

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOLY ASCENSION ARMENIAN CHURCH CHOIR

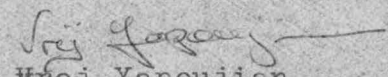
Our choir, like all the other church organizations had a busy and a good year. For various reasons, we lost some of our previous members however, our membership has not decreased since we have been fortunate to have new members join our choir. We have sang during each sundayservice as well as during lantern services and the holy week. We had rehearsals whenever it was deemed necessary to learn and master a new or appropriate hymn for the occasion. Initially these rehearsals were held during weekdays and their results were not very promising due to lack of attendance. After many discussions it was decided to rehearse immediately after Sunday services since the members were already present and their voices nicely warmed up.

Last April on the occasion of Martyrs Day the choir participated in the program by singing the days appropriate songs and some folksongs. On Fathers day the choir members, their families Derhayr and His family had a lovely dinner at one of our local restaurants. Needless to say we all had a wonderful time. We thought it was the best way to thank our Spiritual Father for all His help and guidance On His Day. Last December on the occasion of the Consecration of the side alters the choir members met with His Eminence Torkom Manogian on the eve of consecration and rehearsed all the special hymns for the occasion. After rehearsal they had an enjoyable dinner with his Eminence.

During the past years a tradition has been established in our church. Palm Sunday has been a Choir day. It has been the only fund raising event for us. On behalf of the whole choir we thank you for your generous donations in our special plate, and joining us for the days dinner.

To day the choir donates 750,00 dollars to our church.

respectfully submitted


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