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Yettem, California

Pastoral thoughts

Dear faithful:

I hope the feasts you celebrated and you will still celebrate within this year 2019 will become real blessings for you and your entire families. Celebrations are not only for fun and entertainment. Each and every feast has a special message which comes to change our life, extending our love, faith, and hope.

This is especially true of the annunciation of Nativity and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope it really filled up your souls with new feelings and love toward surrounding people and the world itself. January 2019 is over already and the only thing staying with us is our love, respect and willingness which is reflected in our behavior toward things and events in general. And whatever we accepted with pure heart and honest behavior is what becomes a blessing for us.

Our honesty and pureness of heart should be demonstrated in our belief toward Lord's events, and our worship of them, because it's all for our own benefit and for our welfare. Nevertheless, those virtues also should be reflected in our daily life within our mutual communications with people. God's revelation, which appears to us in different Lord's events was done only for humankind, for us according to following words of the church hymn: "praise him all humans for our sake he took flesh."

With the same expectations God wants us to approach each other as the same and equal beings of His creation. Otherwise, how else we can extent God's blessings in our daily life? Blessings which stem from our heart for people should be demonstrated toward all people without exclusion. That's what our Lord preaches us: "But to those of you who will listen, I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." (Luke 6:27-28)

With Love of Christ
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

Parish Notes

HOKEHANKIST (Repose of Soul) DONATIONS

(December 22, 2018 – January 29, 2019)

For Repose of Nerses Enfiedjian, Melkon Enfiedjian, Arshalous Enfiedjian, Sonia Markarian and Edward Enkababian Souls

- *January 13 - The Enfiedjian and Enkababian Families*

For Repose of George Ananian's Soul

- *January 20 – Charles and Lori Sarabian*

For Repose of Mary Jane Poochigian's Soul

- *January 20 – Joy Poochigian,
John and June Kahain, Nancy Joboian*

For Repose of Carolyn Mikaelian's Soul

- *January 27 – Mike Mikaelian, Kaye and
Judy Kachadoorian, Jim and Bea Soxman*

ALTAR CANDLES DONATION

- *December 23 - Sandra Choboian in honor
of her brother, John Choboian's December
24th birthday*

ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DONATIONS

- *C.D. Simonian Insurance*
- *Myron & Debbie Sheklian*

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

- *January 6 – The Parish Council*
- *January 20 – Stella Ananian, David and
Lisa Krause, Bryan, Terry, Renee and
Michelle Ananian in memory of George
Ananian, eight years after his passing*
- *January 27 – The Mikaelian and Agnew
Families in memory of Carolyn Mikaelian,
forty days after her passing*

HOKEHANKIST REQUESTS

- *January 13 - Nerses Enfiedjian, Melkon
Enfiedjian, Arshalous Enfiedjian, Sonia
Markarian and Edward Enkababian
Requested by the Enfiedjian and
Enkababian Families*
- *January 20 – George Ananian, eight
years after his passing, requested by Stella
Ananian, David and Lisa Krause, Bryan,
Terry, Renee and Michelle Ananian*
- *January 20 – Mary Jane Poochigian, one
year after her passing, requested by all her
family*
- *January 27 – Carolyn Mikaelian, forty
days after her passing, requested by the
Mikaelian and Agnew Families*

*We would like to once again extend our
appreciation to the Ways and Means
Committee for the highly organized
Armenian Christmas Luncheon. The event
was full with Christmas fillings by our
Sunday School performance.*

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

*Annual Parish Assembly Meeting will be
held on Sunday, February 10, 2019.
Registration will begin at 12:00 noon and a
light lunch will be served. Meeting will
begin approximately at 12:45 p.m.*

*Ladies Society meeting will be held on
Saturday, February 2, 2019 in the
Majarian Hall. Executive 11:00, General
11:30 a.m.*

*Ways and Means meeting will be held on
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at Ryan's in
Visalia at 6:00 p.m.*

*Sunday School meets on February 10th and
February 24th. Sunday School meets on
the second and fourth Sundays of each
month at 11:00 a.m. Welcome all children!*

*ACYO will be sponsoring fellowship on
Sunday, February 17, 2019 after Divine
Liturgy.*

ACYO meeting will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2019 after fellowship

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Christopher Sheklian to speak at University Business Center-Fresno State-Peters Auditorium on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. (See flyer)

Poon Paregentan Dinner and Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2019 in the Majarian Hall immediately following church services. Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee (See flyer)

*Lent begins Sunday, March 3, 2019.
Wednesday Souper Suppers at 6:00 p.m.,
Lenten Evening Services at 6:30 p.m.
**THIS IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE
SOUPER SUPPERS**
March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27,
April 3 and April 10.*

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

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.

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.

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 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.

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!

EASY MONEY: ESCRIP

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.

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

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 -2:30.

St. Mary Armenian Church, Yetttem

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Ladies Society meeting in the Majarian Hall. Exec. 11:00/Gen. 11:30 a.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday School Meets Annual Parish Assembly Meeting at 12:00 Noon ACYO meeting after Divine Liturgy	11	12 Ways and Means meeting at Ryan's in Visalia at 6:00 p.m.	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17 Fellowship/ACYO ACYO meeting, church	18 Presidents Day	19	20	21 Parish Council meeting in Majarian Hall at 7 PM	22 Dr. Christopher Sheklian to speak at University Business Center-Fresno State-Peters Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.	23
24 Sunday School Meets	25	26	27	28		

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 Apostolic Church

Christmas Yughakin

Agajanian, Melvin & Regina	Margosian, George and Rose Marie
Ananian, Charlie and Elizabeth	Margosian, Lucille
Ananian, Serge and Judith	Menendian, Laurie and Fredric
Crowder, Evelyn Boudakian	Menendian, Mari Louise
Davidian, Charlie and Christina A.	Nunes, Richard and Joyce
Davidian, Edward and Georgia Ann	Ouzounian, George and Shirley
Davidian, Edward and Georgia Ann	Parton, Blanche and Edward
Davidian, Margie L	Peloian, Joyce and Gary McCrea
Enfiedjian, Sarkis and Hasmik	Peters, Darrell & Tina
Garoian, Gerard and Sylvia	Poochigian, Jerry and Julie
Gomes, John & Janet	Sarabian, Charles and Lori
Groefsema, Bruce and Gail	Sheklian, Myron and Debbie
Hagopian, Richard and Geraldine	Skaff, Judy and Mike
Halbourian, Alice	Soxman, James and Beatrice
Halbourian, Alice	Tolegian, Madelaine
Hebesha, Madlien N.	Toukdarian, Alice and Aresa
Jendian, Dcn. Allan & Rosemary	Valencia, Dr. Albert and Tracy
Kaprielian, John Ara & Sharon	Wall, Mark and Linda
Kizirian, Abe and Sandra	Zakarian, Archie and Kathy
Krikorian, Gary and Nancy	Zerounian, Marilyn
Margosian, Carrie	
	Total = \$2,570.00

“Liturgy and Property in Istanbul: The Armenian Minority in Turkey Today”



by

Dr. Christopher Sheklian

Director, Zohrab Information Center, New York

Friday, February 22, 2019 • 7:30PM

University Business Center • Peters Auditorium

Fresno State

Articular Strip

On January 2019 at St John Armenian Church in San Francisco was held WD ACYO 70th Annual Meeting, Convention where were elected new ACYO Central Council members. Congratulation to our sub-Deacon David Safrazian who was elected as a Central Council member.

Chairwoman: Nataline Jindoian Vice Chairwoman: Gayana Parsegova Treasurer: Sevan Jindoian Publicity: Kevin Kestekyan Recording Secretary: Alen Ashkinian Corresponding Secretary: David Safrazian Advisor: Victoria Amran.



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Հինգշաբթի, 28 Փետրուար 2019

Ս. Պողոս Հայծ. Առաքելական Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ

Սուրբ Պատարագ երեկոյան ժամը 5:30ին
Գեղարուեստական յայտագիր ժամը 7:00

**Մասնակցութեամբ Չարլի Բէյեան Հայկական Դպրոցի
Կազմակերպութեամբ՝**

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Եփրատ Դահլիճ եւ Ալիծ Օթեակի



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Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ Հայց. Եկեղեցւոյ, Ֆայուլըր
Ս. Մարիամ Աստուածին Եկեղեցւոյ, Եդեմ

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VARTANANTZ COMMEMORATION

Thursday, February 28, 2019

St. Paul Armenian Church

3767 N. First Street, Fresno, CA 93726

Divine Liturgy at 5:30 P.M.

Program at 7:00 P.M.

