



The Holy Ascension Armenian Church

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PLEDGE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Pledge Committee for 1972 came into existence at the special Parish Assembly Meeting which was held on June 28, 1971/ The members of this committee are:

Mr. Vahe Derounian
Mrs. Theresa Harabedian
Mr. Andrew Taraian
Mr. Vartan Umaner.

Several meetings were held, and it was decided with the consent of the Parish Council that a census, along with the pledges and dues be taken also; so that a telephone directory be printed. The following steps were taken:

1. The area constituting this parish be divided into four sections. Each pledge committee member was given an area, and together with a Parish Council member was to visit each family personally and explain the pledge system. A list of names for each area was given to each pledge committee member.
2. A form was printed on which one side is the pledge application and on the other, the census and telephone information.
3. A booklet entitled "Church Manners" was to be presented to each family visited as a gift from the Pledge Committee.

Three flyers, along with an article in the Pari Loor were mailed to all Armenians covering a radius of 50 miles East as well as West, explaining the plans of the Pledge Committee. The following pledge committee members were to cover these areas:

New Haven County----Mrs. Theresa Harabedian
Stratford & Bridgeport----Mr. Vartan Umaner
Fairfield & Trumbull----Mr. Andrew Taraian
Norwalk & parts West as far as Stamford---
Mr. Vahe Derounian

Mr. Derounian, because of his move to California, has since resigned from the committee.



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Needless to say, the success of this pledge system depends solely on the cooperation of the parishioners. However, I am sorry to say, that when some of the committee members telephoned the parishioners for appointments, they were turned down.

As a result, we had no other alternative, but to mail the pledge forms to everyone. To date 300 families have been contacted either by mail or by a personal visit to their homes.

I cannot stress the importance of a successful pledge system, for only through our pledges and dues, can a realistic budget be adopted. Only through our pledges and dues can we maintain the financial obligations toward the church, and only through our pledges and dues can we pass on a legacy to our future generation.

I urge you, please cooperate. Return these forms as soon as possible. In doing so, we can also expedite the printing of the telephone directory. The pledge committee, along with the parish council and Der Hayr are ready to assist you with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Theresa Harabedian

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