

**Diocese of the Armenian Church
of
93 Diocesan Assembly**

**Hosted by
Saints Vartanantz Armenian Church
Chelmsford, Massachusetts**

May 4-7 1995

At this year's Assembly there will be Panel Sessions conducted as in past years. In order to facilitate an equitable distribution of Delegates who will attend these sessions, we ask that you choose which panel session you wish to attend. Indicate your preferences of the panels you wish to attend by marking numbers---

1, 2, and 3, for your first, second and third choice.

This information will enable a balanced attendance at these sessions.

The locations where they shall meet will be announced upon your registration at the assembly in May. By filling out this form, you shall be pre-registered for the panel sessions.

I wish to attend the following panel session at the 93rd Diocesan Assembly.

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PANEL SESSIONS

- **- Religious Vocations/ Education / Worship**
Participating Departments- DRE, AACCA, ST NERSESS SEMINARY.
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- **-Armenian Heritage/ Research/Education**
Participating Departments -ALLARC, ZOHRAB INFORMATION CENTER

- **- Total Youth Ministry**
{Young adults, Children, Religious Conferences and Camp Programs}
Participating Departments-DYM, DRE, SAINT NERSESS SEMINARY

- **- Christian Mission and Outreach at Home and Abroad.**
Participating Departments-Social Services, CASP, HAVAD, WGCC Ecumenical Witness, FAR

- **-Diocesan Administration and Structure**
Participating Departments-Diocesan Administration, Finance Department, Public Relations, Vicar General Diocesan Legate

- **- Budget, Stewardship and Development**
Participating Departments - Development,ACEF,Stewardship Committee

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**Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
Rehabilitation/Restoration of Diocesan Complex**

At the initiative of His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate, the Diocesan Council decided to rehabilitate/restore St. Vartan Cathedral, the Administration Buildings, the Kavoukjian Hall and the Plaza. The rehabilitation/restoration work was necessary because since the construction of the complex in 1965, no major restorative work was performed and the aesthetic appearance of the complex had deteriorated. For this purpose, a rehabilitation committee chaired by Mr. Kevork Hovnanian was formed to coordinate and direct the work. The rehabilitation committee reviewed the existing conditions and the extent of the deterioration. As a result of their findings, a corrective work plan was developed, including a cost estimate.

The rehabilitation/restoration of the Cathedral, the Administration Buildings and the Plaza is completed. The Kavoukjian Hall and related areas are still under renovation.

The following is a summary of the major work performed:

A. Saint Vartan Cathedral: Exterior

1. The copper base of the dome was cleaned and repaired. A new 23 Kt. double gold gilding overlay applied. The original 18 Kt. gold gilding had eroded under local environmental conditions.
2. The original dome cross was replaced with a gold gilded traditional Armenian cross, fabricated and donated by the late Mr. Jack Seferian.
3. The Cathedral's sloping lead-coated copper roofs were cleaned and repaired, and coated with vinyl thus maintaining the architectural integrity and their distinctive appearance.
4. All deteriorated limestone facades were restored, repaired and cleaned by power washing.

B. Saint Vartan Cathedral: Interior

1. The acoustical panels on the Cathedral walls (north, south and west) were removed because they contained an unacceptable amount of asbestos. Accordingly, new non-asbestos acoustical panels have been installed and painted.
2. To comply with the new ADA (Americans Disability Act) requirements, a new elevator has been installed serving the Kavoukjian Hall, the Second Avenue entrance and the Cathedral levels.
3. The walls were painted, new carpeting installed, the choir area rearranged, the stained glass windows and chandeliers were cleaned.

C. Administration Building

1. The existing waterproofing membrane on the roof deteriorated, contained asbestos and had reached the end of its useful life. A new waterproofing membrane was installed providing a 20-year no dollar limit guarantee.
2. The third floor, which is occupied by the diocesan administrative staff, was completely renovated. The work included partitions, furniture, etc.
3. The deteriorated areas of the exterior brick facade were restored, repaired, all graffiti removed and cleaned by power washing. The metal window guards were painted.

D. Plaza

The brick and slate paving finish of the Plaza was completely deteriorated and over the years water leaks had developed entering into the Kavoukjian Hall below. In addition, the waterproofing membrane over the structural slab and under the brick pavers had reached the end of its useful life. Accordingly, the new waterproofing membrane (providing a 20-year old no dollar limit guarantee), and a new granite pavers were installed giving the Plaza a new, rich and distinctive look.

At the request of the newly formed Diocese Memorial Committee, new granite memorial panels are in the process of being designed for possible installation at the Plaza level.

Also planned is the installation of three flagpoles on the west side of the Plaza in order to display the American, Armenian and Diocese flags.

E. Kavoukjian Hall

The Kavoukjian Hall and the adjacent lobby and rooms are being renovated. The existing asbestos-containing acoustical panels on the east and west sides of the Hall have been removed. To comply with New York City Code requirements, a new sprinkler system will be installed in the Kavoukjian Hall. The adjacent areas have sprinkler systems in place.

Because the Kavoukjian Hall is one of the major income producing means of the Diocese, a decision was made to improve the condition and appearance of the Hall by installing new lighting fixtures, new floor carpeting and other architectural finishes to upgrade the rental space. In conjunction with renovation of Kavoukjian Hall, the renovation of the kitchen is planned.

F. Diocesan Bookstore

The bookstore that is located at the Kavoukjian Hall level will be relocated to the Second Avenue level where the St. Gregory parish offices are presently located. The new location will make the bookstore more visible and accessible to the parishioners and to the public.

G. Air Conditioning System

The cooling tower and the chillers of the air conditioning system of the Diocesan Complex had reached the end of their useful life. The cooling tower was replaced in 1992. The chillers are in the process of being replaced. In addition, the system is being upgraded to make it more efficient.

Following the completion of all rehabilitation, restoration and renovation work, the rehabilitation committee will prepare a maintenance program for implementation by the Diocese to preserve the architectural, structural and mechanical integrity of the complex and to prevent major expenditures in the future.

Respectfully submitted by

THE REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

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DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION

**Saturday
January 14, 1995**

**ST. VARTAN CATHEDRAL
NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

- 1. Requiem for His Holiness Lord Vasken I, of Blessed Memory**
- 2. Confirmation of a quorum**
- 3. Rules of procedure**
- 4. Report of Nominating Committee**
 - a) Recommendations voting procedure**
 - b) Presentation of candidates**
 - c) Additional nominations**
- 5. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the National Ecclesiastical Assembly**
- 6. Benediction**

On the opposite wall the window near the side altar continues with the sequence of events in the life of Christ. Starting from the bottom, this window presents the events of the passion of Our Lord, culminating in His glorious resurrection. The crucifixion and the resurrection can never be separated from each other. Through the cross, life has come into all the world. Even in the agony of the crucifixion, the joy of the resurrection is revealed.

Across from this window is depicted from the top, the landing of Noah's Ark on Mt. Ararat. Historically Armenian, Ararat was, according to the Book of Genesis, the final resting place of the Ark. Christianity was introduced into Armenia by the Apostles of Our Lord, Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew, who are portrayed in the panel immediately below. Armenia was the first kingdom to officially recognize Christianity as its national religion. However, as elsewhere in the early history of the Church, Christians were at first persecuted in Armenia. The lower register of the window depicts the first Armenian martyr, a young princess of the realm named Santookht.

The history of the Armenian people has been one of martyrdom for the Christian faith. The two windows opposite the main altar demonstrate this point. The first commemorates the deaths of nearly 2 million Armenians who were massacred by the Ottoman Turks in 1915. The first half of the window portrays the Prophet Ezekiel with skeletons scattered about him. In the Old Testament account the Prophet is commanded by God to cause these skeletons to be resurrected. The artist has drawn from this biblical event to show by means of an angelic form with his hand reaching down to the outstretched hands of the people below that the faith of the Armenian people has regenerated them, just as the flesh was restored to the skeletons by the words of the Prophet.

The bottom part of the second window portrays St. Vartan, the patron saint of the Cathedral. He died in defense of the Christian faith, opposing the Persians during the fifth century when the Church of Armenia's existence was threatened. Their attempts to supplant Christianity in Armenia with Zoroastrianism failed.

By no means has the entire history of Armenia been a fight for survival. There were periods when Armenian culture flourished. The upper part of the window portraying St. Vartan commemorates the invention of the Armenian alphabet by Sts. Sahag and Mesrob. And at the very top is a representation of the construction of the St. Vartan Cathedral itself.

The last window (to the right of the main doors) depicts events in the formation of the Church. At the top are presented three scenes from the first Ecumenical Council of Nicea (A.D. 325), from which the Nicene Creed was derived. Below this, in the window's second panel, is St. Nersess the Graceful, who was a very ecumenical-minded catholicos of the eleventh century. He attempted by various means to bring the various Christian communities closer together. The artist has drawn from the work of St. Nersess and has portrayed at the lowest panel of the window the various crosses of Christendom, as a reminder to Christians who enter this sanctuary that we should all be one in Christ.

St. Vartan Cathedral



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E. CHART OF MOST COMMON PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

(In Accordance with Robert's Rules of Order)

All of the following eleven motions are ranked from the bottom of the list. When any one of them is immediately pending (that is, the last motion to be put before the Conference and not yet disposed of) any motions above it on this list are in order and all those below it are out of order. Any business or particular subject matter is brought before the Conference as a main motion at the bottom of this list.

Kind of Motion	Is second required?	Debatable?	Amendable?	Vote Required	Purpose
ADJOURN	yes	no	no	majority	to end a meeting
RAISE A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE	no	no	no	none	to obtain immediate action on problems affecting the honor, dignity, or safety of Conference or individual - presiding officer rules - subject to appeal. Example: to take a recess.
CALL FOR THE ORDER OF THE DAY	no	no	no	none	to bring before the Conference scheduled business - presiding officer puts into effect - unless overruled by 2/3 vote.
LAY ON THE TABLE	yes	no	no	majority	to set aside an item of business at least temporarily
PREVIOUS QUESTION	yes	no	no	two-thirds	to close debate on the immediately pending motion or, when specified, on all pending motions or consecutive series thereof.
LIMIT OR EXTEND LIMITS OF DEBATE	yes	no	yes	two-thirds	to limit or extend debate for a period of time or on a specified motion.
POSTPONE TO A CERTAIN TIME	yes	yes	yes	majority	to delay consideration of the main motion-debate limited to propriety of postponement-amendment limited to altering day or time.
COMMIT OR REFER	yes	yes	yes	majority	to place the main motion in the hands of a specified group or person.
AMEND OR SUBSTITUTE	yes	yes	yes	majority	to modify or alter a motion, debatable if motion to be amended is debatable - may be amended by amendment to the amendment or by one amendment to the substitute. Amendments of the third degree are not permissible.
POSTPONE INDEFINITELY	yes	yes	no	majority	to dispose of a motion without bringing it to a vote.
MAIN MOTION	yes	yes	yes	majority	to introduce new business - only one main motion can be considered at any time.

