

HOLY ASCENSION ARMENIAN CHURCH
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
1976

At the annual parish assembly meeting on Sunday, January 25, 1976, the following men were elected to the Parish Council:

Mr. Darwin Jamgochian
Mr. Richard Najarian
Mr. Marty Azarian

After approval of the election by the Diocese, the following men were elected as officers of the Parish Council:

Mr. Perry Shegirian, Chairman
Mr. Darwin Jamgochian, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Richard Khachian, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Najarian, Recording Sec'y.
Mr. Peter Kapusuzian, Corresponding Sec'y.
Dr. Robert Touloukian, Advisor
Mr. Marty Azarian, Advisor

The Parish Council has had 14 meetings during 1976. For the past year, the following church activities were sponsored by the Parish Council:

1. St. Vartan's Day, February 29th
2. Palm Sunday Program, April 11th
3. Martyrs' Day Program, April 25th
4. Mother's Day Program, May 15th.
Mrs. Elmas Dushigian was named
Mother of the Year.
5. Church Name Day Program, June 16th
6. Church Picnic on August 28th
7. Blessing of the Grapes at
Tannersville, N.Y. on August 15th
8. Annual Bazaar was held on Nov. 12,
13 and 14, under the direction of
Ralph & Sonya Trapasso. Over
\$7,000.00 profit was made.

On September 26, 1976, a special Parish Assembly was held and a conditional approval was given to the Building Committee to purchase land for a church and cultural center on Daniels Farm Road in Trumbull. The report from the Building Committee, which is on today's agenda will provide additional information on where we stand on this property.

Once again, the Parish Council would like to thank Der Levon for his guidance and direction in running the affairs of the church. The Parish is thankful to Der Hayr's publication of the Voice, which provides us with church news, as well as financial income.

We are especially thankful to Yeretskin Grace Arakelian for accepting the responsibility of running the Sunday School as it's Superintendent. Under her able direction, the Sunday School has blossomed and enrollment has significantly increased.

On behalf of the Parish Council and the parishioners, I would especially like to thank the following organizations for their support to the church:

1. The Choir
2. The Ladies Guild
3. The Sunday School
4. The Building Committee
5. The Bazaar Committee
6. The Mr. & Mrs. Club

In helping to make the Badarake a beautiful service, we are grateful to our Deacons Fraij Yapoujian and Hrant Rakijian and Randy Arakelian. In particular Randy must be given special thanks for his assistance at the Altar, as well as playing the organ for Sunday Services.

Lastly, I would like to thank Der Levon and the Parish Council members for their advice, assistance and congeniality which made my task as chairman a pleasurable one.

Respectfully submitted

Perry Shegirian
Chairman, Parish Council
January 23, 1977.