



Holy Ascension Armenian Church

1974
Par. Council's
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ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 1974

At the annual parish assembly meeting, which was held on Sunday, January 20, 1974, the following were elected as members of the 1974 Parish Council:

- Mr. George Maljanian
- Mr. Robert Jezairian
- Mr. Darwin Jamgochian

Upon approval of the parish assembly minutes by the Diocese, on March 15, 1974, the following were elected as officers of the Parish Council:

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| Dr. Berdj Harabedian, | Chairman |
| Mr. George Maljanian, | Vice-Chairman |
| Mr. Richard Khachian, | Treasurer |
| Mr. Richard Kalfaian, | Assist. Treasurer |
| Mr. Ralph Trapasso, | Recording Secretary |
| Mr. Darwin Jamgochian, | Corresponding Sec. |
| Mr. Robert Jezairian, | Advisor |

Since January 25, 1974, a total of sixteen meetings have been held. On March 15, 1974, a special combined meeting with the church organizations was held and a calendar of events for the year, 1974, was prepared. In another similar meeting held on October 25, 1974, the activities for the year 1975 were discussed and a calendar of events was drawn.

During the year 1974, the following affairs were sponsored by the Parish Council:

- St. Vartan's Day, February 24th
- Armenian Martyrs' Day, April 28th
- Mother's Day, May 12th
- Church Name Day, May 26th
- Annual Church Picnic, August 4th



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On July 21, 1974, a special parish assembly was held for discussion of the Rooshanian Estate. A motion was passed at that meeting that the Parish Council appoint a committee for further study and recommendation of the house located on Bell Street, Bridgeport. The following were appointed by the Parish Council:

Mrs. Mari Sinanian
Mr. Harry Krikorian
Mr. Sam Jevarjian

A report from this committee will be heard later today. May I add that upon the execution of Mr. Rooshanian's will, a total of \$ 8,823.36 was collected and deposited in the church savings account.

Also, in October, 1974, the amount of \$ 50,000.00 was transferred from the savings account, and invested in high yield Government Bonds at the Lafayette Bank and Trust, Bridgeport. With this arrangement, the church receives an interest of eight to nine percent instead of the usual five percent which the Savings Account yielded.

Ladies and gentlemen, upon completion of my fourth year as chairman of your Parish Council, I would like to express my sincere thanks to our Parish Council members. Their complete cooperation made my job more pleasant and four harmonious and fruitful years were presented to our community.

It has been a real pleasure these past two years working closely with Father Levon Arakelian. His assistance and advice



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was greatly appreciated by me as well as all the members of the Council. I am sure you will agree with me when I say we have enjoyed Der Levon's church publication, "Voice", and look forward to it each time. "Voice", without doubt, has proven to be a pleasurable parish newsletter as well as an extra source of income to our treasury.

On behalf of all of us, my thanks to the church organizations and the 1974 Bazaar Committee for their help and support. Also my gratitude to Yeretzkin Grace and our deacons, Randy Arakelian and Fraij Yapoujian for their presence on Sunday mornings. And finally, I thank you all, dear parishioners, for your faith in our Parish Council, and for your financial and moral help.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Berdj Harabedian
Chairman, Parish Council, 1974