

**St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church  
Haverhill, MA  
Pastor's Report for 1995**

**Worship**

Divine Liturgy was celebrated on a regular weekly basis preceded by an abbreviated morning service.

By decision of the Parish Council, no services were held on Sunday, July 2, 1995, while the pastor was on vacation.

**Holidays and Special Services**

I celebrated Divine Liturgy on Armenian Christmas Eve and Easter Eve. Peace/Rest Hour Service was conducted on the five Fridays of Lent as was the Full Cycle of Holy Week Services. The Women's Saint's Day Celebration was hosted by the St. Gregory Ladies Aide Society and began with a Worship Service in our Church Sanctuary. In November, I participated in the Greater Haverhill Clergy Association Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.

**Visiting Clergy**

The following clergy have visited our parish this year to participate in a sacrament, program, function or meeting :

Most Reverend Archbishop Khajag Barsamian  
Most Reverend Archbishop Kude Nakashian  
Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Najarian  
Very Reverend Father Krikor Maksoudian  
Very Reverend Father Ghevont Samourian  
Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Melkonian  
Reverend Father Arsen Barsamian  
Reverend Father Gomidas Baghsarian  
Reverend Father Dajad Davidian  
Reverend Father Vasken Kouzouian  
Reverend Father Zenob Nalbandian  
Reverend Father Aved Terzian  
Reverend Father George Tsoukalas  
Reverend Father Marcus Crapsey  
Reverend Frank Graichen.  
Reverend Aram Marashlian  
Reverend Robert Swanson  
Deacons from Saint Nersess Armenian Seminary

### Outside Participation

I have participated in services and/or programs at the following Armenian churches and sister churches:

Holy Trinity Armenian Church - Cambridge, MA  
Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church - Chelmsford, MA  
St. John the Baptist Armenian Church- Greenfield, WI  
Holy Cross Armenian Church - Lawrence, MA  
St. Gregory Armenian Church- North Andover, MA  
St. James Armenian Church - Watertown, MA  
Armenian Church of Our Saviour - Worcester, MA  
Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church - Haverhill, MA  
St. James Catholic Church - Haverhill, MA  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Haverhill, MA  
First Congregational United Church of Christ - Haverhill, MA  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bradford, MA

### Sacraments and Rites

	Total	St. Gregory	Other Churches
Baptisms	9	7	2
Weddings	2	1	1
Funerals	17	8	9

Requiem and Grave Blessings were performed upon request.

### Pastoral Visitations

As part of my ministry I have made regular weekly visitations to Hale Hospital and on many occasions to parishioners at other area hospitals.

I ask parishioners to note that hospitals do not notify the church or pastor of a hospitalized parishioner. Therefore, it is requested that each parishioner inform the church office when they learn of a hospitalized church member.

I have visited parishioners in Haverhill area nursing homes during holiday seasons and upon request, to offer them Holy Communion.

On many occasions I have also visited the homes of the sick or elderly (shut-ins) who are not able to come the church to offer comfort and Holy Communion.

In addition, I have taken part in several family celebrations such as anniversaries, birthdays, and social gatherings at the request of our parishioners.

### Meetings

I have presided over and participated in parish-affiliated meetings whenever possible. These included Parish Council, Church Organizations and various standing and special committees. I also supported our organizations by attending their functions and programs whenever my schedule permitted.

I also attended meetings of the following organizations:

New England Armenian Clergy Conference  
Greater Haverhill Clergy Association  
Pontifical Visit Steering Committee

## Office Administration

During the course of the year I have performed the following office and administrative functions. Some of these functions should be handled by volunteers or perhaps a part-time office employee should be considered.

Filing  
Typing  
Parish and Office Correspondence  
Coordinate Parish Mailings  
Purchase Office Supplies  
Sort and distribute mail  
Sunday Bulletin Copying  
Yughakin Mailing for Easter and Christmas  
Maintain Mailing List, Membership List, Church Records  
Organizing and Copying Parish Annual Report

## Appreciation

Thank you to the following individuals and groups who's help and dedication we could not do without.

·Parish Council Chairman, Zarty Chilingirian and the members of the Parish Council

·Diocesan Delegate, Paul Tavitian

·Deacon Garabed Loosian, the Sub-deacons, Acolytes and Altar

Servers.

·Choir Director, Sue Kezerian and the Choir members.

·Organists, Sylvia Tavitian and Virginia Tavitian

·All the ladies who prepared *Mas*

·Zaven Gostanian for attending the door at funerals.

·Sunday School Superintendent, Elaine Meuse and the Sunday School

Staff.

·Bradford Flowers for supplying the flowers and plants to adorn our Holy Altar.

·Concord Printing for donating paper and supplies.

To all who have worked so hard and lovingly in support of our church.

In this, my third year of service in the Holy Order of Priesthood, I express thanks to God for giving me the opportunity to serve Him through this Holy Church.

Respectfully Submitted,



Reverend Father Sahag Kaishian  
Pastor