

PARISH ASSEMBLY JANUARY 31, 1988
REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

I am proud to report to you that your Parish Council has achieved many successes during 1987.

The interior of our church has been completely painted with the help of many of our parishioners. Our only expense was the cost of the paint.

Since our former caretaker was not doing his job properly we decided to terminate his services. We then hired a person to clean the church for the sum of \$40.00 per week.

We have now rented the parish house for the sum of \$1,095.00 per month.

We sadly regret that Theresa Harabedian resigned as editor of the Ani. We appreciate her many long years of devoted service to our church paper.

Our insurance premiums were being increased by large amounts. Through the assistance of Thomas Garabedian we were able to reduce our insurance premiums substantially and at the same time obtain proper coverage.

For the first time we have made arrangements to have a Church Directory complete with photographs of our members. There is no charge to us for the directory. The company producing the directory gets its revenue from the voluntary purchases of each participant's photograph. Barbara Bozian directed the efforts of this program. We are very thankful to her for undertaking this huge task. We should be receiving the directories very soon.

To help in keeping our children occupied during the various functions we purchased a VCR. We thank Dick Kalfaian for obtaining and assembling a cabinet to house it.

I would like to express a personal feeling here and I know the rest of the council share this with me. Many people complain that our children are very active and at times disruptive. I believe this is O.K. It is all right. We should be more understanding in these matters. I love to see so many of our children in church every Sunday. To those that disagree, I suggest you picture what our future would be if there were no children here today.

Our valued councilman, Tom Garabedian had to resign before his term was expired because he was transferred to the Boston area. Harry Tarpinian joined the Council to serve the balance of Tom Garabedians term in office.

Steve Goomrigian resigned from the Council and was replaced by Herbert Avakian.

Mrs. Higuhee Tashjian generously donated a new set of vestments to our church. The vestments are now being sewn and should be available soon for Der Hyre to wear during church services.

Our annual Bazaar was held on October 16, 17 and 18th. The efforts of many, many volunteers made it a great success.

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian informed me of his intention to honor Der Hyre with the Pectoral Cross. We are now planning for Serpazan's visit on June 4th and 5th at which time he will present Der Hyre with the Cross to commenorate his 10th anniversary in the priesthood. I have asked Connie Kasparian to form a committee and direct the activities.

Our water supply has been a constant source of problems to us. We finally decided to abandon the water well and hook up to the city water supply. This will eliminate the constant clogging of the toilet bowls as well as other problems.

We purchased 40 new Armenian/English Divine Liturgy books which are placed in the pews. Please do not remove these books. If you want one for your personal use please speak to Der Hyre.

The annual rug sale was again very successful, thanks to Shavash Papazian and his committee.

The pledge committee, namely Dr. Berj Harabedian, Sonia Trapasso and Steve Goomrigian decided to terminate their participation. We thank all three, especially Dr. Berj Harabedian, for all the hard work they put forth for our church. It is a very difficult task. The following have been temporarily assigned to the committee, Archie Mesakian, Richard Kalfaian and yours truly, Mardy Azarian. A permanent committee is to be announced shortly.

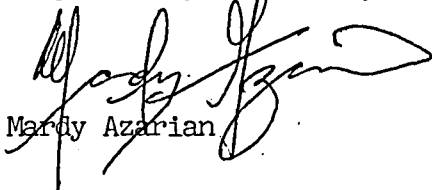
You have probably noticed that attendance at church services and functions have gone up substantially. We are very pleased and encouraged by this. Therefore, to better accomodate our people at the bazaar and social functions we have decided to remove the wall which creates a hallway outside of the classrooms. This renovation will provide added seating and useable space in our facility.

One of the biggest complaints your councilmen receive from you our members is the poor condition of the bathrooms. You will be pleased to know that both bathrooms will be completely remodeled. Work is to commence in February.

After much deliberation, we recommend to this assembly the purchase of a parcel of land adjacent to our property. This additional land will not only open up the back portion of our land for future development but will also give us another entrance and exit to our parking lot. The price of this property is extremely reasonable. You will hear a report on this matter later today.

I would personally like to thank all our councilmen for their cooperation this past year. Their advice and council was invaluable to me. I also thank you, our members, who were very accomodating whenever I needed your assistance and advice. I see nothing but good things for our parish under the expert guidance of Der Intzug. He is a constant source of intelligence, energy and dedication. We have an active and progressive parish. May it continue to prosper!

Respectfully submitted,



Mardy Azarian