

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF CANDIDATES
for
PARISH COUNCIL - 1986

PETER AJEMIAN - Currently a member of our Parish Council, serving his second term as Chairman. He has 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 Aged, which he served as Vice President and was a member of the Armenian Welfare Assn.- New York Home for the Armenian Aged. Peter is also a past Commander of the Knights of Vartan (Erivan Lodge), past President of the AGAU Alumni Assn., and currently chairman of their scholarship fund. He is presently serving as treasurer of the Central Committee of America of the AGBU. Was active with the Boy Scouts of America for 10 years and held the post of Merit Badge Counselor. Peter is a lithographer and owner of Armen Graphics in New York. He and his wife Ann live in Emerson. They have two married children -- Dr. Peter Ajemian and Deborah Ann Greenip, five grandsons and two grand-daughters.

HAGOP JACK EKIZIAN - An active member of St. Thomas. He was president of the Men's Club in the early seventies and has been the treasurer since 1981. He is a member of the Men's Club bowling league and its treasurer for the past ten years. He is a working member of the Memorial Day picnic, the annual bazaar and a member of the Anniversary Dinner kitchen staff. Jack is a teacher in New York City and a supervisor of recreation in after school activities and summer day camp. He lives in River Edge with his wife Jeanette and their three children: Stephanie, Laura and Christopher.

GRACE HAGOPIAN - Currently a member of our Parish Council, serving her second term as Treasurer. She has been a member of the St. Thomas Auditing Committee for three years and co-chaired several Pot Luck dinners for our Sunday School. She is an accountant, presently with the ATA International Corp. and previously was employed as an Internal Revenue Agent field auditor for over five years. Grace is an AGBU member and also is on the Executive Standing Committee Faculty Women's Club of New York City Technical College, where she has served as Treasurer for a few years. She has been a Pascack Valley Hospital Auxiliary volunteer for the past seven years. Grace and her husband Henry live in Woodcliff Lake with their son Henry.

KRIKOR GREG KHOROZIAN - Born in Aleppo, Syria. An active member of St. Thomas. He is a member of the Men's Club and belongs to the Knights of Vartan. Greg coaches the Oradell Soccer team and assists the AGBU Saddle Brook Junior Soccer Team. His occupation is as a self-employed machinist. He resides in Oradell with his wife Irene and two sons: Shant and Ara.

JAMES MELCON - An active member of St. Thomas at the time of its inception in Teaneck. A former Parish Council member. Has been delegate and alternate for the Diocese. Former president of Hawthorne Kiwanis Club. Has been president of Hawthorne Merchants Assn. Delegate from Passaic County to Pharmaceutical Assn. in Trenton. He resides in Hawthorne with his wife Queenie. Has four children: James, Charles, Steven and Carol Margossian, and six grandchildren.

ARAX PARSEGHIAN - Currently a member of the Parish Council, serving as secretary. Was a secretary to the original building committee. She has been chairman of the Women's Guild and chairman of the Cotillion. She taught Sunday School for three years. Arax was Senior Representative in Consumer Affairs for Volks Wagon of Englewood Cliffs. She is presently employed as a sales assistant at E.F. Hutton in Paramus. Resides in Closter with her children Joyce, Linda, and George.

ARA PEKMEZIAN - Active Chairman of St. Thomas Men's Club for two years 1984 and 1985. Chaired the 1984 St. Thomas Memorial Day Picnic and Co-chaired 1983 Men's Club Halloween Party. Served with Men's Club cooking group at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary open house the summer of 1985. His tennis and bowling keep him active in many community leagues and clubs. Ara sells Industrial Packaging, Cushioning and Design for G.H. Swatek Co. Inc. He resides in Montvale with his wife Pauline and their two children Gregg and Joan.

MISAK TOROSIAN - Born in Istanbul. Came to the United States after living for a while in Canada. He is a graduate of the Sahagian Nounian Varjarian in Istanbul. He is a businessman and deals in wholesale and retail floor-covering. Misak resides in Englewood Cliffs with his wife Angelle and their two children Mihran and Anahid.

JOHN VANISKHIAN - Served as Chairman of the St. Thomas Booth at the One World Festival. Was active on various committees at the St. Vartan Cathedral. Sales Manager of Plastic Packaging for Owens Illinois. Serves on the Township Recycling Committee, Township of Washington. He and his wife Bertha and two sons Darren and Derrick live in Washington Township.

VIRGINIA VICTORIA - Currently a member of our Parish Council serving as Vice-chairman. She is also in charge of church rentals. Virginia has served St. Thomas as a member of our bazaar, altar flower, and kitchen renovation committees, and as secretary to the Building Committee and Parish Assembly. Her previous church experience includes positions as a Sunday School teacher and choir member. Locally, Virginia has been Vice President of the Tenafly Nature Center, a volunteer at Englewood Hospital, and a member of Tenafly Women's Club where she was chairman of programs and active in special fund raising projects, social service, ways and means, and beautification of Tenafly endeavours. She has also served there on Board of Education candidate committees and as an Armenian cooking instructor. Virginia and her husband Albert live in Tenafly with their children, Albert Jr., and Susan.