

# Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church

April 17, 1997

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His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian  
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Your Eminence,

Our Annual Parish Assembly was held on December 8, 1996. Our membership in Binghamton consists of 44 members, and we had 30 members attending the Parish Assembly constituting a quorum.

The candidates nominated and elected are on the enclosed ballots. Voting was done by secret ballot.

The new Parish Council of St. Gregory's is: Dr. Garabed Fattal, Chairperson; Mrs. Sonnig Kradjian, Vice-Chairperson; Dr. Vahe Garabedian, Treasurer; Mr. Robert George, Assistant-Treasurer; Mrs. Ursula Findikyan, Recording Secretary; Dr. Aristaks Kachadourian, Corresponding Secretary; and Mr. Diran Kradjian, member at large.


The 1996 nominating committee consisted of: Mr. Diran Kradjian, Mr. Hagop Injajigian, and Dr. Vivian George. The 1997 nominating committee will consist of the same members and a new nominating committee will be elected in 1997.

The 1996 auditing committee consisted of: Mr. Mike Ketchoyian, Dr. Vahe Garabedian, Mr. Diran Kradjian. The 1997 auditing committee will consist of the same members based on the election results and we will institute By-law 14f, effective as of December 1996 (see attached sheet- "Assembly Nominations").

According to our Treasurer, our Diocesan dues have been paid through April of 1997.

All other required reports and information have been sent by our Chairperson, Dr. Garabed Fattal.

Respectfully yours,

  
Dr. Garabed Fattal, Chairperson

  
Rev. Dn. George Devejian, Deacon-in-charge

1996 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES - ST. GREGORY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

The annual parish assembly of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church, Binghamton, NY, was called to order on December 8, 1996, at 12:30 pm in the church hall. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Dr. Vahe Garabedian was elected Chairman pro-tem and Pam Russell was elected assembly Secretary.

A vote was taken to accept the minutes of the November 19, 1995, parish assembly.

Remarks by Parish Council Chairman Garabed Fattal were made focusing on the future of St. Gregory's stressing unity and generational responsibility as our duty and the pledge to work together for our churches' continuity.

Deacon George Devejian rendered his thorough report, which is attached.

The annual audit and budget was presented by Lucas Sarkisian which is attached. Harry Kradjian suggested that the previous year's audit should be presented with the current year's audit for comparison. A suggestion was also made to seek a consultation with a C.P.A. to help with the budget.

Reports were given by Louise Kontos, Womens' Guild Chairperson, and the Diocesan Assembly report from Alice Bogdasarian was read by Hagop Injajigian.

There was no old business.

New business discussed included how to generate interest and funds to sustain St. Gregory's. It was agreed that the Parish Council and Womens' Guild would meet in 1997 to "brainstorm" on ways to encourage interest with cultural events, dances, and other functions.

The following parishioners ran for election to the Parish Council and the top three vote-getters were elected:

Vahe Garabedian	30 votes *
Ursula Findikyan	16 votes *
Lucas Sarkisian	11 votes
Mike Ketchoyian	4 votes
Bob George	29 votes *

The following parishioners ran for election to the auditing committee and the top three vote-getters were elected:

Mike Ketchoyian	28 votes *
Diran Kradjian	28 votes *
Vahe Garabedian	28 votes *

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Garabed Fattal, Chairperson



Pam Russell, Assembly Secretary



Rev. Dn. George Devejian, Deacon-in-charge


1996 Parish Assembly NominationsParish Council Nominees

Dr. Vahe Garabedian	30 votes-elected
Mr. Robert George	29 votes-elected
Mrs. Ursula Findikyan	16 votes-elected
Mr. Lucas Sarkisian	11 votes
Mr. Michael Ketchoyian	4 votes

Auditing Committee Nominees

Mr. Michael Ketchoyian	28 votes-elected -one-year term
Dr. Vahe Garabedian	28 votes-elected -two-year term
Mr. Diran Kradjian	28 votes-elected -three-year term

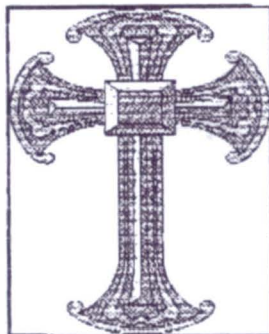
Note: Concerning the Auditing Committee elections and all the elections in the parish, there were not any other individuals available who expressed an interest to run for the various positions. The parish is small and it is always a major chore to ask people to come forward and run for various offices of the church.



Dr. Garabed Fattal, Chairperson



Rev. Dn. George Devejian, Deacon-in-charge



## Fax Cover Letter

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