

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN REPORT FOR 1992

Presented by Linda Sharigian at membership meeting February 28, 1993

During the past year the Parish Council held 12 regular monthly meetings and four special called meetings. Majority of these meetings were fully attended by Hayr Soorp, Parish Council members and our Diocesan Delegate.

Sponsored events and projects included:

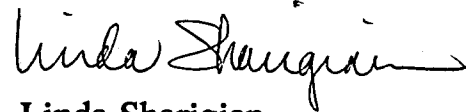
- 1 Thirty fifth anniversary of our church. Special thanks to committee members John Baronian, Virginia Greene, Gerry Sharigian and Isabelle Vranian for their expertise in preparing a memorable event. Highlights of the weekend included a visit from Der Levon Arakelian and Vicar General, V. Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian.
- 2 Mid-year Parish Assembly meeting which was held in August and we hope will continue as an annual event. Discussed at this meeting was the results of the survey distributed to the community. Also discussed was the Budget, Membership dues and Sunday School.
- 3 Father's Day was celebrated this year with an official visit by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian. Due to Surpasan's visit the annual picnic was replaced by a dinner prepared by John Baronian and Gerry Sharigian and their committee.
- 4 Annual Rug Sale was held in October with a portion of the proceeds donated to Hurricane Andrew Relief Fund.
- 5 We also adopted a child through the Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program (CASP). This project was sponsored by the Central Council of the Women's Guild.
- 6 A concert featuring Babin Boghosian and Konstantin Bedrossian from Armenia was held in June of 1992. Thanks to the Baronian Cultural Fund who helped underwrite this event. Also thanks to the Women's Guild for preparing a beautiful reception.
- 7 Easter Egg Hunt was held for children during the Easter Hantes.
- 8 Learn and Play packs were collected and sent to the Diocese for the children of Armenia.
- 9 We were able to send Steven Barsamian for Deacon's Training at St. Nersess Liturgical Institute.
- 10 We were visited not only by His Eminence Khajag Barsamian but also by Hayr Soorp Serovpe Isakhanian of Moldava and Hayr Soorp Soukias Derderian of Etchmiadzin.
- 11 Our project, Operation-Winter Rescue was initiated in January. Local efforts began in the month of February and continues to this day. For all who have volunteered the Parish Council deeply thanks you for all your efforts. Sunday, February 21, 1993 we were able to fill one container consisting of 233 boxes of food and clothing. Since that Sunday, we now have over 150 additional boxes to be shipped.
- 12 The Coptic Church is now holding services in our sanctuary whenever requested.
- 13 Our choir has asked support for their bid in hosting the Choir Assembly in November of 1994. This was approved by the Parish Council.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHURCH

- 1 Painting the exterior of the building and inside trim work.
- 2 Replacing molding in small hall
- 3 Repairing roof
- 4 Purchasing of copier and fax machine
- 5 Replacing the rug in the sanctuary with the donation from the Women's Guild.
- 6 Instituting a new Pledge Card and Stewardship Program

In closing, on a personal note, I wish to thank the members of the Parish Council, Dorian Barsamian, Carol Garabetian, Henry Magarian and Paul Mazmanian for their involvement and dedication during the 1992 year. Even though we might not be knowledgeable in certain areas, we grew successfully pulling together from our individual strengths. The Parish Council extends its gratitude to our Diocesan Delegate, Virginia Greene for her attendance and advice.

Our special thanks to Hayr Soorp for his guidance, support and help during our meetings and our problems throughout the entire year.



Linda Sharigian
Parish Council Chairperson