

## ANNUAL REPORT 1982 - ARMENIAN LANGUAGE AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Armenian Language and Sunday School programs are in their thirteenth term with classes held at Saint James Church.

The Sunday School, with an enrollment of thirty five, is in session from 10:30 a.m. to noon. During this time students participate in religious education and attend portions of the church service. At Christmas the students presented a pageant and appropriate readings to beautify our Christmas Eve religious observance.

The dedicated Sunday School staff is headed by our Yeretzgin Dawn Kasparian with the faithful assistance of classroom teachers, Debbie Amato, Anna Bas, Lillian Boyajian, Diane Davidian, Christine Derdiarian, Linda Derdiarian, Adrienne Sakalian and assistant teacher Valerie Pisani. Assembly Coordinator is Beatrice Postian.

The Armenian Language School, with an enrollment of twenty seven students, meets Friday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. The curriculum includes instruction in Armenian language, culture, music, and dance. The Armenian School staff is headed by Principal Aida Pisani who shares her expertise graciously with our creative and gifted classroom teachers Eliz Bas, Margrit Getinkaya, Anahid Chookhachian, Mark Kapikian, Alice Shimshidian, and Araxie Tepikian. Our students and teachers have been fortunate to have the faithful help of teaching assistants Annette Bashian, Siran Tutak and Victoria Tutak. Their help has been able to afford our youngsters more individualized attention. The Armenian dance program this year has been under the direction of Sylvia Bozoyan who has come to us from the A.G.B.U. Antranig Dance Company. We appreciate her efforts and personal sacrifice of time in making the commute from New Jersey to be with us twice monthly. The Armenian music program is headed by Rita Kurkjian who has taken great care in selecting appropriate musical selections for our students who she teaches with such enthusiasm.

Our students have been afforded a wide range of activities including a Halloween Supper Party, Christmas Party, participation in the Gala Talent Show at the Diocese on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the episcopal ordination of our Primate, and attendance at the Primate Christmas Party at the Diocese.

Projects have included our First Soup and Sandwich Open House Lunch, sale of Armenian food products, sweets, end of the year Hantes and hosting the Christmas Eve reception following the service.

The Executive Board of the School Committee includes Joyce and Edmund Papazian, Co-chairpersons, Artin and Virginia Manookian, Treasurers, Mary Sevulyan, Scretary, Helen Kapikian, Gail Keyishian, Felicia Atamian, and Ellen Ishkanian.

Our Committee wishes to thank our Der Hayr, Parish Council, and Parishioners for their continued support for and encouragement of our projects. We also sincerely thank our teachers who made the generous Christmas gift to the school of an equipment cart for use in the classrooms.

Above all we wish to acknowledge the enthusiasm and impressive work of our students whose participation in our Sunday School and Armenian Language School have made our efforts so gratifying.

The following is a brief financial statement of the schools:

Cash on hand as of January 1, 1982	\$1,014.07
Total Income - (donations, tuition, sales, hantes)	\$3,433.34
Expenses - (Teachers' salaries, educational programs, books, supplies, etc.)	\$3,215.52
Balance as of January 1, 1983	\$1,232.72

Respectfully submitted  
Joyce and Edmund Papazian, Co-Chairpersons