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Message from Parish Council Chair

As most of you are aware, we have been without a parish priest since June 1, 2020, when Father Zaven Markosyan moved to Southern California to assume new responsibilities at St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church. Since his departure, our Parish Council has made sure that services have been held every Sunday. We have arranged to have visiting clergy here for half of the Sundays each month with the other half covered by our faithful Yettem altar servers. We have received great support from our Diocesan Primate His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian during this time.

Meanwhile, our Parish Council has been looking at all options for securing a full-time priest for our parish. Working with our Bishop Hovnan Derderian, we have explored possible candidates from both the Western and Eastern Dioceses.

Who would be the perfect candidate for our St. Mary Yettem parish? For some of us, the most important qualifications would be an individual fluent in Western Armenian and English, a strong speaking voice, a powerful and beautiful singing voice, and an ability to deliver a formidable yet succinct sermon. For others the most important wishes would be the ability to connect perfectly with both the very young and our senior members, an individual with innovative ideas, a priest who will honor and maintain our many traditions here in Yettem, a priest that is available when parishioners call the office, a priest who visits the homebound and those in the hospital. Still others would prioritize a shepherd who works tirelessly to bring new members into the flock, an individual competent on all social media, a man of the cloth that is not concerned about salary, a great family man and a priest who is available to attend all auxiliary organization meetings. The perfect priest, of course, would be all of these things and would be able to do all of these things.

Of course, the “perfect” priest does not exist. Priests are flawed human beings just like the rest of us. This does not mean that as a church community we must settle for just anyone, but we must be reasonable and hopeful with our expectations. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ calls all of us to use our God-given talents wisely, and we hope and pray that we find the pastor whose talents best fit the needs of our St. Mary Yettem parish.

Regards,
Myron Sheklian

Parish Notes

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THE AUGUST 2020 BULLETIN IS
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ALTAR FLOWERS

- July 12 – Parish Council
- July 26 – Alan and Marceen Farsakian and Family and Linda and Mark Wall and Family in memory of Souren Sam Farsakian

HOKEHANKIST REQUESTS

- July 26 – Souren Sam Farsakian, three years after his passing, requested by Alan and Marceen Farsakian and Family and Linda and Mark Wall and Family

During this time of unusual circumstances the St. Mary Armenian Church webpage at www.stmaryyettem.org is an important tool for receiving important information affecting our parish. ALL services that are scheduled are livestreamed on our Yetem Cam. The improved LIVE Camera System allows you to watch services on any desktop, laptop, or tablet! The website also includes archived copies of church bulletins, pictures from events, and a current church calendar.

*August 2 – Deacon Service
August 9 – Deacon Service
August 16 – Visiting Clergy, Fr. Vazken Movsesian
August 23 – Visiting Clergy, Fr. Vatche Hayrapetyan
August 30 – Visiting Clergy, Fr. Vatche Hayrapetyan*

Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

Ladies Society News

Grandparents' Day is around the corner. We want to celebrate the past and present grandparents of our parish with pictures of them that will be posted on our church's website. We need everyone's help to make this happen. I ask you to send me pictures of you and your grandchildren, pictures of you with your grandparents, and/or pictures of just your grandparents.

Remember to identify the people in the picture. You can either email me the pictures to linda.hyewall@gmail.com or mail them to me at 1445 S. Silvertale St., Visalia, CA 93277. Deadline for submitting your pictures is September 1, 2020. We want to see as many grandparents as we can. I'm excited to see all our grandparents, especially the ones who are no longer with us.

Speaking of Grandparents' Day, we are planning our annual Grandparents' Day brunch to be held September 13, immediately after church under God's beautiful heaven and trees. We are offering our traditional meal of egg casserole, ham, fruit and of course the main attraction, BEESHIG!. A take-out option is also available. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. (See the enclosed flier for details.) Be assured, Covid-19 safe practices will be observed. Do not miss out on this grand tradition!

August 1 is our first in-person general meeting to be held in our church hall at 11:30. Social distancing will be observed. We ask you to bring your own sack lunch and drink as no lunch will be provided. But more importantly, heartwarming socialization and a fun time will be provided!

Birthday wishes for August goes out to Georgia Davidian, Gina Ananian, and Debbie Sheklian. We wish them all God's blessings.

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

Grapes for the Feast of the Assumption are needed for Sunday, August 16, 2020. Please deliver your grapes to the Majarian Hall by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 15th. 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. The family luncheon and Ways and Means bake sale will be held outdoors this year. (See flyers)

ST. MARY MEMORIAL WALL

There are now 35 available spaces for new names on the Memorial Wall. The cost for each space is \$200. You can place an order for an additional name(s) by contacting Jim Soxman: ph. 559 - 936-2227, or email: jimbeasoxman@sbcglobal.net

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.

COOKBOOK

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.*

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 of Yettem FaceBook page has been revived. Both our FaceBook page and website will keep you informed about our church schedules, events and miscellaneous happenings.

