

PASTOR'S REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 1987

By the Grace of God and with the cooperation of all our faithful Parishioners, we have passed the year strengthened in the Lord. It is indeed gratifying to see the growth and spiritual progress in our parish. For us, growth should be measured in the spiritual awakening and increased awareness of all our members towards their responsibility to serve God and His church here on earth.

The following is an outline of some of the highlights of activities in which we were involved during the past year:

Religious

1. Armenian Christmas Day Celebration with Hartford celebrated here.
2. Woman's Saints Day with Springfield & Hartford celebrated in Springfield.
3. Lenten Services & Lectures on the Sacraments.
4. Martyrs Day commemoration with Hartford, & Springfield in Springfield.
5. Visitation of His Holiness Vasken I in New York, and Boston.
6. American Christmas eve with special service for all in English.
7. Veterans Day Service at the memorial monument in Fairview Cemetery.
8. Grave Blessings on Memorial Day.
9. Visitation by His Grace Archbishop Torkom Manoogian on Palm Sunday weekend.

Educational

1. Bible Study (10 week course).
2. Workshop at Diocesan Assembly for the Choir Association.
3. Workshop for the Choir Association at St. Nersess Seminary.
4. A series of lectures on the book of Revelation at St. Nersess Seminary.
5. Deacon's training program, to teach the Divine Liturgy and Sacraments.
6. Day of Spiritual Renewal, Hosted by New Britain.

Administrative

1. Publish the Church Bulletin
2. Meetings in New York as a member of the Nominating & Auditing Committee.
3. Regional Assembly meetings
4. Clergy Conference in Springfield.
5. Appointment as Advisor to the New England Regional ACYOA Jr.
6. Mailing and organizations lists updated and placed into computer.

Outreach

1. Took active part in the NBRAC Clergy Association. and served on the committee for the School Lunch Program.
2. Served on the committee for food for the needy during Thanksgiving.

Pastoral

1. Hospital Visitations (24),
2. Home Visitations (61)
3. Counseling (22)
4. Sacraments (3) Weddings, (3) Baptisms, (4) Funerals.
5. Home Blessings

Things still to be done:

1. Establish Armenian School for both Adults and Children. We have a need for teachers.
2. Reorganize the ACYOA SR.
3. Strengthen the ACYOA JR.

During the year special attention was paid to preparing sermons for adults as well as special sermons for the children. Sermons were also given in Armenian.

I thank the Parish Council as well as our delegates for their untiring help. A special thanks to all our organizations as well as the choir, its director and organists, and especially the deacons who serve and give of themselves. We thank our faithful parishioners.

May God give us all the strength to do his work here on earth and to serve him as faithful servants.

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