

The ARM. Church

14TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR
ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER CHICAGO

On Sunday, October 15, 1978, Divine Liturgy and Requiem Services were celebrated on the Consecration Anniversary of St. Gregory. The celebrant, the Very Reverend Jirayr Tashjian, greeted the faithfuls in the name of the Diocesan Primate. The commemoration of the anniversary is considered very important to the parishioners in that it brought together more than six decades of Armenians who have experienced each other spiritually, nationalistically and socially in the name of St. Gregory.

During the requiem service, while the members of the choir sang the hymn of Requiem, the faithfuls with candles remembered in their prayers the deceased godfathers and members of the church who have passed on during the last 14 years.

At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, in the cultural hall a grand banquet was offered by the Ladies Auxiliary. Seated at the dais was the Very Reverend Jirayr Tashjian, parish priest; Kegham Parseghian, Chairman of the Church Choir; Haig Pedian, Godfather of the church; George Nahabedian, Chairman of the Parish Council; and members of the Parish Council.

The main speaker on the program was Mr. Pedian, who congratulated the parishioners and parish council for their untiring efforts in supporting St. Gregory. The program also contained a special film presentation and candle lighting ceremony. Mrs. Pepron Paloian, Chairwoman of the Auxiliary, thanked everyone for their efforts in making the celebration a success.

The 14th Anniversary celebration ended with a prayer and the singing of "Der Getzo" and "Hayr Mer".