

Recording Secretary's Yearly Report

The present members of the parish council are:

President-----Father George
Chairman-----Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian
Vice Chairman-----Dr. George Rejebian
Treasurer-----Mr. John Bogdasarian
Asst. Treasurer-----Dr. Vahe Garabedian
Corresponding Sect.-----Mr. Henry Kachadourian
Recording Sect.-----Mr. Edward Seraydarian
Advisor-----Mr. Arthur Kradjian

The parish council had their meetings every third week and sometimes a special meeting would be held for our Annual church dance or picnic.

January 1977 started off with our first parish meeting.

Also in January we had our Christmas Eve Services which was followed by a buffet.

On Sunday January 9th Ecumenical Epiphany Service was held at St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church with the combined choirs of the Local south side churches.

On January 23rd we had our annual parish assembly for the elections of officers to replace those whose terms had expired.

In February a Vartanantz program was held following Badarak and church dinner.

Many Lenten services were held during the Month of March. One such service was held at Mac Arthur School with Mr. Dan Kamin who performed in Pantomime. The other service was held at the Conklin Ave. First Baptist Church where films were shown.

For Palm Sunday we had "Tourn Patzeh" (opening of the doors) and after Badarak a brief introduction or installation of the new parish council.

On Maundy Thursday "Vodenvala" (washing of the feet) was held. Father George washed the feet of the senior citizens of our parish.

Church services were held on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Easter Sunday services were held and it was followed by our annual egg cracking event. Choreg and coffee was served during this time.

On Sunday April 24th which was Martyr's Day there was Badarak with a short program and a church dinner

wednesday April 27th was Women's Saints Day. This was held in conjunction with the Women's Guild from Syracuse. The Binghamton Women's Guild was the host for this occasion.

In May Friday the 20th the finance committee arranged for our Annual Pledge Dinner. Cocktails were served before dinner. This all took place at the Vestal Steak House. A large number of our parishioners attended.

His Eminence Archbishop Torkoom Nanoogian paid his yearly visit to our parish. This was Saturday May 21st. That evening the archbishop met with the executive bodies of our church.

On Sunday the 22nd The Archbishop officiated at Badarak. After church services a dinner was served

Father George took the Archbishop to the T V station WBNB to tape a program titled Series Encounter.

This tape was shown on the following Sunday and Father George had a TV set up in the hall so the parishioners could see and hear it.

Our Annual church Dance was held at the Fountains Pavilion in Johnson City on June 4th.

On Wednesday June 3th the Women's Guild had a luncheon at the Vestal Steak House. Dr. Vahe Garabedian was the speaker for this function.

August rolled around and it was the Annual Church Picnic.

The Sunday School programs started in September.

Orthodox Education Day was held in October at the St. Nerses Seminary.

The Consecration and Enthronement of Vasken I The Catholicos of all Armenians was held.

For Thanksgiving Father George requested that we should bring some food to church so that a food basket could be sent to some needy family.

Also in November our Diocesan Regional Meeting was held at St. Sarkis Church in Niagara falls, N.Y. This was held on November 19th. Those who attended from our parish council were Father George, Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian and Mr. John Bogdasarian.

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service was by the South Side churches. This was held at The High Street United Methodist Church.

An Advent program which was created by Sanda Arakelian and Ruby Hagopian is being used by the churches in our Diocese.

A joint meeting was held with the parish council and the women's Guild in regards to church attendance on Sundays and other matters.

The Port Crane property is being readied so that we can use it for our church activities and most of all our church picnic.

The place has been cleared and graded and new toilets have been installed. The cottage is to be renovated etc.

The addition has been completed to our hall and the kitchen has been renovated.

Edward A. Serajdarian
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Respectfully submitted