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WESTERN DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
EASTER MESSAGE OF HIS EMINENCE
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ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA AND MEXICO

"For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light." Psalm 36:9

Easter is the fulfilment of human anticipation for spiritual renewal – a longing desire that Christians feel deep down in their hearts with an implicit faith. As the deer pants for streams of water, we as Christians yearn for the fountain of life - Jesus Christ (Ps. 42:1). In the resurrected Christ, we see the clear light, which illuminates our entirety. In this spiritual anticipation, the mystery of the Resurrection of Christ, the Lord is revealed.

What Christians call a mystery, the rest of the world considers a paradox that subconsciously challenges even the most skeptical minds. Those who perceive the mystery of Resurrection from a spiritual point of view comprehend its life-giving power that leads to eternity. Subsequently, they strive to illuminate their lives with the inextinguishable light of Christ and drink from His fountain of life.

Christ is risen from the dead.
Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ.

Believing in the Resurrection of Christ implicitly is not sufficient. More than ever, we have to have explicit and abiding faith so that we may surmount everyday challenges thrown at our face. Many are worldly distractions that try to deviate us from the path of truth and righteousness. The evil of this world is ready to devour us lest we stumble or succumb to its temptations. As a Christian nation, we continue to thrive because of our faith and essential values we hold in reverence – our independent Motherland Armenia, Holy Etchmiadzin, the ingenious Armenian people living in Armenia, Artsakh or Diaspora, the call of the blood of our martyred heroes, and the visionary youth of today. These eternal values embody the true mystery of resurrection and transcend the worldly transient. Historically, the Armenian people shared the Passion of Christ and the anguish of crucifixion. However, through the Resurrection of Christ, we rose victoriously with a renewed life.

This year, quite symbolically, Easter coincides with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the First Republic of Armenia and the heroic Battle of Sardarabad. Derived from the core message of Easter, we witness the awakening of the patriotic spirit and national unity in the hearts and minds of our beloved faithful. Today, the resounding chimes of Sardarabad ring louder than ever. They testify the freedom-loving spirit of our people, which vouchsafed Armenia's first independent Republic in 1918. Not too far from Sardarabad, we can hear the prayerful peal of Etchmiadzin bells proclaiming the undying spirit of our resurrected nation. The heroes of Sardarabad, Artsakh, and Avarayr, although chronologically apart from each other, symbolize one and the same historical truth that nothing can defeat our resilient faith in Christ.

Dear faithful,

The secret of our eternity lies in the mystery of the Resurrection of Christ. It is imperative for us to cling firm to our Christian values in order to continue to thrive on the face of this earth. Our forefathers attested to that truth through their personal example and sacrificial life. Therefore, this Easter should be another invitation extended to each of us to live with faith and serve as an example to our children, youth, and young families. Furthermore, we are reminded to preserve our identity, kindle the love for our Motherland, and remember the sacrifice of our ancestors, who always prioritized the mission of the Holy Church in their lives.

With this in mind, let us glorify God by proclaiming, "Christ is risen from the dead. Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ, the Lord. Amen."

Easter 2018

Burbank, CA



WESTERN DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
 Հայաստանեայց Առաքելական Եկեղեցւոյ Հիւսիսային Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմ

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP HOVNAN DERDERIAN, PRIMATE
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 ԱՊՐԻԼ 1, 2018**

«Ի քէն է Տէր՝ աղբիւր կենդանութեան եւ լուսով
 երեսաց քոց տեսանէմք զլոյս»

Յարութեան Տօնը կը դիմաորենք անգամ մը եւս եւ անկասկած իւրաքանչիւրս մեր հոգու մինչեւ խորքը կը զգանք նոր կեանքն ի Քրիստոս: Եւ երբ աղօթքով մեր հայեացքը կուղղենք առ Աստուած, իր մէջ կը գտնենք կենդանութեան աղբիւրը եւ Իր ներկայութիւնը կընդունինք որպէս լոյսը մեր կեանքին:

