



ACYOA FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mid-Atlantic Region

**GALA 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
DINNER-DANCE
of the
ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICA**



**MID-ATLANTIC REGION
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA**

**HONORING THE FOUNDING PRIMATE
ARCHBISHOP TIRAN NERSOYAN**

**SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER TWENTY-NINTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX**

**HAIK AND ALICE KAVOOKJIAN AUDITORIUM
630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY**

REUNION HOUR	6:00 P.M.
DINNER	7:00 P.M.
DANCE	10:00 P.M.



His Holiness Vazken I
Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

PRIMATE'S MESSAGE

As we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, it behooves us to pause and contemplate your endeavors and contributions to our Church and our people.

The first generation of the ACYOA was fortunate to have inspiring parents and church leaders who helped guide them in their spiritual search for the Truth that is Christ and in carrying on our sacred heritage. The question now is: Has that first generation been successful in fulfilling this task and passing it on to the second generation and those following?

The ACYOA theme this year has been "**40 YEARS OF CHURCH SERVICE AND ARMENIAN FELLOWSHIP IN AMERICA**," and it is an appropriate one. To be an ACYOA member means making a commitment, a pledge to be loyal to the ideals for which the Armenian Church has always stood. As a group, you represent solidarity and determination in your service to God and to our people. You symbolize the opportunity to pursue and live our faith.

On this 40th Anniversary, we rejoice in our YOUTH. We need our youth to carry forth our identity as Armenian Christians. To be Armenian is a matter of spirit. Learn all you can about your culture, language, and heritage. The confidence you will gain will lead to action, and action changes the future. God has placed the future in your hands.

May the Lord bless you with His love and His wisdom.

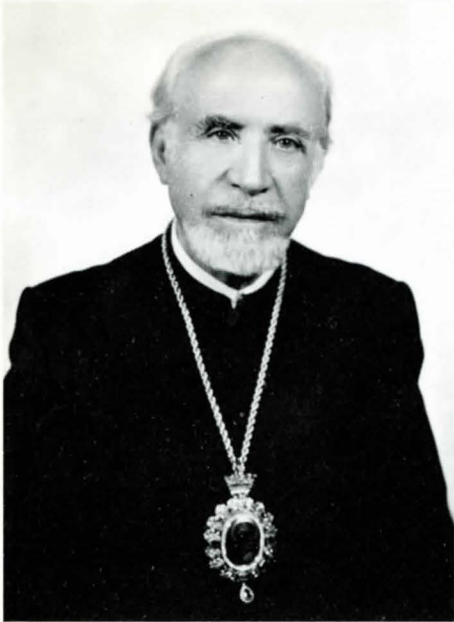
Prayerfully,
Abp. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

September 1986

DEDICATION

For our founder, Archbishop Tiran, whose vision, guidance and leadership served as a beacon for all members of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, and for all those members for whom the ideals of service to the Armenian Church and community became realities in their own lives, we give thanks to God.



Our Founding Father Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan

A native of Aintab, Abp. Tiran Nersoyan was born Nersess Tavoukjian (1904) the son of a priest and a former schoolteacher. At the age of 11, he and his family became refugees, traveling to Aleppo.

In 1921, Abp. Yeghishe Tourian, then Patriarch of Jerusalem, gladly accepted his former pupil's son, now 17, in the seminary. Nersess graduated, taught at the lay school for the children of refugees, and was ordained a deacon.

On the day of the Feast of the Transfiguration in 1928, Nersess was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Patriarch Tourian. He was sent to London for academic training at King's College, and went back to Jerusalem to teach in the seminary, of which he became principal in 1932, serving in that post for five years. Back in London, he had charge of the Armenian Church which, in 1938 and thereafter, meant enduring the blitz, counseling and entertaining hundreds of Armenian-American G.I.'s, celebrating Divine Liturgy with bombs dropping all around.

