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Yetem, California

Pastoral thoughts

Several weeks ago we celebrated the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. After Easter Sunday during the next fifty days, each and every day should be the same for us with the same feelings and enthusiasm. It's a period for us when we should continue to remain in prayer waiting for the Lord's promise: "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever" (John 14:16)

Our church conducts various celebrations after Easter Sunday for about fifty days, which lead believers during this whole period. New Sunday right after Easter Sunday, Green Sunday, Sunday of the World Church, Red Sunday, Apparition of the Holy Cross and Second Palm Sunday. Each and every Sunday has a very special message for us.

Green Sunday symbolizes blooming of the church established by Jesus Christ, Red Sunday reminds us about the sacrifice which has been done for our salvation, Sunday of the Apparition of the Holy Cross inspires us with everlasting hope which in the mean time strengthens our faith with the sign of the triumphant Holy Cross.

With these kinds of expectations and prayers we join our Lord, the Resurrected Jesus Christ during His triumphant entry in to Heavenly Jerusalem one more time singing again: "Hosanna (Praise God)! Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the Name of the Lord" (John 12:13).

Eventually on June 9th we will commemorate the Feast of the Pentecost which is the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the fiftieth day following the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Feast of the Pentecost is a consolation for the soul of a believer. It is the realization and fulfilment of the last promise of our Lord which in turn inspires us with presence of God among us. With this joyful occasion we wish you rich spiritual life with abundant graces of Holy Spirit.

With love of Christ
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

Հովվական

Մի քանի շաբաթ առաջ մենք տոնեցինք մեր Տիրոջ Հիսուս Քրիստոսի Հրաշափառ Հարության տոնը: Հարության կիրակիից հետո հիսուն օրերի ընթացքում ամեն օր պետք է ունենա նույն ոգևորությունը մեզ համար, նույն զգացողություններով և խանդավառությամբ: Հարությանը հաջորդող հիսուն օրերը մի շրջան է մեզ համար, երբ մենք պետք է շարունակենք մնալ աղոթքի մեջ՝ սպասելով տիրոջ խոստմանը: <<Ես Հորը կխնդրեմ, և նա ձեզ ուրիշ օգնական կտա, որպեսզի այն հավիտյան ձեզ հետ մնա>> (<Նովիաննես 14:16)

Մեր եկեղեցին Հարության կիրակիից հետո շարունակում է տոնակատարությունները, որոնք ուղղորդվում են մասնավոր պատգամներով: Նոր կիրակի, Կանաչ կիրակի (Աշխարհամատրան կիրակի), Կարմիր կիրակի, Խաչի Երևման տոն, Երկրորդ Ծաղկազարդ և այլն: Ամեն մեկ կիրակի ունի շատ կարևոր պատգամ հավատացյալների համար:

Նոր կիրակին մեկ անգամ ևս հիշեցնում է մեզ Հրաշափառ Հարությամբ մեր կյանքի նորոգման մասին, Կանաչ կիրակին խորհրդանշում է Տիրոջ՝ Հիսուս Քրիստոսի կողմից հիմնված եկեղեցու ծաղկումը, Կարմիր կիրակին հիշեցնում է այն զոհողության մասին, որն արվեց մեր փրկության համար, Խաչի Երևման տոնը մեզ ներշնչում է մշտական հույսով, որը նաև ամրացնում է մեր հավատքը հաղթական Խաչի նշանով:

Այսպիսի սպասումներով և աղոթքներով միանում ենք մեր Տերոջը՝ հարություն առած Հիսուս Քրիստոսին Իր Երկնավոր Երուսաղեմ հաղթական մուտքի ժամանակ մեկ անգամ ևս երգելով. <<Ովսաննա Դաւիթի Որդուն, օրհնեալ է Տիրոջ անունով եկողը>>:

Վերջապես հունիս իննին մենք կտոնակատարենք Սուրբ Հոգու Գալստյան տոնը, որը տեղի ունեցավ Հարության հիսուներորդ օրը:

