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### Pastoral thoughts

God addresses His living Word to His believers. It shouldn't stay unanswered. All of us have our own approaches and interpretations about it according to our God given graces. God's creature is powerful and strong with graces God gives him/her. Our life itself is an area of the spiritual activities first of all because divine graces are for spiritual service. There are lots of things to do in this life but as the apostle Paul says: "Everything is permissible," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible," but not everything is edifying." (1 Corinthians 6-12)

The faith will be the greatest answer towards God's call. The faith always keeps you with God. It's with you when you feel strong and successful and also it's with you when you feel weak and failed in your mission, bodily and spiritually. We are allowed to do everything and the choice is ours. But the thing is when you do something wrong you feel guilty and like you haven't done anything but when you do something good, big or small it brings you spiritual satisfaction which makes you feel the communication between you and God.

Our attitude towards phenomena surrounding us is very important. It is a vivid reflection of our approaches. We act according to our wishes and feelings which give a special and unique appearance to our essence. Any kind of demonstration is an answer to God's call because when we do something we do it with the feeling of responsibility to make a decision between good and bad. It's not easy to refuse sinful desires.

Hunger for God's Word is incompatible with the desire for sin. That's why the apostle Peter calls us to reject sinful desires—they are deadly obstructions to a healthy biblical truth. He writes, "Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." (1 Peter 2:1-2)

With Love of Crist  
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

## **Parish Notes**

### **CONDOLENCES**

*Our condolences to the Davidian Family on the recent passing of Charlie and Chris Davidian and Deanne Farris' son, Garitt Davidian of Washington. He entered his eternal rest on October 3, 2019. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

### **ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS**

- *October 13 – the children of Sylvia Davidian in memory of their mother*
- *October 13 – Richard, Kohar, JoAnn and Michael Sheklian in memory of their parents Haig and Bertha Sheklian*
- *October 20 – Mari Louise Menendian in memory of Jim McOmish*
- *October 20 – Myron, Debbie, Christopher and Melissa Sheklian in memory of Rose Sheklian*
- *October 20 – the Mikaelian and Agnew Families in memory of Mike Mikaelian*
- *October 27 – Gerard and Sylvia Garoian in memory of family members*

### **HOKEHANKIST**

- *October 13 – Sylvia Davidian, four years after her passing, requested by her children*
- *October 13 – Bertha Sheklian, one year after her passing and Haig Sheklian, fifty-five years after his passing, requested by Richard, Kohar, JoAnn and Michael Sheklian*
- *October 20 – Jim McOmish, four years after his passing, requested by Mari Louise Menendian*
- *October 20 – Rose Sheklian, one year after her passing, requested by Myron, Debbie, Christopher and Melissa Sheklian*
- *October 20 – Mike Mikaelian, forty days after his passing, requested by the Mikaelian and Agnew Families*
- *October 27 – Kurken and Satenig Garoian, Mugerdich and Cheristan Bezdigian, Diran and Zanazan Garoian Edward and Gladys Tejerian, Mildred Tejerian and Tom Tejerian Requested by Gerard and Sylvia Garoian*

### **HOKEHANKIST (Repose of Soul) DONATIONS**

*(September 25, 2019 – October 29, 2019)*

- *October 27 – Sandra Gostanian in memory of Humayak Simonian and Isabelle Simonian Kazanjian for May 26, 2019 Simonian Family Reunion*
- *October 27 – Joseph and Rosalie Garabedian in memory of Humayak Simonian and Isabelle Simonian Kazanjian for May 26, 2019 Simonian Family Reunion*
- *October 27 for – Janes Tebbets and Family in memory of Humayak Simonian and Isabelle Simonian Kazanjian for May 26, 2019 Simonian Family Reunion*
- *October 27 – Dick and Mary Nikssarian in memory of Simonian and Nikssarian Family Members for May 26, 2019 Simonian Family Reunion*
- *October 27 – Simonian Family Members in memory of Simonian Family for May 26, 2019 Simonian Family Reunion*
- *October 27 – Gerard and Sylvia Garoian in memory of family members for May 26, 2019 Simonian Family Reunion*

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Armenian Shish-Kabob Luncheon**

*The Ways & Means Committee sponsored the luncheon on Sunday, October 6, at the Elks Lodge in Visalia. We changed the menu from lamb to beef filet, and this seemed to be well received. The number of meals served was 615, down from 685 in 2018. A report of income will follow when available. The Faith of Zion organization sold sarma and pastries during the luncheon and reportedly did well. The Committee wishes to thank all who helped prepare and serve at the event. Your help is greatly appreciated.*

*Jim Soxman*

### **BEEF SHISH KABOB FOR SALE**

*Ways and Means has Beef Shish Kabob for Sale. There are four skewers per package for \$20. If you wish to purchase, please contact the church office at (559) 528-6892. Make check payable to St. Mary Armenian Church.*

## ***Ladies Society News***

*Looking for something special for the holidays? Want to amaze your family and friends? Now is your chance! Learn to bake kurabia (shakarlamam) cookies with just three ingredients, butter, sugar, and flour and wow everyone.*

*Ladies Society is offering this unique baking class Saturday, November 2, 10:00 a.m. at the Majarian Hall. For just \$20, you will learn to bake like the pros and take cookies home with you. Invite your family and friends to join you. Everyone is welcomed.*

*Our annual Holiday Bazaar is coming up Sunday, December 8. This festive event offers delicious homemade Armenian delicacies and hand crafted one of a kind items. This is an event you won't want to miss!*

*Birthday wishes for November goes out to Margie Lynn Davidian and Sylvia Yahnian. We wish them both God's blessings.*

*Sadly, we offer our condolences to member Hasmik Enfiedjian for the loss of her mother Mary Enkababian. Mary was a faithful member of our Ladies Society for 19 years. She graciously volunteered her time for the benefit of our organization. Her smile, hugs, and generosity will be missed. May she rest in peace.*

*The date of our next general meeting is Saturday, November 2. This is our election meeting of new board members and special committees. Its important that all members be there.*

*This Thanksgiving season, I reflect on the people I am thankful that are in my life. Most importantly, I am thankful for my husband Mark and my son Ben. They both support and encourage me to be involved with church activities and organizations. I am thankful for my Ladies Society executive board, Der Zaven, Gina Ananian, Annie Davidian, Donna Torosian, Julie Poochigian, Madlien Hebesia, and Margie L. Davidian. They are all an amazing group of people who work enthusiastically together. I am thankful for all the members of the Ladies Society who unselfishly give of their time for the benefit of our church. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. I pray God's blessings to you.*

*With God's love and guidance,  
Linda Farsakian-Wall  
Chairlady*

*Ladies Society (elections) meeting will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 in the Majarian Hall. Exec. 11:00/ Gen. 11:30 am*

*ACYO will be sponsoring fellowship on Sunday, November 3, 2019 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.*

*Ways and Means Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at Ryan's in Visalia at 6:00 p.m.*

*Please come join in and help the Ladies Society make Kufta in the Majarian Hall on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!*

*Faith of Zion will be sponsoring fellowship on Sunday, November 17, 2019 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.*

*Faith of Zion meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at church.*

*ACYO meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at church.*

*Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.*

*ACYO is offering Christmas Decorating. They will come to your house and do it for you! (See flyer)*

*Ladies Society 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2019 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall. (See flyer)*

*ACYO Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2018 at Bowlero in Visalia at 5:00 p.m. (Election of New Officers)*

### ***Save the Date:***

*St. Mary Armenian Church Armenian Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020 sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee. Special Christmas program presented by the Sunday School students. Look for more information in the coming weeks.*

*Sunday School meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. during the school year. Welcome all children!*

*Armenian Language classes are still available for our parishioners. If you are interested, please contact the church office at (559) 528-6892 or Fr. Zaven at (818) 644-9398.*

*Armenian Apostolic Church Hymns CD performed by Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan is available for distribution and all the donations will go to St. Mary Yettem.*

*ACYO is selling Reusable Bags for \$5 each, St. Mary Yettem Hats for \$12 each and Yettem shirts for \$10 each. Please see any ACYO member for questions or to purchase.*

**ST. MARY MEMORIAL WALL**  
*There is room for 40 new names to be added to the Memorial Wall Column on the south wall. The cost for each name is \$200. Order forms are available in the church office or at the desk as you enter the church. If you wish to participate, or have questions concerning the Memorial Wall, call Jim Soxman at (559) 733-8741 or (559) 936-2227. Jim Soxman, Ways and Means Chairman*

