

# **ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH**

## **1995 Annual Report of The Women's Guild**

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**THE YEAR IN OUR LORD, 1995**, commenced with our scheduled events and resulted in a very successful year despite the number of active guild members. The following is a list of activities sponsored by the St. Gregory Women's Guild in 1995:

- *Armenian Christmas Day Lunch*
- *Mardi Gras or Paregentan (Pot Luck) Dinner*
- *Maundy Thursday Traditional Vosbi Jash and Easter Egg Coloring*
- *Biannual Rummage Sale (May and September)*
- *Palm Sunday Dinner*
- *Easter Sunday Mini Bake Sale*
- *Father's Day Brunch*
- *21st Annual Street Fair*
- *Armenian Cultural Day*
- *Bazaar (cosponsored with the St. Gregory Parish Council)*

In addition to our scheduled events, we assisted the Parish Council with their various functions and activities. For example, we prepared the meals for the 31st Anniversary celebration of St. Gregory church and for the April 24 Martyr's Day madagh jash. Furthermore, every Sunday after church services we have "coffee and." This is a time for our parishioners to share their thoughts and feelings about the latest developments in the Armenian community and the world.

Often, we have guests from Detroit who come to visit Fr. Paren. This provides a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow Armenians from our neighboring church.

The Father's Day Brunch has become a tradition at St. Gregory. Those who have supported this event for the past three years have expressed their satisfaction and we hope to see them return next year.

In 1995, the Armenian Saint's Day was celebrated at St. George Armenian Church, Waukegan, IL. Four members of our church were present during this affair. We look forward to the 1996 Armenian Saint's Day which will be held at Saints Joachim and Anne Armenian Church, Palos Heights, IL.

Without question, the 21st Annual Street Fair was a smashing success. As usual, the Women's Guild's sweet table was well stocked with a variety of Armenian delicacies which generated a significant income for the church. I would like to take this opportunity and extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Ladies Auxiliary for preparing the lahmajoons and kuftas. Similarly, I would like to thank all of our friends who helped with the preparation of the various pastries, the set-up, and sales of our goods.

This year we enjoyed an Armenian Cultural Day at St. Gregory which was highlighted with several Armenian guest speakers. Most of the speakers were professors from respected American Universities who shared their knowledge of Armenian history, music, religion, and architecture. This event was intellectually, culturally, and spiritually stimulating for many who attended.

The bazaar this year, which we cosponsored with the Parish Council, proved to be a colorful and profitable venture. Talks are under way for another bazaar in 1996.

Our efforts to increase the membership of our Women's Guild are still strong and I hope that our perseverance will produce dedicated individuals who will serve their church.

I am proud to announce that the Women's Guild is presenting the Parish Council with a check in the amount of \$3837.00 for 1995. This amount corresponds to 60 per cent of our annual income. We continue to send a portion of our remaining income, in the amount of \$200 per year, to Armenia to sponsor our adopted daughter, Shoushan.

Finally, the Women's Guild would like to thank all of you who supported our activities throughout the year and pray that 1996 will be even a greater and more prosperous year for our parish.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Women's Guild Chairperson