

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - 1998

The year 1998 has been a fairly good one for our church. Financially, we have remained in the black and have increased our bank balances from last year. Socially and cultural we enjoyed some excellent programs and functions. I will leave the spiritual comments of the church for Hyr Soorp's report.

At the beginning of the year, due the generosity of the Tootelians, the entire interior of our sanctuary was painted.

We have had extensive water leaks of the roof in the kitchen area. These have finally been repaired.

Mini blinds were purchased and installed in the Sunday classrooms and offices.

We purchased a beautiful silver dove, for pouring oil, for the altar.

It has become necessary to update and improve our office equipment.

We have recently purchased a new computer for the office.

We are in the process of purchasing a new copy machine.

We have also signed a contract to have install a sound system for our church.

Fr Nareg and I attended a meeting of the Centinial committee at the Diocese in New York last spring. As of today we have collected \$500 for this fund.

We were dinner host to about fifteen clergy and guests from Union Theological Seminary Among the guest were two Armenian bishops from overseas.

Most of you will remember the banquet honoring Fr. Nareg upon graduating with a degree in Doctorate of Ministry. This was a proud day for all of us.

We had a wonderful cultural program - a concert performed by a couple from Armenia.

In the month November there was the Food Festival which had a profit in excess of \$ 19,000.00

_ And the Rug Sale with a profit \$ 5,000.00

The parish council sponsored the Father's Day Pinic and Christmas Day Dinner.

We had a blood drive last month through the Red Cross in memory of the 10th Aniversary of the earthquake in Armenian.

Because of the resignation of Aram Topjian, Chuch Ashjian has been placed on the parish council. He has one more year to serve.


John Baronian
Chairman, Parish Council