

1990-1991 SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

As you well know, I took the position of Sunday School Superintendent to keep the doors open to Sunday School. It has certainly been an education and definitely a challenge. There is so much about my church that I have learned and continue to learn along with the children. Half-way through my second year, however, I find myself somewhat discouraged over the progress made.

We began the year with 17 registered students. There are really 12 active attendees. This year, for the most part, all children have learned the Lord's Prayer--both in English and Armenian. All the Apostles were introduced to the children and they have a solid knowledge of each one and their life history. Recently, we have begun to learn the 10 Commandments and the proper manner in which to offer the Kiss of Peace.

Having reported in previous church bulletins the special activities of the Sunday School, I will only list them briefly.

1. Hosted a Mid-West Regional Sunday School Workshop conducted by the Department of Religious Education.
2. Participated in the Department of Religious Education sponsored Sunday School Christmas Outreach Program.
3. White Elephant Sale to raise money for an outdoor nativity set.
4. St. Gregory Sunday School Pen Sale fundraiser for above mentioned project.
5. Christmas Tree Trimming Party
6. Yellow Ribbon Tying on Church grounds in honor of our troops in the Persian Gulf.

Earlier in this report, I mentioned being somewhat discouraged and although I hesitate to be negative in an annual report, I feel it is most imperative to address the problems faced this year. Understanding that services are conducted every other week now until a full-time clergy can be secured, it is still very difficult to conduct meaningful lessons on such an irregular basis especially when students' attendance is so erratic. I am often told that children have other commitments. While I understand this on an occasional basis, unfortunately, it is on a regular basis. I am fully enjoying this responsibility, but, it is not very encouraging to prepare lessons that have to be postponed or repeated until all the children have finally heard them. Our future depends on these children. We only get out of life what we put into it. Please help me and Mrs. Diane Abezethian by setting an example to your children and hopefully St. Gregory will grow through the years along with our children.

Thank you.

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