Abp. Tiran was elected Primate of the American Diocese, in 1944. The new Primate served for ten years; during his tenure, ten new churches were built in the United States, the Diocesan constitution and administration were modernized, and the difficult groundwork prepared for the erection of a Cathedral. He established the ACYOA, the Armenian Church Choirs Assoc. brought young theological candidates to study in the United States as future parish priests, and translated the "badarak."

In 1956, Abp. Tiran went to Jerusalem where the St. James brotherhood chose him as *locum tenens*. Elected Patriarch in 1957, he served until August 1958.

In 1962 Abp. Tiran founded and was the first Dean of St. Nersess Theological Seminary.

An outstanding ecumenical leader and highly respected theologian, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan has published widely acclaimed studies in Armenian and in English on the Armenian Church and its Christological position, its teaching and its role in the ecumenical movement.

We proudly acknowledge Abp. Tiran for his undying dedication to the Armenian Church and her traditions.



THE EMBLEM OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA AND ITS SYMBOLIC MEANING

The emblem of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America adopted at its inception, is to be interpreted as follows:

The radiations from the center of the cross symbolize the truths of the Christian religion that shine forth through the centuries.

The symbols under the horizontal bar of the cross are:

- a. (right hand side) The double peaks of the Mount Ararat, representing the Armenian people and its destiny. Ararat has been the silent witness of the victories as well as defeats of the Armenians through their existence as a people and a nation. Its representation of the A.C.Y.O.A. emblem means that the members of the Organization make the pledge of standing for the ideals for which the Armenian nation has stood always.
- b. (left hand side) The United States eagle with its wings widespread and star above each wing. The eagle looks proudly into far distances and holds, as usual a batch of arrows. The eagle represents the United States. Its presence on the A.C.Y.O.A. emblem symbolizes the loyalty of the members of the A.C.Y.O.A. to the Constitution of the United States and to its principles of democracy and freedom.

The chain that encircles the cross on the emblem represents solidarity among the members of the A.C.Y.O.A. in their service to God and to people.

These symbols are designed on a shield which stands for the determination with which the objects of the A.C.Y.O.A. are to be carried out. The shield also stands for defense against dangerous encroachments.

It will be noted that the dominating feature of the emblem is the cross. This indicates the fact Christ is our Lord and that to Him we owe obedience above all.

Our Presidents, 1946-1986



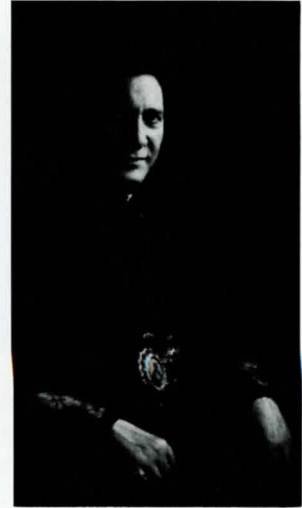
Archbishop
Tiran Nersoyan



Archbishop
Mampre Calfayan



Archbishop
Sion Manoogian



Archbishop
Torkom Manoogian

The Prayer of A. C. Y. O. A.

O Lord our Savior Jesus Christ, Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, give us, the youth of the Church of Armenia, we beseech Thee, the wisdom to know, to love, and to serve Thee in our personal lives severally, and in the corporate life of our Organization.

Thou that leadest men in the way, lead us, thy children, that we may be able to serve the Church through our people, with courage and vision, and in the faith of our illustrious forefathers. Inspire us, O Lord, and open our eyes to thy light, that we may cherish and profit by the heritage which our forefathers have left to us, and that we may be aware of our responsibilities as citizens of our beloved country, the United States of America.

