithfuls (Nursery): Holly Dadekian

Pre-K – Kindergarten: Ailce McMullan and Anna Santiago (teacher’s aide)

1st – 5th Grades: Lena Guleserian-Hoglund and Katrina Mayba

Superintendent: Alice McMullan

## **CONCLUSION AND FORECAST**

This past year, we had a small yet devoted and enthusiastic group of young students. Looking into the 2023-2024 school year, our student base continues to grow as the next generation of Armenians are born. We have expanded to three classrooms, having separate classrooms now available for Nursery, Pre-K-Kindergarten, and 1st-5th grades. We would welcome all students at any time, so please join us!

This year, the Sunday School theme is the “Our Father” and the “Hayr Mer,” learning the prayer in both English and Armenian and breaking out the verses to understand the meaning of what we are saying when we praise the Lord. This year, we also welcomed Anna Santiago to our Pre-K – Kindergarten classroom. We thank our students, teachers, parents, grandparents and caretakers who have been dedicated to the program.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Katrina Mayba*

# **ACYOA JRS. & SRS. ANNUAL REPORT**

## **ACYOA Jrs. & Srs. 2023 Activities:**

January 15, ACYOA 3rd Sunday

February 19, Poon Paregentan Party / Carnival Games

March 19, ACYOA 3rd Sunday

April 2, ACYOA Day / Palm Sunday Lunch & Program

April 16, Meeting with Bishop Mesrop

May 21, ACYOA Organic Garden Ministry

June 14, BBQ & Discussion on “What Do You Seek?”

July 16, Vartavar Car Wash

October 20, Halloween Lock-in & Discussion on “Renouncing the Evil One”

November 19, Bowling activity

December 17, Christmas discussion and cookie-making outreach activity

# WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

The 2023 Women's Guild Executive Committee members were: Nancy Kassabian and Sharon Foley, Co-Chairs; Francine Kaiser, Treasurer; Zovig Ashjian, Assistant Treasurer (Membership); Roseann Caruso, Secretary; Valerie Demarest, Fellowship Coordinator; Sharon Foley, Outreach Coordinator; Advisors: Sue Dickinson, Charlene Hrachian, Phyllis Jevanian, Claudia Suppa, and Carol Tutunjian.

We held monthly Executive Committee meetings: either in person or by Zoom.

## Information about St. Peter Women's Guild

**Who are our members?** The Women's Guild is made up of all ages and backgrounds of women who are united through their faith in the Armenian Church. Our dynamic and diverse members help fulfill their mission and calling through service to the church and the community at large, as well as to each other. Since the establishment of the Eastern Diocese of the United States in the late 1890s, Women's Guilds have played a crucial role in the life of the church. The St. Peter Women's Guild is over 109 years old, having been established on May 4, 1914. We encourage all women of the church community to join and be a part of this vital organization,

**What is our mission?** The mission of the Women's Guild of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is to live and share the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ through worship, education, witness, service, and fellowship as expressed in the distinctive faith-experience of the Armenian people.

**What is our purpose?** Our members participate in a wide range of activities that support the church and greater community. Our goals are to promote and support activities for the spiritual growth of the parish and to preserve the cultural heritage of our ancestors. Whether we are promoting educational events, making visitations to the sick, or celebrating religious holidays – the women of our community continue their mission to live authentic Christian lives in connection to our church and one another.

**What do we do at St. Peter Armenian Church?** At St. Peter, we support our church through outreach to the community with events, fundraising, sponsorship, and the promotion of the growth of the spiritual, moral, and social development of our members. Come and help during baking days. Don't like to cook? Help organize fundraising for our church or for one of the Women's Guild projects such as shelters, orphanages, elderly homes locally and in Armenia, etc. Have a talent? Share it with the Women's Guild members! Have an interest? Talk to other women who might share your interest. There is something for everyone! Come, discover, make new friends, and renew acquaintances! The fellowship is amazing!

## 2023 EVENTS

**January 2023-March 2023:** The **Mid-Lenten Dinner**, hosted by the Women's Guild in March, was a huge success. A delicious meal was served consisting of fish, coleslaw, fabulous vosbov kufte, and St. Peter's famous "Tahinov Hatz." Thank you to members Sue Dickinson and Sonya Moroukian who coordinated all of our volunteers for organizing the baking and serving of the meals.

