



*Tenth Anniversary of the Consecration*

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY MARTYRS

#### STORY OF STAINED GLASS WINDOW ON COVER...

The entire window is dedicated to the last events in the Life of Christ, with emphasis on the Resurrection.

The central picture symbolizes the Resurrection of Christ who is shown coming out of the Tomb as a stream of light, leaving behind the glorious Cross as a sign of salvation and victory over death. The inscription at the mouth of the empty Tomb is "Christ is risen from the dead."

The lilies on both sides of the Tomb symbolize purity and sinlessness. At the bottom center of the picture the signs are: Christ's Robe; the Spear by which Christ's side was pierced; the reed with a sponge used to give vinegar to Christ; the nails hammered into His feet; the Crown of thorns used to torment Christ; the Chalice used during the Last Supper; a Cross.

At the top of the picture, on both sides of the Holy Spirit, symbolized by a dove, is written, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," representing the eternal message of Christ.

Beginning with the lower left-hand corner, are depicted scenes in the last days of Christ (Holy Week): bottom left, Christ's victorious entry into Jerusalem; middle left, the Last Supper; top left, Christ praying in Gethsemane; top right, Christ's tortures before Crucifixion; middle right, the Crucifixion; bottom right, the Burial of Christ.

The window is surrounded with a continuous design of an Armenian motif.

The artist is the late Ariel Agemian

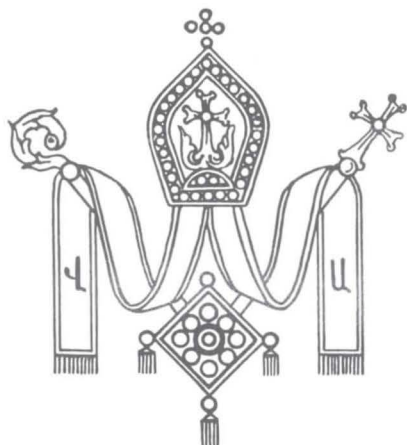
### **DEDICATION OF THE BOOKLET**

This souvenir booklet commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs is gratefully dedicated to those who have given of themselves to make our Church and Community Center a reality and an important part of community life.

It would be impossible to enumerate all those who have manifested their complete devotion to their Church and Parish—and there are many. By deeds and words, they have given to succeeding generations a legacy of faith, courage, foresight and inspiration with which to carry on the ever-increasing labors of love and faith, in the Name of God and to His Glory, so necessary to the future well-being of our spiritual home.



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CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS

Քրիստոնէական լոյս հաւատքը զերագոյն միխթարուծիւնն է և պարծանքը մեր ազգին:

Այսօր երբ կը լրանան կեանքի ու հոգեշէն աշխատանքի տասը տարիները Լոնկ Այլընտի Սրբժց նահատակաց եկեղեցիին, Հայոց հաւատքի վէմ Սուրբ Էջմիածնէն կը յղենք Մեր հայրական ողջոյնը և օրհնուծիւնը Թեմակալ Սրբազան Առաջնորդիդ, արժանապատիւ հոգևոր սպասաւորներուդ, ծխական խորհուրդի յարգարժան անդամներուդ և համայն սիրեցեալ ու հաւատացեալ մեր զաւակներուն, ամենաբարի մաղթանքներով հանդերձ:

Թող Աստուած շէն ու անսասան պահպանէ Ձեր աղօթքի Տունը ամերիկեան հիւրընկալ քարի հողի վրայ, և մնայ Սուրբ Հոգւոյ շնորհաբաշխ խորան, այժմ և յաւիտեան:

,, Յամենայն ժամ ուրախ լերուք: Անդադար աղօթս արարէք: Յամենայնի զոհաբարուք: ԶՀոգին մի շիջուցանէք, զի այս են կամք Աստուծոյ Քրիստոսիւ Յիսուսիւ ի Ձեզ,, Ս. Թես. Ե. 17-20 |:

Սէր և խղաղուծիւն եղեցին ընդ ձեզ. ամէն:



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**DEDICATED TO THE ARMENIAN MARTYRS OF 1915**

Samsoun Marsivan Amassia Tokat Yozgad Sivas  
Unian Ordou Karasoude Eleda Trebisond Rize  
Chablun Gamush Baibourt Erzeroum Erzingan  
Mamakhatoun Kaysaria Gueurun Arabkir Eghin  
Malatia Kharpout Guemik Moush Bitlis Seert  
Diarbekir Merdin Ras-al-Ain Deir-ez-Zor Ourfa  
Aleppo Aintab Marash Zeitoun Yarpous Hadjin  
Nijde Karabounar Antakieh Adana



## A MESSAGE OF BLESSING

ON THE OCCASION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE CONSECRATION  
OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY MARTYRS

It gives me pleasure to know that the consecration of the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs reaches its tenth anniversary this year and the Parish Council has planned to celebrate solemnly this happy event.

