

ANNUAL REPORT
CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

1986 has turned out to be one of the better years for our parish. We have experienced an increase in church attendance, better and more active church organizations and many achievements.

You may have noticed upon coming to church on Sunday mornings that there are not too many empty parking spaces. We believe better attendance is attributed to a well organized Sunday School and Armenian School. You will shortly hear the reports from others on these achievements.

The New Memorial plaques have been hung in the Narthex of our church. There listed are the memorials and the people donating them.

On April 5th a new Mr. & Mrs. Club was formed at the suggestion of Der Hyre and the parish council. They have elected to be called "The Hye Timers" to allow married and single people to be members. We look for a more active participation in church affairs by this organization in the coming years.

Also in April Victor Arzoomanian, Director of the ^{Church} ~~Diocesan~~ Endowment Fund visited our church and presented ways to help our church financially. Attorney Robert Tallalian shared the program with Mr. Arzoomanian and advise on the value of Wills & Estates.

The annual rug sale in May was not as profitable as the previous year. We believe it will be more successful next year.

A new boiler was installed to better heat our facilities. There were several problems initially but they have all been resolved.

Senior Citizens Ride to Church program was not as successful as we had hoped. There seems to be no interest from our senior parishioners in this project. Your council is still ready to provide transportation to any Senior Citizen who is unable to get a ride to church on Sunday morning.

The new side alters were constructed and installed. The Consecration Services and Banquet was held on 12/21/86 afficiated by Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. We had approximately 170 people attending the banquet, which is one of the largest gatherings we have had in recent years.

The 2 paintings on the side alters were done by Salpi Mavian of New York City.

Before the consecration several of our parishioners volunteered to paint the wall behind the alters. I would like to thank Harry Tashjian for supervising this project. Harry is also overseeing the painting of the entire church, which should begin in February.

DICK KHATFIAN
HERO HOAKIAN
LEO MALKASIAN
ARCHIE MISHKIAN
TOM GARABEDIAN
STANLEY SYSK

We have investigated the possibility of a Wheel Chair Ramp to help our disabled members enter our church easily. To date we have not been able to find a contractor to build it at a reasonable cost. Mrs. Heghine Tashjian has graciously consented to fund this project.

On August 17th we had our Church Picnic. Although it was a rainy day we still had a good time in the church hall. Our profits were almost equal to last year.

A new program to adorn our church walls with 10 large paintings has been started. The donors will contribute \$2,000.00 for each painting. As of today we have 3 donors. We are now in the process of selecting an arts committee to choose an artist to do the paintings.

The Annual Bazaar was again most successful with profits of approximately \$13,000.

This fall we increased the rent to the nursery school from \$725.00 to \$1,100. The school will extend the use of our facilities to 3:30 PM each school day.

Your council authorized a new Parish Directory to be published with pictures of the members, family and friends. There will be no charge to our church nor our parishioners for the directory.

Due to increased dues to the Diocese the council recommends our ANNUAL DUES BE INCREASED TO \$50.00

An Organization such as ours can only thrive when funds are available to pay for our expenses. Dr. Berj Harabedian is solely responsible for the collection of membership dues, pledges, and memorials. If it were not for his dedication to his church we may not have enough money to pay the many expenses. We thank him for his grand efforts.

A member of our council, Harry Tashjian, has served our church unselfishly for the past 6 years. He is usually in church every Sunday morning performing his duties as assistant treasurer. He also undertakes all the engineering and maintenance required on our church building. Unfortunately the by-laws of our church will not allow him to run for reelection. We will certainly miss you Harry, and look forward to your election after a year of rest.

I would like to thank all the councilmen for their support, cooperation, and excellent advise. They are all truly dedicated men and I am proud to have served with them.

Finally, whatever success we have had in our community is solely due to Der Hyre's efforts and wisdom. He is able to get the volunteers to undertake whatever task is in demand. The success of the Ladies Guild, Armenian School and Sunday School is all due to his hard work and ability. I believe we are most fortunate to have him as our pastor and wish him and Yeretzgin Seta many years of success.

Respectfully Submitted



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