

1976 PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to start out by saying that it was a pleasure for me to serve as Chairman of the Parish Council this past year. We have been faced with some setbacks, all of which we have managed to overcome with the help of one ingredient, that being unity - everyone working together for one common goal.

EXECUTIVE BODY

The officers of the Parish Council for the past year have been:

Chairman	Nishan Babikian
Vice-Chairman	Arnold Koresian
Corresponding Secretary	George Nahabedian
Recording Secretary	Mark Nahabedian
Treasurer	Matthew Klujian Jr.
Assistant Treasurer	Jack Cholakian
Advisor	Vahe Karachorlu
Advisor	William Martin
Advisor	Peter Bedrosian

The two year terms have expired for six of the present Parish Council members: Nishan Babikian, Arnold Koresian, George Nahabedian, Matthew Klujian Jr., Vahe Karachorlu and Peter Bedrosian.

REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

There was a total of 10 regular meetings held during this past year. There were 2 special meetings held in 1976. One meeting was held at St. Gregory's on April 10 and the other meeting was held at St. James of Evanston on December 11. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was present at both of the meetings.

HISTORICAL EVENTS

The 50th Anniversary of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago was celebrated on June 12, 1976, at the O'Hare Inn.

CHURCH PICNIC

The second annual Street Picnic was held on Sunday, August 15. It was held on the church grounds and turned out to be quite successful. Our thanks to all the church groups and everyone else who volunteered their time and services to make this affair one of the most successful we have ever had.

CULTURAL-EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

The Martyr's Day Memorial Dinner was held at our Church this past year combined with the Evanston and West Pullman churches.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This summer for 1 week, from June 21 through June 27, we were visited by Father Karekin Kasparian and a few of the seminarians from St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary in New York - Deacons Bedros Sarkissian and Michael Chevian, and Miss Sirarpi Feredjian. During their stay, they worked out of our Church to meet and visit with our Parishioners. Also as part of this Mission Week, they held Bible workshops and worship services during the day, and seminars during the evenings.

CHURCH BAZAAR

In November, our annual Church Bazaar was held in our hall, with all organizations participating in this two-day event.

APPRECIATION

The Parish Council extends its deepest gratitude and appreciation to all Church organizations, Church auditors, volunteer workers and to the countless parishioners for their unselfish service and tireless efforts of time and energy. It is only appropriate that I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Parish Council and all the others who have contributed to our Parish over the years. A special thanks to Hayr Soorp for his services performed and being here when we needed him.

Respectfully submitted,



Nishan J. Babikian
Chairman, Parish Council