

NAIRI CHOIR REPORT - 1983

The year ending December 31, 1983 found the Nairi Church Choir of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago continuing its growth in service to the church. We opened our year with a bank balance of \$436. The choir consisted of 26 active members. Choir rehearsals were held every Tuesday night under the direction of Dr. Hampar Yazijian, Choir Director, with the exception of 2 Tuesdays. The Choir conducted 3 official meetings, with mini-meetings held when necessary.

The Executive Committee for 1983 was as follows:

Georgette Mrofcza, Chairperson
Sarkis Gircik, Vice-Chairperson
Silva Karachorlu, Recording/Corresponding Secretary
Sona Yazijian, Treasurer

Choir activities, in addition to serving in all regular and feast-day church services were as follows.

On January 30, 1983, the Nairi Choir provided the luncheon at the 1982 Annual Parish Assembly meeting. In August the choir participated in the Celebration of Soorp Asdvadzadzinun and the Blessing of the Grapes ceremony held on the church grounds.

The Choir performed a liturgical concert for the Bethesda Home for the Aged on September 25, 1983. While the choir sang selections from the Divine Liturgy, a slide presentation was given depicting the various parts of the Badarak.

Ms. Violet Koresian, Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza, Ms. Sona Yazijian, and Fr. Vahram Hazarian represented the Choir and Parish at the 37th Annual Assembly of Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America held in Evanston, Illinois November 4, 5, 6, 1983. We have been one of the few Mid-West Parish Choirs to consistently participate in the Association.

The Second Anniversary of the "New" Nairi Choir was celebrated with Divine Liturgy and followed by a dinner and musical program on Sunday, December 11, 1983. After the program Mrs. Mrofcza presented to Dr. Hampar Yazijian on behalf of the Choir and the Parish Council a bronze life-size bust of the composer Gomidas Vartabed.

We ended our year with 27 members and a total of \$778.19 in our treasury.

In closing, I would like to personally thank all choir members for their dedication. And especially to Mrs. Dorothy Koresian who is our Asst. Choirmaster and saves us on those Sundays Dr. Yazijian is unable to lead us; to Ms. Sona Yazijian for her knowledge of transposition of music which enabled the choir to sing songs otherwise "out of reach"; and to Ms. Cynthia Paklaian who is in charge of the music library. Last, but not least, I would most sincerely thank Fr. Vahram Hazarian, for his mere presence alone is the catalyst for our very existence. Without his conducting the Soorp Badarak, our voices would be heard by no one.

We want the Parish Assembly to know we have enjoyed our work for the church and pledge our continued support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Georgette L. Mrofcza

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Nairi Choir Chairperson

cc: Nairi Choir Executive Committee
Central Council
Attachment: Financial Statement
Choir Membership List