

Nominating Committee (1 Year Term) - Select Three

Nora Dayian



I have been fortunate to be a part of the St. Sarkis Orthodox Church since 1999. My husband Dr. Vahe Dayian and two girls, Lucine and Arpi, have been involved with every aspect of our wonderful community. I have been a part of the Armenian school for over 15 years, as a board member, Principal and teacher. I have also served on the Women's Guild. The St. Sarkis Parish has always felt like a family to me, and I would like to continue to serve and see it grow and prosper.

Lena Vatinyan



I have a deep compassion for our Church, our Parish and our community and I would be honored to serve our parish further through my participation on the Nominating Committee. I have graduated from The University of Oklahoma with the Bachelor and Master Degree in Accounting. I have been fortunate to have a great career for the past 17 years and currently work at The Rosewood Corporation as a Vice President of Tax Department. I have been married for 20 years to Arayik Vatinyan. We have been blessed with three amazing boys Sergei, Samvel, and Haik. Our Parish has a great vision for future and I want to help our community to achieve these goals through giving my time, talent, experience, and involvement.

Pictures and Biographies Not Available

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Auditing Committee (3 Year Term) - Select One

Lena Vatinyan



I have a deep compassion for our Church, our Parish and our community and I would be honored to serve our parish further through my participation on the Auditing Committee. I have graduated from The University of Oklahoma with the Bachelor and Master Degree in Accounting. I have been fortunate to have a great career for the past 17 years and currently work at The Rosewood Corporation as a Vice President of Tax Department. I have been married for 20 years to Arayik Vatinyan. We have been blessed with three amazing boys Sergei, Samvel, and Haik. Our Parish has a great vision for future and I want to help our community to achieve these goals through giving my time, talent, experience, and involvement.

Pictures and Biographies Not Available:

Beth Shriver

Parish Council (2 Year Term) - Select Three

Lusine Meeks (Incumbent)



I am the mother of Alex and Arin Meeks, currently serve as St. Sarkis School teacher, the current Parish Council Chair, and an enthusiast ringleader of our church and community. Apart from my corporate roles, I have created the DFW Armenian Professionals Network, supported and helped many new coming Armenian immigrants as well Armenians in our homeland with their carriers; raised awareness regarding Armenian Genocide issues among non-Armenian populations of USA; and have provided our community with thought leadership on stepping into the 21st century faith services with new organizational structure and an open mind.

One of my many visions for the future of our community is to make our church self-sufficient by renting the hall Monday through Saturday, establishing on-going food sales, creating an online gift shop that is open year around, which can later transition into a brick and mortar gift shop at the new church building, which in turn will empower more Armenian craftsmen from our homeland. I am also a big proponent of a new organizational structure for the Parish Council and establishment of role-assigned Chairs with multiple sub-committees (see Parish Council's Report).

I look forward to continuing serving our community as a member of the Parish Council.

Shant Aghyarian



The stories of how a small number of families joined together to establish this church in 1991 light a passion in me to be a part of the upcoming chapter of our community. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to help in multiple church activities such as the School, Genocide Committee, ACYOA, and Festival. I believe in order for this community to hold strong while it grows at its current amazing rate we must strengthen its roots which start with our Faith and our Church.

Shevan Basmadjian



As a St. Sarkis member and pledger for over 20 years, it's been a joy serving our church (my second home) in many areas including the Armenian school board, Centennial Genocide Commemoration Committee, in addition to Raffles and Permit/Security for Armeniafest.

As we prepare to transition to our new church, I am excited to serve on the welcoming and pledge committees to grow and support our church. I feel strongly that long-range planning to include a budget committee and continuity in our programs, especially the pledge and youth programs will be essential for a new larger church.

With your support, I plan to use my years of leadership experience and love for St. Sarkis to assist the Parish Council prepare to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our new church.

Vahe Dayian



Our Family moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth area, from Toronto, in 1999. I have served on the parish council for six years, five of which, as parish council chairman. I look forward to rejoining the parish council to continue to serve our church and community.

Annie Ghanoum

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I have served as a Parish Council member for a 2 year period, and as the Parish Council Chair for a 4 year term. During this period the Kechejian Hall, the kitchen and classrooms were built and the mortgage was paid in full.

Currently, we have capable hands constructing the Church building and campus.

If elected, working with Der Hayr I would like to build the Church community, the body of Christ by bringing families that have stopped coming and supporting the Church.

Raffi Ohanian



My family and I have been active in this community since 1994. I have served on the parish council for three terms as co-chair and chairman. My wife Zepur, and our 3 children have been active in Women's Guild, School and ArmeniaFest. Professionally I am an engineer, experienced in operations and management.

Andrea Titoyan



Andrea Titoyan (Aleman), 43, was born in Iran and lived in Iran, Belgium and Mexico. Andrea and her family studied, learned about and embraced their Armenian culture throughout their travels. Her parents were pioneer, active members in the St. Sarkis community and she wishes to follow in their footsteps and to be a role model for her children.

Andrea's children, Angelo (12) and Gabrielle (9), both attend St. Sarkis School. She is very involved in the community of the church, including coordinating dance in past ArmeniaFests and assisting with St. Sarkis School. She also recently assisted with the playground renovation, which included reviewing quotes and choosing a playground that would best fit the needs and budget of the church.

Andrea's vision is to see St. Sarkis flourish in ways she witnessed as a child, when she saw a tiny group of passionate members grow into a big and loving community. Her mission is to serve with all her heart and God's guidance while promoting and preserving our beautiful language, rich culture and distinct heritage to our fast-growing community.