

Parish Council Report to the Annual Parish Assembly
January 30, 1983

The work and responsibility of the Parish Council has many aspects and is a very diversified job. To submit an annual report about activities, decisions and accomplishments of the Council during 1982, in such limited time, is impossible. Therefore, today I will report to you only important decisions and accomplishments. I believe we have had many achievements and success in 1982 in religious and cultural activities, as well as in the church as a whole. Our financial conditions improved more than our expectations.

After the 1982 Parish Assembly Meeting, the Parish Council elected the following officers at its first meeting: Chairman, Dr. Hrach Hitik; Vice Chairman, Mr. Mathew Klujian, Jr.; Secretary, Mr. Walter Baronian; Treasurer, Mr. Garo Sazian; Vice Treasurer, Mr. Arsen Jerian; Corresponding Secretary, Ms. Violet Koresian; and Advisor, Mr. Nishan Babikian. During 1982, the Parish Council worked very harmoniously; they did their best and every one is dedicated to working hard for the benefit of their church. and in keeping and practicing the By-Laws of the church. The Council had 17 pre-scheduled meetings in 1982 and were present at the meetings for the picnic, bazaar and choir rehearsals.

CLERGY

At the end of January, 1981 The Very Reverend Jirair Tashjian's services were terminated at his request and as arranged by the Primate. From the beginning of February to the end of May our church has had visiting clergymen from New York, Detroit and South Milwaukee. During this time, the Primate suggested to us Father Guregh Kalfayian as a permanent priest, but the Parish Council rejected his appointment because of his age.

From the beginning of June to the end of 1982 and at the present time, Father Vahram Hazarian, every other Sunday, celebrates the Divine Liturgy as a visiting clergy with the permission of our Primate and under the supervision of The Very Reverend Varoujan Kabaradjian. At the present time, Father Hazarian is not a member of our Diocese; hence, according to our Primate, cannot be ^{our} a permanent priest. However, Father Hazarian is doing his best for our church. As of now, we do not know of any clergymen available on a permanent basis for our church.

MAJOR DECISIONS AND ACTIVITIES DURING 1982

The apartment and telephone service for Father Tashjian were terminated at the end of May and all furniture put into storage in Dr. Hitik's office. We transferred church money from Certificate of Deposit to Kemper Money Market Fund to receive a higher percentage of interest.

On May 28, 29 and 30 our ACYOA Juniors successfully hosted Sports Weekend.

April 25, the Martyr's Day Program was held at St. James Armenian Church in Evanston, jointly with St. Gregory, St. James and St. Joachim and Anne Churches. This year Martyr's Day will be held at St. Joachim and Anne Church in Palos Heights.

The Mid-West Regional Council requested three representatives from our church for Hye Camp. The Parish Council selected Mrs. Silva Karachorlu, Mrs. Mary Battle and Mr. Walter Baronian. The Mid-West Regional Council decided every year a banquet will be held for the benefit of Hye Camp. Last year the first banquet was held at St. James Church.

The Parish Council decided all books and literature purchased from the Diocese or the Diocesan Bookstore, must be approved by the Parish Council prior to purchasing.

We have stopped burning candles during the Requiem Service after learning that the Diocese and other churches are doing the same because of the fire hazard, cost and wax drippings on pews and carpet. Only the choir will burn candles during the Requiem Service.

This year we had one of the most successful Annual Street Picnics of our church under the chairmanship of Mr. George Nahabedian. We give thanks and appreciation to Mr. George Nahabedian and all persons that worked for the success of the picnic.

September 12, we had a concert of Armenian music by singer Dikran Jamgochian from Washington, D.C.

Father Jirair Tashjian's car, which belonged to the church and was very old, was sold to Father Vahram Hazarian for \$1.00.