Սուրբ Հոգու Գալուստը մխիթարություն է հավատավոր հոգիների համար: Այն մեր Տիրոջ Հիսուս Քրիստոսի վերջին խոստման իրականացումն է, որն իր հերթին ներշնչում է մեզ Աստծո ներկայությամբ, որի առիթով բոլորիդ մաղթում ենք հարուստ հոգևոր կյանք լի Սուրբ Հոգու շնորհներով:

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Parish Notes

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP
THE JUNE 2019 BULLETIN IS
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IN MEMORY OF
HER BELOVED HUSBAND,
JOHN MARANIAN

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Rose Marie Margosian and Family on the recent passing of her husband George who entered his eternal rest on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

HOKEHANKIST (Repose of Soul)

DONATIONS

(April 22, 2019 – May 26, 2019)

For Repose of

Souls

- April 30 – C.D. Simonian Insurance in memory of David Simonian
- May 3 – Takvor and Bonnie Takvorian in memory of Hripsime Keyishian
- May 26 – Michael and Joy Ananian in memory of Jack Ananian
- May 26 – John and Janet Gomes in memory of Simonian Family members
- May 26 – Chuck and Susie Simonian in memory of Simonian Family members
- May 26 – Mark, Linda and Ben Wall in memory of Sam and Betty Farsakian

ALTAR CANDLE DONATIONS

- May 26 – The Simonian family in memory of Simonian family members

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

- May 12 – Mike and Judy Skaff in honor of Judy's birthday
- May 19 – Brian and Adrienne Poochigian in honor of their son Jameson's 2nd birthday
- May 26 – Jack Ananian's Family in memory of Jack, one year after his passing
- May 26 – The Simonian family in memory of Simonian family members

HOKEHANKIST REQUESTS

- May 26 – Jack Ananian, one year after his passing, requested by his family
- May 26 – Simonian family members, requested by the Simonian family

42nd Annual Armenian Food Festival Report

The 42nd Annual Armenian Food Festival was held on Thursday, May 16th at the Visalia Elks Lodge. This is a major fund raising event for the church, and was very successful.

The day began with showers, and remained breezy and cool throughout the day, but the rain stopped early and did not affect the activity. The number of people attending declined. We served 1,237 meals, about 280 less than the previous year. However, the Festival is still popular, and the drive-thru line was backed up for over an hour, and the dine-in hall was nearly full during dinner. Food sales of sarma and crescent cookies were sold out by the end of the day.

Income totals are not final, as pre-sold ticket money is still coming in. Expenses were similar to the past several years. Because we served fewer meals compared to last year, our profit will be less; an early estimate would be around \$12,500. Despite the disappointing turnout, the Food Festival remains a reliable source of financial support.

The Armenian Food Festival represents a means of allowing many parishioners and friends to participate in a church-supporting activity. Committee members range in age from teens to some over eighty, and most who are asked to help do so. From the preparation of the meal and the food-sale items, to serving and cleaning up, everyone helped and another successful event was held. Many thanks to all in the Yette team.

Jim Soxman, co-chairman

Hi, I would like to acknowledge the Ladies Society Members that helped me with the May 5th fellowship in the church hall. They are: Shirley Ouzounian, Hasmik Enfiedjian and Judy Skaff. I thank them for their help and bringing delicious desserts and salads.

*Respectfully, Sadie Derrick
Ladies Society Fellowship Chairlady*

Ladies Society meeting and Bingo picnic will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019 in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.

Faith of Zion will be sponsoring fellowship on Sunday, June 2, 2019 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

We will have guest clergy on June 9, 2019 and June 23, 2019.

Parish Council will be sponsoring fellowship on Sunday, June 16, 2019 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday June 20, 2019 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Visitation of His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian to St. Mary, Yetem will be on Sunday, July 14, 2019. (See flyer)

**WESTERN DIOCESE ARMENIAN
CAMP WEEKS 2019**

Week 1: July 14 – 20

Week 2: July 21 – 27

Week 3: July 28 – August 3

Week 4: August 4 – August 10

Save the Date for Faith of Zion's 3rd Annual Ladies' Night, Saturday, July 20, 2019. (See flyer)

Sunday School is on summer break and will resume Sunday, September 8, 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.

