

PARISH COUNCIL  
Annual Report - 1978  
February 11, 1979

1978 will be characterized as the year of initiating the program of pledge system of giving, the first bazaar of the church, the beginning of our Pastor's full time service and the discovery of the site of our church.

The parish council members for 1978 are:

Edward Essayan: Chairman	George Davidian: Advisor
Berge Derdarian: Vice- Chairman	Zaven Adourian: "
Barbara Dorian: Rec. Secty	Ara Shimshidian: "
Ann D. Boghosian: Corr. Secty.	Apkar Omartian: "
Edward S. Dorian: Treasurer	Garo Bashian: "
	Judge Vincent Gurahian: "

Under the presidency of our Pastor, Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, and the chairmanship of Edward Essayan, the parish council met regularly twice a month for decision, implementation and execution of functions under its responsibility.

Pledge System - As per decision of last year's annual parish assembly, the pledge system of continuous support of the Church was initiated in our parish after a special program of preparation which the pastor and the co-chairmen of the pledge committee, Ara Shimshidian and Edward A. Dorian, participated in. The system was inaugurated in the summer and 35 families gave their active support by pledging. The added income gave the parish council "breathing room" to function comfortably within the context of the budget.

400 Club Raffle - Financially, the most rewarding idea of 1978 was the 400 Club Raffle, under the dedicated chairmanship of Edward A. Dorian.

Annual Celebration Banquet - This year's celebration banquet had for its theme "Thank You Der Hayr" which was our way of showing appreciation to our pastor for his leadership and guidance. The banquet, held on Jan. 29, 1978, was a unique event in the year.

Festival Bazaar - Our first Festival Bazaar was held on June 10th and 11th at St. John's Church, Yonkers. Under the able chairmanship of George and Elmas Davidian, this most successful function earned a handsome profit for our church. For the next bazaar, a concentration shall be made in three areas: an a-la-carte table, a white elephant table and especially an extensive sale of imported rugs by our own Garo Bashian, who did such a fine job, along with his wife, in realizing a large sum this year.

Cookbook - Entitled Armenian Culinary Cuisine, this cookbook was compiled by Mary Azarian, Ann D. Boghosian, Elmas Davidian, Rose Derdarian, Barbara Dorian, Anita Essayan and Yeretzgin Dawn Kasparian. The sale of the booklet is not completed yet.

"Let's Get Away" Weekend - On Mar. 31, Apr. 1 and 2, 1978, a pleasant weekend in Stevensville, N.Y., was organized by Mary Azarian and Grace Cassidy.