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YETTEM

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Armenian Church

Yetter, California

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Pastoral thoughts

Dear parishioners:

Here in pretty, quiet and peaceful Yettem, where stands our beautiful St. Mary Armenian Church with Her maternal breath and support toward Her children we come together and seek to preserve our church parish traditions leading by prayer and our church sacred rituals.

God's Word always brought our people together to work and strive to establish a permanent spiritual environment in our small and beautiful community. Today we have the honor to be bearers of those values which they created with belief toward the future.

In these days there are various difficulties in different fields of life and our parish also faces difficulties of tradition, demographics, church attendance, lack of prayer, spiritual needs and so on.

In this context each and every program we try to initiate is very important. Each of them is one of a small part of our mission which we try to bring together and organize our parish life. We should consider it our responsibility to think how to promote the liveliness in our parish life. It should be done through God's Word which has a power to bring together the souls and work miracles among people. If we want to change anything in our parish life, first of all we should develop God's Word in our individual life. That's the way to strengthen our church community. It can be expressed in our participation during church services, or church programs and during various events within our parish life.

You feel happy when you organize something and people react. It makes all of us happy. This year our Sleepover and Sunrise Service program turned out very well. There was a very nice and warm communication, games for kids, discussions between parishioners and eventually next day early morning Sunrise Services accomplished all our prayers and feelings bringing peace for all of us.

With Love of Christ
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

Parish Notes

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP
**THE NOVEMBER 2018 BULLETIN IS
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AND
CHAD TELLIAN

CONDOLENCES
Our condolences to Carolyn, Richard, JoAnn and Michael Sheklian and Family on the recent passing of their mother, Bertha Sheklian who entered her eternal rest on Sunday, October 13, 2018. Mrs. Mary (Majarian) Craft and Family on the recent passing of her husband, Jack Craft. Myron and Debbie Sheklian and Family on the recent passing of Myron's mother Rose Sheklian who entered her eternal rest on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. The family of Georgean (Gene) Davis who entered his eternal rest on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.

HYE SPIRIT DONATION
● *Hagopian, Richard and Geraldine donated in honor of Linda Farsakian-Wall receiving the Hye Spirit Award on September 30, 2018*

ALTAR CANDLES DONATION
● *October 28 - Rich and Janice McWilliams, Alan and Phyllis Borba, Jeff and Becky Akin, and Families in memory of Harry and Laura Davidian and Chad Tellian.*

HOKEHANKIST (Repose of Soul) DONATIONS

(September 21 – October 26, 2018)

For Repose of Sylvia Davidian's Soul
● *Davidian, Margie L.*

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

● *October 7 – Mari Louise Menendian in memory of Jim McOmish, three years after his passing*
● *October 14 – The children of Sylvia Davidian in memory of their mother, three years after her passing*
● *October 28 – Rich and Janice McWilliams, Alan and Phyllis Borba, Jeff and Becky Akin, and Families in memory of Harry and Laura Davidian and Chad Tellian*
● *October 28 – Gerard and Sylvia Garoian in memory of Kurken and Satenig Garoian, Mugerdich and Cheristan Bezdigian, Diran and Zanazan Garoian, Edward and Gladys Tejerian, Mildred Tejerian and Tom Tejerian*

HOKEHANKIST REQUESTS

● *October 7 – Jim McOmish, three years after his passing, requested by Mari Louise Menendian*
● *October 14 – Sylvia Davidian, three years after her passing, requested by her children*
● *October 28 – Laura Davidian, one year after her passing, Harry Davidian, eight years after his passing and Chad Tellian, forty-two years after his passing, requested by Rich and Janice McWilliams, Alan and Phyllis Borba, Jeff and Becky Akin, and Families*
● *October 28 – 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*

**10th Annual Armenian
Shish-Kebab Luncheon**

The Ways & Means Committee sponsored the luncheon on Sunday, October 21, at the Elks Lodge in Visalia. The number of meals served was 685, down slightly from last year's 721. A final report on income will follow. 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

Ladies Society (Elections) meeting will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday School meets on November 11th and November 18th. On Sunday, November 11th Sunday School will be making Mas during class. Sunday School meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. during the school year with exception of this month.

Welcome all children!

ACYO will be sponsoring fellowship on Sunday, November 4, 2018 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

ACYO meeting will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018.

Ways and Means meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at McCoy's in Selma at 6:00 p.m.

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Faith of Zion will sponsor fellowship on Sunday, November 18, 2018 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

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

Ladies Society 4th Annual Holiday Christmas Bazaar will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2018 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall. (See flyer)

ACYO is selling Reusable Bags for \$5 each, St. Mary Yетtem Hats for \$12 each and Yетtem 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.

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.

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 528-6892 for details.

REMINDER

If you have not sent in your 2018 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.

The Parish Council has approved to have our weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter available for sponsorships. We are not selling ads. If you would like to sponsor an edition of either publication please contact the office, or there is a form at the front desk in the church. The sponsorships for the weekly bulletin are \$25.00 per issue, and to sponsor the monthly newsletter is \$100.00 per issue.

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!

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

EASY MONEY: ESCRIP

This is done by 3% rewards earned on purchases at Save Mart, Lucky, and Food Maxx stores. We have 27 registered members in the eScrip program and 18 of these have used the program. To do so, all you have to do is give your phone number as you check out of these stores. If you have not registered in the eScrip program, sign up at Shares...powered by eScrip (<http://www.escrip.com/shares>) and designate St. Mary Armenian Church as your charity of choice. If you have difficulty signing up please call me (Jim Soxman, 733-8741) and I will do it for you.

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.

St. Mary Armenian Church, Yettem

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 19 th Anniversary of the Enthronement of H.H. Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians Daylight Saving Time Ends Fellowship sponsored by ACYO/ACYO Meeting	5	6 Election Day	7	8	9	10
11 Veterans Day Sunday School Meets (Making Mas during SS)	12	13 Ways and Means Meeting at McCoy's in Selma at 6 PM	14	15 Parish Council Meeting at 7PM	16	17
18 Barekandan of the Fast of Advent Sunday School Meets Fellowship sponsored by Faith of Zion	19	20	21 Presentation of the Holy Mother-of-God to the Temple	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Notes:

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

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.

Contact the church office (559) 528-6892 or
David Safrazian (559) 802-7593



Christmas Bazaar



St. Mary Armenian Church

**Ladies Society 4th Annual Holiday
Christmas Bazaar**

Sunday, December 2, 2018

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!**





Sunrise Service and Campout October 12 - 13, 2018



**WESTERN DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH
CLERGY CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 15, 2018**



The third Clergy meeting was held in the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church on October 15, 2018. The main topic for the day was “The Priesthood and the Testimony of the Priest’s Service”.

Discussions also included mental health issues affecting our society. Psychiatrist, Dr. Lukas Alexanian, was invited to give a presentation about this issue.

Annual Shish Kebab Luncheon October 21, 2018



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SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, January 6, 2019

ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH, YETTEM
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
**Sponsored by the Ways and Means
Committee**

*Special Christmas Program Presented by
the Sunday School Students*

*Look for more information in the
coming weeks...*

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