

PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATES

1994

ANN AJEMIAN - a St. Thomas Armenian Church member since its beginning, a charter member of the Women's Guild, Guild Executive Chairman for three years, Executive Board, 1964 Church Cornerstone & Foundation, United Church Women of Tenafly - National Council of Churches, the Consecration Banquet, Chaired two "Sew'n Show" Luncheons. Chaired the Ground Breaking in 1986 and dinners for the new expansion. Served on various committees for Church functions such as Picnic, Bazaar, chaired several luncheons and was on reception committee for Fr. Papken. Honored as the Women of the Year with late husband Peter the Man of the Year at the St. Thomas Anniversary Dinner. Presently the Chairperson of the Church Fellowship Hour.

An Alumni of St. Gregory Armenian Church choir, served as organist for 7 years and a graduate of Armenian school.

A life and charter member of the A.G.B.U. Northern N.J. chapter President twice, Eastern District Comm.; received awards for Outstanding Service of 40 years, chaired various projects. Past President of the A.G.A.U. Alumni, Publicity Chairman and Secretary of Scholarship Comm. and Central Board, has received award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service.

Daughters of Vartan, past Matron, Executive Board, chaired many functions, served on the Grand Council as Secretary, received Plaque for the 'Mother of Year' 1980.

A State Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, was the Administrator of the Emerson Home for the Aged, acquired Degrees and Certificates for Nursing & Hospital Administration from Rutgers University, member of American College N.H.A. and Society of N.H. Administrators. While administrator in sales and merchandising in Macy's, NY, Ann was honored by Macy's-Bamberger's, N.J. in Recognition of Leadership.

Ann resides in Emerson, N.J., two children; son Peter Joseph Ajemian M.D. Daughter Deborah Ajemian Greenip, 7 grandchildren. Ann was married to the late Peter Bedros Ajemian.

ARPI ARSLANIAN - Arpi Arslanian has been a member of St. Thomas since 1980. She chaired the 1992 St. Thomas New Year's Eve Celebration, serving on the Diocesan 70th Anniversary Observance of the Armenian Genocide, banquet committee. She has also served as Chairman of the NY/NJ Metro Chapter of the AGBU, and has been involved with the Center Operations Management and Programs Committee, National Games Committee, Central Membership Committee. She has been the recipient of the AGBU Top Ten Award and President Ronald Reagan's Volunteer Action Award.

Arpi is the mother of Ara and Talin. She resides in Cresskill, New Jersey, with her husband Krikor.

AYDA BOZLIAN - Member of St. Thomas Armenian Church for the last 29 years and Women's Guild member. She has been a Nursery class teacher from 1965-1970. She was the Cake Sale Chairman of the Palm Sunday Dinner in 1993 and is a member of Father Papken's Altar Guild Sewing Committee, Kef Night, New Year's Eve Committees.

LEVON M. CAPAN, M.D. - Levon is an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at New York University Medical School, and Associate Director of the Department of Anesthesiology at Bellevue Hospital Center in NYC. He has published several books on Trauma Anesthesia and Embolism and has written many articles related to his field. Levon served in the St. Thomas Parish Council during the past two years; the first year as vice-chairman and second year as chairman. (Having attended Istanbul Conservatory during his youth, Levon has been active in various church choirs including ours. He served as President of C.A.R.S. for 3 years and was on the Board of Directors for about 10 years.) He with his wife Ani, chaired the Annual Cake Sale of the 1991 Bazaar. He has given much support to the Krikian Armenian School. He has been active as President of C.A.R.S. for 3 years, serving on the Board of Directors for about 10 years. He lives in Norwood with his wife and daughter, Natalie.

LUSI EZGILIOGLU - Married mother of 2 children, homemaker. Active member of the Altar Guild, member of various committees of Krikian Armenian School.

ALICE GESAR - Member of St. Thomas Armenian Church for the last 3 years. Graduate of Cooper Union, Fine Art and Columbia University. Vice President of CARS (Constantinople Armenian Relief Society). Secretary & Treasurer of Fashions Inner Circle in NY. Design Consultant for Vanity Fair Burlington, Jantzen.

GRACE HAGOPIAN - is a parishioner for all seasons. She has been a faithful member of St. Thomas for nearly 20 years. As an incumbent member of the Parish Council, Grace has the responsibility of being the Church Treasurer since 1992. Previously, she served the Parish Council from 1982-1988 in the capacity of Church Treasurer. She was also on the auditing committee for four years in addition to being elected to the nominating committee for two terms. Grace has also been Bazaar Treasurer for five years.

An active member in the Women's Guild, Grace chaired the 1989 Cotillion booklet as well as a very successful Cotillion in 1990, was named "Volunteer of the Week" by the RECORD on May 23, 1990 which reported on her role at St. Thomas. For the Women's Guild, she served on the Executive Board and Nominating Committee for two years, chairing a very successful Valentines Dinner- Dance as well as serving as delegatio to the Diocesan Assembly.

Elsewhere at St. Thomas she has served as a substitute Sunday School teacher and advisor to the ACYOA Jrs. for four years. During her term as advisor to the Juniors, the first winter sports weekend began. Recently, she handled reservations for the 1993 New Year's Eve celebration. She has been a member of various "Kef" Night committees as well as contributor. Needless to say, she has served on many St. Thomas functions in her twenty years at St. Thomas. Grace also participated in the hospital visitation program for the Earthquake children. York Rusk Institute. She is currently serving her fourth year as Treasurer of the A.G.A.U. Alumni Association. She lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey with her husband Henry and has one son Henry Jr.

SUSAN SHAMAMLIAN - Susan is currently a member of our Parish Council and was its Secretary from 1992-93. She has served as St. Thomas Organist since age 13 and has also been our Senior and Junior Choir Director for the past two years. For its performance and achievement during 1992, our Choir recently received the prestigious Gomidas Vartabed Award from the Choir Association of the Diocese. Susan has also participated for many years as Musical Director of our annual Christmas Eve Services on December 24th. She has been a member of the St. Thomas "Triple S" (Sunday School Seniors), ACYOA Juniors, and served as Choir Chairman in addition to being a member of the Nominating Committee, Parish Assembly Secretary, and an Alternate Delegate to the Diocesan Assembly. Susan served for many years as our Parish Publicity Director and Publicist for numerous St. Thomas Bazaars, Anniversary Dinners, Cotillions, Picnics, ACYOA activities and other church events and she was Editor of our Tenth Anniversary Booklet and Associate Editor of the NOR TAR. and a member of our Library Committee. She holds a B.A. degree in English with a minor in Secondary Education and is a high school English/Journalism teacher by profession. A former editor, Susan is currently Projects Coordination Administrator for the Thomas J. Lipton Company. She lives in Fort Lee with her mother Charlotte.

KEVORK A. KESKINYAN - Attended Austrian High School and Robert College Engineering School. Graduated from Columbia University with an MS degree in Electrical Engineering.

Works as an independent consultant in the Computer field. Was treasurer of Esayan Getronagan Alumni Association for a term and was on the auditing committee for several terms. Is a member of the St. Thomas Armenian Church and has been consulting and programming the computers at St. Thomas for 3 years.

SHAKE LUSAPER TORIGIAN - 25 years member of St. Thomas Armenian Church and St. Thomas Women's Guild.

Shake organized a Fashion Show for the benefit of St. Thomas Luncheon and another one for Essayan Getronagan Alumni Association. She was a teacher at the St. Thomas Armenian School for 10 years; has been a member of Daughters of Vartan for 10 years, currently serving as a chairperson (Diroohi), and was married to the late George Torigian.