

St. James Armenian Church
1985 Sunday School Annual Report

The 1985 - 86 Sunday School year opened on September 15, 1985 with a registration of 45 children ranging from pre-school toddlers to high school students.

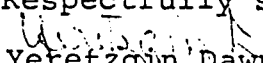
The classes and teachers are: Nursery-Preschool, Susie Ashjian; 1st-2nd Grade, Valerie Babaian; 3rd-4th-5th Grade, Mike Pisani; 6th-7th Grade, Richard Varadian; 9th-12th Grade, Beatrice Postian; Assembly Programs, Lillian Boyajian; Special Projects, Anahid Chookhachian; Assistants - Ara Shimshidian, Betty Salbashian and Peter Babaian.

Sunday School classes are held each Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. We implore parents to bring their children regularly and on time! The students attend a portion of church services and receive Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. The curriculum provided by the Department of Religious Education (D.R.E.) of the Diocese is being used by all classes. This year a graduating program has been initiated for students who will review the total curriculum. Those who attend regularly, participate seriously and pass the test sent from the Diocese will graduate. This class will attend a week-end of preparation on April 11-12 at St. Nersess Seminary under the guidance of Der Hayr.

All parishioners, especially the parents of Sunday School children, are invited to attend Assembly programs with the children. Assembly is held from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. each week except for Communion Sunday. We also ask that special notice be given the Bulletin Board on the 2nd floor which is changed monthly according to season or feast day. Day by Day, a monthly publication is provided by St. James for all Sunday School families. It is hoped that the family read these together, perhaps at meal time.

The Sunday School teachers have attended four evening meetings since August to share ideas and concerns and to plan the overall Sunday School program. Yeretgin Dawn has attended two Saturday meetings of the regional Sunday School superintendents who meet to share ways of advancing religious education.

Special events that highlighted the program so far this school year were: monthly birthday celebrations with cake and beverage following services; St. James hosted the N.Y., N.J. regional D.R.E. Teacher Training Program on September 28; Thanksgiving - participation in the annual food collection; Christmas Eve program on December 24. Events planned for the remainder of the year include a Poon Paregentan Celebration at the Diocese on Sunday, February 9; an Easter Communion Breakfast, a Bake Sale - proceeds to be contributed to the D.R.E. Curriculum Project in May and a special closing event in June.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent