

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT-1979

Dear Parishioners,

The following is a brief summary of ^{my} activities for the year 1979.

CHURCH SERVICES.

On each Sunday morning, at 9.30 A.M., I have conducted a morning service, followed by Divine Liturgy at 10.00 A.M. The sermons were either in Armenian or English or in both languages. Special feast days have been celebrated according to religious calendar.

On January 21st. we had no church service because of the snow.

During the Lenten period each Wednesday evening we had church service. The deacons, the boys and girls of the A.C.Y.O.A. read the prayers of St. Nerses the Gracefilled.

SACRAMENTS.

Baptism and Confirmation 4, weddings none, funerals 5.

PASTORAL CALLS AND VISITATIONS.

I have visited our parishioners on many occasions, some times on happy events and some times on sad happenings. Sick calls, included homes, hospitals and rest homes.

MEETINGS.

I have attended and presided over the meetings of all church organizations and the Building Committee and provided the necessary spiritual guidance and counseling.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN.

We have been unable to meet the requirements of the Educational Council of our Diocese to have a board to run the school. I have been acting as teacher and supervisor. A separate report will be given by Mrs. Rose Yessian.

HOME AND GRAVE BLESSING.

Upon request, homes of our parishioners have been blessed at Christmas or Easter and graves on Memorial Day.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES.

The annual celebration of the Women Saints of the Armenian Church was held March 7, Hartford Church taking part in the service.

BROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY.

On April 1st, the traditional groundbreaking ceremony was performed by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate, assisted by the late Father Khosrof Assadourian and myself, deacons and choir participating, and attended by our parishioner, representatives of the Council of Churches and officials of the city of New Britain.

On April 14, the pupils of our Sunday School took Communion and have ^{been} served breakfast by the Women's Guild of our Church.

I attended the Clergy Convention on May 2nd and 3rd. and on 4th. and 5th. the Diocesan Convention, held in St. Vartanantz Church, Chelmsford, Mass.

On November 3rd. I attended the 26th. Anniversary Banquet of St. George's Church, Hartford.

As we all rejoice with the construction of our beautiful church building, I am submerged in these thoughts, are our parishioners mindful of great apostle Paul's following counsel " Love is patient and kind, love is not jealous, or conceited, or proud, love is not ill-mannered, or selfish, or irritable, love does not keep a record of wrongs, love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth." 1st. Corinthians, 13:4-~~6~~.7
Love never gives up, its faith, hope, and patience never fail"

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

May God bless us all and prosper all the work we have undertaken.

Amen.

Sunday January 27,
1980

Rev. Vartan Der Assadourian
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