

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH CHOIR REPORT 1974

This past year has seen our Choir go to its first Choir Association Assembly held at St. Leon's Church in Fair Lawn. The Choir Director, organist, 1 delegate (John Saxenian) and Krikor Anoushian attended the meetings. The Assembly proved to be very informative. The Association is striving for uniformity in all the churches in the Divine Liturgy, and issues publications of church music. We look forward to this year's Assembly with anticipation. Incidentally, the largest contingent attending the Association banquet was from St. Thomas, an indication of the interest we have in the Association.

Mr. Krikor Anoushian once again this past year performed his duties as Avak Sargavak, holding Matins services preceeding Badarak on most Sundays. Our thanks to a knowledgeable and Christian Armenian. Messrs. Armen Basmajian and Hovsep Nokhudian have served on the altar during the year steadfastly and the smooth operations of the services are due in large part to their diligent and patient handling of the mechanics of the Badarak.

Of course, John Malool has polished his role as Censer to a top-notch degree we can all be proud of. We owe this young gentleman a vote of thanks for a job well done.

The name has changed, but the love, the loyalty and the sweetness of her nature has not. It is not every church that can boast having such a faithful young lady serve as our organist this past year as Mrs. Susan Asadourian. Our eternal gratitude to her cannot be overstated for her untiring efforts to the Choir.

By now you have noticed the young boys that have been performing "candle-holder" duties. They're a real asset to the overall picture of the services. Our thanks to all these young boys.

Attendance of the choir members has gained over last year. We have a membership of about twenty-four people and at times things can get crowded in front of the altar--to our delight and satisfaction, of course.

New choir veils were purchased last spring for all our female members.

St. Thomas can be justly proud of these Choir members, who come on Sunday mornings to enhance the beauty of the Divine Badarak with their singing. We all thank the Parish Council and the parishioners for their support and words of encouragement. Thank you.

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Choir Director