

Chairman's Report Given at October 16, 1984 Nairi Choir Meeting

38th Annual Assembly - Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America
September 28, 29, 30, 1984 - Washington, D.C.

The 38th Annual Assembly of the AACCA was hosted by St. Mary's Armenian Church of Washington, D.C. on September 28, 29, 30, 1984. Meetings began on Friday afternoon. As soon as I receive the minutes from the assembly. I will make copies of them available to you. There were 42 delegates from 21 parish.

A workshop on the Bethrothal & Marriage Ceremony was conducted by Fr. Dajad Davidian of Watertown, MA. The musical portion of the workshop was conducted by Mr. George Mangigian, Choirmaster of St. Sahag & Mesrop, Wynnewood, PA. The new release from the Diocese was introduced The Bethrol & Marriage Ceremony. (I taped this lecture and soon as I can, I will type out a transcript. It is my hope, however, that some decisions will be made at this meeting to set up some workshops and somehow incorporate this particular lecture.)

Committee meetings were held after the workshop and following a buffet dinner prepared by the St. Mary's parish, there was a social hour.

There were more business meetings on Saturday and an afternoon rehearsal was conducted by Mr. S. Boyajian, Choirmaster of St. Mary's in preparation for Sunday's Badarak. He was quite a man and even arranged for a string quartet to accompany the choir on Sunday.

Our bid was presented at the afternoon session, preceded by a bid from St. John's Detroit, MI made by Mr. John Semizzian. After hearing our presentation, Mr. Simission said that because of the enthusiasm we had shown and with all the obvious work that went into the packet of hand-out materials, he felt that we would be an excellent host for the 40th Annual Assembly of the Armenian Church Choirs of America and withdrew the bid from Detroit. We were then unanimously chosen the host choir for the 40th.

Saturday evening there was a banquet and program given by the St. Mary's Choir and Parish. Our choir received honorable mention, first-runner-up if you will, at the Assembly. The St. Mary Choir of Livingston, New Jersey was the recipient of the Gomidas Choir Award.

The week-end concluded with Divine Liturgy conducted by Fr. Vertanes Kalajian Pastor of St. Mary's and followed by a farewell luncheon for the delegates.

The 39th Annual Assembly will be hosted by St. Kevork's Choir of Houston, TX.

Sincerely,

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