

Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection
1910 Stanley St, New Britain, Ct.

ANNUAL PASTOR'S REPORT 1994

We present to you our eighth (8th) Annual Report for the year 1994. We thank Almighty God for giving us the strength and health to work with you for another year as your Pastor. There continues to be a steady spiritual and physical growth in our parish. It is indeed pleasing that there is an increased awareness, within our parish, of all our people toward their responsibilities to serve God through His Church. For this growth we thank God and pray that he will continue to bless us all.

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

Religious

1. We celebrated Armenian Christmas Day with our sister Hartford Church, we were the celebrant.
2. Women's Saints Day with Springfield & Hartford was celebrated in the New Britain Church.
3. Lenten Services & Bible Study (The Gospel of St. Luke) with a question & answer period continued again this year.
4. Martyrs Day commemoration with Hartford & Springfield was celebrated at Holy Resurrection, Father Tateos was the celebrant.
5. American Christmas Eve special service was conducted in English and with the participation of the Youth of our church.
6. Grave Blessings on Memorial Day were again performed at the Armenian section of the cemetery.
7. We participated in the New BRACC sponsored Martin Luther King Service.
8. We wrote articles for the Clergy Corner in the New Britain Herald, and recorded messages for the Daily Bread program for New BRACC.
9. We celebrated the Divine Liturgy on Holy Thursday, at New Britain Church..

Educational

1. Lectures were given at the DRE in New York.
2. Several lectures were given to the Clergy Association to keep them abreast of what was happening in Armenia and in The Armenian Church.
3. We participated in the program "Clergy in the Classroom", sponsored by the New Britain Area Council of Church.
4. We were the pastor at St. Vartan Camp and conducted Services and taught Bible Study Classes daily.

Administrative

1. Continued to publish the Church Bulletin.
2. Attended Regional Assembly meetings in Worcester.
3. Attended the monthly Clergy Meetings.
4. Attended meetings with the various organizations and committees of our church.
5. Participated in the Tri-City meetings held at the various churches.
6. Handled the printing of all special notices sent to our parishioners for the Parish Assembly and other special bulletins. We again thank the Senior Citizens who helped with the mailing.
7. Maintained the mailing list to keep it up-to-date.

Outreach

1. We took an active part in the NBRACC and Clergy Association, serving as an advisor, and were on the committee for the interdenominational services.
2. We served on the committee for food for the needy of our city.
3. Through the cooperation of the Women's Guild we hosted the Clergy Breakfast and meeting.

Pastoral

1. Hospital visitations (47)
2. Home Visitations (23)
3. Counseling (35)
4. Sacraments: (2) Weddings, (6) Baptisms, (5) Funerals.
5. Home Blessings (11)

Things still to be done:

1. We need a campaign to increase church membership.
2. We need to recruit young members to serve at the altar as deacons and acolytes.
3. We have a need for more educational programs both religious and historic. A joint Cultural Program is planned for October. This will be a tri-city sponsored program.
4. We have encouraged training programs for young deacons & acolytes, two such programs took place this year in joint cooperation with Fr. Tateos.

Our deepest thanks to all of the organizations and committees, their chairpersons and workers, for their cooperation, dedication and hard work throughout the entire year. A special thanks to our Parish Council, and its chairman, the Sunday School, its Director and teaching staff. By the way, we have a need for more teachers for the Sunday School this coming year. Last but not least thanks to the choir, its directors and organists and our deacons for their continuous dedication and devotion in serving our church, to the Editor and typist of the Loosy, to our Diocesan Delegates and especially to all our faithful parishioners. God bless you all.

Father Michael Buttero, Pastor