

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH - TENAFLY, N.J.

CHOIR REPORT - 1968

The choir has been singing at every service during the year. Attendance has been averaging 5 to 8 people per service. Occasionally an aggregate of 12 to 15 members has enhanced the beauty of the Holy Badarak.

Messrs. Krikor Anoushian and Armen Basmajian have faithfully and unselfishly served on the altar every week. Their devoted service on the altar should be noted and appreciated by all of our parishioners. Mention must be made also of Mr. Robert Varjan who, when scholastic studies allow, serves as censer, permeating our Church in liturgical fragrance.

Our organist, Miss Susan Shamamian, should be commended for her steady attendance and fine performances at every service. Such love and devotion should not be overlooked or taken for granted. This parish is fortunate in having such a fine young lady as its organist.

In January, several members were in the mixed choir at the Annual Ecumenical Service held at the Presbyterian Church in Tenafly.

In June, the choir and altar servers participated in a Holy Badarak Service at the Cathedral in New York.

Attendance has not been as steadily attended as it should be, but there are signs of some increased interest and we are optimistic about the future.

Edward Daghlian,
Choir Director

APPENDIX D

ARMENIAN CHURCHES SPORTS ASSOCIATION

St. Thomas with six other Armenian Churches in the metropolitan New York-New Jersey area has formed a sports association during this last year. The association is run by a council made up of representatives from the member churches. St. Thomas is represented by Jack Tatarian, Dick Kabobjian and Vahan Zarifian. During the season, there is a basketball game every Sunday. For home games the Ft. Lee Intermediate School gym is used. We also have an excellent cheerleading squad. At the end of the season we have an annual all star tournament.

In 1968 we also had a track and field meet at Roosevelt Stadium in Union City at which there were over 100 participants from all the churches. This will be an annual activity of the association.

The purpose of this association is to bring the Armenian youth together and create better relations among all the Armenian churches of this metropolitan area.

After an initial entry fee of \$250 there is an additional \$100 annual assessment for expenses, paid by all participating churches to cover insurance, gym, professional referees, uniforms, etc. ;