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Easter Message of His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian  
Primate of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America and Mexico

Christ is Risen!

The Victorious Resurrection of Christ, our Lord is the single most miraculous event which transformed the life of humanity. As we embrace the mystery of the Resurrection, we certainly create and feel in the depth of our spirituality a sense of eternity. The Resurrection of Christ, our Lord, is not in the past. It is about the present and the inspiration of hope for the future. Those who have been transformed by the mystery of the Resurrection, have lived meaningful and purposeful lives, have cultivated history, have initiated culture and have become martyrs in witnessing Christ. The Resurrection of Christ, our Lord, has been the journey of our forefathers. The holy martyrs of the Armenian Genocide have entrusted us their vision to see the new dawn of our nation - the independence of Armenia.

This year's Easter celebration is also a milestone in our Diocesan life as we mark the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment of the Western Diocese. Throughout the past 90 years, Easter has been celebrated by many generations of faithful. Undoubtedly, their faith has been instilled in our hearts and has motivated and empowered us to respond to God's call to be the new architects of this Diocese. The 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary becomes meaningful only when we renew our commitment to serve God, the Church and her numerous missions for the well-being of the Armenian Apostolic Church and our Motherland.

We live in a world where the only constant is change. On the one hand, science and technology progress exponentially while on the other hand, religion and spirituality decline rapidly. This challenge needs to be addressed with resilience of faith. We refer to the same faith which has empowered our ancestors and has become the foundation of their lives.

In this chaotic world, methods may have changed but let us all remember that the message of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ cannot be banned and suppressed. On the contrary, new methods in technology and science should be applied to protect and preserve the resilience and the applicability of Holy Bible, the Word of God. When we speak of peace in the world, that peace is conditioned by the strong bond between God and man. The same faith leads us also to uphold firm the sanctity of the family life, which is the ultimate victory of Christianity. Therefore, the mystery of Christ's Resurrection is grasped through acts of faith.

Christ is risen from the Dead!  
Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ, our Lord!

The resurrection of Christ our Lord is the call for a new life which helps us bear within us the presence of God, the spirit of our Christian identity, the love for our Motherland, the respect for human values, the selfless spirit of service and the vision of the sanctity of a family. These are the most important spiritual values which are catered to Christ's flock by the Church. We are the living stones of the Church through our faith in the Resurrected Christ, for in Him is the new life.

Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ, our Lord! Amen.

Archbishop Hovnan Derderian  
Primate

Easter 2017

## ՅԱՐԵԱՎՒՔ ԲՐԻՍՏՈՍ

Քրիստոսի Յարութիւնը մարդկութեան կեանքը յեղաշրջող ճշմարտութիւն է: Իր հրաշալի Յարութեան խորհուրդը ապրող անհատ քրիստոնեան կամ հաւաքականութիւնը իր մէջ կ'ապրի նոր կեանքը, ստեղծագործելու ոգին, եւ ամենէն էականը՝ յաւիտենականութեան զգացողութիւնը:

Քրիստոսի Յարութիւնը անցեալ չէ, այլեւ՝ ներկայ, որուն ապրումն ու գիտակցութիւնը կ'ունենանք հաւատքով: Ժողովուրդներ, Յարութեան խորհուրդին առաջնորդութեամբ կեանք են իմաստաւորած, պատմութիւն կերտած, մշակոյթ ստեղծած եւ նոյն խորհուրդի առջեւ խոնարհու մով նահատակներ տուած, որոնց արեան հեղումովը հաստատուած է եկեղեցին:

Յարութեան խորհուրդը մեր ազգի նախնեաց եւ այսօր մեր զաւակաց համար կեանքի խորհուրդն է: Նոյն խորհուրդին առջեւ խոնարհած մէկուկէս միլիոն նահատակներ մեր մէջ տեսան տեսիլքը նոր արշալոյսներու, Մեծ Երազը՝ վերանկախացեալ Հայաստանի:

Յարեա՛ւ Քրիստոս:

Հաւատացեալը երբ ջերմ սրտով կը յայտարարէ Քրիստոսի Յարութիւնը անտարակոյս իր հոգիին ձայն է, որ կ'արձագանգէ, որն ուրիշ բան չէ, եթէ ոչ իր հաւատքը Աստուծոյ հանդէպ, քրիստոնէավայել կեանքով մը ապրելու իր խոստումը եւ դառնալու նմանանակից Քրիստոսի:

Քրիստոսի Յարութիւնը պիտի դարձնենք մեր կեանքի նոր արշալոյսը, որպէսզի կեանքը ապրինք յուսակից, նոր տեսիլքներու հետամուտ, ճարտարապետելու օրինեալ կեանք եւ ի մասնաւորի՝ մեր շուրջիններու կեանքին մէջ դառնալու ներշնչումի աղբիւր:

Այս Չատիկը մեր Թեմական կեանքին մէջ առանձնայատուկ նշանակութիւն ունի, որովհետեւ մեր Թեմն իր Առաջնորդարանով եւ ծուխերով ու բոլոր հաւատացեալներով կը տօնախմբէ Թեմի հաստատման 90-ամեակը:

90-ամեակը պիտի արժեւորենք Յարութեան խորհուրդով, որպէսզի մեր առջեւ բացուած կեանքի ճանապարհը իմաստաւորենք բարի սպասումներով, հաւատքի գործերով, նոր հեռանկարներով, որոնք բոլորն ալ պէտք է ապահովեն քրիստոնեայի մէջ նկարագիրը, եւ մեր Սուրբ Եկեղեցւոյ, ազգի ու Հայրենիքի առաքելութեան ամրագրումը:

Կ'ապրինք նոր աշխարհի մը մէջ, եւ ամէն օր ու վայրկեան նոր մարտահրաւերներու առջեւ կը գտնուինք: Գիտութեան եւ տեխնոլոգիայի զարգացումը մեզի չի կրնար որեւէ ձեւով պարտադրել որդեգրելու բարոյական նոր մօտեցումներ, որոնք հակոտնեայ են քրիստոնէական վարդապետութեան եւ այն հաւատքին, որոնք եղան հիմքերը մեր նախնեաց հոգեւոր կեանքին:

Աշխարհի խաղաղութիւնը, մարդկանց բարձր ու ստեղծագործական կեանքը պայմանաւորուած է Աստուած եւ մարդ յարաբերութեան մշտականութեամբ: Հաւատքով կը պայմանաւորուի նաեւ ընտանեկան սրբութեան սահմանումը՝ բարոյական գերազոյն յաղթանակը:

Չատիկուան խորհուրդը առաւելագոյնս կ'իմաստաւորուի, երբ քրիստոնեայ ընտանիքը Քրիստոսի Յարութեան խորհուրդը կ'արտայայտէ գործնական քայլերով:

Քրիստոս Յարեա՛ւ ի մեռելոց: Օրինեա՛լ է Յարութիւնն Քրիստոսի:

Քրիստոսի Յարութեան խորհուրդը հրաւերն է նոր կեանքի, որպէսզի մեր հոգեւոր էութեան մէջ մշտապէս կրենք Աստուծոյ ներկայութիւնը, մեր քրիստոնէական ինքնութիւնն ամուր պահպանելու ոգին, հայրենասիրական շունչը, համամարդկային արժէքներու հանդէպ գիտակցութիւնը, ազգային շունչը, ծառայութեան զգացողութիւնը, ի մասնաւորի՝ հայ ընտանիքի սրբութեան տեսիլքը: Այս բոլորին մատակարարն է Եկեղեցին, որուն ապրող ու շնչող մասնիկներն ենք: Այս պատկերը կը տեսնենք Քրիստոսի Յարութեան խորհուրդին մէջ:

Յարութեան խորհուրդը աւիշն է նոր կեանքի:

Օրինեա՛լ է Յարութիւնն Քրիստոսի:

Յովնան Արքեպիսկոպոս

10 Մարտ, 2017

## **Parish Notes**

**BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP**  
**THE APRIL 2017 BULLETIN IS**  
**SPONSORED ON THE OCCASION OF**  
**LUCILLE MARGOSIAN'S**  
**MARCH 24, 2017 85<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**  
**BY GEORGE AND**  
**ROSE MARIE MARGOSIAN,**  
**PIERRE, MELISSA, ALIK AND**  
**ARLEN PILAVIAN,**  
**DARRELL, TINA, KARNIG AND**  
**MELINA PETERS**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

*Ladies Society Lenten Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.*

*Fellowship will be hosted by ACYO on Sunday, April 2, 2017 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.*

*ACYO meeting will be held on Sunday, April 2, 2017 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.*

*Faith of Zion meeting will be held on Sunday, April 2, 2017 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.*

*Wednesday Souper Supper at 6:00 p.m.  
Lenten Evening Service at 6:30 p.m.  
April 5 – Margie L. Davidian*

*Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.*

*Ways and Means Bake Sale will be held on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall. (See flyer)*

*ACYO Easter Luncheon will be held on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017 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. (See flyer)*

*Remembrance of the victims of the Armenian Genocide, Service will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the Monument and after Fellowship will be hosted by Faith of Zion.*

*Casino Night will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m. (See flyer)*

*Diocesan Assembly will be held on May 4, 5, & 6, 2017 at St. Leon Cathedral in Burbank, California.*

*The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Armenian Food Festival will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Visalia Elks Lodge. (See flyer)*

*GRADUATION season is here once again. We would like to acknowledge our graduates in the May 2017 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 21, 2017.*

*Armenian Language classes will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month after the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at (559) 528-6892 or Fr. Zaven at (818) 644-9398.*

*Sunday School meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. during the school year.*

*Ladies Society has kufta for sale at \$30 a dozen and one pound packages of manti for \$10. You may purchase these on Sundays from Ladies Society board members or by calling the church office to make arrangements for purchase.*

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

***EASY MONEY: ESCRIP***

*We began the eScrip program in April. As of July 20 St. Mary Church has earned \$189.40. 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.*

**DVD SET FOR SALE:** *St. Mary Armenian Church, 100<sup>th</sup> 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 deta*

**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 Yetteem web-site ([www.stmaryyetteem.org](http://www.stmaryyetteem.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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.stmaryyettem.org](http://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!*

### *Armenian Martyrs' Monument Project*



*The fathers and mothers of our parish commemorated our Armenian Martyrs' in the first genocide of the twentieth century by locating a Martyrs' Monument on our church grounds. The monument is now in need of repair. The cost of repair is \$12,600 which is beyond our budgeted expenditures. Please donate towards this repair project so we can proudly carry on the wishes of our church fathers and mothers. Checks in any amount can be sent to the church office. Please indicate "Monument Project" on the memo line.*

# St. Mary Armenian Church, Yetteem

## April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Ladies Society Meeting at 11:30 in Majarian Hall Ladies Society Baking in Kitchen for May Luncheon
<b>2 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Lent (Advent)</b> Fellowship sponsored by ACYO ACYO Meeting in Majarian Hall Faith of Zion meeting after Fellowship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Ways and Means Meeting at China Garden in Selma at 6 PM	<b>5</b> Souper Supper & Lenten Service 6PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Annunciation of the Virgin Mary	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Palm Sunday</b> Ways & Means Bake Sale Sunday School	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Great &amp; Holy Thursday</b> Holy Thursday Services	<b>14 Great &amp; Holy Friday</b>	<b>15 Holy Saturday</b> ACYO Sets up Hall at 10 AM  Easter Eve Liturgy
<b>16 Holy Easter</b> Easter Luncheon sponsored by ACYO	<b>17 Remembrance of the Dead</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20 Parish Council Meeting at 7 PM</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Sunday School, Remembrance of the victims of the Armenian Genocide, Service at the Monument and after Fellowship hosted by Faith of Zion.	<b>24 Armenian Genocide</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Casino Night Sponsored by Ways and Means
<b>30 Sunday of the World Church (Green Sunday)</b>	<b>Notes:</b>					

### Sunday Schedule:

Morning Service (Matins) 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 AM

Sunday School: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 11 AM

### Father Zaven can be reached at:

559-528-6892 – Office

559-528-6897 – FAX

818-644-9398 - Cell

*Ways and Means Committee announces. . . . .*

# *Bake Sale*

*Sunday*

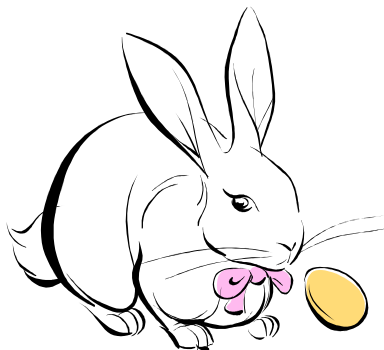
*April 9, 2017*

*Palm Sunday*

*Immediately after the day's worship  
your favorite Armenian delicacies*

*will be available*

- ✓ Cheoreg*
- ✓ Simit*
- ✓ Nazoog*
- ✓ Bread Sticks*
- ✓ Plus lots more*



*ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH LADIES SOCIETY*

**REMINDER**

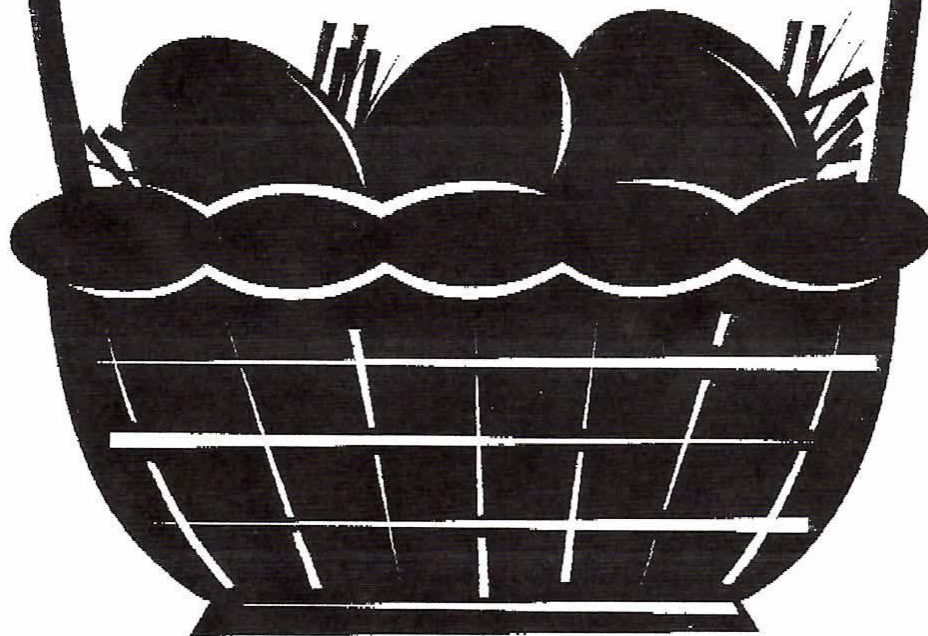
**PLEASE BRING**

**1 DOZEN  
COLORED EASTER EGGS**

**TO CHURCH ON EASTER  
SUNDAY**

**Be part of this lively**

***EASTER  
TRADITION***







St. Mary Armenian Church ACYO

# Annual Easter Luncheon

## Sunday, April 16, 2017

Immediately following church services in the Majarian Hall

### Delicious Shish-Kebab

(Marinated by Richard Hagopian)

Salad, Pilaf, Green Beans, Bread  
and Armenian Desserts

Adults: \$20 per person

Children 10 and under: \$12 per child

Tickets will be available at the door

-OR-

Reserved Seating is available with your advance payment

Fill out the bottom portion and send with your

Payment by Tuesday, April 11, 2017 to:

Melina Peters - 936 West Hemlock Ave. Visalia, CA 93277



### ACYO Easter Luncheon—Reservations with Advance Payment

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend the ACYO Easter Luncheon.

Adult Ticket(s): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children Ticket(s): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 Nancy Krikorian at  
559-737-1055 or nancykriks@comcast.net

## - 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

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### Easter Luncheon—Table #1.

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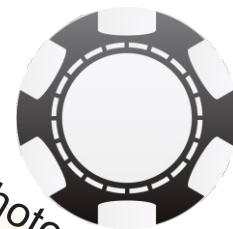
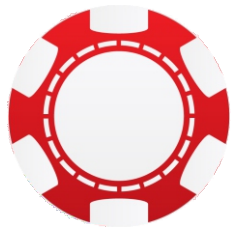
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Gaming Tables  
and  
**BINGO**

Photo  
opportunities  
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Carriage  
Rides

# St. Mary Yettem Presents Yettem Saloon



Come join us



Tricky Tray  
Raffle  
Drawings

No Host  
Beer and Wine

Great  
Prizes

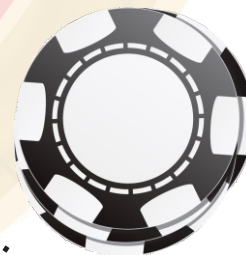


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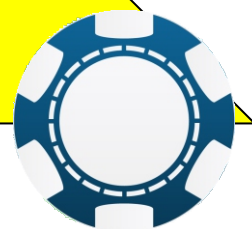
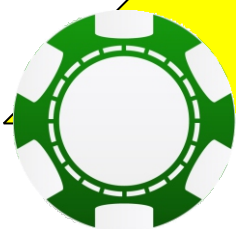
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Sign posted on Gaming table  
All night Mezza  
2 entry tickets,  
\$300.00 in Yettem Chips



\$40.00 in advance  
\$50.00 at the door  
Per Person Includes:  
\$100.00 in Yettem Chips  
All Night Mezza

For Tickets Call  
St Mary Church Office 528-6892  
Chuck Simonian @ 799-3949  
\$40.00 per person  
before April 22

**DATE: April 29th, 2017**  
**TIME: 7:00 pm**  
**PLACE: Church Hall**



St. Mary Armenian Church of Yettam

40th ANNUAL

# **ARMENIAN FOOD FESTIVAL 2017**

**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017**

**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**

Photos Courtesy of Mark Wall



# Poon Paregentan - February 25, 2017



YOUTH RALLY AND CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE AT ST. LEON ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL  
COMPLEX , BURBANK CA

MARCH 10-12, 2017



DAVID AND PETE SAFRAZIAN REPRESENTED ST. MARY, YETTEM ARMENIAN CHURCH

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19, FR. ZAVEN INSTALLED THE OFFICERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
AND THE AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY





## **Flag Raising**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22 - 10 a.m.**

**Fresno City Hall Flag Pole (2600 Fresno St. Fresno)**

**Keynote Speaker - Ara Khachatourian, English Editor Asbarez Newspaper**

**Band - AUSA "Sounds of Freedom"**

**Flag Raised by - Homenetmen Scouts & Fresno High School JROTC**

**Presentation by - St. Paul Armenian Church Saturday School Students**

## **Fresno State - Armenian Students Organization**

**MONDAY, APRIL 24 - 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Armenian Genocide Monument, Fresno State**

**Guest Speaker - ASI President Tim Ryan / Keynote Speaker - Prof. Hagop Ohanessian**

**Performances by - Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School and Fresno State Students**

## **Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee of Fresno**

**MONDAY, APRIL 24**

**Armenian Genocide Monument, Fresno State**

**Laying of flowers - 6 p.m. / Religious Service - 7 p.m. / Civic Service - 7:30 p.m.**

**Reception to follow.**

**Master of Ceremonies - Prof. Barlow Der Mugrdechian / Keynote Speaker - Fresno Mayor Lee Brand**

**Speakers - Fresno State President Dr. Joseph Castro and**

**Honorary Consul of Armenia in Fresno Berj Apkarian**

**The Armenian Dance Group of Fresno**



**Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee  
Fresno**

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# 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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