

1990 NAIRI CHOIR

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH

The membership of the Nairi Choir is 20 dedicated and hard-working members. The 1990 Executive Body was as follows:-

Michelle Babikian	Chairlady
George Nahabedian	Vice-Chairman
Pauline Nahabedian	Secretary
Margaret Sarkesian	Treasurer

The Nairi Choir conducted 2 full membership meetings, one Executive Body meeting and met for rehearsals several times during the year. We also met for special Choir rehearsals a total of 7 times in conjunction with the 75th Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide.

We opened our year on January 1, 1990, with a balance of \$200.00 and ended with \$200.00. A complete financial statement is attached.

ACTIVITIES

On January 30, 1990, the members of the Choir prepared dinner and paid a condolence visit to the home of Choir member Mrs. Margaret Sarkesian on the passing of her father.

On February 4, 1990, the members of the Choir contributed the luncheon for the annual Parish Assembly meeting.

The Nairi Choir sponsored a delicious Fish Dinner during Lent on March 30, 1990.

On April 22, 1990, the entire Armenian community of the Chicagoland area commemorated the 75th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide at St. James Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Chicago. Almost the entire Nairi Choir participated in the Divine Liturgy celebrated on this day along with the choirs of the sister Churches in the Chicago area. In preparation for this, there were 7 choir rehearsals held in the Chicago, Evanston, Glenview churches and at the Cathedral.

I attended a meeting of July 9, 1990, called by the Parish Council for all the Church organizations to discuss ideas, concerns and needs.

The Nairi Choir invited the newly elected Primate of the Armenian Church of North America, the Very Reverend Father Khajag Barsamian, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 16, 1990. Following a lunch prepared by the Choir members, the Primate spoke to our parishioners on the importance of maintaining our Armenian heritage and keeping our Churches alive. We hope that this will be the first of many visits by the Primate, as we enjoyed an enlightening afternoon. Several members of the Choir accompanied the Primate to dinner after he arrived on Saturday, September 15th.

On November 21, 1990, our Choir and the entire Chicagoland community suffered a great loss with the death of Dr. Hampar Yazijian. This was especially painful to us as Dr. Yazijian had been our Choir Director for several years and taught us to sing the Badarak in the beautiful, harmonious manner we do. He will be deeply missed by us, both physically and spiritually.

On December 15, 1990, the Choir held our annual Christmas Party at our Cultural Hall. All those in attendance had an enjoyable evening conversing with friends, exchanging Christmas ornaments and singing Christmas carols.

In 1987, the Nairi Choir established our Scholarship Fund in cooperation and under the guidance of the Parish Priest and Parish Council. The fund is available to qualifying individuals for financial assistance in attending Church-related training programs. We hope that we will always be in a position to financially assist those who are seriously interested in attending religious training programs. We also hope that in return, those who attend these programs will bring back what they've learned to serve our Church.

Our Choir should be very proud of what we've achieved over the past years and our capabilities for the future. The commitment of the Choir members to both our Church and Choir is extremely strong. As always, we will continue to attempt to bring religious and cultural education to the Church. We recognize the great need for this.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Nairi Choir for their dedication and support throughout the year. I pray that we will continue to be a strong arm of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church. Also, our thanks to all the parishioners for their support.

We close our books this year with \$200 as is allowed by the A.A.C.C.A. By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Babikian  
Chairlady