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Yettem, California

Pastoral thoughts

This time of year shouldn't be just an ordinary period for a believer. It should be full with spiritual thoughts about our behavior and Christian image. The best way to organize our fasting period is to follow biblical events. This gives us a complete idea about the consequences of human behaviors and how we can confess and direct our outlook toward God and the salvation of our souls. It's a whole process which requires striving toward perfection through prayer and confession.

The biblical events our church fathers have defined for Great Lent perfectly describe human being's comprehension about spirituality in general. All proverbs and biblical passages describe human desires and their consequences. It shows us how human being can damage the normal and natural processes of life.

All conditions are provided in the church during this period for believers to live and to realize the burden of sin. It shows us how Adam and Eve sinned and how God put them out of the Garden of Eden where previously they were enjoying God's presence. All kinds of thoughts about Great Lent are summed up in this idea. By closing the curtains of the Holy Altar we deprive ourselves of divine presence, and are given forty days to expiate our sins and to be worthy children of God.

Chosen parables for this fasting period show the best ways for the redemption of sins while pointing out moral and virtuous demonstrations which can help believers in their forty day journey. During the Great Lent period we assume penance, repentance and abstinence about everything; eating, talking and behaving in general. These are all very important to implement useful and successful fasting.

One more time I would like to invite you all to come and join us on Wednesday evenings for Lenten evening services, where also we will have discussions about certain spiritual thoughts and feelings about fasting.

With Love of Christ
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

Parish Notes

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Richard Combs on the recent passing of his uncle, Keith "Pete" Cottingham who entered his eternal rest on February 8, 2019 and his aunt, Gladys Pelorian Cottingham who entered her eternal rest on February 26, 2019.

Charlie and Christine Davidian, Jeff and Melynda Baskovich and Family on the recent passing of Rachel Alysse Baskovich (Charlie and Christine's granddaughter) of Washington who entered her eternal rest at the young age of 14 on March 15, 2019.

The Family of Laura Dedekian who entered her eternal rest on March 15, 2019.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families.

HOKEHANKIST REQUEST

● *March 17 – Rachel Alysse Baskovich, requested by Charlie and Christine Davidian*

ALTAR FLOWER DONATION

● *March 3 – Brian and Adrienne Poochigian in honor of their son, Jackson's 5th birthday*

Food Festival Note

On March 9, 19 amazing women, 1 anooshig little girl, and 1 brave man gathered in our parish hall to roll yalanchi and make crescent cookies for the May Food Festival. In three hours, we rolled 1500 yalanchies and made 868 crescent cookies. As our fingers worked hard, we laughed, told jokes, and shared stories. The time went by so quickly it hardly felt liked we worked. Thank you to the volunteers, our amazing women, Renee Yahnian, Debbie Sheklian, Bea Soxman, Gina Ananian, Madlien Hebesha, Sadie

Derrick, Tina Peters, Rosemary Margosian, Yn. Adrine Markosyan, Sandra Vartanian, Hasmik Enfiedjian, Mary Enfiedjian, Lillian Barsamian, Maile Melkonian, Marlene Majarian, Colleen Majarian, Chrissy (Majarian) Carlson, Alissa (Carlson) Taylor, Sharon (Majarian) Luisi, our brave man John Kalfayan, and our anooshig Lilly Taylor. So, get ready to break out your wallets because these delicious delicacies will go fast!

*Thank you to all that helped,
Margie L. Davidian & Linda Farsakian-Wall
Co-Chairs Food Festival Baked Goods*

Ladies Society Paint Nite

What a successful event we had! Who knew we had so many artists in our community? The night was filled with laughter and shared good times with family and friends. The night started with visiting with friends, delicious food, and a glass of wine. All which made painting easier! Each of the attendees painted a tree set on the back drop of a meadow and a bridge crossing the water. Our instructor Denise made painting easy and fun. Within 2 hours, we had our painted masterpieces which we took home to enjoy. We want to thank our volunteers who donated food and drinks for the event, Gina Ananian, Elizabeth Ananian, Madlien Hebesha, Judy Skaff, Yn. Adrine Markosyan, Debbie Sheklian, and Marlene Majarian. This special event raised over \$500 for Ladies Society. Thank you all who participated and donated. A special thank you to Judy Skaff for organizing the event. Can't wait until our next event!

*Linda Farsakian-Wall,
Ladies Society Chairlady*

*Wednesday Souper Suppers at 6:00 p.m.,
Lenten Evening Services at 6:30 p.m.*

**THIS IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE
SOUPER SUPPERS**

April 3 and April 10

Ladies Society Lenten meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 in the Majarian Hall. Executive 11:00, General 11:30 a.m.

ACYO meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at church.

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Ways and Means Committee Bake Sale will be held on Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 after Divine Liturgy. (See flyer)

Sunday School meets on April 14th and April 28th. Sunday School meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. Welcome all children!

ACYO Easter Luncheon will be held on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall. Sunday School will have a program during the luncheon.

2019 Armenian Genocide Commemoration Central California Events, Wednesday, April 24, 2019. (See flyer)

*St. Mary Yettem presents...
LAS VEGAS IN YETTEM
Casino Night will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 in the Majarian Hall at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Ways and Means Committee. (See flyer)*

April 28, 2019 after Divine Liturgy there will be conducted a special service for the Armenian Genocide Saints at the Genocide Monument. Fellowship to follow, sponsored by Faith of Zion.

The 42nd Annual Armenian Food Festival will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the Visalia Elks Lodge. (See flyer)

GRADUATION season is here once again. We would like to acknowledge our graduates in the May 2019 issue of YETTEM. Accordingly, you are asked to submit the names, pertinent information and a photo to the Church Office no later than Friday, April 19, 2019.

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.

The St. Mary Armenian Church webpage at 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) 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: 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.

If you wish to place any information in the monthly Bulletin, please notify the church office by the 20th of month

St. Mary Armenian Church, Yettem

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Souper Supper & Lenten Service at 6pm	4	5	6 Ladies Society Lenten Luncheon meeting in the Majarian Hall. Exec. 11:00 Gen. 11:30 am ACYO Reclaim Youth Conference at the Western Diocese
7 6th Sunday of the Lent (Advent) ACYO meeting at church	8	9	10 Souper Supper & Lenten Service at 6pm	11 Parish Council meeting in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 pm	12	13
14 Palm Sunday Sunday School meets Ways and Means Bake Sale	15	16	17	18 Great & Holy Thursday Services at 9:45 am Morning Service 10:30 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Service of the Washing of the feet 8:00 pm Service of the Betrayal & Sufferings of our Lord	19 Great & Holy Friday Services at 6:00 pm Service of the Entombment & Solemn Procession at St. Mary, Yettem	20 ACYO setting up the hall for Easter at 10:00 am Holy Saturday Easter Eve Services at 5:00 pm Evening Service 5:30 pm Easter Eve Divine Liturgy
21 Easter Easter Services 9:45 Morning Service 10:30 Divine Liturgy ACYO Easter Luncheon after Easter Services SS program during luncheon	22 Remembrance of the dead	23	24 Feast of the Holy martyrs of the Armenian Genocide Armenian Genocide 104th Anniversary	25	26	27 Las Vegas in Yettem Casino Night in the Majarian Hall at 6:30 pm
28 New Sunday Sunday School meets Special Service after Divine Liturgy for the Armenian Genocide Saints at the Genocide Monument	29	30				

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

Ways and Means Committee announces.

Bake Sale

Sunday

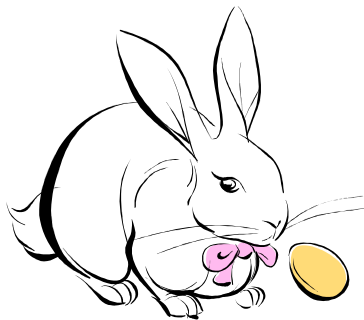
April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

