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ARMENIAN SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT  
JANUARY 3, 1963

For many people, the hustle and bustle of the holiday season had come to an end. But for St. Gregory's, it was the time of Epiphany (Christmas). It was a day that the Chicago people are talking about and will be talking about for quite some time.

The Divine Liturgy was celebrated by The Most Rev. Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, His Grace's message was a source of great inspiration to all those present.

Godfather of the Cross was Master Sarkis Aznavoorian. The altar flowers were presented by the Young Women's Guild.

Following church services, the Armenian School Dinner and Program took place in the Church Hall. Never had we seen it look so festive. The room looked very gay with the tables set with yuletide centerpieces and decorations all about.

A mouth watering dinner was prepared and served by the mothers of the Armenian School students. You never saw such a hard working group who enjoyed every minute.

To many mothers, this was "old stuff." To others it was new. Scurrying back and forth with plates -- "bread anyone?" "Salad?" "Okay - just a minute." "Coffee?" "Sorry, no more coffee." We can still hear Marty Aznavoorian and the "Brothers 3" (Danny, Harry, and Vahe) saying "ALL WE WANT IS A CUP OF COFFEE," (They finally got it.)

With the dishes in the sink and tables cleared away, everyone sat anxiously waiting for the Christmas Program to start.

Deacon Kasparian was master of ceremonies. As the curtain slowly started to open, the first to come into view were the angels, shepherds, the wise men, and then, Jesus, Mary and Joseph.....It was a sight to behold! Out of the mouths of these "angels" who just a few months ago never uttered an Armenian word, we heard "Soorp Asdvadz." To many of us, for the first time, we heard Christmas Carols sung in Armenian by the intermediate group under the direction of Rouben Terzian. The sight of Santa Claus caused a flurry of excitement. Good old Santa, who came with gifts and candy for all the children.

Our highest compliments are in order to the Armenian School teachers, Mrs. Lucy Karegian, Mrs. Sarah Momjian and Mr. Rouben Terzian, for presenting such a wonderful program. Also, to Mrs. Mary Sommese, Dinner Chairman, and to all the other mothers for the excellent planning which made the dinner and program so successful.

The program was brought to a close with an address by His Grace Archbishop Nersoyan who stressed the importance of the role of the Armenian School.

ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN SCHOOL  
DINNER - PROGRAM  
JANUARY 6, 1963

Candy Donations:

Mrs. Marion Janczak  
Mrs. Esther Kenjosian  
Mrs. Mary Pahl  
Mr. & Mrs. John Paklaian  
Mrs. Delores Tootooian

P.S. Thanks to our Santa too.....(Mr. John Kenjosian)

Cookie Donations:

Mrs. Lucille Ajemian	Mrs. Mary Sommese
Mrs. Marion Janczak	Mrs. Sara Sosinski
Mrs. Esther Kenjosian	Mrs. Mary Pahl
Mrs. Helen Kuefner	Mrs. Delores Tootooian
Mrs. Helen Nahabedian	Mrs. Zepur Yazijian

Miscellaneous Food Items:

Mrs. Lucille Ajemian	Mrs. Takouhie Kazarian
Mrs. Mary Dadian	Mrs. Grace Klujian
Mrs. Mary Donigian	Mrs. Helen Nahabedian
Mrs. Lucy Erkiletian	Mrs. Mary Pahl
Mrs. Elizabeth Garabedian	Mrs. Rose Paklaian
Mrs. Marion Janczak	Mrs. Sara Sosinski
Mrs. Zepur Yazijian	

Misc. Items for Table Decorations, etc.:

Miss Violet Koresian	Miss Isabel Nahabedian
Mrs. Esther Kenjosian	Miss May Nahabedian

Stage Decorations:

Miss Janice Sommese  
Peter & Matt Klujian

and special thanks to.....Marty Cholakian

Children's Costumes:

Mrs. Lucy Karegian	Mrs. Sarah Momjian
Mrs. Mary Donigian	Mrs. Helen Kuefner
Mrs. Esther Kenjosian	Mrs. Mary Pahl

Chairman of Servers.....Mrs. Mary Donigian  
Kitchen Chairman.....Mrs. Helen Nahabedian  
Chairman in Charge.....Mrs. Mary S. Sommese

The following are the names of the mothers who in addition to their donations, served on the committees,

Mrs. Mary Donigian	Mrs. Helen Kuefner
Mrs. Lucy Erkiletian	Mrs. Helen Nahabedian
Mrs. Elizabeth Garabedian	Mrs. Mary Pahl
Mrs. Marion Janczak	Mrs. Rose Paklaian
Mrs. Takouhie Kazarian	Mrs. Mary Sommese
Mrs. Esther Kenjosian	Mrs. Sara Sosinski
Mrs. Grace Klujian	Mrs. Delores Tootoian

Mrs. Zepur Yazijian

DINNER REPORT

Income.....	\$415.00
Expenses.....	118.40
Balance.....	\$296.60
Cash Donations.....	\$165.00
Total Amount of Income.....	<u>\$461.60</u>

CASH DONATIONS

Armenian Educational Union of Todorag.....	\$ 50.00
Hanson Park Hi-Ams.....	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Simon Paklaian.....	25.00
Mr. Avedis Mergerian.....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Takvor Nahabedian.....	10.00
Mrs. Abushum Markarian.....	5.00
Mrs. Kay Rable.....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sommese.....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sommese.....	5.00
TOTAL AMOUNT OF DONATIONS.....	\$165.00

THANK YOU

As chairman of the Dinner, I would like to express my grateful appreciation to all of the people who worked so diligently to make this dinner and program the tremendous success that it was.

It was very heartwarming to be a part of a group of women who worked so well and devotedly together.

In behalf of all the mothers, our appreciation and thanks to those who were present. Also, our sincere apologies to the many whom we could not accomodate.

Mary Shakie Sommese

"LEARNING ARMENIAN CAN BE FUN"

If you are over 16 and have the desire to learn practical Armenian with an easy and quick modern method, you may have the opportunity to do so.

Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian has been approached by some people about the possibility of starting an Armenian class for adults and young people. He has written a textbook for elementary Armenian which is being used in the Armenian Schools in our Diocese, and has devised a quick and effective method which proves that "Learning Armenian Can Be Fun."

In order to start such a class, at least 15 people, married or single, Armenian or non-Armenian, should sign up. The class will meet once a week for an hour and a half to study reading and writing as well as conversational Armenian. If there is interest, Armenian culture and music will also be studied.

If you are interested in the formation of this class and will be able to attend regularly, kindly give your name and address to either Miss Violet Koresian, NA. 2-3978 or Miss May Nahabedian, NA. 2-1766.

If at least 15 people sign up, classes should begin by the middle of February. This will be a 12 week course of study.