

ST. NERSESS ARMENIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF WESTCHESTER

1974 ANNUAL REPORT

The St. Nersess Armenian Community School of Westchester began its fifth school term on September 28, 1974 with an increased enrollment of 44 students (18 in the language and 26 in the Christian Education class).

Language classes are still being held on Saturday mornings from 11:15 - 12:15 p.m. at St. Vladimir's Seminary in Crestwood, N.Y. The fee is \$30 per student..

Beginning Sunday, November 10, 1974, the Christian Education classes (Sunday School) changed its location and day to the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Yonkers, N.Y. which is the temporary quarters for the Westchester parish. Classes are from 10:30 - 12:00 noon simultaneously with the Badarak.

The expanded program includes a small worship service plus prayers, sharagans and religious instruction for the 5 - 13 age group followed by arts and crafts and movies. Group discussion on topics of their own choice and explanation on the meaning of the Badarak for the 14 - 18 teenager group. A nursery is also provided for children up to four years.

Under the general supervision of the pastor, Fr. Karekin Kasparian, the Armenian seminarians comprise the high caliber teaching staff which also includes Mrs. Mary Cachoian. Teachers of both the Sunday School and Armenian language have participated in two respective training programs at the Diocesan headquarters. The Sunday School Staff includes: Sub-deacon ~~Vazken Asadourian~~, Sub-deacon Hagop Rustemian, Seminarian Michael Zeytoonian, Seminarian Michael Chevian, Miss Janice Tepikian, Miss Lucine Daderian. Substitutes are: Mr. Ara Shimshidian, Mrs. Aida Pisani, Miss Darine Avedisian.

Seminarian Michael Chevian, appointed by the pastor as Church School Co-ordinator, initiated the following projects:

1. The St. Nersess Armenian Church School Newsletter.
2. A Thanksgiving food basket contributed by the students was taken by them to a needy person.

Sub-deacon Hagop Rustemian was appointed by the pastor as Armenian School Co-ordinator. The language staff includes, in addition to Sub-deacon Rustemian: Sub-deacon Vazken Asadourian, Mrs. Mary Cachoian. Substitutes are: Deacon Bedros Sarkissian, Mrs. Alice Shimshidian.

The school committee gave a Halloween party for the students in October. The Christmas party was combined with an open-house visit for parents and teachers. The gifts for the children were candy-filled Christmas stockings and a book of Armenian prayers.

On Saturday, January 4, 1975 some children of our school attended the Primate's Christmas Communion and party at St. Vartan Cathedral in New York.

The School committee had a successful fund-raising dinner and Chinese Auction on January 12, 1974. The committee is planning its second annual fund-raising dinner and Chinese Auction to be held on Saturday, January 18, 1975 at St. John's Church in Yonkers, New York.

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The school committee meets, under the presidency of our pastor, at regular intervals and is composed of a congenial group of members:

Chairman	Louise Tezel
Co-chairman	Alice Shimshidian
Treasurer	Mary Azarian
Publicity	Aida Pisani
Rec. Secretary	Barbara Dorian
Corr. Secretary	Violet Sirabian
Special Projects	Barbara Dorian
	Deanna Stepanian
	Sylvia Sarkisian
	Rose Derdarian
	Lucy Tepikian

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Last Balance	\$ 772.65
C.A.R.S. Contribution	100.00
Income from Tuitions	460.00
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	\$1,332.65
Operating Expenses	679.00
Present Balance	<hr/>
	653.65

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Tezel, Chairman
Barbara Dorian, Secretary