

PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATES

1998

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 currently is serving in the auditing committee of St. Thomas and served on various other committees. Gregory resides in New Jersey and is married to Natalie Capan Amerkanian.

ARPIE ARSLANIAN has been a member of St. Thomas Armenian Church since 1980 and has served on the Parish Council from 1994 to 1997. Her community activities have included the Diocese of the Armenian Church and the Armenian General Benevolent Union. In 1984 she received the AGBU Top Ten Volunteer Award and in 1985 President Ronald Reagan's Volunteer Action Award. Presently she serves on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem Inc.

ONNIG BOZIAN has been attending St. Thomas for the past 30 years and is currently Parish Council member since 1997. He chaired, with his wife Aida, the 1994 Fall Bazaar, and they have also been Chairmen of the 1993 Palm Sunday anniversary Cake Sale. He has handled the decoration and signs for the Bazaar for the past several years, and for many New Year's Eve Celebrations. He has served on many Bazaar, Kef Night, New Year's Eve, and Picnic committees. He is a member of the Men's Club and of St. Thomas Choir.

Onnig is a graduate of Les Beaux-Arts College, of Istanbul, Turkey, and is a Textile Designer.

Onnig and his wife Aida reside in Fort Lee, NJ. They have two daughters, Mary and Diana, and a son, Gary.

MARI BARIKYAN member of the church over 30 years, member of Women's Guild over 20 years. Has helped the church in many ways, specially bringing her gourmet skills to the church activities. She is also member of Daughter of Vartan, presently is acting as Vice President. She resides in Tappan with her husband Arto and is mother of three children.

MARI CAMCIKYAN is currently a member of Parish Council and has been attending St. Thomas since 1990.

Mari has chaired the 1992-1998 Blood Drives. She chaired, with her husband Manuk, the 1996 Bazaar and co-chaired the 1993 Fall Kef Night. She has served as Bazaar Sub-Committee Cooking Chairman for four years. She is serving Altar Guild Co-Chairman, she has served on the New Year's Eve Celebrations Committee for several years, she was a member of the Bridal Expo, Kef Nights and Anniversary Dinner committees.

She has been a Kirikian Armenian School teacher for five years, and she has been active in the School's Mother's Committee. She co-chaired the School's Bazaar Booth at the 1994 Bazaar, and served on the School's Christmas Dinner and Spring Brunch committees.

She is a member of the Women's Guild and is Treasurer of the Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas. She has also served as Parish Assembly Nominating Committee Chairman.

Mari has a nursing degree and is a registered nurse. She is currently employed as a RN by the Englewood Senior Center. She resides in Nyack, NY, with her husband Manuk and daughter Talar.

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 relating to his field. Levon served in the St. Thomas Parish Council for 6 years; the first year as vice-chairman and the remaining years as chairman. He, along with his wife Ani, chaired the Annual Cake Sale of the 1991 and 1997 Bazaar. He has given much support to the Kirikian Armenian School. He has been active as President of C.A.R.S. for three years, serving on the Board of Directors for about ten years. Dr. Levon and his wife chaired the St. Thomas New Year's Gala for the last 6 years. He lives in Norwood with his wife Ani.

LUCY EZGILIOGLU has been a member of St. Thomas Armenian Church for 14 years.

She has been active in the Mother's Committee of the Kirikian Armenian School. She has served on the school's Christmas Dinners, Spring Brunches, and Bazaar Booth committees. She has prepared meals for Homeless Men's Shelter in Paterson on behalf of the school. She has been a member of the Altar Guild and the Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas. She has served on Kef Night committees.

GRACE HAGOPIAN: Grace is a parishioner for all seasons. She has been a faithful member of St. Thomas for nearly twenty years. She is currently serving as Women's Guild Co-Chair Lady. She served on the Parish Council as treasurer from 1992-1997 and previously from 1982-1988 also as treasurer. Previously, she served on 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 seven years. In 1995, she was the recipient of the St. Thomas Award. An active member in the Women's Guild, Grace chaired the 1989 Cotillion booklet as well as a very successful Cotillion in 1990 and 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 delegate 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 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. She served her six year as treasurer of the A.G.A.U. Alumni Association. She lives in Woodcliff Lake, NJ with her husband Henry.