It is certain that in our individual lives as well as in community life, ten years are considered one of the most decisive periods. And we rejoice in noting that through the heartfelt contributions and ardent efforts of the parishioners of the Holy Martyrs Church, first the beautiful church was built and then the adjacent cultural center was erected with the classrooms of the school. The spiritual and educational work was given a special impetus. Because of the serious planning of the Pastor and the Parish Council and with the close cooperation of the numerous subordinate bodies of the church, it became possible to accomplish meritorious results in the social, administrative, and financial realms.

We are sure that this vigorous parish of the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs, composed of generally youthful elements, by means of Christian education and with a deep understanding of duty, will continue with the same zeal to embellish the Church even more and to keep the Armenian community life always pulsating.

We bless the Pastor, the Parish Council, women's, men's, and youth organizations, and our faithful children of the parish, wishing to all perseverent diligence, enthusiasm and vigor, in order that the Church continue to remain resourceful and all cultural endeavors be crowned with success.

With greetings of love,

*Abp. Tor Kom Manoogian*

**ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN**  
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian  
Church of America





## THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Souren Allalemdjian, Mihran Andreasian, Mrs. Eugenie Andreasian, Garo Artinian, Hemayak Avakian, George Bashian, Mrs. Alice Bashian, Edward Boghossian, Joseph Chorbajian, Mrs. Arax Exerjian, Richard K. Gregory, Vahe Hampar, Yervant Hampar, Neil Hanes, Krikor Hartunian, John Hazard, Miss Lucy Hazard, Edward Jamakordzian, Zareh Kapikian, Mrs. Baidzar Kapikian, Dr. George Karnig, Edward Karnikian, Dr. Martin Kimatian, Mrs. Esther Kimatian, Fr. Vartan Megherian, Dikran Missirlian, Albert Nargizian, Hagop Nersoyan, Richard Peckjian, Mrs. Victoria Peckjian, John Serabian, George Vetzgian, Mrs. Helen Vetzgian, Haig Yeterian, Shahab Zanazanian.



OUR CHURCH





My dear Father Vartan,

I am glad that your parish of the Church of the Holy Martyrs is planning to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Consecration of the Church edifice.

The members of your parish and yourself are to be congratulated for outstanding work during this last decade. Holy Martyrs is the spiritual home of one of our more vital and active communities in the Diocese. The credit goes to all those who have been on the frontline of action throughout these ten years and before that period, when the idea of having a parish and a church in Long Island was born and took shape through the foresight and devotion of a group of men and women who were instrumental in inspiring our people in Long Island and leading them towards the realization of a sacred goal.

I wish for all of you in the parish abundant reward from on high, from the Lord Christ, in His glorious kingdom.

Like other churches in the Diocese, indeed in the whole country, your parish also faces new and pressing challenges which will confront the Church during the coming decade and thereafter.

I hope and pray that the Lord will strengthen our people at the Holy Martyrs so that they will go forward with solidarity and vision in the performance of their task, always faithful to their Christian calling and Armenian heritage and American idealism.

