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three years of scholarly research. Gorky never felt that art in America had any hope. Ironically, because of his work and that of artists who were influenced by Gorky, New York proved able to surpass the Paris art world in the years which followed World War II. Although never well recognized during his life, Arshille Gorky became known as the founder of abstract expressionism after his death.

Fr. Paren Avedikian, in his closing remarks, congratulated Professor Mooradian for accomplishing the task he had set for himself in summarizing the real character of Arshille Gorky Adoian.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Richard Norsigian ably served as the master of ceremonies for the evening. A special thank you to his wife, Barbara, and her committee for the lovely tea which followed the lecture.

VISITING CLERGY

On Sunday, July 29, His Grace, Dr. Paulos Mas Gregorios, the Metropolitan of the Malankara (Malabar) Church of Delhi, India, was a guest at our Church and delivered the Sermon. The archbishop is a member of both the Central and the Executive Committees of the World Council of Churches and the Dean of the Theological Seminary of the Malabar Church in Kottayam, India. As a personal friend of Fr. Paren, His Grace was invited to visit our Church by the Pastor and Parish Council. Following the Services that day, a tea was given in honor of the visiting dignitary from our Sister Church of India. The tea was co-chaired by Miss Alice Derderian, Miss Margie Simonian and Mrs. Suzie Najarian.

On Sunday, September 2, the Rev. Fr. Khosrov Assadourian, Pastor of St. George Armenian Church of Hartford, Connecticut, participated in our Church Services. Fr. Khosrov was visiting with parishioners Mr. & Mrs. Garbis Ohanian, his daughter and son-in-law and their family.

ACYOA/AYF TRACK MEET

Sports enthusiasts in the Detroit Armenian Community witnessed the first Armenian Track Meet on Sunday, August 19, 1979, at Bentley High School in Livonia, Michigan. Local ACYOA and AYF Chapters sponsored the event which drew over 200 spectators.

ACYOA and AYF sports programs are similar; however, the emphasis of the two programs are on different aspects of sport. Emphasis of the annual ACYOA Sports Weekend is primarily on team sports of basketball and volleyball and include track and field and swimming events. The AYF emphasis is on track and field competition for the AYF Olympics, and also includes swimming, golf, and tennis.

With only three weeks to prepare, the ACYOA was at a distinct disadvantage. Therefore, it was decided by the Joint Track Committee that an open track meet would be held and age levels would not be a criterion. In organizing the event, the Committee used the basic AYF track and field program and eliminated events which the ACYOA does not have.

The field events included in the meet were Men's Long Jump, Men's Shot Put, Men's Softball Throw, Women's Long Jump, and Women's Softball Throw. Track events scheduled were the 440 yard relay, 1 and 2 mile run, masters 1 mile run, 50 yard dash, 100 yard dash, 440 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 880 yard run, 880 yard relay, and 1 mile relay.

Twenty-one athletes represented the ACYOA, nineteen boys and two girls. AYF was represented by forty-one athletes, twenty boys and twenty-one girls. Most of the girls' events were races between AYF girls. Since the Track Meet was arranged on short notice, many members of both teams were not present to participate due to prior commitments.

The two youth groups are contemplating competition in volleyball and basketball sometime this fall.



St. John's Armenian Church School was represented by Mrs. Agnes Tokatlian, Educational Advisor for the Church School, and Mrs. Joyce Karamanian, a teacher in our Junior Department, at the Annual Teacher Training Program at St. Nersess Seminary in New Rochelle, New York, from August 15-18.

For several years, the Diocese has been very fortunate to have the support of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mardigian in sponsoring religious education programs such as this.

Twenty-seven church school teachers from various parts of the Diocese participated in the intensive study program conducted under the auspices of the Council of Religious Education. The first section of the seminar was conducted by clergymen who lectured on the Feast Days of the Armenian Church. Sister Carol Rennie, A Dominican nun with an extensive background in teaching Church School subjects, directed the second session which dealt with the development of teaching skills.

