

Saint Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
of Binghamton, N.Y.

Chairman's Report - January 28, 1973 to
Annual Parish ^{Assembly} Meeting

Deacon Ray, elected chairman, members of parish council, church members and guests:

Nineteen seventy-two has brought an end to my terms of office as chairman of your parish council. I extend my heartfelt thanks to my fellow council members and to all of you who have participated so well in bringing ^{to} our church a happy and successful year. For all the officers whose terms end, I sincerely hope they will continue to participate as parish members, just as all of you will certainly do. As I have often said, this is our church, and its work, with God's help, can only continue if we all come and work together.

After many years of waiting and asking for a resident priest, Deacon Raymond was sent to us early this year. In the short elapsed time, he has brought great significance to our church life. We should encourage him by our physical attendance in church and church functions, and thus derive the benefits which will fall upon us.

Since the forming of our choir directors, William Mahorian, Paul Ketchoyan has accepted

the responsibility. He welcomed all who wish to participate.

The scholarship fund is being used. Applications are welcome for consideration.

Officially, the name of our church is St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Binghamton, N.Y.

Our pledge system is a necessity, since costs of church maintenance, salaries, books, capital improvements keep increasing, just as your costs increase personally. Please give your earnest and best support when solicited.

In May of 1973, a pilgrimage, perhaps along with the Syracuse church, is contemplated, to St. Vartan's Cathedral in N.Y.C. Further information will be passed on to you. Thought has also been given to a mass church trip to Syracuse and visa versa.

On June 2, 1973, a dance is to be given to raise funds. Everyone of us, and not just those on a committee is expected and should work for the success of this event.

Again I thank you all, I ask God's help to the officers to be elected, and his blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Bogdasarian
Chairman of Church Council.
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