

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 1968-69

The Sunday School began its season with registration on Sept. 15. Classes began on Sunday, Sept. 22. We had 264 students register for classes. We had 20 classes (from pre-schoolers through 10th grade); a staff of 22 teachers, 4 substitutes, and an administrative staff of 4. We also had the Baby-Care room under the supervision of Mrs. Elaine Ajamian.

From October through December one class at a time came prepared to participate in the Holy Communion. Following communion the students were served breakfast.

A Christmas luncheon and party was held on December 21st. The children as well as the adults participated. Following lunch each grade made a variety of decorations for the Christmas Tree and later in the afternoon all decorations were put on the tree. I must admit it was the most beautifully decorated tree one could think of. Many thanks to Mrs. Martha Saraydarian and Mrs. Mary Ann Saraydarian for taking care of this activity.

On January 11, 1970 the students participated in the Christmas Communion Services and then were served breakfast in the auditorium. We had a smaller than usual turnout for this service because of the bad weather (180). This Christmas the children were requested not to bring gifts for their teachers but, instead to bring items of clothing for the Indians on the reservation of South Carolina. New gift items and used clothing were sent.

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

Plans are now under way to present an Easter Program.

Our thanks to Mr. Michael Avakian, liaison 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.

The Sunday School is always in need of helping hands and people to assist in the great teaching job which we have. If anyone is interested, please do not hesitate to contact Father Arnak or Yeretzgin.

Last June 1969 the Sunday School had its closing exercises following church services. Following recitations by the younger classes we were all proud and happy to hear what Gary Peterson had to say on behalf of the graduating 10th graders. From a graduating class of 12 students, four are now teaching classes or assisting in some way.

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.