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Dear faithful:

In the Gospel of St. Matthew we read: “Watch and pray so that you will not enter into temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” (Matthew 26:41)

These are Jesus’ words which come to alert us about the necessity of prayer in our life. Life itself is a complicated phenomenon which consists of various events, experiences and innermost feelings. It’s our innermost feelings which make opportunities for us to think and to appreciate all events happening around us. Often people come and say they pass through lots of trials and sometimes seems are not able to bear them.

Basically, difficulties have power to shake our faith and our life in general. That’s how we lose sense of reality, and bodily weakness lead us to sin which in turn leads us to various temptations. That’s how changes in the quality of our life can bring people troubles and sorrows. But God prepared a completely different life for His believers. He didn’t leave them alone in worldly commotions. Otherwise it would be impossible for a human being to bear it. God made possible for man to be in communication with Him and prayer is the best way to share our feelings with God and to receive an answer. The only thing we need is to stay awake, to stay alert. To stay awake means always to be with God in our mind. It will lead us toward conciliation with people where we will find God’s peace. It will melt sometimes our hardened hearts to answer evil things with goodness. And it all should be done through prayer which has a power to strengthen our bodies against temptations.

In search of truth Jesus opens our mind saying: “...For the spirit is willing.” We have the same spirit, dear faithful which strengthens exclusively through prayer.

May God bless us with wisdom always to be in prayer guiding our life toward God’s pathway.

These are simple thoughts, dear faithful, that I just wanted to share with you. It’s simple but very important for one who wants to follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

With Love of Christ
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

Parish Notes

HOKEHANKIST REQUESTS

- July 28 – George Margosian, forty days after his passing, requested by Rose Marie Margosian, Melissa, Pierre, Alik and Arlen Pilavian, Tina, Darrell, Karnig and Melina Peters
- July 28 – Souren Sam Farsakian, two years after his passing, requested by his children and grandchildren

HOKEHANKIST (Repose of Soul) DONATIONS

(June 23, 2019 – July 26, 2019)

For Repose of Aron Margosian's Soul

- June 23 – Robert and Debra Agnew in memory of Aron Margosian, one year after his passing

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

- July 7 – Parish Council
- July 14 – The Davidian Family in honor of Margie L. Davidian's Hye Spirit Award
- July 21 – Gerard and Sylvia Garoian
- July 28 – Rose Marie Margosian, Pilavian Family and Peters Family in memory of George Margosian

DONATIONS

- July 14 – Mark and Linda Wall made a donation in honor of Margie L. Davidian receiving the Hye Spirit Award
- July 14 – Richard, Lillian and Pete Safrazian made a donation in honor of David Safrazian becoming a Deacon

Ladies Society News

The summer has been quiet for Ladies Society. We had planned on making choreg for church camp. This event was cancelled because the camp had enough choreg donations. We will try again next year to contribute.

Ladies Society sponsored fellowship on July 7. Sadie Derrick chaired the event. She was helped by Hasmik Enfiedjian, Debbie Sheklian, Judy Skaff, and me. Thank you, ladies for your donations and making our fellowship so tasty.

We are looking forward to September. Our luncheon meeting resumes on Saturday, September 7, 11:30 a.m. at the church hall. Chairladies of the luncheon are Margie A. Davidian and Annie Davidian. Grandparents' Day celebration returns Sunday, September 8 after church. This is a must attend event! It features entertainment by the grandchildren. Who can resist those sweet faces? Of course, we will be serving our signature dishes, Margie L. Davidian's beesheeg, Laurie Menendian's gatnabur (rice pudding), and Ladies' Society's egg casserole! So yummy, my mouth is already watering! Don't miss out on this annual fun afternoon. Sister Churches Luncheon is Saturday, September 21, 11:30 a.m. at St. Paul, Fresno church. Featured speaker is Stephanie Booroojian, KSEE 24 News Anchor. Cost is \$15 for the lunch. Make reservations by September 14 to Annette Moushigian at 559-906-2114. All are welcomed to attend.

This summer we celebrated nine birthdays. In June, Miritz Barsamian, Yn. Adrine Markosyan, Margie Ann Davidian, and Sandra Vartanian celebrated birthdays. In July was Karon Penny and Yn. Danna Kasparian. This month is Georgia Davidian, Gina Ananian, and Debbie Sheklian. We wish them all God's blessings.

Congratulations to Margie L. Davidian on receiving the Hye Spirit Award. She is much deserving. She has unselfishly donated her time to our church and especially the Ladies Society. She currently serves as Advisor of our executive board. She has also served as recording secretary, as chairman of various committees, and on numerous committees. Margie carries on the tradition of serving our church that her parents, Sark and Sylvia Davidian, set for her.

CONGRATULATIONS Margie!

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

WESTERN DIOCESE ARMENIAN CAMP WEEKS 2019

Week 3: July 28 – August 3

Week 4: August 4 – August 10

ACYO meeting will be held on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at Starbucks on Noble at 198 & Demaree in Visalia at 6:00 p.m.