Fill us, O Christ our God, with thy Holy Spirit, that we may be the obedient and unselfish servants of the Will of our Heavenly Father, to whom, together with Thee and the Holy Spirit, is befitting Glory, Dominion and Honor, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



Pledge

I solemnly promise and declare upon my honor, that as a member of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, I shall, to the best of my ability, be a faithful son of the Armenian Church; shall be a devoted upholder of the Armenian cultural heritage; shall be a loyal citizen of the United States; and I shall diligently abide by the objects, policies, and decisions of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. I shall not strive for personal recognition and pleasure, but will serve our Church, our Community, and our Country, for the greater glory of God.



ACYOA EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES/DIRECTORS

1949-50	Mary Shalakian	1971	Louise Yeghissian (Kalemkerian)
1951-53	Hagop Nersoyan	1972-76	Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian
1960-61	Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian	1977-78	George Tashjian
1961-62	Joseph Kalemkerian	1979-present	Nancy Basmajian – Juniors
1962-66	Deacon Megerditch Mouradian	1980-1986	James Magarian – Seniors
1967-69	Deacon Hovhannes (Fr. Karekin) Kasparian	1986	Anthony Barsamian – Seniors
1970	Howard T.W. Stowe (Rev.)		

SITES OF THE ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLIES AND SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

1946	Providence, Rhode Island Constitutive Assembly	1960	New York, NY (Metropolitan New York and New Jersey)	1971	North Philadelphia, PA
1947	Philadelphia, PA	1961	Richmond, VA	1972	East St. Louis, IL
1948	Detroit, MI	1962	Detroit, MI	<i>(During the 1973-74 Reorganization Period The General Assembly was not held)</i>	
1949	New Britain, CT	1963	Montreal, Canada	1975*	Miami, FL
1950	Evanston, IL	1964	Chicago, IL	1976*	Lowell, MA
1951	Watertown, MA	1965	New York, NY (Long Island Hosts)	1977*	Detroit, MI
1952	Worcester, MA	1966	Providence, RI	1978*	Providence, RI
1953	Cleveland, OH	1967	Pawling, NY	1979*	Milwaukee, WI
1954	Troy, NY	1968	Williams Bay, WI	1980*	Watertown, MA
1955	Racine, WI	1969	Detroit, MI Constitutive Assembly	1981*	Chicago/Evanston, IL
1956	Washington, D.C.	1969	Fort Monroe, VA	1982*	New Britain, CT
1957	Boston, MA	1970	New York, NY	1983*	Toronto, Canada
1958	Niagara Falls, NY			1984*	Palos Heights, IL
1959	East St. Louis, IL			1985*	Worcester, MA
				1986*	Wynnewood, PA

(*: Since 1975, the Assemblies have been held at the same site as the National Sports Weekend.)

ACYOA CHAPTER "A" AWARD

Central Council Award to the Most Outstanding Chapter of the Year:
(Initiated in 1952)

1952–Detroit, MI	1964–Toronto, ONT	1976–Watertown, MA
1953–Cleveland, OH	1965–Long Island, NY	1977–Detroit, MI
1954–Detroit, MI	1966–Racine, WI	1978–Long Island, NY
1955–Union City, NJ	1967–Montreal, QUE	1979–Cheltenham, PA
1956–Watertown, MA	1968–Richmond, VA	1980–Lawrence, MA
1957–Holy Cross – NYC, NY	1969–Watertown, MA	1981–Palos Heights, IL
1958–North Philadelphia, PA	1970–E. St. Louis, IL	1982–Cleveland, OH
1959–Worcester, MA	1971–Detroit, MI	1983–Wisconsin
1960–Detroit, MI	1972–[not awarded]	1984–Palos Heights, IL
1961–Detroit, MI	1973–[not awarded]	1985–Watertown, MA
1962–Worcéster, MA	1974–[not awarded]	1986–Worcester, MA
1963–Toronto, ONT	1975–[not awarded]	

