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January 5, 1976

Parish council held 13 meetings in the oast year. These meetings were heldeevery third Week on Wednesday.

At the first meeting laisons were established between parish council members and the various church groups.

Dr. Robert Bogdasarian was selected to be our delegate to represent our parish at the Diocesan Convention which will be held in Boston, Mass. in May of this year.

Dr. Vahe Garabedian reported that the remodeling of the bethrooms in the church hall to date was \$1,513.00 which included labor and materials.  $A_{CC}/k/973$ 

For Martyr's Day Rev. Father George Alexson pastor of the Greek Orthodox Trinity Church in Binghamton was the principle speaker for the 60th anniversary of the Genocide of the Armenians by the Turks in Turkey.

Professor Hrair Dekmajian was one of the speakers at the Martyr's Day services that were held in New York City.

Arrangements were made here in our area to hold a Mattyr's Day service so that all Armenians of different faiths or political patries could attend together.

Our annual church picnic was held on June 29th, 1975, and a profit of \$300.00 was made.

A meeting was held previous to the picnic to set up schedules for all of the workers at the picnic. Also prices were made up for the different foods to be sold. Shish kebab wouldbe 5.00 and Lula Kebab 2.00 Beer  $50\phi$  and soft drink  $25\phi$ .

Father George suggested that the two parishes Binghamton and Syracuse get together and schedule their picnics so that the parishioners would be able to attend both pinnics. The Syracuse parish would have their picnic in June and Binghamton would have theirs in September.

This would enable both parishioners to meet each other and get to know one another.

Miss Patty Ketchoyian sent in an application stating that she would like to attend the seminar at St. Nerces Seminary from June 29th tp July 8th.

Mothers and Grandmothers Day was held on Mothers Day in recognition for them.

A discussion was held in regards to rent out the church to get some addition revenue. A rate of \$100.00 was to be charged to the general public. Mr Jerry Kalajian would be the party to be contacted by person of persons who would like to rent the hall. Jerry would then contact Father George or any member of the parish council for the final ok to rent it out.

A deposit  $\infty f$  was to be made at thet time which would not be refinable, and the balance due on the day the hall is to be used.

Father George was told to have ads put in the two newspapers so that the hall could be rented.

The rates were also set up for use of the church hall to our members. The rate was \$40.00 for members and \$75.00 for non-members. There would be no charge for Memorial dinners.

Annual church dues were raised to \$15.00 per year for each member.

Father George Dr. Nubar Astarjian and Dr. Robert Bogdasarian attended thre Diocesan Convention in Boston. Many guide lines were set up by both factions in regards to the unity of both church groups.

The parish council decided to reduce the hours of the maintenance man to 20 hours and to \$50.00 per month.

Fire regulations had to be made in the church and hall. The rear exit door of the church hall had to be cleared and a cap or cover put on the chimney of the hall furnace. An electrical out let was needed for the church organ. These have been all taken care of.

Mr. & Mrs John Ketchoyian donated \$100.00 to our church. John was a former member of our church before he moved to California.

In regards ro the rental of the church hall a contract was made up and it was looked over by a lawyer to make sure that it cover any thing. The lawyer suggested that we check our libility insurance for coverage, and this was done.

Mr. Harry Kradjian was to take charge of the dance booklet, He was to handle all aspects of it . Such as fliers printings etc.

Father Georges Stipend was raised to \$8,580.00 + \$2,580.00 for housing. This included \$550.00 the longevity increment.

The Primates visit has been scheduledin our parish for October 4th and 5th. The parish council from Syracuse will also attend this meeting, and Binghamton will be the host.

On the primates visit he will preside over the regional meeting which will be held Saturday afternoon. There was a luncheon which was followed by the meeting. At this meeting many subjects were discused such as budget, pledge system stipends youth work and many more church related subjects.

That same evening the Primate Blessed the Veils of the female members of the choir andalso ordained the male members of the choir and alter servers to the order of our church.

The Primate consecrated the Baptismal Font in memory of Mr. Manoog Bogdasarian

Mr. Paul Ketchoyian our choir director attended the assembly of the Armenian Church Choirs that was held in Springfield, Mass. on November 7-8-9, 1975.

New lights were installed in our church hall and class rooms.

A special meeting was held in regards to the churches finances. Total receipts for the end of June 1975 were \$11,575.64 Total expenditures for the end of June 1975 were \$13,149.19

There was a deficit of

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\$2,573.50

Anticipated revenues for the next 12 months ------ \$19,895.00 Expenditures \$13,149.00 + \$9,018.00 = ----- \$22,167.00 There will be a deficit of ------\$2,272.00