

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION  
PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1986  
FR. MICHAEL BUTTERO, PRESIDENT

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

At the April 14, 1986 Parish Council meeting, the members of the newly formed council were elected to the following offices:

Chairman	Given Hoosigian
Vice Chairman	John Maljanian
Secretary	Charles Hovsepian
Treasurer	Hurach Azarigian
Pledge Custodian	Berj Kallajian
Assistant Pledge Custodian	Emil Mosey
Advisors	Peter Bagdigian
	Sarkis Daouidlarian
	Harry Hougas

2. MEETINGS:

Twelve regular monthly Parish Council meetings were held to conduct church business. In addition, three special meetings were held. Two meetings were held with the Hartford and Springfield churches to discuss matters of mutual interest.

3. PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. Vartan Der Assadourian

On June 29, 1986, Fr. Vartan Der Assadourian celebrated his last church service as parish priest of the Holy Resurrection Church. This was the culmination of 19 years as our parish priest and a total of 35 years since ordination. A Testimonial was held in Fr. Vartan's honor on June 29, 1986. During his tenure, we have grown from the Erwin Place building to the present new building, hosted a Diocesan Assembly and an ACYOA Assembly and Sports Weekend. We extend our well wishes for a speedy recovery and to a healthy full life.

Fr. Mesrob Simerjian

From July, 1986 until the arrival of Fr. Michael on October 5, 1986 Fr. Mesrob fulfilled the parish's religious needs. We are very grateful for the support he has given us during this period. During the Anniversary Banquet, the Parish presented him a watch and a purse as a token of our appreciation.

Fr. Michael Buttero

Fr. Michael became our parish priest as of September 29, 1986. He is beginning to make his presence felt. Attendance in church is increasing and we expect to see a continued increase in parish activity.

#### 4. CHURCH ENTERPRISES:

The following church enterprises were conducted in cooperation with our various church organizations and individual volunteers:

a. Fr. Vartan Der Assadourian Testimonial Banquet

A testimonial banquet was held for Fr. Vartan on June 29, 1986. It was very well attended, including Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. We presented Fr. Vartan and Yeretzgin Marie with various gifts.

The Banquet Committee was chaired by Sarkis Daouidlarian. Wilford Swisher was Master of Ceremonially.

b. Church Picnic

The annual picnic was held on August 16, 1986 on the church premises, under the chairmanship of Berj Kallajian and assisted by the Women's Guild and individual volunteers. A profit of \$469.31 was realized.

c. 45th Anniversary Banquet

The 45th Anniversary Banquet was held in the Abrahamian Auditorium on October 5, 1986 with the Vicar General, Very Reverend Khagag Barsamian as guest of honor. The committee for this banquet was chaired by Mary Abrahamian. Gary Hovhannessian acted as Master of Ceremonies. The event was a success and realized a total donation of \$8400.00.

d. Combined Church Service

The fourth combined church service commemorating Martyr's Day was held with Hartford and Springfield at the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection on April 27th. The Women's Guild prepared a "Madagh" luncheon after the church services. A program followed.

e. Arshal Hoosigian

On November 23rd the Parish presented Arshal Hoosigian with a religious pendant and a plaque expressing our appreciation for her many years of devoted service to the Sunday School.

f. Parishioner of the Year

No "Parishioner of the Year" award was made this year due to lack of volunteers for the committee.

g. Fr. Michael Buttero's Reception

A wine and cheese welcome party was held for Fr. Michael and Yeretzgin Patricia on October 4th. The committee for this affair was chaired by Violet Galazan. The reception was well attended.

## 5. CHURCH OPERATIONS:

### a. Memorials

Several major memorials were donated this year, such as, the Martyr's Tower, devotional room, main chandelier and other miscellaneous items.

A new memorial list is being prepared and anyone interested should contact Mary Abrahamian.

The mounting boards for the memorial plaque has been procured and mounted in the narthex.

### b. Organ

Purchase of a new organ was made possible this year because of donations from Alyce Avedesian and the Men's Club. We also wish to note that Samuel Hougas gave an inspired organ recital following church services on November 23rd.

### c. Pledge

The Council wishes to point out that the dues paid to the Diocese divided by the membership is equivalent to \$55.00 per member. We feel that this should be considered a minimum pledge per person. Another important factor is for each member to pay the amount they have pledged. Our annual budget and operating pattern is based on receiving the monies pledged by giving each week. The Church has a good cash flow and will not cause a hardship on members to bring themselves back up to date.

This item is further discussed under recommendations.

## Items of Special Interest

### a) Scholarship Fund

Sarah Yagoobian has donated \$10,000 to establish the Sarah Yagoobian Scholarship Fund. The income from this fund will be used for scholarships for the children of our parishioners who plan to attend an institution of higher learning. More details will be forthcoming.

### b. Holy Resurrection Endowment Fund

Harry Azarigian has presented the church with \$5000 to establish an endowment fund. The income or capital gained from this fund may be used for general church operating expenses.

### c. Other Items of Note

1. The parking lot was protective coated and cracks were restriped.
2. An exhaust fan has been purchased and will be installed in the kitchen in 1987.
3. The Parish Council, on May 12, 1986, authorized an increase in the rates charged by the church for services and auditorium rentals.
4. We again wish to thank Donald and Christine Azarigian for donating the cost and work of snow removal from the church premises.
5. We, again, wish to thank Peter Sr. and Margaret Bagdikian for donating all the costs of cutting and maintaining the church lawn.
6. We wish to thank all those who have taken a turn at sponsoring Fellowship Hour after church services on Sunday mornings. We feel this is a great way to visit with friends and welcome newcomers. We urge everyone to take a turn at being a sponsor. We thank John Chiloyan and Sarkis Daouildarian.
7. We are requesting people to donate towards altar flowers. The donation is \$20.00 and the flowers should last for two weeks.
8. The Cultural Committee sponsored two programs this year. One featured a harpist, Elsa Green and flutest Revbecca Flannery. The second program was the New Britain High School Madrigal Singers. The Cultural Committee chaired by Susan DerMargosian will provide a separate report.

6. BUDGET

The 1987 budget is attached and will be presented by the council for your review and approval.

7. 1987 PLANNED ENTERPRISES

- a. April - Combined church service to be held at Springfield's St. Mark Church on April 26th.
- b. August - Annual picnic.
- c. - 46th Annual Banquet. Archbishop Torkoom Manoogian has promised to be available for this occasion.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We plan to have more activity during 1987 lead by Fr. Michael.

2. Recommend that a committee of five from the Parish be formed today to initiate a program to increase pledge income.
3. Recommend a committee of five be formed to reestablish the selection of the "Parishioner of the Year" award.