

Stewardship Program - Under the initiative and guidance of the Pastor and Parish Council, the Stewardship Program was given a new impetus to enable our Church members and Armenians in our Community to become Stewards of the Church through pledges. It is hoped that the Stewardship Program will generate enough funds through the pledge system to meet the needs of 33% of the Operating Budget during the calendar year. Guidelines have been established. Pledges have been solicited among the initial group of 144 families and results have been gratifying. Mailings to the second group of over 250 families has been accomplished. This will be followed by mailings to the remaining group of 200 families residing in the area. The Council expresses gratitude to the Stewardship Committee, being chaired by Martha Gurahian and Ara Shimshidian for their hardworking efforts in this drive, with the special assistance offered by Anita Wolohojian.

Caretaker - The services of Mr. Greg Gallagher was terminated by the Parish Council in October. After interviews of prospective replacements, we were fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Greg Bochow who has demonstrated to be a dependable and conscientious person.

All Executive Committee Meeting - The Parish Council invited executive members of the various Church organizations to meet with the Council on September 14, 1982 to discuss the status of the organizations, planned events, problems of mutual interest, recommendations, etc. The goal of the deliberations was to integrate all activities and to attempt to strengthen the various organizations to best meet our overall goals.

Get Away Weekend - The fifth annual "Lets Get Away" weekend was held once again under the co-chairpersonship of Mary Azarian and Grace Cassidy, at the Granite Hotel in the Catskills during the first weekend of May 1982. The event was not only enjoyable to all those who attended, but resulted in a significant financial benefit to the Church.

Spring Oriental Rug Sale - An oriental rug sale was held on May 15, 1982 under Garo Bashian's direction, resulting in a substantial profit to the Church.

Fine Arts Festival - An Arts Festival, sponsored by the Women's Guild, was held at the Parish House on June 6, 1982. Artists consisting of Church members, and from the Armenian Community in Westchester and surrounding areas exhibited their works, resulting in a most enjoyable and interesting event.

Record of Church Valuables - The task of keeping and maintaining a record of the Church valuables was launched under the Chairmanship of Ben Tepikian. Ben has been taking pictures of the Church valuables and itemizing and cataloging the various items.

Gift Shop - As a service to the community, the Women's Guild has been operating a boutique of gifts and books for sale. Many useful and popular items, souvenirs, record albums, paintings, etc., are available for purchase.

Appreciation Cookout - On August 7, 1982, under the sponsorship of the Parish Council, and with Paul and Terry Bashian as chairpersons, an appreciation picnic took place to thank all members of the Choir, teachers of the Sunday and Armenian Schools, and their immediate families for their work in behalf of the Church.

Annual Picnic - The Annual Picnic, conducted by the Men's Club under the Chairmanship of Malcolm Shadoian, was held on August 29, 1982. A profit of over \$5000 was realized and over 700 people were in attendance. It is hoped that the picnic in 1983 can be held on a grander scale. Special thanks to Berge Derdarian who almost singlehandedly handled the picnic raffle. Many thanks to Malcolm Shadoian and other members of the Men's Club, the Women's Guild, and ACYOA and to all those who contributed and worked hard to make this picnic a most successful event.

Kef Nite - On September 18, 1982 an enjoyable Kef Night was held with Armenian and American live music provided. This event proved to be very successful thanks to the efforts of Mr. & Mrs. George Davidian, Mr. & Mrs. Garo Bashian,

Mr. & Mrs. Ara Shimshidian, Mr. & Mrs. James Cassidy, Dr. & Mrs. Hagop Cetinkaya, and Mr. Ohan Bas, and to all the others who gave a helping hand.

Annual Bazaar - Our Annual Bazaar was held on our Church grounds on October 9, and 10, 1982. The oriental rug sale held in conjunction with the Bazaar was conducted skillfully by our own Garo Bashian. We owe a debt of gratitude to Garo and his cousin, George Bashian, Jr. for the rugs, to Yeretzgin Dawn for managing the culinary, and to Grace Bozian for coordinating the Bazaar, and to the many persons who contributed to make the Bazaar a successful and profitable event for our Church.

Thanksgiving Service - On November 23, 1982, an interfaith Ecumenical Service took place at Temple Emmanuel in Rye, N. Y. in which our Church, through our Pastor, was a participant.

Celebration Banquet - The Third Annual Consecration Celebration Banquet of our Church was held on Sunday, December 5, 1982 at the Lake Isle Country Club under the chairmanship of John Wolohojian. Throughout the delicious luncheon which included champagne and cocktails, music was provided by Richard Berberian, oud player and vocalist from Boston, and Ara Dinkjian, classical guitarist from New Jersey. Addresses were given by Father Karekin, Pastor, and Dr. Jack Hachigian, Parish Council Chairman. Special thanks were given to John and Anita Wolohojian for once again giving us a celebration which is characterized by its touch of dignity and class.

New Year's Eve Party - On December 31, 1982, a New Year's Eve Party, under the auspices of the Men's Club, was held in the Parish House. All who attended had an enjoyable time.

Conclusion - The Parish Council appreciates and commends all the Church Organizations, the Chairpersons and Members of various committees, and all contributors for their continuous support and involvement in the progress and well being of our Parish. With the continuing spirit and dynamism which exists in our Parish, it surely is destined to become the most important focal point of community life among Armenians, and friends in Westchester, Southern Connecticut, and surrounding areas.

Recognized for special service are Elmas Davidian and Anahid Chookhachian

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Jack Hachigian, Chairman

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