

St. James Armenian Church of Westchester

1983 Annual Report -- Sunday Church School

Signs of growth during 1983 were evident in the increase of student enrollment from 35 to 42, as well as the addition of one class for the Kindergarten-First Grade children.

The Church School classes and teachers are:

Nursery - Preschool	Anahid Chookachian, Stella Choukachian
Kindergarten-First Grade	Adrienne Sakalian
Third Grade	Susie Ashjian, Leslie Kalaydjian
Fourth-Fifth Grade	Lillian Boyajian
Sixth-Seventh Grade	Mike Pisani
Substitute Teachers	Irene Braccini, Sarah Hatchadoorian, Betty Salbashian
Assembly Programs	Beatrice Postian
Assistant Superintendent	Ara Shimshidian

The following teachers did not return for the fall term due to work and/or school commitments. Our thanks to Diane Davidian, Christine *Derdarian*, *Linda Derdarian*, Anna Bas and Valerie Pisani for their years of dedicated and loving service.

Church School classes are held each Sunday from 10:30 A.M. to 12 noon. The curriculum provided by the Department of Religious Education, (D.R.E.), of the Diocese is being used by all classes. We are currently testing selected lessons from a proposed new curriculum in the process of being published by the D.R.E.

Yeretzgin Dawn attended a Teacher's Training Workshop at the Diocese and St. Nersess Seminary during July. The workshop was an intensive and stimulating five-day program. Similar teacher training sessions are held each summer and are provided free of charge to all participants through the grace and generosity of Edward and Helen Mardigian.

Anahid Chookachian Susie Ashjian and Der Karekin attended a one-day "Faith Alive" training session sponsored by the D.R.E. at St. Mary Church in Livingston, N.J. in the fall.

In addition to these programs, monthly meetings, including a short educational session, are conducted by Der Karekin for our Church School staff.

All teachers feel more motivated and rewarded when children attend regularly. It would be wonderful if this feeling were experienced by them every Sunday. The responsibility lies with the parents. How nice it would be if all of us parents remembered the biblical message: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Respectfully submitted.

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