F. OTHER POSSIBLE PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

(In Accordance with Robert's Rules of Order)

The following three motions are in order when there is no other motion pending before the conference. The motion "to reconsider" may be made at any time, even when other motions are pending, but must wait for full consideration.

Kind of Motion	Is second required?	Debatable?	Amendable?	Vote Required	Purpose
TO TAKE A MOTION FROM THE TABLE	yes	yes	no	majority	to bring before the Conference a motion previously tabled.
RECONSIDER	yes	yes	no	majority	to secure a new vote on a motion previously voted upon. Mover must have voted with prevailing side on original motion unless vote was by ballot - then anyone can move. Must be made day of original vote or following day at the latest. It is not debatable if original motion was not debatable.
RESCIND OR REPEAL	yes	yes	yes	2/3 with no previous notice (majority with notice)	to void previous action of the Conference (unless action already taken cannot be undone) - not in order if a motion to reconsider is in order.

The following eight motions are incidental motions and are not ranked since each is related to a specific problem arising out of other business. They are in order at any time the business out of which they arise is in order.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION	no	no	no	none	to answer questions of members
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES	yes	no	no	two-thirds	to facilitate business normally against Conference rules.
DIVISION OF THE ASSEMBLY	no	no	no	none	to secure a counted vote (usually by standing)
TO VOTE BY BALLOT	yes	no	no	majority	to ensure a secret, counted vote
DIVISION OF THE QUESTION	yes	yes	yes	majority	to simplify a complicated motion - may be amended only once.
POINT OF ORDER	no	no	no	none	to enforce rules of Conference
PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY	no	no	no	none	to provide members with correct information on rules or motions.
APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR	yes	no	no	majority	to ensure that a majority agrees with the ruling of the chair NOTE: an appeal is debatable if it directly pertains to a debatable motion

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
....at a glance

Here are some motions you might make, how to make them, and what to expect of the rules.

TO DO THIS:	YOU SAY THIS:	May you interrupt the speaker?	Do you need a second?	Is it a debatable?	Can It be amended?	What vote is needed?	Can it be reconsidered?
ADJOURN MEETING	<i>"I move that we adjourn"</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
CALL AN INTERMISSION	<i>"I move that we recess for..."</i>	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
COMPLAIN ABOUT HEAT, NOISE, ETC.	<i>"I rise to a question of privilege"</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote	No usually
TEMPORARILY SUSPEND CONSIDERATION OF AN ISSUE	<i>"I move to table the motion"</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
END DEBATE AND AMENDMENTS	<i>"I move the previous question"</i>	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
POSTPONE DISCUSSION FOR A CERTAIN TIME	<i>"I move to postpone the discussion until..."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
GIVE CLOSER STUDY OF SOMETHING	<i>"I move to refer the matter to committee"</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
AMEND A MOTION	<i>"I move to amend the motion by..."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
INTRODUCE BUSINESS	<i>"I move that ..."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

THE MOTIONS LISTED ABOVE ARE IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.....BELOW THERE IS NO ORDER...

TO DO THIS:	YOU SAY THIS:	May you interrupt the speaker?	Do you need a second?	Is it a debatable?	Can it be amended?	What vote is needed?	Can it be reconsidered?
PROTEST BREACH OF RULES OR CONDUCT	<i>" I rise to a point of order".</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote	No
VOTE ON A RULING OF THE CHAIR	<i>" I appeal from the chair's decision".</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes
SUSPEND RULES TEMPORARILY	<i>" I move to suspend the rules so that..."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
AVOID CONSIDERING AN IMPROPER MATTER	<i>" I object to consideration of this motion".</i>	Yes	No	No	No	2/3	--
VERIFY A VOICE VOTE BY HAVING MEMBERS STAND	<i>"I call for a division" or " Division"</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote	No
REQUEST INFORMATION	<i>" Point of information"</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote	No
TAKE UP A MATTER PREVIOUSLY Tabled	<i>' I move to take from the table..."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
RECONSIDER A NASTY ACTION	<i>" I move to reconider the vote on..."</i>	Yes	Yes	--	No	Majority	No

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END DEBATE AND AMENDMENTS	<i>"I move the previous question"</i>	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
POSTPONE DISCUSSION FOR A CERTAIN TIME	<i>"I move to postpone the discussion until..."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
GIVE CLOSER STUDY OF SOMETHING	<i>"I move to refer the matter to committee"</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
AMEND A MOTION	<i>"I move to amend the motion by..."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
INTRODUCE BUSINESS	<i>"I move that ..."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

THE MOTIONS LISTED ABOVE ARE IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.....BELOW THERE IS NO ORDER...

TO DO THIS:	YOU SAY THIS:	May you interrupt the speaker?	Do you need a second?	Is it a debatable?	Can it be amended?	What vote is needed?	Can it be reconsidered?
PROTEST BREACH OF RULES OR CONDUCT	<i>" I rise to a point of order".</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote	No
VOTE ON A RULING OF THE CHAIR	<i>" I appeal from the chair's decision".</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes
SUSPEND RULES TEMPORARILY	<i>" I move to suspend the rules so that..."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
AVOID CONSIDERING AN IMPROPER MATTER	<i>" I object to consideration of this motion".</i>	Yes	No	No	No	2/3	--
VERIFY A VOICE VOTE BY HAVING MEMBERS STAND	<i>"I call for a division" or " Division"</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote	No
REQUEST INFORMATION	<i>" Point of information"</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote	No
TAKE UP A MATTER PREVIOUSLY TABLED	<i>' I move to take from the table..."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
RECONSIDER A NASTY ACTION	<i>" I move to reconider the vote on..."</i>	Yes	Yes	--	No	Majority	No

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION

**Saturday
January 14, 1995**

**ST. VARTAN CATHEDRAL
NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

- 1. Requiem for His Holiness Lord Vasken I, of Blessed Memory**
- 2. Confirmation of a quorum**
- 3. Rules of procedure**
- 4. Report of Nominating Committee**
 - a) Recommendations voting procedure**
 - b) Presentation of candidates**
 - c) Additional nominations**
- 5. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the National Ecclesiastical Assembly**
- 6. Benediction**



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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

SPECIAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY
January 14, 1995

Saint Vartan Armenian Cathedral
New York, New York
1:00 p.m.

The Nominating Committee wishes to present the following information to the Delegates attending the Special Diocesan Assembly for their consideration regarding balloting procedures.

PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

To elect twenty-four (24) delegates and twelve alternate delegates to represent the (Eastern) Diocese of the Armenian Church of America at the National Ecclesiastical Assembly that will commence on April 3, 1995 at the Holy Mother See in Etchmiadzin, Armenia for the election of the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

RECOMMENDED BALLOTING PROCEDURES

1. **Re: Election by Majority vs. Plurality**
The Nominating Committee recommends that all balloting should require a majority vote.
2. **Re: Floor Nominees**
Delegates have the right to "nominate additional candidates from the floor of the Assembly. For the sake of fairness and equality of requirements and considerations, the Nominating Committee recommends the following procedures for "floor nominees" that may be added to the names previously selected:
 - a) All Nominees must be 30 year old in compliance with Article #5 of the Diocesan Bylaws.
 - b) Biographical data be available for each floor nominee to the Assembly Delegates prior to the commencing of balloting.
 - c) Either a written statement signed by a "Floor Nominee" (if absent) or a verbal acceptance (if present) will be required.
 - d) The nomination will require a second affirmation.

3. Re: Recommended Voting Procedures

Each delegate will vote for the proper number for names so indicated in the official ballot. Any greater number cast will invalidate the ballot.

After the first ballot, each subsequent ballot will be reduced to the top 75% (plus ties) of the votegetters on the preceding ballot. After we have elected twenty-four (24) delegates, the next twenty-four (24) leading votegetters will form the initial ballot for the election of twelve (12) alternate delegates. Each subsequent ballot will be reduced as indicated above. In every ballot, there will always be at least (2) nominees for each position.

We would like to reiterate that all nominees for the National Ecclesiastical Assembly will represent the Eastern Diocese, if elected. A minimum of a twelve day commitment to and from Armenia must be considered. Each delegate must assume the financial responsibility for travel and hotel accommodations. Every delegate must have a valid USA passport and Armenian visa. A travel agent designated by the Diocese will be available at the Assembly to answer any questions which the elected Delegates to Holy Etchmiadzin may have. We wish to remind you that the Catholicical enthronement will take place on Palm Sunday April 9, 1995.

We look forward to seeing you in New York on January 14, 1995.

A light luncheon in the V-hall of the Diocesan complex will precede the Special Diocesan Assembly beginning at 12:00 noon.



Sahag Sahagian
Chairman



William Aznavourian
Secretary

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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DIOCESAN DELEGATES BIOGRAPHIES

JOHN AMBOIAN - Sts. Vartanantz Church, Chelmsford, MA

Diocesan delegate, chairman of 1995 Diocesan Assembly Committee, served on Audit, Building, Finance, Nominating Committees, member of Diocesan Board of Trustees, past member of Diocesan Auditing and Proposals Committees.

Director - Northwestern University, past member of the Planning Executives Institute and Financial Executives Institute, Director of Chamber of Commerce, member of Knights of Vartan, Masonic Lodge AF & AM, member of Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee of Merrimack Valley.

SHAH ARSLAN - Holy Cross Church of New York, NY

Sunday School teacher, director of Parish ACYOA, chairman of various church committees, member and Chairman of Parish Council, present Chairman of parish "Avantabah Marmeen", Diocesan delegate 25 years, past director of Diocesan program for physically handicapped children, member of Diocesan Auditing committee 6 years, member of first clergy stipend committee, member of Cathedral Building Cathedral maintenance committee, organizing member of Diocesan Basket Ball league Committee, member of One World Festival, Consecration Committee, member of Cathedral Maintenance Committee, organizing member of Diocesan Basket Ball league. Past chairman and present member of Board of New York Armenian Home for the Aged, present chairman of Board of the Anthropology Museum of the people of New York, Past chairman of the Central Executive Council of the Armenian General Athletic Union, coach of the Great Neck, NY, P. AL. baseball and soccer travel teams, board member of local AARP branch.

JULIE ASHEKIAN - St. George Armenian Church, Hartford, CT

National Coordinator for the Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program (CASP) for Women's Guild Central Council through Diocese. Volunteer in Armenia for food distribution for Diocese (FAR) 2 months in Armenia. Lay representative for Diocese on National Council of Churches (8 years). Women's Guild Central Council member. At invitation of Primate, became godparent to Earthquake orphan in 1989. Helped coordinate Diocesan Winter Relief in local parish. Served on Central Council of Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America (AACCA) for 6 years. Church organist (35 years). Nominating Committee for Parish Assembly of local parish. Committee member for the children of Spitak, Armenia. 22 children hosted by local parishes. Member of St. Vartan Cathedral 25th Anniversary committee. Served on

committees for St. Nersess Seminary commencements. Member of the "Friends of St. Nersess". Volunteer at St. Vartan Camp as nurse and instructor in Armenian history. Presently serving on Women's Guild Central Council (WGCC). Social Service Committee for local refugees in parish. Served on 40th Anniversary of Choir Association celebration committee at Diocese. Travelled to Armenia approximately 12 times, on church related programs.

