YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD

1969 REPORT

I appreciate fully the honor and privilege of serving as Chairman of the Young Women's Guild for the second consecutive year.

Each member of the Guild has been a faithful and conscientious worker, therefore, again this year, the Young Women's Guild has had a very satisfying and successful year.

In the month of January, the Guild had its installation of newly elected officers by candlelight ceremony performed by Fr. Kashikjian. The following ladies served on the executive board for this year:

Chairman Agnes Pedian Vice Chairman Anne Kazarian Helen Nahabedian Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary Helen Keufner Treasurer Rose Zakarian Assistant Treasurer Lee Matiosian Historian : Mary Donigian Reporter Rose Paklaian Altar Flower Rose Zakarian

Again, this year the Guild was very active. We held an affair for each month of the year, with the exception of July and August. Meetings were held at Church every third Friday of the month.

January 6th - Armenian Christmas - we served coffee and sweets. Also presented all Sunday School students, teachers and Der Hayr with Christmas gifts.

February 21st - we held a Membership Tea in hopes to increase the membership of the Guild. The tea was very enjoyable with three guests being present.

Our Rummage Sale, which is an annual affair, has proven to be very successful, therefore, we decided to have a Rummage Sale in the Spring and Fall.

March 20th - Rummage Sale, again proven to be a very profitable one day affair. Our profit was \$403.00.

March 30th - Palm Sunday - the Young Women's Guild was again in charge of preparing and serving the dinner for the day. A very delicious dinner was served by the Guild with a short program following. Profit from this dinner was \$243.98.

April 6th - Easter Sunday - the Young Women's Guild presented the Sunday School children with a green plant as our Easter gift.

April 16th - Domonick Benefit Day was very poor, only \$7.24 check was received.

May 11th - Mothers' Day - To remember our mothers on Mothers' Day, each and every mother and grandmother who attended church on this Sunday, was given a fresh carnation and were our guests for "coffee and".

May 15th - Croyden China Tour was held on this date, with 25 ladies participating in the tour. The Guild received a 45 piece complete dinner set for service of 8. This dinner set was used for a raffle prize for the Fashion Show.

May 21st - A Decorama Show was held at church for Guild members and their friends. This show was very interesting, there were many gift items from around the world. After the showing, the ladies were able to purchase or order items which were shown. From the purchases that evening, the Guild received two gifts: marble base candle holders and an electric tea pot.

June 30th - The Young Women's Guild gave a Farewell Dinner for Mrs. Elizabeth Lazarian at the Black Steer Restaurant. Der Hayr and 12 Guild members were present. It was an enjoyable but sad evening to say farewell to someone who was the organizer of the Guild twelve years ago, and who has been very close to our church. The Guild presented Elizabeth with a beautiful gold religious charm as a remembrance from us. Mrs. Lazarian and her family moved to California.

In August the Young Women's Guild was asked by Deacon Kasparian to prepare and serve a dinner for the Armenian students at Seabury-Western Seminary in Evanston, who were there for the Religious Study Program.

A few of our Guild members volunteered their services and we thank them for the delicious dinner prepared on such a quick notice.

During the summer months, the Young Women's Guild is inactive. We were resting for our forthcoming gala affair.

September 25th - was our 2nd Rummage Sale - the reason for the 2nd rummage sale this year is because in the Spring it was such a great success, we decided to have another one in the Fall. This also was very profitable, our net profit was \$756.84 from both sales.

October 6th - The Young Women's Guild and the Day Guild of Evanston had a tour of LaDon Furrier. The purpose of this tour was to receive a mink boa for a raffle prize at the forthcoming Fashion Show in November. We had a total of forty-five ladies present. Everyone had an interesting and fun evening, modeling the beautiful furs.

November 1st - The Annual Anniversary Banquet of our church - the Young Women's Guild contributed a donation of \$200.00.

November 8th and 9th - was the Annual Bazaar of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church. The Young Women's Guild participated in the Annual Bazaar by having the following: Gift Table, Toy Table, Candy Table, and cash donations from Guild members were presented. On Sunday November 9th, the Guild helped serve the Bazaar Dinner.

November 22nd - Our gala affair for the year - this year for the first time, our gala affair was a Fashion Show combined with the "Day Guild of St. James Armenian Church of Evanston". This affair proved to be successful in many ways. It brought a closeness and better understanding of the two churches and with our combined efforts, talents and cooperation, we had a very successful and beautiful affair, with many, many compliments given.

Thank you to all who participated in making it a very profitable affair.

The net profit from the Fashion Show was \$926.88. Each Guild received a check for \$463.44. This affair was proven to be so very successful that the members of both Guilds decided to have another Fashion Show in the Fall of 1970.

December 19th - we held our Christmas Dinner Party at the Diplomat Restaurant, with the majority of its members present. The evening was very enjoyable with games, prizes, grab bag gifts and dancing. Everyone had a great time.

To close another outstanding year for the Young Women's Guild, we presented the Treasurer of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church a check for the sum of \$768.08, which is 60% of our net profit for the year 1969. Leaving a cash balance of \$512.06 to start the new year of 1970.

The Young Women's Guild serves her church in other ways besides financially.

Our Altar Flower Chairman, has seen to it that our Altar has fresh flowers every Sunday.

We have also continued the "coffee and" hour after church services every Sunday.

We help support the Sunday School financially, along with the Sunday School Teachers and Superintendent. I would like to add that a few of our members are also Sunday School teachers.

On Easter Sunday and Armenian Christmas the Young Women's Guild presented gifts to all our Sunday School Students. At Armenian Christmas the Guild presents gifts to all our students, teachers and Der Hayr.

The Young Women's Guild this year again, is presenting a gift to the church. We have purchased new drapes and rods for the Conference Room and Suncay School Rooms.

My very special thanks to all our Young Women's Guild members who have made this year the most outstanding and successful year in the history of the Guild's existence.

We wish to express our appreciation to Father Sarkis Kashikjian for his spiritual guidance and for being present at all our meetings.

Respectfully submitted

Agnes Pedian

Chairman