Քրիստոսի Յարութեան խորհուրդը մարդկութեան կեանքը յեղաշրջեց, եւ մարդը իր մէջ գտաւ վերստին կենդանութեան ջունչը: Հաստատով կը նայինք Յարութեան ճշմարտութեան եւ կըմբռնենք այն, որ Քրիստոսի Յարութիւնը ճանապարհն է յաւիտենականութեան: Հաստատի այս գիտակցութիւնը ապրող քրիստոնէայ մարդը իր կեանքը կը հրաշագործէ եւ իր մէջ կը գտնէ ծնունդը արժեւորուած կեանքով մը ապրելու իմաստութեան: Նայել կը վերաբերի նաեւ քրիստոնէայ ժողովուրդներուն, որոնց ընտանիքի մէջ Քրիստոսի Աւետարանով ապրող մեր Եկեղեցւոյ զաւակները դարձրով լուսավորած են իրենց կեանքը, որովհետեւ մշտապէս իրենց հայեացքը ուղղած են առ Աստուած, որպէս աղբիւր կենդանութեան եւ Աստուծոյ ներկայութիւնը ընդունած որպէս Լոյսը աշխարհին:

**Քրիստոս Յարեաւ ի մեռելոց
 Օրհնեալ է Յարութիւնն Քրիստոսի:**

Քրիստոսի Յարութեան խորհուրդը այս օրերուն մեր ազգի զաւակները աւելի շեշտուած կերպով կզգան իրենց հոգու մէջ: Թերեւս աշխարհի կեանքին մէջ

շատ են այն երեւոյթները, որոնք կը ցնցեն մարդկութեան խաղաղ ու ստեղծագործական կեանքը: Էականք, սակայն, այն է որ կեանքի մարտահրաւերները ոչ մէկ ձեւով կը տկարացնեն հայ քրիստոնէան իր հաւատքի կեանքին մէջ, որովհետեւ մեր կեանքին նպատակ տուող գերագոյն ճշմարտութիւններն են վերանկախացեալ մեր Մայր Հայրենիքն ու Սբ. Էջմիածինը, փառապանծ մեր ժողովուրդի զաւակները ի Հայաստան, յԱրցախ եւ ի Սփիւռս աշխարհի, նահատակ մեր զինուորներու արեան կանչը, եւ յաղթանակի շունչով հարուստ տեպապաշտ մեր երիտասարդները, որոնք մեզի կը ներկայանան որպէս խորհուրդը Յարութեան հրաշքին:

Քրիստոսի Յարութեան խորհուրդը կ'ապրինք մենք: Քրիստոսի Յարութեան խորհուրդը՝ մեր նախնեաց կողմէ մեզի վստահուած անկորնչելի եւ անժամանցելի ժառանգն է, որը անցեալը, ներկան ու գալիքը իրար կը կապէ:

Այս տարի Չատիկը մեզի կը հաղորդէ վերագարթօնքի ոգին Մարդարայանի հողէն արձագանգող յաղթանակի պատգամով, որուն մէջ կը լսուին հայ զինուորներու սրահն զարկերը, որոնք կռուի դաշտ մեկնելէ առաջ հաղորդուեցան Հայոց Սրբութիւն Սրբոց Սբ. Էջմիածնի Մայր Խորանի սկիհէն եւ քաջութիւնը իրենց հոգու մէջ ամուր սեղմած «Մահ իմացեալ անմահութիւն է» ճշմարտութեան առջեւ խոնարհած մնացին մինչեւ իրենց արեան վերջին կաթիլը հաւատարիմ մնալով Վարդանանց հաւատամքին «Վասն Յիսուսի, վասն հայրենեաց»:

Միեւնի բարեպաշտ հայորդիներ,

Յարութեան Տօնը արժեւորենք սերունդներու կեանքը մշակելով քրիստոնէական հաւատքով: Յարութեան խորհուրդով ապրեցան ու գործեցին մեր նախնիք եւ հոգեւոր ու բարոյական արժէքները դարձուցին կռուանք իրենց կեանքին:

