

PASTORAL REPORT ----- 1984

Rev. Arsen Barsamian

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated most of the Sundays except the month I lead the Choir Association group to Armenia and the Sunday I was hospitalized because of examinations.

Sermons and homilies were delivered in ARmenian and English on most Sundays and on appropriate occasions.

I presided over church organizational meetings and had private get-togethers with individuals and various groups.

Visits to the sick at the hospital or to their homes were done on a regular basis.

The following sacraments were done:

Baptisms.....1      Marriages.....1      Funerals.....8

Deaths: Mary Kricorian, Mariam Papazian, Krikor Eretzian, Nectar Kantarjian, John Karo Jr., Pearl (Peghig)Aharonian, Harry B. Darhanian and Sylvia Krakoviak.

The following is a summarized report of some of my activities.....

- presided over church organizational meetings and coordinated their activities.
- prepared the church calendar concerning the services and activities and saw to its implementation.
- assisted in the publication and mailing of the Sevan Newsletter and other church circulars.
- did the necessary correspondence in Armenian and English.
- did some of the purchasing of office and church supplies and also that needed in maintenance.
- handles the monies received during the week through the mail and passed them on to the Treasurer.
- contacted those on the Church Stewardship Program.
- ordered altar flowers when requested and took them to the sick.
- handled the responsibilities of the church library and again assisted those writing school papers on our faith or history.
- had Memorial Stone made and installed in the church vestibule and the lighting in the room changed to enhance the beauty of the Memorial Stone, oil paintings and Khachkar (cross-stone.)
- had the old Memorial Stone rewritten with appropriate writing on the back side of the stone and installed over the baptismal.
- made arrangements for the grapes on the Blessing of the Grapes on the Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary.
- participated in the joint Thanksgiving Day Service held by the seven West End churches.
- handles the monies and accounts of the Cultural-Educational Fund; the Annie Bickers Fund; and the church Stewardship Fund.
- made arrangements for the Sahar Arzruni Concert with the Cultural Committee for the concert last January and am making arrangements with VCU for a concert by the classical oudist George Mgrdickian sometime in the fall of this year.
- arrangements were made with WRFK-FM to broadcast eh Nerses Serkaian tapes on April 24 and also for the showing of the film "The Forgotten Genocide" on PBS Channel 23.
- had writing concerning the Khachkar (cross-stone) written in newspaper.
- helping the choir-leader to improve our choir.

*Stp Arsen*