

1982/1983 CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT

We started off our year last January with our annual pilgrimage to Baltimore where we were welcomed with open arms to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Throughout the remainder of the year, we participated in all the various feast days with rehearsals and workshops interspersed throughout the entire year.

Our membership has been increasing with more and more people who wish to actively participate (sing, read, or serve) in the Badarak each Sunday. We welcome our newest members Mr. Theodore Hatcher and Mr. Socrate Boyajian. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Ann Booher back to the Choir. Ann fills in as "call-in" organist. We would also like to welcome the Junior Choir, who has diligently and faithfully, under the guidance of Mr. S. Boyajian, been rehearsing and performing on the first Sunday of each month. We wish them much success.

On October 25, 1982, we held elections for the Executive Committee. The results were:

CHAIRMAN: Mr. John Krikorian
SECRETARY: Mrs. Queenie Avedikian
TREASURER: Mrs. Clara Andonian
ASST. TREASURER: Mr. Ashod Krikorian
CHOIRMASTER: Dr. Hratch Semerjian


Two delegates, Dr. Hratch Semerjian and Mr. John Krikorian, represented our choir at the Annual Convention of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America in Philadelphia, PA. Many new things were learned and new faces were met.

Our future plans include the reorganization and development of a music filing system, renovation of our Choir Room, rehearsals once a month, and periodic workshops to learn new hymns and songs. We also plan to perform at a function sometime this year.

Needless to say, without the participation, dedication, and hard work from each and every Choir Member, we wouldn't be where we are today. I would like to personally thank each and every Choir Member for their hard work and patience. I would especially like to thank Dr. Hratch Semerjian, whose dedication and unselfish devotion to our cause has inspired each and every one of us to do our best all the time. Also special thanks to the Executive Committee, who put time and effort in organizing activities etc...

I regret to say that our only loss this year was a tragic one. Mrs. Sona Semerjian, who was a faithful, dedicated member and beloved friend to each and every one of us, passed away this month. Words cannot express the void left in all our hearts. We pray that God will console her family and that she will rest in peace.

Respectfully Submitted,


John A. Krikorian, Chairman