

ANNUAL REPORT - 1973

CHURCH SCHOOL

CO-SUPERINTENDENTS: Michele Babikian and Florence Janjigian

TEACHERS: Dolores Tootoian, Pauline Nahabedian, Nancy Weiss,
Michele Babikian (and for several weeks, Raffi Ovian)

SUBSTITUTES: Mary Dadian and Rose Paklaian

1973 Calendar

January: Christmas Program, Confession and Communion; Party
& Refreshments by Young Women's Guild.

June: Adjournment of Church School

September: Recruitment of Teachers

October: Church School Opened

December: CRE Retreat in Wisconsin attended by several staff
members.

Refreshments provided by Knights of Vartan for
students.

Comments

Student body attends Badarak when a priest officiates. During
assembly, students learn Armenian sharagans and prayers.

Attendance has been most disappointing. This definitely discourages
staff members and those students who do attend regularly. Only 12 -
15 students attend regularly.

Financial Report

(Will be forthcoming this coming week.)

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Janjigian

Dear Parishioners:

It was a great pleasure and challenge for me to serve as Chairman of the Parish Council of our Church this past year. As you know, running a church without a priest is a very difficult task. However, it wouldn't have been possible without the help and support of everyone.

EXECUTIVE BODY

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

Chairman	Nishan Babikian
Vice Chairman	Harry Seraydarian
Corresponding Secretary	George Nahabedian
Recording Secretary	Arnold Koresian
Treasurer	Peter Bedrosian
Assistant Treasurer	Vahe Karachorlu
Advisors	Robert Kalenian *
	Barkev Hitik *
	Misak Paloyan *

Regular and Special Meetings

A total of 15 regular meetings were held during the year 1973.

I attended one Mid-West Regional Meeting held in West Pullman in October, 1973. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was present at this meeting. He mentioned the stewardship program at this time.

In our Chicago area we need 10 people to each donate \$100.00 a year to the Diocese. However, since we have not found 10 people, the Church is assessed \$1000.00.

Church Picnic

The Annual Church Picnic was combined with the Ladies Auxiliary this year and took place on Sunday, July 29th at La Bagh Woods under the joint chairmanship of Mrs. Dikranouhie Doumanian and myself. It proved to be very successful (\$2000.00 profit divided between the Parish Council and the Ladies Auxiliary). Our thanks to everyone

who volunteered their time and efforts to make this affair one of the most successful church picnics we've had.

Church Bazaar

On November 3 and 4, the church bazaar was held. The Parish Council would like to thank the Women's Auxiliary, the Young Women's Guild, and the A.C.Y.O.A. for making the 1973 Bazaar an outstanding occasion.

Scholarship

The Parish Council was helpful in assisting students to attend the summer study program at St. Nersess School in Elberon, New Jersey - Charles Babikian and John Paklaian were the recipients this year.

As we have all observed in church, we are benefitting by their knowledge.

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. Also, Vartanantz day was celebrated in a joint dinner given by the three churches, again at our church.

Other Accomplishments in 1973

The Parish Council is quite pleased about the following realization: Our large hall is finally in the process of being converted into a gymnasium which of course won't interfere with the rentals of the hall. We hope that with the completion of the gym, we will fulfill our goal of bringing together the youth of our church.

Special Event

On December 23, 1973, we were honored with the visit of Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and Deacon Hovhaness Kasparian. They were here to ordain Deacon Michael Chanesian who will be Deacon-in-Charge of our church. On that same Sunday, Archbishop Manoogian ordained 6 young men from our church to the rank of "tubir".

After a short trip home, Deacon Michael has returned to take over his duties as Deacon-in-Charge of our Church and all organizations as of January 22nd, 1974.

APPRECIATION

The Parish Council extends its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all church organizations, church auditors, volunteer workers and to the countless faithful parishioners for their unselfish service and tireless efforts of time and energy. It is only appropriate that I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the members of the Parish Council and all others who have contributed to the health of our Parish over the past year.

Special thanks to Hayr Soorp...