

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Chairman's Report - 1973

Please bear in mind that although I am reporting on the Parish Council activities and deliberations, I am the last of three chairmen who have served on the Council for 1973: Mr. Abraham Bodurian served until April when election results were approved by the Primate, and Mr. Sahag Dedeyan served until October when he resigned.

The Council undertook a program of improvements to meet D. C. Building Code requirements. These and other major renovations were completed at substantial cost. The Council also undertook the publication of a new telephone directory, which was completed thanks to Mr. Dicran Jamgochian.

The Council was unable to complete action on two major construction items: Black top repairs and a drainage system for the back yard.

Perhaps the year's most meaningful event was the farewell dinner for the Kasparian family. It meant more than just the loss of the Sunday School Superintendent and the Church Organist. Nevertheless the Council was able to fill the vacant positions with Mr. Joe Vartabedian as superintendent and Mr. Boghos Zulikian as organist. Mr. Dicran Jamgochian agreed to serve as choirmaster when Mr. Edward Sourian resigned for health reasons. Incidentally, all our workers continue to serve the Church without any remuneration.

The Council reviewed the Treasurer's report and was disturbed to find out that a \$2,400.00 deficit had developed during a 3-month period; expenditures exceeded income by \$400.00 for August, \$1,200.00 for September and \$800.00 for October.

Finally, the Parish Council, acting upon the 1972 Parish Assembly directive, raised with the Bishop the question of his future plans. Bishop Papken indicated that he would remain at his post so long as the parishioners will it. At this point, the Council became entangled in a web of long deliberations, which consumed a considerable amount of the Council's time and energy. The issue remains unresolved, except that the Primate has written a letter dated January 10, 1974, instructing the Council on the limitations of any Parish Assembly vote with respect to Bishop Papken's status.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarkis Sation, Chairman  
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