## KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES ...

<u>HERBERT AVAKIAN</u>- resides in Stratford with his wife, Rose, and family. He is a current member of the Parish Council having served four successive years. He served as Bazaar Co-Chairman for two successive years and worked on the Bazaar Rug Sale Commitee. He participated in the Church Talent Show and was a member of the Hye Timers. Herb is a retired Electronic Technician with the U.S. Postal Service.

MARDY AZARIAN- resides in Fairfield with his wife, Hermine. His past church service includes: Parish Council member for fifteen years, Parish Council Chairman for over six years, Mr. and Mrs. Club member, Bazaar Committee member, Building Committee member, currently serving on the Mortgage Burning Committee. Mardy reactivated the ACYOA Jrs. a number of years ago as a Parent Advisor, and more recently, was Master of Ceremonies for the Church Talent Show. He is president and owner of Telco One, a telecommunications company based in Norwalk.

<u>ANTRANIG CHAGHATZBANIAN</u>-resides in West Haven with his wife, Rita, and family. He has served on the Bazaar Committee and as a teacher with the Armenian School, currently as a substitute teacher. He is a professional jeweler.

THOMAS DABAKIAN- resides in Huntington. He serves Holy Ascension as a Sub-Deacon, choir member, and Choir Secretary. Tom has also served on the Bazaar Committee. He is employed by a Stamford based company as Collection and Credit Manager. (Tom is also the ACYOA Srs. Advisor).

RICHARD KALFAIAN- resides in Stratford with his wife, Virginia, and family. He has held office on the Parish Council for over twelve years, as Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and as Secretary, and further served as Advisor for several years. He recently served on the Bazaar Committee as Secretary, on the Earthquake Committee as Assistant Treasurer. He is a Metallurgical Engineer with Ansonia Copper and Brass Company.

<u>SARKIS KAOLIAN</u>- resides in West Norwalk with his wife, Heidi, and family. He is a member of the Mortgage Burning Committee and has served on the Bazaar Committee and the Church Building Committee.

CONNIE KASPARIAN- resides in Stratford with her husband, John, and family. Currently serving on the Parish Council, her past church service includes: Bazaar Ad Book Chairperson, Rug Sale Committee Chairperson, Earthquake Committee Publicity Chairperson, 10th Anniversary of Ordination Banquet Co-Chairperson, Women's Guild member and past Chairperson, ACYOA Jrs. Advisor, choir member, Sunday School teacher, and past chairperson of various church auxiliary dances.

<u>PEARL MCGREGOR-</u> resides in East Norwalk with her family. Pearl is a choir member and soloist, and a pillar god(father) of Holy Ascension with her husband, Malcolm. She teaches Spanish on the elementary school level, and was a 1989 recipient of the "Partners in Caring Award" for voluntary commitment to community service for work with school children.

RICHARD NAJARIAN- resides in North Haven with his wife, Maureen. He currently serves on the Parish Council. He has been treasurer for the Annual Church Bazaar for three years, served as 1990 Picnic Chairperson, and serves on the Mortgage Burning Committee. He has been a member of the Knights of Vartan for twenty years. Professionally, he has been an elementary school teacher (6th grade) for twenty-seven years.

SHAVARSH PAPAZIAN- resides in Danbury with his wife, Jenny, and family. He is currently on the Parish Council serving his fourth consecutive year as Treasurer. He served as chief liaison and contracting advisor on the Church Hall expansion and renovation project, as well handling the fire code compliance project with the Town of Trumbull Fire Marshal. Shavarsh has served on the Bazaar Committee and as Rug Sale Chairperson for six years. He is a professional chemist.

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<u>VARTAN VARTANIAN</u>- resides in New Canaan with his wife, Jeni, and family, having moved from California just three years ago. Vartan has served on the Armenian School teaching staff and feels that "This is a great church, and could become even better with more communication between the members and more involvement of all." He is the Chief Financial Officer of a construction company in Ridgefield.

MARIE YAPOUJIAN- resides in Brookfield with her husband, Vrej, and family. She served as Armenian School Superintendent at its inception in 1986, currently teaching the third grade group, as Armenian School Treasurer, and as Armenian School Cultural Events Chairperson. She attended the Diocese-sponsored Teachers' Workshop in 1987. Other duties: Bazaar Committee member and Chairperson, Ladies' Guild member and Co-Chairperson, Choir Palm Sunday Dinner Chairperson(2 successive years), and Choir member. She is attending WCSU part-time, studying Business Accounting, and is Accounts Manager for a Waterbury jewelry firm.

<u>VREJ YAPOUJIAN</u>-resides in Brookfield with his wife, Marie, and family. Currently serving on the Parish Council as Vice-Chairman, and as Parish Council Liaison with the Mortgage Burning Committee. Vrej has served as Sub-Deacon and Deacon over many years, also as Choir Chairperson, and more recently, as Choir Director. He serves on the Armenian School Executive Committee on Ways and Means (fund raising, sponsoring dances, dinners) and has worked on the Bazaar Rug Sale Committee, and served as Hye Timers Chairperson. He is a Technical Sales Rep. for a New York based company.

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\*Please note that this brief collective "resume" containing some highlights pertaining to today's worthy candidates was prepared for your review by the Nominating Committee. We hope that it is useful. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Ginny, Linda and Sam