

FATHER'S REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Esteemed Parish Council and parish members, Glory to Jesus Christ!

This past year I've completed my 20th year of ordination as a priest, 28 years from diaconate and seven years as your Pastor. I believe we've done fairly well in placing the parish on a good footing with your wonderful generosity and support.

I believe we've weathered our obstacles to continued progress; and look forward to the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of our founding and the newer generations further continuation.

I thank all of you who work for the Church and its wellbeing from the P.C. to the Cantors, Choir and Ladies' Auxiliary, my Altar servers, the Sunday School teachers and especially our "little flowers" the Sunday School kids, to Prifteasa and my family and to many individuals. God bless you all!

During the past year we had nine funerals in the Church and two in the funeral home; two baptisms of babies, one older child, one adult and one chrismation of Adam Kindilien, and one wedding - Krystal Scinto and Ryan Kelly. That's not very encouraging. But we already have four baptisms and one wedding scheduled for this year. I would love to see many more of these happy occasions.

As I've said quite often, I've been very fulfilled in my post. But I do have four disappointments of uncompletion: 1. that I've not been able to increase weekday participation in the services; 2. that I've not been able to bring back so many of the "absent generation"; 3. that I've not been able to encourage more of our people to participate in adult religious education and last but far from least, 4. that we haven't been able to have a youth organization. All of these have to be worked on and hopefully will be seriously addressed by the parish.

I thank you for the love and support these many years.

Respectfully submitted,
V. Rev. Fr. George M. Coca

Names of the departed: Radu Rusu, Dr. Dragos Cucu, George Geamabazi, Florence Costulas, Spiro Malisory, Christy Mallios, Florence Sota Godin, Nishi Panaitescu, Mark Carabina and Catherine Mustaka Goulette, Barbara Becea Danczek