

ST. MARY'S CHOIR REPORT - 1968

St. Mary's Church Choir has shown much improvement this past year. Regular choir rehearsals have helped a great deal and of course we are fortunate to have such a capable Choirmaster, Dr. Arra Avakian. It is important that whenever choir rehearsals are scheduled, everyone attend.

As far as activities of the choir this past year, on the occasion of Archbishop Torkom's visit to Washington last spring, Dr. Avakian invited choir members and their families to his home. It was a very nice social, and before the evening was over, we all joined in the group singing.

Last October the Choir Association of America held its annual meeting in Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Avakian and Ashod Krikorian attended from St. Mary's. Archbishop Torkom presided during the entire conference. As a result of their election, Ashod Krikorian was elected Vice Chairman of the Choir Association.

On December 1, our choir was privileged to participate in the Divine Liturgy at St. Vartan's Cathedral in New York City. It was a memorable occasion and from many reports, our choir sang beautifully. Of course much credit should be given to our faithful organist, Mrs. Lillian Kasparian, who so willingly devotes her time and energy each Sunday to help in the Divine Liturgy.

We hope the year 1969 will show even more improvement in our choir and we are always interested in adding members to join,

particularly male voices. With your help and cooperation,
we will succeed. Thank you.

Ashod Krikorian
Chairman, St. Mary's Choir