

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1982

Dear Parishioners:

This is a summary of my pastoral activities for the calendar year 1982.

CHURCH SERVICES

Every Sunday we had a morning service, followed by Divine Liturgy. The sermons have been in Armenian and English. Special feast days have been celebrated according to religious calendar of the Diocese.

During the Lenten season, each Wednesday evening we had church service. The choir sang and the members of the A.C.Y.O.A., read the prayers of St. Nerses the Gracious.

SACRAMENTS

During the calendar year 1982 we had...³ Baptism, ⁰ Wedding ... and ² Funeral.^s

VISITATIONS AND SICK CALLS

Our parishioners have been visited on happy and sad occasions. Sick calls included homes, hospitals and convalescent homes.

MEETINGS

I attended and presided over meetings held by our church organizations, beginning and ending the meetings with a prayer and giving them spiritual guidance as needed.

BLESSING OF HOMES AND GRAVES

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

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

I have acted as teacher and supervisor. A separate report will be given by teacher, Miss Sirvart Simonian.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SOME OF MY OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS.

The joint annual celebration of the women saints of the Armenian Church was held in March with our sister church St. George of Hartford, with participation from members of our Women's Guild.

On Easter Eve, I administered Holy Communion to our Sunday School students and teachers, followed by a generous breakfast given by our Women's Guild.

The Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection proudly hosted the 80th. Annual Diocesan Assembly from May 4-8, 1982.

The clergy conference was held from May 4-5, at the Holy Retreat House in West Hartford. I attended this conference and welcomed them as the pastor of host church.

On May 6, at the opening of the Assembly I was privileged to welcome the Primate and the Delegates on behalf of our parish.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and thanks to Mr. Charles Avedisian, his Planning Committees and our parishioners for a job well done. I would like you to note that the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection now is known in the Diocese as the Model Parish.

In September, I attended the 1982 A.C.Y.O.A. General Assembly and National Sports Weekend held at the Sheraton Hartford Hotel.

It was a pleasure to welcome this group of fine young Armenians to our community, as the Pastor of the host chapter. With this outstanding group of young Armenians we have here in New Britain, I think our local church is in good hands.

In October, our Church was visited by a group of students from St. Francis Assisi Church along with their pastor Father Labieniec to learn more about Armenian Church's history, faith and architecture.

In November, accompanied by Yeretzgin Marie, our Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Harry Hougas and his wife Carol, we attended the 29th. Anniversary Banquet of St. George Armenian Church, Hartford, extending our warmest congratulations on behalf of our parish.

In December, I attended the Installation services of Rev. Malcolm Hume McDowell, Jr. as the new pastor of St Mark's Church, here in New Britain.

IN APPRECIATION:

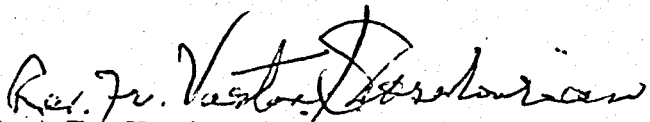
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the deacons of our church, the choir and the acolytes for their dedication and valuable service.

I extend my thanks and appreciation to our church organizations, parishioners and the Parish Council for their cooperation and support of our church.

In conclusion, I say with a warm heart, let us count our blessings, forget personal grudges and work for the betterment of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection.

" If a house divides itself into groups that fight each other, that house will fall apart ". Mark 3:25.

May God bless us all, Amen.


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Pastor