ACYOA
CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
1946-1986



Central Council members 1948, with Abp. Tiran Nersoyan

Gerald Aharonian
 SHAKÉ AJAMIAN
 Penie Allalemdjian (Papazian)
 Sara Andonian
 MISAK APRAHAMIAN
 Rhaffi Aprahamian
 Artin Artinian
 Mary Azarian (Zotian)
 Leo Bakalian
 Rose Bannaian (Mekenian)
 Melainie Barsamian (Bilazarian)
 Y. Gladys Barsamian
 Lee Bedigian
 Joan Bilazarian (Handleman)
 Brian Bogosian
 Acabe Boornazian
 Robert Borzakian
 MAX BOUDAKIAN
 Linda Boyajian
 Susan Boyajian
 Roberta Carman (Kochakian)
 Ann Dadaian
 Alex Dadourian
 Ralph Der Asadourian
 Carol Der Boghosian
 Robert Doramajian
 NUBAR DORIAN
 Ara Dostourian
 Karning Durgarian
 Elizabeth Ekmanian
 NISHAN ESKIGIAN
 Anna Garabedian
 Varsen Garabedian (Seraydarian)
 Arshag Gechijian
 Shockey Gengozian
 Ronald Godoshian
 Robert Goshgarian
 Dianne Greene (Velegris)
 Judy Hachikian (Petersen)
 Rose Hanesian (Murray)

MANOOG HEDITSIAN
 Grace Heroian (Saxenian)
 LEON HOJEGIAN
 Gary Hovhanessian
 Emma Hovsepian
 Paul Hovsepian
 ZAVEN HOVSEPIAN
 George Jevarjian
 EDWARD KAISERIAN
 Joseph Kalemkerian
 Nancy Kaprelian
 Ruth Kaperlian
 Joyce Karageozian
 Jack Kazanjian
 M. CASEY KAZANJIAN
 MARK KAZANJIAN
 Avedis Kevorkian
 Kerry Keysserian
 Mary Ann Khachadoorian
 (Dikranian)
 BARKEV KHOJAJIAN
 Nancy Malkasian (Banks)
 Harold Manoogian
 Sara Martinian
 MATTHEW MATTEOSIAN
 Aurora Melikian (Jebejian)
 Byron Melkonian
 (Very Rev. Haigazoun)
 Bette Meserlian
 Linda Minassian
 Susan Minassian
 Hayk Misakyan
 Lisa Mooradian (Torani)
 SUSAN MOUSIGIAN
 Gertrude Nahigian
 Paul Najarian
 SCOTT NAJARIAN
 ARDA NAZERIAN
 Rose Norian (Hallajian)
 Carol Norigian

RICHARD NORSIGIAN
 David Onanian
 EDWARD ONANIAN
 Sona Palvetzian
 DENNIS PAPAZIAN
 PAUL POGHARIAN
 Gregory Saraydarian
 Harry Sarkisian
 Joseph Sarkisian
 Virginia Saxenian
 Arax Selvinazian
 Haig Serabian
 Sylvia Shahinian (Dulgarian)
 Mary V. Shalakian
 Harry Shamlian
 Armen Shekerjian
 MICHAEL SIMONIAN
 John Soursourian
 Melina Spinuzza
 Charles Takesian
 Janet Takvorian (Malool)
 Richard Takvorian
 Arpena Tavitian (Sbarbaro)
 Harry Terzian
 Vaughn Totovian
 Gary Townsend
 Arthur Yagjian
 RALPH YAGJIAN
 MICHAEL YAPCHAIAN
 Sona Yazijian
 Louise Yeghissian (Kalemkerian)
 Grayce Yeramian (Malatian)
 GARY ZAMANIGIAN
 Michael Zeytoonian

*NOTE: Capitals indicate
 Central Council Chairmen*

In the event of any inadvertent errors or omissions, please inform us so that we can correct our records for the future.