REMINDER

If you have not sent in your 2019 Annual Stewardship Pledge and Voting Member Application, please do so as soon as possible. If you need a form, call the church office at (559) 528-6892.

ACYO is selling Reusable Bags for \$5 each, St. Mary Yetem Hats for \$12 each and Yetem 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, 100th 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 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: 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.

Installation of ACYO 2019 Officers
*Left to right...Pete Safrazian, Treasurer
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan, Parish Priest
David Safrazian, Vice Chairman
Dustin Vartanian, Chairman*



“Yettem Sunday School students and staff ended their school year on Sunday, May 26th.”



St. Mary Armenian Church, Yetteem

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Ladies Society meeting/Bingo picnic in the Majarian Hall. Exec. 11:00/Gen. 11:30 am
2 Second Palm Sunday Fellowship/Faith of Zion	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Pentacost	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Father's Day Fellowship/Parish Council	17	18	19	20 Parish Council meeting in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Feast of the Catholicon of Holy Etchmiadzin						

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

**PASTORAL VISITATION OF HIS EMINENCE
ARCHBISHOP HOVNAN DERDERIAN**

**ST. MARY, YETTEM
SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019**



**St. Mary Parish invites all parishioners
and friends to the pastoral visit of
His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian
to receive His spiritual message and blessings.**

MELINA ROSE PETERS graduated from Mt. Whitney High School (Go Pioneers!) in Visalia and The Academy of Health Sciences which is affiliated with Linked Learning and Project Lead the Way. She also earned the Lifetime Membership honors from California Scholarship Federation (CSF). Melina played all four years of Volleyball for Mt. Whitney High School as well as a Travel Club Volleyball Team. Melina has been a member of the St. Mary Yettem ACYO holding many different executive positions. Melina also held the office of Key Club President and CSF Treasure at Mt. Whitney High School.

She will attend California State University, Fresno this fall majoring in Food Science and Nutrition to become a Registered Dietitian.

Melina is the Daughter of Darrell and Tina Peters and her brother is Karnig Peters of Visalia. Grandparents are Rose Marie Margosian and the late George Margosian of Dinuba and Florence Peters and the late Darrell Peters, Sr. of Fowler.

Open House Graduation Party – Saturday, June 15, 2019 at the Wyndham Hotel (Redwood Room). Mezza at 6:30pm and Dinner at 7:30pm. Please RSVP by June 7 – Call or Text Tina – (559) 967-2593 or e-mail: MelinasGradRSVP@gmail.com.





Arlen Pierre Pilavian is a 2019 Graduate of California State University, Fresno, Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Plant Science-Crop Protection Management Option and a Minor in Armenian Studies. He is the son of Pierre and Melissa Pilavian and the Grandson of Rose Marie Margosian and the late George Margosian, Lena Kalfayan, and the late Jean Pilavian. Arlen will be pursuing a career in Farm Management.

SAVE THE DATE

For Faith of Zion's 3rd Annual Ladies' Night



It's All About You Ladies!

