

1998 Parish Council Chairman's Report

I want to thank this year's Parish Council for their dedication. They have fulfilled all the duties of a Parish Council as dictated by the by-laws of the Armenian Church. In particular, I want to thank our Pastor who is the ex-officio President of the Parish Council. Reverend Nalbandanian's dedication and advice have led the Council and Church in the right direction.

This year's accomplishments will be explained in detail in Der Hyre's report. However, I am pleased to report that in 1998 the gospel message was shared with our congregation in several ways. The summer camp was a step in this direction, as well as Sunday School, Bible Study and the Lenten lectures. Der Hyre's messages each Sunday were educational and inspirational.

Concerning finances, the Parish Council has seen that the instructions of the Parish Assembly were carried out and also worked on several fund raising projects. Members of the Council are part of the Pledge Committee. At the present time, thanks to the generosity and dedication of our parishioners and God's people, we are in a satisfactory financial position.

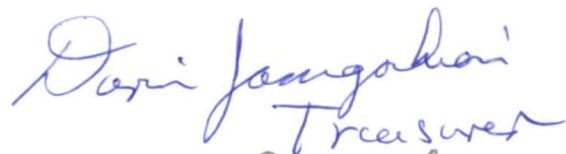
The Council has worked to see that our property is maintained, our obligations to Der Hyre and the Diocese are met and that we have something to share with the needy. Further, we are prepared, with the Assembly's approval, to commit ourselves to mission work in Armenia.

Working with Der Hyre, the Parish Council and on various projects, I noticed that we need fellowship and encouragement from one another. I also discovered that we benefit from having our views and concepts balanced and checked by other Christians. Armenian Christians are a communal people. The Bible tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25). In Matthew 18:20, Jesus said that it takes two or more gathered together for Him to be in their midst. Therefore, I encourage all Armenian Christians...to come to church...to pray with each other...to encourage each other...to work with each other...**united** we can achieve the kind of love and concern for one another that Jesus Christ shared with His disciples.

Respectfully submitted,



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Parish Council Chairman



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Secretary