ANI HAMPARSUMIAN has been attending St. Thomas since 1980.

She is a member of the Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas. She has served on Bazaar cooking sub-committees, and Kef Knight Committees. She has co-chaired, with her husband Krikor, the 1994 Palm Sunday Anniversary Dinner Cake Sale.

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 Auxiliary 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 and Bazaar cooking volunteer.

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 30 years. He is a retired businessmen from his own export company. Harry and his wife recently donated a beautiful organ for our church Sanctuary.

GREGORY SARAYDARIAN: Gregory Saraydarian has been a member of the St. Thomas Armenian Church for thirty years. He has served as a Diocesan Delegate for five years, co-chaired the Bazaar, the Anniversary Dinner and the Anniversary Cake Sale. Gregory has the welfare of St. Thomas in his heart and is always ready to serve his church in any capacity. He shared the honor of being named St. Thomas Man of the year in 1998. He has been actively participated in every picnic and Bazaar for over twenty five years.

Gregory is an officer of Fine Art Imaging, New York City. He lives in Englewood Cliffs with his wife Mary Ann. Gregory has two daughters and three grand children. His daughter Alice is married to Mardi Merjian and Karen is married to Ara Arslanian.

MADLEN SETIAN is currently serving as Treasurer of the Parish Council, she has also served as Assistant Treasurer since 1995. She is also managing Editor of the **NOR TAR** and has been for all the years since its inception. She has chaired, with her husband Aram, the May 1993 Kef Night Dinner Dance. She has been Bazaar Treasurer, Publicist, Photographer and Secretary for numerous years, and has also handled publicity for a majority of parish events such as the Palm Sunday Anniversary Dinners, Kef Nights, Picnics, New Year's Eve Celebrations, as well as many religious events for the past several years. She has served as Parish Assembly Secretary for two years.

Madlen was also chairman of the Diocesan "Winter Rescue" Drive for Armenia at St. Thomas. She has also served on New Year's Eve Celebrations Committees, Bridal Expo Committee, Bazaar Cooking committees. As a member of the Women's Guild, she served on the "Hats Off To Spring" Committee, and modeled at the 1996 and 1998 Women's Guild Fashion Shows.

For the past 12 years she has been active in the Kirikian Armenian School, and is a member of the Executive Committee. She has compiled the School's **OUR CULINARY TREASURES** cookbook, chaired the Christmas Dinner for eight years and Spring Brunch for three years, was a member of the Art Show committee, co-chaired the School's Bazaar Booth, and has been the school's publicist for many years. Madlen is a graduate of Hunter College with a B.A. degree and was NY State Certified in Elementary Education. She is also a graduate of R.H. Macy's Executive Training Program, where she was employed as a Corporate Buyer, a senior executive position.

Madlen resides in Chestnut Ridge, NY, with her husband Aram, and two daughters, Christine and Victoria.

SHAKÉ TORIGIAN member of St. Thomas Church over thirty years. She is also member of Women's Guild for twenty years. She was Armenian School teacher for 10 years and was honored for it.

She has helped the Church in many ways - Co-Chaired the 1997 Cotillion, 1998 Christmas Luncheon. Member of Daughters of Vartan served as President for three years. She is the wife of late George Torigian, resides in West Nyack and is mother of three sons Nelson, Greg and John.

1998 AUDITING COMMITTEE

NATALIE AMERKANIAND.M.D. 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 graduate of Harvard University Dental School. She is currently doing her residency in Orthodontics at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and is married to Gregory Amerkarian.

ARPICANKAR She graduated from Pace University with a BBA Degree in banking and Finance. She worked at various institutions (including a bank, insurance agency, law firm, catering service, etc.) while attending school and funded hundred percent of her education.

She has worked as comptroller and ran three interrelated companies of a fashion showroom in New York, NY for five years and recently changed jobs to work for a better cause. Presently she works for a non-profit organization in SoHo, NY, she oversees the personal finances of the founder and organizes various fund raising events on behalf of the organization and is fully in charge of the accounts payable and receivable departments of the entire photography collection of the founder and of the Foundation itself. She has been a member of St. Thomas for seven years, and has previously served on Auditing Committee.