

Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection
Parish Council Report for Calendar Year 1985

Fr. Vartan Der Assadourian, President

1. Election of Officers

At the April 8, 1985 Parish Council Meeting the members of the newly formed Council were elected to their respective offices as follows:

Chairman	Given Hoosigian
Vice Chairman	John Maljanian
Secretary	John Chiloyan
Treasurer	Edward Der Assadourian
Assistant Pledge Custodian	Donald Azarigian
Advisors	Peter Bagdigian
	Sarkis Daouidlarian
	John Hovhanessian
	Harry Badrigian

2. Meetings

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

3. Church Enterprises

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

(a) Church Picnic

The annual picnic was held on the Church premises on August 17, 1985 under the chairmanship of John Hovhanessian and Donald Azarigian, assisted by the Women's Guild and individual volunteers. It was a social success and realized a net profit of \$628.00.

(b) 44th Anniversary Banquet

The 44th Anniversary Banquet was held in the Abrahamian Auditorium on September 13, 1985 with His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate, as our Guest of Honor. Chaired by Harry Badrigian with Steve Der Margosian as Master of Ceremonies and assisted by a very able committee. The event was a success and \$8,051.00 was donated by the various organizations and individuals.

(c) Combined Church Services

The third combined church service commemorating the Armenian Genocide was held with St. George of Hartford and St. Mark of Springfield at Hartford on April 21, 1985. The services were well attended and was followed by an indoor picnic. The next service is planned for April 1986 to be held in our church.

(d) Parishioner of the Year

The established committee to select a member of our church to be honored as the Parishioner of the Year made an award this year. This award is given to members of our church who give generously and unselfishly of their time and efforts for the betterment of our church.

The second presentation of this Parish's Parishioner of the year was made by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate to Mr. & Mrs. John Maljanian. Committee members are Fr. Vartan, Queenie Hovhannessian, Chairperson, Alyce Avedisian, Monty Bagdigian, Guy Simonian and Ruth Waite.

4. Church Operations

(a) Pledge Committee

We wish to thank Berj Kallajian for being the Pledge Custodian this year. He has done an excellent job on maintaining the records and promptly preparing the quarterly records.

We are also pleased to report that the pledge income this year was \$23,643. compared to \$19,180 for 1984. It is further gratifying to note that the promised 1986 pledges are \$26,000.00. We wish to thank the people who increased their pledges during our recent pledge drive and hope that this trend continues.

(b) Open Items from Prior Years

(1) The Memorial Plaque Program has been completed with the installation of the plaques on the narthex wall. The memorial program is a continuing one and the list of memorials is posted on the bulletin board. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Council.

(c) Purchase of Peterson Property

The Parish Council has made several attempts to obtain parish interest and commitment to prepare a feasible

plan for procuring the Peterson Property. This effort has been unsuccessful. We leave this item to the Parish Assembly to initiate any action they desire.

(d) Other Items of Note

- (1) We wish to publicly thank the anonymous donor for obtaining a duplicating machine at no cost for the parish.
- (2) We wish to thank Peter and Margaret Bagdigian for bearing and donating all the costs of landscaping, ground maintenance, and annually refinishing of our church doors. This year they also donated the landscaping by the Church doors.

* Also, we would like to thank Margaret and Pete for their generous donation of the church pews.
- (3) We wish to thank Donald and Christine Azarigian for donating the cost and work of snow removal from the church premises.
- (4) Also to be thanked are the Abrahamian, Simonian and Maljanian families for the landscaping of the area around the sign in the front of the church in memory of Vartoohi Yessian.
- (5) We would also be remiss if we did not thank Harry Azarigian for his continual efforts and help in repair and maintenance of the church grounds.
- (6) The church organ is very old and in marginal condition. The replacement has been a memorial item for years. A plea has been made this year in the "Loos" but no one has come forward as a donor or partial donor. This is a high priority item since it is essential to church services and it can break down at any moment. The parish council has initiated a fund raising program. It will be more than a year before sufficient funds are available to buy an organ unless we are fortunate enough to secure a donor.

- (e) A Special Parish Assembly meeting was called on October 15, 1985 to inform the parish on the method by which the priest's stipend is determined. The Parish Council reported that after several discussions with the Diocese and the Primate, it was made clear that the parish priest's stipend must follow diocese dictates and be in accordance with a mutually agreed to position with the parish priest.
- (f) A joint parish council meeting was held January 16, 1986 with St. Mark's of Springfield, St. George's of Hartford and our church. A combined Martyr Day church service will be held at our church in April 1986.
- (g) The Cultural Committee had two programs this year. Philip Der Margosian presented a vocal concert in May at the University of Hartford and a Harpsicord Concert was given in the church in December. The Cultural Committee will report separately.

5. Budget

The 1986 budget is attached and will be presented by the Council for your review and approval.

6. 1986 Planned Enterprises

- a) April - Combined Church Services
- b) August - Annual picnic
- c) September- 45th Annual Church Banquet

7. Recommendations

Many people within our church are giving a lot of their time and personally sacrificing to improve the services given to the parish by the Church. It behooves all our membership to support church activities and to support these acting committees when called upon to do so.