

PASTORAL REPORT - 1970Religious-Education

The Divine Liturgy was celebrated each Sunday except the Sundays that I attended the Diocesan Assembly and the one during my vacation. Except for a few Sundays, a sermon or educational lesson was given. I continued the deacon lessons with 3 boys and also with three boys on the reading of Daniel. Holy Communion was received regularly during the course of the year by Sunday School Children. A Youth Program in which children of the Sunday School participated in various duties before, during and after the services was held and also an explanation Badarak Service in which each phase of the Badarak was explained during the service itself. I performed a Sunday morning service at St. Mary's Hospital for the staff and patients in their chapel. Arrangements with Bp. Papken Varjabedian <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ made where we had an exchange one Sunday. Arrangements are underway for a similar exchange with the two Philadelphia churches.

Sacraments

Weddings - 3    Baptisms - 5    Confirmations - 1    Funderals - 7

Out-of-town Funerals (Washington D.C.) - 1

Attend Funeral Service of friends of Church Members - 2

Pastoral Visitations

Visitations within and without the community were innumerable and covering a wide range of subjects. Visitations to the sick and shut-ins were as frequent as possible. Persons requested guidance, advice, Knowledge and counselling on decision-making matters of varying sort. Visitations to families who have Armenian backgrounds but who are not members of the church took place to try and interest them in and familiarize them with the church and our church related activities. I attended practically all project activities of our organizations such as singing with the Youth Group at a Nursing Home on Christmas Eve.

PASTORAL REPORT - 1970 (con't)Meetings

I presided over meetings of all the church organizations and as many officers meetings and committee meetings as feasibly possible. Also two Membership Meetings and a Joint Meeting with other churches such as the Baptist Youth Group (twice-once at our church and once at there church). Joint meetings with the Greek and Lebanese Churches on the Joint Affair held for Dr. Partridge of the Near East Society and also the private meetings with the two respective pastors in preparing the groundwork for that event. I was called upon to offer the benediction at the dinner held at the YWCA honoring the newly naturalized citizens upon their receiving of their citizenship papers.

Publicity

The 'Sevan Newsletter' was printed periodically with special issues for Easter and Christmas in addition to the Christmas Greeting Issue. Special announcements were sent during the course of the year. Arrangements were made for guest speakers for all our programs; Dr. Hanessian, Vartanantz; Mr. Aram Panossian, Martyr's Day; Dr. Sarkissian, Cultural Day; and Dr. Surpouhi Essefian on The Name-Day Celebration. Letters were sent inviting knowledgeable persons in the subjects of the lectures and arrangements were made with the news medias publicizing these events and other ceremonies such as the Washing-of-the-feet Ceremony article printed during Holy Week. I sent letters to these people acknowledging our communities ~~and~~ gratitude. There was correspondence pertaining to church and church related business and affairs which also includes writing letters for certain of our parishoners upon special requests, and for our organizations.

Sunday School

I devised a Sunday School Program for all of the Sunday School Classes with the hope of bringing uniformity to the teaching system from year to year. Also the correspondence required for <sup>the</sup> information and materials used in this program.

Miscellaneous

The many times I have had to be here when the janitor or maintenance man, telephone and electric company men, Vogel-Ritt Exterminating man, Soda water delivery and flower deliveries were made or when persons needed to enter but were not able because they didn't have a key. This miscellaneous list could go on endlessly but I believe I covered that fully <sup>in</sup> last year's report and feel no need to report those things again.