

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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Within the last 20 years, during the pastorate of Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian the following were part of the profile of the Parish:

- The Parish includes the Maryland and Virginia suburbs and Baltimore community in addition to Washington proper. The Armenian population grew to approximately 8,000.

- Baltimore City and the surrounding suburban Armenians organized an Assoc. of Baltimore Armenians. Periodic Church services are conducted in a local host church by the Pastor of St. Mary's Arm. Church with a contingent of the Church Choir participating. The Baltimore Armenian Community numbers approximately 100 families, they have a Woman's Guild and Sat. Armenian School with active social and cultural programs.

- St. Mary's dues paying/ voting membership has increased from 110 to 275.

- A building attached to the church was built to accommodate classrooms and office space and library. Over 350 thousand was spent without a mortgage.

- Over 600 Thousand was raised and contributed to the earthquake relief over 4-year period.

- The administration and the sponsorship of the Armenian Language School Program was assumed by the Parish with close to 75 students attending. *With the Sunday School combined, it is called SHNORHALI*

- The Organization and/or revitalization of the following groups were realized: *SCHOOL OF ST. MARY*

- The Hye Club Fellowship of Young Adult Professionals

- The Three M Adult Fellowship A group composed of married young couples as well as unmarried or single adults.

- ACYOA Srs. & Jrs. with increased activities in Bible Studies, Retreats, Participation in St. Nersess Summer Study Program & St. Vartan Summer Camp, Regional and National Conference.

- Educational, Cultural Programs:

- Lenten Road to Discovering Faith- Lay participation in delivering Sunday meditations

- In search of our Spiritual/Cultural Heritage- Lenten Friday lecture/meditations by lay parishioners

- Spring and Fall Lecture Series- Cultural- Historical

- Annual Multi-Media Exhibit to provide opportunity for local Armenian artists to exhibit their art.

- Seminar/ Retreat on Bible, Prayer and the faith of the Armenian Church.

- The Parish Hosted:

- A Diocesan Assembly

- A Choir Assembly

- ACYOA Archbishop's Tournament

- The Community Hosted

- 80th Anniversary of the AGBU

- The Parish Hosted also:

- The visit of His Beatitude Arch. Sh. Kaloostian

- Two visits by His Holiness Vasken, I

- Third visit with the Catholicos Karekin II of Cilicia

- A diplomatic reception at the Nation's Capital took place with the Catholicos thanking the world community for the humanitarian aid extended to Armenia after the earthquake. Sixty countries were invited 32 sent senior representatives *and/or Ambassadors.*

- The Parish was honored by two recipients of St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal by Vehapar Vasken, I.

- Col. George Juskalian, USA Army (Ret.)

- Dr. Edward Onanian, Ph D. Economist

- The Parish Celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Pastor Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian ordination to priesthood. With a pontifical Encyclical he was given the honor of Avak/Archpriest and to wear the pictoral cross.

- A major renovation of the sanctuary is in the planning stage with an estimated 500,000 expenditure.