

1976 Pastor Report

The most important aspect of my service was in spiritually consoling our people and enlightening them in the way of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the teachings of our sacred traditions. The main consolation to all of us was in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. With few exceptions, a spiritual message was given in Armenian and English each Sunday and on appropriate occasions.

There was counselling of all who sought my advice, young and old, church members and non-members.

During 1976 there were: baptisms - 1; marriages - 2; funerals - 4. On occasion I was called to Washington, DC but I am pleased to report that a priest has been assigned to that parish. I performed one marriage in Washington last year.

The following is a list of my activities in our community and with church related organizations...

- 1 - presiding over, working with committee members and coordinating the scheduling and activities of all of our organizations. A regular reporting was given in each Sevan issue. The most satisfying was the beginning and continual progress of the Armenian School.
- 2 - arranging the visit of the Diocesan Armenian School director.
- 3 - teaching the children during the summer months about our faith.
- 4 - arrangements and preparation in celebrating: a - the five major feast days and their traditional ceremonies. b - other occasions with dinner-programs such as Vartanantz, Martyr's Day, Church Name Day.
- 5 - aiding those on the Boy's Club, State Fair and Food Festival committees.
- 6 - assisting students in writing papers on our religion and history.
- 7 - arrangements for 20th anniversary celebration with the Primate's

visit plus the newspaper and television coverage and interview.

8 - arrangement for the sewing of a new vestment and other vestment articles.

9 - showing of the film, "Armenian Case" in the church hall and also on television. Also the newspaper publicity and article.

10 - beginning of an adult educational class

11 - meeting with a Diocesan Council member with the parish council

12 - printing of special booklets, circulars, Sevan and the endless correspondence.

The following are some of the activities in the Richmond, community--

1 - our display at the Israeli Showcase

2 - Joint Thanksgiving services at which I was called upon to deliver the sermon.

This coming year we look forward to the growth of the Armenian School, religious studies group, Sunday School and choir.