

PARISH COUNCIL  
CHAIRMAN ANNUAL REPORT

This past year as you may be well aware, was a very difficult one for your Parish Council.

Early in the year we laid plans for another Building Fund drive because we could see our financial position was being diminished. Unfortunately the drive was not realized because of Der Levon Arakelians relocation to California. We also tried to finalize the erection of a plaque to list the many Memorial Donations made by our community members. There is to be one large plaque to list all the small memorials. The larger donation items will have a small individual plate indicating the donor. Due to the excessive work before your parish council we decided to delay this project until a new priest had arrived.

Der Levon maintained his duties until his departure on June 12, 1983. We bid him farewell at a well attended dinner at the Hillandale Country Club. Our parishioner should be proud of the excellent send off we provided him and his family.

It became the task of your Parish Council to search for a new priest. At that time there were approximately 12 churches in our Diocese that did not have a priest, which I believe has not improved to date. It was quite obvious that our job was not to be an easy one. Your Parish Council met with Archbishop Torkom Manoogian to enlist his help in securing a priest. Although he was most sympathetic and cooperative, we had little hope for an early replacement. I personally met with the Archbishop on several occasions to further press our needs. We had almost weekly conversations to pursue our cause. He made several suggestions and after some interviews we were able to acquire the services of Father Intzug Malbandian. Father Intzug arrived in our community on January 18th.

His first services were held on January 22, 1984.

From the time of Der Levon's departure and the arrival of Der Intzug we had a variety of visiting clergymen. Your Parish Council tried to the ~~Best~~ of it's ability to keep our church family informed and together during those troubled times. It became the duty of the Parish Council Chairman to obtain the following on those Sunday's when we were to have church services:

1. A Priest
2. A Deacon
3. An Organist
4. A Choir

It was also necessary to obtain a clergyman for funerals and weddings.

On April 24th we celebrated Martyrs Day, Mr. ~~M~~ Nubar Karagoolian from Philadelphia, Pa was the guest speaker.

On June 5th we celebrated our church's Name Day at which time we honored Richard Gratchian for the many years of service he provided our church. He is now living in Florida and enjoying his retirement.

Our Annual Picnic was held on August 14th which was the first major affair we conducted without Der Levon. This proved to be well planned and executed, it was also most profitable.

In August we lost the services of Ray Rogers our custodian. We temporarily acquired the services of a professional cleaning company to maintain the church. We did not rent the Parish House immediately because we wanted to give it to our next priest. When it became evident that the house would not be needed by our new priest, we rented it to Mark and Gail Southard. In addition to the monthly rent they are also providing custodial duties.

Our annual Bazaar was held on November 4th, 5th & 6th, which turned out to be a social and financial success. All the members of the Parish Council, all the members of the Ladie's Guild and many, many other community members are to

be congratulated for the fantastic efforts each made which led to the great success.

At least twice this past year our church hall was flooded. Accumulation of debris caused the water to back up in the culvert which runs under our parking lot. The culvert was cleared by the Roto Rooter Company. We believe this will prevent future floods but we are not 100% certain. We would like to thank Jack Katchadurian for his work in clearing the problem. He was most helpful and we are most appreciative.

We would also like to recognize Harry Gopian for donating his services to correct several plumbing problems and installing a new hot water heater.

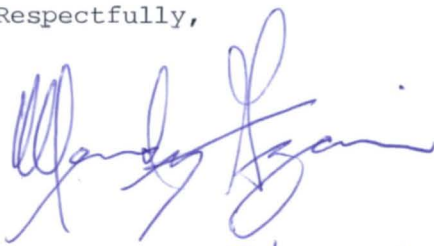
There are two ladies that we would like to salute in helping to keep our community together. It would have been impossible to get through this past year without them. They are Theresa Harabedian and Gladys Javarjian. We can not thank these ladies enough for their accomplishments.

Each member of the Parish Council performed beyond expectations and each has my personal appreciation and respect.

This past year we enlisted the services and advise of three former Parish Council Members. These men attended most, if not all, of our council meetings, and helped us arrive where we are today. They are Ralph Trapasso, Benj Harabedian and Edward Javarjian.

We now present Der Intzug with a community that is active and anxious to work with him to achieve the higher goals this community is capable of reaching.

Respectfully,



Mardy Azarian, CHAIRMAN