Representing Armenian community in Connecticut for 1995 for International Special Olympics. (Hosting 22 Armenian Olympians in Hartford. Contact person in Connecticut for the Armenian Assembly in Washington, DC. Organized delegation of Armenians from throughout Connecticut to visit our 2 U.S. senators, for aid to Armenia and the blockade on Armenia. Parents for the Reinforcement of Berlin Education; a local organization to improve education in local schools.

REVEREND FATHER ARTEN ASHJIAN - 127 Beverly Rd. Yonkers, NY

Held pastorate in six parishes in the Eastern Diocese and one in the Western Diocese. Served on the Diocesan Council for three terms in the (Eastern) Diocese and once in the Western Diocese. Served as Chairman of the Proposals and Nominating Committees of the (Eastern) Diocese of the Annual Diocesan Assembly in the Eastern Diocese on three occasions. Served as Recording Secretary of the (Eastern) Diocesan Council.

Chaplain, Philadelphia Junior Chamber of Commerce 1953-1954. Member, Board of Directors of the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research member, Board of Trustees of the St. Nersess Theological Seminary. Instructor at St. Nersess Seminary.

MARDIROSO AZARIAN - Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension, Trumbull, Ct

Six years Parish Council Chairman, including one year when they had no priest, Chairman of Priest Selection Committee, 20 years Building Committee, 8 years Bazaar Committee.

Reorganized ACYOA, organized Armenian Youth Basket Ball Team, Chairman Mr. & Mrs. Club, Member A.S.A.

MARGARET AZARIAN - Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension - Trumbull, CT

Parish Council Chairman, member, Bazaar Committee, Women's Guild. Picnic Committee, Anniversary Committee (Pastor's 10th), Earthquake Committee, Help Armenia Fund Chairman, etc. Church Secretary.

Trumbull Interfaith Committee, Community Bible Study, Hospital volunteer worker, visit to the sick and elderly. Speaks and understands Armenian.

NAZARETH AZARIAN - Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension, Trumbull, CT

12 years chairman, Choir Treasurer, 10 years Earthquake Committee, Bazaar Committee, Treasurer Bazaar Committee 1994-1995.

Chairman Winter Clothes Drive for refugees in Armenia in 1991. Went to Armenia, Winter of 1991-92 to distribute clothing. Chairman clothing and food drive for Armenia 1992, distributed clothing and cash to widows and orphans in Armenia and Karabagh in 1993 and 1994; Obtained donations of Medicine and money from friends and local companies to distribute in Armenia and Karabagh in 1994.

Instrumental in establishing Mission Armenia in 1993, based in Yerevan, which helps the needy; namely the elderly, soldiers, soldiers family and orphaned children. This organization (Mission Armenia) was cited in Armenia by the Armenian government. The organization has also been written about by Armenian newspapers. Assisted in establishing Mission Armenia but have visited and worked with this organization. Spent total of 10 weeks in Armenia in the last three years: 1991-1992- December 4 to January 2, 1993- September 29 to October 15, 1994-September 27 to October 13.

Traveled to 90% of Armenia and Karabagh and have also visited with soldiers in Kelbejar and Agdam.

RITA BALIAN - St. Mary Armenian Church, Washington, DC

a) The Balian Library, b) Women's Guild, c) Special Projects.

AGBU, Armenian Assembly, Trustee and Government Affairs Committee, Tekeyan Cultural Foundation, The Armenian Embassy's Social, Cultural and Fund Raising Functions Organization, founding member and manager (on volunteer basis) of AGBU programs. Board Member and Trustee of Alexandrian and Arbugton Symphony Orchestras.

SARKIS BEDEVIAN - St. Leon Armenian Church, Fair Lawn, NJ

Parish Council member since 1992 and currently serving as ACYOA Seniors Liaison. Parish Council Treasurer- 1968 through 1974. Diocesan Delegate - 1972 through 1980. Superintendent of Sunday School - 1973 through 1975. Co-chairman of Finance Committee for Community Center Construction, 1980-1982. Co-chairman Finance Committee for Church Expansion Project - currently serving.

Diocesan Stipend Committee- currently serving since 1981. Armenian Church Endowment Fund Board Member - currently serving since 1986. Diocesan Council Member - served as treasurer 1980-1989. Diocesan Auditing Committee Member - served 1976-1980.

Board Member since 1986, Executive Board Member serving as treasurer since 1991.

Co-chairman of St. Nersess Building Expansion Committee - currently serving since 1992. Knights of Vartan member since 1963 and served as Commander 1968-1970.

SETH BILAZARIAN - Armenian Church of Our Saviour, Worcester, MA

Parish Council, Diocesan Delegate committee member Diocesan Assembly, 100th Anniversary, Past member Diocesan Nominating Committee and Proposals Committee. Knights of Vartan, Armenian Children's Milk Fund Golf Committee, Armenian Assembly of America, member of local masonic order.

NISHAN B. BOGOSIAN - St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon, NJ

Parish Council 1985-1991, Treasurer 1985-1987, Chairman 1991, Alternate Diocesan Delegate 1989, Diocesan Delegate 1990, Nominating Committee 1994, Parliamentarian 1994.

Red Bank Regional High School, Board of Education, Little Silver, NJ, Master Mason; Coach; Little League Baseball; Founder and Treasurer of Nursery School, Plainfield, NJ.

REVEREND FATHER DIRAN BOHAJIAN - St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon, NJ

Choir member and Altar Server from 1980-1987. Holy Cross Armenian Church, Union City, NJ. Parish Council Advisor from 1984-1987. Holy Cross, Union City, NJ. Attended Jersey State College from January of 1985-1987. Attended St. Vladimir & St. Nersess Seminary from January of 1988 to May of 1991.

Worked at the Diocese twice responsible for the compilation of booklet for the 100th Anniversary of the Holy Savior Church in Worcester, MA. And for the Department of Youth Ministry overseeing the Diocesan Internship Program and many other activities. Presently Pastor of St. Stepanos Armenain Church.

HAGOP BOYAJIAN - St. Mark Armenian Church, Springfield, MA

Parish Council Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Advisor, Diocesan Delegate member of Building Committee, Chairman of Memorials Committee, Armenian School Superintendent and teacher, Recipient of St. Vartan Award from His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian and the Diocesan Council.

Speaker and/or Master of Ceremonies of April 24 Commemorations. Member of Seventy-fifth Anniversary Martyrs Commemoration Joint Committee. AGBU member.

New England Regional Council Secretary and member, New England Regional Executive Council, Secretary. Strong supporter of organizations which raise funds for Armenia and/or Children of Armenia; has "adopted" a child through the Diocesan CASP program.

EDWARD W. BREWSTER - St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, MA

Parish Council - ten years, Nominating Committee - two years, Bazaar co-Chairman - one year, Religious Education Committee - Five years, Sunday School Superintendent - three years, Sunday School teacher - 1976 to present.

Elected to three year term on Danvers, MA School Committee. Three years as District Commissioner Boy Scouts of America, six years as member of troop 37 Boy Scouts of America troop committee, three years as member of Danvers Young Life committee, One year on Danvers Superintendents Search Committee.

Received Outstanding Alumni Award 1989. Participated in several phonthons. Alumni Representative at College Fairs. Alumni Off-campus Interviewer of Prospective Students.

NAZARETH CALOUSTIAN - St. Kevork Armenian Church, Houston, TX

Parish Council Chairman for 8 years and Diocesan Delegate for 5 years. Cultural, ACF Chairman, Hay Tad (ANC) Representative in Texas. Republican activist in Houston.

JOHN CHAKAMIAN - St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon, NJ

Parish Council, Building Committee, Superintendent Sunday School. Homeless Committee for St. Stepanos, Pop Warner Football, Republican Committee local and State, Korean Vets Association.

GEORGE CHAKOIAN - Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, Providence, RI

Diocesan Delegate 16 years to present, Chairman Parish Council 7 years, Vice Chairman Annual Parish Assemblies, Building Committee to build Housing for the Elderly, currently chairman of Building Committee for approximately \$1,000,000.00 church facilities construction project nearing completion.

Member of ASA Board of Trustees, member of AGBU, NAASR, and Knights of Vartan, 1994-1995 Knight of the Year, Chairman of town of Lincoln, Rhode Island School Building Committee, Oud player and leader of the New England Ararat Orchestra.

EDWARD M. CHAPIAN - Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs, Bayside, NY

Delegate, Diocesan Council, Chairm of Assemblies, Trustee of ACEF, General Counsel to Diocese and home parish, member of Unity Committee, Member of FAR, various church committees.

Knights of Vartan, General Counsel and Chair of Armenian Home for the Aged.

SAMUEL S. CHAPOOTIAN - Holy Cross Armenian Church of New York, NY

Parish Council Chairman 10 years, Diocesan Delegate 24 years and trustee. Recipient of St. Nersess "Shnorhali" medal. Original Godfather of St. Vartan Cathedral.

Commander of Knights of Vartan Mamigonian Lodge. 32nd degree Mason and Shriner, member of Bronx Grand Jury Association. Board of Ddirectors of Westchester Symphony.

ZAVEN A. DADEKIAN - St. Leon Armenian Church, Fair Lawn, NJ

Parish Council Chairman, treasurer, secretary and member. Diocesan Delegate served as Chairman and member of Auditing and Budget Committees. Chairman of St. Leon Community Center Building Committee. Vice-Chairman St. Leon 1984 Diocesan Assembly Committee.

St. Gregory Medal Recipient 1988. Chairman of Diocesan Ways and Means Committee. Chairman and Founder of Clergy Stipends Committee. Chairman of Anahid Ajemian Testimonial Committee. Chairman of Executive Director Search Committee. Chairman of Banquet Committee for His Holiness Vasken I visit in 1987. Member of Investment Committee and Trustee of the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF). Member of Lay Clergy Study Committee. Member of High-Rise Study Committee. Treasurer Suren Fesjian Testimonial Committee. Member of Kevork Hovnanian Testimonial Committee. Treasurer of Diocesan 25th Anniversary Committee.

Vice-Chairman and member of AGBU Central Committee of America. Chairman of AGBU Earthquake Victim Airlift Committee. Member of AGBU Investment Committee. Chairman of AGBU plastic Surgery Unit for Armenia Evaluation Committee. Chairman of Armenian Assembly Endowment Fund Investment Committee. Memer of Fund Raising Committee for Armenian Embassy to the United Nations.

ALEXANDER ARA DADOURIAN - Holy Martyrs Armenian Church, Bayside, NY

Parish Council Chairman 1994-1995, Member 1988-1995, Co-chairman Picnic Committee, Choir 1958-59, St. Gregory Church Choir 1952-55, ACYOA Central Council 1954-56, Former Member of an Advisory Committee to the Primate.

