

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY ASCENSION

PARISH ASSEMBLY REPORT - JANUARY 1986

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Reorganization of the Sunday School began on December 11, 1985 with a meeting with Der Hayr and the new Sunday School Staff. The current compliment of teachers include Dora V. Garabedian, Linda Terzian Cartiglia, Barbara Ketchian, Lionel Ketchian, Carlotta Garabedian, Karen Kaechele, Maureen Najarian, and Joan Sukoian. The Sunday School is organized by a team teaching approach, two teachers covering each class division. There are four class groups, Preschool for ages 3-4, Primary for ages 5½-7, Juniors, ages 8-9; and Seniors ages 12-16. Nineteen Children were registered as of January 5, 1986. The conclusion of this meeting was to open Sunday School again on January 19, 1986.

On Sunday, January 5, 1986, the Sunday School sponsored a Christmas party luncheon for the Parish where the children presented a musical-singing program for the parishioners. Christmas Carols were sung, accompanied by Ginny Kalfalian and Santa visited the children. After expenditures, the school netted a profit of \$100.00.

A regular pass book account was reopened at People's bank with a check issued for \$292.31, the balance from previous Sunday school funds. Theresa Harabedian had forwarded \$200.00 prior to the transfer of funds, on behalf of the Sunday School, in support of the newly designed Diocesan Sunday school curriculum.

The Sunday School opened with a balance of \$392.31. A bill of \$118.27 was paid to the Diocesan bookstore for purchased books and posters. \$60.56 was expended for Sunday School papers and supplies. A \$30.00 donation was made to cover the balance of expenses by Dora Garabedian. The present bank balance is \$213.48.

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January 4, 1986, the Sunday School teachers met with Nancy Basmajian, from the Diocese, to discuss school curriculum and presentation. Through her guidance and suggestions, concrete assignments were made, books were ordered and Dora Garabedian was elected Sunday school coordinator.

A January 10, 1986, staff meeting was chaired by Dora Garabedian with Karen Kaechele, Barbara Ketchian and Carlotta Garabedian in attendance. Those unable to attend were forwarded the pertinent materials. Supplies were placed in the supply cabinet, teaching plans, room assignments and considerations concerning January 19, were discussed.

Current objectives of the Sunday School staff are to provide lessons where the children will learn and explore the Bible, the Badarak, symbolism in the church, holy days, feast days and Armenian culture and history as it relates to our religion. Each team is responsible for developing their own teaching plans as guided by the current Sunday school curriculum. Short term goals for the children include the teaching and the comprehension of the Lord's Prayer, in English, and the sign of the cross.

January 19, 1986, was the opening day of Sunday School. Students met at a general assembly, introductions were made and then they went to respective classes. Children were given welcoming letters and a total of 12 students attended.

Future plans include equipping the classrooms with bulletin boards, establishing a children's hour with the Der Hayr, introducing more music into the Sunday school curriculum, obtaining other teaching aids such as a flannel board and marker boards, sponsoring a Palm Sunday fundraiser bake sale and giving each child a plant at Easter to symbolize the renewal of life through the resurrection.

Respectfully submitted:



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Coordinator