Յարութեան Տօնը հրաւեր է ուղղուած բոլորիս անխտիր, որպէսզի մեր կեանքը ապրինք հաւատքով, մեր զաւակներու, երիտասարդներու եւ նորահաստատ ընտանիքներու կեանքը ներշնչենք քրիստոնէական հաւատքով: Յարութեան Տօնը մեզ կուղորդէ, որ մեզի տրուած կեանքը ունենայ ինքնութեան գիտակցութիւնը: Մեր քրիստոնէական հաւատքը իր մէջ կը կրէ հայրենական շունչը, մեր նախնեաց պատարագեալ կեանքի ոգին, մեր Սբ. Եկեղեցւոյ առաքելութեան զգացողութիւնը: Եւ այս բոլորը կընդունինք որպէս աստուածատուր շնորհներ:

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Օրհնեալ է Յարութիւնն Քրիստոսի:

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Parish Notes

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Myron and Debbie Sheklian on the recent passing of Debbie's Aunt, Carol Neeley, she entered her eternal rest on February 24, 2018. Also, to Isabel Lion's family, she entered her eternal rest on February 22, 2018. Our thoughts and prayers are with these families.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

- *March 4 – Brian and Adrienne Poochigian in honor of their son, Jackson's 4th birthday*
- *March 25 - Richard and Lillian Safrazian and Family and Jack Barsamian in memory of their mother Idalene Barsamian*

HOKEHANKIST REQUESTS

- *March 11 – Mary Jane Poochigian, 40 days after her passing, requested by her family*
- *March 25 – Idalene Barsamian, forty days after her passing, requested by Richard and Lillian Safrazian and Family and Jack Barsamian*

ACYO Easter Luncheon will be held on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall. (See flyer)

Ladies Society reminder to please bring "1" dozen colored Easter eggs to church on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. (See flyer)

Ways and Means Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at Ryan's in Visalia at 6:00 p.m.

Ladies Society Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 in the Majarian Hall. Executive board at 11:00 a.m. and General meeting 11:30 a.m.

The ACYO meeting will be held on Sunday, April 8, 2018 after church services in the Majarian Hall.

Sunday School will be going to Quantum Leap in Visalia on Sunday, April 8, 2018 after church services.

ACYO Central Regional Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at St. Gregory in Fowler at 3:00 p.m.

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Society will be making Yalanchi & Cookies for the Food Festival on Saturday, April 21, 2018 in the Majarian Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Genocide remembrance will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018 with a small program to follow. Fellowship sponsored by Faith of Zion.

Luau Casino Night will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at St. Mary Armenian Church in Yette in the Majarian Hall. (See flyer)

Ways and Means is sponsoring fellowship on Sunday, April 29, 2018 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

Diocesan Assembly will be held on May 3, 4, & 5, 2018 at St. Geragos Armenian Apostolic Church in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The 41st Annual Armenian Food Festival on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the Visalia Elks Lodge. (See flyer)

Save the Date for ACYO Bingo Night, Saturday, May 19, 2018. (See flyer)

GRADUATION season is here once again. We would like to acknowledge our graduates in the May 2018 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 20, 2018.

ACYO is selling Reusable Bags for \$5 each and St. Mary Yettem Hats for \$12 each. If interested in purchasing, please contact David Safrazian at (559) 802-7593 or email David at dsafrazian@yahoo.com (See flyer) Sunday School meets the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

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 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)

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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.

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

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

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 dekstop, laptop, or tablet!



Installation of Ladies Society
New 2018 Board Members



Judy Skaff, Chairlady
Linda Farsakian-Wall, Vice-Chairlady
Margie L. Davidian, Rec. Secretary
Hasmik Enfiedjian, Corr. Secretary
Julie Poochigian, Treasurer
Georgia Davidian, Advisor
Madlien Hebesha, Advisor

St. Mary Armenian Church, Yetttem

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter ACYO Easter Luncheon after Easter Services	2 Remembrance of the Dead	3 Ways and Means Meeting at Ryan's Place at 6PM	4	5	6	7 Ladies Society meeting at the Majarian Hall at 11:30
8 New Sunday Sunday School meets Sunday School is going to Quantum Leap after church services ACYO meeting after church services in the Majarian Hall	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Sunday of the World Church (Green Sunday) ACYO Central Regional Meeting at St. Gregory, Fowler at 3:00 p.m.	16	17	18	19 Parish Council meeting at Majarian Hall at 7 PM	20	21
22 Red Sunday Sunday School Meets Genocide Remembrance, Program to follow Fellowship sponsored by Faith of Zion	23	24 Feast of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide, Fresno State At 6:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28 Luau Casino Night sponsored by Ways and Means
29 Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross Fellowship sponsored by Ways and Means	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



