

ANNUAL REPORT: CHOIR 1984

Officers: Chairperson: Ellen Ishkanian
Vice Chairperson: Joyce Papazian
Recording Secretary: Nina Hachigian
Corresponding Secretary: Lucy Tepikian
Treasurer: John Vakassian

Membership: 15 Meetings: 3-4 per year

Last year in my annual report I issued an appeal for more members of the congregation to join the Saint James Choir. Finally, near the end of this year and thanks to the tremendous powers of persuasion of Der Karekin, some new members have joined our ranks and others have indicated their intention to join. Hopefully, by the time we have a sanctuary, our choir will be ready to fill it with beautiful music.

During the past year, in addition to its regular Sunday contribution to the religious life of the church, the choir sponsored a Lenten Dinner.

For social activity, the choir enjoyed a beautiful party during the Christmas holidays at Der Hayr's home.

Fund-raising activities included a bake sale and special plate collections.

Our choir was fortunate to be able to send two delegates to the Annual Choir Assembly Association Convention in Washington, D.C. Mark and Helen Kapikian were our representatives.

Special words of thanks are due to our choirmaster, Raffi Sevadjan, who continues his dedicated and inspirational leadership of our choir despite the tremendous sacrifice of an all-day commute between his home and our church.

Thanks are also due Alice Sakalian, our faithful organist, whose dedication adds much to the beauty of our service.

Finally, we must express our appreciation to Der Karekin, with whom it is a joy to sing the Badarak and whose patience and encouragement are essential to our existence.

Our financial picture is as follows:

Cash on hand, Jan. 1984	543.39
Income	291.24
Disbursements	371.00
Balance, Dec. 31, 1984	463.63

Ellen Ishkanian
Ellen Ishkanian, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Hachigian, Recording Sec.