ACYOA 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
Mid-Atlantic Region



Most Rev. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Advisor
Nancy Basmajian, Advisor
Rose Mekenian, General Chairman
Joseph Kalemkerian, Vice Chairman/Booklet
Lori Kalemkerian, Corresponding Secretary/Booklet Ads
Shaké Ajamian, Recording Secretary
Ann Dadaian, Assistant Secretary
Leon Hojegian, Treasurer
Arda Nazerian, Publicity
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Marge Ajamian, Decorations
Gregory Saraydarian, Lighting
Gregory Doudoukjian, Dance
John Nersesian, Dance
Carol Der Boghosian, Photographer
Suzie Ashjian, Hotel Information
Missak Aprahamian
Avedis Sakalian

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Name of Chapter _____

SENIOR MEMBER
 JUNIOR MEMBER

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Telephone _____

State your date of birth _____

Were you baptized and confirmed in the Armenian Church? _____

Were you baptized elsewhere and confirmed in the Armenian Church? _____

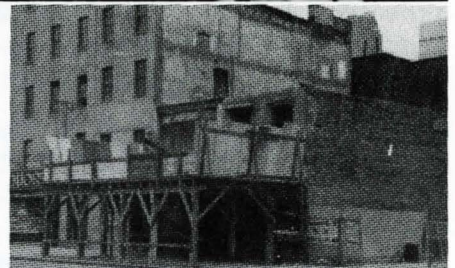
What parish are you affiliated with? _____

Are you a visiting member of that parish? _____

Have you applied for membership in this organization before? _____



FIRST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
 BANQUET AND DANCE
 PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER OF THE
 ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
 ASSEMBLY MAY 3, 1947



GALA ACYOA 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER-DANCE
Mid-Atlantic Region

P R O G R A M

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

TOAST

Nancy Basmajian

DINNER

WELCOMING REMARKS

Rose Mekenian

CAKE-CUTTING CEREMONY

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Arda Nazerian

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Michael Simonian

REMARKS

Zaven Hovsepian

Shaké Ajamian

Sarkis Jebejian

ANNOUNCEMENT

Anthony Barsamian

REMARKS

Judge Vincent Gurahian

PRESENTATIONS

REMARKS

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

REMARKS

Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan

BENEDICTION & CLOSING PRAYER

DANCE

Music by John Vartan Ensemble

&

D.J. Ron

The Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

The Armenian Church Youth Organization of America of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America was created on January 12, 1946 in Providence, Rhode Island.

The new Diocesan-wide National Organization, created for the youth of the Armenian Church, emerged from the foundation of the then many local Junior Leagues and clubs that were formed for the young people of the Armenian Church Parishes.

World War II interrupted the activities of these local groups, many of which were simply inactive during those difficult years. With the termination of the war, a renewed necessity took place of re-organizing the local Parish youth groups. Bishop Tiran Nersoyan, the newly elected Diocesan Primate, wholeheartedly took on the challenge of a problem which was causing the elders of the communities to question the future of the Church in America. This challenge was carried by Bishop Tiran to the American - Armenian youth. To all communities he passed on the informing spark, so important to the creating and continuation of activities for this new Organization. This culmination of all his activity and work took place at the "Constitutive Assembly" of Church Youth, held in Providence Rhode Island, January 12, 1946.

The Assembly gathered young Armenians from as far West as Wisconsin, and as far South as Virginia. The delegates at this Assembly elected the first ACYOA Central Council from among their members to carry out the administrative functions of the ACYOA on the national level. These first Council members included: Zaven Hovsepian, John Soursourian, Arthur Yagjian, Matthew Matteosian, Grayce Yeramian, Jack Kazanjian, and Mary Shalakian.

In what seemed a short time, the A.C.Y.O.A. had a strong parish-base through the chapters, as well as a strong administration embodied in the Central Council. Throughout the Diocese, A.C.Y.O.A. events and activities took place with growing success. In parishes across the Diocese, an excitement filled the air as young people of all ages were coming to the Churches, participat-

ing in programs and sponsoring events season after season.

