

Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection
Parish Council Report for Calendar Year 1983
Fr. Vartan Der Assadourian, President

1. Election of officers:

At the March 1983 Parish Council Meeting the members of the newly formed Council were elected to their respective offices as follows:

Chairman	Harry Hougas
Vice Chairman	Sarkis Yirigian
Secretary	Harry Der Assadourian
Treasurer	Hurach Azarigian
Assistant Treasurer	Leon Hovanesian
Pledge Custodian	Richard Kallajian
Advisors	Peter Bagdigian
	Monty Bagdigian
	John Maljanian

2. Meetings:

Twelve regular monthly Parish Council meetings were held to handle on-going Church business.

Two joint Parish Council meetings were held on Sept. 28, 1983 and Nov. 15, 1983 with Parish Council members of St. George's Church, Hartford and St. Mark's Church, Springfield to discuss ways and means of achieving a greater spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding and fellowship between the parishes.

One special Parish Council meeting was held on Oct. 26, 1983 to consider purchase of the Peterson property.

Two special Parish Assemblies were convened on Oct. 16, 1983 and Oct. 30, 1983 respectively to consider recommendations regarding the purchase of the Peterson property.

3. Church Enterprises:

The following Church enterprises were conducted in cooperation with our various Church organizations and individual volunteers:

a) Fr. Michael Buttero - 25th Anniversary:

On May 29, 1983 we hosted a Banquet in the Abrahamian Auditorium to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Fr. Michael Buttero's ordination. Chairman Monty Bagdigian and his committee are to be congratulated for a well-planned and attended affair.

b) Church Picnic:

The annual picnic was held on the Church premises on Aug. 20, 1983 under the capable chairmanship of Richard Kallajian assisted by the Women's Guild and individual volunteers. It was a social success and realized a net profit of \$566.

c) Main St. U.S.A.:

Working in cooperation with the Mr. & Mrs. Club and the Women's Guild and the ACYOA Jrs. we participated in the city's Main St. U.S.A. program. Under the guidance of Harold and Marge Onanian and Rose and Emil Mosey and the cooperation of many enthusiastic volunteers we had a very popular booth realizing a net profit of \$528.

d) 42nd Anniversary Banquet:

The 42nd Anniversary Banquet was held in the Abrahamian Auditorium on Sept. 17, 1983 with the Very Reverend Ghevont Samoorian of Sts. Vartanantz Church in Chelmsford, Mass. as our Guest of Honor. Chaired by Violet Galazan and with John Chiloyan as Master of Ceremonies, and assisted by a host of volunteers, the evening was a huge success and garnered donations of \$8,306.

e) Arch Bishop Torkom Manoogian's 20th Anniversary Jubilee:

We participated in this celebration over the June 19, 1983 weekend with 12 other Churches which formed the New England Committee. Chaired by Fr. Vartan and assisted by Monty Bagdigian, Peter Bagdigian Sr., Edward Simonian and Queenie Hovhanessian, our Church was ably and proudly represented on this auspicious occasion. Donations by our Church members totaled \$1,875.

f) Combined Church Services:

The parish council meetings with St. George and St. Mark Churches resulted in combined Church services in New Britain on Nov. 6, 1983. There was very good attendance from the three Churches and an open buffet following Services allowed for introductions and fellowship with each other. The next combined service is planned for May 6, 1984 at St. Mark Church, Springfield, Mass.

4. Church Operations:

a) Peterson Property:

During the past year the Peterson property consisting of a single family dwelling on .42 acres of land adjacent to our church was put up for sale. Parish Council recommendations to purchase the property were reviewed and discussed at a special Parish Assembly on Oct. 16, 1983 and were not approved. A committee of parish members was formed to further review the matter and their recommendations were reviewed and discussed at a special Parish Assembly on Oct. 30, 1983 and also not approved. For additional details please refer to the minutes of the meetings for these two special Parish Assemblies.

b) Open items from prior years:

1. Side altar paintings by Hiag Toumayan - to be consecrated.
2. Memorial Plaque Program - to be completed.
3. Establishment of a permanent Memorial Program.
4. Establishment of a Parishioner of the Year Award.
5. Establishment of a Pledge Committee.

c) Other Items of note:

1. The church sign was completed under the direction of Peter Bagdigian Sr. and John Maljanian and through the generous donation of the ACYOA Srs.
2. Two additional paintings were graciously donated by Hiag Toumayan, installed in their side-altars by Peter Egzarian, and will be consecrated at the next visit by the Arch Bishop.
3. Flooring has been installed in the main storage room, the tower doors were refinished, additional lighting has been installed in the parking lot, and a night light to beautify the front stained glass window has been put in place.
4. Through the efforts of Lawrence Ryan of INA Aetna Insurance Co. we received a donation of a refurbished IBM selectric typewriter.

5. Costs of all landscaping and grounds maintenance were again donated by Peter and Margaret Bagdigian.
6. Cost of snow removal from our driveway and parking lot was donated by Donald and Christine Azarigian, and Harry Azarigian.

5. Church Membership and Pledge Income:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Shortfall</u>
1-1-83	134	\$14,860	\$14,510	\$350
1-1-84	125	\$16,500		

6. Budget:

The 1984 budget is attached and will be presented by Treasurer Hurach Azarigian for your review and approval.

7. 1984 Planned Enterprises:

- a) Picnic - tentative date Aug. 18, 1984.
- b) 43rd Anniversary Banquet - firm date Sunday, Nov. 4, 1984. Confirmation recieved from Archbishop Torkom Manoogian to be Guest of Honor.

Saturday evening, Nov. 3, 1984. Open house in the Abrahamian Auditorium for informal discussions with the Archbishop.
- c) Philip Der Margosian Concert - springtime date to be decided.
- d) Combined Church Services, Choir and Sunday School - May 6, 1984 at St. Mark Armenian Church, Springfield, Mass.
- e) Main St. U.S.A. - June 2, 1984.

8. 1984 Recommendations

- a) Complete the Memorial Plaque Program.
- b) Establish a Parishioner of the Year Program.
- c) Establish a Committee to review our present pledge program and develop ways and means of increasing income either through the pledge program or by a stewardship program or other suitable means.
- d) Re-establish Adult Armenian School Language Classes.

9. In Appreciation:

The Parish Council extends its appreciation to Fr. Vartan, all church organizations, individual church members and friends who have given generously and unselfishly of their time, effort and monies for the betterment of our Church and Community. We, in turn, promise to fulfill our duties and responsibilities to the best of our abilities and to support all approved Church activity and organizations.

Parish Council

Jan. 29, 1984