

## 1974 Report of choir

1973 began with 2 years being removed, the organ rearranged, and the choir resituated in aiding the preparation for the Archbishop's visit. Things went smoothly to the summer with the choir learning several new songs. I'd say the highlight was Easter. The summer months showed a new diobanding of the group with half away at camp and the other half on vacation. However, in September, we feverishly prepared with two rehearsals a week and near perfect attendance for Father George's ordination. In my opinion, the choir responded praisingly. In October, I represented the city, church, and choir in Philadelphia for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Choir Association of America. There, I was informed of some significant changes in the Badarak music concerning phrasing and some wording. Our choir has adapted to most of the changes. In November, our choir joined the cathedral choir in witnessing Father George's 1<sup>st</sup> Badarak in New York. In December, we sang American Christmas carols at the end of the Badarak on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Armenian Christmas eve showed the choir as, well, all of you were there. And Christmas itself was ~~perfect~~ <sup>perfect</sup> including the Choor orknek. The choir has shown the ability to learn <sup>new</sup> hard ~~new~~ songs ~~within~~ within a few weeks and this is the key to our sound. We thank the faithful for their support and hope their support covers our budget in addition to the rest of the church.

Yours Submitfully

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