

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH CHOIR REPORT 1975

Last January saw the first election of the Choir's Board: Armen Basmajian, Chairman; Anthony Ajemian, Vice Chairman; Eileen Barsamian, Corr. Sec'y.; Jean Amerkanian, Rec. Sec'y.; Arthur Azarik, Treasurer. They hold office for one year. Elections are held every January.

On the first weekend of November, we attended the Choir Association Convention in Springfield, Mass. Delegates that attended were: Armen Basmajian and Anthony Ajemian representing the membership, John Malool representing altar servers, and Choir Director Edward Daghlian. We attended meetings and lecture-discussions. We all came away with a sense of awareness of the similarity of problems of the churches in our Diocese. This year we look forward to the convention in Michigan where our active participation will reward us with a wealth of information and social camaraderie with our sister churches.

Again, twice we went to the Home for the Armenian Aged in Emerson to celebrate Badarak--Christmas and Holy Thursday in Lent. Der Hayr, Krikor Anoushian, Susan Asadourian, John Malool, and Edward Daghlian, aided by Rose Mekenian performed gratifyingly to the pleasure of the old folks at the Home.

Our thanks to Krikor Anoushian, Avak Sargavak, for enhancing the services as well as conducting Matins before Badarak. Helping Nishan on the altar: Armen Basmajian, Hovsep Nokhudian, Deacon Rustemian, Nubar and censer John Malool. We are eternally grateful to these fine Apoyan, gentlemen in their weekly duties serving God and their Church.

A well-organized group of young boys have been serving as "candle-holders". They do look cute, but it must be remembered that their potential as future altar servers should not be overlooked.

Our reliable organist, Susan Asadourian, really amazes us with her steadfast attendance. Our profound thanks for her unselfish devotion to her Church.

Attendance has been good to excellent among the members, though our roster has not grown. There seems to be a more steady good attendance on more Sundays than in the past.

We are thankful to liaison Ara Martin and the Parish Council and also many parishioners who delight us by their kind words of praise and encouragement. We shall endeavor to do our part in the Liturgy to make church attendance a spiritually up-lifting experience for all.

Edward Daghlian  
Choir Director