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday August 15, 2019 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Grapes for the Feast of the Assumption are needed for Sunday, August 18, 2019. Please deliver your grapes to the Majarian Hall by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2019. It is a unique feast dedicated to St. Mary, the mother of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Church. One of the marks of this feast is the Blessing of Grapes which is conducted at the end of the day's liturgy. (See flyer)

Ways and Means Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, August 18, 2019 immediately after the day's worship services. All your favorite delicacies will be available. (See flyer)

Faith of Zion will be sponsoring fellowship on Sunday, August 25, 2019 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

ACYO will be making items for the Grandparents' Day Bake Sale on Saturday, August 31, 2019 in the Majarian Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Ladies Society has no scheduled meeting in August. The next scheduled meeting is Saturday, September 7, 2019 in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday School is on summer break and will resume Sunday, September 8, 2019.

St. Mary Ladies Society Grandparents' Day Brunch will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2019 immediately following church services in the Majarian Hall. (See flyer)

ACYO Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2019 after church services. (See flyer)

Join St. Mary Armenian Church 5th Annual Family Fun Day Organized by Faith of Zion on Sunday, September 29, 2019. (See flyer)

Armenian Apostolic Church Hymns CD performed by Archpriest 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, 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.

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.

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.

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

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11 Barekandan of the Fast of Assumption ACYO meeting at Starbucks on Noble (198/Demaree in Visalia) at 6:00 pm	12	13	14	15 Parish Council meeting in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 pm	16	17 Showers of Radiance of Holy Etchmiadzin
18 Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God Asdvadzadzin Luncheon sponsored by the Parish Council Ways and Means Asdvadzazin Bake Sale	19 Remembrance of the dead	20	21	22	23	24
25 Fellowship/Faith of Zion	26	27	28	29	30	31 ACYO making items in the Majarian Hall at 10:00 am for the September 8, 2019 Grandparents' Day Bake Sale

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



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

**St. Mary Armenian Church
Yettem, California**

Blessing of Grapes

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Morning Service – 9:45 A.M.

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 A.M.

**Remember that since this is one of the five major feasts of the Church,
ALL are encouraged to receive Holy Communion during the
celebration of the Divine Liturgy**

Blessing of Grapes at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy

**Immediately following Church Services a Family Luncheon sponsored by
the Parish Council will be served in the hall.**

Donation: \$20.00 Adult

\$15.00 Children 10 and under

Those wishing are invited to bring a bag of their own grapes for blessing. These should be plainly marked and given to the Parish Council upon entering the church.

Plan to attend with the entire family for a day of worship and fellowship.



**PLEASE DELIVER YOUR GRAPES
TO THE MAJARIAN HALL
BY 10:00 A.M.
ON SATURDAY,
AUGUST 17, 2019**

Ways and Means Committee announces.

Bake Sale

Sunday

August 18, 2019

Feast of the Assumption

Asdvadzadzin & Grape Blessing

Immediately after the day's worship

your favorite Armenian delicacies

will be available

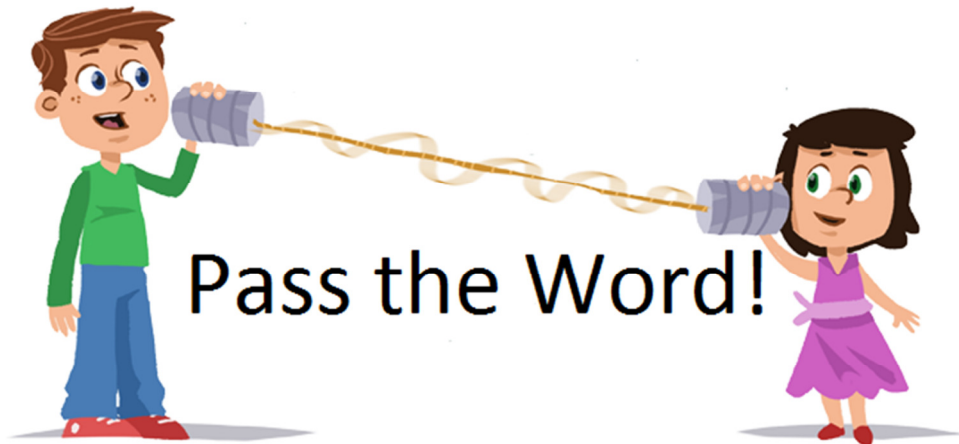
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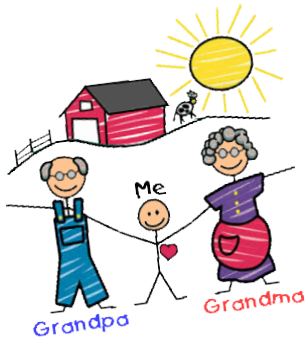
✓ *Nazoog*

✓ *Bread Sticks*

✓ *Plus lots more*



Pass the Word!



