

Parish Council Yearly Report

January 4th the first meeting of the new year, and getting ready for our Armenian Christmas Season. On January 5th we had Jrakalooys, which was followed by the Badarak. January 6th was the Feast of Theophony and Epiphany services. On January 7th was the Blessing of the water (Churorhnek) that evening an Ecumenical (Epiphany) service was held by the south side churches. This service was held at St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church.

On Sunday January 14th at 3 P.M. the South Side Ecumenical parishes had their meeting at our church.

Sunday January 28th our annual parish assembly was held and elections were held to replace three (3) parish council members whose terms had finished. The three out-going members were Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian, Mr. John Bogdasarian and Mr. Henry Kachadourian. The three new elected members are, Dr. Aristakes Kachadourian, Mr. Deron Kradjian and Mr. Hagop Injajgian.

In February a Mini-cultural meeting was held and the topic was the Armenian Party.

Plans were made to have a pilgrimage to the cathedral some time later in the year.

The guest speaker for the South Side Ecumenical Service was The Rev. Susan King Gertmenian,

This month's Mini-Cultural meeting was held at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Kerjilian. Dr. Vasken Alexanian was the guest speaker and his subject was Armenian Opera.

Lenten worship services were followed by a Mitchink Dinner.

A joint Women's Saints Day was observed and our church played host. Our guests were from our sister church in Syracuse.

On Saturday May 19th His Eminence Arch-bishop Torkoom Manoogian presided over Vespers and a meeting was held that evening with the officers of the different church organizations. On the following day the Arch-bishop celebrated the Eucharistic and preached the sermon. During Badarak Mr. Hagop Injajgian was ordained as a sub-deaconate.

May 26th our annual church dance was held at the Holiday Inn Arena.

On Sunday June 3rd the Ross Memorial church held their Centennial Anniversary at our church, because it originally was their church and we purchased it from them. Since the congregations were switched we held our services at their church and they held theirs at ours. The Women's Guild of our church had served coffee and sweet rolls to all those who attended and a wonderful time was had by all.

On June 3rd our Mini-Cultural meeting was held at the Misakyan residence and the topic was The Armenian Struggle For Independence. The guest speaker was Prof. Hrair Dekmajian.

St. Pauls Church in Syracuse is having their annual Father's day church picnic.

Plans were made to have our annual church picnic at the Chenango Valley State Park.

The Women's Guild has been accumulating sale-able items for their White Elephant sale which will be held some time in October.

The A.G.B.U. held their annual Charity dance at the Holiday Inn Arena.

The Women's Guild are taking orders for Armenian baked goods. They will get together at the church and prepare them for the orders they received.

On November 27th Father George Arakelian announced to the parish council that he was being transferred to the Western Diocese and would be leaving our parish about the end of January 1980. He had received permission from our diocese to make the change.

The Parish council along with the Women's Guild will have a going away party for Father George.

A special collection was made at the church for the Starving Victims Of Cambodia. The monies collected will be sent to the diocese and with what they receive from the other churches in our diocese it will be sent in the name of the Armenian people.

The nominating committee has been working very hard to get names to people to submit to the parishioners to elect new officers in the parish council that are leaving, because their terms are over. The annual parish assembly will take place on January 27, 1980.

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