If you know of anyone ill or in the hospital, please call the Church Office (559) 528-6892 or Parish Council Chairman Myron Sheklian at 280-7315.

Church office hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you are in need of something quickly, call Parish Council Chairman Myron Sheklian at 280-7315.



On Sunday, July 12th, Father Mashdots Keshishian and his family visited our parish and celebrated the Divine Liturgy with us.

St. Mary Armenian Church, Yetteem

AUGUST 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Sons & Grandsons of St. Gregory the Illuminator Ladies Society meeting in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 Bring your own sack lunch with drink
2 Deacon Service	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Barekendan of the Fast of Assumption Deacon Service	10	11	12 Parish Council meeting	13	14	15 Showers of Radiance of Holy Etchmiadzin
16 Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God Visity Clergy Rev. Fr. Vazken Movsesian Asdvadzadzin, Ways and Means Bake Sale and Outdoor Luncheon	17 Remembrance of the dead	18	19	20	21	22
23 Visiting Clery, Fr. Vatche Hayrapetyan	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Visiting Clery, Fr. Vatche Hayrapetyan	31	1	2	3	4	5

Sunday Schedule:

Morning Service (Matins) 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

559-528-6892 – Church Office
559-528-6897 – FAX
559-280-7315 – Myron Sheklian,
Chairman



Feast of the Assumption

St. Mary Armenian Church

Yettem, California

Blessing of the Grapes

Sunday, August 16, 2020



We will be having an “old-time luncheon” outside under the trees in the church yard. Beef kebob, salad, pilaf and vegetables will be served for \$20 a plate (\$12 for children under 12). Lunch will be available to eat outside at socially distant tables, for take-out, or drive through. Email lunch@stmaryyettem.org with your name and number of lunches requested or text 559-280-7315. You can also call the church office at (559) 528-6892 to reserve. Please respond by: Monday, August 10th.



Ways and Means Committee announces.

Bake Sale

Sunday

August 16, 2020

Feast of the Assumption

Asdvadzadzin & Grape Blessing

Immediately after the day's worship

your favorite Armenian delicacies

will be available

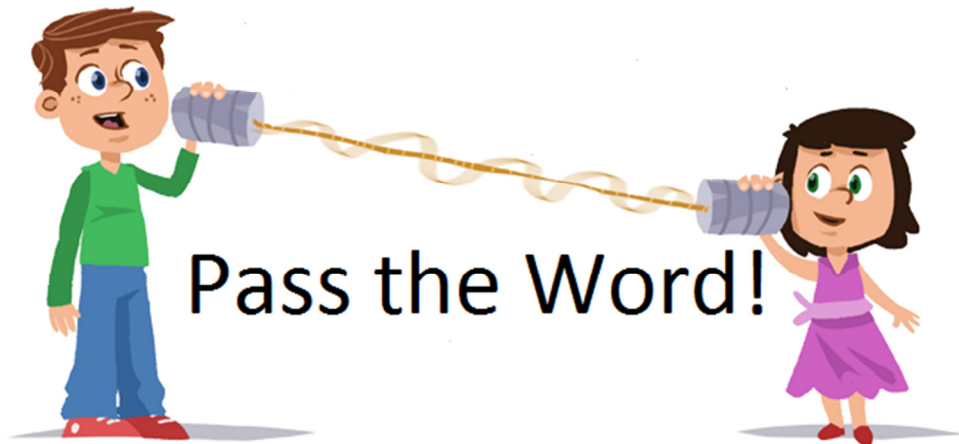
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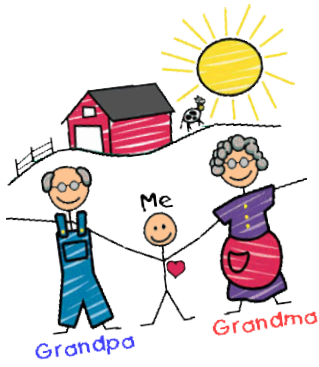
✓ *Simit*

✓ *Nazoog*

✓ *Bread Sticks*

✓ *Plus lots more*





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



'Grandparents' Day'

Sunday, September 13, 2020

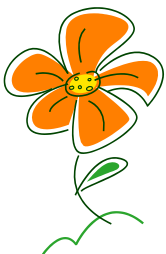
Immediately following church services

'Outside' Under the Trees Or Take Out Available

☞ Enjoy a Delicious Box Lunch
featuring—Beeshee and
traditional Grandparents Day foods☞

****Cost **Adults and Children (\$12)****

RESERVATIONS FOR
SEATING -OR- TAKE OUT
ARE REQUIRED



Call or Text - Tina Peters 559-967-2593 or
e-mail: hyetinpeters@live.com by September 8.

Celebrate our dear GRANDPARENTS...



**PLEASE DELIVER YOUR GRAPES
TO THE MAJARIAN HALL
BY 10:00 A.M.
ON SATURDAY,
AUGUST 15, 2020**

St. Mary Armenian Church
P.O. Box 367
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