

## ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

### Brief Biographical Sketches of Candidates for Parish Council - 1981

PETER AJEMIAN served St. Thomas in the past as a Parish Council member, picnic chairman, and choir member. For 21 years he was on the Board of the Emerson Home for the Armenian Aged which he served as Vice President and is presently a Board member of the Armenian Welfare Ass'n - New York Home for the Armenian Aged. He is also a past Commander of the Knights of Vartan (Erivan Lodge), past President of the AGAU Alumni Ass'n and currently chairman of their Scholarship Fund. He was active with the Boy Scouts of America for ten years and held the post of Merit Badge Counselor. Peter is a lithographer and owner of Armen Graphics in New York. Peter and his wife, Ann, live in Emerson. They have two married children - Dr. Peter Ajemian and Deborah Ann Greenip - and three grandsons.

ARA BABIGIAN has helped with activities of our Men's Club, Sunday School, Armenian School, and the Bazaar. He is a Store Manager for the F.W. Woolworth Co. He has served as Director of various Chambers of Commerce and as Unit Chairman of Community Chest and United Fund Drives. Ara, his wife, Marion, and their sons, Peter and Daniel, reside in Cresskill.

PETER JAMGOCHIAN has served on our Parish Council for two terms. He is currently the chairman and formerly held the posts of Secretary and Rentals Coordinator. Peter also has co-chaired a St. Thomas picnic, been active in the Couples Club, helped in the Sunday School, assisted with photography at church, and worked on various committees. He served a term on the Council for Religious Education of our Diocese. Peter is a high school art teacher in Palisades Park where he has been involved in the Education Association (including a term as President) and in the community. He was Camp Nubar Director for two years. Peter and his wife, Amy, live in Palisades Park with their children, Christine and Peter, Jr.

MOSES KAZANJIAN has been on our Parish Council for one term. He is a civil engineer with Burns & Roe, Inc. and has contributed his professional expertise to our building, equipment, and grounds committee. He resides in Paramus with his wife, Clara, and their children, Maral and Ara. He has been a choir member and Sunday School teacher.

ALBERT PAPAZIAN has been a member of our Parish Council for two terms and serves as Pledge Chairman. He has been a member of the parents' committee of our Sunday School, was a picnic chairman at St. Thomas, and has assisted on other committees. He is in importing with the K. Papazian Company. Albert lives in Ridgewood with his wife, Alin, and children, Elizabeth and Gregory.

VIRGINIA PARSEGHIAN has been on our Parish Council for two terms and been in charge of custodial duties and supplies. She also has been responsible for the plantings in the circle in front of the church. Virginia is a past Chairman and Co-Chairman of our Women's Guild and has served that organization on numerous committees, such as Cotillion, fashion show, art and antique shows, gourmet, etc. She has co-chaired a Bazaar and Anniversary Dinner and helped with bazaars and picnics. In the past she was active in the AGAU and was Athletic Leader for four years. Virginia and her husband, Masis, live in Old Tappan and have four children - Gregory, James, Lisa, and Donna.

PAUL PINAJIAN was Chairman of St. Thomas Couples Club for the past two years and has been a very active member of that organization. He is a computer programmer with Yegen Associates, of Paramus. Paul, his wife, Marilou, and sons, Michael and Mark, reside in Fairlawn.

FRANK AVAKIAN STONESON served on our Parish Council for five years and was Chairman for two of those years. He has assisted on many committees and was the 1979 Cotillion Booklet Chairman. Frank and his wife, Susan, and their children, Richard and Diana, live in Tenafly. Frank is Branch Manager in Stamford, Connecticut, of the Glauber Co. of New York, dealing in wholesale plumbing and heating supplies.

HAIG VARJIAN this past year was the St. Thomas Chairman for the One World Festival. He is a past member of the Parish Council of New York Holy Cross Church. Haig is in sales with Maryland Glass. He and his wife, Queenie, and their sons, Craig and Kirk, reside in Englewood Cliffs.