Saturday, July 20th, 2019

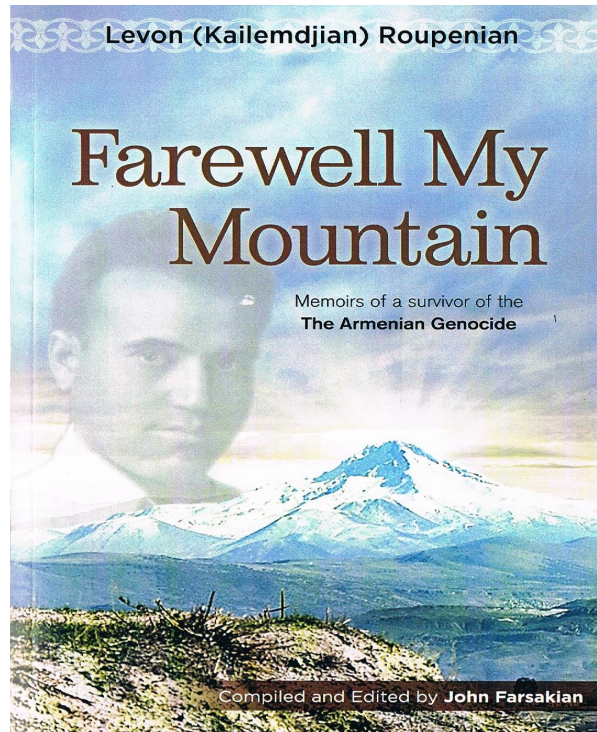
5:00 pm

At the home of Gina Ananian

Feel free to bring a friend or family member! The more the merrier!

More information to follow

Levon (Kailemdjian) Roupelian
Farewell My Mountain
Memoirs of a survivor of the Armenian Genocide



Taking place during one of the darkest chapters in recent history, *Farewell My Mountain* is Levon Roupelian's story of courage and survival amid the turmoil and devastation of the Armenian Genocide. Against daunting odds, he braves the Turkish onslaught; the life-sapping, forced trek across the blistering Syrian Desert; and years of enslavement by his oppressors, to forge ahead, relentlessly, in pursuit of a singular objective: FREEDOM! – Freedom in a promised land of unlimited opportunity for all: AMERICA!

Farewell My Mountain is Levon's story – from Chomakhlou to Yettem. While it is Levon's story, those with Chomakhlou roots – and all Armenians – can relate to the happy, tragic, and triumphant life that Levon and all survivors created in America for their next generations.

This book about Levon's life, written by his nephew Dr. John Farsakian, is being made available to the community of St. Mary Armenian Church of Yettem at a price of \$25.00. With each book sold, a \$10.00 donation will be made to St. Mary in the name of Levon Roupelian and his family.

Anyone interested in purchasing *Farewell My Mountain* can contact Alan Farsakian: 559-284-0871 or sarsakh@sbcglobal.net

St. Garabed Armenian Church of the Desert Hosts 92nd Annual Diocesan Assembly



St. Mary Armenian Church Yetteem was presented by Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan,
P. C. Chairlady Bea Soxman, Gerard Garoian, Chuck Simonian, George Ouzounian,
Lind Farsakian-Wall, Margie L. Davidian, Shirley Ouzounian, Debbie Sheklian.



Food Festival May 16, 2019



Photos courtesy of Mark Wall



Armenian Food Festival May 16, 2019



Photos by Mark Wall



ACYO Sports Weekend 2019

More pictures at
www.stmaryyettem.org



3rd Place Senior Basketball

Top Row, Left to Right: Nareg Apkarian #99, Pete Safrastian #20, Dustin Vartanian #14, Ben Wall #11, Seth Sarabian #80, Matthew Simonian #15
Bottom Row, Left to Right: David Arushanyan #8, Gregroy Krikorian #21



Feast of Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord on the fortieth day following the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Savior Jesus Christ.

Following His Resurrection and defeat of death, Christ remained on earth for forty days, and continued to appear to His disciples. On the fortieth day, Christ is seen by His disciples for the last time. He blesses them and leaves them with instructions, after which He ascends into heaven.

Two of the Gospel writers, St. Mark and St. Luke, testify about Christ's ascension. There is also an account of it in the Acts of the Apostles. Following a final meeting of the remaining apostles, St. Mark Lord had spoken unto them,



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Christ with the eleven apostles writes, "So then, after the he was received up into

heaven, and sat on the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19)

St. Luke gives a little greater detail as he writes, "And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen." (Luke 24: 50-53)

But by far the most beautiful account of the Ascension can be found in the Book of Acts: "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11)

The hymn that is sung in the Armenian Church on Ascension Day mentions the miraculous event of Christ's Ascension into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

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