

PASTOR'S REPORT 1990

This has been a year filled with many accomplishments and also some great tragic losses for this community. In spite of all that has come to pass during the year we feel that there continues to be a steady spiritual growth and a deepening awareness on the part of all our people towards their responsibilities to serve God through His church. We thank God for His many blessings, and pray for His grace and guidance.

The following is an outline of some of the highlights of activities in which we were involved during the past year.

Religious

1. Armenian Christmas Day Celebration with Hartford, celebrated in New Britain.
2. Women's Saints Day with Springfield & Hartford celebrated at the Springfield Church.
3. Lenten Services & Lectures with questions & answers.
4. Martyrs Day commemoration with Hartford & Springfield celebrated in New Britain.
5. American Christmas Eve special service in English.
6. Grave Blessings on Memorial Day.
7. Ordination of one of our altar servers to the Diaconate, Given Hoosigian.
8. Joint celebration of the Divine Liturgy and requiem service at St John the Divine Cathedral in New York. This service was sponsored by our Diocese and the Prelacy.
9. Attendance at the Annual Choir Assembly, as Vice Chairman and also guest preacher at the Divine Liturgy in Philadelphia.

Educational

1. We continued the Deacon's Training Program, so that they might further their knowledge of church services and to enable them to more effectively serve the church.
2. Lectures were given at the DRE in New York as well as at the St Nerses program at the seminary.
3. Several lectures were given to the Clergy Association on the subject of on-going tragedies in Armenia.
4. We participated in the program "Clergy in the Classroom", sponsored by the New Britain Area Council of Churches.

Administrative

1. Continued to publish the Church Bulletin
2. Several meetings in New York with the Archbishop on education of the clergy.
3. Regional Assembly meetings as a member of the N. E. Dioc. Council.
4. Clergy Conference in New Jersey.
5. Meetings with all the various organizations and committees of our church.
6. Participated in the Tri-City meetings held at the various churches.
7. Handled the printing of all special notices sent to our parishioners for the Parish Assembly and other special bulletins. We thank the Senior Citizens who helped with the mailing.

Outreach

1. We took an active part in the NBRACC and Clergy Association, served as vice chairman, and was on the committee and took part in the Thanksgiving interdenominational service.
2. Served on the committee for food for the needy of our city.
3. Prepared articles for the clergy corner of the New Britain Herald and also gave the Daily Bread messages sponsored by the NBRACC Dial a message through the telephone.
4. Through the cooperation of the Women's Guild hosted the Clergy Breakfast and meeting.

Pastoral

1. Hospital Visitations (28)
2. Home Visitations (41)
3. Counseling
4. Sacraments (10) Weddings, (3) Baptisms, (5) Funerals.
5. Home Blessings (11)

Things still to be done:

- 1, We still need teachers so that we can open the Armenian School for Children.
2. Finish plans for the utilization of the Cultural Center.

We thank all of the organizations and committees, their chairpersons and workers, for their cooperation and hard work throughout the year. A special thanks to our Parish Council, and its chairman. Last but not least thanks to the choir, its directors and organists and our deacons for their devotion and service to our church, to the editor and typist of the Loos, to our Diocesan Delegates and all our faithful parishioners. God bless you all and may all our endeavors be blessed with success.

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