The choir has been very weak for many years and attendance has been poor. The Parish Council invited Dr. Yazijian to train the Nairi choir. Every Tuesday from 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. under the direction of Dr. Yazijian, from 20 to 30 people attend choir rehearsals. Today, we can say that we have a much improved choir with additional attendance. Our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Yazijian and to the members of our choir. On December 12, the Nairi choir gave a luncheon after church services to honor Dr. Yazijian. During the luncheon our church members voluntarily made donations for the cost of new choir robes.

The Parish Council has decided to give a testimonial dinner for Alderman George Hagopian on April 17, 1983 in our church hall. A special committee was formed with the Parish Council members consisting of: Dr. Vahe Karachorlu, Mr. Haig Padian, Mr. George Nahabedian and Mrs. Dorothy Koresian.

Armenian Christmas was celebrated with services on January 6 and 9, 1983.

On January 9, after Divine Liturgy, dinner was prepared and served by the Ladies Auxiliary. Our thanks and appreciation to chairman, Mrs. Ann Arevian, and members.

Our church, at the present time, is corresponding with St.

Greek Church for exchange services between our church and theirs in the future.

We have no Armenian school in our church and Sunday School needs improvement.

The Council has established a special committee consisting of Mrs. Seta Jerian, Mrs. Linda Zakarian, Mrs. Sue Klujian, Ms. Michelle Babikian and Mr. Garo Sazian.

We wish the committee success in improving our Sunday School.

Our church had its Annual Women's Guild Bazaar and Luncheon on Sunday,

November 14, under the joint chairmanship of Mrs. Pauline Nahabedian and

Mrs. Dorothy Koresian. Our thanks and appreciation to the chairladies and all the members for their hard work to make the bazaar a success.

Our church lawyer for many years was Attorney Michael Kachigian. As you know, he passed away recently. The Parish Council asked Attorney Nicholas Berberian to assume the duties as our new lawyer.

IMPROVEMENTS

Our alter and hall curtains were old and deteriorated. Alderman George Hagopian volunteered to provide enough money through donations and so far has received \$3,500, with which we have purchased new alter curtains.

Mr. Haig Pedian donated new carpeting for the stairs entering church and the rectory. Mr. Matthew Klujian, Jr. donated the carpet at the entrance way.

Our thanks to Alderman Hagopian, Mr. Pedian and Mr. Klujian.

We purchased 5 new round tables and 5 rectangular tables with the help of

Mr. Arnold Koresian. These tables were delivered to the church by Mr. Matthew Klujian, Jr.

A new IBM typewriter and telephone taperecorder were purchased for the church office.

We started inventory of the entire church and 3,000 special inventory foil labels were printed with the help of Mr. Walter Baronian. We have finished the written inventory of the church; only labels remain to be numbered and secured on each item.

We repaired the broken stained glass in the church. The back door of the church was repaired and plexiglass installed in the window. Also, plexiglass was installed in front of the church in the announcement and calendar box. During 1982, there were so many repairs done to the plumbing, electricity, furnace, dishwasher, sewer and toilet by the following: Messrs. Garabed Paloian, Garo Evron, Robert Kalenian, Archie Aznavoorian, Pete Bedrosian, Nishan Babikian and Walter Baronian. Our sincere thanks to them.

Our church and hall were used for the following occasions: May 2, United Armenian Cultural Association Talent Show; June 12, Pan Sebastia Convention; and August 2, Vartkes Hamazaspian Reception/Dinner and Program. During 1982 in our church, we had 8 baptisms, 4 weddings and 8 funerals.

Also, the Parish Council decided to have a monthly news Bulletin and to change the trees in front of the church; however, neither was accomplished.

Finally, the Parish Council wishes to especially thank the Ladies Auxiliary, Women's Guild, ACYOA Seniors and Juniors, Nairi Choir, Mrs. Georgette Moracfza, Mr. Keghaz Parsegian, Mr. Hagop Dirilen and to all the members of our church whose work and dedication are essential to the functioning of our church.

Our special thanks to Father Hazarian for his dedication to our church.

I also thank the members of the Parish Council for their dedication to the church and their cooperation with me.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman of Parish Council
Dr. Horace Houtek