*Immediately after the day's worship
your favorite Armenian delicacies*

will be available

- ✓ Cheoreg*
- ✓ Simit*
- ✓ Nazoog*
- ✓ Bread Sticks*
- ✓ Plus lots more*



ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH LADIES SOCIETY

REMINDER

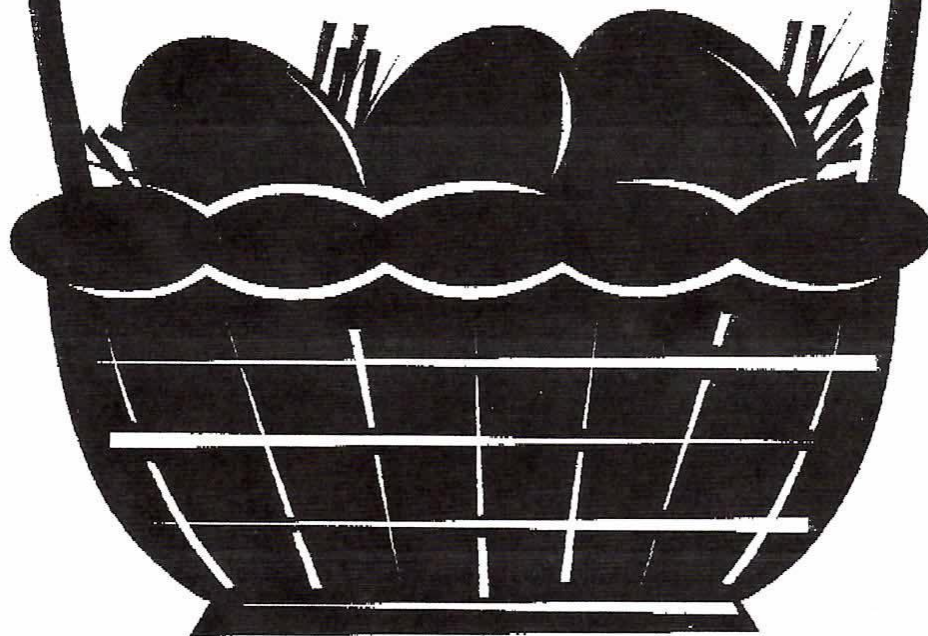
PLEASE BRING

**1 DOZEN
COLORED EASTER EGGS**

**TO CHURCH ON EASTER
SUNDAY**

Be part of this lively

***EASTER
TRADITION***





St. Mary Armenian Church ACYO

Annual Easter Luncheon

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Immediately following church services in the Majarian Hall

**Delicious ‘Filet’ Beef—Kebab
Salad, Pilaf, Green Beans, Cheese Boreg,
Bread and Desserts**



Adults: \$20 per adult

Children 10 and under: \$12 per child

Tickets will be available at the door

-OR-

Reserved Seating is available with your advance payment

Fill out the bottom portion (front and back) and
send with your payment by Tuesday, April 16 2019 to:

ACYO—936 W. Hemlock Avenue, Visalia, CA 93277



ACYO Easter Luncheon—Reservations with Advance Payment

NAME _____ Phone # _____

_____ **Yes, I will attend the ACYO Easter Luncheon.**

Adult Ticket(s): _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

Children Ticket(s): _____ @ \$12 = \$ _____

My check is enclosed Payable to St. Mary ACYO for \$ _____

A table of Eight (8) can be reserved—if more seats are needed on the table please specify.

Please list the people you are paying for
and/or would like to sit with on **the back of this paper.**

Tricky Tray Basket Raffle

"Fun and Useful" items
will be available to try your luck!
\$10 for 26 tickets

If you would like to donate a basket for the Tricky Tray
Please contact Nancy Krikorian at
559-737-1055 or nancykriks@comcast.net

- Basket Ideas -

Movie Night	Coffee Lovers	Gardening Items
Summer Fun	Gift Cards	Bakers Delight
Princess/Barbie Items	Cars/Tractor Items	Candle/Spa Basket
Cross/Religious	Fishing/Camping	Dinner Out on the Town

AND.....AGAIN THIS YEAR....

50/50 Raffle... \$5 per Ticket

Split the Earnings and go home a Winner!

Easter Luncheon—Table #1.

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| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

Easter Luncheon—Table #2.

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2019 ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION CENTRAL CALIFORNIA EVENTS

—Wednesday, April 24, 2019—

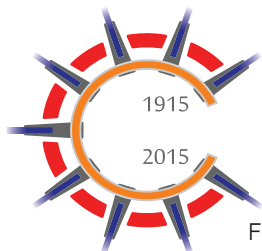
10am FLAG RAISING: ANC-CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street

12 noon FRESNO STATE-ARMENIAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION
Armenian Genocide Monument, Fresno State

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE OF FRESNO

Armenian Genocide Monument, Fresno State *[Relaxed Campus Parking in P1, P5 & P6]*

6pm Laying of Flowers
6:45pm Presentation of Flags
7pm Religious Service
7:30pm Civic Service
Keynote Speakers: Armenian Genocide Essay Competition Winners
High School and University Students
Remarks: Dr. Joseph Castro, Fresno State President

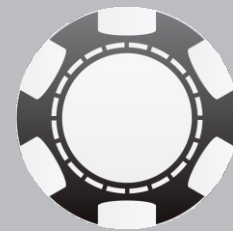


Armenian Genocide Centennial, Fresno Committee: The mission of the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee, Fresno is to honor the memory of the 1.5 million Armenians who perished at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish government beginning on April 24, 1915. The Committee is responsible for organizing commemorative programs and educating the community about the Armenian Genocide to prevent future genocides.

