Westchester Church Choir Annual Report, 1975

The Choir has participated in Divine Liturgy Services every Sunday at our temporary facility, The Seventh Day Adventist Church in Yonkers, N.Y. Since September, 1975 we have been fortunate and delighted at being able to have our Divine Liturgy Services at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hartsdale, N.Y.

Services start at 11:10 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Seminarians were appointed by the pastor, the Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, to serve at the Altar. They are Deacon Bedros Sarkissian, Deacon Hagop Rustemian and Onnig Terzian. Our Choirmaster, Deacon Vazken Asadourian, very capably conducts the Choir on Sundays and at rehearsals on appointed weeknights.

The Choir executive committee was formed with Mrs. Mary Cachoian, Chairlady; Miss Brenda Vosguanian, Secretary; Mrs. Araxie Tepikian, Treasurer; replaced by Miss Setta Cachoian later on.

The other Choir members are: Mrs. Lucy Adourian, Mrs. Lucy Tepikian, Mrs. Sima Palakian, Mrs. Irene Braccini, Miss Karen Basmajian, Mrs. Annette Bashian, Mr. Alfred Yeznaian, Mrs. Alice Sakalian and Mr. Hovaness Bas.

<u>Highlights and Events:</u> On Feb. 6, 1975 Sub-deacon Vazken Asadourian and Sub-deacon Hagop Rustemian were ordained Deacons in a beautiful ceremony at St. Vartan Cathedral.

On the weekend of Nov. 7-9, the Assembly of the Choir Association of America took place in Springfield, Mass. Mrs. Mary Cachoian, Deacon Vazken and Deacon Bedros along with our pastor, represented our Church Choir at the Assembly.

We hold a monthly open house at the Church once a month. It is fun for the whole family, starting the first in a series on Dec. 5, 1975. Mrs. Annette Bashian and Miss Setta Cachoian are in charge of these enjoyable evenings.

Future plans include training programs for altar servers and deacons; organizing a junior choir composed of church school children and securing an organist. Also as an added fun feature, we would like to try and form a singing group to learn popular songs and entertain at some happy church events.

Singing in the Choir is a privilege, a service and fun. We are happy to participate in our most beautiful Divine Liturgy with the exciting potential of having our very own Church some day. We welcome members, male or female, to share in this privilege and joy.

Treasurer's Report:

Income \$480.50
Expenditures 412.58
Balance on Hand 1/19/76 \$67.92

Submitted by:

Mary Cachoian, Chairlady