

A. C. Y. O. A. REPORT 1975

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The St. Thomas A.C.Y.O.A. is the official youth organization of our Church. By having such an organization, the youth of our parish are afforded the opportunity to meet other Armenians and attend a variety of social events, while through our numerous projects and undertakings the Church also receives benefit.

One of our biggest endeavors is the Annual Mother's Day Dinner which was held on May 11th. and attended by close to 200 people. This year a complete chicken dinner was prepared and served by the A.C.Y.O.A. members under the direction of Barry Halejian and Richard Malajian. We would like to thank Mr. Edward Papazian who made his delicious pilaf for our dinner.

On Sept. 12 the election of a new executive board was held at the Church. We would like to thank Seta Nazarian and her executive board who did an outstanding job the past year. Unfortunately, the first project that was planned by the new officers was rained out; a joint trip with Holy Martyrs A.C.Y.O.A. was planned for Sept. 26-28 to Camp Noubar. It has since been postponed until the spring.

The next endeavor that was undertaken was the sponsoring of a dance at our Church Hall on Nov. 1st. The A.C.Y.O.A. would like to thank three men of our parish who played the Armenian music for the evening. They are Messrs. Daniel Asdourian, Jack Tatarian, and Set Proodian.

At our monthly meeting of November we invited the A.C.Y.O.A. of St. Leon's and Holy Martyrs to be our guest while we had a karate demonstration.

As in the past years, December was our most active month. Bazaar '75 was a large success. Once again we ran the Game Room and sold various articles. The Bazaar proved to be a very successful endeavor. Next was our Progressive Dinner. We would like to thank the four families who invited us into their homes.

To spread the Christmas cheer the A.C.Y.O.A. members visited the Home for the Armenian Aged in Emerson and sang a medley of songs in English and Armenian. Once again the members hosted and participated in the Christmas Eve Service. Many who were in attendance felt that this year's service was one of the most beautiful. We owe a great vote of thanks to Mrs. Rose Mekenian and Mrs. Susan Asadourian who, as in the past, aided our program greatly.

Because of many new personal obligations, Mr. Barry Halejian was forced to retire as the A.C.Y.O.A. advisor. We thank him for all his sincere efforts. In his place, John Malool has volunteered his service. Douglas Haledjian has also expressed his desire to assist as an advisor. Hopefully, 1976 will show the St. Thomas A.C.Y.O.A. an active and progressive one.