

ANNUAL REPORT  
St. Gregory's Youth Group  
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In October of 1972 the Youth Group of St. Gregory's American Church in Binghamton, New York motivated by the fun and fellowship enjoyed during last year's activities, enthusiastically recommended to elect new officers and plan the new year's program.

The new slate of officers is as follows:

Linda Misakyan	-	Chairman
Patty Ketchoyan	-	Vice Chairman
Suzanne Ketchoyan	-	Secretary
Beth Garabedian	-	Treasurer

Once again, the youth group helped plan and execute the Church Halloween Party. They made posters, decorated the church hall, had their traditional fortune telling room and added a new highlight; a Horror Tunnel, on which many hours of work were spent by many of the youth under the leadership of Gary Rejebian. Grace Baradet, Sandra Arakelian and Deacon Roy in his delightful costume worked hard to make this a fun filled afternoon for all of the 47 children present.

Bowling is a sport we participate in frequently because it accomodates the wide age range of our group and always seems to be enjoyed by all.

The month of December was a particularly active month during which we planned the Carroling and Christmas Party, and made hand painted decorations for the Church Christmas Tree and decorated it. The youth made cookies which were made up into gayly decorated plates to pass out at the 15 homes at which we carroled. This activity brought as much cheer to the youth as it did to the widowed and the ill whom we visited. It was followed by a Christmas Party at the Rejebian home. At the next meeting, our group assumed the responsibility of taking down the Church Christmas Tree.

Although the youth of St. Gregory's Church have always willingly accepted the chore of waiting on tables, they decided to be responsible for the planning and executing of serving of the church dinners from now thru June. Vivian Rejebian and Andrea Meozogian volunteered to be in charge. Before each dinner Vivian or Andrea will contact the responsible family to ask them how many tables are to be served. On a rotating basis, the youth will then serve the main course, dessert, and help clean the tables. This will free the adults responsible for preparing the dinner but it is suggested that one adult still supervise the serving to make sure that each table is adequately taken care of.

This month we were confronted with the need for a nursery during the last Badarak: Suzanne Ketchoyan and Mimi Janian very willingly volunteered. If a regular nursery leader is not found, the Youth Group thought that they could perform the task on Badarak Sundays on a rotating basis.

As for projected plans, ice skating at the new Grippin Park, bowling, Armenian dancing and a discussion session are in the planning stage.

The group needs funds in addition to the \$50.00 disbursed to us by the Parish council. A detailed list of disbursements is attached to this report.

To raise additional funds the Youth Group elected to have a ~~spaghetti~~ <sup>SPAGHETTI</sup> dinner followed by a game night. This will be held on a Friday night; the exact date of which has not been decided yet. Any adults interested in helping with this project may contact any one of the youth group advisors.

After working with the youth group all last year it was found that they were in need of socializing with each other without the strict codes of regimentation that is necessary at school and other activities. They needed to have a place where they could relax with known friends and identify with each other. In addition to service to the church, it is vital that the above mentioned needs of the youth are not overlooked. This is what we are constantly striving to do.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alice Ketchoyan and Grace Baradet, my fellow advisors for their constant support and help. In addition, I would also like to thank the following people who have provided regular transportation: Ruth Garabedian, Anoush Dekmejian, Richard Baradet and Adrienne Kachadourian. My thanks also to Deacon Ray and Sandra Ar~~ah~~helian for their help.

Respectfully submitted,

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