

*Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection  
1910 Stanley St, New Britain, Ct.*

## **ANNUAL PASTOR'S REPORT 1991**

I present to you my fifth (5th) Annual Report for the year 1991. I give thanks to Almighty God for giving me the strength and health to work with you for another year as your Pastor. There continues to be a steady spiritual and physical growth in our parish. It is indeed pleasing that we have an increased awareness, within our parish, of all our people toward their responsibilities to serve God through His Church. For this growth we thank God for his gifts and pray that he continues to bless us all.

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

### **Religious**

1. Because Armenian Christmas Day fell on a Sunday there was no joint celebration with our sister Hartford Church.
2. Women's Saints Day with Springfield & Hartford was celebrated in the Springfield Church.
3. Lenten Services & Lectures with a question & answer period continued again this year.
4. Martyrs Day commemoration with Hartford & Springfield was celebrated in our own church in New Britain.
5. American Christmas Eve special service was conducted in English and with the participation of the ACYOA Srs.
6. Grave Blessings on Memorial Day were again performed at the Armenian section of the cemetery.
7. Participated in the New BRACC sponsored Martin Luther King Service.
8. Attended the annual Clergy Continuing Education Program in Larchmond, N. Y.
9. Wrote articles for the Clergy Corner in the New Britain Herald, and recorded messages for the Daily Bread program for New BRACC.
10. We gave the invocation at the Annual Dinner of the New Britain Council of Churches.

### **Educational**

1. We continued the Deacon's Training Program.
2. Lectures were given at the DRE in New York.
3. Several lectures were given to the Clergy Association to keep them abreast of what was happening in Armenia and in The Armenian Church.
4. We participated in the program "Clergy in the Classroom", sponsored by the New Britain Area Council of Church.
5. We continue to teach Armenian School, on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. We presently have 7 students. Stress is placed on conversational Armenian and useful vocabulary.

### **Administrative**

1. We continued to publish the Church Bulletin.
2. Attended Regional Assembly meetings in Worcester.
3. Attended the monthly Clergy Meetings and our Women's Guild hosted one of them.
4. Attended meetings with the various organizations and committees of our church.
5. Participated in the Tri-City meetings held at the various churches.
6. Handled the printing of all special notices sent to our parishioners for the Parish Assembly and other special bulletins. We again thank the Senior Citizens who helped with the mailing.
7. Maintained the mailing list to keep it up-to-date.
8. Printed special booklets for the use of parish, as well as the Handbook for Parishioners.

### **Outreach**

1. We took an active part in the NBRACC and Clergy Association, serving as president, and was on the committee for the interdenominational services.
2. Served on the committee for food for the needy of our city.
3. Through the cooperation of the Women's Guild hosted the Clergy Breakfast and meeting.

### **Pastoral**

1. Hospital visitations (31)
2. Home Visitations (36)
3. Counseling (26)
4. Sacraments: (3) Weddings, (7) Baptisms, (7) Funerals.
5. Home Blessings (16)

### **Things still to be done:**

1. We need a door to door campaign to increase church membership.
2. Need to recruit young members to serve at the altar as deacons and acolytes.
3. We have a really need for more educational programs both religious and historic.

Our deepest thanks to all of the organizations and committees, their chairpersons and workers, for their cooperation, dedication and hard work throughout the entire 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 continuous dedication and devotion in serving our church, to the new editor and typist of the Looy's, to our Diocesan Delegates and especially to all our faithful parishioners. God bless you all.

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