

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT
The Year in Review 1997

This being my fourth year as Parish Council member, and my first year as Parish Council Chairman, I have come to appreciate the time and efforts that my predecessors put in to build our small, but strong parish.

As I reflect upon all the events that took place in 1997, I'm amazed at what a determined group of people can do when they have a common goal in mind. The list of events reads the same as prior years, but the efforts have never diminished. We start the year with the Christmas Program and Dinner in January. In February, we had the 12 Month Dinner and the start of Lent. Lenten dinners continued through March and ended with our Sunday School Father's Palm Sunday Brunch.

The month of April brought back thoughts of those who died in the first genocide of the twentieth century and we commemorated that day with the Chicago and Evanston churches. Our first fashion show was held in May which proved to be fun and successful. In June we bid farewell to Alina Rubenian, whose return to Armenia left a little void in all of us. We also held our annual church picnic which brought us together for a day of fellowship.

The children of our parish were brought together in July at Vacation Bible School, which becomes more popular each year due to our dedicated staff. Hye Camp in August had great representation from our Church. We also held the annual rummage sale. The beginning of September brought to us our first Sunday School Parents/Young Couples Pot Luck Dinner. Two days later was Opening Day of Sunday School with a luncheon that followed. At the end of the month we had our annual Mid-year Parish Assembly.

The Sunday School held their Halloween Party/Dinner in October. November proved to be much busier with the Church Bazaar and the Anniversary Dinner. The Advent Season helped us prepare for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The events I've listed are only a small portion of the activities that take place at our church. On any given day there is something going on (i.e. Kheyra luncheons, Guild Meetings, Bible Study, Children's Bible Story Hour, Parish Council Meetings, and more).

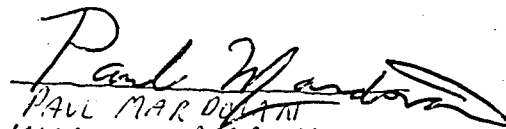

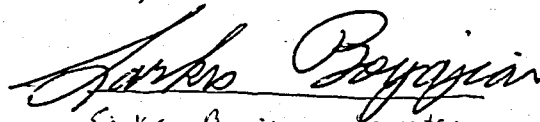
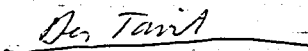
All this cannot happen without the energies of Der Tavit Boyajian, and all the volunteers that make this church work. This includes literally everybody.

At the beginning of the year I was not sure if I should be the Parish Council chairman, because I was not a part of the founding families of our great church. The history of our church goes back to 1958 of which I had no knowledge, therefore I thought I would be working at a disadvantage. Over the past year I have learned that sometimes "ignorance can be bliss." 1997 was a learning experience for me. All our parishioners want is a place to learn more of God's teachings and to worship Our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,



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