Throughout the years, the A.C.Y.O.A. has taken on various projects within the parishes as well as on the Diocesan level. Anniversary Balls, June Festivals and ACYOA Day observances were established and helped to raise funds for worthy projects. Some of these local activities have included consistent help with annual events in the parish, sponsoring Fund-raisers, planning programs and participating in building projects.



On the national level, some projects have included raising sizable funds for the restoration of the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin, as well as contributions to the former Youth Camp Fund and the Seminary Fund of the Diocese.

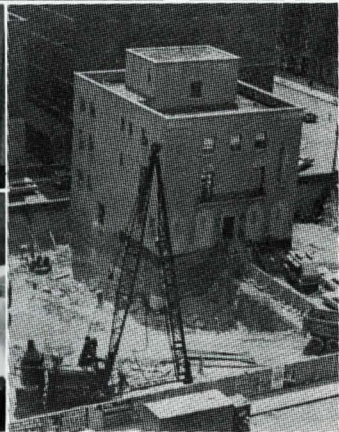
Better known of A.C.Y.O.A. accomplishments is the sponsorship of publications in the Diocese, such as: **Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church, a Pictorial Guide to Armenian Divine Liturgy, Catechism of Christian Instruction, Home Blessings at Christmas and Easter, The Armenian Church and Her Teachings, Handbook to Armenia**, as well as **The A.C.Y.O.A. Chapter Handbook**. Some of the earliest publications of the present Department of Religious Education found their roots in A.C.Y.O.A.

Preparation of audio-visual programs is yet another aspect of ACYOA since the early years. The ACYOA has produced and/or assisted in the preparation and production of programs, such as: **The Divine Liturgy, Symbolism in the Armenian Church, and Vessels, Vestments and Practices of the Armenian Church**.

An **Armenian Theological School** was one of the more cherished dreams of the A.C.Y.O.A. and today it has become a reality. Sunday School Teachers conferences were organized and held by A.C.Y.O.A., and out of these conferences was born the **Department of Religious Education (DRE)** which now directs the Church Sunday Schools.



Assembly Delegates Luncheon, Washington, D.C., 1956





Delegates at the Constitutive Assembly, Jan. 1946, Providence, R.I.

During the 1960's the ACYOA sponsored Mission Programs visited various cities with teams of 3-4 members and a clergyman to conduct activities for the spiritual renewal of the community.

The A.C.Y.O.A. has also initiated and developed the **Armenian Studies Program** of overseas trips to Armenia and the Holy Land. The early 1970's found it to be the most worthy of A.C.Y.O.A. programs, developing into an annual pilgrimage to Armenia.

Newsletter and periodicals have also been an important mainstay of the ACYOA. For many years, ACYOA news and information was delivered to members via the monthly issues of **The Armenian Guardian, Keghard, Executive Update, and ACYOA Junior Newsletter**. They have included articles on contemporary issues in American society, as well as concerns and perspectives of the Armenian Church and community in the Diocese.

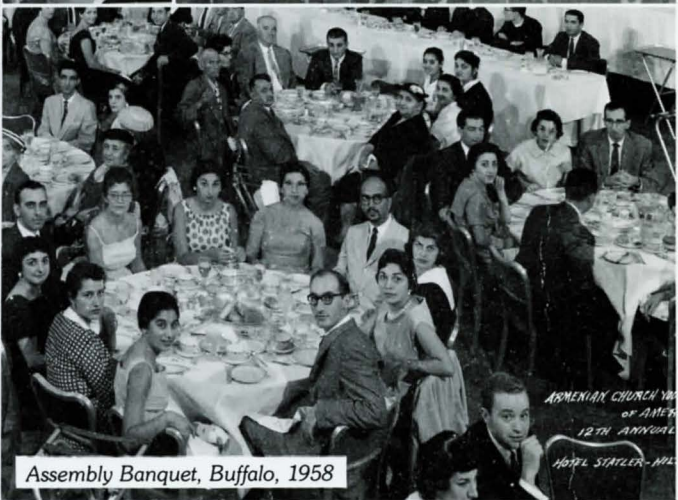
The **National Sports Weekend**, concerning athletic competition and social activities took over in the 1970's and 1980's where the great General Assemblies of the 1950's and 1960's left off. Attracting an estimated 600-800 members annually in its 17 year history, this is the one

