PASTORS REPORT

With the Grace and Mercy of God, we the members of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church community have spent another year under the shadow of our Holy Mother Church. With a clear conscience, I declare that I did my human utmost in providing the graces which the Lord God has bestowed on me. I am grateful to God for the opportunity to service St. Gregory for another year as Visiting Pastor.

Worship Services

Throughout the year of 1996, except for the summer months, Divine Liturgy was celebrated with Armenian and English Sermons on the Sundays which I was invited.

Sacraments and Rites

For the year 1996 at St. Gregory:

- 4 Baptism
- (2 performed by myself)
- 1 Chrismation
- 2 Weddings
- 1 Funeral
- (1 performed by myself)

Visitations

Residence visitations to the sick and elderly with home blessings and prayers for quick recovery of the ill have been attended to by myself.

<u>Acknowledgment</u>

During the Divine Liturgy our Altar Servers, Mr. John Paklaian and Mr. Charles Babikian have assisted me as often as possible and we thank them for their concern of the dignity of services without expectation of remuneration.

Appreciation

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Altar Servers, the Members of the Choir, to the Parish Council, especially the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Church Secretary, the Women's Guild and their executive body, as well as to the individual parishioners for their cooperation, service and sacrifice.

I pray that God will bless each and everyone of us abundantly.

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Rev. Archpriest Haik Donikian Visiting Pastor