

# Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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## Parish Council Report 1976

Parish Council has had 17 meetings during 1976. Meetings are held every 3 weeks and all matters are discussed and voted on. All Correspondance to the Church is read at the meetings.

The Binghamton parish is financially solvent and are currently meeting all obligations of the parish. Our operating budget is approximately \$25,000.00 annually, which does not include any capital projects expenditures for maintenance and improvements to the physical building.

Our pledge committee did an exceptional job in obtaining pledges. In March, the pledge committee gave a dinner party in which we had an excellant turnout of about a hundred people. The object of the pledge committee were realized when the totals were added up that evening. The entire cost of the dinner party was donated by an

anonymous donor. The pledge committee consisted of Dr. Geo Rejebian Mr Harry Kradjian, and Mr. John Bogdasarian. The fine efforts of the Pledge committee has kept our reserve fund intact.

Our annual dance and picnic were also successful in raising funds for our needs.

In May, we attended the Diocesan assembly in Phila. and were pleased at this years format of committee type discussions of problems. We feel that more work was accomplished in less time and small parishes had an opportunity to get up and have there say.

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Parish Council sent our choir director to Detroit for the choir assembly meetings. The merits of this meeting are included in the choir directors report.

Our Parish has initiated a small Improvement project which has entailed making additional storage area and adding on to the kitchen area. New cabinets and appliances are to be installed along with updating our heating and electrical systems. Several members of the parish have contributed labor and materials to make the financial burden lighter.

In May 1976, Parish Council in accordance with Diocesan recommendations on Clergy stipends gave Der Kevork a 6.4% cost of living increase. In December, Srnpazan Hayr made a visit to our parish and held meetings with all organizations. It was most gratifying to have his Presence in our parish.

We have had 4 acres of land donated to us for recreational and religious purposes. This generous gift is from Mr Arthur Kradjian and Mr Kenneth Kradjian. The land is located in Port Crane, N.Y. and the legal aspects of transferring the property to the Diocese is all taken care of.

As Parish Council Chairman, I cannot express my thanks enough times to the other members for their promptness in attending meetings and their interest in the smooth functioning of our parish. It has made the Chairmans job simple.

*Michael Patten*