

ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN CHURCH, BINGHAMTON, NY - ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

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Enrollment in the Sunday school consists of 6 elementary school age children and 7 middle and high school age children - a total of 13. How fortunate for us that we have such a large number of children who call this small parish their own. This is the single most vital organization of this church - of any church. These children whom I shall briefly tell you about, have set a high standard of excellence in their schools and community and therefore have made the name St. Gregory Armenian Church to be known and respected.

STEPHAN - age 16, member of National Honor Society, high honor roll, St. Nersess Alter Servers Training Session, attended St. Gregory Armenian Church Sunday School since age 5.

KARNI - age 16, Key Club, Student Council, high honor roll, tennis team, St. Nersess Junior and Senior High sessions, Armenian Language School, St. Gregory Armenian Church Sunday School, since age 6.

KRIKOR - age 15, student volunteer at the Discovery Center, Boy Scouts Alter Training session at St. Nersess, Armenian Language School St. Gregory Armenian Church Sunday School.

TAMARA - age 14, honor roll, St. Nersess Junior and Senior High sessions, ST. Vartan Camp, St. Gregory Armenian Church Sunday School since age 5.

ALICIA - age 14, high honors, tennis team, health club, Armenian Language School, St. Gregory Armenian Church Sunday School since age 6, plays piano.

NOVA - age 12, high honors, paper route, avid reader, especially Armenian books; Armenian Language School, St. Gregory Armenian Church Sunday School.

LORIG - age 11, high honors, Computer Club, Challenge Program, Junior Scouts, Ballet, Armenian Language School, Armenian Church Sunday School.

It is the responsibility of all of us, of all of you who are here today to ensure that the Armenian spiritual education of these children is continued.

Until May of this year, when the duties and services of our parish priest ended, Sunday School was held regularly and productively for all age groups with Adriane Papazian as the faithful and responsible teacher. Then a series of acts followed relating to the priest and the church to such a degree as to virtually end our active Sunday School. Access to the church for classes required special written permission, which seemed to me inconsistent with the overall priorities and goals of our church.

Sunday School classes resumed in September for the Junior-Senior High level in my home at the request of the students. It was necessary to resume classes with this age group immediately so that they could be adequately prepared to take the Diocesan exam. Hopefully, classes for the younger age group will resume in the near future as well.

This is the time for the church to be its strongest - for its children to come, enter and feel God's presence. These children are the church's investment for the future.

Respectfully submitted,



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