

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 1993

During the past year the Parish Council held 12 regular monthly meetings. The majority of these meetings were fully attended by Parish Council members and Diocesan Delegate, Virginia Greene until her illness prevented it.

### **Sponsored events and projects included:**

1. Our project Operation Winter Rescue was a great success. Not only were we able to fill three containers with food, clothing, and medicine, but we were able to send a check for \$6,000.00. Much thanks to Chairman Bedros Bandazian and his committee members. Special thanks go to Hayr Soorp Oshagan, who worked along side of us, and the dedicated people who volunteered their time, and worked long hours, packing boxes and loading them. It shows the Christian Spirit is still alive in Richmond.
2. We had a Valentine's Day Raffle which did very well, due to the efforts of Dorian Barsamian. Thanks to her for going out and getting donations to be given away.
3. The Easter Egg Hunt was held again this year, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tootelian for the donation, and Dorian Barsamian and Anne Norris for hiding the goodies.
4. Father's Day was celebrated this year with our annual picnic. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible.
5. A concert featuring Babin Boghosian and Konstantin Bedrossian from Armenia was held in June of 1993. Thanks to the Baronian Cultural Fund for making it possible, and thanks to the Women's Guild for preparing the reception that followed.
6. Thanks to our generous parishioners we were able to send donations for the Mid-West Flood victims, as well as the Indian Earthquake Relief; also, donations were sent in memory of Diramayer Karoun Gulgulian, for the "Help Heat Armenia Fund."
7. A Parish Council Luncheon was held, as a community get together. Thanks to Dorian and her volunteers for the delicious pasta luncheon. We hope to see more of these events in the future.
8. Our annual rug sale was held in Nov. instead of Oct. Much thanks to Linda Sharigian for Chairing this event again this year.
9. We had many visiting Clergy this year, and we were very pleased to have our Vicar General, The V. Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian with us on St. James Day and Christmas. Thanks to John Baronian for our wonderful luncheon on St. James Day and Bedros Bandazian for our traditional Madagh dinner. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped cook and serve.

10. The accomplishment that we are most proud of is getting the Sunday School started again last May. All credit goes to Superintendent Azniv Amirkhanian and our Sunday School teachers, Salpi Kevorkian, Ester Bezerdjian, Gilda Arslanian, Anahid Deese, and Mark Ashjian. These very dedicated people kept the Sunday School open through the summer, without the guidance of a Pastor, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. Our children look forward to coming to Sunday School each Sunday, now.

11. David Livingstone has been a regular visitor to our Parish Council meetings, keeping us updated on the progress of our pending Choir Assembly in Nov. We wish them great success.

12. The highlight of our year was the visit by our Primate, His Eminence, Abp. Khajag Barsamian, in Jan. of this year, when he came to present The V. Rev. Fr. Nareg Berberian to our community. The Lord smiled on us when he sent us Fr. Nareg, and we are grateful to Srpazan Hayr for remembering us, when so many other Parishes are in need of Pastors, too.

### Repairs to the Church

Furnace Repairs  
Air Conditioner Repairs  
Cleaned and Moved Gutters  
Carpet Cleaning due to Flood

We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tootelian for donating an industrial size buffer for our linoleum floors, which will enable Koko to professionally clean and polish our halls.

In closing, I wish to thank my fellow members of the Parish Council, Dorian Barsamian, Tigran Amirkhanian, Henry Magarian, and Aram Topjian, for all their support and dedication during the year. We were not the most experienced Parish Council our Church has known, but they were behind me all the way. Without their help and advice, I could have done nothing. I will always be grateful to Virginia Greene for her help and advice. She taught me just about everything I know about the Church and she was my guide. Her dedication to her Church and her family was truly inspiring. She set the example for what dedication is supposed to be. If I have shown any dedication, I owe it to her and Hayr Soorp Oshagan for always pushing me to try to do my very best. Our Church has lost a very good friend and we will miss her always.

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Chairman

