

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1972

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR APOSTALIC CHURCH

BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

The Sunday School received firm direction in 1972 when Deacon Raymond and Sandra Arakelian entered the fold of our church.

We have inaugurated a complete Sunday School curriculum in which our Diocese never had for its parishes prior to 1972.

In April, Mrs. Louise Kalemkerian, Executive Secretary of our Diocese, came to Binghamton to hold a Sunday School Workshop for teachers and interested people in regard to texts used in our Diocese. Good direction resulted from this meeting for the selection of new texts and work material. Our teachers selected what we needed for the practicality of our Sunday School. In addition, a second workshop was held in November with a team of people from the Diocese. A Syracuse delegation joined the Binghamton group at this meeting.

Monthly meetings are held with Deacon Raymond and the teachers to maintain close communication. This results in trying to be on top of problems that occur and improvements within our system.

At present, our staff has held well, but we have problems facing us in the future. Namely, the same teachers are also members of the church choir with the exception of two ladies. This means that, hopefully, when Deacon Ray becomes ordained, we should be having Badarak weekly with a shortage of teachers.

As of this writing, the writer has contacted six members of our church to back up our teachers and be able to fill in when needed. Fortunately, all have accepted to help us by sitting in regular classes to get the "feel" of teaching, and eventually take over a class from time to time.

RESPECTFULLY,

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