event that every member plans for each year. Taking place over the Labor Day holiday weekend, the program has been hosted by various chapters from throughout the Diocese. Offering both sporting events and social events, Sports Weekend is one the most successful of A.C.Y.O.A. programs.

The General Assembly and National Sports Weekend were designated inseparable and assigned to Labor Day Weekend each year.

Junior-age (junior high and high school) youth were also active and gaining momentum. All through the 1970's these groups were very popular and active in most Parishes across the Diocese. This has continued to the present with Regional Weekends held in the Fall and Spring of each year in most regions of the Diocese. The Junior version of Sports Weekend, on the regional scale, has been most popular with youth from different regions crossing over and attending each other's weekends.

The A.C.Y.O.A. initiated plans in the late 1970's for a Diocesan Youth Camp. A.C.Y.O.A. organized and started what is now as flourishing program under the direction and sponsorship of the Diocese, entitled "St. Vartan Camp".





Central Council members 1956, with Abp. Mampre Calfayan

For many years, the A.C.Y.O.A. has promoted the observance of commemorative Martyrs Day events for the victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915.

The Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament, initiated by His Eminence in 1970, has also become the responsibility of the A.C.Y.O.A.

The ACYOA Chapter "A" Award continues to be presented each year to an outstanding chapter. Initiated in 1952, this Award has been given to numerous chapters, large and small, and has proven to be an attainable goal for every group.

In recent years, other awards and scholarships have been offered. A scholarship to attend the summer studies conferences at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary is given each year. The Sam Nersesian Award named for a young man after his sudden tragic death, is given to the young person who best exemplifies the character of a sincere Christian.

Through the years, A.C.Y.O.A. has grown into a strong and vigorous organization. Many dedicated young men and women have passed from its ranks into positions of responsibility and leadership in their communities. Most of our present American-born clergy, many parish council members, diocesan delegates, deacons and Sunday school teachers have been members of the A.C.Y.O.A. It is also interesting to note that many members of ACYOA met their spouses through interaction at ACYOA meetings and related events and programs.

The mission of A.C.Y.O.A. is to create among the younger generation a greater spiritual culture and tradition, and to instill into its members a true spirit of civic mindedness.

Before embarking on to the future, a word of appreciation must be said for all the past participants of ACYOA. These include the Primate of the Diocese, who have continually supported the young people in their efforts to serve their Church. The Pastors, who have dealt with the concerns, problems and successes of their groups on a day-to-day basis. The members of Central Council who have volunteered their time and energies in an effort to maintain the operations of the Organization and its programs. The Chapter Executive Committees, especially the Chairperson, who must continually think creatively to keep their chapters moving ahead with excitement and activities.



Central Council members 1965, with Abp. Sion Manoogian

The future for the A.C.Y.O.A. can be a glorious one. With continued support, A.C.Y.O.A. can achieve unprecedented heights. This must be our constant aim. The community should realize just as the seed of today is the harvest of tomorrow, so it will be that the future of our beloved Church will rest upon the shoulders of the members of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America.

Past and present members may feel a bond and a great sense of pride in the words...

The A.C.Y.O.A. - 40 Years of Church Service and Armenian Fellowship in America.



19TH ANNUAL BANQUET
A. C. Y. O. A.
THE BILTMORE - NEW YORK CITY
SEPTEMBER 5, 1965



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HOLY CROSS CHURCH OF ARMENIA, N.Y.,
WOMEN'S GUILD AND THE HOLY CROSS LEAGUE

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BENEFACTORS



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