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Pastoral thoughts

During the month of May we greet the Glorious Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. I wish this celebration be a consolation for you and for your entire family.

The Ascension of our Lord really was a consolation for His disciples and is for all people who believe in Him. On the day of Ascension, they saw the whole power of God who ascended with the same body in front of them and promised to be with them always, to the end of ages. It was powerful encouragement for believers which strengthened them to be unshaken in their faith and to begin preaching of the Almighty.

According to the Lord's instructions contained in the church hymn (sharagan): "Our Lord ascended to heaven, and said to the disciples: Remain in the city of Jerusalem, Until you receive the power from high above."

This instruction means whenever we undertake to do something we first need to ask God's power and help. Even if we want to preach or praise His name we need to ask His will and receive power from Him. To receive power means to receive blessing for our mission. This lesson is very remarkable because after Ascension, the apostles received the promised power from heaven to continue whatever their Teacher started. According to the Lord's promise, while apostles were in prayer all together, they received graces and power to act and develop Christianity among people all over the world. With their devotion and deeds, disciples showed that God's power can dwell in humans and it can work miracles.

This power can be received by anyone who talks with God and seeks to do good deeds. It already dwells in us and it is our responsibility to bring it to life. Today we are required to do the minimum, to believe in God for salvation of our soul.

As Christians we need to look and find the real Jerusalem in our essence until we receive power from high above. This will strengthen us to act as real Christians.

With Love of Christ,
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

Parish Notes

EASTER ALTAR CANDLE DONATIONS

● *Rich and Janice McWilliams, Alan and Phyllis Borba, Jeff and Becky Akin and Families in memory of Harry Davidian, Laura Davidian and Chad Tellian*

● *Sandra Choboian and John Choboian in memory of their father, Zanes Choboian who passed away on April 22, 2015.*

REQUIEM DONATION

● *April 13 - Madlien Hebesha in memory of Nazaret Kalfayn, Arshalouis Kalfayan and Anetza Akizian*

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 Yettem 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.

Ladies Society News

This month we celebrate Mother's Day. I tried to find inspirational words to say about mothers such as "Mothers are the backbone of our society." But they all seemed empty words. What is really in my heart is, I miss my mom. I miss her terribly. I miss my grandmothers too. I was one of the lucky few who had three grandmothers, Grandma Rose Simonian, Grandma Marienne Farsakian, and Great-Grandma Araksie Panosian. Who I am today is because of these four women. Their unconditional love, their inter-strength, their unquestioning faith in God, is the foundation that supported me when I was growing up and continues to support and guide me now. I know they are still with me when I look at my son Ben.

Everything they gave me I have passed on to Ben. And that makes me smile with such love and joy. Some of you have also experienced the passing of your mother and grandmothers. Just like I have come to know, I hope you know, they are always a part of you. For those of you who still have your mothers living today, treasure their love and their teachings. Mother's Day is a time to sit quietly for a moment or two and feel the presence of your mother and grandmothers. I wish all the mothers of our church a Happy Mother's Day! Our condolences to Margaret Shapazian family for the loss of their mother. Margaret joined Ladies Society in 1959. She was a dedicated member who unselfishly served the organization and the church. May her sole rest in peace. Birthday wishes for May goes out to Tina Peters, Janice McWilliams, Bea Soxman, Judy Skaff, Marilyn Zerounian, and Der Zaven Markosyan. We wish them all God's blessings.

To all of you, I miss you. Until we are together again, take care of yourselves, keep a safe social distance away from others, and stay healthy.

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

The Parish Council will be holding their monthly meeting on Zoom on Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

GRADUATION season is here once again. We would like to acknowledge our graduates in the June 2020 issue of YETTEM. Accordingly, you are asked to submit the names, pertinent information and a photo to sonya@stmaryyettem.org or call the church office at (559) 528-6892 no later than Friday, May 22, 2020.

The 43rd Annual Armenian Food Festival scheduled for May 21, 2020, will be rescheduled to October this year.

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

ACYO is selling Reusable Bags for \$5 each, St. Mary Yettem Hats for \$12 each and Yettem shirts for \$10 each. Please see any ACYO member for questions or to purchase.

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

Donations

Expenses continue during this pandemic. Checks may be mailed to the church office or 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 for the church altar.

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 Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan at the Church Office (559) 528-6892 or his cell (818) 644-9398.

During this Coronavirus outbreak, office hours are varied. If you are in need of something quickly, call Der Zaven at (818)644-9398 or Parish Council Chairman Myron Sheklian at 280-7315.

