

St. Gregory Armenian Church
1984 Parish Assembly
Chairman's Report

This past year has been a challenging and gratifying year. Despite ever rising expenses, we were able to balance our budget and maintain our capital fund. The pledge response was excellent and we look forward to your continued support in this very crucial area. We have continued to receive a favorable response to our annual pledge dinner in May and I would like to thank Harry and Jackie Kradjian; who, as you know, donate this delicious dinner each year.

Throughout the past year, we have also enjoyed regular church dinners, thanks especially to Kevork Papazian, Harry Sarkisian and Mrs. Satenig Ketchoyian who have regularly volunteered their time and labor to cook and prepare these meals. I feel that this "breaking of bread" together is an essential ingredient in maintaining the closeness which we enjoy in this parish.

In May, Gary Rejebian attended the Diocesan Assembly in Palos Heights, Illinois, as our delegate and subsequently gave a very comprehensive and informative written report to our Parish Council. Also, in May, thanks to Gary prodding the council, we enjoyed a delicious basterma and egg breakfast at Ross Park which was expertly prepared by Kevork Papazian. We look forward to a repeat performance this year.

In June we had a highly successful church dance at the Holiday Inn Arena, thanks to Ed Stambouljian and all of the people who worked with him. I regret to say that there will be no church dance this year (1984) due to a lack of interest.

In August we had a lamb roast at which whole lambs were roasted in the oven at the Holiday Inn Arena. This was exceptionally successful and should be repeated. I particularly want to thank Arthur and Diran Kradjian, Alice Boyajian, and Gary Rejebian for their work regarding this affair.

Also in August, our primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian made his annual visit to our parish.

I am happy to report that our Women's Guild has been revitalized under the Chairmanship of Anoosh Dekmejian with Arienne Kachadourian as Vice Chairman, Rose Ketchoyian as Secretary, and Manoosh Serayderian as Treasurer. I urge all of you to give them your time and support.

Our Hayr Soorp has continued to celebrate Badarak one Sunday a month at St. Paul's Church in Syracuse. It is a hardship to travel there regularly during the cold winter months and he should be commended for administering cheerfully to our sister parish. Likewise, Professor Hirair Dekmejian, our Deacon, should be commended for leading the congregation in Jashou Service during Hayr Soorp's absence.

I would like to give special thanks to Michael Findikyan for his devoted and able leadership of our choir.

This past year, through our representative Gary Rejebian, our parish and the local Armenian Community have been involved in the Three Generations: Immigrants and Their Children in Broome County project sponsored by the Roberson Center for the Arts and Sciences. The stories of many of our founding members have been taped and transcribed and will be a part of the permanent archives of our county and will be stored at Roberson. As a result, we (as Armenians) had representation in several exhibits and presently have a major part in the Three Generations exhibit at the Roberson Center.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parish for the support and cooperation you have given to me and the other members of the Parish Council and would like to thank and commend Hayr Soorp and each member of the Council; that is John Bogdasarian, Diran Kradjian, Kevork Papazian, Art Kachadourian and Hagap Injajikian for their hard work and dedication during the past year. It has been my pleasure to work with each one of them individually and with all of them as a group.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. George P. Rejebian
Chairman