

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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St. Gregory Armenian Church
Parish Council Chairman's Report 1993

During the past year, the Parish Council held regular meetings with a full agenda.

Divine Liturgy has been celebrated monthly by visiting clergy.

Our Women's Guild has remained active under the leadership of Alice Bogdasarian.

Repairs to the church roof and steeple have been completed and the driveway was repaved during the past year. Additional repairs on the exterior of the building and exterior and interior painting are in the plans for the spring.

Our Parish's response to Winter Rescue for Armenia last year was very good.

Alice Bogdasarian, our diocesan delegate, and I attended the Diocesan Assembly in Chicago, Illinois.

In August, our parish hosted a historic visit by the Archbishops of the United States and Canada, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian and Archbishop Hovnan Derderian. This was a 1000 mile missionary tour of several cities of the Northeast for St. Nerses Armenian Seminary. The response of our community was most gratifying.

At the end of August, our Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, visited our parish. The Parish Council had an extensive meeting with Serpazan and among other things, the concept of Binghamton and Syracuse sharing a priest was discussed. The Primate told us to proceed with inquiries in this matter and in October the Parish Council met with the Syracuse Parish Council in Syracuse. Syracuse will get back to us after January 1994.

The Parish Council also voted to send the Endowment Fund of our Church to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund at the Diocese. The interest earned will be sent to our parish annually. Memorial or endowment funds will be set up for each of the donors whose monies are in the fund and the proceeds sent to St. Gregory Church of Binghamton.

I would like to thank each member of the Parish Council for their dedication and hard work during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dr. George P. Rejebian".

Dr. George P. Rejebian
Chairman