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Our two representatives are planning a fall seminar for the Church School Staff and will include many of the ideas and material which they derived from the Conference.

KOMITAS CHOIR



On July 20, approximately 32 Choir members and their families boarded the Bob-Lo Boat for a midnight cruise. Coordinator, Mary Egigian, reports that the weather was lovely, while everyone enjoyed the performance of various Barbershop Quartets serenading the cruisers.

Mihran Hoplamazian, Deacon, recently received a plaque in recognition and appreciation for his 30 years of service to the Greater Detroit Sausage Manufacturing Association. Congratulations, Mihran!

A special "good-bye" to Maria Oknaian and family as they leave our community to settle in California. We wish them the best!

At a general membership meeting on August 15, future events were planned and delegates to the forthcoming Choir Assembly were elected. Representing Detroit at the 33rd Annual Assembly to be held in Hartford, Connecticut in November will be Andree Burney and Denise Karakashian. Also attending from Detroit will be Barbara Dourjalian who was elected last year to the Central Council of the Choir Association for a two year term.

WOMEN'S GUILD

St. John's Annual Picnic took place in July and was a joint effort supported by several Church organizations. The Women's Guild contributed to its success by assisting with the cutting of vegetables for the dinner and by serving the dinner with Alice Prudian, Chairman for that portion of the Guild's participation. She was assisted by Guild Circle #4 with Roxanne Keurajian, Circle Chairman. The Guild also provided a lavish Bakery Booth for the picnic which was very ably handled by Agnes Arjajian and her fine committee. They had prepared Armenian pastries which were offered for sale along with donated baked goods -- a splendid display. Many thanks to all who worked on this very successful annual event.

The Bazaar Baking Days are scheduled for September 10 and 17 and October 1 and 8. The help of Guild members is needed on these days to prepare for the coming Bazaar. Also, interested Church members who wish to attend and lend their culinary expertise are very welcome.

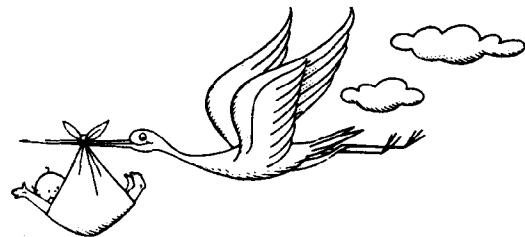
ARMENIANS IN THE NEWS

Robert Baykian has been appointed to an on-the-air news position with radio Station WILS-AM in Lansing, Michigan. Rob will be making half-hourly newscasts Monday through Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. A Journalism graduate of Michigan State University, Rob was previously associated with radio stations in Alma, Tawas City and St. John's, Michigan. Rob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Baykian and the grandson of Mrs. Rose Baykian and Mrs. Nevert Mahooshian.

John F. Nahabedian has been appointed General Manger of Sears, Roebuck & Company's Mid-Central Retail Zone with headquarters in Toledo, Ohio. In his new post, Nahabedian will supervise the activities of 50 retail stores in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. A native of Detroit, he joined Sears as a management trainee in the Highland Park, Michigan store in August 1946, following graduation from Northwestern University. Nahabedian is married to the former Sona Semerjian of Detroit. They are the parents of three children.

Dr. Dennis Papazian has been appointed to the National Advisory Council on Ethnic Heritage Studies by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C. Dr. Papazian, Professor of Russian and Near Eastern history at the University of Michigan in Dearborn, has a long list of accomplishments and service to the ethnic community and the Armenians in particular.

Dr. Armen Shekerjian has been named Vice President and Medical Director of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. He is a member of the American Medical Association, Michigan State Medical Society and Oakland County Medical Society.



NEW ARRIVALS

Christina Knar, daughter of Michael and Carol Hazergian, arrived on August 30. Happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hazergian and Dr. and Mrs. Harry Reizian.

Richard Paul, son of Richard and Marian Torossian, made his appearance on September 1. Happy grandparents are Mrs. Rose Torossian and Mr. and Mrs. Don Badowski. Congratulations and best wishes to all!