With all good wishes for you and for all the members of the parish, I remain yours with prayers and benedictions,

+ Tiran, abp.  
ARCHBISHOP TIRAN NERSOYAN

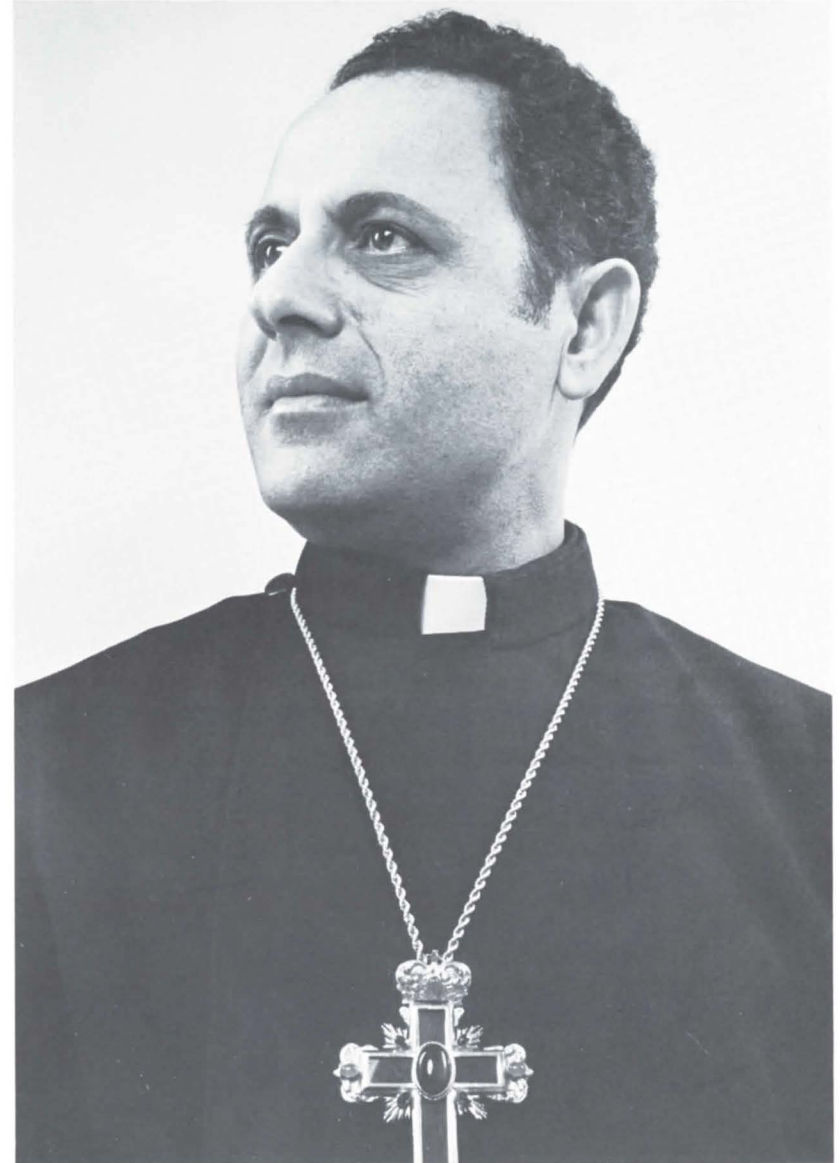
## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Consecration of our church is not only a commemoration of a great day of joy when we witnessed the culmination of all our sacrifices into which were kneaded our faith and inspiration, our long hours of sweat and talent, crowned in the consecration of the church. It is also a day of dedication. Looking back at the achievements of these years, the fruits of which can make us proud—namely, that our children were baptized and grew in the bosom of the faith of our fathers, that our youth were taught in the Armenian heritage and multiplied by forming new families, that the expansion of the community was noted in the addition of a new school and cultural center—we collect our energies for a new thrust into the future. This is a day to dedicate ourselves to continue working on the path toward our goal, which is the salvation of our souls and the preservation of the Armenian spiritual and cultural heritage in this country.

Let the joy and the dedication of this celebration bring added renewal to our people so that they will be able to endure in the present gale of this trying time which threatens our Christian faith and Armenian identity and to lead the Ark of the Church to the open and peaceful course.

It is my heartfelt prayer that, from celebration to celebration, this church may blossom in its history and that the forthcoming generations may continue not only with the same faith and vision, but also by enriching it, always for the glory of God.

FATHER VARTAN MEGHERIAN





MESSAGE FROM  
THE GODFATHER OF OUR CHURCH

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Let us all rejoice in celebrating the tenth year of the consecration of our Church.

Our efforts have not been in vain.

