

1968 Annual Report
SUNDAY SCHOOL OF ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN
APOSTOLIC CHURCH

I am pleased for the opportunity to come before the Parish today to give the current status of the Sunday School.

We have an enrollment of approximately 30 children each Sunday. Including myself, we have five teachers, Mrs. E. Vartabedian is teaching the primary class, Miss Ann Kavookian is teaching the 6 & 7 yr. olds, Mrs. Mary Ann Basdikian is teaching the 8 & 9 yr. olds, with Miss Mary Vartabedian teaching the 10 & 11 yr. olds. Mrs. Betty Dedeyian along with 7 other mothers alternately handle the nursery duties.

The Sunday School is presently offering those subjects recommended by our Diocese. But the texts and outline provided are not enough. With the guidance of Hayre Soorp, we hope to organize a full and consistent curricular. But having a curricular with all the necessary teaching aids is not enough if the teacher does not understand the material. To educate our teachers, we are planning semi-weekly evening sessions devoted to meeting this need.

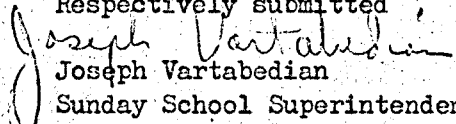
Up to now I have given only positive comments about the Sunday School and its progress. But there are negative comments I feel I must make, comments that need to be acted upon if the Sunday School is to really be effective. In my opinion, the greatest problem facing the Sunday School is indifference. The Sunday School is the foundation of our church, and yet it appears to get the least attention from the Parish. Could it be that the physical beauty and the financial standing of our church is more important to us?

There was a PTA meeting 2 years ago and only one parent showed up.

Inconsistent attendance every Sunday by the children shows an indifferent attitude by the parents or they would be certain to make sure they are in attendance more often.

I also look to the Ladies Guild and the Parish Council for aid both Financial and Physical.

Respectively submitted


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Sunday School Superintendent