For a complete listing of events visit www.agcfresno.org  agcfresno  agcfresno@gmail.com  agccfresno



Gaming Tables
and
BINGO



St. Mary Yettem Presents



Las Vegas in Yettem



Come join us



Tricky Tray
Raffle
Drawings

No Host
Beer and Wine

Great
Prizes



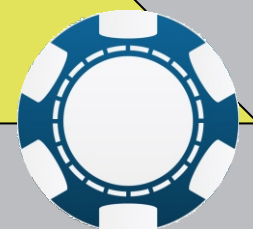
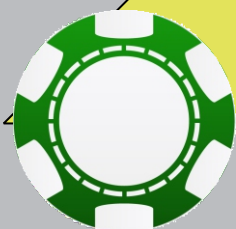
Table Sponsorships:

\$150.00 includes:
Sign posted on Gaming table
All night Mezza
2 entry tickets,
\$300.00 in Yettem Chips

\$40.00 in advance
\$50.00 at the door
Per Person Includes:
\$100.00 in Yettem Chips
All Night Mezza

For Tickets Call
Bea Soxman @ 623-2390
\$40.00 per person
before April 21

DATE: April 27th, 2019
TIME: 6:30 pm
PLACE: Church Hall



St. Mary Armenian Church of Yetteem

42nd ANNUAL

**ARMENIAN
FOOD FESTIVAL 2019**

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

VISALIA ELKS LODGE

(3100 W. Main – just east of County Center Dr.)

- MENU -

LULU KEBAB or CHICKEN KEBAB

RICE PILAF SALAD

BEVERAGE BOURMA

PEDA BREAD

Donation \$15.00

Per Person

Luncheon from 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Dinner from 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

DINE IN or DRIVE THRU TAKE-OUT

FIRST CLERGY CONFERENCE OF 2019 HELD AT THE WESTERN DIOCESE



With the participation of all Diocesan clergy, the first clergy conference of 2019, presided by the Primate His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, was held on Tuesday, February 26, the Feast Day of St. Ghevont the Priest and his companions, at the Headquarters of the Western Diocese in Burbank.

Administrative, organizational and pastoral matters were addressed and discussed during the opening session in which the Diocesan Primate emphasized the continuing ministerial mission of delivering the Word of God to our People. Youth involvement, service, and immersion in the life of the Church was another important topic of discussion.

DIVINE LITURGY ON THE FEAST OF ST. GHEOVONT THE PRIEST NEW DIOCESAN YOUTH TRADITION ESTABLISHED: 45 YOUNG ADULTS TAKE OATH TO SERVICE

With the participation of the Diocesan Clergy and faithful, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated at St. Leon (Srbots Ghevontiants) Armenian Cathedral on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. on the occasion of the Feast of St. Ghevont the Priest and his Companions (Ghevontiants).

Earlier this year, a beautiful tradition engaging the youth in the life of the Armenian Church was established by the Diocesan Primate Archbishop Hovnan Derderian at the Annual ACYO Assembly in San Francisco.

Themed Christian Faith and Motherland, each year, during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Ghevontiants, young adults would take an oath to selflessly serve the Armenian Apostolic Church and the Motherland and embrace and uphold the sanctity of the Armenian Christian Family.

In a ceremony led by the Primate and clergy, 45 young adults from parishes across the Western Diocese took the oath, vowing to serve the Armenian Apostolic Church and the Motherland with unrelenting dedication and enduring affection. Certificates of Recognition were distributed to the participants.

ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH YETTEM

HORS D'OEUVRES, PAINTING AND FUN...
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FIELD TRIP

St. Mary Sunday School at the Visalia Fire Station
March 24, 2019



Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ



The Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ or the Easter Feast is one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Church. The main origin of the feast is the following.

Following the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ His body was taken off the cross and placed into the tomb and the entrance to the tomb was closed by a large stone and the soldiers were ordered to control the entrance to the tomb. After three days the three women, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the Mother of James and Joseph, and the wife of Zebedee brought spices and perfumes to anoint the body of Jesus. They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, so they went in but they didn't see the body of the Lord. They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly two angels dressed in white appeared and said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here, he has been raised" (Lk 24:5-6). Christ rose from the dead, by means of His Death He destroyed Death and granted eternal life. "I am the Resurrection and I am the Life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (Jn 11:25).

Christ died for the salvation of mankind and by His Blood took away the sin in the world, so that we should inherit eternal life.

The Armenian Church celebrates the Easter Feast on the first Sunday following the full moon of the vernal equinox, with 35 days moveability, during the period from March 21 –April 26.

The Armenian Church traditionally celebrates evening Divine Liturgy on the evening prior to Jesus Christ's Glorious Resurrection (Easter). Following the conclusion of the Liturgy, the assembled faithful take lit candles home, symbolizing the Light that Christ brought into the world. The Divine Liturgy celebrated on the eve is the start of the festive ceremonies.

On Sunday, the day of the feast, a morning service is conducted the Andastan Service is performed wherein the four corners of the world are blessed, afterwards the Divine Liturgy is celebrated. That day the faithful welcome each other on the occasion of the Glorious Resurrection of Christ conveying the great tiding: "Christ is Risen from the dead" and receive the answer: "Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ."

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Yetter, California 93670

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