

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY ASCENSION

1460 HUNTINGTON TURNPIKE

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

1980

On March 6, 1980, the following were elected as officers of the Parish Council:

Dr. Berdj Harabedian, Chairman
Perry Shegirian, Vice Chairman
Ralph Trapasso, Secretary
Vartan Petrossian, Treasurer
Shavarsh Papazian, Assistant Treasurer
Stanley Zysk and Stephen Goomrigian, Advisors

During the year, 1980, the Parish Council held 14 meetings to meet the demands and needs of the church. Also, combined meetings were held with the Building Committee and Bazaar Committee. Every Sunday, most of the parish council members are present in church to serve our parishioners.

During 1980, the following affairs were sponsored by the Parish Council:

Armenian Martyrs' Day
Mothers' Day
Church Name Day, at which time several senior citizens were honored.
and two picnics

Also, the annual Bazaar Committee for 1980 was formed. The Parish Council worked closely with this committee which was coordinated by Der Levon. A detailed report of this most successful bazaar will be given separately.

It was decided that starting in September, 1980, the church hall and some of the classrooms are to be rented by a private nursery school for \$ 100.00 per week for one school year in order to provide additional income for the church.

In October, 1980, Father Levon received an invitation from the Miami Parish to be their permanent priest and assist them with their new church project. Many parishioners as well as the Parish Council pleaded with Der Levon to reconsider and remain with us to continue to provide his valuable help in our community. At the parish council meeting on October 28, 1980, it was unanimously voted upon to strongly recommend to the general assembly an annual salary increase.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have just completed another year, and I firmly believe it has been a successful one. It's been a real pleasure for me to work with the present parish council members. They have been extremely cooperative and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of them for making my job as chairman easier, comfortable, and enjoyable.

Also, on behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to express my deep appreciation to the church organizations and the parishioners for their moral and financial support.

Special thanks to Yeretzgin Grace, who with all the many duties she is constantly involved in, raised a substantial amount of money for pledges for the church.

Finally, with the continued advice, guidance and help of Der Levon, our parish will flourish and each year will be more successful than the previous one. Therefore, on behalf of the community, I thank Der Levon, and may we all continue this good work for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Harabedian, M.D.

Dr. Berdj Harabedian
Chairman, Parish Council

January 25, 1981