

## PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

1984

The year ending 1984 was a very productive and successful year for Church. This was Der Hayr Hazarian's first full year as parish priest and his efforts have contributed significantly to our success and progress. For the coming years we can look forward to a further extension of Der Hayr's experience and guidance as he settles further into his position.

This year the Parish Council had an average of 2 meetings per month. All the Parish Council members have worked very diligently and in harmony to efficiently complete the tasks set before them. (All members to be introduced.)

I would like to extend the Parish Council's appreciation and thanks to all our Church organizations and their members for their support throughout the year, special thanks going to:  
Ann Arivian of the Ladies Auxiliary  
Helen Babikian of the Women's Guild  
Dr. Hampar Yazijian and Georgette Mrofcza of the Choir  
Linda Zakarian and Susu Klujian of the Sunday School.

In addition I would like to express my thanks to all the members of the special committees which were formed this year to handle the special functions during the year.

The following is a summary of the Parish Council sponsored events for this year:

March 24-25

St. Gregory hosted the Midwest Regional Conference. Our thanks go to George Nahabedian, the coordinator of this very successful meeting.

April 1

Upon Der Hayr's suggestion, the Parish Council, along with the Pan Sebastia Rehabilitation Union, sponsored a commemoration service and dinner for the Forty Martyrs of Sebastia. We would like to thank Dr. H. Hitik for organizing this event and making it a success.

April 29

St. Gregory hosted Martyrs Day services and program. Many thanks to Dr. V. Karaclorlu for organizing the program.

May 23

Formation of the Loosavorich Bulletin Committee by the Parish Council. The members are May Nahabedian, Vi Karesian, Michelle Babikian, George Nahabedian, and Walter Baronian. Fortunately for us, due to the experience and special talents of Vi and May, the Loosavorich has been very successful and recognized as one of the finest bulletins published in our region.

June 17

Parish Council holds Annual Recognition Luncheon for former Parish Council Chairmen and 1984 graduates. I would like to thank Dr. Karachorlu and Nishan Babikian for preparation of the flyer and notices. Thanks to Jack Hagopian, our Dinner Chairman, and to George Nahabedian for selecting the gifts which were presented.

August 1

St. Gregory hosted an Armenian Concert and Art Exhibition. We would like to express our appreciation to Dr. H. Hitik who arranged a free concert featuring Miss Suzanne Mardirosian of Erevan and Karine and Roseanna Lisitsian of Moscow. That same evening Mr. Iszchan Nazarian, an artist from Poland and Erevan, exhibited some of his paintings and tapestries.

August 12

The Tenth Annual Street Picnic turned out to be the most successful one in our history; thanks to Chairman Arnold Koresian and his committee for doing an outstanding job.

August 26

The Annual Golf Outing sponsored by the Parish Council at Indian Lakes Country Club. This successful outing was due to the efforts of Matt Klujian, Jr., Garo Dadian, Peter Bedrosian, John Dadian and Matt Paloian.

October 21

The 20th Anniversary Consecration and Banquet for St. Gregory the Illuminator Church. Many thanks to Haig Pedian and the anniversary committee for doing an outstanding job and making it a financial success.

October 23

The visit of Patriarch Shnorhk Kaloustian to St. Gregory on a fund raising mission to assist the Armenian Schools in Turkey.

January 6, 1985

For our Christmas program, the Womens Guild prepared a luncheon, after which the Sunday School presented a short Program and the Parish Council recognized various parishioners for their service to the Church.

As you can see, there have been many programs and projects started this year, some have been completed and some are continuing on. If you look from the floor to the ceiling in the Church, you will see the end result of some of these programs. So, on behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank Haig Pedian for donating all the carpeting for the Church and to Garo Sazian for his donation of the hand-crafted Archbishop's Staff and for the Very Rev. Father's Staff. Thanks to the many donors to the organ fund and especially to Alderman George Hagopian and Michael Jack Hagopian for their outstanding efforts to make the new organ a reality. Finally, thanks to Gary Rejebian for obtaining the CPT typewriter with memory for use by the Bulletin Committee.

Looking back in retrospect for this year, our parish is doing well materially, but I feel that this is not the most important thing for our community. What is important is our youth organizations and our Church membership. Up to now they have been remaining stagnant. What we need today is to have the numbers present come forward, take on an office, and dedicate themselves to putting forth new ideas and innovations so that our Church and organizations can prosper and grow.

Respectfully submitted,

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