

Youth Group

St. Gregory'Armenian Church

Binghamton, New York

Once again St. Gregory's Youth Group resumed another successful year with many diverse activities.

This year three youth group members attended the St. Nersess Summer Studies Conference, with a graduate and two of our youth receiving scholarships from the Armenian Choir Association: Linda Misakyan, Mike Findikyan and Vivian Rejebian. Once again they felt it to be a rewarding experience and were able to renew old friendships. They returned with increased knowledge and pride of our heritage along with renewed dedication in their interest in serving their parish.

Four members along with George and Marion Rejebian attended the Annual A.C.Y.O.A. Sports Weekend in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The youth were able to see friends made through previous St. Nersess and A.C.Y.O.A. programs. It is hoped that more of our youth will be able to attend this years exciting weekend in "Hye Time" Watertown, Massachusetts.

In the future we hope to accomplish projects such as a retreat combined with another parish, fundraisers, Tennis party socials, forming a St. Gregory's sports team such as tennis, attending Jr. and Sr. A.C.Y.O.A. events, and hopefully inviting out of town youth for our dance. We hope to continue our services to the parish as choir members and Sunday School Teachers along with serving at monthly church dinners.

With more of our youth going off to school and Fr. George leaving us, now, more than ever, it is necessary for parishoners to get involved in our youth's activities by giving time and help as you have done in the past.

The entire Youth Group and its advisors want to take this opportunity to thank Marion Rejebian for her countless hours and tireless efforts with which the Youth Group would not have progressed. We also thank Fr. George for his many hours of devoted time and guidance to our Youth Group. All of us will miss his friendship and pastoral guidance and wish him good luck in his new parish.

Who knows? Maybe now we will have an excuse for a Fowler, California - Binghamton retreat!

Respectfully submitted,

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