

## 1980 PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

It was a great pleasure for me to serve as Chairman of the Parish Council of our Church again this past year. With all the challenges we encountered throughout the year, it was only with your help and support that we succeeded.

### EXECUTIVE BODY

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

Chairman	Nishan Babikian
Vice-Chairman	John Mrofcza
Corresponding Secretary	Arsen Jerian
Recording Secretary	Walter Baronian
Treasurer	Garo Sazian
Assistant Treasurer	Garo Evran
Advisor	Armen Zakarian

The 2-year terms have expired for three of the present Parish Council members: John Mrofcza, Walter Baronian and Armen Zakarian.

### REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

A total of 19 regular meetings were held during the year 1980.

A special meeting was held with the Sunday School and Armenian School staff and parents.

A special meeting was held with His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian in October in Milwaukee on matters concerning the closing of the Sunday School by Father Jirayr Tashjian and also his

resignation from our Parish. The result of this meeting was that the Sunday School was to be reopened, and also that Father Jirayr will remain to serve as our Parish Priest until he is reassigned by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

#### CHURCH PICNIC

The Annual Church Picnic took place on Sunday, August 24th. As in the past several years, the picnic was held directly on the Church grounds. With the participation of all the Church organizations, it proved to be extremely successful. Our thanks to the three chairladies, Mrs. Silva Karachorlu, Mrs. Dorothy Koresian, and Mrs. Pauline Nahabedian, and to everyone who volunteered their time and efforts to make this affair the most successful church picnic we have ever had.

#### SCHOLARSHIP

The Parish Council was again helpful in assisting students to attend the Summer Study Program at the St. Nerses School in Crestwood, New York. This year's recipient was Cynthia Paklaian.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

On September 21st, St. Gregory's Golf Outing was held at the Brookwood Country Club in Wood Dale, Illinois. A good time was had by all who attended.

The 16th Anniversary of our Church was celebrated on Sunday, October 12, following Church Services. After dinner, our special

guest, Mr. Harry N. Naltchayan gave a slide presentation of scenes of Armenia. You may remember that Mr. Naltchayan was the photographer for the June 1978 issue of the National Geographic article "The Proud Armenians".

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 thank the members of the Parish Council and all others who have contributed to the health and success of our Parish over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,



Nishan J. Babikian  
Chairman  
Parish Council