

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 1969-70

The Sunday School began its season with registration on the third Sunday of September and classes began the following Sunday. We had 249 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. Gloria Ermoian.

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 party was held on Friday, Dec. 18, 1970. The children as well as adults participated. Our thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kaloustian for donating the Christmas tree again this year. Many thanks to Mrs. Jane Giragossian for being responsible for the making of the decorations; to Mrs. Martha Saraydarian and Mary Ann Saraydarian for taking charge of the refreshments.

On January 10th the children participated in Communion Services on the occasion of Armenian Christmas and then went into the auditorium for breakfast.

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 Palm Sunday, the Sunday School had a Dinner and Program presented by the Sunday School students. We had a full house in attendance. We all enjoyed doing an Easter Program instead of a Christmas one for a change.

On Saturday, March 28, 1970 the children participated in the Easter Communion and Breakfast - followed by an Easter Egg hunt out of doors.

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 14th. We had 9 graduates and speaker for the group was Jack Margosian. We are happy to report that 5 of the graduates are now teaching classes.

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 Fr. 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.