

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Sunday School
Cambridge

Annual Report for 1966 (Submitted Jan. 1, 1967)

Treasurer's Report:

Cash in bank - Jan. 1, 1966	\$ 730.97
Cash in bank - Jan. 1, 1967	1704.79
Petty cash on hand "	38.91

1743.70

The Sunday School has had another good year. While above figures show good results financially, received from the tiny tots in Nursery to the older students who faithfully bring in their nickles and dimes to help their Church, we were not referring to this alone. Specifically, it was a good year of learning because through personal visits to all classrooms, the Superintendent noted the majority of students raised their hands more readily when questions pertaining to their curriculum were asked. This indicates two things - we are accomplishing the most important function of any school when (1) our teachers get the message across and (2) the students actually think enough of the teacher and the school to pay attention and absorb what is being taught, thereby learning about religion.

In January a group of students, accompanied by parents, visited the Armenian Home for the Aged in Jamaica Plain. A lovely program was prepared by Miss Anna Yeshilian, one of our Teachers. An introductory address was made by Mr. John H. Aroian, Sunday School Superintendent who also introduced Mr. Richard Mouradian, Director of our Armenian School. There followed a heartwarming program of Church carols, Armenian recitations by students and by two of the teachers. Gifts purchased by the students for the elderly patients, were then distributed by the young students. The warm applause and many kind remarks by the patients was indicative of the sincere appreciation of our visit.

Easter Communion was given by Rev. Father Papken Maksoudian on Palm Sunday which was followed by a breakfast in the form of a box lunch, donated by our Young Women's Auxiliary.

About 500 persons attended the Children's Day, Graduation Exercises in June. Students recited verses, sang songs. Invocation was given by Rev. Father Papken Maksoudian, followed by an address by Mr. Michael Gazarian, Chairman of the Parish Council. Mrs. Lillian Alexanian, was given a special gift by the Superintendent for perfect attendance. Diplomas were given to graduates and awards made for perfect attendance, bibles and pins were presented to students. Several outstanding graduates were given a gift for their good work. Plants were handed to each student at the end of the exercises, plants being donated by the Young Women's Auxiliary.

Registration Day was held on September 18, 1966. On that day, 370 students were registered. For the next few weeks, registrations were still being received and, in fact, 17 additional ones received on the 25th September. A number of graduate students have been placed on our Faculty as sub-teachers, in charge of attendance, stock room supplies and have demonstrated an efficient and willing ability to help the Sunday School. 387

In October, the Trinity Mens Union gave a safe and entertaining Halloween Party to 300 of our students as in the past years.

A microphone, a number of religious pictures and books for our Library, and other items, have been donated by friends and duly recorded in our Sunday School "Gift Book", after acknowledgement.

In December, the Sunday School had a profitable booth at the Bazaar under the capable Chairmanship of Miss Nancy Talamian, one of the teachers. An Amateur Show, with magician, a dog act and talented student acts, was given as an added attraction by the Superintendent. Total expense for the entire show was \$15 which was paid from petty cash.

Our Der Hyre and the Parish Council, decided to have communion, this Holiday, on Armenian Christmas, January 8th instead of December 25th.

There were a total of eight Teachers Meetings held during the year.

The Officers of the Sunday School, are as follows: Superintendent, John H. Aroian; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Sarah Goolkasian; Treasurer, Gregory Tashjian; Recording Secty. Miss Margurite Goshgarian; Librarian, Miss Marilyn Melkorian; Publicity, Miss June Goolkasian; Attendance, Richard Diranian. Our Teaching Faculty, is as follows: Elizabeth Madenjian, Jeanne Jangochian, Gail Selian, James Madenjian, June Goolkasian, Bruce Kaprelian, Marilyn Melkorian, Sonia Tashjian, Gregory Tashjian, James Nalbandian, Cheryl Badoian, Mrs. Lillian Alexanian, Margurite Goshgarian, Linda Boyajian, Nancy Talamian, Mrs. Grace Kaprelian, Donna Kaprelian, Anna Yeshilian, Mrs. Helene Dorian, Mrs. Ann Coffin, Mrs. Sarah Goolkasian, Mrs. Ann Talamian, Rose Aznavorian, Richard Diranian, Nancy Hintlian, Gary Yacubian, Sina Dinjian, Lucille Paroonagian, Charlene Donabedian, Alan Basmajian, George Demirjian.

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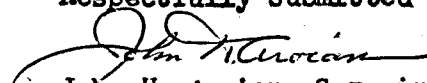
A New England Regional Conference was held in October presided over by our new Primate, His Grace Bishop Torkom Manoogian. Welcoming address was given by Rev. Father Papken Maksoudian.

An Educational Comm. was approved and appointments of five members made by our Der Hyre and the Parish Council. Chairman appointed was Dr. Jos. Mazmanian. The purpose of the Committee is to discuss educational matters and other matters in order to help the Sunday School progress. Monthly meetings have been held and the willing spirit of the Committee members has resulted in considerable progress.

We have had many improvements this past year. A microphone, with speakers has been very helpful to our students particularly those in the rear of the Assembly Hall, during the exercises. A slide projector has been loaned by a Parish Council member which has been constantly used showing religious slides of Etchmiadzin and other Armenian religious studies pertinent to classwork. A 16MM movie projector and screen, courtesy the Young Women's Auxiliary, has been used to show appropriate pictures for Christmas and other Holidays. Four classes have been split as there were up to 31 students in one class alone. This has been definitely successful because it is a proven fact that a teacher can have time for more individual attention with less students such as when a class is split. There have been other improvements also.

The Teaching Staff expresses its appreciation to all officials and individuals of our Church who have helped the Sunday School this past year. Our thanks also to the Council For Religious Education for its excellent work in preparing such an excellent curriculum, not only for us but for all Sunday Schools, and for its cooperation during the school year. I wish to add my personal thanks to the above, and in addition, to our dedicated teachers for their unselfish and devoted services.

Respectfully submitted


John H. Aroian, Superintendent