

## Parish Council Report 1970

This annual report is submitted for the year 1970 by the following members of the Parish Council:

Chairman--Mr. Casey Kazanjian  
Vice-Chairman--Ashod Krikorian  
Treasurer--John Ohanian  
Secretary--Philip O'Gulian

Dr. Ohannes Sahakian  
Aram Bakayan  
Armen Garabedian  
Levon Terzian

For the year 1970 the Parish Council is happy to report that St. Mary's Church continued to progress and prosper. With the guidance of Bishop Papken Varjabedian and the help of our church organizations our church has shown an increase in almost every endeavor including church attendance, Sunday School attendance, the number of church functions and income. The Parish Council is especially pleased with the progress of the Sunday School, under the guidance of a very capable staff, and the establishment of its PTA.

Some of the activities which concerned the Parish Council are listed below:

1. Annual picnic at Naval Ordnance Laboratory in June.
2. Sponsored camping trip for ACYOA to Point Deposit, Md. in July.
3. Blessing of the Grapes Picnic at Naval Ordnance Laboratory in August.
4. Annual bazaar in November.
5. Sponsored Anniversary Dinner for Arra Avakian in November.
6. Sponsored fund-raising dinner for His Beatitude, Patriarch Shnorh Kaloustian from Istanbul in December. Presented Patriarch with an amount over \$3000.00.
7. Installed dishwasher in church kitchen.
8. Purchased electric mimeograph machine.
9. Published monthly church bulletin "Shnorhali."
10. Delegated Avok Sargavok Ashod Krikorian to visit Etchmiadgin as special guest of Catholicos and to raise funds for payment of air fare to Moscow and return.

There are several matters which the Parish Council feels should be given priority consideration. First, the Sunday School should be given more support and encouragement and most importantly, some action must be taken quickly to provide adequate classrooms. Secondly, more parishoners should fulfill the minimum membership requirement of paying at least \$52.00 per year. And finally, our ACYOA needs substantial help to enable it to increase its enrollment and to involve this group in more religious, social, and sports activities.

The Parish Council extends its sincere thanks to all the parishoners of St. Mary's Church, members of the various church organizations, particularly to the Women's Guild, and to Bishop Papken Varjabedian for his competence and spiritual leadership. As chairman I would also like to add that Mr. John Ohanian, who has served as Treasurer of St. Mary's for the past two years, has performed an outstanding, conscientious and selfless service for our church.

In addition, in recognition for his initiative, involvement and tireless devotion to his pastoral responsibilities the Parish Council voted to increase Bishop Varjabedian's salary by 5 percent to \$8400.00 yearly.

Respectfully submitted

*Mr. Casey Kazanjian*  
Chairman, Parish Council 1970