

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1978

Dear Parishioners,

The following is the summary of my activities for the year 1978.

CHURCH SERVICES.

On each Sunday morning at 9.30 A.M .I have conducted a morning service, followed by a Divine Liturgy at 10.00 O'clock. The sermons have been delivered either in Armenian or English. Special feast days have been observed. During the Lenten season each Wednesday nights we had church service. The deacons and the boys and girls of the A.C.Y.O.A. read the prayers of St. Nerses the Graceful.

SACRAMENTS

During 1978 I have performed the following sacraments, Baptism and Confirmation 2, Wedding 1, Funerals 8.

PASTORAL CALLS AND VISITATIONS

I have visited our parishioners on many occasions, some times they were on happy occasions and sometimes on sad happenings. Sick calls have been made at homes and in hospitals.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

These consist of the Parish Council, The Women's Guild, the Choir, the A.C.Y.O.A, the Church School, the Mr. & Mrs. Club and the Special Membership Committee. In compliance with the By-Laws of the Diocese, I have attended and presided over their meetings and provided spiritual ~~and~~ guidance and counseling.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

We have been unable to meet the requirements of the Educational Council of the Diocese to have a Board to run the school. I have acted as teacher and superintendent. A separate report will be given later on by Miss Isgoohi Simonian.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

I am glad to report the formation of an Armenian Class for adults with enrolment of 11 pupils, 5 male 6 female. This lively group attended the classes every Thursday evening from 8.00-9.30 P.M. in the church hall.

We have started in April and recessed in October. We are hoping to resume the classes soon. You are cordially invited to join this wonderful group of enthusiasts.

HOME BLESSING

33 homes have been blessed this year. Graves of our parishioners also have been blessed on Memorial Day.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

On March 15, the fourth annual celebration of the Women's Saints of the Armenian Church was held in St. George's Church in Hartford, the Women's Guild of our church and myself took part in the service.

On May 2nd and 3rd. I have attended the Clergy Convention held in Detroit, Mich. ~~and~~ on May 4th. and 6th. I took part in the deliberations of the Diocesan Assembly. On May 10th. and 11th. I have attended the consecration service of Sts. Vartanantz Church in Chelmsford, Mass.

On December 14, at 10.00 A.M. we had the informal Groundbreaking Ceremony for our future church with a short religious service. Mayor William McNamara and 14 parishioners in attendance.

To build a church requires faith, vision, challenge and sacrifice. Let us come forward and be counted.

In conclusion, I like to say that it has been my pleasure and privilege to serve our church and to work with you. Thanks to each and every one of you for attending this meeting and making it a success with your wonderful cooperation.

May God bless us all, Amen.

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