Sincerely,  
NEIL HANES

SPONSORS OF THE  
CORNERSTONES



Dadour Dadourian, Dikran Missirlian, Yervant Hampar, Mrs. Artin Aslanian, Ghevont Aghajanian, Souren Allalmdjian, Garo Artinian, Hemayak Avakian, Aris Avanozian, George Bashian, Joseph Chorbajian, Jack Dadourian, Frank Zotian, Manoug Exerjian, Richard Gregory, Neil Hanes, Vahe Hampar, Edward Jamakordzian, Zareh Kapikian, Caprial Kehishian, Peter Piranian, Henry Sahakian, Vahan Simidian, John Torigian, Samuel Agabian.

LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONES



## THE FIRST TEN YEARS

In a world of turmoil our foundation  
for life must be religion.

Let us perpetuate our belief  
that God is love.

Let us consecrate our church  
for the future.

We dedicate in faith today,  
believing in the strength of tomorrow.

Prophetic in their simplicity, these words opened the impressive book published on the occasion of the consecration of the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs in September 1958. The church was indeed dedicated in faith, and it has been redeemed by its belief in the “strength of tomorrow.”

Holy Martyrs has lived ten years of that “tomorrow,” and if it has been touched a little by the turmoil in the world, it has also felt the love of God throughout its entire being, and the church that is all of its people has been blessed by His spirit.

A decade is not a long time, not even in the life of an individual, let alone in the life of an institution. But time is an elusive measure; a century may be a barren and hopeless span, a mere day abundant with achievement and goodness. The really relevant measure is in what has been done—and the first decade at Holy Martyrs has been full and fruitful.

Its progress has been fashioned by the will and energy of its people—its pastor, its lay leaders and most of all its dauntless and faithful parishioners. Immersed almost continuously in work, confronted with problems, wrestling with resolution, worrying and

## OUR CHURCH NEARS COMPLETION





exulting, even they cannot truly appreciate what they have done. They have not been entranced by visions of success, nor frightened by any specters of failure. Their overriding concern has been in achieving; this they have done abundantly well.

In 1966, only eight years after the consecration of the church, a School and Community Center Building was constructed on contiguous property, expanding its capacity to serve what has become one of the largest parishes in the Diocese. The new Center offered 18 classrooms for the Holy Martyrs Sunday School and Armenian School, a large and beautiful auditorium for its various social and educational programs, and additional facilities for miscellaneous activities.

It became a symbol both of the dramatic progress of the parish, and the potential it possessed for continuing growth and service.

The potential was quickly and graphically demonstrated in 1967, with the founding of Hye-Bardez Nursery School, licensed by New York City as a day-care center for pre-school age children. The significance of Hye-Bardez cannot escape even the most casual attention, especially in these days when plans for Armenian day schools are being developed around us.

The mere catalogue of Holy Martyrs programs and activities is sufficient to indicate the breadth and diversity of the church's accomplishment in the first decade of its life.

MAIN ALTAR OF THE CHURCH



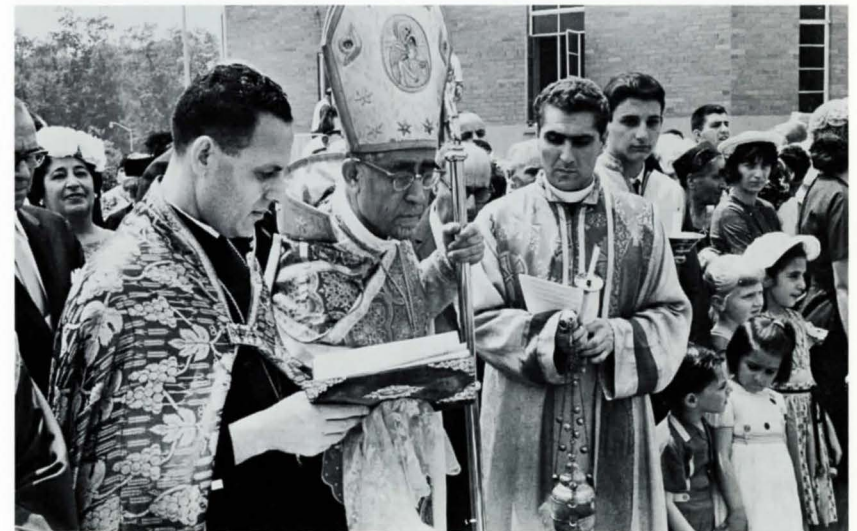
- ★ Its Sunday School has an enrollment of 340, and a staff of 45 teachers.
- ★ Its Armenian School has an enrollment of 70, and a staff of 5 teachers.
- ★ Its Hye-Bardez has an enrollment of 15, and a staff of 3 teachers.
- ★ It has an exceedingly fine choir.
- ★ It has a number of energetic organizations, serving church and community: The Women's Guild, Men's League, Mr. & Mrs. Auxiliary, ACYOA and Boy Scouts, including Cub and Explorer divisions. Through these groups extensive schedules of cultural, social, athletic and religious programs are arranged and implemented, making Holy Martyrs the center of community life, not only on Sunday but throughout the week.
- ★ In addition, Martyrs' Day is commemorated each year, Vartanantz is celebrated, often in conjunction with other churches, testimonial dinners are given and dramatic presentations sponsored, as well as the customary bazaars, picnics, parties and dances.

