

The Armenian Church Of The Holy Ascension
Parish Council Chairman's Report

January 30, 1994

Reverend Nalbandian, Parish Council members, and parishioners, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you. For me, this year has been one of growth and challenges. I've had to develop new delegating and organizational skills. Yet, throughout the year you have been encouraging, helpful and understanding.

This year has brought me deeper insight into the workings of our church. Keeping an institution like ours working and functioning effectively is quite a task, especially in today's economy.

Our most difficult problem to date is financial. You will hear more about this from our treasurer. However, the Parish Council has been focusing most of its efforts to keep our bills paid. To this effect we are continuing with the land survey project, with hopes that eventually we can partial off some of our property to raise additional funds. We have delegated certain members from the Parish Council to encourage parishioners to pay their dues and to solicit pledges and donations from both parishioners and non-parishioners. Also, we initiated a dues card system.

On the other hand, the Parish Council has also been actively involved in keeping the church and properties maintained. We had the kitchen painted, the grounds maintained, and are presently working on enlarging our parking lot and hopefully, in the near future, have the church vinyl sided.

This year, members of the Parish Council have been involved in practically every activity in the church. They have served on committees, acted as liaisons with the Diocese, and coordinated various fund raisers and activities.

Yet there is much more to do to build our church financially and spiritually. Our Der Hyre needs the security and financial freedom to be able to spend more time in building up the faith of his congregation, instead of concentrating his time in helping us stay financially solvent. How do we solve this problem? Perhaps a miracle...in the meantime, we must all work together to accomplish this goal.

Finally, I want you to know that I'm proud to be part of this wonderful group and encourage you and our young people to get involved in serving our Holy Ascension Armenian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

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