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ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH

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Dear Parishioner:

The Parish Council of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church, in an attempt to identify the needs of our ever-changing community, has prepared the enclosed questionnaire.

The survey form is divided into seven parts: A) Personal Information about the respondent, B) Church Communications, C) Church Services, D) Sunday School, E) the Pastor's Function, F) Church Government and G) a section in which you can write your own evaluation of the different areas and suggestions for possible improvement.

We are asking you to take some time and answer all the questions candidly and mail it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope as soon as possible. Your signature is not required; however, as stated on the last page of the survey it is optional. The results of this survey will be summarized and presented at the Annual Parish Assembly.

Our parish is faced with a critical situation and without your input and support, it will be hard pressed to continue meeting the needs of the church and community.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PARISH COUNCIL

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Note: If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this questionnaire, please contact any of the below listed Parish Council Members:

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SURVEY

A. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOU:

1. What is your age?  
 14-20    21-30    31-40    41-50    51-60    60+
2. What is your sex?  
 Male    Female
3. Were you Baptized in the Armenian Church?    Yes    No
4. Was your spouse Baptized in the Armenian Church?    Yes    No
  - a) Were your children?    Yes    No
  - b) Were your parents?    Yes    No
5. Were you married in the Armenian Church?    Yes    No
6. How long have you been attending our Church?  
 0-2 years    3-5 years    6-10 years  
 11-20 years
7. Are you a Dues Paying Member of Our Church?    Yes    No
  - a) Are you aware the cost is nominal and allows you to be an active participant in our Church's general meetings?    Yes    No
8. How far from Church do you live?  
 1-5 miles    5-10 miles    10+ miles
9. How often do you attend Church services?  
 weekly    2-4 times per month    once a month  
 6-11 times per year    1-5 times per year    rarely
10. Do you attend Church of another denomination?  
 Regularly    Frequently    Rarely
11. How long have you lived in the United States? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you understand or speak the English language?    Yes    No  
If not, would you be interested in attending English classes in the Church Hall?    Yes    No
13. Do you understand or speak the Armenian language?    Yes    No  
If not would you be interested in attending Armenian language classes in the Church Hall?    Yes    No

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In answering the multiple choice questions in Sections B through F below, please check only one choice for each question. All others are to be answered as indicated.

"Ex." is excellent; "Sat." is satisfactory; "Poor" is poor; "Dk." you don't know, or have insufficient knowledge to answer the question.  
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B. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Are you kept informed of Church activities?    Yes    No
  - a) How would you rate the communications?  
Ex.   Sat.   Poor   Dk.
- 2) Was the "Loosavorich" Monthly Bulletin communicating effectively?    Yes    No
  - a) How would you rate the Religious information and personal news contained in the Loosavorich?  
Ex.   Sat.   Poor   Dk.
- 3) Would you like to see the publication of the Loosavorich resumed?    Yes    No

C. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT OUR CHURCH SERVICES:

1. How would you rate Sunday Services as a whole?

Ex.      Sat.      Poor      Dk.

2. Do you understand the Services (Badarak)?

( ) Yes    ( ) No

3. How do you rate the scripture (Bible) reading in terms of your understanding of it?

Ex.      Sat.      Poor      Dk.

4. Would you be interested in attending Bible Study Classes?

( ) Yes    ( ) No

5. Would you attend "Catechism" (Sunday School Classes for adults)?

( ) Yes    ( ) No

6. Do you feel inspired or receive any message or comfort from the services or sermon?

( ) Yes    ( ) No

7. Do you think the sermon and scripture reading should be in English or Armenian on alternating Sundays with the exception of our Feast Days when it should be given in both languages?

( ) Yes    ( ) No

8. Do you know the etiquette (manners) of the Armenian Church in regard to entering, kneeling, standing, etc.?

( ) Yes    ( ) No

9. Would you like to see a light operated from the Altar to assist you when to stand or sit?

( ) Yes    ( ) No

10. How do you rate the giving of Communion?

Ex.      Sat.      Poor      Dk.

11. Do you understand the Baptismal Service? ( ) Yes ( ) No
12. Do you understand the Wedding Service? ( ) Yes ( ) No
13. Do you understand the Funeral/Requiem Services or Songs? ( ) Yes ( ) No
14. How would you rate the above services?  

Ex.      Sat.      Poor      Dk.
15. Would you attend "fellowship" get togethers if visiting clergy were invited to conduct seminars to broaden our understanding of the Armenian Church service? ( ) Yes ( ) No
16. Would the exchange of priests on a monthly basis with the clergy in the Midwest area encourage your more frequent attendance/interest you? ( ) Yes ( ) No
17. Has St. Gregory's Church Clergy given you any understanding of the Church's teachings? ( ) Yes ( ) No

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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D. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL:

1. Do you have children that attend? ( ) Yes ( ) No
2. Did you attend as a child? ( ) Yes ( ) No
3. The overall effectiveness of Church School?  

Ex.      Sat.      Poor      Dk.
4. The interest of the students?  

Ex.      Sat.      Poor      Dk.
5. Do you feel the students of the Church School should have more exposure to the Church Service? ( ) Yes ( ) No
6. Do you think the Priest should direct a brief sermon to the children in English every Sunday? ( ) Yes ( ) No

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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F. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT CHURCH GOVERNMENT/ORGANIZATIONS:

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| 1. The effectiveness of the Parish Council?   | <u>Ex.</u> | <u>Sat.</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Dk.</u> |
| 2. The overall effectiveness of our Church organizations, such as the:                |            |             |             |            |
| Deacons   | <u>Ex.</u> | <u>Sat.</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Dk.</u> |
| Altar Servers   | <u>Ex.</u> | <u>Sat.</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Dk.</u> |
| Nairi Choir   | <u>Ex.</u> | <u>Sat.</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Dk.</u> |
| Ladies Auxiliary & Women's Guild  | <u>Ex.</u> | <u>Sat.</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Dk.</u> |
| ACYOA Jrs. & Srs.   | <u>Ex.</u> | <u>Sat.</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Dk.</u> |
| 3. Do you belong to any of the above organizations?                                   |            |             |             |            |
| ( ) Yes ( ) No  |            |             |             |            |
| 4. Our Church growth efforts?   | <u>Ex.</u> | <u>Sat.</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Dk.</u> |
| 5. Church functions, such as dinners, picnic, social/dance, cultural events?          | <u>Ex.</u> | <u>Sat.</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Dk.</u> |
| 6. Do you support the affairs of the organizations to encourage the members?          |            |             |             |            |
| ( ) Yes ( ) No  |            |             |             |            |
| 7. Would you be interested in attending religious/cultural/social events?             |            |             |             |            |
| Monthly ( ) Yes ( ) No  |            |             |             |            |
| 8. What type of activities would you like to see more of in our Church Cultural Hall. |            |             |             |            |

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G. PLEASE EVALUATE OUR CHURCH:

(Please answer, using the other side or additional sheets, if necessary.)

1. What is our Church's greatest strength?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is our Church's greatest weakness?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What do you think we can do to improve our Church?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What specific changes would you like to see made?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. If you are not active in the Church, or do not attend on a regular basis, please tell us why.

OPTIONAL: Please complete the information below: We assure you all replies will be in the strictest of confidence.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_