

St. Mary Yeffem Easter Sunday 2016

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 «Այլ չունիք Աստուծոյ, որ եւս մեզ գարշաբերի ի ձեռն Տեսնուի Քրիստոսի» (Ա. Կորնթ. ԺԲ. 57):

Pastoral thoughts

Dear faithful:

For the next fifty days we will celebrate Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As Christians we are supposed to rejoice and be glad about this annunciation which God wants to share with us.

When we celebrate any church event, first of all we glorify our souls. Church events have been created to be an undivided part of life of the faithful. Celebrations help faithful people feel and enjoy the divine presence of God. It is a wonderful chance for us to develop our spiritual life, where people come together accepting each other with Christ's Love.

On March 27, 2016 we celebrated the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and as I mentioned already, we will continue to celebrate this heavenly happiness for another fifty days. The greatest thing that the Glorious Resurrection conveys to us, is hope of eternal life. The New Covenant that Christ brought to us, is the promise of salvation of our souls. The Holy Bible directs us to the right pathway where we can prepare ourselves to be worthy children of our Heavenly Father.

Whole commandments and messages of Jesus are directed to the idea of His Resurrection where Christ invites us to repent and to be converted. The first thing Jesus talked about was the heavenly kingdom; "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." (Mat. 4:17) Heaven is a place where no one can enter without God's will. But God created heaven on the world as well, which is the Holy Church.

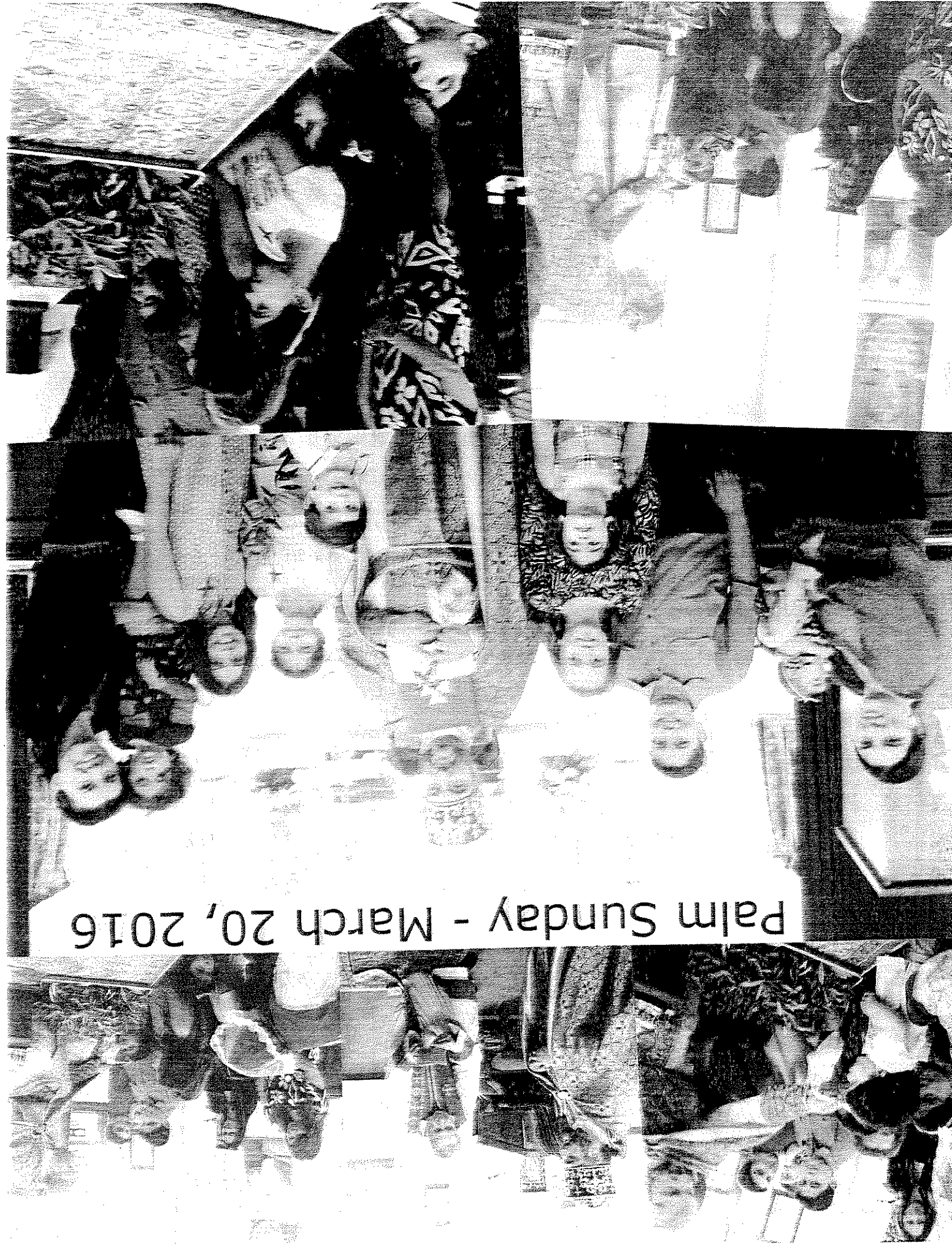
The fifty day period after the Resurrection, which we call "Hinanats" beautifully describes the happiness that occurs on earth and in heaven. Again, all Sundays of this period have a special message for believers. Nor Giragi (New Sunday), Ashgharamatran (Church Sunday), Garmir Garagi (Red Sunday), etc. During these days Christ's triumphant presence is accompanying us to the eternal journey of His heavenly kingdom.

Forty days after the Resurrection we are always eyewitnesses of His Almighty Ascension, which happens as our Lord promised His faithful people. And finally, ten days after our Lord's Glorious Ascension, the Holy Spirit descends upon believers and distributes for them the divine graces.

As the church hymn says: "The eternal and uncreated Being, same in essence and inseparable from the Son, (the co-creator) the Holy Spirit today is distributed among the apostles as tongues of fire, he draws the human race into light and distributes his graces: let us praise and worship Him."

My wish for each and every believer is to feel these blessings through church events. It really can glorify our souls.

With Love of Christ,
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan



St. Gregory Armenian Church

Presents It's

MERCHANTS' BAZAAR

Friday, April 15, 2016

Markarian Hall

220 S. Third St.

Fowler, CA 93625

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Menu: Shish Kebob Sandwich, Pilaf, Salad,

Pakhlava and Beverage

Price: \$15.00 for Dine-In, Take-Out, or

Delivery (10 lunches or more)

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Menu: Shish and Chicken Kebob Combo Plate,

Pilaf, Salad, Cheese Boreg, Pakhlava

Price: \$16.00 for Dine-In and Take Out

(No Delivery at Night)

Come and enjoy all the great food and visit our

Country Store

with Authentic Armenian Food and Pastries for sale

To place your take out or delivery

orders call the Church office (559) 834-2919

Parish Notes

2016 APRIL

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

On the occasion of Evelyn Boudakian Crowder's March 7th - 90th birthday, we are sponsoring the April monthly bulletin. George and Rose Marie Margosian, Pierre, Melissa, Alik and Arlen Ptlavian, Darrell, Tina, Karnig and Melina Peters.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Michael and Ted Tellian and Family on the recent passing of their mother, Elizabeth Tellian.

Also, our condolences to Betty Krikorian and Family on the recent passing of her husband, Harry Krikorian. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.

We would like to thank Mari Louise, Laurie and David Menendian for the donation of the restoration and back lighting for the Madonna and Child on the altar in memory of their parents, Armen and Araxie Menendian and also, we would like to thank Charlie and Chris, Sark Jr., Margie and Kathy for the restoration and back lighting of the Last Supper on the altar in memory of their mother, Sylvia Davidian. The back lighting is their mother's way of lighting up the church forever.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Parish Council donated for Palm Sunday. ACYO donated for Easter Sunday.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS

Ed and Georgia Davidian and Family
Jim and Bea Soxman
The Shekian Family

ALTAR CANDLES

Sark Davidian, Jr. and Family in memory of Cestly Jade Davidian and Pete Majarian, five years after their passing and also, Ed and Georgia Davidian and Family.

I want to organize a group for Religious and Armenian Language Classes which will take place on Wednesday evenings, twice a month. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at (559) 528-6892.

Ladies Society meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016 in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.

Armenian Exchange Students, Anna Minasyan and Armine Gasparyan will be baptized here at St. Mary, Yettam on Sunday, April 3, 2016.

Parish Council will be hosting Fellowship on Sunday, April 3, 2016 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

Faith of Zion meeting will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016 after Divine Liturgy.

ACYO meeting will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at Tutti Frutti in Visalia on Mooney Blvd. at 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary Church (only the church) will be closed April 18, 19 & 20, 2016 due to process of maintenance of the Church. Recently we discovered a small group of termite. This issue has to be addressed.

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 23, 2016 Sunday School is taking a trip to the Zoo.

DVD SET FOR SALE

St. Mary Armenian Church
100th Anniversary
July 2, 2011

DVD #1 – Taped at the Lamp Litter Inn, Visalia, California
(Disc includes: Entire banquet and slide show of family and candid
pictures taken at the banquet)

DVD #2 – St. Mary Armenian Church Historical Video

(As shown at the banquet)

DVD #1 and DVD #2 come as a set = \$25.00

Mail orders may be placed by calling the Church office at
(559) 528-6892.
Cost of mailing will be \$25.00 plus \$6.00 for shipping and
handling, a total of \$31.00.

Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee

Saturday, April 23, 2016 is Casino Night
at St. Mary, Yreem in the Majarian Hall at
7:00 p.m. (See flyer)

Armenian Genocide Event and Lunch will
be held on Sunday, April 24, 2016 after
Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall
sponsored by Faith of Zion.

We have started a Monthly Movie Club.
As a group we will attend a movie the last
Friday of each month. Our next movie
date is Friday, April 29, 2016. If you are
interested please call Debbie Shekian at
733-4417.

Diocesan Assembly will be held May 5, 6,
& 7, 2016 in the Armenian Apostolic
Church in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The 39th Annual Armenian Food Festival
will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at
the Visalia Elks Lodge. (See flyer)

July 10, 2016 is the Primate's visitation at
St. Mary, Yreem.

SUMMER CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED
Week 1: July 10 - July 16
Week 2: July 27 - July 23
Week 3: July 24 - July 30
Week 4: July 31 - August 6
(See flyer)

Ladies Society has "Bracelets" for sale
from their 100th Anniversary event for
\$8.00. Please contact the Church Office at
(559) 528-6892 if you are interested in
purchasing one.

DVD SET FOR SALE: St. Mary
Armenian Church, 100th Anniversary, July
2, 2011. (See flyer)

The "Armenian Genocide Survivors and
Heroes" can be purchased for \$40 at St.
Mary Armenian Apostolic Church in
Yreem or contact the Church Office at
(559) 528-6892. If you wish a book or
books mailed to you, the cost of mailing
one, two, or three books will be an
additional \$5.00. The cost of mailing four
or five books will be an additional \$6.00.

PAYPAL

Our Parish has opened a "PayPal"
account to make it convenient for you to
make donations. You may access PayPal
through the St. Mary Yreem web-site
(www.stmaryyrem.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.

REMINDER

If you have not sent in your 2016 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.

St. Mary Spiritual Conversation meetings
are held on the second and fourth
Thursdays of each month at 2:00 p.m.,
home rotation. Please come and join in. If
you have any questions, please call the
Church Office at (559) 528-6892 or Fr.
Zaven at (818) 644-9398.

The Parish Council has approved to have
our weekly bulletin and the monthly
newsletter available for sponsorships. We
are not selling ads. This was done to help
offset costs. 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.

HYE CAMP 2010 Applications are Here!

Applications available online, February 14th.



May the forest be with you!



The weeks:

Week 1: July 10 - July 16
 Week 2: July 17 - July 23
 Week 3: July 24 - July 30
 Week 4: July 31 - August 6

Staff Training: June 18 L.A.
 June 25 Fowler
 Family Day: April 30

Visit us and register at: <http://hyecamp.com/> or Email: info@hyecamp.com

S.H.A.R.E.S. CARD PROGRAM

Reminder
 Please use your S.H.A.R.E.S. CARD when you go to the grocery stores (Save Mart, Food Maxx)

If you need a S.H.A.R.E.S. CARD they are available at the church desk.

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

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 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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.

The St. Mary Armenian Church webpage at www.stmaryvettem.org has been redesigned. The old format was originally redesigned in 2010. The new design will work better with today's web browsers on home computers, laptops, tablets and smart phones. If you haven't visited the website lately, try it out and see all the information that can be found online.

Sunday Schedule
 Morning Service [Matins] – 9:45 A.M.
 Divine Liturgy – 10:30 A.M.
 Sunday School – 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00 A.M.

St. Mary Armenian Church, Yetteim

Fr. Zaven can be reached at:
 559-528-6892 – Office
 559-528-6897 – FAX
 1-818-644-9398 – Cell

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Ladies Society Meeting in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.
3 New Sunday Armenian Exchange Students Baptism Fellowship/Parish Council	4	5	6	7 Annunciation of the Virgin Mary	8	9
10 (Green Sunday) Faith of Zion meeting after Liturgy ACYO meeting at Tuithi Fruiti in Visalia at 6:00 p.m.	11	12	13	14 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Conversation	15	16
17 Red Sunday	18 Church will be closed due to process of maintenance of the church (church only)	19 Church will be closed due to process of maintenance of the church (church only)	20 Church will be closed due to process of maintenance of the church (church only)	21 Parish Council meeting in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.	22	23 Sunday School Trip to the Zoo Casino Night at St. Mary, Yetteim in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.
24 Apparition of the Holy Cross, Feast of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide Armenian Genocide Event, Lunch sponsored by Faith of Zion	25	26	27	28 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Conversation	29	30

ARMENIAN FOOD FESTIVAL 2016

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016

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 \$14.00

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

St. Mary Armenian Church of Yetteim
 39th ANNUAL

The Knights & Daughters of Vartan
MEN of the YEAR BANQUET



HONORING

RICHARD HAGOPIAN
 DR. SERGIO LA PORTA

For his contributions to preserving and elevating Armenian culture and heritage through the arts and music

For his contributions to preserving and advancing Armenian culture and history through education and scholarship

TO BENEFIT KNIGHTS & DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN CHARITY PROJECTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016

PARDINI'S BANQUET HALL

2257 W. SHAW AVE. FRESNO, CA 93711

Social 6:30pm – Hors d'oeuvres and Wine

Dinner 7:30pm – Dinner, Dessert Buffet, and Dancing

ENTERTAINMENT

Pianist – Kevin Memley

DJ – Diko Chekian

A CONGRATULATORY/AD BOOKLET IS PLANNED

Please contact Ara Karkazian (559-696-7185 - ara@karkazian.com) or

Kevoik Ohazian (559-289-2265 - kohazian@yahoo.com)

BENEFACTOR: \$1,000 (8 1/2 x 5 1/2) Inside or Outside Back Covers

BUSINESS CARD: \$100

RSVP by March 30, 2016

For more information please contact Dennis or Rita Shamlan at 559-438-4646

Banquet Tickets: \$60 – Tickets Not Available At The Event

Please make your checks payable to: Knights of Vartan

Formal Attire is Requested for this Adults Only Event

Steak: _____ Vegetarian: _____ Chicken: _____

No. of Adults: _____ Total Enclosed: _____

1079 E. Pinhurst Ave., Fresno, CA 93730 or

drop off at Ara Karkazian Jewelers at 1776 W. Bullard, Fresno, CA 93711

Names of Attendees (please include a contact phone #): _____

St. Mary Yetteem Presents a Gatsby Evening

and BINGO

Gaming Tables

Come join us for a Gatsby Monte Carlo Night

No Host Beer and Wine

Tricky Tray Raffle Drawings

Table Sponsorships:

- \$150.00 includes: Sign posted on Gaming Chips, 2 entry tickets, All night Mezza, \$300.00 in Yetteem Chips
- \$40.00 in advance Per Person Includes: All Night Mezza
- \$50.00 at the door
- \$100.00 in advance

Gatsby Photo opportunities available

For Tickets Call Chuck Simonian @ 799-3949 St Mary Church Office 528-6892

Please respond by April 9th

DATE: April 23rd, 2016

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: Majarian Hall

New DATE