

ST. GREGORY'S WOMEN'S GUILD
1983 REPORT

In all the years as a member of the Women's Guild, more than half of those years, as an executive board member, this was my first as a chairwoman, and an honor to serve.

We had planned many affairs for the year, however, the majority of those affairs had to be cancelled due to hall rentals, conflicting dates with other churches and organizations, etc. Aside from that, the good news for the year is that our Sunday School is again in full swing. Assisting the Sunday School is one of the Women's Guild objectives. The initial cost for curriculum, materials, etc., to get them started again was quite expensive, but investing in our youth is what will keep St. Gregory's and the Armenian Church alive and well.

On March 16, 1983, we hosted the Ninth Annual Women's Saints Day, this year honoring Saint Mary, with Ladies Auxiliaries and Women's Guilds from Evanston, Palos and our parish in attendance. Proceeds of \$127.00 was sent to the Diocese, to be placed in a special fund to be used for a gift to St. Vartans Cathedral, honoring the Women Saints of the Armenian Church. \$29.00 was also collected from candle offerings that evening, and turned over to the Parish Council.

On April 1, 1983, the Guild took upon the duty of coloring the Easter eggs, which will now be our annual duty.

A Rummage Sale was held on April 23, 1983, which reaped a profit of \$271.39

Our annual Mother's Day Dinner is normally held on the Friday evening before Mother's Day, however this year we had to change it to Friday, April 29th, due to the Diocesan Assembly in Palos. This is not a fund raising activity, it is intended to honor our Mothers, and Grandmothers of this parish.

On June 12, 1983, Sunday School closing, Achievement Awards presented, paid for by the Guild.

In July and August, the Women's Guild unselfishly and diligently, helped in planning and preparing for the Annual Picnic. Please keep in mind also, that our cost for preparing the pastry booth for the picnic, aside from baked goods donated by Guild members and friends of the members, was \$400.00, and reaped a profit of \$2,200.00, which naturally was turned over to the church, as our contribution toward the picnic.

A Card Party was held on Friday, October 14, 1983. For so few people in attendance, we were happy to realize a profit of \$276.52.

Our Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon was held on December 3rd and 4th, 1983. This was a huge undertaking by so few workers and members, that again gave of themselves unselfishly. There are still monies outstanding, and I can only give you approximate figures, which have been extracted from our financial report. Our income from the sale and luncheon was \$6,048.05, the disbursements were \$4,279.48, realizing a profit of \$1,768.57.

On Saturday, December 17, 1983, the Guild hosted a Christmas Party, by invitation, to encourage new membership into the Women's Guild. I am sorry to say we were unsuccessful in this endeavor. There were 65 invitations sent, and approximately 35 in attendance. It is the hope of this chairwoman, that the Women's Guild will increase in number of members, and that the new executive board will pursue that objective.

On January 8th, 1984, the Women's Guild participated in the distribution of Christmas gifts to our Clergy, Sunday School Supervisors, teachers and students. A McDonalds breakfast was also served to the Sunday School children and some of the parents, after communion.

We had hoped that our monetary donation to the Parish Council, at this time could have been much more, but please take into consideration, that during the year, we had made many contributions in other areas, to name one not mentioned earlier in this report, was the purchase of additional sugar bowls, creamers and salt and pepper shakers, at a cost of \$190.50.

We have tried our best to accomodate Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Sunday School, et al., when called upon to help throughout the year.

I would like to thank the Parish Council, and all other organizations, and parishioners for their support and help when we have called upon you, and we will continue to help our church and all organizaions within it, when we are called upon to assist you.

The following served on the Executive Board-1983

Chairwoman	Sadie Marcantonio
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Recording Secretary	Annette Frankian
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A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all the Guild members for your cooperation and support. God Bless all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sadie Marcantonio
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Chairwoman