

Abp. Manoogian Visits Binghamton

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. - During his pastoral visitation to St. Gregory the Illuminator Church here on October 4-5, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, in a most moving and impressive service, ordained ten members of the congregation to the "Order of Clerk" (tbir). Those ordained were: Michael Ketchoyian, Kevork Papazian, Paul Ketchoyian, Edward Ketchoyian, Peter Fattal, Armen Dekmejian, Hagop Injajigian, Raymond Seraydarian, Michael Medzigian and Gary Rejebian. The latter four, who serve at the altar, were also given the privilege of using the "censor" (poorvar). In addition, the Archbishop blessed the veils of the female members of the choir: Pauline House, Vivian Rejebian, Andrea Medzigian, Elizabeth Garabedian and Nora Fattal. He also consecrated a beautiful baptismal font, which was obtained for the church in memory of Mr. Manbog Bogdasarian and in memory of Mrs. Azniv Bogdasarian. Godfather was Dr. Robert Bogdasarian. The Archbishop was assisted by Rev. Fr. George Arakelian, Deacon Hrair Dekmejian, sub-deacon Ara Misakyan and server Mark Ketchoyian.

Earlier in the day Archbishop Manoogian presided over a regional meeting with the Syracuse parish. Mr. Crosby Goshgarian of the Diocesan Council also attended.

Following Sunday *Badarak*, a dinner was held in honor of the Archbishop. Later that evening he met with Bishop Gerasimos of the Greek Archdiocese.