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

MAY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 Red Sunday	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Parish Council meeting	21 Ascension of Christ	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28 Anniversary of First Republic of Armenia	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Sunday Schedule:

Morning Service (Matins) 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy

Father Zaven can be reached at:

559-528-6892 – Office
559-528-6897 – FAX
818-644-9398 - Cell

St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church

Easter Yughakin

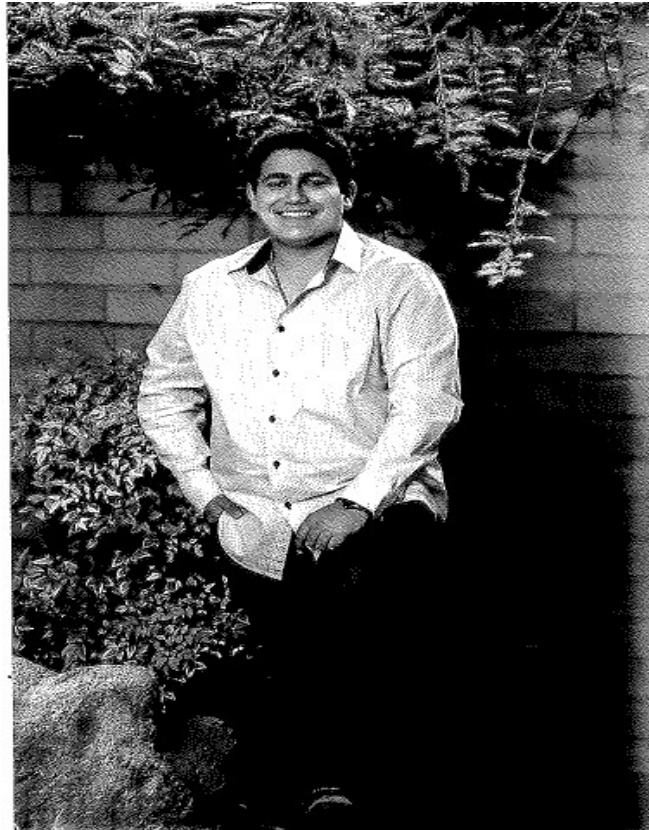
2020

Agajanian, Melvin & Regina
Ananian, Charlie and Elizabeth
Ananian, Serge and Judith
Borba, Alan and Phyllis
Choboian, Sandra
Crowder, Evelyn Boudakian
Davidian, Annie L.
Davidian, Edward and Georgia Ann
Davidian, Margie L
Derrick, James E. and Sadie
Ekizian, Lesta
Enfiedjian, Sarkis and Hasmik
Farsakian, Larry R. DDS & Wendy
Garoian, Gerard and Sylvia
Gomes, John & Janet
Groefsema, Bruce and Gail
Hagopian, Richard and Geraldine
Hebesha, Madlien N.
Kaprielian, John Ara & Sharon
Kizirian, Abe and Sandra
Krikorian, Gary and Nancy
Margosian, Lucille
Margosian, Mrs. Rose Marie
Menendian, Laurie and Fredric
Menendian, Mari Louise
Neffian, Hartune
Peters, Darrell & Tina
Poochigian, Jerry and Julie
Shapazian, Jerry
Sheklian, Joann
Sheklian, Myron and Debbie
Skaff, Judy and Mike
Soxman, James and Beatrice
Tolegian, Madelaine
Torosian, Patty
Toukdarian, Alice and Aresa
Vartanian, Sandra
Wall, Mark and Linda
Zakarian, Archie and Kathy
Zerounian, Marilyn

Total Easter Yughakin

\$2,980.00

Brandon Ananian (18) is graduating from Kingsburg High School. He will be continuing his education at Spartan College in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His parents are Gary & Janet Ananian and grandparents are; Charlie & Elizabeth Ananian and Paul & Sharon Rodriguez.



Kathryn Ananian (13) is promoting from 8th, from Rafer Johnson Jr. High in Kingsburg. She will be continuing her education at Kingsburg High School. Her parents are Gary & Janet Ananian and grandparents are; Charlie & Elizabeth Ananian and Paul and Sharon Rodriguez.

Holy Week 2020



On April 21st, our Sunday School met online and discussed the Holy Resurrection that we know and celebrate as Easter. Fr. Zaven had discussions with the students by reading passages from the Bible about blessing the children and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They then discussed various Easter traditions that surround this Blessed day and concluded by singing Soorp Asdvadz.



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