

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF CANDIDATES
for
PARISH COUNCIL
1984

PETER AJEMIAN is currently a member of our Parish Council, serving as Chairman. He has served St. Thomas in the past as a Parish Council member, picnic chairman, and choir member. For 21 years he was on the Board of the Emerson Home for the Armenian Aged, which he served as Vice President and he is presently a Board member of the Armenian Welfare Assn--New York Home for the Armenian Aged. Peter is also a past Commander of the Knights of Vartan (Erivan Lodge), past President of the AGAU Alumni Assn., and currently chairman of their scholarship fund. He was active with the Boy Scouts of America for 10 years and held the post of Merit Badge Counselor. Peter is a lithographer and owner of Armen Graphics in New York. He and his wife Ann live in Emerson. They have two married children -- Dr. Peter Ajemian and Deborah Ann Greenip - and five grandsons.

KAREKIN BEDROSIAN is President of Natural Pack Produce and President of Bedrosian and Associates, a consulting firm. For the past five year, Karekin has served as Mayor of Alpine where he resides with his wife Margaret, and his children Marderos, Mark, Edvardt, and Taniel.

GRACE HAGOPIAN is currently a member of our Parish Council, serving as Treasurer. She has been a member of the St. Thomas Auditing Committee for three years and co-chaired several Pot Luck dinners for our Sunday School. She is an accountant, presently with the ATA International Corp. and previously was employed as an Internal Revenue Agent field auditor for over five years. Grace is an A.G.B.U. member and also is on the Executive Standing Committee Faculty Women's Club of New York City University Technical College, where she has served as Treasurer for three years. She has been a Pascack Valley Hospital Auxiliary Volunteer for the past five years. Grace and her husband Henry live in Woodcliff Lake with their son, Henry .

RAYMOND KREPPPEL has served our church as a member of the Parish Council. He served as a construction consultant for the original building committee. Ray was given the St. Thomas Man of The Year Award. He was previously owner of the R & H Kreppel Company of Fairlawn. He has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and Old Timers Club of Fairlawn. He resides in Fairlawn.

LUCY NAKASHIAN is an active member of St. Thomas Women's Guild. She has served on numerous bazaar committees and picnic committees. She is a member of the A.G.B.U. Lucy is employed by Deerbrook Fabrics, in charge of their sample department. Formerly, she worked for over 20 years as a buyer for a manufacturer of children's wear in New York City. Lucy resides in Ridgefield with her mother Diane.

NUBAR NAKASHIAN is a partner of the Gotham Graphics of Lyndhurst, New Jersey.. He and his wife Kathleen, and sons Michael and David reside in Haworth.

ARAXE PARSEGHIAN served as secretary to the original building committee. She has been chairman of the Women's Guild and chairman of the Cotillion. She taught Sunday School for three years. Araxe was Senior Representative in Consumer Affairs for Volks Wagon of Englewood Cliffs. She resides in Closter with her children Joyce, Linda, and George.

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VIRGINIA VICTORIA is currently a member of our Parish Council serving as liason to the Avak Society. She is also in charge of church rentals. Virginia has served St. Thomas as a member of our bazaar, altar flower, and kitchen renovation committees, and as secretary to the Building Committee and Parish Assembly. Her previous church experience includes positions as a Sunday School teacher and choir member. Locally, Virginia has been Vice President of the Tenaflly Nature Center, a volunteer at Englewood Hospital, and a member of the Tenaflly Women's Club where she was chairman of programs and active in special fund raising projects, social service, ways and means, and beautification of Tenaflly endeavors. She has also served there on Board of Education candidate committees and as an Armenian cooking instructor. Virginia and her husband Albert live in Tenaflly with their children, Albert, Jr. and Susan.

JOHN ZAKER has been a member of the St. Thomas Auditing Committee for two years. He served as chairman of the Memorial Day Picnic and also chaired an Anniversary Dinner. He is a member of the Men's Club. John was past Master of the Blue Stone Lodge of Masons of West New York. He is a lithographer for Rae Publishing Company of West New York. He, his wife Anna, and three children Stephanie, Linda and George reside in Bergenfield.