

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

**ANNUAL PASTOR'S REPORT 1995**

We present to you our ninth (9th) Annual Report for the year 1995. 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, Divine Liturgy was held in New Britain, we were the celebrant.
2. Women 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. Vartanantz celebration was held in New Britain, of Springfield, was the celebrant.
5. Martyrs Day commemoration with Hartford & Springfield was celebrated in New Britain, Fr. Vasken of Springfield was the celebrant.
6. American Christmas Eve special service was conducted in English and with the participation of the Youth of our church.
7. Grave Blessings on Memorial Day were again performed at the Armenian section of the cemetery.
8. We participated in the NBRACC sponsored Martin Luther King Service.
9. We wrote articles for the Clergy Corner in the New Britain Herald, and recorded messages for the Daily Bread program for New BRACC.
10. Bible Study was extended and included the Fall & Winter. Classes were well attended and included the studying of the Book of Acts, Revelations, Letters of St Paul. This has now become an ongoing program.
11. We celebrated the Divine Liturgy on Holy Thursday, at New Britain Church.

**Educational**

1. Several lectures were given to the Clergy Association to keep them abreast of what was happening in Armenia and in The Armenian Church.
2. We participated in the program "Clergy in the Classroom", sponsored by the New Britain Area Council of Church.
3. We also attended St. Vartan Camp.

### **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.

### **Pastoral**

1. Hospital visitations (47)
2. Home Visitations (23)
3. Counseling (35)
4. Sacraments: (5) Weddings, (2) Baptisms, (0) Funerals.
5. Home Blessings (11)

### **Things still to be done:**

1. We need to recruit young members to serve at the altar as deacons and acolytes.
2. 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.
3. 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. We thank Fr Mesrop Semerjian, and Deacons, Sarkis Davoudlarian, Garabed Mazadourian, & Paul Abrahamian for conducting services when we were away or ill in the hospital. We thank all of our faithful for their cards, get well wishes and prayers during our recent illness. We still need 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 Looy's, to our Diocesan Delegates and especially to all our faithful parishioners. God bless you all.

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