

St. James Armenian Church
1984 Church School Annual Report

The 1984 - 85 Sunday School year opened on September 16, 1984 with a registration of 46 children ranging from pre-school toddlers to high school students.

The classes and teachers are: Nursery - Pre-school, Anahid Chookhachian; Kindergarten, Valerie Babaian; 1st-2nd Grade, Lillian Boyajian; Fourth, Fifth Grade, Susie Ashjian and Leslie Kalaydjian; Sixth-Seventh Grade, Mike Pisani; Eighth-Ninth Grade, Richard Varadian; Assembly Programs, Beatrice Postian; Assistant Superintendent, Ara Shimshidian; Substitute Teachers, Betty Salbashian and Stella Chookhachian.

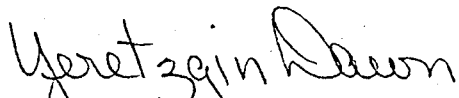
Church School classes are held each Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The students attend a portion of church services and receive Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. The curriculum provided by the Department of Religious Education (D.R.E.) of the Diocese is being used by all classes.

The following educational materials are distributed to the teachers and families with the expectation that the information be shared by the entire family: The DRE Bulletin - a monthly publication for Church School Teachers; Sunrise (Arshaloos) - a new quarterly mini-magazine on the Armenian Church for middle grades; Avedis - a new quarterly mini-magazine on the Armenian Church for adults; Day by Day - a monthly newsletter for Armenian Church families.

The Church School teachers have attended three evening meetings since September to share ideas and concerns and to plan the overall Church School program. Yeretzgin Dawn has attended two Saturday gatherings of the regional Sunday School Superintendents who meet to work together to advance Armenian religious education.

Special events that highlighted the program so far this school year were: September 16 - Get Acquainted Program and Potluck Luncheon for students and parents; November 4 - All Saints Day program presented in church by the Sunday School students; Thanksgiving - participation in the Food Program of the Harrison Dept. of Community Services; December 9 - Parents Visiting Day; December 23 - Christmas Caroling. Events planned for the remainder of the year include a Poun Paregentan Celebration at the Diocese on Sunday, February 17, an Easter Communion Breakfast and a End of Year Carnival in May.

Respectfully submitted,


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Superintendent