Today the church has approximately 600 members in a widely dispersed parish of well over 1,000 families. And to the well-being of these parishioners the church has dedicated itself, keeping itself responsive to their needs, aware of the changing world they live in, and endeavoring always to be a vital part of their lives.

On the occasion of its 10th anniversary, the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs, even with the inevitable difficulties it has experienced, can surely enjoy a sense of solid achievement; nor can a mere catalogue of events adequately convey the character of this achievement. It can better be seen in the lives of the people, in the community of interests created, in the friendships generated, in the communion with God fostered and inspired, and in the hopes of an even more meaningful future, kindled and kept aflame.



**BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER**



**GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES FOR COMMUNITY CENTER**



**CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CENTER**



**BLESSING COMMUNITY CENTER CORNERSTONE**

How did it all begin? Where did the impulse arise that has brought us to where we are today?

A meticulous chronology in the Consecration book published 10 years ago details the origin of the church in all its varied aspects. It is a picture of a community coming alive, and we could do no better than to quote its opening paragraphs:

“The Armenian Church of Long Island was born of a deep inner compulsion on the part of many Armenians living here, for a place where they could worship God as their ancestors have worshipped throughout the centuries and where old and young could gather to keep alive the rich Armenian spiritual and cultural heritage.

“The desire grew and gathered momentum. Many, happy in their American homes, felt that Armenians had much to contribute to this country by preserving and keeping alive the great Armenian traditions.

“In the latter part of 1953 a few friends got together at Mr. & Mrs. Artin Aslanian’s home in Manhasset to discuss the need for an Armenian Church on Long Island. There were present Archbishop Mampre Calfayan, Dadour Dadourian, Manoug Exerjian, Dikran Missirlian, Richard K. Gregory, Yervant Hampar, Artin Aslanian, Peter Piranian, Joseph Chorbajian and Garo Artinian. To start the ball rolling, preliminary pledges of \$5,000.00 each were made by the Dadourian Export Corp. and Mr. Dikran Missirlian, and work was started to search for a proper location to build the church.

“In April of 1954 some of the leaders of the Long Island Community gathered at the home of Dikran Missirlian where a Building Committee was formed and a tentative plan mapped out. Members of the Committee included Dikran Missirlian, chairman; Yer-

vant Hampar, vice chairman; George Bashian, treasurer; Aram Mendikian, recording secretary; Lucy Hazarabedian, secretary. On the Advisory Committee were John H. Hazard, Zareh Kapikian, Henry Sahakian, Richard K. Gregory, Dr. John Karnig, Vahe Hampar, Zabel Aslanian, Paul Chaputian, Manoug Exerjian, Arax Exerjian, Puzant Piranian, Souren Allalemdjian, Krikor Hartunian, Garo Artinian and Joseph Chorbajian. The Building Committee considered favorably the purchase of 200 feet on Horace Harding Blvd, between Oceania and 210th Streets and asked Manoug Exerjian and Dikran Missirlian to negotiate for it through Brady and McGee, brokers, on March 18, 1954. A letter was written to Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, the then Primate of the Diocese of North America, requesting permission to proceed with the plans.

“On June 28, 1954, the closing was made by Mr. Richard K. Gregory for three parcels of land and on November 29, 1954, the adjoining 40 feet on 210th Street was purchased at a total cost of \$27,378.75. To this was added the 40' x 100' lot adjoining our church at 210th Street, which was purchased early in 1958 for \$5,250.00, making a total land area of 32,000 square feet, which includes the area of the present parish house.

