

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION
1910 STANLEY STREET, NEW BRITAIN, CT

ORGANIZATION REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1996

CHOIR:

Chairman: Adrienne Damian
Address: 273 Queen Street Unit 4C, Southington, CT 06489
Telephone: (860) 628-7895

Number of Members: 3 Male 10 Females

Choir Director: Same as above
Address:
Telephone:

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1996 \$ 150.20

Income for the Year \$ 1142.04

Disbursements for the Year \$ 655.00

Balance, December 31, 1996 \$ 637.24

Amount sent to the Choir Association \$ 100.00

Functions, Activities & Comments

The choir is a vital part of our Divine Liturgy. The members participated in all church services and sang all the proper modes of the day. The choir did begin to hold rehearsals on some of the music located in our new Badarak books.

The choir held the pre-Assembly luncheon in February 1996 in which over \$200 was profited.

Two members of our choir, Adrienne Damian and Rose Mosey represented our parish as members of The New Britain Chorale, an ecumenical choral group under the auspices of NEWBRACC (New Britain Area Conference of Churches). The concert was held on Palm Sunday.

Our Assistant Choir Director instructed many of the Sunday School children in Armenian Folk Dancing. The group of children performed at our annual parish picnic in August.

It has been a difficult second half of the year with not only the passing of two of our Deacons, Charlie Mazadoorian and Sarkis Davoudlarian who are solely missed on the altar each and every Sunday but also with the retirement of our Pastor, Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero. The transition each and every Sunday with new guidance has been somewhat difficult. I am sure with the appointment of Deacon Hamlet Mahrabian who is in charge, the choir will get into a routine and with the training of Altar Servers and Deacons, our choir will prosper in the near future.

Adrienne Damian, Choir Director, represented the Holy Resurrection Armenian Church Choir of New Britain, CT at the 50th Annual Assembly of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America held in New York City October 25-27, 1996. Adrienne Damian was also elected as Secretary of the Assembly for that weekend. Three other choir members, Rose Mosey, Sonia Ohanian and Yeretzgin Patricia Buttero attended the Friday workshops on Singing Badarak Basics and The Morning Service. In the afternoon, a workshop entitled "Awakening the Child's Voice Within" in which members were instructed how to teach children to sing. The instructor was from the American Boychoir of Princeton, NJ. His Beatitude, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Patriarch of Jerusalem was in attendance for this occasion.

Adrienne Damian concluded the year by teaching the children of the Sunday School to sing several Armenian Christmas tunes for the annual Christmas Program held on December 15, 1996.

The Sunday School Senior class does come up to church approximately once a month to sign with the regular choir in order to expose them to this environment after graduation.

I would like to thank all the individuals who made donations to our church choir this year. Thank you to my Assistant Choir Director, my Deacons, choir members and my Organists for your hard work, patience and dedication each and every Sunday of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Damian
Choir Director and Choir Chairman