

**1997 NAIRI CHOIR  
ST. GREGORY the ILLUMINATOR  
ARMENIAN CHURCH**

Deacon Aren Jebejian, Parish Council, and Members of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago; the following is the year end report of the Nairi Choir.

Upon the election of Ms. Michelle Babikian as Parish Council Chairperson, I was elected Chairman of the choir at our first and only meeting in 1997. The executive body is as follows:

George Nahabedian -- Chairman  
Arnold Koresian -- Vice- Chairman  
Pauline Nahabedian -- Secretary  
Helen Babikian -- Treasurer  
Sarkis Gircik -- Director

I would also like to recognize and thank the following members for their participation and support: Helen Babikian, Michelle Babikian, Garo Dadian, Shnorig Hitik, Arnold & Dorothy Koresian, Violet Koresian Pauline Nahabedian, and our newest members, Sandy Hitik and her daughter, Talene.

**ACTIVITIES:**

The choir rehearses on the average of twice a month, practicing the various feast day Sharagans and since the appointment of Diratzoo Aren, the Morning and Mid-day Services. At the Annual Parish Assembly, the Choir members donate and prepare the luncheon. The Armenian Bookstore, under the supervision of Michelle Babikian, is a major fundraiser for the choir. The bookstore is open every Sunday after services and provides the parishioners with all forms of Religious, Educational, and Cultural materials. It is also a very successful feature at our annual picnic. On the Major Feast Days, a special plate collection is made for the benefit of the choir.

I would like to give special thanks to Michelle for her work with the bookstore; Dorothy Koresian for the challenging task of being the choirs organist, and to Sarkis Gircik, our director.

As Chairman, I request your support in recruiting additional member and I am convinced with Diratzoo's assistance, the choir will continue to be one of the strength's of our church. Also, I would like to thank Chuck Babikian and John Paklaian for their assistance on the altar. Also, to our Parishioners who attend services regularly.

Our financial statement for 1997 is attached.

*Arnold Koresian*  
*Pauline Nahabedian*  
*Helen Babikian*  
*Sarkis Gircik*

Respectfully,

*George Nahabedian*  
George Nahabedian  
Chairman