

## PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATES

1997

**ANN AJEMIAN** is a St. Thomas Armenian Church member since its beginning, a charter member of the Women's Guild, Guild Executive Chairman for three years, 1964 Church Cornerstone & Foundation, United Church Women of Tenafly, National Council of Churches, the Consecration Banquet, and chaired two "Sew'n Shows" luncheons. She also chaired the Ground Breaking in 1986 and dinners for the new expansion. She served on various committees for Church functions such as picnics, bazaars, chaired several luncheons and was on the reception committee for Fr. Papken. She and her late husband Peter were honored as the recipients of the St. Thomas Award at the Palm Sunday Anniversary Dinner. She is presently the Chairperson of the Church Fellowship Hour. An Alumni of St. Gregory Armenian Church Choir, she served as organist for seven years and is a graduate of the Armenian School. She is a member of the Daughters of Vartan, A.G.B.U. and A.G.A.U., where she has held leadership positions and garnered awards. She has degrees in Nursing and Hospital Administration from Rutgers University, is a state licensed Nursing Home Administrator, was the Administrator of the Emerson Home for the Aged, and is a member of the American College N.H.A. and Society of N.H. Administrators. While employed as an administrator at Macy's/Bamberger's she received a leadership award.

Ann is currently serving on the Parish Council and is Liaison to the Women's Guild. She resides in Emerson, NJ. She has two children, Peter Joseph Ajemian MD, and daughter, Deborah Ajemian Greenip, and seven grandchildren. Ann was married to the late Peter Bedros Ajemian.

**GREG AMERKANIAN** has served on various committees at St. Thomas. He is a graduate of Holy Cross College and is currently employed by Merrill Lynch as a financial consultant. Greg resides in New York City and will move to NJ this Spring.

**TAVIT CAKIRDAS** has been attending St. Thomas Armenian Church for over 5 years. For the past three years he has been an Altar Server and has been attending Deacon's Training. He has been a member of Hye Doon. He has been active on several St. Thomas committees and is involved Church affairs. Tavit owns and operates his own business. Tavit resides in Cliffside Park with his wife Marie Rose.

**MANUK CAMCIKYAN** is an expert motor boat technician and he owns his own motor boat repair and maintenance business. He is also a knowledgeable home improvement expert, and has been involved in St. Thomas for many years especially in the repair and maintenance of the Church complex. He has also been Chef at the Palm Sunday Anniversary Dinner, and has served on many New Year's Eve, Kef Night and Dinner Dance Committees.

Manuk and his wife reside in Nyack, NY. They have one daughter, Talar.

**AVAK PASHALIAN** has been involved in the Karabagh Relief Fund, and in the Hye Doon. Avak owns his own clothing manufacturing company. He has been a member of St. Thomas Armenian Church for the past five years and has served as Chef and many Bazaars and Memorial Day Picnics, as well as supported many church affairs. Avak resides in Cresskill, NJ, with his wife Zabel and three children, Linda, Yervant, and Rita.

**IRMA SAGANDA** has been attending St. Thomas Armenian Church since 1984. She is currently serving as an advisor on the Executive Board of the Family Auxilliary of St. Thomas. She has served on the 1994 New Year's Eve Celebration Committee and has assisted in the Bazaar Booth for the Kirikian Armenian School.

She attended Istanbul University and is currently a homemaker. She resides in New Milford with her husband Dickran and two sons.

**HARRY SANOSSIAN** is a recipient of St. Thomas Award along with his wife Mary, and has been a member of the choir for the past 28 years. He is a retired businessmen from his own export company.

**HOVSEP TAKTAJIAN** is originally from Damascus, Syria, where he attended and received a degree from Business College. He is a licensed Financial Planner in New York State. He owns his own jewelry manufacturing company. He has been a member of the ASA, and the AGBU Krikor Satamian Theater Group. He has been attending St. Thomas Armenian Church for approximately 15 years, has served on the Auditing Committee, and has been a supporter of all Church affairs.

Hovsep and his wife Diko reside in Blauvelt, NY, with son Hovig, daughter Nora, and mother, Mary Tashjian.

**SETA YAVRU-SAKUK** has been a member of St. Thomas Armenian Church for 22 years. During this time she has been actively involved in the welfare and betterment of the church. Seta has been a member of the Kirikian Armenian School for seventeen years and now serves on the Executive Board as Academic Adviser. Seta is also a member of the Women's Guild, St. Thomas Choir and the Family Auxilliary of St. Thomas. Furthermore, she is the Secretary of the Library Committee and Vice Chairman of the Cultural Committee. She has been involved in various other committees such as the Bazaar and Picnic, to name a few. Numerous times, she has chaired the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance, Palm Sunday Anniversary Dinner, and the Cotillion. Moreover, she has helped the youth of our church by acting as adviser for the ACYOA Jrs. She is also on the Editorial Board of Nor Tar, the monthly publication of the church, and has been instrumental in collecting revenues to lower the cost of the publication. As a Graphic Designer, she designed and coordinated three stained glass windows that adorn our church complex. Last but not least, Seta has been instrumental in organizing and forming the Shushi Dance Ensemble of St. Thomas Armenian Church.

**JOSEPH ZOKIAN** has been a member of St. Thomas since moving to New Jersey 16 years ago.

After graduating from college, Joseph attended and graduated from the Western Electronic Institute. He is currently employed by Summit Bank (United Jersey) as a Trade Service Specialist in the International Department. He is a member of the Family Auxilliary of St. Thomas.

## AUDITING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

**GREG AMERKANIAN** has served on various committees including the Auditing Committee. He is a graduate of Kirikian Armenian School, has attended Sunday School at St. Thomas, was Co-chairman of ACYOA Juniors. He is a graduate of Holy Cross College with a degree in Economics. He is currently studying to become a Certified Financial Planner, and is employed by Merrill Lynch as a financial consultant. Greg resides in New York City and will move to New Jersey this Spring.

**NATALIE CAPAN** is a graduate of the Kirikian Armenian School, and was an ACYOA member, and has been involved in St. Thomas since childhood. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, and is currently attending Harvard University Dental School. She has been accepted to begin her residency in Orthodontics at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in May.