Presentation by Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School

Organized by

The Knights and Daughters of Vartan, Yeprad Tahlij and Alidz Otyag

Participating churches:

St. Paul Armenian Church
Holy Trinity Armenian Church
First Armenian Presbyterian Church
Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church
St. Gregory Armenian Church, Fowler
St. Mary Armenian Church, Yetteam

AFTER THE PROGRAM, A COMPLIMENTARY LIGHT DINNER WILL BE SERVED BY
THE KNIGHTS AND DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN IN THE HAIG BERBERIAN HALL.

Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee



POON PAREGENTAN

Dinner, Kef and Raffles



Sunday, March 3, 2019

Majarian Hall at St. Mary Church in Yetteem

Immediately following Church Services



*All You Can Eat Dinner – Armenian Dancing

All You Can Eat

- Spaghetti and Meatballs
 - Salad
 - Bread
 - Dessert Table
- \$10 per person**

Armenian Dancing

Enjoy the Music
Of
Richard Hagopian

**WINE AND CASH
RAFFLE TICKETS
WILL BE AVAILABE
Be 1 of the 14 winners
(need not be present)**

Try your **LUCK** with the **50/50 Raffle**
Last year's winner took home - **\$400!**



Armenian Christmas 2019

The 70th Annual ACYO Convention took place at St. John Armenian Church in San Francisco from January 18-20, 2019. Friday night began with opening remarks and a review of the ACYO events of the past year. We then enjoyed an Arcade Social where all the delegates played classic games like Jenga and Pac-Man.

Saturday began by Deacon Nersess Ohanyan from San Francisco who discussed the importance of the leadership in ACYO to expand the minds of the youth. Fr. Mesrop Ash from San Francisco also discussed the ACYO Juniors and the foundations of the ACYO. A video and discussion was presented about CYMA trying to encourage the ACYO members to make every effort to attend this years CYMA trip.

We then held the elections to elect new Central Council members. David Safrazian was elected to the ACYO Central Council as Corresponding Secretary.

The 2020 convention will be held at St. Leon in Burbank from January 17-19, 2020.

David Safrazian



Eve of Great Lent or Great Barekendan

When you Fast



The Armenian Church has defined the period of Great Lent as a time of abstinence and repentance for the faithful. Each Sunday during this period is named after an event in the Holy Bible that contains the message of the day. According to the calendar, the days prior to weekly fasts, as well as Great Lent, (with the exception of the fast preceding Holy Nativity) are called Barekendan. The word Barekendan means “good living” or “good life”, as we are called to live cheerfully, joyfully, and to be happy on these days preceding fasting periods. On these days of Barekendan, the angel’s words addressed to the prophet Elijah are fulfilled: “Arise and eat, otherwise the journey will be too great for you” (1 Kings 19:7). The

Armenian Church thus allows her faithful to organize games, festivals, carnivals and large, plentiful meals to observe the feast, as it is followed by a period of fasting and abstinence. The Eve of Great Lent, as Great Barekendan is also called, commemorates the human bliss, which Adam and Eve enjoyed in the Garden of Eden. It also symbolizes the heavenly right, according to which, mankind could eat all types of fruit, except the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Barekendan is the manifestation of the virtues of the soul, through which people can transform mourning to joy, and torment to peace. It is with this comprehension, with bowing of our souls, penitence, fasting and hope for mercy, that each Christian

individual should take his first step on the long, 40 day journey of Great Lent, culminating with the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The period starting from the day following the Great Barekendan and lasting till the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, is called

Great Lent. In the period of the Great Lent, people, refraining from bodily pleasures and sins, get prepared for the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ by means of abstinence and repentance. Both spiritual and moral and bodily abstinence are considered to be important. Our church fathers have called the period of the Great Lent as “Karasnordats”, as the period of fasting lasts 40 days.

This period of the Great Lent is also called “Salt and bread”, as in the past during the period of the Great Lent people have eaten only salt and bread. In the New and old Testaments there are many testimonies concerning the period of Great Lent. Moses fasted for forty days and only then received the Lord’s rules and canons. However, this period is related to 40-day period of temptation of Christ in the desert,

following which our Church fathers established this period of fasting. Fasting may be of three kinds: usual fasting, rigorous abstinence and absolute fasting. In case of usual fasting people can eat only food of vegetable origin. In case of rigorous fasting people refuse to eat any food even of vegetable origin. And in case of absolute fasting people refuse to eat any kind of food, including even bread and water. During the period of the Great Lent curtains in the churches are closed in commemoration of the fact that after sinning Adam was exiled from Eden and the doors were closed before him.

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