

Pastor's Report

Dear Parishioners

It's only a short time that I am with You. It seems that there is nothing to say or to report. But that is not true.

I came to Midwest at the end of September. It's already four months that I live, pray and work with you.

The following will be my four month report :

1. Religious Services & Sacraments:

a. One Baptism in our church.

b. One Wedding in our church.

2. Morning Service & Divine Liturgy :

Almost every Sunday we have had Morning Service at 9:45 a.m. after which Divine Liturgy has followed at 10:00 a.m.

Sermons were delivered by me both in Armenian and in English languages.

3. Hospital Visitations :

I visited the sick at Trinity Memorial Hospital during the weekdays. Sometimes along with the prayer of healing upon the ill Holy Communion was administered to them.

4. Home Visitations :

During this joyous Christmas Season I was given the opportunity to visit the houses to bless them and at the same time to talk with the family members.

I want to thank Mr. Kerovpe Balian, the Loosarar of our church who accompanied me and helped me a lot. I still have many houses to visit.

A pastor should at least visit his parishioners twice a year.

5. Sunday School :

Our Sunday School was reopened and all children of our parish were

invited to participate the program each Sunday under the superintendence of Terry Peterson. All parents should realize the importance of this school and bring their children to the church. Our young generation should increase their knowledge of our faith.

6. Armenian School :

Armenian School too was reopened and a flyer was sent to all parents who have children. This school under the superintendence of Grace Hajinian is getting more and more organized. The number of the students can be increased when the parents begin to realize that this school has a big role in nurturing and educating our children with the spirit of our forefathers.

7. Choir :

Since my first visit I noticed that we have a nice choir. We have had many choir rehearsals during which they have been practicing fragments from Divine Liturgy. They have been taught several armenian folk songs. Rehearsals will continue very soon and materials are already available.

8. Altar Servers :

Although they are few in number but they are dedicated. They have had several rehearsals in the past but that is not enough. They will continue their work. They should be taught how to read and sing, and how to perform the ceremony and so forth. We still need other altar servers.

9. ACYQA Seniors :

Our Senior youth has been active during my four month residence in Midwest. I was invited to read a lecture for them about the Divine Liturgy. The group is planning to have more and various activities in the near future.

10. Parish Council :

I want to extend my special thanks to the Parish Council for their service rendered to me and to my family. They made all the arrangements for us to move to Midwest. I appreciate their sacrifice and devotion to their church & nation.

I already worked with them for a short time. I hope we will be working together diligently for the growth and flourishing of our church and of our people.

11. Women's Guild :

Our ladies have been very active. They have done a lot of appreciable work. Bake sale was only a dream which became a reality in a very short time. The result was very satisfactory. We owe this success to the diligent members who worked continuously very hard in order to make it a special and unique one. They will have other activities too, but first they have to increase the members, the dedicated workers.

Dear Parishioners, every individual has a talent, an ability which should be used for the benefit of mankind and shared with others in order to be meaningful and useful. The church needs us, and we need Her. Extend your hand to your church. Come, work, and be an active member, and the Almighty God will bless you and reward you infinitely.

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