## ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH OF WESTCHESTER

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

## ANNUAL REPORT 1989

Graduation was the 1988-89 year end highlight for the Sunday School. The five graduates were: Greg Bashian, Rachel Guiragossian, Raffi Ishkanian, Jeffrey Manookian and Christopher Sevadjian. Each student made a concentrated effort to meet the requirements for graduation and deserve our congratulations.

Our thanks and appreciation to : Denise Arakelian, Sue Ashjian and Mike Pisani who retired from our teaching staff at the end of the school year.

In September we were happy to welcome some new teachers: Greg Bashian (assistant), Terry Bashian, Mark Derderian, Elizabeth Guroian, Betty Salbashian and Karen ' Sirabian. They joined Lillian Boyajian, Beatrice Postian, Richard Varadian and Yeretzgin Dawn in the special task of teaching the word of God.

The Sunday School has a registration of thirty one students this year. An interesting note is that seventeen of the children are under the age of eight and are the most faithful in attendance!

The Sunday School meets regularly from 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon each week. We begin with an Assembly session followed by class for each of the four age groups. We observe the 2nd Sunday of the month as Family Worship Sunday when we attend Badarak and receive Holy Communion together - teachers, children and parents.

We are again using pledge envelopes so that our children become familiar with the concept of regular giving. This year, in addition to support of our adopted child in Jerusalem, we will be joining other Sunday Schools in the Diocese in a Lenten Drive to benefit Christian Education in Armenia.

The Sunday School Staff will be attending a DRE sponsored Sunday School Teacher Retreat "Called To Teach" at St. Nersess Seminary in March.

Respectfully submitted, Vonetzain Mun Yeletzgin Dawn Kasparian

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