

1995 NAIRI CHOIR

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH

The membership of the Nairi Choir is 12 dedicated and hard-working members. The 1995 Executive Body was as follows:

Michelle Babikian	Chairlady
George Nahabedian	Vice-Chairman
Pauline Nahabedian	Secretary
Margaret Sarkesian	Treasurer

ACTIVITIES

The Nairi Choir held a few informal meetings and several Choir rehearsals during the year in order to prepare for the Feast Days and special occasions.

On Sunday, February 5, 1995, the members of the Nairi Choir contributed the luncheon for the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting.

On the 5 Major Feast Days of the Armenian Church, a special Plate Collection is made for the benefit of the Choir.

The Nairi Choir also participated in the joint commemoration of the Armenian Martyr's Day on Sunday, April 23, 1995, which was held at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church.

Under the supervision and direction of Father Paren, St. Gregory's permanent Armenian Bookstore was established and is operated by the Nairi Choir. There are books of all types...Armenian Religion, History, Literature, Cooking, etc. as well as cassette tapes, CDs and records for sale each Sunday after Church Services. As we realized during the year with the success of the Bookstore, it is a wonderful means of providing the parish of St. Gregory, and others in our community, with Armenian reading materials. The Bookstore is funded by the Nairi Choir Scholarship Fund which was established several years ago to financially assist in the religious educational needs of our Parish.

As the year end approached, our Choir along with the Choirs of St. James of Evanston, Sts. Joachim and Anne of Palos Heights, St. George of Waukegan, and the Churches of the Wisconsin area, have scheduled rehearsals in preparation for the visit of His Holiness Karekin I, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians, to Chicago in January, 1996.

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With the guidance and direction of Father Paren Avedikian, we know that we will have a strong new year in 1996, and hope that our Choir will grow in numbers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Nairi Choir for their dedication and support throughout the year. I pray that we will continue to be a strong arm of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church. I also wish to thank all the parishioners for their support.

Our financial statement for the year 1995 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Babikian".

Michelle Babikian
Chairlady
Nairi Choir