St. Mary Armenian Church ACYO

Annual Easter Luncheon

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Immediately following church services in the Majarian Hall

Delicious Beef-Kebab

Salad, Pilaf, Green Beans, Bread and Desserts

Adults: \$18 per adult

Children 10 and under: \$10 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, March 27, 2018 to:

Dustin Vartanian - 6729 West Wren Avenue - Visalia, CA 93291

TRICKY TRAY Raffle and "New this Year" a 50/50 RAFFLE (see details on the back)



ACYO Easter Luncheon—Reservations with Advance Payment

NAME _____ Phone # _____

_____ Yes, I will attend the ACYO Easter Luncheon.

Adult Ticket(s): _____ @ \$18 = \$ _____

Children Ticket(s): _____ @ \$10= \$ _____

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

A table of Eight (8) can be reserved.

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 David Safrastian at
559-802-7593 or dsafrastian@yahoo.com

- 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.....NEW THIS YEAR....

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

Split the Earnings and go home a Winner!

Easter Luncheon—Table #1.

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Easter Luncheon—Table #2.

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ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH LADIES SOCIETY

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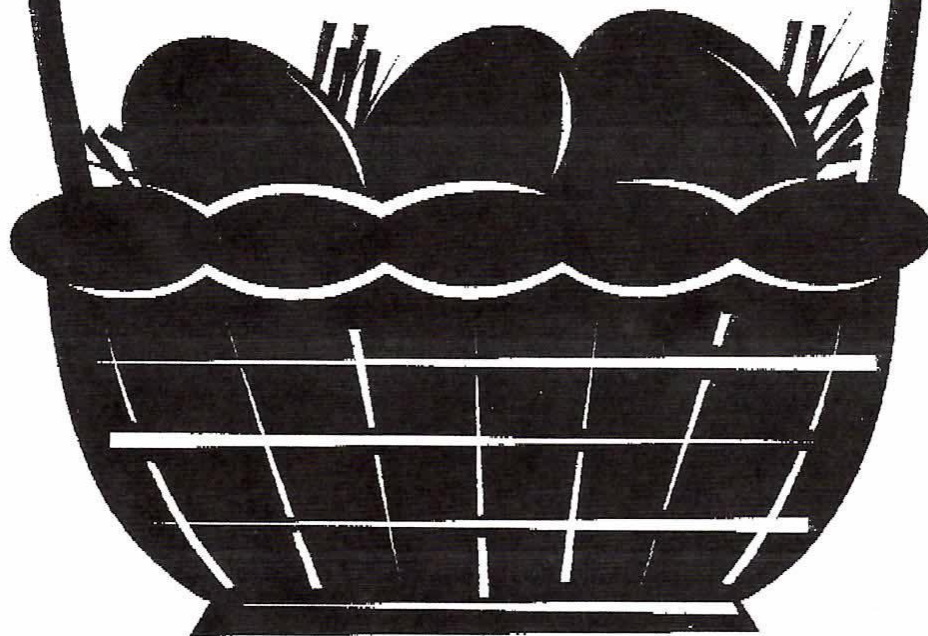
PLEASE BRING

**1 DOZEN
COLORED EASTER EGGS**

**TO CHURCH ON EASTER
SUNDAY**

Be part of this lively

***EASTER
TRADITION***





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Reusable Bags:
\$5 Each

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2018 Armenian Genocide Commemoration Central California Events

Flag Raising - Fresno City Hall (2600 Fresno Street)

SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST - 10:00 a.m.

Speakers – Harut Sassounian, Mayor Lee Brand, Supervisor Andreas Borgeas

Fresno State - Armenian Students Organization

TUESDAY, APRIL 24TH - 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Armenian Genocide Monument, Fresno State

Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee of Fresno

TUESDAY, APRIL 24th

Laying of flowers - 6 p.m. / Presentation of Flags - 6:45 p.m.