**April 2023:** The Women's Guild made choereg for the **Holy (Maundy) Thursday breakfast**. The Women's Guild bakers came out in full force (with aprons at the ready) for our successful (sold out) **Easter Bake Sale** held on Easter Sunday, April 9.

Zovig Ashjian, Phyllis Jevanian, and Carol Tutunjian delivered bags of hygiene products collected. Additionally, Sonya Moroukian hosted the Executive Board on April 14 at her home in conjunction with the weekend parish visit from the Primate, Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan.

**May 2023:** May 4-6 was the 34<sup>th</sup> Women's Guild Assembly held in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly in Dallas, Texas. Nancy Kassabian represented our Women's Guild. The theme was "Growing in Faith Together." Nancy was elected Chair of the Assembly and Charlotte Sevazlian was elected as Vice-Chair. Reports were issued prior to the Assembly and all were approved, as well as interactive workshops, speakers, and sharing activities sessions. On May 20, the Women's Guild hosted a Mother's Day Luncheon ~ A Celebration of Self-Care ~ at the Century House. A delicious buffet was served, followed by an inspiring talk by Varvara Meshkov. Also, as part of the event, raffles were held as well as the presentation of the Mother-of-the-Year to our deserving longtime member, Mary Panjarjian. Thank you to Paulette Doudoukjian, Varvara Meshkov, and Nancy Kassabian who coordinated this successful event.

**June 2023:** Many Women's Guild members helped prepare for the very successful **Armenian Festival** held June 2-4 on the grounds of the church. A variety of appetizers, entrees, and desserts catered to all tastes! Thanks to the many who came on baking/cooking days and to those who volunteered the days of the Festival! This is truly a whole church event with a community and "village" at work and play!

**September 2023:** The Women's Guild hosted a **Welcome Back Dinner** at the church for all members and women of the parish! A wonderful dinner of chicken, pilav, green beans, corn and corn muffins was hosted by Nancy Kassabian, with help from Paulette Doudoukjian, Mary Panjarjian, and many others! We discussed the ongoing activities and as well as plans and ideas for the future!

**October 2023:** This month, as well as November, was spent preparing for our drive-thru Holiday Freezer Sale. We also continued our Outreach Projects with **Project Warmth**. We collected hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens; all donations went to Sidewalk Warriors in Troy. Additionally, we participated in the annual "**Operation St. Nicholas**" where gift cards and donations were accepted and given to needy families in the area.

Many Guild members were present at the **Vigil for Artsakh** on October 4. Included in the program that day was Bible study, reflection, a commemorative dance presentation, and guest speaker author Chris Bohjalian.

**November 2023:** On November 12, we held our **annual membership dinner meeting** prepared by our Parish Council. Sharon Foley presided over the meeting which furthered discussions on the future activities and suggestions for the Guild.

**December 2023:** We held our successful **Holiday Freezer Sale** on **December 2**. Preparing the available sale items of Manti, Losh Kebab, Cheese Boereg, Kufte Balls, and String Cheese were chaired by various Guild members.

On December 3, several attended the **Magic of Christmas** show at Palace Theatre in Albany. We also had a Christmas meeting at Scarborough's where we held a gift game and discussed the Guild Christmas Party to be held in January.

God blessed us yet again in 2023, as it was a very successful year financially. We were able to give \$12,000 to the **St. Peter Church General Fund** and another \$3,000 to the **Capital Campaign**. This could only have been accomplished with the efforts of many working together – whether it is by leading, organizing, shopping, rolling, selling, or packaging, and much, much more! Our cohesiveness and love for our church prevailed.

### **ONGOING EVENTS**

Under the leadership of Sharon Foley and Valerie Demarest, chief Lahmejune makers, with many members lending a hand, the Women's Guild continued to offer freshly baked **Lahmejune by the dozen** in 2023. This was a very successful endeavor.

The Women's Guild collaborated with the Daughters of Vartan on custom made "*Achgi Chap*" aprons for sale, the profits of which were split between the two organizations.

Several social evenings and movie nights were organized that were open to all to attend.

As for many years, the Guild continues to financially sponsor a child in Armenia through the Diocesan **Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program (CASP)**. The name of child we are currently sponsoring is Lilia Bulbulyan

**The Women's Guild Executive Committee for 2024 is as follows:** Nancy Kassabian, Chair; Paulette Doudoukjian, Vice-Chair; Francine Kaiser, Treasurer; Charlotte Sevazlian, Assistant Treasurer (Membership); Roseann Caruso, Recording Secretary; Holly Dadekian, Corresponding Secretary; Charlene Hrachian, Claudia Suppa, and Holly Dadekian, Social/Outreach Events.

