

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
Sunday School
Annual Report for 1996

Activities from January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996

Our Sunday School consistently offered age appropriate classes on a weekly basis for our children consisting of topics concerning God, Jesus, the Bible, The Armenian Church, Armenian Culture and Christian Teachings. We continue to utilize the DRE curriculum with added material from individual teachers. Our children range in age from one and a half years to ten years old and are taught within three learning levels. We have begun taking Communion on a scheduled basis allowing our children to learn not only about the Sacrament but about regular church behavior and etiquette. We conduct an Assembly period before classes begin where we read the Gospel, conduct discussion, and pray together. The Sunday School parents continue to support the fellowship hour with their donations of baked goods and ask for minimal parishioner donations to help fund things such as Sunday School supplies, Christmas gifts for the children as well as end of the year recognition gifts. Listed below are most of the activities we have participated in during the past year.

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| February | Planned and Sponsored the Poon Paregentan Celebration |
| March | Hosted a Lenten Dinner with guest speaker Karine Alloyan from Armenia. |
| April | Easter Communion and Pancake Breakfast followed by the students putting together 15 Easter Baskets for Emmaus House - a homeless shelter for families in Haverhill. |
| May | Memorial Day planting around the Martyr's Monument. |

Conclusion of the 1995-1996 Sunday School Year

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| September | Began Sunday School 1996-1997 Year |
| October | Participated in the 51st Church Anniversary by singing some Christian Songs.

Participated in the Armenian Church Youth of Merrimack |

Valley activity which was a hayride and bonfire sponsored by Holy Cross Armenian Church, Lawrence, MA

November

Collected food and donated money for turkeys for Thanksgiving which was given to the Salvation Army.

Participated in the Church Fall Festival by selling Christmas cards made by the Sunday School children.

December

Collected warm children and adult clothing to donate to Ruth's House, a nonprofit organization committed to helping poor and lower income families.

Sang Christmas carols during fellowship on December 22. Also participated in the Christmas Eve Service by reading and singing as well as providing a fellowship.

I would personally like to thank all the parents, teachers, children and church parishioners who have made Sunday School a priority this year. It is only through the education of our children that the future of our Armenian Church is assured.

Respectfully submitted,



Yn. Lana Kaishian
Superintendent