

Resume of Parish Council Nominees

The Nominating Committee, that is, Mrs. Theresa Harabedian, Mrs. Rose Shegirian and Peter Kapusuzian, are happy to present to you a slate of nominees for all the necessary elective committees for this Annual Assembly.

The men and women who have accepted these nominations are no strangers to anyone of us. They have all, at one time or another, worked for and served the Holy Ascension Armenian Church in one capacity or another. But, to further acquaint you with the Nominees, I will try my best to give you a little more of their background.

In alphabetical order, may I present; Mr. Herbert Avakian, who was born in New York, but has been living here in Conn. for 29 years, he has served in the U.S. Navy for 4 years. He is the father of four children, his wife, Rose, is our assistant organist, He has been working with the U.S. Postal Service for 25 years, and has been a great help with the Church mailings.

Mr. Thomas Dabakian; He was born in New York City. His family moved to Bridgeport 30 years ago, where he received his public school education, attended Armenian Sunday School, was Chairman of A.C.Y.O.A. for 3 years, and was ordained a Tbir in 1964. He moved to New Jersey in '68, where he served in the Union City Holy Cross Church as a Tbir, on the Parish Council, the Sunday School. He is a member of the K. of V. and has served with various Diocesan Committees, the Chairman of the Diocesan Comm. of Vartanantz Day Celebration for the last two years. He is a graduate of New York Univ. with a B.A. degree in Communications. Der Untzag has appointed him as Advisor to the Senior A.C.Y.O.A. He is presently working as a Credit Manager with a Company here in Trumbull.

Mr. Thomas Garabedian; This young man is a born Conn. Yankee. He comes to us from Hartford, where his family is considered as one of the Pillars of the St. George Armenian Church. He and his family have served the St. George Church on many and various Committees; and, he is continuing this service here in our Holy Ascension Church. You have heard him in our Choir, and is now active in serving at the altar. His wife, Dora, has recently been appointed as our Sunday School Superintendent, and their two children are part of the Sunday School. Tom is a graduate of Bowdoin College with an A.B. Degree in Liberal Arts, and is working as an Actuary and Benefit Consultant.

Mr. Harry Gopian, is also a Conn. Yankee, born right here in Bridgeport, where he received his schooling, graduating from the local High School. He has served his country in the U.S. Armed Services. Qualified with a Certified Plumbing License, he has worked with Remington Arms Co. of Bridgeport and has been self-employed. He is now retired and enjoying the fruits of his labor with his dear wife, Mary. He has always offered and volunteered his services to the Church whenever needed.

Mr. Richard Kalfaian, was born in New York, where he attended public school and graduated from Brooklyn Tech H.S. He continued his education by attending Rensselaer Univ. where he received a B.S. Degree in Metallurgical Engineering. He met and married his wife, Virginia, our church organist, in Boston; and, having lived and worked in Philadelphia, they moved and raised their family here in Conn. since 1968. He is employed by the Sikorsky Aircraft Co. He has served on the Parish Council and with his wife have been active with the Mr. and Mrs. Club, The Sunday School and have been ready and willing to help whenever called upon.

Mr. Archie Misakian, (one of the tallest Armenian I have ever met) was born in Whitinsville, Mass., where he received his schooling and graduated High School. He met and married his wife, Helen, and raised his family and moved to Conn. in 1973. He is employed with the Bullard Co., and has served on the Parish Council, the Bazaar Comm., and the Rug Sale Comm. and many other activities. His wife and two daughters have also been involved and active with many Church Affairs.

Mr. Fraij Yapoujian, was born in Beirut, Syria. There he received his education. Having an interest in what makes things tick, he attended a trade school and graduated as a Certified Watch Maker. Because of his love for the Armenian Church and its' music, he was very active and involved within the Church where he received his oorahr and was ordained a ^{sub}deacon in 1958. He married his wife, Marie, and started to raise his family. They moved to Conn. in 1968, and have ever since continued their strong ties with our Church. He is the father of four children, who are also becoming involved in church activities. He has served on the Parish Council; and, at the Altar as a Deacon. He and his wife and childrens' voices can also be heard with the Church Choir.