“On June 21, 1954, the Certificate of Incorporation was prepared and mailed to Albany for approval and validation that made our Church an officially chartered institution.”

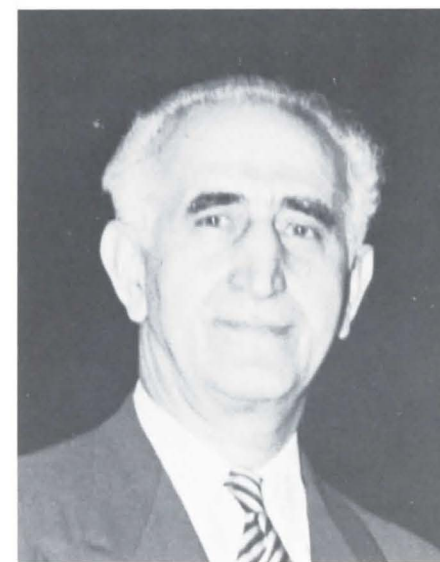
And the story goes on, with names, dates and events, each adding to the structure of a vital community life, each contributing its necessary measure to the edifice erected to glorify God.

“On this Consecration Day [the 1958 history concludes] our thoughts unavoidably go centuries back to a glorious day when the Holy Spirit descended out of heaven from God and dwelled in Holy Etchmiadzin. Since then our forefathers have been building

## PILLARS OF THE CHURCH



**YERVANT HAMPAR**  
Honored by Testimonial  
Dinner February 7, 1965



**ZAREH KAPIKIAN**  
Honored by Testimonial  
Dinner June 9, 1968



**SERVICE COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
ARMENIAN MASSACRES**

churches. Following their wonderful example and with the help of the entire community we too completed a glorious edifice and invite Him now to come and dwell in it. We ask that He fortify us to forge ahead in true Christian faith to greater achievements for His everlasting glory.”

And what of our thoughts on this anniversary day? We can confirm what we were apparently seeking at that hope-filled beginning, we can look in our hearts for the faith to which we dedicated ourselves, and we can commit ourselves anew to a future full of meaningful challenges—challenges that will not permit any narrow preoccupation with personal interests, but only a tireless dedication to the greater good of our church and people, and the God that stands above us all.

Our first ten years are significant in many ways, not the least of them in the way they have shown for a good spiritual and community life, a way outlined both by the successes achieved and the failures suffered. The failures have derived for the most part from the perhaps inescapable human shortcomings we are all heir to. These we must learn to subordinate to the higher needs of church and community.

The successes were born of faith and dedication, of a devotion that overwhelmed all obstacles. And out of this devotion, a new Center grew with its facilities for a fuller community life, for its Sunday School and its Armenian School, and most significantly for its Hye-Bardez.

This 10th anniversary is an inspiring climax in the life of the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs; but it is an interim climax nonetheless, for the greatest service and greatest glory of the church surely lie ahead.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Served since the inception  
of the parish to 1968

### CHAIRMEN



**DIKRAN MISSIRLIAN**  
1956



**YERVANT HAMPAR**  
1957-1960



**ZAREH KAPIKIAN**  
1961-1964



**JOHN KIMBALL**  
1965



**HAIG AGABABIAN**  
1966



**ANTHONY JEVARJIAN**  
1967



**WALTER KAPRIELIAN**  
1968

GEORGE AJEMIAN 67/68  
JACK ANTREASIAN 60/61  
GARO ARTINIAN 56  
HARRY ASHBAHIAN 66/67  
ARAM AVAKIAN 67  
WALTER BARBER 63/64  
GEORGE BASHIAN 56/57/58  
EDWARD BOGHOSIAN 64/65  
PAUL CHAPUTIAN 57/58/59  
CHARLES CHILINGERIAN 61  
JOSEPH CHORBAJIAN 57/58  
VAHAN DEIRMANDJIAN 67  
ALBERT DER TATEVASIAN 68/69  
MIHRAN DUKMEJIAN 68/69  
MRS. ARAX EXERJIAN 59/60  
JACK GUEVREKIAN 62/63  
ARAM HOGOPIAN 58/59  
NEIL HANES 57/58  
ARMEN HAMPAR 66  
VAHE HAMPAR 56/57  
JOHN HAZARD 56/58/59  
BOGOS HORASANCI 60/61/62/63  
ARMAND HOURDAJIAN 59/60/61/62  
WILLIAM HOVNAN 62/63  
EDWARD JAMAKORDZIAN 60/61

