

### PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Pastor and Parish Council are entrusted with the difficult task of keeping a parish viable and enriched with our religious and cultural traditions as well as financially stable.

As Chairman of the Parish Council, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all the members of the Parish Council and their families whose dedication and sacrifices, throughout the year, ensures the proper administration of such an important office and trust. The spirit of cooperation amongst the Parish Council members made the past year extremely productive. It was my pleasure to serve our beloved church and community. At this time I would like to salute my colleagues for a job well done: Archie Andonian, Haig Arpajian, Russell Arslanian, Ara Bagdasarian, Serop Demirjian and Jack Hacherian.

The Parish Council completed the renovation of the three additional bedrooms on the second floor of the Parish House. We carpeted, installed casablanca fans, venetian blinds, and drapes. The Pastor's quarters was refurbished.

The year 1992 was one of great achievement for our parish and community. Our prayers were answered in June. A new era has begun with the assignment of Deacon Norman Odabashian as Deacon in Charge. Under his capable leadership, the church family of St. Gregory of Narek will be well nourished religiously, culturally and socially.

We must reflect on our past, as we look to the future as we grow and witness our church's stability.

The Parish Council would like to encourage our parishoners to continue to support all organizational functions, and most importantly, let us all come to Church Services regularly and on time to receive complete spiritual fulfillment in order to enrich our lives.

We would be remiss if we did not express our gratitude to our beloved Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian who truly understood the needs of our parish and acted upon it. His Grace assigned Deacon Norman to St. Gregory of Narek and we must stand behind him, work with him, encourage him as well as respect him. Let us all hold hands and work as one family for the glory of God.

Our church organizations are the fundamental necessities that sustains our church. Their success and stability are vital to our church preservation and future.

There is always the desperate need of volunteers, who are willing to give of themselves as well as their talents:

- o Our Church Choir deserves our deep appreciation for the quality of service and loyalty. Archdeacon Serop Demirjian, Deacon Haig Arpajian and Organist Anita Arpajian enhance our worship services every week as do our up-and-coming altar servers. Special thanks to our very capable Choir Director, Thelma Bagdasarian and well as all choir members.

- o The PAROS is a most vital link of communication between the Church and community. We must be proud of the professionalism that Co-Editors Anita Arpajian and Mona Karoghlanian bring with their efforts.
- o Our deep gratitude to Mrs. Anna Karayan and her dedicated staff for their devoted services to ensure that our Church School is a positive and meaningful experience for our children.
- o Mrs. Mary Arslanian and her Executive Committee members of our Women's Guild must be commended for their efforts.
- o We must express our sincere appreciation to Mr. Sarkis Hamamjian and the entire Executive Body of our Social Club for their continual support.
- o Our A.C.Y.O.A., headed by Mr. Russ Kashian and a host of ambitious Executive Committee members, was a source of great strength as they proved that our future does look bright.
- o Many thanks to Mrs. Anais Davidian, who lovingly prepares our "Mahs."
- o The A.G.B.U. continues to teach our children the Armenian language and culture.

As we enter 1993, let us remember to work together harmoniously as a united church family as we carry the torch of our beloved mother church into a new era with new opportunities and challenges.

Respectfully Submitted,

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