*In Faith and Fellowship,  
Nancy Kassabian*

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

All the Financial Reports  
(excluding budgeted and projected amounts  
for the General Fund)  
have been audited by the  
Auditing Committee

**Note:** A complete listing of St. Peter Armenian Church Endowment Funds will not be included in the printed Annual Report. For those whose family has an established endowment, information on that endowment will be available upon request at the Parish Assembly or by contacting the church office.

**ST. PETER ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES, CASH BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

REVENUES:	BUDGETED 2023	ACTUAL 2023	PROJECTED 2024
Membership Dues (152)	\$24,000.00	\$22,800.00	\$24,000.00
Stewardship Pledges	58,000.00	58,215.58	58,000.00
Endowment Income	50,000.00	55,650.96	55,000.00
Festival Income (net)	42,000.00	55,603.79	50,000.00
Less: 25% of Sponsorship to WG		(3,950.00)	
Sacraments (Funerals, Baptisms, Weddings, etc)	11,000.00	9,085.00	11,000.00
Yughakin (Christmas & Easter)	11,000.00	10,225.00	11,000.00
Billboard Rental	17,950.00	17,949.12	17,950.00
Church Organizations	17,000.00	13,000.00	15,000.00
Loose Plate	6,000.00	9,165.10	8,000.00
Special Donations (Adult Christian Education)	2,000.00	175.00	1,000.00
Special Events/Programs:	1,000.00	712.10	1,000.00
Falafel Luncheon (net inc \$397.76)			
Ararat Weekend (net inc \$390.00)			
Madagh (net -\$75.66)			
Stewardship Gift Contributions:	7,000.00	7,180.00	7,000.00
General Donations/Gifts (\$6,945.00)			
Moving with Maria (\$235.00)			
Flowers and Candles Donations	3,500.00	3,433.85	3,500.00
Anniversaries / Gift of Love (net)	5,000.00	4,353.00	5,000.00
Loosaper Donations / Holiday Greetings	500.00	621.09	500.00
Facility Rental	1,000.00	1,250.00	1,000.00
Memorial Donations	300.00	150.00	300.00
Miscellaneous Income:	0.00	299.50	0.00
From Reserved Altar Servers Fund (\$126.78)			
"Bookstore" Sales (\$89.22)			
Class action suit from Zoom (\$68.50)			
PayPal Giving (\$15.00)			
In Lieu of Flowers / Bequests	0.00	9,060.00	0.00
Less: Transfer to Endowment Fund		(2,700.00)	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$257,250.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$272,279.09</u></b>	<b><u>\$269,250.00</u></b>

**ST. PETER ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES, CASH BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

EXPENDITURES:	BUDGETED 2023	ACTUAL 2023	PROJECTED 2024
Clergy: Stipend	\$71,125.00	\$71,124.94	\$73,970.00
Insurance (Med, Dental, Life)	30,650.00	30,127.88	32,200.00
Housing Allowance	25,660.00	25,660.00	26,752.00
Travel, Car & Phone Allowance	5,100.00	6,116.08	6,000.00
Retirement	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Clergy Gift/Bonus	500.00	500.00	500.00
Secretary: Wages	43,500.00	43,499.97	45,675.00
Insurance (Med, Dental, Life)	10,565.00	10,562.04	11,275.00
Retirement	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Sexton: Compensation	7,800.00	8,280.00	8,000.00
Employee Payroll Taxes & NYS Disability Ins.	4,630.00	5,177.81	5,400.00
Employee Gift/Bonus	500.00	500.00	500.00
Workman's Compensation Insurance	1,500.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Choirmaster	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Organist	500.00	0.00	500.00
Subtotal (Personnel Expenditures)	212,630.00	213,448.72	222,672.00
Diocesan Dues	14,880.00	14,880.00	14,030.00
Lawn Service & Snow Removal	10,600.00	10,600.00	10,600.00
Utilities-Gas & Electric	14,000.00	13,739.80	14,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	12,500.00	18,793.57	12,500.00
Parking lot lights repair (\$9,361.80)			
Church Insurance	5,800.00	5,812.00	6,400.00
Office Supplies & Printing	5,200.00	4,126.53	5,000.00
Telephone	2,500.00	2,488.46	2,500.00
Furniture & Equipment (including rentals)	1,500.00	5,354.79	3,000.00
Copier Lease (\$1,327.98)			
Square Equipment (\$2,007.49)			
New round tables for hall (\$1,154.48)			
Misc (\$864.84)			
Loosaper Costs	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Altar Supplies (including Flowers & Candles)	1,500.00	1,971.84	2,000.00
Postage	2,000.00	1,828.85	2,000.00
Diocesan Delegates Expense	4,000.00	4,991.75	2,000.00
Payroll Service	1,150.00	1,254.64	1,300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,500.00	3,881.94	2,000.00
Choir Workshop (\$781.26)			
Primate's Weekend Visit (\$1,983.26)			
Subscriptions, Books & Videos (\$216.70)			
Other (\$900.52)			
Adult Christian Education	750.00	454.64	750.00
General Supplies	1,500.00	1,430.50	1,500.00
Subtotals	\$293,010.00	\$305,058.03	\$303,252.00

