

Annual St. Gregory
Youth Group Report 1975

By Suzanne Katchoyian

Beginning January 7, 1975, I was elected Chairman of St. Gregory Youth Group. The other officers were:

Mimi Janian; Vice Chairman
Beth Garabedian; Recording Secretary
Ellen Matounian; Corresponding Secretary
Peter Pattal; Treasurer

Our first activity was held on January 11, 1975, when the Syracuse Youth Group came to Binghamton for the day. This was our first encounter with the Syracuse group. I feel that I speak for our group when saying that we enjoyed their company very much. They invited us to go to Syracuse on February 8 to 9 for an overnight. We got together with them again when we had a joint retreat at Thornfield Conference Center in Casenovia on May 31 to June 1. In my opinion the Armenian identity emerged when our groups met. We felt quite close after only a few visits.

Youth Group tries to achieve four types of activities for both the spring and fall. They consist of social, fundraising, service, and religious activities. I feel that we have fulfilled all four plus much more. During the spring, we participated in and organized such activities as ice skating, a Love Feast, bake sale, Movienight, and our retreat.

Then, in the fall, Mrs. M. Rejebian and I attended a meeting with Arch Bishop Manogian to tell him about our group and its functions. We also recorded the badarak in our church with the Arch Bishop presiding, for the benefit of those who couldn't attend church services. We had social activities such as ice skating and bowling. Then our last project of the year of 1975 was the Christmas Tea for the elderly in our church, in Decem-

-ber.

Throughout the year we have volunteered to serve and pick up tables at our church dinners.

A lot of planning goes into our projects. We have general meetings every two months, and form committees to organize certain projects that the entire group will participate in.

Before this year, our advisors took it upon themselves to organize everything. This year, I wanted to place more responsibility on the officers and members. Instead of the advisors (or mothers, as the case may be) cooking or calling or organizing, the kids would do it. So when we had to earn the money to pay for our retreat, we felt that we deserved it after taking responsibility for fundraising projects.

I would like to thank our advisors:

Mrs. Marion Rejebian; Chief Advisor
Mrs. Alice Ketchoyian
Mrs. Grace Baradet
Mrs. Ruth Garabedian

for all their support and ideas throughout the year. We would really have it tough if it weren't for you giving your time and energy to Youth Group. I would also like to thank my fellow officers for holding their positions with 100% effort.

We hope 1976 will prove to be as eventful as the past.

Thank you,

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