

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY ASCENSION

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT - JANUARY 27, 1985

Your Parish Council had a very active year in 1984.

We welcomed to our community our new Pastor, Rev. Untzag Nalbandian, his lovely wife Setta, and their two beautiful children. I am pleased to report that we could not have chosen a more able and dedicated pastor to lead our community. I will leave it to Father Untzag's report which outlines his many accomplishments.

At our first Parish Council meeting after the Parish Assembly, we elected the following to the various positions:

Chairman	Mardy Azarian
Vice-Chairman	Garo Garabedian
Treasurer	Steve Goomrigian
Asst. Treasurer	Harry Tashjian
Secretary	Richard Kalfaian
Advisor	Fraij Yapoujian
Advisor	Archie Misakian

On May 27th the Consecration of our Church was performed by Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, assisted by Father Untzag and our former Pastor, Father Levon Arakelian. Seventeen men and women were selected to be Godparents of our Church and a memorial plaque was installed in the narthex listing the names of each.

The Consecration Dinner was held at the Hillandale Country Club with an attendance of approximately 150 people. There was a total of \$103,055.00 pledged toward the mortgage of our Church.

Our annual picnic was held on August 12th. A larger than usual number of people enjoyed the activities which for the first time in many years included music by a live Armenian Band.

The annual Mount Ararat Bazaar was held on November 2nd, 3rd and 4th, under the able direction of Theresa Harabedian and Gladys Jevarjian.

In September, many of our Councilmen and Parishioners volunteered their energies to paint the classrooms and hallways with Harry Tashjian providing the leadership.

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian again honored our community by visiting us on December 22nd and 23rd. His purpose was to elevate Fraij Yapoujian to the rank of Archdeacon, which made every person present bursting with pride. Archbishop Manoogian also ordained various Tibirs and Clerks.

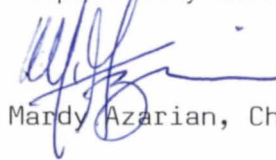
The following are items we have spent hours discussing and planning, which will take place next year:

1. A Memorial Plaque which will list the various donations our parishioners made for this edifice and our former location in Bridgeport.
2. The movie "Forty Days of Musadagh" to be shown on May 19th.
3. An exclusive Oriental Rug Sale for early in May, to raise much-needed funds to cover our mortgage expenses.
4. Two Side Altars to complete the beauty of our Church.

It has been an honor for me to be selected to the position of Chairman. My duties were made most enjoyable due to the wisdom and assistance of all our Council Members. They are truly a group of dedicated, hardworking and conscientious men. Only with unity were we able to achieve what we did.

We sincerely believe that 1985 will be a banner year for our Parish. We have come a long way and there is still so much more to be done. With the assistance of all Parish Members we will be able to accomplish higher plateaus.

Respectfully submitted,



Mardy Azarian, Chairman