Armenian Church Endowment Fund, Finance Committee and ACEF Board of Directors,

Member of Town of Plandome Planning Board, Board of Directors Furniture Manufacturing Company, Board member Friends of the Armenian Patriarchate, Armenian Missionary Association of America, Armenian Assembly, Knights of Vartan.

HAIG DADOURIAN - St. Mary Armenian Church, Livingston, NJ

Parish Council, Former Sunday School teacher, Diocesan Delegate, Choir and Choir Association, Assistant Music Director, Treasurer Diocesan Council.

REVEREND FATHER DAJAD DAVIDIAN - St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, MA

Presently pastor of St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, MA since 1969. Formerly, Pastor of St. Mesrob Armenian Church, Racine, WI (1962-67). staff, St. Nersess Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL (1962-67). Executive Secretary, ACYOA (1960-62). Editor of Armenian Guardian (1960-62). Pastor of St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, NJ (Deacon-in Charge 1958-60, Parish Priest 1960-62).

Presently, co-chairman of Armenian/Jewish Dialog Jewish Community Relations Council. Board of Directors, St. Nersess Theological Seminary. St. Nersess Board of Trustees, Diocesan Unity Committee. Board of Directors, Watertown Boys and Girls Club. Board of Directors, Massachusetts Council of Churches. Serving on Community Relations Act Committee, Watertown. Savings Bank, Institutional Review Board, Interneuron. Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Lexington, MA, Corporations of WalWest Health Systems (Waltham, MA), Watertown Savings Bank, Diocesan Council Vice-Chairman (1967-77, 1993 to present).

Formerly, Diocesan Council (1967-1977). Board of Directors, NAASR, Board of Directors, Cambridge - Somerville Catholic Charities. Faith and Order Commission, National Council of Churches. Regional Council, New England Region of Armenian Churches. Corporations of Mt. Auburn Foundation (Cambridge, MA); WalWest Health Systems (Waltham, MA).

KAREN DEDERYAN - St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, MA

Sunday School teacher - 1969-1988, 1983-present. Sunday School Principal 1977-1983, Parish Council - 1984-1990, 1991-1993. Parish Council Treasurer - 1984-1990, 1991-1992. Auditing Committee - 1983-1984.

Auditing Committee of the Diocese 1993, 1994.

PAUL DER BOGHOSIAN - St. David Armenian Church - Boca Raton, FL

Two terms Parish Council Chairman - St. George, Hartford, CT, Chairman Building Fund Committee- St. George.

NS Gamsaragan Lodge, Hartford, CT, Two terms President Bloomfield, CT, Kiwanis Club past President. Association of Professional, Color Labs International.

ARIS DERDERIAN - St. George Armenian Church, Hartford, CT

Parish Council member and officer for 20 years. Parish Council Treasurer 6 years. Parish Council vice chairman 3 years. Parish Council Chairman 6 years. Diocesan delegate 6 years. Sunday school teacher 4 years. Men's Club 40 years held all executive positions have chaired and served on all church and Men's Club major and minor functions.

Member of Knights of Vartan Past Commander, and past Dist. Representative, chaired Grand Convocation, member of Rodkledge Golf Club, past president member of National Association of Fleet Administrators, served of Board of Ford Motor Car Company "Fleet Advisory panel".

JAMES DERDERIAN - St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church, Haverhill, MA

Parish Council chairman and Diocesan Delegate.

President Local Homebuilders Lawrence. State President Massachusetts Association of Homebuilders. Chairman International Housing - National Association of Homebuilders.

ANN DEVEJIAN - Holy Martyrs Armenian Church, Bayside, NY

Four years Parish Council, one year Parish Council Chairperson, seven years Delegate, Church honor for outstanding years of service, Church Choir, Annual Fund Raising Chairperson for four years.

Planned and escorted 3 pilgrimages to Jerusalem, one to Armenia. Active in Baydsie Gables Civic Association.

GEORGE H. DEVLETIAN - Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, Wynnwood, PA

ACYOA , Choir (Sub-deacon), Youth committee, Parish Council Chairman-Vice Chairman), Delegate, Bazaar and Picnic Committee.

Knights of Vartan, Earthquake committee, Armenian sisters' Academy Board Member,

Heart Fund (fund raising).

NUBAR DORIAN - Holy Cross Armenian Church, Union City, NJ

ACYOA Central Committee 2 terms, Diocesan Council member 2 terms, Diocesan delegate 8 terms, Diocesan Trustee 10 year term. Diocesan Unity Committee Chairman 12 years, Parish Council Chairman 8 terms. Appointed delegates by late Vasken I for Church Unity Conference with Cilician delegates. Recipient of St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal.

St. Nersess Seminary Board Member five years. Co-chairman of the Armenian assembly in Washington 4 terms. Member of AGBU Central Committee 2 terms. Columnist in the International Armenian Reporter on Community affairs.

GARABED FATTAL - St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church, Binghamton, NY

Chairman, Department of Pathology and Director of Clinical Laboratories, United Health Services, Johnson City, NY. Chairman, Department of Pathology and Director of Anatomical and Clinical Pathology, United Health Services, (Consolidated Wilson Memorial, Binghamton General and Ideal Hospitals), August 1, 1981 to present.

Member of American Pathologists. International Academy of Pathology (U.S. Canadian Division) American Association for the Advancement of Sciences and New York State Society of Pathologists.

Doctorate in Medical Sciences from Erevan State Medical Institute, Republic of Armenia, September 1994. Honorary Professor, H. Ajarian University, Erevan, Republic of Armenia, September 1994.

Member Rotary Club, Binghamton, New York 1971-present. Chairman, World Community Services Committee. Contributing member to Smithsonian Institute. Associate member, Library of Congress. Member Concord Coalition. Member, Parish Council, Saint Gregory's Armenian Orthodox Church, Binghamton, New York.

Medical School Admissions Committee, SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse, New York 1978-present. Medical Advisory Committee of Red Cross Transfusion Services, Rochester, New York 1978-1990.

SUREN D. FESJIAN - St. James Armenian Church, Westchester, NY

Godfather of St. James Armenian Church, Purchase. Involved in many charitable organizations and community affairs in the United States and overseas.

For almost two decades member of AGBU's International Central Board of Directors, and has served as the Treasurer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Vice-President and, presently, Life Director Emeritus of the Central Board. Besides a substantial fund

with AGBU which is earmarked for scholarships, Mr. Fesjian contributed for the building of a Gymnasium at AGBU's Pasadena Branch. In addition, supported the building of a solarium and swimming pool at AGBU Buenos Aires Branch.

Chairman of the Armenian Church Endowment Fund, established endowment funds in AGBU and ACEF. To help many needy students, churches and seminaries.

A founder and active President of the Friends of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Instrumental in transferring over two million dollars to Jerusalem for the training of seminarians.

Through his contribution to the New Rochelle Hospital Medical Center, an Ambulatory Surgery Pavilion was constructed bearing the name of Suren and Virginia Fesjian. In addition the New Rochelle Hospital erected an up to date Emergency Department named in memory of Virginia Fesjian.

Contributed to the "Thank you America" program. In connection with this award, President Bush sent Suren a personal note mentioning that "... your efforts to serve your fellowman have inspired those around you and have set an example for others to follow".

Designated as co-trustee, with Chemical Bank, for the Dolores Liebmann's Trust Fund that has approximately 22 million dollars for educational purposes. He has also supported the work of the Trustees of the Diocese.

A member of the Board of the Western Diocese.

Suren Fesjian was awarded the St. Gregory the Illuminator Medal by His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. The highest honor a layman can receive from the Armenian Church.

SARKIS GABRELLIAN - St. Leon Armenian Church, Fair Lawn, NJ

Former Parish Council member and Diocesan Delegate.

Co-Chairman of St. Leon's building expansion committee. Served on Diocesan fund raising committee to pay off their mortgage.

DR. GARO GARIBIAN - Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cheltenham, PA

Parish Council Chairman, Deacon, member of St. Nersess Seminary Board of Directors.

Chief of Cardiology at Jeanes Hospital. Member of Knights of Vartan.

MARK D. GAVOOR - Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension, Trumbull, CT

Parish Member since 1990, Auditing Committee member 1994. Master of Ceremonies Church dinner 1993 featuring Congressman Christopher Shays as guest of honor. Master of Ceremonies Church dinner 1995 in which they will get Senator Lieberman

as the guest of honor. As a leader of an Armenian Band, they donate their services twice a year to the church.

Judge in the USA Today/Rochester Institute of Technology Quality Cup 1992-1995. Member of the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and Arts Corporate Advisory Committee 1994-95. Total Quality Advisor to George Westinghouse Vocational Technical High School in Brooklyn, NY 1991-1995. Active member of American Society for Quality Control.

Standing Review Board for ASQC Quality Press 1989-1995. Member of Quality Management Report (Video Magazine) Editorial Advisory Board 1994-95. Chariman of the Cecil C. Craig Award 1988-90. Active member of the Societies Automotive Division. Author/Co-author of numerous technical papers.

Boy Scouts of America Fund Raiser for Friends of Scouting, Boy Scouts of America Fairfield County District 1993-95. Merit badge counselor for 10 merit badges for troop 20 Wilton, CT 1993-95.

ARAXY GOKBERK - St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon, NJ

Chairman Women's Guild, Women's Guild Central Council corresponding secretary, Co-editor with Der Hayr a monthly church publicatio DATEV. Formerly Parish Council member, Sunday School Superintendent, Chairman, Church Organist, ACYOA officer. Democratic Committee Women, formerly PTA officer, Den Mother of Cub Scouts of America, AGBU officer, Asbury Parish Board of Education for 15 years, Asbury Park Democratic club officer.

CROSBY GOSHGARIAN - St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, MA

1934 entered Church Choir. 1939 organized youth group to become St. James Junior League. (later was known as St. James ACYOA). 1946 Charter member of ACYOA, organized at Providence, RI. 1954 elected Parish Council Member, served 10 years. (Chairman for 6 years, and Vic-chairman for one year). 1960 elected Diocesan Delegate re-elected for nine terms, representing 36 years as delegate. 1962 elected Diocesan Council - served for 16 years. (6 years as chairman and 2 years as treasurer). 1965 General Chairman of the Building Church cultural and youth center. Appointed by Archbiishop Torkom Manoogian to Unity Committee in 1968 and currently serving as vice-chairman of the Diocesan Unity Committee. 1982 received the St. Gregory the Illuminator Medal with the Encyclial, Septemer 1981 by His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of all Armenians. 1990 Chosen "Parishioner of the Year" by the St. James Armenian Church. 1994 Honored as "Armenian Church Member of the Year" Diocesan Assembly, Houston, TX.

Appointed Chairman of in New England Committee for the first concert in USA by Kohar Kasparian. Appointed Chairman of New England Reception Committee for the visit of His Holiness Vasken I in 1968. Chairman Reception in New England, honoring

His Beatitude, Patriarch Shnork Kaloustian of Constantinople. Fund Raising Committee for St. James for the restoration of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Served as Vice-chairman of the New England Regional Council. Served as President of the Somerville-Medford Chapter of the AGBU. Past president of the General Union of Kharpert.

