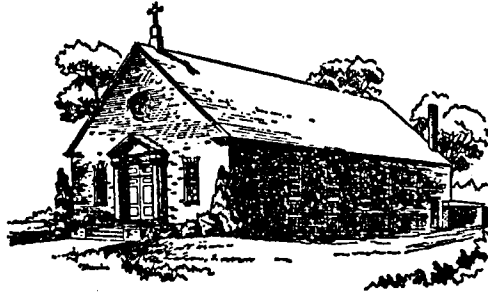


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PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

February 6, 1983

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PASTOR: Reverend Arsen Barsamian

MEMBERS: Michael Vranian (Chairman), Robert Thomas (Vice Chairman)  
Noubar Boyajian (treasurer), Chuck Chavdarian (assistant treasurer)  
Victoria Jamgochian (assistant treasurer following resignation  
of Chuck Chavdarian)  
Bedros Okhanes (assistant treasurer) Dianna DerHovanessian (secretary)  
Peter Greene (advisor)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Maintenance - Peter Greene          Choir - Bedros Okhanes  
Youth/Culture - Dianna DerHovanessian  
Membership - Robert Thomas

MEETINGS: 11 Regular  
1 Endowment Fund  
1 Regional

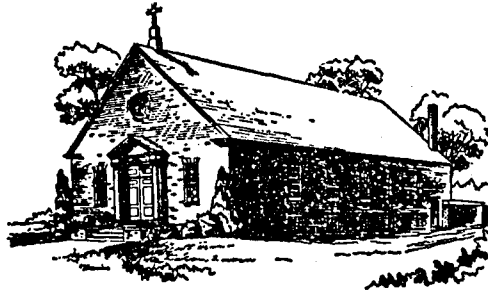
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The parish council was subdivided this year into committees in an attempt to address our major responsibilities. The building and grounds committee oversaw the routine care of the church and investigated improvements.

A new lighting and speaker system was installed in the hall and plans were made for the renovation of our presently outdated electrical system.

Bids were reviewed for parking lot resurfacing, but because of the large expense, a decision was delayed. Plans for kitchen expansion were also

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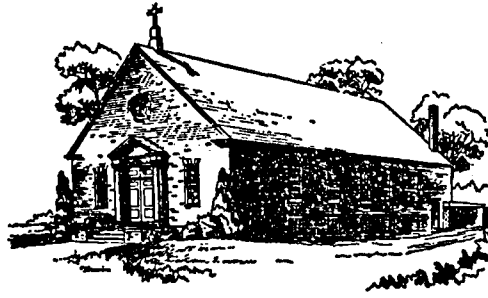
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Reviewed. The membership committee began a long term process of investigating the needs not being met for present and potential members and sought an approach to attracting new membership. The choir committee met difficulty in its goal to find a choir director and active choir members willing to give time for practice and for Sunday services. The recent loss of the services of our deacon emphasized the need for more participation. On the positive side Mary Okhanes agreed to study in order to help as organist. Twenty new robes were purchased through the generosity of parishioners. The Youth and Cultural committee was established to provide a Direct link to the parish council from the youth (Sunday School, Armenian School, ACYOA, etc.) and from the Cultural Committee of the church. Young adults were encouraged to help pass the collection plate and greet members as they arrived on Sunday. A Cultural Day Dinner and Program was sponsored. The Softball Team was sponsored again this year and proved formidable in their league.

**CLERGY:**

Through the Diocesan Committee Stipend Committee the parish council was made aware of previous miscalculations in the clergy salary. This year's budget reflects the amount stipulated by the stipend committee and represents about six thousand dollars a year more than previously allowed. The 1983 salary is \$22,600 which includes auto allowance but does not include the parish house, utilities, insurance, and retirement.

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**ACTIVITIES:**

Dinners sponsored by the parish council in 1982 included Easter, Martyr's Day, Father's Day Picnic, and St. James's Day. In May, Chairman Michael Vranian, Delegate Tigran Amirkhanian, and Father Arsen Barsamian attended the Diocesan Assembly in Connecticut. The Boy's Club International Festival was headed this year by Noubar Boyajian with the invaluable help of Mrs. Shnorig Soghoian and Rose Soghoian. The Annual St. James Food Festival was co-chaired by John and Sam Baronian and was as usual well received. In October, the parish council experimented with its first oriental rug sale which proved to be surprisingly successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Parish Council:

*Michael Vranian*  
*Ruth Thomas*  
*Nube Boyajian*  
*Victoria Jangochian*  
*Bedros D. Chavus*  
*Ussina Kerkhassian*  
*Peter S. Green*