Religious Service - 7 p.m. / Civic Service - 7:30 p.m.

Armenian Genocide Monument, Fresno State

Relaxed Campus Parking in P1, P5 & P6

Keynote Speaker - Dr. Khatchig Mouradian, PhD. Columbia University, New York

Remarks - Dr. Joseph Castro, Fresno State President

Soloist—Misak Israelyan

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 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.



**Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee
Fresno**

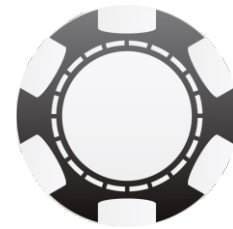
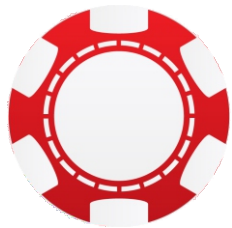
*For a complete listing of
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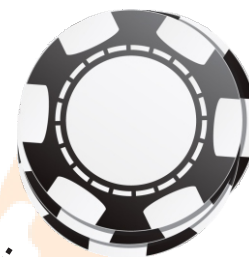


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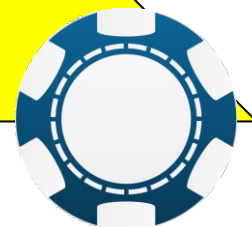
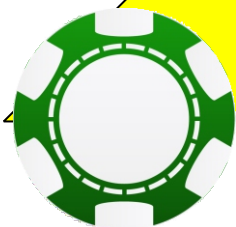
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2 entry tickets,
\$300.00 in Yettem Chips



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Chuck Simonian @ 799-3949
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DATE: April 28th, 2018
TIME: 6:30 pm
PLACE: Church Hall



St. Mary Armenian Church of Yettam

41st ANNUAL

ARMENIAN FOOD FESTIVAL 2018

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

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

Come Support the
St. Mary Yettem ACYO
 For A Fun Night of
**LAHMAJOON &
 BINGO**

Saturday, May 19, 2018

In the St. Mary Yettem Church Hall

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6	20	38	51	68
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12	23	39	57	72
15	27	44	60	75

Join the Fun at 5:00pm

\$15 per Adult and/or Child



Cost Includes:

- **Dinner—Lahmajoon** (Armenian Pizza), Pilaf, Salad •
- **Desserts and Snacks all night!** •
- **Two (2) Bingo Cards to use all Night!** •



Additional Bingo Cards will be sold for \$2 per card

Lots of Fun and Useful Prizes to win
 or choose a raffle ticket to win a Mystery Prize!

Tickets **WILL BE Sold** at the Door —or—
 Prepay by May 11 (Please Make Check Payable to: ACYO)
 Send to Dustin Vartanian 6729 W. Wren Ave., Visalia, 93291



ACYO and Sunday School Project Day February 25, 2018



Youth Rally and Christian Conference 2018 was held in the
Western Diocese of the Armenian Church,
St. Leon Cathedral



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MERCHANTS' BAZAAR

Friday, April 13, 2018

**Markarian Hall
220 S. Third St.
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Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
**Menu: Shish Kebob Sandwich, Pilaf, Salad,
Paklava and Beverage**
**Price: \$20.00 for Dine-In, Take-Out, or Delivery
(10 lunches or more for delivery)**

**To place your delivery or take-out orders, please email
cathy@stgregoryfowler.com or fax 559 834-1960
your information by Monday, April 9, 2018.**

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
**Menu: Shish and Chicken Kebob Combo Plate,
Pilaf, Salad, Cheese Boreg, Paklava
and Beverage**
**Price: \$20.00 for Dine-In and Take Out
(No Delivery at Night)**
**Please call (559) 834-2919 for reservations
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COME AND ENJOY ALL THE GREAT FOOD!

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). The women returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven disciples and the rest. According to Peter more than 500 people saw Christ who had risen from the dead. So, this is the evangelical tiding of the fact of Easter or Holy Resurrection.

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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