

ANNUAL REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. GREGORY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF
CHICAGO FOR 1969

The report from the Parish Council is short-mainly because this Church has operated without a Parish Council for the Year. The Council has consisted mainly of Henry Babikian and myself.

I will always be grateful to Henry and to Mrs. Babikian for their constant help and their unselfish attitude. If we had a few more members like the Babikian's, this Church would be a Cathedral.

Other thanks are in order. I want to personally thank George Nahadedian for undertaking the picnic almost single handed. The picnic represents one of the few successes of the year.

We are grateful to Mrs. Steve Tootoian for keeping the Sunday School alive, with little or no help from anyone. Bob Kalenian is another "old dependable" who always comes through when needed. Our thanks to him. Also to Peter Kulujiian - who can be counted on, when others cannot. For awhile we had a three man Parish Council - with Vartan Kachigian, but unfortunately for all of us, he took ill and has not been able to work for his Church.

Vi Koresian is another one of the few. She does so many things, so well- whether directing the choir, or putting out the bulletin. Thank you Vi.

Our special thanks to Mrs. Paloian and the Ladies Auxiliary. Without them we wouldn't even have a Church. Also our thanks to the Young Women's Guild for their constant valuable contributions.

When I started as Chairman I made a list of things that needed doing. Unfortunately the list is far from complete. Evidently Henry and I just weren't able to get to everything.

We have had moderate success in renting the Hall - such as to the Weightwatchers and Eriksen Catering. Much remains to be done.

A good start was made in rehabilitating the buildings, which were allowed to deteriorate into shameful condition. Again-much remains to be done.

We started a men's investment club which could have done much to help the Church. Unfortunately, with opposition from the Parish Council the Club has become strictly a secular operation.

We have the new Church windows - but they look down on empty pews. Again-much remains to be done.

The Parish Council adopted a committee system for conducting the affairs of the Church, but we have been told it was an illegal procedure. So much for an attempt at modern administration.

Also so much for a short report for a year short of progress. I am hoping with a new Parish Council and a new Chairman this Church can begin to function again.

Carl Varadian- Chairman

This report is not accepted by this Parish Council members as it does not justify the actual accomplishments realized.

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