**ST. PETER ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES, CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Subtotals forward	\$293,010.00	\$305,058.03	\$303,252.00
Security Costs	700.00	694.44	700.00
Gifts & Contributions	250.00	100.00	250.00
Stipend for Visiting Clergy	750.00	975.00	1,000.00
Bank & Credit Card Fees	550.00	506.52	550.00
St. Nersess Seminary	0.00	0.00	500.00
St. Nersess/Camp Vartan/St. Peter Scholarships	250.00	0.00	250.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$295,510.00</u>	<u>\$307,333.99</u>	<u>\$306,502.00</u>
Expenditures in excess of (more than) Revenues	<u>(\$38,260.00)</u>	<u>(\$35,054.90)</u>	<u>(\$37,252.00)</u>

**ST. PETER ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES, CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 & 2022**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>(Restated) 2022</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash:			
Cash in banks	\$69,693.81	\$109,149.20	
Money Market Funds-LPL Financial	1,834.44	3,399.77	
	\$71,528.25		\$112,548.97
Receivables:			
Women's Guild 2022 contribution	\$0.00	\$15,000.00 *	
Due from Building Fund	2,972.79	0.00	
Miscellaneous receivables	0.00	48.55	
Total Receivables:	\$2,972.79		15,048.55
Securities Available for Sale, at Market Value (Cost 2023 \$58,589.67; 2022 \$65,485.36)	69,833.65		58,589.67
Prepaid Item:			
Postage deposit	167.67		201.69
Loan receivable	10,000.00		11,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$154,502.36</b>		<b>\$197,388.88</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>			
ACYOA Funds	\$856.94	\$1,572.66	
Due to Endowment Fund	3,645.00	0.00	
Due to Women's Guild	169.54	0.00	
Due to Sipan Dance Group	0.00	595.17	
Miscellaneous payables	0.00	180.46	
Due to Endowment Funds	0.00	893.00	
	\$4,671.48		\$3,241.29
Other Liabilities:			
Reserved for Bibles/Library	\$1,844.30	\$1,844.30	
Reserved for Restoration of Paintings	1,100.00	1,100.00	
Reserved for Parishioner Allocation	972.79	0.00	
Reserved for Ararat Dance Group	638.53	0.00	
Reserved for Altar Servers	0.00	126.78	
Reserved for Armenian Faith Kits	(5.00)	20.00	
Reserved for HIMA	2,787.60	23,187.60	
	\$7,338.22		\$26,278.68
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$12,009.70</b>		<b>\$29,519.97</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$142,492.66</b>		<b>\$167,868.91</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$154,502.36</b>		<b>\$197,388.88</b>

\*Women's Guild submitted their annual contribution for 2022 to the General Fund in January 2023

**STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES, CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 & 2022**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	
Balances - Beginning of Year	\$167,868.91	\$167,669.49	
Add: Revenues in Excess of Expenditures		\$199.42	
Increase in Market Value of Investments	\$9,678.65		
Less: Expenditures in Excess of Revenues	(\$35,054.90)		
<b>Balances - End of Year</b>	<b>\$142,492.66</b>	<b>\$167,868.91</b>	



**ST. PETER ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
BUILDING FUND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES, CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 and 2022**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>Restated to exclude Capital Campaign 2022</b>	
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash in bank	\$33,273.78	\$32,782.27	
Total Assets	\$33,273.78	\$32,782.27	
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>			
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Monument maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Hall renovation	1,626.00	1,626.00	
Playground	676.03	676.03	
Unrestricted	28,971.75	28,480.24	
Total Fund Balances	\$33,273.78	\$32,782.27	
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$33,273.78	\$32,782.27	

**BUILDING FUND  
STATEMENT OF UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCES, CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 and 2022**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	
Fund Balances, Beginning of year	\$32,782.27	\$32,146.62	
Add: Revenues in excess of expenditures	491.51	635.65	
Fund Balances, End of year	\$33,273.78	\$32,782.27	

**BUILDING FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES, CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 & 2022**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Amazon Smile	\$206.09	\$304.41	
Clynk bottle returns	312.30	302.95	
Playground project	50.00	50.00	
Total Revenues	\$518.39	\$657.36	
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$26.88	\$21.71	
Revenues in excess of Expenditures	\$491.51	\$635.65	

**ST. PETER ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 and 2022**

	2023	2022
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash in bank	\$13,455.70	\$46,099.09
Invested at LPL Financial	282,357.28	
Pledges receivable	58,000.00	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$353,812.98</b>	<b>\$46,099.09</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES:</b>		
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Due to General Fund	\$2,972.79	\$0.00
<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$350,840.19</b>	<b>\$46,099.09</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$353,812.98</b>	<b>\$46,099.09</b>

**STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES**

	2023	2022
Fund Balances, Beginning of year	\$46,099.09	\$37,867.02
Income in excess of expenditures	304,741.10	8,232.07
<b>Fund Balances, End of year</b>	<b>\$350,840.19</b>	<b>\$46,099.09</b>

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES**

	2023	2022
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Pledges and contributions	\$427,870.51	\$11,329.00
Income from drive-thru dinner	4,415.94	
Income from investments	5,384.00	
Honey money	528.00	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$438,198.45</b>	<b>\$11,329.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Project costs	\$131,715.81	\$3,096.93
Supplies and printing	1,520.65	
Donations fees	220.89	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$133,457.35</b>	<b>\$3,096.93</b>
<b>Revenues in excess of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$304,741.10</b>	<b>\$8,232.07</b>

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND INFORMATION FOR ALL YEARS**

	Revenue from All Sources	Project Costs	Printing, Supplies, etc.	Year-end Fund Balance
YEARS:				
2018-2020	\$159.00			\$159.00
2021	41,108.02	\$3,400.00		\$37,867.02
2022	11,329.00	3,096.93		\$46,099.09
2023	438,198.45	131,715.81	\$1,741.54	\$350,840.19
<b>Cumulative totals</b>	<b>\$490,794.47</b>	<b>\$138,212.74</b>	<b>\$1,741.54</b>	

**ST. PETER ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ENDOWMENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS and FUND BALANCES  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 and 2022**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>Reclassified 2022</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Funds invested at ACEF	\$1,126,345.62	\$1,119,685.47
Increase in value of investments at ACEF	260,853.04	216,691.62
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,387,198.66</b>	<b>\$1,336,377.09</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Permanent Funds	\$1,251,850.34	\$1,207,614.12
Special Purpose Funds	135,348.32	128,762.97
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$1,387,198.66</b>	<b>\$1,336,377.09</b>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
ENDOWMENT FUND  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 and 2022**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	\$1,336,377.09	\$1,526,565.57
<b>INCREASES</b>		
Earnings and market value change	\$102,326.40	\$0.00
New endowments	2,700.00	12,785.00
Additions to existing endowments	2,618.00	11,100.00
<b>Total Increases</b>	<b>\$107,644.40</b>	<b>\$23,885.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,444,021.49</b>	<b>\$1,550,450.57</b>
<b>DECREASES</b>		
Market value change, less earnings		\$161,162.34
Distribution to Church	\$53,441.68	50,140.52
Withdrawals	3,381.15	2,770.62
<b>Total Decreases</b>	<b>\$56,822.83</b>	<b>\$214,073.48</b>
<b>Fund Balances - End of Year</b>	<b>\$1,387,198.66</b>	<b>\$1,336,377.09</b>

