

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY ASCENSION  
ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At the annual parish assembly meeting held on Sunday, Jan. 23, 1977 the following men were elected to the Parish Council. Mr. Stephen Goomrigian, Mr. Leo Malkasian, Mr. Richard Khachian, Mr. Perry Shegirian.

The following Parish Council members will be completing their second terms. Mr. Darwin Jamgochian, Mr. Richard Najarian, Mr. Marty Azarian.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, the following men were elected as officers of the Parish Council.

Mr. Stephen Goomrigian-	Chairman
Mr. Perry Shegirian-	Vice Chairman
Mr. Richard Khachian-	Treasurer
Mr. Richard Najarian -	Rec. Sec'y
Mr. Darwin Jamgochian -	Corresponding Sec'y
Mr. Marty Azarian -	Advisor
Mr. Leo Malkasian -	Advisor

The Parish Council had 14 meetings during 1977 five of which was held with the Building Committee. At the last meeting, it was decided to increase the Building Committee to nine members.

The following are the Church activities during the year 1977.

- Feb. 20 St. Vartans Day
- April 3 Palm Sunday Program- Dinner & presentation of awards to Sunday School Teachers, Choir members and Deacons.
- April 24 - Martyr's Day Program and Requiem.
- May 14- Mothers Day Program and dinner. woman of the year, Sara Megerdichian.
- May 22 - Church Name Day Program.
- June 18 - Fathers Day Program and Dinner. Father of the year, Mr. Stanely Zysk.
- July 24- Annual Picnic of Church held at Booth Memorial Park.
- Aug. 14- Blessing of Grapes.
- Sept. 25- 1st Pre-Bazaar Dinner
- Oct. 13- 2nd Pre-Bazaar Dinner
- Oct. 30- Cultural Day Dinner and Play, Comedy group from Philadelphia.
- Nov. 11-13 - Annual Bazaar was held, a net of over \$10,000.00 was made. This year we did not have a chairman, but we had a joint effort by our parish members. In particular, I would like to thank Mrs. Theresa Hara-bedian who did her usual wonderful job with the Bazaar Booklet and actually ended up as the unannounced Chairman of the Bazaar.
- Nov. 20- Church Services were held at the Beream Church, so that our members may have the opportunity to look the building over. A meeting and luncheon was held after services and tour. It was decided by a vote at this special Parish Assembly Meeting to purchase this church and sell our old one.

Since the church has never been incorporated, it was decided by the Parish Council to do so. With the help of the lawyer who is handling the purchase of our new church, the Incorporated name of our church will be as follows:  
( Armenian Church of The Holy Ascension)

The most important event of the coming year will be the Banquet which will be held on April 1, 1978. This Banquet will be held in order to get commitments from friends and members for pledges toward our Building Fund

for the new church. Details will follow as the time gets closer.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank Der Levon for his guidance and direction in conducting the affairs of our church. The Parish is grateful to Der Hayr's publication of the Voice which provides us with church news as well as financial income. Also a special thanks to Yeretzkin Grace Arakelian for her faithful playing of the church organ every Sunday. We should also thank the people on the Altar who assist Der Levon every Sunday.

- Deacons- Randy Arakelian, Fkaij Yapoujian, Hrant Rakijian, George Leylegian.
- Altar Boys- Armen Arakelian, Gary Azarian

I would also like to thank Mr. Robert Petrossian who served as superintendent of our Sunday school. Thanks are also in order for Mrs. Keghan Stambolian, who retired as choir master after many years of service. Mrs. Shirley Kernicky who retired as Sunday school teacher also deserves our thanks.

I would also like to thank the following organizations for their support to our church.

- Church Choir
- Ladies Guild
- Sunday School
- Building Committee

In particular, a special thanks to those unheralded woman who devote so much hard work and time in the kitchen at all our functions that require cooking and preparation for a meal. We all know who these woman are and they deserve all our appreciation.

In closing, I would like to thank Der Levon and the Parish Council members for their advice, assistance and cooperation which made my first year as chairman of the Parish Council a pleasurable one.

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Goomrigian  
 Chairman Parish Council  
 Jan. 29, 1978