Member Masonic bodies Mt. Hermon Lodge, Mystic Royal Arch Chapter, Mystic Council of Royal and Select Masters, Boston Commandery, Massachusetts Consistory, 32 Degree Masons, Shriners, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and a charter member of the Melrose Kiwanis International.

MICHAEL GULBENKIAN - Armenian Church of Our Saviour, Worcester, MA

Two years Parish Council Treasurer, Parish Council member, liaison to ACYOA Jr. and transportation for all church activities free of charge, past 12 years his company Gulbenkian Bus Company.

Knights of Vartan Commander. 35 years active member Masonic Lodge-treasurer for Lions Internationa and 30 year member.

VERY REVEREND FATHER OSHAGAN GULGULIAN - St. John the Baptist Armenian Church, Miami, FL

1977 entered the Theological Seminary of the Great House of Cilicia. September 1979 he was accepted at the Theological Seminary of Holy Etchmiadzin and graduated in 1986. From June 1986 through 1987 served at the Catholicosate as a secretary. In December of 1987, presented thesis and received diploma from the Theological Seminary of Holy Etchmiadzin. On February 22, 1987 ordained a celibate priest in Etchmiadzin. By directive of His Holiness served as parish priest in Vancouver B.C. until October 1988. February 1988, received the rank of "Vartabed" in the Monastery of Holy Etchmiadzin after presenting he thesis on "The Catholicate of Agthmar". In Geneva, Switzerland from April 24, 1989 to August 31, 1989, continued studies, arrived in the United States on September 7, 1989 from Canada. January 1, 1990 assigned as the parish priest of St. James Armenian Church of Richmond, VA. Continued education at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth University.

While in Richmond reorganized the local chapter of the Armenian Church Youth Organization and the Women's Guild, was an active member of the Choir Association of the Armenian Church of America and also a member of the Central Council. He was a member of the Central Council of the Planning Committee of CROP, an active member of the clergy of the West End Churches of Richmond. A member of the Clergy for Metropolitan Richmond area, Member of the Committee in Richmond for "Save the Children of Iraq" and worked with the organization Medical Outreach which successfully brought two children from Armenia for open heart surgery. On April 1,

1993 he was assigned as the Canon Sacrist of St. Vartan Cathedral, New York, till March 1994. June 1, 1994, assigned the Parish Priest of St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami, FL. Currently involved in negotiations to purchase property for a new church office and will shortly start building.

JUDGE VINCENT GURAHIAN - St. James Armenian Church, Purchase, NY

Judicial Hearing officer, Supreme court, for Westchester, Putnam and Rockland Counties. Justice of the Supreme Court, (retired), Ninth Judicial District, State of New York. Deputy Administrative Judge, Ninth Judicial District 1990 to 1993. Deputy Administrative Judge, Ninth Judicial District for the family courts 1974-1982. Appointed by Governor Nelson D. Rockefeller as Judge of the Family Court, Westchester County in August 1971, and elected to a 10 year term in November 1971, which position terminated following election as Justice of the Supreme Court. Town Justice, Town Court of Somers 1962-1971.

Admitted, New York State Bar, First Department, 1952. Senior member Gurahian, Bein and Campbell, 700 White Plains Road, Scarsdale, New York, until ascension to the Bench in August 1971. Extensive trial experience since 1952 both civil and criminal fields of law. Bar Association memberships: Westchester County Bar Association and Northern Westchester Bar Association.

Former Associations and Activities:

President, Westchester County Magistrates Association

Director, New York State Association of Magistrates

Director, Legal Aid Society of Westchester County

Director, Westchester Legal Services, Inc.

Westchester County Regional Crime Control Planning Board

Advisory Committee, Westchester Council of Social Services

Director and member of executive committee, Westchester County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Director, Westchester Council on Alcoholism, Inc.

Member, Advisory Board of the Training Program for Alcoholism Counselling

Other Activities:

Member St. James Armenian Apostolic Church, Diocesan Delegate form 1979 to present

Member Parish Council 1973-1979

Diocese of the Armenian Church, Diocesan Council member 1983 to present

Chairman of the Diocesan Council 1985 to present

Armenian Church Endowment Fund member, Board of Directors 1985 to present

St. Nersess Armenian Seminary member, Board of Directors, 1985 to present

Armenian General Benevolent Union of America Central Council 1968 to 1972

Armenian Assembly, Trustee 1990 to present.

BERJOOHY HAIGAZIAN - Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cheltenham, PA

Parish Council, Parish Council Chairman, Diocesan Delegate, Sunday School, Armenian School, Havad, Various Committees, Recipient of St. Vartan Award.

Many civil committees, National Nationalities committee, Assistant Dean of Admissions of Rutgers University, many local and nation committees.

REVEREND FATHER CARNIG HALLAJIAN - 160 Overlook Ave. Hackensack, NJ

Armenian Seminary of Jerusalem and Antelias and General Theological Seminary of New York City.

After Serving three parishes for 35 years , presently he is retired.

SONIA DERMAN HARLAN - Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Church, Palos Heights, IL

Educator, scholar, journalist, free-lance write, homemaker, Diocesan Program Coordinator.

Affiliations with parishes in following cities: Oakland, CA (1970-72), Springfield, MA (1973-74), Detroit, MI (1974-84), Palos Heights, IL (1984-present). Choir member at St. Vartan's in Oakland, Vice Chairman of Parish Council, Sts. Joachim and Anne. Employed as Diocesan Midwest Regional Programming Coordinator (August, 1993-present). Armenian Organizational Affiliations with AGBU, UACA (Chicago).

Extremely fluent in modern Western Armenian, also read and write Western Armenian very familiar with Eastern Armenian and Krapar. Familiar with Armenian history, art, church history, American-Armenian communities' history.

Publications AIM Magazine, Mirror Spectator, reporter and scholarly journals.

Educator of English and reading in public and private schools. Instructor of Armenian Language and Culture, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Diocesan Midwest Regional Programming Coordinator (August 1993 to present).

LUCINCE MARDIROSSIAN HARVEY - St. Garabed Armenian Church of Orlando, FL

One of the founders of St. Garabed Parish. Recording Secretary, Parish Council Chairman, Treasurer, fund raiser, backbone of the church and the mother of the entire community.

Was sent to Armenia twice by the Diocese.

JOHN P. HOPLAMAZIAN - Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cheltenham, PA

Involved in every function and supporter of all events. Served as Chairman of Anniversary, testimonial committees continually.

Armenian Sisters Academy, Knights of Vartan, Grand Council of Boy Scouts, AGBU, Chairman of Eternal Wall project at the Diocese. Producer of Armenian Radio Hour. Chairman of PAND of Philadelphia. First vice chairman of the Central Committee of the AGBU.

DR. RAFFY HOVANESSION - Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Church, Palos Heights, IL

Delegate 1977 to present. Parish Council member, Diocesan Assembly committee 1983.

AGBU Central Board, St. Nersess Board, Fund raising, political, numerous. Armenia Fund chairman Chicago.

VERY REVEREND FATHER VAHAN HOVHANESSION - St. Leon Armenian Church, Fair Lawn, NJ

Pastor of St. Leon Armenian Church. Former Canon Sacrist of St. Vartan's Cathedral. Former pastor of Holy Cross Armenian Church, New York. Graduate of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Masters of Divinity Degree.

Member of the Brotherhood of Etchmiadzin. Society of Biblical Literature, American Academy of Religion, Fordham Theological Association, Rotary, p/t adjunct in Biblical studies at Fordham University, member of the Board of Directors of Hovnanian School. Instructor at St. Nersess Seminary, Central Council, Choir Association.

KEVORK S. HOVNANIAN - Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon, NJ

Chairman- Diocesan Fund for Armenian Relief. Trustee - Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. Constructed, built and donated - St. Stepanos Armenian Apostolic Church, Hall and School, Elberon, New Jersey. Donated building for the Armenian Mission, New York. Chairman of the Renovation Committee for the Diocese of the Armenian Church.

Director of Midlantic National Bank. Various Civic and charitable activities including distinguished citizens award from Monmouth Council of Boy Scouts. Man of the Year Award by New Jersey Council of Christians and Jews. Recipient of Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award.

VERY REVEREND FATHER VAROUJAN KABARADJIAN - St. James Armenian Church, Evanston, IL

Pastor of St. James Armenian Church, Evanston, Illinois.
Participated in all Armenian and American activities.

PAPKEN KADEHJIAN - St. Gregory Illuminator Church, New York, NY

Parish Council member, assistant secretary.
Delegate of St. Gregory Illuminator Church. Past Commander of Knights of Vartan, Lousavorchian Armenian School Board member.

YERETZGIN ANAHID KALAYJIAN - St. Mary Armenian Church - Washington, DC

Women's Central Council, Chair of the Women's Guild, Chairm of 3M fellowship, Superintendent of Sunday School and Armenian School. Coordinator-advisor of the Junior ACYOA.

AGBU - Camp Nubar (22 years) HAVAD (Diocesan mission), committee secretary and filed worker for five years, Sunday School teachers' training program in Armneia and mission work in the regions.

REVEREND FATHER VERTANES KALAYJIAN - St. Mary Armenian Church, Washington, DC

Diocesan Council member, HAVAD (Diocesan mission to Armenia) vice chairman and founder of Children's Christian Education supper camp in Armenia.

AGBU- Camp Nubar Director Diocesan St. Vartan Camp Director, directly involved in inter-governmental and Diocesan activities and relation in thea nations's capital.

VERY REVEREND FATHER SHNORK KASPARIAN - Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church, Belleville, IL

Assistant Dean of the Seminary in Jerusalem, taught in the Tarkmantchats Secondary School of Jerusalem. 1961 Ordained celibate priest in Cairo. 1962 elevated to Vartabed, in Sao Paulo, Brasil. 1963 received Pectoral Cross and Purple Peelon from Vehapar. Appointed Vicar General of Brasil; and Montevideo, Uruguay in 1965. 1968 Pastor of St. John, Milwaukee, WI. 1969 appointed Dean of the Seminary of Etchmiadzin by His Holiness Vasken I. 1972 Pastor of Church of our Saviour, Worcester, MA. 1974 Vicar and pastor of St. Gregory Illuminator, Montreal, Canada. 1975 elevated to Dzeyrakooyv Vartabed. 1976 pastor of St. John, Milwaukee, WI

(second time). 1979 invited by Patriarch Shnork Kalousdian, to Istanbul, as his special assistant. Also lecturing and preaching in all 33 churches; and Patriarchal representative in Ecumenical activities. 1983 temporary pastor of Sts. Sahag and Mesrob, Providence, RI. 1985. Pastor of Holy Shoghagat, Belleville, IL. (to present). Speaks nine languages with fluency. Very active in Ecumenical and Interfaith activities.

