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Mr. Chairman and Parishioners Of St. Mesrob Armenian Church.

Dear Members:

With God's Help, 1980 has past. This past year, as much as I could, I performed the spiritual duties for St. Mesrob.

I Know your needs for St. Mesrob and I am certain with the help of each of you, these needs will diminish. Therefore, cooperation and help are needed in order to overlook mistakes. These 2 are very important to the life of a parish - so that the parish can flourish and go ~~forward~~ ^{FORWARD} to the ultimate goal that the Armenian Church stands for. If this is not to be, the parish will fail and I am certain that the Parish of St. Mesrob is following the above 2 important factors.

I divide my report into 2 parts:

A - Suggestions

B - Sacrements

Suggestions:

- 1 - If there is any disagreements between families - this should not stop anyone from coming to Church and should try to forgive and forget. Everyone has an important place in the parish.
- 2 - There should be activity on New Year's Eve. Not only will this help the Church financially in this time of inflation but it also brings families together and will help reduce the chance of accidents.
- 3 - The Parish Council should have a meeting twice a year with all the Church organizations so that they can help if there is any need.
- 4 - There must be cultural programs.

- 5 - It is important to cooperate with the visiting or permanent clergy. Individual workings are not successful and is not beneficial to the parish and we all know we are under Diocesan law and we must ~~repeat it,~~ ^{RESPECT}
- 6 - The youth of St. Mesrob must always find the doors of the Church open to them. - No exceptions. A day or evening must be designated so that they can come and use the hall with their non-Armenian friends. Of course, they must abide by the Parish laws and should have a sponsor present.
- 7 - The Parish letter should be continued because it is the mouth of the Church.
- 8 - The fees of the members and non-members must be performed and respected.
- 9 - The membership dues should be increased because of inflation.
- 10 - The Parish should form a calendar with non-Church organizations such as: The Knights of Vartan, The Daughters of Vartan and the A.G.B.U., so that the affairs will not conflict with each other.
- 11 - If one belongs to a non-Church organization, it should not keep them from attending Church. This would be hypocritical.
- 12 - You must encourage any affair given by the youth of the Church, be it the Choir, Sunday School or A.C.Y.O.A.


Sacraments:

- 4 Weddings
- 10 Funerals (One - Father Jirayr Tashjian)
- 4 Baptisms
- 14 Divine Liturgies

Visiting nursing homes, hospitals and parishioners' homes.
Memorial Day blessing of graves - Graceland Cemetery.

Dear Friends: I conclude my short report with a thank you and I am happy that you have cooperated with me and are attending Church regularly. I pray God to grant all of you good health and to continue your good work for the benefit of St. Mesrob.

Prayerfully,


Very Rev. Varoujan Dz. V. Kabaradjian

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