

THE ARMENIAN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHOIR OF
GREATER BOSTON

A N N U A L R E P O R T

For the Year

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I. INTRODUCTION

This has been an unusual year of achievement for the Armenian Holy Trinity Church Choir, not merely with respect to the success of its regular organizational and liturgical functions, but to the extent of being referred to as a period of rejuvenation, insofar as its classic-cultural, social and business standards are concerned. This fact of course, is attributed to the self-less service of Executive Officers and all those members who participated in committees and faithfully attended the meetings, rehearsals, and above all, expended all efforts to be present at most of the Sunday and Holy Day Services.

Finally, underlying all this, is the vitalizing source of great ability, diligence, sacrifice and inspiration which is exuded by the Choir Master, The Very Reverend Oshagan Vartabed Minassian, coupled with the capable guidance and devotion of our Pastor, Reverend Papken Maksoudian and the cooperation of the Parish Council.

The operations and statistics of this fiscal year are summarized and explained under the following classifications:

II. MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS

There are thirty-two (32) active members in the Choir, plus six (6) Junior Choir members between the ages of eleven and seventeen years of age, who were introduced into the program, during the summer months, as well as three (3) Junior Acolytes, who participate in all the masses.

The Executive Committee consists of the following officers:

Helen Donabedian	-	Chairman
Victoria Aylanakian	-	Secretary
Araxi M. Aghajanian	-	Secretary Pro Tem

Joseph Haroutunian	-	Treasurer
Pauline Terzian	-	Advisor
Grace Boyajian	-	Advisor
Zabel Odabashian	-	Publicity

The Choir Master was Deacon Hagop Papazian, who was succeeded mid-year by The Very Reverend Oshagan Vartabed Minassian.

III. FINANCIAL

At the conclusion of the fiscal year of 1966, there was a balance of \$434.80 in the treasury, acquired through membership dues, social functions, etc.

An amount of Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars was pledged toward the Church Building Fund, of which a sum of Three hundred (\$300.00) dollars has already been donated.

For the purpose of raising more funds via channels beyond the usual, it was decided to order a lot of six hundred prayer pens around Christmas time to be sold to the public, which proved to be quite lucrative.

IV. SOCIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Several successful social events held during the past year, such as:

On February 18th, a Valentine Party was given, which was highlighted by honoring Deran Dinjian on the occasion of his ordination to Archdeacon of our Church.

On May 8th, an impressive affair was given for Mothers Day, when the mothers of choir members were honored; which gained many compliments.

On October 16th, an attractive buffet was given in honor of the newly-elect Primate, Bishop Torkom Manoogian, during his visit to Boston.

On November 16th, a social was given to enhance the Membership Drive, which was attended by many newcomers and prospective members, whence an interesting lecture and film on the life and works of Franz Schubert were presented by Father Oshagan.

On December 28th, the final event of the year took place, the Annual Christmas Party, to which the Deacons, Junior Choir members and Acolytes, as well as the Der Hayr and Eretzgin were invited. This turned out to be a beautiful event and an example of cooperation at its fullest and best.

V. CHURCH, REHEARSALS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

Attendance of Choir members at Church Services, Choir Rehearsals and Business Meetings, have shown a gradual improvement throughout the year, especially on special occasions and Holy Days.

Rehearsals were originally scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, but it was decided that it would be more practical and rewarding to hold them every week on the aforesaid day.

Membership and Executive meetings have been held regularly and were well-attended.

VI. SUMMARIZATION AND FUTURE GOALS


In conclusion, it is hereby admitted that this year may be considered a successful and fruitful one, with respect to the expansion of the membership, the creation and admission of the Junior Choir and Junior Acolytes into the Church.

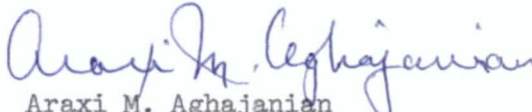
The cultural standards are on the rise, due to the fact that talks and attractive, educational films have been presented relating to the biographies and works of our Armenian Composers of Liturgical Music, such as Gomidas Vartabed, Magar Egmalian and others.

There is also a new movement toward functioning in unison with the Deacons and Junior Choir members, for the purpose of heightening of the general morale and thereby creating a warm feeling of "togetherness".

The continuation and furtherance of these ideals and purposes will be the primary requisites of the aims and goals of the Choir in the future.

Respectfully submitted,


Mrs. Helen Donabedian
Chairman


Araxi M. Aghajanian
Secretary Pro Tem

Dated: January 11, 1967

Armenian Holy Trinity Church Choir
Financial Report
January 10, 1967

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1966	\$487.21
Bank interest	25.76
Choir Dues	54.00
Choir Collections and Donations	322.00
Sale of Pens	125.00
	\$1013.97

Disbursements

Gifts and Donations	455.00
Dues To Central Council	20.00
Valentine Party	62.72
Mother's Day Presentation	25.00
Refreshments	13.45
Miscellaneous Expenses	3.00
	\$579.17

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Balance on Hand January 10, 1967	\$434.80

Joseph Haroutunian
Treasurer