ARAM KALOUSTIAN 68/69  
DR. JOHN KARNIG 56/57/58/59  
EDWARD KAPIKIAN 67  
ELI P. KIMATIAN 62/63/64/65/66  
DR. MARTIN KIMATIAN 62/63/64/65/66  
MRS. MARGARET KYRKOSTAS 68/69  
DICRAN MALIAN 65/66  
MITCHEL MALIAN 61  
MARKAR MARKARIAN 62  
GREGORY MELIKIAN 60/61  
JACK MELIKIAN 64/65/67/68  
HENRY MAVIAN 59/60/61/62  
GEORGE PAPALIAN 62/63/64/65/66  
KAREKIN PASTER 59/60/61/62/63/64  
JOHN PILIBOSIAN 66/67  
PETER PIRANIAN 66/67  
JOHN RAPIEL 66/67  
HENRY SAHAGIAN 56  
KENNETH SHAHABIAN 62/63/64/65/66  
EDWARD SERABIAN 64/65  
JOHN SERABIAN 60/61/62/63  
PENYAMIN SOHIKIAN 68  
MANOOG TATOSIAN 57  
ZOHRAH TUREKIAN 62/63/64/65/66/67/68  
GEORGE VETZIGIAN 57/58/59



THE FIRST DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY THAT WAS HELD IN OUR CHURCH 1958

**DIOCESE DELEGATES OF OUR CHURCH  
(ELECTED)**

1956 / 1959

VAHE HAMPAR  
RICHARD K. GREGORY  
HAGOP NERSOYAN  
GEORGE BASHIAN  
KRIKOR HARTUNIAN

1960 / 1963

HAGOP NERSOYAN  
RICHARD K. GREGORY  
GEORGE BASHIAN  
DADOUR DADOURIAN  
RALPH ANOUSHIAN

1964 / 1967

RALPH ANOUSHIAN  
YERVANT HAMPAR  
DADOUR DADOURIAN  
RICHARD K. GREGORY  
JOSEPH CHORBAJIAN

1968 / 1970

RALPH ANOUSHIAN  
JOSEPH CHORBAJIAN  
ZAREH KAPIKIAN  
EDWARD CHAPIAN  
GEORGE BASHIAN

**RESERVE FUND TRUSTEES**

DADOUR DADOURIAN  
RICHARD K. GREGORY  
GEORGE BASHIAN

## CHURCH AUXILIARIES

### MEN'S LEAGUE

- 1960 Gregory Melikian, *Chairman*  
George Papalian  
Cedric Melkonian  
Sarkis Ishkanian
- 1961 George Papalian, *Chairman*  
Edward Asadorian  
Cedric Melkonian  
George Jamgochian  
Ted Hagopian
- 1962 George Papalian, *Chairman*  
George Jamgochian  
Edward Serabian  
Kalooust Keosayian  
Michael Sebouhian
- 1963 Dr. Martin Kimatian, *Chairman*  
Manoog Tatosian  
Charles Keurian  
John Rapiel  
Michael Sebouhian
- 1964 Dr. Martin Kimatian /  
John Rapiel, *Chairmen*  
Aram Hagopian  
Mihran Ajemian  
George Jamgochian  
Edward Kapikian
- 1965 John Rapiel, *Chairman*  
Aram Hagopian  
Mihran Ajemian  
George Jamgochian  
Edward Kapikian
- 1966 Edward Asadorian, *Chairman*  
George Jamgochian  
Edward Agababian  
Nishan Apelian  
Zohrab Turekian
- 1967/1968  
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Leon Bedigian  
Thomas Fourounjian  
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- 1955 Jack Dadourian, *Chairman*  
Alice Dadourian  
Charles Davitian  
Stella Kapikian  
Lily Agababian
- 1956 George Malekian, *Chairman*  
Haig Agababian  
John Margosian  
Virginia Dukmejian  
Ann Malekian
- 1957 Harry Gurahian, *Chairman*  
Edward Agababian  
Walter Moomjy  
Isabelle Herdemian  
Rosemary Gurahian
- 1958 Haig Agababian, *Chairman*  
Aram Hagopian  
Edward Agababian  
Jacqueline Hajinlian  
Margaret Agababian
- 1959 Charles Lazarian, *Chairman*  
Jack Guevrekian  
Vahe Hajinlian  
Margaret Dilimetin  
Margaret Lazarian
- 1960 Jack Guevrekian, *Chairman*  
Hrant Poonarian  
Edward Boghosian  
Elizabeth Yardum  
Irma Guevrekian
- 1961 Dick Malian, *Chairman*  
France Frankian  
George Kevorkian  
Sue Hagopian  
Mary Malian
- 1962 Carl Kapikian, *Chairman*  
David Davidian  
Charles Kalaydjian  
Sally Kalaydjian  
Dora Missirlian

