

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH - TENAFLY, N. J.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 1971

The Sunday School began its season with registration on the third Sunday of September and classes began the following Sunday. We had 170 students registered. We had 19 classes (pre-schoolers through the 10th grade); a staff of 22 teachers, 4 substitutes, and an administrative staff of 4. We also had Baby-Care under the supervision of Mrs. Carol Saraydarian.

From October through December one class at a time came prepared to participate in the Holy Communion. Following communion the students were served breakfast. Many thanks to our mothers for their assistance.

A Christmas Lunch Party and program was held on Sunday, Dec. 19, 1971. The children as well as adults participated. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cherishian for donating the Christmas tree this year. Many thanks also to Mrs. MaryAnn Saraydarian, Mrs. Martha Saraydarian and Mrs. Elizabeth Sahagian for shouldering the responsibilities of this day.

On January 8th the children participated in Communion Services on the occasion of Armenian Christmas and then went into the auditorium for a pancake breakfast prepared so well by Mr. Harry Chakmakian and Mr. Antranig Ouzoonian. Thank you. A group of children went to the Cathedral to participate in Bishop's Christmas Party.

During Lent, Mite boxes were distributed and the money collected was used to continue our support to two students we sponsor at the St. Tarkmanchatz School in Jerusalem.

On Saturday, April 10 1971 the children participated in the Easter Communion and Breakfast.

In March, a number of our students along with Yeretzgin attended a conference sponsored by the Council of Religious Education at the Union City Church.

The Sunday School closing program took place on Sunday, June 13th. We had 14 graduates. Speakers for the group were Elyse Topalian and Greg Hourdajian. We are happy to report that 5 of the graduates are now teaching classes, and doing a wonderful job.

The Sunday School has a most important task to perform in our parish life. In order to do all that is expected, many workers are required. There are never enough workers. If you would like to assist and be part of this wonderful group of people, please do not hesitate to speak to Father Arnak or Yeretzgin Violet.

We cannot close this report without thanking the wonderful staff who gives so freely and willingly of their time and energies. Many thanks to Mrs. Dorothy Seferian for all the detailed work she takes care of, the attendance records and offering records.

The true measure of the worth of education lies not in what you can get from the world, but in what you can give to it.