*Note: A complete listing of St. Peter Armenian Church Endowment Funds will not be included in the printed Annual Report. For those whose family has an established endowment, information on that endowment will be available upon request at the Parish Assembly or by contacting the church office.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2023		\$5,852.19
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Interest from the Grace & Dorothy Kenosian End. Fund	\$1,125.13	
Registration	50.00	
	_____	
Total Revenues		\$1,175.13
Total Cash Available		\$7,027.32
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Baptism Kits & Movie Night	\$232.30	
Donation to Sunday Schools in Armenia	200.00	
	_____	
Total Expenditures		\$432.30
Ending Balance - December 31, 2023		\$6,595.02

**ACYOA JUNIORS FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2023		\$1,572.66
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Palm Sunday Luncheon	\$760.85	
Donations	240.00	
July Car Wash	170.00	
	_____	
Total Revenues		\$1,170.85
Total Cash Available		\$2,743.51
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Donation to General Fund	\$1,000.00	
Palm Sunday Luncheon	319.18	
Meetings and Misc Activities	287.46	
Cookie-making for Shut-ins	127.76	
July Car Wash	90.05	
June BBQ	62.12	
	_____	
Total Expenditures		\$1,886.57
Ending Balance - December 31, 2023		\$856.94

\*ACYOA funds are currently held in the General Fund.

**ARMENIAN SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2023		
Checking Account Cash	\$9,830.69	
Investment Account at ACEF	18,485.77	
Total Beginning Balance - January 1, 2023		\$28,316.46
REVENUES:		
School Tuition	\$2,300.00	
Interest from Mary DerArakelian Endowment Fund	166.08	
Donations	650.00	
Hakop Hakopian concert	9,086.00	
Total Revenues		\$12,202.08
Total Cash Available		\$40,518.54
EXPENDITURES:		
Hakop Hakopian concert	\$5,500.70	
Saradarabad books	903.00	
Boston trip	729.00	
Crafts, pizza, gifts	570.53	
Donations	400.00	
Halloween	369.28	
Zoom subscription 2023	149.99	
Hantess	64.73	
Credit card fee on donation	3.48	
Total Expenditures		\$8,690.71
Subtotal		\$31,827.83
INVESTMENTS AT ACEF:		
Endowment income reinvested at ACEF	\$655.63	
Donation invested at ACEF	100.00	
Increase in market value of investments	806.40	
Subtotal		\$1,562.03
Ending Balance - December 31, 2023		
Checking Account Cash	\$13,342.06	
Investment Account at ACEF (Market Value)	20,047.80	
Total Ending Balance - December 31, 2023		\$33,389.86

**WOMEN'S GUILD FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2023 \$26,420.64

**REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - EVENTS**

	Revenues	Expenditures	Net
2023 Freezer Sale	\$4,790.26	\$1,124.29	\$3,665.97
Lenten Dinner	3,321.88	1,088.77	2,233.11
Hokejosh	2,025.00	717.38	1,307.62
Poon Paregentan	1,565.12	309.55	1,255.57
Aprons	2,331.80	1,636.29	695.51
Lahmejune	930.00	359.24	570.76
Easter Cheoreg Sale	569.00	63.76	505.24
Christmas Party	1,275.00	772.39	502.61
Chrismation	400.00	32.36	367.64
Mother's Day Luncheon	2,388.00	2,256.75	131.25
Women's Guild Dinner	400.00	315.87	84.13
2022 Freezer Sale	30.46	0.00	30.46
Totals	\$20,026.52	\$8,676.65	

Net Revenues & Expenditures - Events \$11,349.87

**REVENUES - OTHER**

Festival Sponsorship	\$3,950.00
Cookbook Sales	805.00
Membership Dues	750.00
Donations	340.00
Refund for Charge Error	118.80
Reimb. for Festival Expense	70.12

Total Revenues - Other \$6,033.92

Total Cash Available \$43,804.43

**EXPENDITURES - OTHER**

Donation to General Fund (2022)	15,000.00
Donation to General Fund (2023)	12,000.00
Donation to Capital Campaign (2022)	6,000.00
Donation to Capital Campaign (2023)	3,000.00
WGCC Assembly Hotel & Flight	442.00
CASP/Vandadzor	\$300.00
WGCC Assembly Registration & WOW	175.00
Supplies	140.80
Charge Error	118.80
Bounced Check	105.00
Outreach Projects	98.66
Due from General Fund for Festival Exp.	70.12

Total Expenditures - Other \$37,450.38

Ending Balance - December 31, 2023 \$6,354.05