ZARVIN J. KASPARIAN - Armenian Church of Our Saviour, Worcester, MA

Chairman, Parish Council, Diocesan Delegate, Secretary and Vice-Chairman, Diocesan Council, Chairman Diocesan Unity Committee, Chairman Regional Council -New England Region, Diocesan Board of Trustees.

Member General Board and Investment Committee, Worcester. Worcester County Ecumenical Council, National Council of Christians and Jews, Town of Paxton, MA Planning Board, Armenian Assembly.

REVEREND FATHER YEPREM KELEGIAN - St. Mesrob Armenian Church, Racine, WI

Pastor, St. Mesrob Armenian Church, Racine, WI 1993-present. Pastor, St. George Armenian Church, Hartford, CT 1981-1993. Assistant Pastor, St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, MA 1978-1981. Deacon-in-charge and Pastor, Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church, Belleville, IL 1973-1978. Elected by Diocesan Assemblies to Nominating Committees. St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, Faculty Member and Spiritual Director 1986-1992. HAVAD Committee member 1992-1993. Preaching Mission to Armenia - February 25-April 3, 1992. Frequent organizer and speaker at youth and young adult retreats. New England Regional Coordinator of ACYOA Juniors - 1979-1986. New England Region Executive Council Member - 1992-1993.

Religion Coordinator for Teen program, Camp Vartan - several years. Director of Religion, Hye Camp. Executive Committee, Racine Clergy Committee. Speaking and volunteer work in local public schools.

HARRY KELESHIAN - St. James Armenian Church, Westchester, NY

Served on many church committees, short term as member, Parish Council also served on Diocesan committees.

Armenian Assembly, Armenian Relief for Earthquake, America Cares for Armenians, Medical Outreach for Armenians. Greenwich Chamber Board member - United way.

LUCILLE KIMATIAN - St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon, NJ

Sunday School teacher for 40 years including being Superintendent for a few years. Parish Council member 2 years. Charter member of Women's Guild. Ongoing participation in helping the needy of the parish. Member of Council for Religious Education. Member of Primate's Women's Advisory Council. Presently at St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon, NJ, member of Choir. Executive member of Women's Guild. Bible study classes in my home.

Religious instruction to children at Creedmoor State Hospital, Queens, NY for many years. Executive member of Church Women United in Flushing, NY. Presently, a volunteer at Community Medical center, Toms River, NJ.

DR. MICHAEL KOLLIGIAN, JR. - Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cambridge, MA

Member of the Armenian Church for over 50 years, member of the Parish Council, Chairman of the Parish Council, Founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Holy Trinity Trust Fund, Chairman of various standing committees of the church. Director/Treasurer, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Medford; member of Medford Rotary Club; Advisory Board of Mass Bay Community College, member, various professional organizations, local, state and federal; incorporator of Medford Savings Bank; various positions with Middlebury College, including scholarship and admissions committees.

REVEREND FATHER MAMPRE A. KOUZOUIAN - Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cambridge, MA

Priest of the Armenian Church for 37 years, member of the Diocesan Council for 16 years, Diocesan Council Chairman for 4 years, from 1970-1976, Canon Sacrist of St. Vartan Cathedral and Director of the Ecumenical Affairs of our Diocese, a member of the Unity Committee for 20 years, Pastor of Holy Trinity Armenian Church for 18 years.

Member of the National Council of Churches (NCC), Governing Board, member of the Nominating Committee of the NCC, and a member of the various commissions and committees of the NCC.

JOHN MALJANIAN - Armenian Church of Holy Resurrection, New Britain, CT

Parish Council member, Building Committee, Picnic Committee, Church Fair Community, Tri-City Armenian Relief and Food Committee, Earthquake Committee. ASME, SAE, Registered Professor, ADL.

**VERY REVEREND FATHER NOURHAN MANOOGIAN - St. Kevork Armenian Church,
Houston, TX**

Presently Pastor, St. Kevork Armenian Church. Pastor, St. Mark Armenian Church, 1985-1993. Visiting Pastor, Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, Wynnewood, PA 1984-85. Visiting Pastor at Armenian Church of Our Saviour, Worcester (1983-1984). Visiting Pastor at Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cheltenham, PA (1982-1983).

GREGORY MANUELIAN - Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs, Bayside, NY

Four years Diocesan Delegate, four years Parish Council, Vice-Chairman, Sub-Deacon, Altar Server on Sundays. 3 years Chairman of Stewardship Committee, Diocesan involvement at large, member of Knights of Vartan 10 years. United States Customs House Brokers Association at JFK International Airport, NY. Instrumental for having the first Armenian flag displayed at the Long Island North Shore, town of North Hempstead, Armenian American Night Committee.

GEORGE E. MARIFIAN, ESQ. - Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church, Belleville, IL

Sunday School graduate, past Chairman of ACYOA and A Award winner, 1st year participant ACYOA Studies Program to Armenia, Deacon and choir member, past Chairman of Parish Council (during new church construction, Diocesan Delegate since 1982, past Assembly English Secretary (twice), past Assembly Vice-Chairman (twice).

Board of Directors of Girl Scout Council, Optimists, Call for Help, County Bar Association, Section Council Chairman Illinois State Bar Association, Committee co-Chairman American Bar Association, Past Chairman of Armenian Martyrs Day Commemoration Committee. Invited to White House to meet President Clinton and Der Petrosian 8/94.

SARKIS P. MARKARIAN - St. George Armenian Church, Waukegan, IL

For the past 8 years, member of St. George Armenian Church, in Waukegan, IL. Served as Parish Council member. Representative on the 75th Chicago Area Genocide Committee and on auxiliary committees such as the St. George 35th Anniversary Committee. Supporter and member of the A.G.B.U. Chicago Chapter.

I have travelled to Armenia. My life experience on both sides of the ocean has broadened my view and understanding of Armenian issues. I understand that this monumental selection for our next Vehapar will have a pivotal impact on our history. Parish Council member and 35th Anniversary Committee. A.G.B.U., Knights of Vartan, (Avarayr Lodge #4) Chicago-Master of Ceremonies, 75th Anniversary Genocide

Committee, member of Lake County Chamber of Commerce.

DEARON MAZMANIAN - St. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, Wynnewood, PA

Diocesan Delegate, Sub-Deacon, active church member, building and grounds supervisor.

Volunteer active member Presbyterian Hospital, member of Armenian-American Society Executive Committee.

PAPKEN MEGERIAN - Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, Wynnewood, PA

Parish Council Chairman, member of Youth Committee, member hall management committee.

A.G.B.U., Knights of Vartan, Tekeyan Cultural Association, Member of Executive Body, A.D.L. Philadelphia Chapter Chairman.

ROSE MEKENIAN - St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, NJ

Diocese: Diocesan Council member 1993 to present. Joint Diocesan/Prelacy Cooperation Committee 1993 to present. Chairman of Women's Guild Bylaws Revision Committee - 1989. Women's Guild Assembly Chairman - 1990. Choir Bylaws Revision Committee - 1992. Council for Religious Education (predecessor of DRE) - 4 years. ACYOA Central Council - 3 years. Chaired intergenerational ACYOA 40th Anniversary Committee at Diocese honoring Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan - 1986. Department of Youth Ministry Advisory Committee - 1991 to present. Co-Chairman of Kevork and Sirvart Hovnanian Tribute Dinner - 1993. Chaired regional Women Saints Day observance at Diocese - 1984. Committee member for several Diocesan special events, including St. Vartan Cathedral 25th Anniversary Celebration in 1993, the 1987 Banquet for His Holiness Catholicos Vasken I, the AACCA 40th Anniversary Banquet honoring Archbishop Torkom Manoogian in 1987.

Parish: Chairman and member of many parish administrative committees, events, activities, and programs - i.e. Nominating Committee Chairman; Parish Assembly Secretary; Bazaar Chairman and Co-Chairman or head of various sub-committees; Picnic Co-Chairman; Program Chairman for special Anniversary Dinner and other events; Publicity Chairman for several activities, including the 1991 Diocesan Assembly; editor of church "tertig" for 2 years; booklet committees, etc...

Recipient, with husband, of St. Thomas Award for service to parish - 1976. Choir member and soloist for over 40 years. Choir officer and delegate several times. Junior Choir Director - 2 years. Women's Guild Chairman, Executive Board member, and Chairman of committee currently Parliamentarian and Cotillion Committee member.

Women's Guild delegate - 14 years. ACYOA Chairman, Executive Committee member, ACYOA delegate - 4 years. ACYOA Juniors Advosor - 3 years. In Cleveland organized ACYOA Juniors; New York Holy Cross reorganized ACYOA Seniors; and at St. Thomas, assisted ACYOA Juniors with Christmas Eve Services a number of years. Community Involvement: Currently on Joint Committee Commemorating 80th Anniversary of Genocide in New York Metropolitan area. Member of AGBU and in 1989 was Coordinator of Hospital Volunteers and later Associate Director of the first AGBU Airlift Project for Armenian Earthquake victims. Former high school teacher, administrator, and guidance counselor. As parent, served on executive Boards of Home-School Associations for many years, including Co-presidency. Tenafly Townwide Committee- 1 year. Tenafly Council of Church Women United - 2 years. YWCA Board of Directors - 2 years. Youth Board of National Council of Churches - 1 year.

DR. HAROUTUNE MEKHJIAN - St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, NJ

Chairman of the Parish Council, member of building Committee for Church Extension, Chairman Annual Memorial Day Picnic, Chairman Easter and Bazaar Cake Sales, Diocesan Delegate, Chairman Priest Search Committee. Benefactor of St. Thomas Armenian Church and Sponsor of Mekhjian Atrium of St. Thomas, Tenafly.

Associate Trustee of Armenian Assembly of America, Member of Armenian General Benevolent Union President's Club; Member of Committee for first Armenia Fund NYC 1992, Member of Surgical Staff of Medical Outreach, Life member of Armenian Missionary Association of America Philanthropist at large to Armenia and American Medical Institutions, Member of Armenian Medical Association, Chairman of Cardiac Surgery, Associate Professor of Cardiac Surgery in Columbian University Association Professor Surgery in Seton Hall University.

VERY REVEREND FATHER HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN - Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cheltenham, PA

Pastor of Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cheltenham, PA.

DR. ARMEN ZAREH MESROBIAN - St. James Armenian Church, Evanston, IL

Active member of St. James Armenian Church, Evanston, IL. Member of Parish Council of St. James Armenian Church for 2 years. Editor of "Koghkoto" St. James Church Parish News Letter 1986 and 1987, Author of published biographies of both St. Mesrob Mashdotz and St. Ghevont Yeretz.

Studied Armenian National History, linguistic history, culture, and comparative religion. Professor at Tufts University for several years. Appointed to the University of Illinois dual Full Professorships at two colleges of this university.

I have had the privilege of being a professor at four universities, including Tufts University and the University of Detroit. At my last academic appointment, I had the honor to hold dual Full Professorships, simultaneously, at two colleges within The University of Illinois, in Chicago. Researcher and Author of numerous articles in various scientific journals, as well as the author of two books on human behavior in retirement.