- 1963 Armen Hampar, *Chairman*  
Anthony Jevarjian  
Dikran Cherchian  
Virginia Dukmejian  
Gloria Hampar
- 1964 Edwin Keusey, *Chairman*  
Phillip Missirlian  
David Davidian  
Lenore Paster  
Helen Jevarjian
- 1965 Mihran Dukmejian, *Chairman*  
Fred Paster  
Charles Amerkanian  
Gloria Hampar  
Mary Pilibosian
- 1966 Jim Hadjian, *Chairman*  
Edward Avedis  
Joe Gorvetzian  
Alice Terzian  
Laura Serafian
- 1967 Jim Hadjian, *Chairman*  
Joe Gorvetzian  
Charles Kalaydjian  
Hrach Govetzian  
Alice Nalbandian  
Eloise Gorvetzian
- 1968 Mark Chitjian, *Chairman*  
Ara Yardum  
Jack Baronian  
Pearl Markarian  
Helen Jevarjian

### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

- 1956/1957 Arax Exerjian, *Chairman*  
Zabelle Aslanian  
Isabel Kay  
Lucille Kimatian  
Elizabeth Sahakian  
Arax Hartunian

- 1958/1959 Zabelle Aslanian, *Chairman*  
Helen Vetzgian  
Lucille Kimatian  
Lucy Jamakordzian  
Ann Mooradian  
Rose Donigian
- 1960/1961 Ann Mooradian, *Chairman*  
Arax Mergerian  
Alice Mergerian  
Alice Nazarian  
Arax Yeterian  
Rose Donigian
- 1962/1963 Lucy Jamakordzian, *Chairman*  
Elizabeth Sahakian  
Isabel Kay  
Lillian Merjian  
Astreg Sarraf  
Laura Sebouhian
- 1964/1965 Catherine Papalian, *Chairman*  
Arax Mergerian  
Lucille Kimatian  
Mary Rapiel  
Roxy Le Roy  
Julia Chilingerian  
Emma Babaian  
Virginia Alvandian
- 1966/1967 Alice Bashian, *Chairman*  
Beatrice Asadorian  
Lucy Tatosian  
Matilda Deirmendjian  
Mary Pagdikian  
Isabelle Herdemian
- 1968 Elizabeth Yardum, *Chairman*  
Alice Bashian  
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*Consecrate yourselves today to the Lord, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.*  
[Ex. 32:29 (89)]

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*For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. [2 Cor. 5:1-4 (180)]*

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*For every house builded by some man; but he  
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With reverence and affection we particularly cherish the memory of his Grace, the late Archbishop Mampre Calfayan who, during his Primacy, consecrated our House of Worship. His graciousness and dignity which reflected the true spirit of ecumenism will always be with us to guide us spiritually in our labors of love for our Church.

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We pray that their memories and that of all our departed parishioners be perpetuated and that their souls may rest in everlasting peace.



#### O LORD OUR GOD

Thou hast been pleased to build Thy Holy Church on the apostolic rock; and we, Thy servants, offering unto Thee that which is Thine own, were enabled to build this edifice as a house in which to glorify Thy venerable name.

Wherefore, we beseech Thee, Who lovest man, strengthen Thou in return those who built this house and make the foundation of this edifice immovable, unshakable and firm and keep it undefiled and holy, so that with praises and blessings we may in this house exalt and glorify Thee, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

Amen

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