

THE ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH CHOIR REPORT  
1972

The St. Thomas Armenian Church can be very proud of its members who make up the choir and altar servers. Loyalty and steadfastness seem to be the by-word of these people. The Messrs. Krikor Anoushian, Armen Basmajian and Hovsep Nokhudian, have been singing on the altar during the past year with a faithfulness and diligence we can all emulate. A young man new to our Church, John Mlool, has been serving as censer. We owe them all a debt of gratitude for serving Der Hayr as his right - or left-hand man or men.

Our organist, Miss Susan Shamamian, has been faithfully playing every Sunday and words of praise are not out of place in a report such as this for a young lady who has served so well this past year.

Individual choir attendance has been between 7 and 11 people each Sunday. Behavior and attitude have been exemplary and the congregation can be proud of the choir's composure during services.

We sang at the Emerson Armenian Home for the Aged on Holy Thursday during Lent, and our performance was well appreciated by the members of the Home and its administrators.

Portions of the Gomidas Badarak and other selections have been incorporated in some services and the choir members have acclimated to the new music.

We at St. Thomas can be proud of its Choir members who make every effort to enhance the beauty of the Holy Badarak each Sunday. Our thanks to the congregation for its well-meaning praise and support.

Edward Daghlian, Choir Director

ARMENIAN CHURCH SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

St. Thomas had a very successful year in competing with the other churches in the Sports Association. Our representatives were Jack Tatarian and Ara Martin. This year, our representatives are Jack Tatarian and Arthur Azarik.

Our Basketball Team won the New Jersey Division Title, and lost the championship to St. Gregory. We were represented in the All-Star Game with three players from our team, all playing a vital part in a victory over the New York All-Stars. This team was coached by Harry Chakmakian and Martin Tashjian, with Robert Avakian Chief Consultant, and Arthur Azarik as Chief Scout.

Our Track Team, coached by Richard Keurajian, took top honors at the Annual Track and Field Meet. Our team consisted of approximately 30 participants, all playing a part in this great achievement.

The only disappointment was the poor spectator turnout. We sincerely hope this will improve this year, although to date, there has been no improvement.