I have been a member of the Armenian Church all my life. I believe in the purity of its ideology. I am dedicated to its preservation as well as the furtherance of its sacred mission. The Catholicos of All Armenians will have paramount importance to our people. His religious significance, as one of the great spiritual leaders of all Christendom, is also recognized throughout the world. For these reasons, I wish to serve in this most important mission as a Delegate representing our Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America and to participate in the Cathedral election at the National Ecclesiastical Assembly, in Holy Etchmiadzin.

REVEREND FATHER PAREE METJIAN, Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, Wynnewood, PA

Pastor of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church. Director of St. Vartan Camp for 12 years. Member Lower Marion Clergy Association.

MIHRAN MINASSIAN - St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, MA

Parish Council member, Renovation Fund Raising Committee, Sahag-Mesrob Armenian School Board, Bazaar Committees, Name Day Banquet Committee and various liaison positions.

Served on the Diocese Karabagh committee, fund raising appeals for Armenia and Karabagh, Armenians for Dukakis Committee, Joint April 24th Commemoration Committee, member of A.G.B.U., NAASR, honorary member of the Armenian Pharmacists Association, Society of American Notaries.

ARMAND KRIKOR MIRIJANIAN - St. James Armenian Church, Evanston, IL

Deacon since 1984. Chairman of Tekeyan Cultural Association, Chicago chapter.

ARA MOMJIAN - St. James Armenian Church, Westchester, NY

Parish Council chairman 1992. Parish Council member since 1989. Chairman of Fundraising Committee St. James Armenian Church. Member Building Committee. Fellow Trustee Armenian Assembly of America. Soccer coach, town of Greenwich

Little League, Member Greenwich High School P.T.A.

R. MIHRAN MOORADIAN - St. Peter Armenian Church, Watervliet, NY

Chairman of Parish Council 1974-78, 1994 Building Committee Chairman for new St. Peter Church built 1968-1970. Chairman of Nominating Committee several times. Cohoes Rotary Treasurer 1972-74. President 1974-75. Cohoes Community Center President 1975-85. Eddy Cohoes Rehabilitation Center Board Member 1989-to present. Member oversight Com. for Alzheimer's Care center 1994-to present. Rensselaer County Historical Society Board Trustee 1994- .

GEORGE NAHABEDIAN - St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church, Chicago, IL

Diocesan Delegate, Vice - chairman Parish council, Vice-Chairman Nayiri Choir and Chairman Midwest Regional Council of Armenian Church. Also, Church liasion to St. Nersess Theological Seminary. Secondary School Counselors Association, Illinois High School, College Driver Education Association.

SAHAG K. NAHABEDIAN - St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, MA

ACYOA member, Cultural Committee Drama Director, Parish Council Chairman 4 years, Diocesan Delegate, presently member of the Men's Club and Board of Directors "Sahag Mesrob Armenian School".

Past president AGBU District Committee of N.E. Past member of AGBU Central Committee of America, Past Chairman of AGBU Elementary School of Watertown, Past "King Lion" of Brighton Lions Club, Past Chairman of the Jamaica Plain Credit Union. Mason, Knights Templar and Shriner. Board of Directors member of "Project Save: Active President of The General Union of Harpoot".

DR. TAVIT O. NAJARIAN - St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon, NJ

Three terms Parish Council member, Stewardship Committee.

Member of AGBU, member various professional associations. 1989 Co-Chairman of the Diocese Concert in Lincoln Center for the Vehapar.

RAFFIE NAJARIAN - Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, Providence, RI

ACYOA 1945-1955, Parish Council 1956-1964, Diocesan Delegate 1967-1992,

served on church Bazaar and picnic committees the past 50 years.
Served as waiter for monthly ladies and dinner meeting for the past 10 years,
entertained patients at the Jamaica Plain Nursing Home.

ROSE NAJARIAN - St. Leon Armenian Church, Fair Lawn, NJ

Delegate, former Armenian School Board member and Chairperson and Sunday School teacher.

Armenian Assembly Trustee, also member of Mid-Atlantic Council.

VERY REVEREND FATHER HAIGAZOUN NAJARIAN - Diocese of the Armenian Church, New York, NY

Ordained as celibate priest in 1975, London, England. B.D. King's College, London 1978. M.A. Columbia University 1994. Served as Sub-Dean and lecturer in New Testament at the Seminary of Holy Etchmiadzin 1981-1986. Acting Vicar General 1986-1988. Pastor of St. Stepanos Armenian Church 1988-1991. Diocesan Council member 1989-1993. Presently Vicar General at the Diocese.

Involved in WCC, NCCC, Appeal of Conscience, RIAL, Representing the Primate in most Diocesan organizations.

REVEREND FATHER UNTZAG NALBANDIAN - Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension, Trumbull, CT

Pastor of the Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension since January 1984. Parish priest of St. Sarkis Armenian Church, Niagara Falls, NY (1978-1980). Parish priest of St. John Armenian Church, Greenfield, WI (1980-1984).

Pastor, Diocesan Council member, Cooperation Committee Chairman, Cathedral Renovation Committee. Member of Trumbull Interfaith Committee, Trumbull Clergy Committee, Jewish-Christian dialogue Committee of Sacred Heart University. Lectured in area High school. Involved with local Universities in bringing students from Yerevan University to study here. Member of HAVAD Committee.

NAZAR NAZARIAN - St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, NJ

Member of St. Nersess Seminary Board of Directors presently serving as Co-Chairman of Building Committee. Appointed by His Holiness Catholicos Vasken I to five-member Fact-Finding Committee to assess Jerusalem situation in 1983. Gontag from His Holiness Catholicos Vasken I. Godfather of St. Vartan Cathedral. St. Vartan Award from Diocese. Chairman of St. Thomas Church Complex Building Expansion

Committee - 1984-1987. St. Thomas Board of Trustees - 1981-to present. Diocesan Delegate 1962-65, 1967-74. Parish Council 1961-62, 1965. St. Thomas Award for service to parish 1985.

AGBU International Board of Directors Vice President and Treasurer. Donor for three Nazarian Halls to AGBU - Buenos Aires, Argentina, Canoga park, CA, Saddle Brook, NJ. Levon Nazarian School in Beirut funded by Nazar Nazarian and brothers. Sponsoring radiology training and equipment project for Armenia. Sponsoring four Armenian orphans at Melkonian Institute in Cyprus. Sponsoring two Armenian music students at Juilliard. Graduate of American University of Beirut. Textile merchant and manufacturer.

ARA NERSESIAN - St. Mary Armenian Church, Livingston, NJ

Parish Council, Diocesan Delegate, Chairman YPA, Choir Association, Choir. American Pharmaceutical Association, Society Cosmetic Chemist.

ANNA MARIE NOREHAD - St. James Armenian Church, Evanston, IL

Church organist, 1950 to present, Secretary to Women's Guild, Parish Council member, Secretary and chairperson.

AGBU Chicago Chapter Secretary, AGBU Central Committee member, AGBU Sissag Varjabedian Armenian School Board Member, National Association of Armenian Studies and Research Board of Directors.

EDWARD D. ONANIAN - St. Mary's Armenian Church, Washington, DC

Diocesan Council (1983-1993), Several terms as member of Parish Council of St. Mary's of Washington, Six years as Chairman, Chairman of St. Mary's Building Fund since early 70s. Several terms as Diocesan delegate. ACYOA Central Council Chairman 1961. Choir Association Central Council (1956-60).

Past President AGBU Washington Chapter, Knights of Vartan Past Commander, Knights of Vartan Ani Lodge.

GEORGE K. PAPALIAN - Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs, Bayside, NY

Diocesan Council Assistant Treasurer, Diocesan Delegate, Diocesan Stewardship Coordinator, Auditing Committee, Parish Council - Vice Chairman and Treasurer, Reserve Fund Trustee, Assembly Chairman, officer and member of numerous committees. Received St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal.

Past Chirman - Eastern Distirct AGBU, Member, Board of Directors of The Armenian

Center at Columbia University, Past Commander of Knights of Vartan, Treasurer, Coalition for Church Unity, Member of Nassau County Executive's Armenian American Committee.

DR. DENNIS R. PAPA ZIAN - St. John Armenian Church, Detroit, MI

Member 40 years of St. John Armenian Church in Southfield, MI. 20 years as Diocesan Delegate and alternate, 8 years Chairman of Diocesan Assembly, two years as representative of Eastern Diocese to Diocesan Assembly of Western Diocese, 12 years as member of Board of Directors of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary (8 years as secretary), four years as chairman of Parish Assembly, 10 years Church Choir, four years Superintendent of Church Sunday School, 8 years on the ACYOA Central Council, and many other chairmanships of parish committees.

25 years Knights of Vartan (Past Commander and past Grand District Representative), 30 years as member and also board member of the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, four years Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Armenian Assembly of America (15 years member of the Board), 8 years as member of the Board of Directors of the Society for Armenian Studies and four years as President, four years chairman of the Alex and Marie Manoogian Cultural Fund, 10 years as Director of the Armenian Research Center, eight years as Chairman of the Michigan Ethnic Heritage Studies Center, and eight years member of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Michigan Red Cross and four years as Chairman of the International Services Committee of the Red Cross.

HAIG PEDIAN - St. Gregory Armenian Church, Chicago, IL

Parish Council Chairman 2 years, Parish Council Treasurer, Building Fund Chairman, Godfather St. Gregory's.

AGBU Central Board member for 8 years. AGBU Building Fund Chairman - Chicago Chapter, Pen Sebastian Union, President Chicago Chapter, Chicago Executives Association, Bank of Lincolnwood (Director) Past President City of Hope-Lincolnwood Chapter, Past President of Chicago Floor Covering Associations.

DEACON CHARLES PINAJIAN - St. Leon Armenian Church, Fair Lawn, NJ

Graduate pace University, Altar server, Choir Director, Parish Council 30 years, Delegate 10 years, Chairman 6 years. Armenian Assembly.

VERY REVEREND FATHER GHEVONT SAMOORIAN - Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, Providence, RI

Pastor of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church.

MARY SELVINAZIAN - Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs, Bayside, NY

Vice-Chairman, Parish Council, membership committee, Co-Chairman, 40th Anniversary of Parish, Chairman, Choir Association Central Council, Treasurer, Gomidas Choir, Assistant Director-St. Vartan Cathedral Choir, Women's Guild Member, Cathedral Guild Member. A Steward of the Diocese.

Associate member of the American Bar Association and Armenian Bar Association.

DANIEL SHAHAN - St. John's Armenian Church, Detroit, MI

Since 1939 served the St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detoit. Ordained a Sub-Deacon in 1946 and a Deacon in 1964. Served St. John's as a Diocesan Delegate for sixteen years and one term as a Parish Council Member. Vice President of the Armenian Apostolic Society. Involved with St. John's building expansion program including the Edward and Helen Mardigian Library, and the Alex and Marie Manoogian Musuem. Finds great personal satisfaction in serving his Church and the Armenian community.