St. Mary Ladies Society
Invites you to a Brunch
in Celebration of



'Grandparents' Day'

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Immediately following church services in the Majarian Hall



☞ Enjoy a Delicious Brunch
featuring—Beeshee
and many other specialties ☞



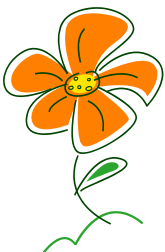
Entertainment to follow from our Sunday School...

****Cost **Adults(\$12)**Child(\$8)****

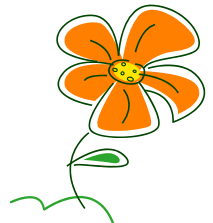
-To reserve a table or seat(s)-

**Call or Text - Tina Peters 559-967-2593 or
e-mail: hyetinapeters@live.com by September 4.**

RESERVATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED



**Celebrate Grandparents...
Everyone Welcome!!!**



BAKE SALE!

Sunday September 8th

ACYO's Annual Grandparents Day Bake Sale!



Great Variety of Armenian Goodies hand-
made by our *ACYO!*

Donated baked goods are appreciated!

ACYO Presents



FAMILY

Saturday

September 21st

**5pm in the Church
Hall**



GAME



NIGHT

\$10 per Person

**Bring the entire family out for a night of
friendly competition!**

**Games such as Bingo, Scrabble,
Monopoly, Pictionary, and others will be
available to play.**

Dinner and Drinks will be provided.

**Join St. Mary Armenian Church for the
5th Annual Family Fun Day
Organized by Faith of Zion**

September 29, 2019

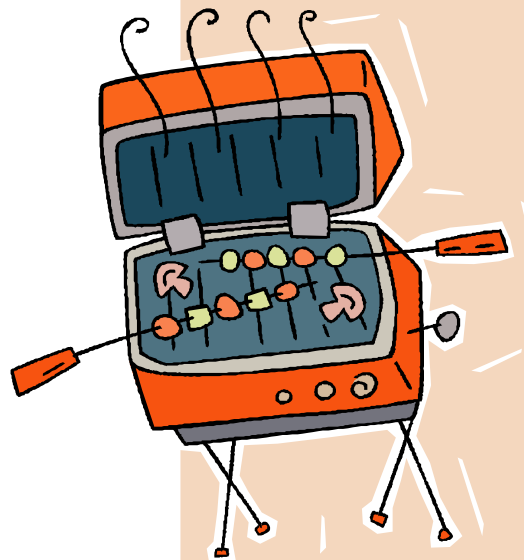
**Church Service starts at 10:30 with
festivities at 11:00 in the church yard**

Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Salads, Chips, Desserts,
Drinks (1 included with meal price)

\$12 for adults, \$8 for kids (10 and under)

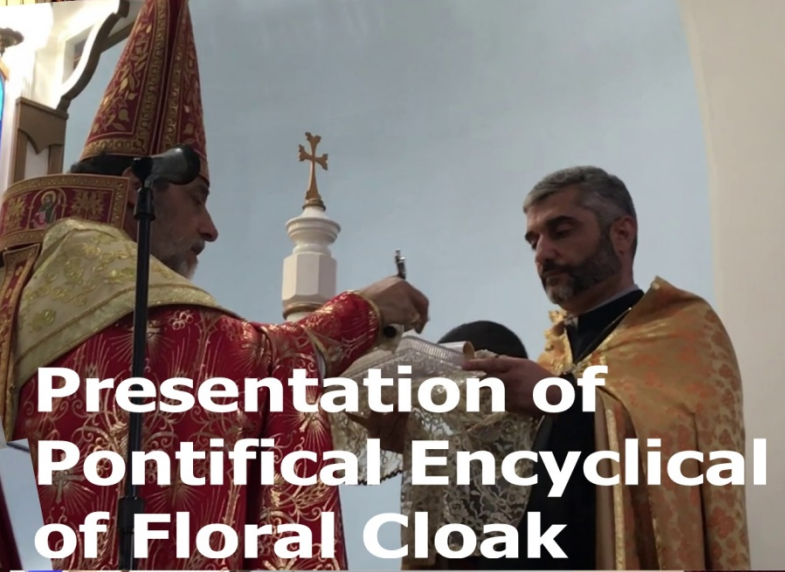
Enjoy games for the whole family!

We're looking forward to
seeing you there!





Ordination of Deacon David Safrazian



Presentation of Pontifical Encyclical of Floral Cloak



July 14, 2019





Hye Spirit Award Presented to Margie L. Davidian



Primate's Visit to Yettem July 14, 2019



**3rd ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT
SPONSORED BY FAITH OF ZION**

Our third annual Faith of Zion Ladies' Night was held Saturday, July 20th at Gina Ananian's home. Approximately twenty ladies joined in for the fun evening. They all had a blast visiting and reminiscing and planning the future. They enjoyed great food and devoured the sundae bar.



St. Mary Armenian Church

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