

Annual Choir Report

1976

The highlight of the year came during the Archbishop's visit during a service where he ordained males as deacons and blessed the veils of the females. For that weekend and every festival weekend, the choir as usual was prepared to give a little extra in performance.

Along with some new members and a new sound, we have added some new sharagans in our goal to become a complete church choir.

In November, I represented our church and choir in Springfield, Massachusetts at the 29th Annual Assembly of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America. A day of workshops centering on the technicalities of badarak music was held on Saturday. The rest of the weekend was spent in meetings settling business affairs of the association and in social events.

Projected activities for the new year include a choir exchange between the Binghamton and Syracuse churches, rejuvenation of the youth choir along with the rehearsals, and possibly a once a month choir of all the Parish Council members.

I would to give special thanks to Carol Bogdasarian and Pauline House for filling in when an organist was needed.

I'm looking forward to a fruitful year in 1976 and wish a happy Bicentennial to all.

*Paul Petrosyan*