

# A N N U A L   R E P O R T

Women's Guild  
The Armenian Church of Westchester

January 25, 1976

On March 26, 1975, under the spiritual leadership of Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, an initial organizational meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Sanossian by fifteen concerned women for the major purpose of forming the Women's Guild of the Armenian Church of Westchester. Since it was the unanimous feeling of those present that every church needs a Women's Guild which actually becomes its very "backbone," Der Hayr emphasized the special need for meeting all our spiritual, moral, social, religious, educational, and cultural needs along with enjoying warm fellowship with each other. The ideas expressed were overwhelmingly received.

Our first responsibility then was to analyze some of the major portions of the By Laws from the Diocese and a Pro Tem Executive Committee was thus elected:

Chairlady	Mrs. Ruth Sanossian
Vice Chairlady	Mrs. Elma Davidian
Secretary	Miss Ann D. Boghosian
Treasurer	Mrs. Rose Egarian
Publicity	Mrs. Ellen Ishkanian

We have held regular monthly meetings since then (except for the summer months of July and August) and have organized, assisted and participated in the following variety of programs and activities to date:

1. Assisted on the Annual Church Picnic
2. Assisted in the church's first Spring Keff Night helping to make it a huge social success

3. Provided flowers to all mothers attending church services on Mother's Day
4. Sponsored two booths at the White Plains Outdoor Art Show and Festival in June by assisting in the making of Lule Kebab
5. Banquet Dinner in honor of His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, on June 1, 1975
6. Assisted in the annual Cathedral One-World Festival in New York City in September, 1975
7. Initiated a rotating plan for Coffee Hours to be held after church services
8. Supported and attended the All-Day Orthodox Education Day festival at St. Vladimir's in October
9. On October 18 we assisted on another hugely successful Keff Night in Yonkers
10. Assisted at the Gala Benefit Concert given by Metropolitan Opera star, Lili Chookasian, on the Champagne Reception
11. Have investigated and projected plans for a future Luncheon Fashion Show--details to be announced at a later date
12. Were responsible for the sale of 95 New Gourmet Cookbooks put out by Young Women's Auxiliary of The Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston
13. Lecture on "A Profile of Armenian Cultural Heritage" by Rev. Fr. Kasparian, supplemented with colored slides
14. Lecture by Miss Valerie Goekjian on the Virgin Mother and the Armenian women saints
15. Contributed individually to the St. Andrew's Barn Sale
16. Held a Christmas Party in December with an exchange of gifts
17. Planned future programs for 1976 beginning with demonstrated talks on the art-of-belly-dancing, macrame, Yoga, Ikebana (art of Japanese flower arranging) and other similar crafts

We are currently launching a Membership Drive and look forward to a new year of further exciting accomplishments and activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Sanossian, Chairlady  
Ann D. Boghosian, Secretary

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