

40th Anniversary Committee Report

Plans are now under way for the gala and memorable 40th birthday party of our church. An executive committee of six people, namely, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Trapasso, Dr. & Mrs. James Etmekjian and Dr. & Mrs. Berdj Harabedian have been working and planning since last May in order to realize this important event in the history of our church and community.

This affair will take place on the week-end of May 22nd, and May 23rd; that is, Saturday evening and all day Sunday. His Grace Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of North America has consented to share this memorable occasion with us, as have some other political as well as religious leaders in our community. Entertainment from New York City has been arranged; a talented Armenian violinist from the Julliard School of Music and Messrs. Vahe and Varujan Arslanian, well-known entertainers among Armenian circles.

The time schedule for the affair is as follows:

Saturday, May 22nd

7:00 p.m.--special church services officiated by His Grace and Rev Father Kalfayan

8:30 p.m.--an informal gathering in the church dining hall in the presence of His Grace, after which refreshments will be served. There will be no charge and everyone is welcome.

Sunday, May 23rd

10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by His Grace assisted by Rev Father Kalfayan. Immediately following services a banquet and program will be tendered at ~~the~~ the Holiday Inn, Bridgeport at exactly 1:30 p.m. A roast beef dinner will be served and donations are \$ 12.50 per person. No other collection will take place.

In order to help make this day an unforgettable one, the committee decided to present to all who attend the dinner a souvenir booklet at no additional cost. This booklet will contain a brief history of the Bridgeport Church, its members, and activity over these past 40 years.

Needless to say, this task has not been an easy one. The brunt of this most difficult job has fallen on the shoulders of two members of the committee; that is Dr. Berdj Harabedian, who has written the Armenian portion, and Dr. James Etmekjian, who has written the English portion. Additional research has also been done by the various committee members. Arrangements have been made to photograph all the current auxiliaries of the church so they can be submitted in the booklet also. Various subcommittees have been selected for ~~publicity~~, hospitality, decoration and tickets.

Further details and reminders will follow as the time approaches. The committee has worked hard in putting this program together. It is our utmost desire to make this 40th anniversary a success, and with your help as members of the church and Armenian community, I am sure it can be done.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Berdj Harabedian
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