**COOKBOOK**  
*By popular demand, a second edition of the "Treasured Recipes from the Garden of Eden" has been made available. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, call the church office at (559) 528-6892 or Debbie Sheklian at (559) 733-4417. The cost of the cookbook is \$30 or \$30 plus shipping if mailed.*

**DVD SET FOR SALE:** *St. Mary Armenian Church, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, July 2, 2011. DVD set is \$25.00 and can be purchased by calling the church office at (559) 528-6892. A \$6.00 charge for*

*shipping and handling will be added to the price if you would like one mailed to you. (Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee)*

*The "Armenian Genocide Survivors and Heroes" book can be purchased for \$40 at the St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church Office. Copies can be mailed for an additional cost. Call the church office at (559) 528-6892 for details.*

*The St. Mary Armenian Church webpage at [www.stmaryyettem.org](http://www.stmaryyettem.org) includes archived copies of church bulletins, pictures from events, a current church calendar, and an improved LIVE Camera System. View services on any desktop, laptop, or tablet!*

**PAYPAL**

*You may access PayPal through the St. Mary Yettem web-site ([www.stmaryyettem.org](http://www.stmaryyettem.org)) and click on the "Donation" button on the bottom of the Home Page. You may donate for General Donations, Yughakins, Pledges, Membership Dues, In Lieu of Flowers, or pay for Altar Flowers you have ordered on behalf of the Church.*

*To St. Mary Parishioners: The Parish Council would like to invite any parishioner who may have concerns or questions with anything dealing with Church affairs. The Parish Council meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. To be placed on the agenda of the meeting, please contact Der Zaven at (818) 644-9398 or Bea Soxman Parish Council Chairperson at (559) 623-2390.*

*To St. Mary Parishioners: If you know of anyone ill or in the hospital, please call Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan at the Church Office (559) 528-6892 or his cell (818) 644-9398. St. Mary Armenian Apostolic church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, from 9:30 -2:30.*

# St. Mary Armenian Church, Yettem

## November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	<b>2 All Saints Day</b> Ladies Society Unique Baking Class at 10 :00 am Ladies Society (elections) meeting in the Majarian Hall. Exec. 11:00/Gen. 11:30 am
<b>3 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Enthronement of H.H. Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians</b> Fellowship/ACYO	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>10</b> Sunday School meets	<b>11 Veteran's Day</b>	<b>12</b> Ways and Means meeting at Ryan's in Visalia at 6:00 pm.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Please come join in and help the Ladies Society make Kufta in the Majarian Hall at 9:00 am Everyone Welcome!
<b>17</b> Barekandan of the Fast of Advent Fellowship/Faith of Zion Faith of Zion meeting at church ACYO meeting at church	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Presentation of the Holy Mother-of-God to the Temple Parish Council meeting in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Sunday School meets	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>29</b> ACYO start to decorate homes	<b>30</b>

### Sunday Schedule:

Morning Service (Matins) 9:45 AM  
 Divine Liturgy – 10:30 AM

### Father Zaven can be reached at:

559-528-6892 - Office  
 559-528-6897 - FAX  
 818-644-9398 - Cell

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PILGRIMAGE TO ARMENIA

JUNE 2020



For more information call to the church office

(559)528-6892

# Christmas Decorating

Need help decorating your house Christmas?

ACYO will come to your house and do it for you!

Indoor or outdoor? No problem!



Let us know when you would like it done  
and we will schedule a time to come out.

Please contact:  
Dustin Vartanian at (559) 623-3520

Donations are  
appreciated.



# Christmas Bazaar



**St. Mary Armenian Church**

**Ladies Society 5th Annual Holiday  
Christmas Bazaar**

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

In the Majarian Hall following Divine Liturgy

**Luncheon:**

**\$12.00 for adults**

**\$ 8.00 for children 10 and under**



**Country Store,  
raffle, and live auction!**

**We will also have kufta and manti  
for sale!**







# Family Fun Night



Photos by Gina Ananian



# Shish Kebab Fundraiser October 6, 2019



Photos by Mark Wall



# Campout and Sunrise Service October 11-12



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