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SAINT GREGORY ARMENIAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1977

Our Sunday School seems to be dwindling this year in number of children, teachers and classes. We have three classes instead of four - Kindergarten, Intermediate and Senior. We have four teachers. In the past, we have had an assistant with each teacher. However, the quality of our teachers and the material used is excellent.

Our calendar again is on a tri-mester system which consists of two breaks. We have had to do this because attendance drops off from the start of the holiday season through the winter months. This is very discouraging for those who do attend as well as for the teacher. When we have these breaks, we have less number of Sundays to complete our curriculum and if attendance is poor a lesson may have to be repeated the following Sunday. If there is a large function Saturday night, we cancel Sunday School. We have to finish the year early in May because of other church functions in June. We've managed quite discreetly to manipulate Sunday School around our needs. Eventually, the learning process will be ineffective and incomplete.

Our Senior Class attendance is very poor. It is a good example of lack of interest, of poor response and no feeling of unity as a class. We are searching for an answer.

At the other end of the scale the younger children come with such enthusiasm and spirit. We must not lose that, but rather strengthen it as they grow. If we succeed, they will carry a light that can never be put out.

We had two parties this past year - Halloween and Christmas. Attendance could have been much better than it was. The food, gifts and organized activity was very good. But, a lot of food was left over and many gifts at Christmas were not received by those who did not come. This is bad.

Be Thoughtful, Not Thought-less; Care, not Care-less; let's Hope, Not Hope-less.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adrienne".

Adrienne Kachadourian
Director