DEAN V. SHAHINIAN, ESQ. - St. Mary Armenian Church, Washington, DC

Diocesan Council 3 years (Secretary of Council). Diocesan Delegate 7 years (created programs on Church Management for 1991 Assembly and Young Adult Involvement for 1992 Assembly). Given talks to various Diocesan parishes and organizations. Chaired "Insights" lecture series at ACYOA Sports Weekends 8 years. Have chaired retreats and Parish Assembly workshops, given lectures on Christian faith, organized Bible studies, written for Church publications. Presented Palm Sunday meditations at St. Mary's 10 years. St. Mary's Pastors Recognition Award recipient 1994.

Executive Director of the Ararat Foundation, which promotes Christian faith and Armenian culture. Chairman, Armenain Life, cultural lecture series. Founding member, Alexandria-Gyumri (Armenia) Sister City Committee. Emcee, Alexandria Armenian Festival. Recipient national ASA Sarafian Award for citizenship. Published articles in Ararat, Armenian Church, Armenian Reporter, Armenian Mirror-Spectator, Hye Hokin, Window and other publications. Past advisory committees, St. Nersess Seminary and Armenian Assembly. Served on the Board of Christian Conciliation Service of Washington. Active in Christian legal Society and other American religious groups. Member, Harvard Club and Yale Club of Washington. Practices banking and securities

In Washington, DC.

SARKIS SOULTANIAN - St. Leon Armenian Church, Fair Lawn, NJ

Joined Holy Martyrs Church, Bayside, Queens, Choir in 1956 and later became an Altar Server and Stole Bearer. Also one of the founding members of the Diocesan Gomidas Choir. Studied under the leadership of Mr. Isahag Aprahamian. Active member from 1956-1967. In 1967 joined St. Leon Armenian Church in Fair Lawn, NJ have continuously served as Deacon and Choir Member. Ordained a Deacon on January 23, 1972. Served on Parish Council from 1977-1984 (as Chairman during 1980, 81 & 82) and again 1987-88. Elected Diocesan Delegate 1988 to the present. Elected to Diocesan Auditing Committee 1990-92. Served as it Chairman in 1992. In 1993 elected Trustee of Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF) and appointed to its Investment and Finance Committee. Currently serving as Co-Chairman of St. Leon Church expansion Committee. Fellow Trustee of Armenian Assembly since 1993.

CHARLES TAKESIAN - St. Sarkis Armenian Church, Ocala, FL

Parish Council Chairman, Building Committee Chairman.
Past president and active member of Armenian American Cultural Society of Central Florida.

AETNA M. TASHJIAN - Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cambridge, MA

Parish Council member 8 years, Diocesan Delegate 8 years. Armenian Children's Milk Fund ACMF. One of founders of organizations have been sending baby formula to Armenia for over 6 years.

MARIAM TATOSIAN - St. James Armenian Church, Evanston, IL

Parish Council, Choir, Women's Guild, Diocesan Delegate, Committee Diocese Memorial Wall.
Armenian General Benevolent Union, AGBU Armenian School, Mid-West Regional Hye Camp Staff.

KEGHAM A. TCHOLAKIAN - St. Gregory The Illuminator Church, New York, NY

Parish Council Member Chairman, Diocesan Delegate, Chairman Diocesan Assembly Parliamentarian, Chairman Auditing Committee - Diocesan Assembly, Various

Committees of Church functions.

AGBU-Eastern District Chairman, AGBU Auditor, Board Member Pan Sebastia Rehabilitation Union, Board Member Treasurer Armenian Friends Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Past Grand Commander Knights of Vartan.

HARRY TERZIAN - St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield, MI

Diocesan Delegate, Former Chairman of Parish Council, Numerous Committees served. Board member of Michigan Home for the Armenian Aged.

SONIA TRAPASSO - Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension, Trumbull, CT

Choir member of over 25 years. Executive Board of Women's Guild. Chaired various Special events. Most recently Ad Book 1994 Bazaar - Khachkar - 1994 Committee, work in the church office when needed. Volunteer at the local museum.

DR. ASBED VASSILIAN - St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Eiberon, NJ

Served in Parish Council different posts. Currently, Parish Council Chairman. Currently lecturing teaching Armenian language course to American Armenian Youth at Rutgers University, have been doing this for the past three years. Lecturer in Chemistry at Rutgers University.

SONIG VAYEJIAN - St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, New York, NY

Parish Council member, Assistant Secretary. Tekeyan Cultural Association, Armenian Democratic Liberal Party, A.G.B.U. Karabagh Relief Fund, Hoy Martyrs Day School Board member.

VERY REVEREND FATHER BARET YERETZIAN - St. John's Armenian Church, Detroit, MI

In 1963 ordained a Deacon and on May 29, 1966, upon graduation from the Seminary, ordained into the Priesthood. In 1982, elevated to the rank of Dzayrakooyan Vartabed. Graduated from the American University of Jerusalem with a degree in Political Science and attended Wayne State University in Michigan for his graduate courses in Political Science. Studied Biblical Archaeology at Hebrew University and took graduate courses in Biblical Studies at the American School of Oriental Research.

Served the Armenian Church in various capacities; in Jerusalem, Montreal, Canada, and the United States. While serving the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, held many responsible positions. Principal and Teacher at the St. Tarkmanchats School, Instructor in the St. James Seminary and Vicar of the Armenian Community in Israel. Represented the Armenian Patriarchate to the World Council of Churches Conference on Palestine Refugees; Served as a member of the Synod of the Patriarchate, Interfaith Church Committee in Jerusalem, and the Near East Council of Churches in Cyprus. Assistant Pastor of St. John's Armenian Church of Southfield, Michigan. In 1979 he became Pastor of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Montreal, Canada. From 1981 to 1985. Pastor of the Holy Cross Armenian Church in Lawrence, Massachusetts 1985 to 1993 served as Pastor of the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church in Providence. While serving in Providence, Father Baret was a member of the Rhode Island Catholic-Jewish Relation Committee. 1993, assigned as Pastor of St. John's Armenian Church of Southfield and the Armenian Church of Ann Arbor (Mission Parish).

Member of the Diocesan Council since 1985 served once as Vice Chairman; Vicar of the New England Region; Chairman of the New England Committee for the Pontifical Visit of His Holiness Vasken I; member of the Executive Committee for the 75th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide with the Prelacy as well as the Chairman and Treasurer of the Fundraising Committee; and a member of the National Earthquake Committee, now FAR.

ARAM S. YEZDANIAN - St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon, NJ

Member of St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Parish Council Chairman (two terms). Choir Director, Diocesan Delegate 1987-1991. Responsible for planning and decision to accept honor of having St. Stepanos Church Host 1988 Diocesan Assembly. Currently working - Development of Pollution Control Manufacturing Co, During 10 year period in New York City Housing Authority- worked with New York Homes Senior Citizen groups in conjunction with New York City Department of Social Services. 1973-1976 Junior achievement, awards committees, Chicago, IL.

ASBED B. ZAKARIAN - Armenian Church of Our Saviour, Worcester, MA

Past Chairman of the Parish Council, Diocesan Delegate, Past Advisor to ACYOA Jrst. Finance Committee, Scholarship Committee, Men's Club, Ways and Means Committee. Presently member of the Diocesan Council. Associate Trustee Armenian Assembly of America, Armenian General Benevolent Union, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester County Music Association.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TO THE FAITH & SPIRIT OF THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE

**The Diocese of the Armenian Church Offers a Unique Opportunity to
Celebrate the Armenian Heritage and the Individuals Who Continue It**

The names of the people who have preserved the Armenian spirit in America are many: from the bold leaders of the community to the individual mayrighs and hayrighs who offered their time and devotion to the perpetuation of their heritage. Men and women, parents and children, rich and poor, immigrants and native-born Americans—they are the names of those who built this community, and who continue to build it today.

Beginning this year, all people of Armenian decent will have a unique opportunity to honor those names—and ensure that they will be remembered in generations to come.

The Perpetual Memorial to Armenian Faith and Spirit will be dedicated this spring by Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. The Perpetual Memorial will be an eternal tribute to the departed as well as the living generations which have contributed to the endurance of the Armenian Christian heritage.

People from all walks of life will be honored through this memorial, and individuals from around the country will be able to register their names, or those of parents or loved ones, to be a part of this celebration of the Armenian spirit and faith.

Appropriately, the Perpetual Memorial will be erected on the plaza of the St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in New York City—itsself one of the truly great achievements of the Armenian community. The Memorial will take the form of polished red granite pillars—sculpted in an Armenian motif—into which will be engraved the names of individuals from around the country. Thus carved into stone, those names will live on perpetually, to remind future generations of where they've come from, and to inspire them to expand the Armenian heritage even further.

Perhaps the most foresighted and exciting feature of the Perpetual Memorial is its adjacent Visitor's Center. A visitor to the Cathedral will be

able to check in at the Visitor's Center to find the location of any name engraved into the stone of the Memorial.

But more than that, the Visitor's Center will house a full genealogical record of each of the individuals on the Memorial, which will identify each person's name, village or city of origin, birthdate, marriage information, home church, children, and more. The information will be stored on a computer database, and will ultimately represent an authoritative record of the origins and expansion of Armenians in America.

Visitors will be able to access the genealogical information via computer, and will be able to see the "web of generations" which makes up their individual families and the Armenian community as a whole.

A memorial gift of \$1000 for each name will be used to erect and maintain the Perpetual Memorial. The remainder will be placed in the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF), and the proceeds generated each year will be used to continue the mission of nurturing the faith and spirit of the Armenian community—a mission which is at the heart of the work of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

The Diocese will be releasing details on how to participate in the Perpetual Memorial in the weeks ahead, with an official kick-off dedication ceremony on the St. Vartan Cathedral plaza on April 23 (in conjunction with the 80th observance of the Genocide of 1915). Fittingly, during the dedication ceremony, a select group of heroes of the homeland and diaspora will be honored as the first names to appear in the stone of the Perpetual Memorial. In the months and years ahead, these will be joined by the names of the thousands of others who continue to uphold and cherish the Armenian heritage to this day.

Mr. John Hoplamazian, of Philadelphia, PA, is the chairman of the Perpetual Memorial Committee, which has been planning this vital project for the better part of a year. Mr. Hoplamazian heads a group of people from around the country who will be liaisons between the local communities and the Diocesan headquarters. These will be publicizing the Memorial in the local Armenian communities. Additional information on the Perpetual Memorial of Armenian Faith and Spirit may be obtained through the Diocesan Office of Development, at (212) 686-0710.

PHOTO CAPTION:

HONORING INDIVIDUALS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME: An artist's rendering of the **Perpetual Memorial to Armenian Faith and Spirit**, to be erected on the plaza of the St. Vartan Cathedral. Individuals from around the Armenian community in America will be able to have their own names or those of loved ones engraved into the Memorial. The Memorial will also involve the creation and maintenance of a geneological record of each participant. The kick-off dedication of this unique, ongoing project will take place this spring.

