

REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF THE  
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
OF GREATER BOSTON.

1967

The year 1967 may be summed up in two words: transition and innovation. Your Parish Council had an extremely active and progressive year under the dedicated guidance of our Pastor and President Reverend Father Papken Maksoudian.

The Parish Council consisted of the following:

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| President & Pastor  | Reverend Papken Maksoudian |
| Chairman            | John Soursourian           |
| Vice Chairman       | Aram Diranian              |
| Treasurer           | Peter Talanian             |
| Secretary           | Walter Vartanian           |
| Assistant Treasurer | Archie Kolligian           |
| Advisors:           | John Davagian              |
|                     | Richard Goolkasian         |
|                     | Dr. Haig Habeshian         |
|                     | Louis Janigian             |
|                     | William Martin             |
|                     | Richard Mouradjian         |

It was with great reluctance that we accepted the resignation of our former Secretary, Daniel Dorian, because of illness. His term was subsequently ably filled by William Martin.

The Parish Council met twice a month and were called to other special

meetings when the need arose. In addition to its numerous duties, it attended to the financial responsibility of the Building Fund. Special mention must be given for the remarkable diligence of our Pastor, Fr. Papken Maksoudian. In addition to giving us progress reports of church activities and problems, and performing his vast duties, he represented our church at the New England Ecumenical Conferance and at numerous other religious regional conferances where his outspoken concern for our church and parishioners was always evident.

Among the many refreshing innovations introduced this year were: (1) the creation of a Youth Coordinating Committee which instilled new life in our youth and organized a basketball team; (2) Religious Education Lectures, being carried on monthly for the further enlightenment of our parishioners; and (3) a Public Relations Committee which was created for the further enlightenment of our community.

1967 was also transitional. We saw the retirement of two long time dedicated workers: Miss Roxie Tashjian, our organist, and Mr. John Aroian, our Sunday School Superintendant. We have every confidence in their able replacements: Mrs. Helen Mouradjian, organist, and Mrs. Sarah Goolkasian, Sunday School Superintendant with Mrs. Grace Kaprielian, Assistant Superintendant. In addition, we secured the services of a most reliable custodian for our Cultural Hall.

Among the several major events of the year, the Parish Council presented: (1) the Annual Consecration Banquet with Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan presiding, and (2) a most successful Annual Picnic, emphasizing youth with the attraction of Rex Traylor. We also participated in the Kohar Kasparian Concert with our sister churches. Also, 1967 brought back to us our own Father Ghevont Samoorian, who performed the Divine Liturgy on two occasions.

At this time, we wish to extend our gratitude to all our subordinate bodies; we are certainly proud of their work. Their dedication was evident throughout the year, each giving its utmost for the benefit of the entire church.

Financially, we are happy to report stability with a further significant reduction of our mortgage. For this we thank you all for your generosity and support.

What is to be anticipated in 1968? First, our new Baptismal Font is near completion. We are waiting for the completion of a gold Etchmiazin Cross for our altar. Plans are now underway to re-paint and carpet the interior of the church in the anticipation of the May visit of His Holiness, Vasken I.

The Parish Council will intensify its efforts to increase membership and work for more innovations and progressive ideas. We ask for your continued support and thank you for the opportunity of serving you.

Walter G. Vartanian,  
Secretary

January 28, 1968