

Pastor's Annualreport for calendar Year 1985

Dear Parishioners:

By God's grace and mercy, we have completed another successful year in the life of our Parish. I have summerized my pastoral activities under following headings.

Church Services:

Sunday mornings at 9.30 A.M. I have performed a morning service, followed by Badarak at 10.00 A.M. Sermons have been delivered in Armenian or English. Special feast days have been celebrated according to religious calendar. Durent lent, wednesday evenings at 7.00 P.M. we had church service. Our Choir sang the sacred hymns of the Church and members of the A.C.Y.O.A. read the 24 verses of prayers of St. Nerses the Gracious.

Sacraments

In 1985 we had 1 Engagement, 2 Baptisms and confirmations, 2 weddings and 2 funerals.

Meetings:

I attended and presided over the meetings held by church organizations, beginning and ending the meetings with a prayer and giving spiritual guidance as needed. I have also attended Regional and other meetings.

Visitations and Sick Calls:

I have visited our parishioners on happy and sad occasions. I made sick calls to homes, hospitals as well as convalescent homes.

Blessing of Homes and Graves.

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

Highlights of Other Activities

Communion to Sunday School on Holy Saturday followed by breakfast.
Joint celebration of Armenian Women Saints Day at St. George
Armenian Church, Hartford.

In Appreciation:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks
to Parish Council, church organizations and parishioners for their
understanding, cooperation, and support of our church.

Special thanks to our deacons, the choir and the acolytes for their
valuable service.

In closing,
I say with a warm heart, let us count our many blessings and
forget our personal differences and work for the betterment of our
church. As many of you know, I will be retiring on June 30th of this
year, after serving our church for 35 years and this parish for 18 $\frac{1}{2}$
years. During this time I have watched this parish grow and prosper,
and I must say with all sincerity, it has been a pleasure to serve
the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection.

May God bless us all, Amen.

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