

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT - 1986

The highlight of the program in 1986 was the graduation in June of 13 students. This was the largest class thus far to complete the Sunday School curriculum at St. James. The class teacher, Beatrice Postian, with the assistance of Lillian Boyajian, and the students worked diligently all year long to prepare themselves adequately to meet the graduation requirements.

The Sunday School Staff and students contributed to the Diocesan Department of Religious Education Lenten Drive and also gave \$300 toward the DRE's new curriculum project.

The 1986-87 school year opened on September 14 with four regular classes, totalling 32 students, as well as a preschool group of 9 children. The "graduates" continue to meet monthly for a "rap session" discussing various interesting topics such as Teenage/Adult Relations, Teen Temptations, the Split in the Armenian Church.

Sunday School is held from 10:30 - 12 noon each week; each session begins with an assembly program, followed by group classes. The students attend a portion of Church services and receive Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month.

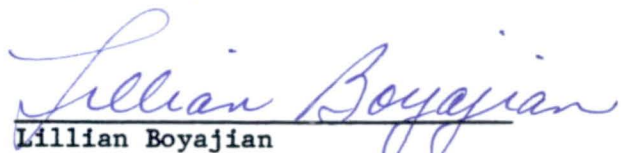
Teachers this year are: Sue Ashjian, Lillian Boyajian, Christine Derdarian, Dawn Kasparian, Mike Pisani, Beatrice Postian and Richard Varadian. Manya Kapikian, Christine Komeshian and Linda Khadjehturian are assistants. Ara Ishkanian and Mark Derderian are coordinating the "rap sessions." Anahid Chookhachian continues to assist with special projects.

This year the Sunday School has adopted a child, Ronica, from Zimbabwe, through Save the Children. We have pledged \$16 monthly toward her care.

The Sunday School again participated in the Christmas Eve program. This year lovely new costumes made by Lillian Boyajian, Charlotte Odabashian, Sue Ashjian, Gulkiz Bas, Rita Kurkjian and Linda Varadian enhanced the Nativity Scene.

A Saturday session of Sunday School is being planned for February 14. This "catch-up" session will include a worship service, two class sessions and some fun activities.

Respectfully submitted,


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Dawn Kasparian

Co-Superintendents