

PASTOR'S REPORT 1988

It hardly seems possible that another year has passed. The time passes so quickly and there is still so much to accomplished. This has indeed been a very busy and gratifying year. There has been a steady spritual growth as well as an increased awareness of all our people towards their responsibility to serve God through His church. To this goal we thank God for all of His many gifts and ask his continued blessing upon 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. Armenian Christmas Day Celebration with Hartford and celebrated in Hartford.
2. Women's Saints Day with Springfield & Hartford celebrated in Hrtfd.
3. Lenten Services & Lectures on the theme "Come follow me".
4. Martyrs Day commemoration with Hrtfrd. & Sprngfld. celebrated in Hrfd.
5. American Christmas eve with special service for all in English.
6. Grave Blessings on Memorial Day.
7. Ordination of four of our altar servers to the Deaconate. Stephan Der Margosian, Paul Abrahamian, Charles Mazadoorian and David Buttero.

Educational

1. An on-going deacon's training program, to further the knowledge of our deacons and to enable them to more effectively serve the church.
2. Lectures at the DRE in New York on the Psalms.
3. Several lectures to the Clergy Association on Karabagh and Armenian History.
4. Lectures to Non-Armenian organizations in connection with the earthquake drive.
5. Appearances and interviews on TV and Radio in connection with the earthquake disaster.

Administrative

1. Published the Church Bulletin
2. Meetings in New York with the Bishop
3. Regional Assembly meeting
4. Clergy Conference in Cambridge.
5. Meeting with all the various organizations and committees of our church.

Outreach

1. Took an active part in the NBRAC Clergy Association and served on the committee for the city interdenominational service.
2. Served on the committee for food for the needy of our city.
3. Prepared an article for the clergy corner of the N. B. Herald.
4. Through the cooperation of the Women's Guild hosted the Clergy Breakfast.

Pastoral

1. Hospital Visitations (26)
2. Home Visitations (34)
3. Counseling
4. Sacraments (2) Weddings, (10) Baptisms, (3) Funerals.
5. Home Blessings (7)

Things still to be done:

1. Establish Armenian School for the Children. We need teachers.
2. Develop a plan to utilize the Cultural Center.

We thank all of the organizations and committees, their chairpersons and workers, for their cooperation and hard work throughout the year. A special thanks to our hard-working Parish Council Chairman, Peter Bagdigian Jr for a service very well rendered to our church and community. Last but not least thank you to the choir, its directors and organists and our deacons for their unselfish devotion and service to our church. God bless you all and may all our endeavors be bless with success.