

PARISH COUNCIL  
REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Your Parish Council had a most productive year in 1985.

To raise funds from outside the church community we conducted an Oriental Rug Sale on May 3, 4, 5 we were quite successful and have already planned another sale on May 2 - 3 - 4 of 1986.

Also in May we sponsored the showing of the professionally prepared movie entitled "40 days of Musa Dagh". This movie brought together many Armenians whom we have not seen in a long time.

Another cultural event was the presentation of the Father Oshagan Concert. The music brought tears to the eyes of many and requests for another such concert was expressed by scores of attendees.

A beautiful plaque listing the godfathers of our church was acquired and hung in the Narthex of our church. A second plaque, this one for memorials will soon be ready to hang along side the Godfather's Plaque. The memorial plaque will list all the memorials in our present church. It will also contain the memorials of the Barnum Avenue Church.

In July we had our annual picnic with a live band. The attendance was higher than ever, so were the profits.

In the fall of 1985 we had new storm windows installed on all the windows of the lower level. We believe this will reduce the cost of heating the lower level and make the facilities more comfortable.

We made arrangements with our custodian, Mark Stoddard, to paint the parish house. As of today it is 90% complete. It will be finished in the Spring.

As you are aware we were forced to replace the furnace last year. The old one finally broke down and was beyond repair. The new furnace is highly efficient and we believe will reduce our fuel expenses.

Your council has contracted for 2 new side alters. One of which will also contain a baptismal font. The alters are to be completed in February. Archbishop Torkom Mamogian will concecate the alters on May 18th, 1986. A banquet is already scheduled at the New Mariotte Hotel in Trumbull on the same day.

We are planning now to set aside one Sunday each month as Senior Citizens Sunday. On this day elderly parishoners who are not able to come to church because of transportation will be picked up, brought to the church, and then returned home. We feel this is a christian duty and expect our seniors will avail themselves for this service.

Your councilmen were most dismayed when our Sunday School Superintendent, Theresa Harabedian submittted her resignation. She is a devoted church member and we will miss the good guidance she gave to all our young children. We look forward to her continued participation and advise on various committees.

Due to many many requests from our parishioners, a committee has been formed to reactivate the Mr. and Mrs. Club. The name will be change to encourage single people to participate also. You will hear more on this matter in the coming months.

I am pleased to report that we have transferred \$40,000,00 from the General Fund to our church mortgage. We arranged with the Fairfield County Savings Bank to restructure our loan thus keeping the same low interest rate but reducing our monthly payments. This action was taken because 1) We have the funds to do it. 2) The interest rate on the certificate of deposit have been very low lately.

I would like to thank each of our council members for an outstanding job. Whenever there was a job to do there was at least one volunteer to perform the task. They are each capable and dedicated men. I was fortunate to have served with them.

Father Intzug has been hardworking, capable and a pleasure to work with. He and the council was always pulling in the same directions. It is this cooperation that helped us achieve the many projects listed above.

Respectfully submitted



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