

PASTOR'S REPORT

Let me first say that it is really a pleasure to be back home. Yeretzgin and I thank the many faithful that greeted us at the special welcoming tea.

Although its only been a few short months since I have returned as your Pastor, I hope some of the things I have tried to implement have come to your attention. First and foremost I feel the most important part of my ministry is personal contact with each and every member of our parish. I have been visiting two families a week and hope that every member and prospective member will, in time, receive a visit.

Special attention has been given to see that church Services begin on time and that the sermons are topical. Special instructive sermons have been prepared for the children when they attend church. I ask your cooperation in coming to church on time.

There was a special Christmas Eve Service held on December 24, 1986, which was will attended. This will be an annual service. Service was held on the Day of Armenian Christmas, January 6, 1987, this service was sponsored jointly with our sister parish St. George of Hartford.

The follow are some of the goals I have set for the coming year and with God's help and your cooperation we will accomplish them together.

1. Reopening of the Armenian School for the children.
2. Opening of Armenian School for adult beginners.
3. Establishing programs for continuing adult education
This is already in progress, see our Lenten Schedule
4. Reactivating the ACYOA SRS. or a Young Adult Group
5. Strengthening the ACYOA JRS.
6. Updating and modernization of the mailing list
for all organizations and the church (this is
also in progress with the use of a computer controlled mailing list.
7. Opening a Bible Study program for the children.
(2 week daily program at church during the summer)
much help will be needed to staff this type of
program. Armenian language study will be included
for the children.

There are many other programs that I feel are necessary. All of this will take time and patients. Everyone's help and cooperation is needed. This is our church and heritage. Let us all strive to maintain it and allow it to grow and flourish.

I thank the Parish Council as well as our delegates for their untiring help. A special thanks to all our organizations as well as the choir its director and organist, and especially the altar servers and all our faithful parishioners.

May God give us all strength to do his work here on earth.