

SEMINARIAN MICHAEL OHANESIAN IS ORDAINED DEACON

On December 22, 1973, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate ordained Seminarian Michael Ohanesian a deacon at St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church, Chicago. The Very Rev. Varoujan Kabaradjian served as sponsor. Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian also participated in the Badarak.

Deacon Michael, the third St. Nersess student graduating from St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood, New Jersey, received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in December, 1972. To further his knowledge of the Armenian language, Michael spent a good part of last year at the Melkonian Educational Institute, Nicosia, Cyprus. He also made brief stays in Armenian monasteries.

The only son of Mr. & Mrs. K. Ohanesian of Dearborn, Michigan, Michael is a graduate of Wayne State University with a major in mathematics. For several years, he served as a Sunday School teacher in St. John Church in Greater Detroit before entering the Seminary and served in the same church assisting the pastors.

While in the Seminary, he participated for two summers in a clinical pastoral education program at Harper Hospital, Detroit. His thesis was on ministry to the older people.

Deacon Michael is 26 years old and plans to go into the priesthood after fulfilling all requirements.

As of January 27, Deacon Michael has been assigned by the Primate as Deacon-in-Charge of our parish. He is looking forward to the joys and challenge of his new assignment and the pleasure of meeting each member of our congregation.

It is hoped that every member will make it a point to be in attendance, Sunday, January 27 to welcome him personally.

We extend a warm welcome of gratitude to Deacon Michael as he assumes leadership of our parish and pledge him our cooperation and support as he meets the challenge of our church functions for the Glory of God.

PARISH COUNCIL

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CHURCH SERVICES

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH

6700 W. Diversey Avenue

Chicago, Illinois

SUNDAY, January 27, 1974

MORNING SERVICES AND DIVINE LITURGY

WILL BE CELEBRATED BY

THE VERY REV. VAROUJAN Dz. V. KABARADJIAN

Morning Service.....10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy.....10:30 a.m.

Sermon.....11:45 a.m.

REQUIEM SERVICES

Special Requiem Services will be held for the soul of the late servant of God, Rev. Fr. Sarkis Kashikjian, on the first anniversary of his Eternal Rest in God, requested by Yerezgin Lucine Kashikjian and children.

Requiem Services will be held for Sarah Kenjosian, at the request of her children, on the 40th day of her rest in peace.

Requiem Services will be held for Arakel Aznavoorian and Mike Haitoian, requested by Mrs. Anna Aznavoorian.

Requiem Services will be held for Simone Kalarian, requested by Dickey Karabedian.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Yerezgin Lucine Kashikjian - in memory of her husband, Rev. Fr. Sarkis Kashikjian.

Children of Sarah Kenjosian - in memory of their mother.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1974
following services

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Verification of Eligible Voters
3. Election of Assembly Officers (Chairman and Secretary)
4. Reading of Minutes of the 1973 Parish Assembly
5. Report of Pastor and Parish Council
6. Report of Church Organizations
7. Auditing Committee Report
8. Budget of 1974
9. Elections: Parish Council (3 members)
Auditing Committee (2 members)
Nominating Committee (3 members)
Diocesan Delegates
and Alternates (2 members)
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Benediction and adjournment.

A light lunch will be served by the "Nairi" Choir of St. Gregory Church after the Divine Liturgy to members who plan to attend the meeting.

NOTE: Membership dues for the year 1973 should be paid prior to the meeting.

In the event you wish to recommend changes in our Church procedures, rules, regulations, or Diocesan By-Laws, you must submit your written recommendations to the Parish Council for approval or disapproval. Make sure your Proposal is signed. If your proposal is acceptable, it will be included in the agenda and presented to the Parish Assembly for final decision.

All Church Organizations Must Submit Written Annual Reports. Both Activity & Financial Records reports must be submitted prior to the meeting day to the Parish Council.

Dear Parishioner:

When we think of Annual Membership Meetings, we think of January. When we think of January, we think of Annual Membership Meetings. The two have become synonymous to those of us connected to St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church.

Throughout the year you are reminded that the church furnishes you with spiritual nourishment. You are reminded that the church depends upon your support and participation for its strength and security.

The Annual Membership Meeting of St. Gregory is one of the ways for you to participate. By attending this meeting and taking part in your church's activities and decisions, you are, of course, supporting it and its objectives.

True, annual meetings are sometimes a bore, however, there is also a serious purpose to each annual membership meeting.

It is the time when you review past activities and project future plans.

Members, however, must not leave everything up to the Parish Council to the management of the church. We need your help and support if we are to perform our tasks successfully. We need the assurance that the membership is behind our efforts and that we are performing the jobs you want done.

Through determined effort and dedication, we have weathered many severe periods but with hard work, and an interested congregation, we have continued to keep the church doors open.

We urge every parishioner who considers himself a member of this parish to consider it his responsibility to attend and participate in the Annual Parish Assembly on January 27 in the Church Meeting Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL