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The Renovation of the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin

Armenians have obtained their spiritual strength and consolation from the Armenian Church, which has been the enduring source of our people's hope and inspiration. Considering the immense significance of Holy Etchmiadzin, as the spiritual center of the Armenian people, massive fundraising efforts are set to begin in the Western Diocese in support of the complete renovation of the Mother Cathedral. The budgeted amount for the renovation of the Cathedral is set at \$10 million.

The fundraising will be expanded globally, involving the participation of Armenians around the world. After the completion of the renovation, a commemorative booklet containing the list of all benefactors and donors will be published. The booklet will also contain the detailed cost of the construction.

“Throughout history, the Armenian Church has grown, has prospered, has been strengthened, has carried on the apostolic mission, and at the same time, has been martyred in its quest to safeguard the Armenian identity and preserve our sacred inheritance from the Holy Gospel.” (Very Rev. Fr. Yeghishe Derderian). “The entire Armenian nation is bound to the Right Hand (of St. Gregory the Illuminator) and Holy Etchmiadzin” (Very Rev. Fr. Arakel of Davrizh).

It is due to this centuries-old conviction that each Armenian ought to extend a helping hand and participate in the complete and extensive renovation of the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin.

Parish Notes

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mike Mikaelian's Family, he entered his eternal rest on September 10, 2019, and to Dorothy Bazarian's Family, she entered her eternal rest on September 11, 2019. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

- *September 08 – Parish Council in honor of Grandparents' Day*
- *September 15 – Brian and Adrienne Poochigian in honor of their wedding anniversary*

REPLACEMENT OF REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER

We are thankful for the generous donations for the replacement of the refrigerator and freezer in our Church Hall Kitchen. We raised a total of \$6,775.00. We have purchased and installed the units in the kitchen at a cost of \$8,347.99. Although we were short by \$1,572.99, the purchase was necessary as the old units were costly to operate and were resulting in expensive repair bills.

Ladies Society News

At our September general meeting we were energized with new ideas for next year. Some of the ideas were visit the various Armenian delis in Fresno, tour the Valley Lavash and Hye Quality bakeries, go wine tasting at the coast, go to a play/musical, and have guest speakers at our meetings. If you have an idea, please let me know. We are open to them all. Also, at the meeting, we voted to donate \$100 to the Ladies Society Central Council's initiative to raise \$1500 towards the Hovsepien School's science program fundraiser. Grandparents' Day was a success. So much fun to see the kids perform even though it was a little scary being up there on the stage. The love of their

grandparents inspired them to put those scary thoughts aside, and they did not disappoint. The brunch was delicious and plentiful. The beeshig was cooked to perfection! I have to confess, I snuck in the kitchen a couple of times to get some extras. So yummy! Thank you to the committee for their outstanding work. Co-chairs for their very first year were Tina Peters and Donna Torosian. Committee members were Debbie Agnew, Janet Ananian, Margie L. Davidian, Sandy Kalfayan, Nancy Krikorian, Laurie Menendian, Tracy Valencia, and Sandra Vartanian. Outstanding job ladies! Foremost I want to thank our community for supporting LS and this event. We couldn't have done it without you.

The annual Sister Church luncheon was held at St. Paul church of Fresno. There were approximately 130 women from the various valley Armenian churches in attendance. It was a wonderful time to reconnect with old friends and to meet new ones.

*Birthday wishes for October goes out to Julie Poochigian, Sandy Kalfayan, Mary Enfiedjian, Laurie Menendian, and Madlien Hebasha. Last month I was remiss in wishing a happy birthday to Mari Louise Menendian who celebrated her birthday in August. We wish them all God's blessings. Sadly, we offer our condolences to members Debbie Agnew, Bea Soxman, Donna Torosian, and Tracy Valencia for the loss of their father/brother/uncle, Mike Mikaelian. Mike was a wonderful supporter of our Ladies Society who is remembered fondly. May he rest in peace. The date of our next general meeting has been changed to Saturday, October 12. Don't miss it. It's keshkeg time! With God's love and guidance,
Linda Farsakian-Wall
Chairlady*

Faith of Zion will be making Yalanchi for the Shish Kabob Luncheon on Saturday, October 5, 2019 in the Majarian Hall at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is Welcome!

ACYO meeting will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at the Visalia Elks Lodge before the Shish Kabob Luncheon at 10:00 a.m.

St. Mary Shish Kabob Luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at the VISALIA ELKS LODGE from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. sponsored by St. Mary Ways and Means Committee. (See flyer)

There will be no services held on Sunday, October 6, 2019 in Yetteem. Instead a short prayer service will be held at the Elks Lodge prior to the luncheon.

2019 Sunrise Service and Campout will be held on Friday, October 11th and Saturday, October 12th on the church grounds. (See flyer)

Ladies Society Keshkeg meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2019 in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.

Parish Council will be sponsoring fellowship on Sunday, October 13, 2019 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday October 17, 2019 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Faith of Zion meeting will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at church.

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

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.

Armenian Apostolic Church Hymns CD performed by Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan is available for distribution and all the donations will go to St. Mary Yetteem.

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

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, Yetteem

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Faith of Zion is making Yalanchi for the Shish Kabob Luncheon in the Majarian Hall at 9:00 am Everyone is welcome!
6 ACYO meeting at the Elks at 10:00 am Shish Kabob Luncheon at the Visalia Elks 11:00 am-3:00 pm No Services in Yetteem	7	8	9	10	11 Yetteem Campout and Sunrise Service	12 Yetteem Campout and Sunrise Service Ladies Society Keshkeg Luncheon meeting in the Majarian Hall. Exec. 11:00/Gen. 11:30 am
13 Sunday School meets Fellowship/Parish Council	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17 Parish Council meeting in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Discovery of the Holy Cross Sunday School meets Faith of Zion meeting at church	28	29	30	31		

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 YETTEM

SAVE THE DATE

PILGRIMAGE TO ARMENIA

JUNE 2020



For more information call to the church office

(559)528-6892

St. Mary Armenian Church of Yettam

Shish Kabob

LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

VISALIA ELKS LODGE

3100 W. Main – just east of County Center Dr.



Ticket Price: \$20

Dine in or Take Out or Drive Thru

Lunch includes: Beef shish-kabob, rice pilaf, salad,
gourmet green beans, peda bread & dessert

Sponsored by St. Mary Ways & Means Committee

St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church Invites you to the 2019 Sunrise Service and Campout Friday, October 11th – Saturday, October 12th



- Campout on church grounds
- Set up beginning at 5:00 PM
- Bring tents, trailers, RV's
- BBQ Dinner Provided 6:30 p.m.

- Fellowship under the stars



- Rise early and worship together at sunrise



- Breakfast outdoors after services

For more information call: Margie Lynn Davidian at 679-8794



ACYO/Sunday School Baking





Grandparents' Day 2019



Yettem Pilgrimage to St. Leon Cathedral



ACYO Family Fun Night



Exaltation of the Holy Cross



St. Mary Armenian Church

P.O. Box 367

Yetter, California 93670

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