

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 1967-68

The Sunday School began its season with registration on Sept. 15. Classes began on Sunday, Sept. 22nd. This year we had 257 registered, though this number has gone down slightly because of a few transfers to other churches. We have 20 classes (from pre-schoolers through 10th grade) We have a staff of 22 teachers, 3 substitutes, and an administrative staff of 5. We also have the Baby-Care room under the supervision of Mrs. Gloria Ermoian.

From October 13 through December 29th one class at a time came prepared to participate in the Holy Communion services. Following communion the students were served breakfast of rolls and milk.

Following a parent-teachers meeting on November 15th, a committee of Class Mothers was organized under the chairmanship of Mrs. Joanne Kaloustian. We have two mothers from each class and they assist any time they are called on in social functions of the Sunday School and in providing refreshments for functions of the Sunday School.

On Saturday, November 9, 1968 five of our teachers participated in the Church School Conference for Superintendents and Teachers sponsored by the Council for Religious Education at the Holy Cross Church in New York.

On December 20th the students of the Sunday School and Armenian Language School enjoyed a Christmas Party and Tree Decorating Evening at the hall again under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. Kaloustian and committee.

On January 11, 1969 the students participated in the Christmas Communion Services and then were served a pancake breakfast prepared by Harry Chakmakian, Andy Ouzonian, and John Seferian. Many thanks to these gentlemen.

The Annual Christmas program took place on Sunday, January 12th in the church immediately following services. We would like to thank the Parish Council for their gifts to the children: chapel veils for the girls and lapel crosses for the boys.

This Christmas we requested that the children not bring gifts for their teachers but, instead, if they wished, bring items of clothing to be given to the children in the Christian Home for Children in Fort Lee. We also took to the Home the candy which was left from our Christmas party.

During Lent, Mite Boxes were distributed to the children and the monies collected when returned at Easter were used to continue the support of two students we sponsor at the St. Tarkmanchatz School in Jerusalem.

We are happy to report we have added a Show 'N Tell Phono-Viewer to assist us in teaching the children. This was again through the generosity of the Parish Council. We also have the complete set of 50 basic Bible stories to use with this audio-visual machine. It has been enthusiastically received by the students in all grades.

Our thanks to Mr. Michael Avakian, liason officer from the Parish Council, for his assistance throughout the year. Many thanks to our wonderful staff of teachers for their devoted and untiring efforts.

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Superintendent