

Հովվական

Մեր Ամսեկան Թերթիկը եզակի հնարավորություն է մեզ համար կիսելու շատ կարևոր մտածումներ ծխական անդամների հետ: Դրանք շատ պարզ, բայց և շատ կարևոր գաղափարներ են, որոնց մասին երբեմն պետք է մտածենք: Խոսելով այս պարզ երևույթների մասին՝ պետք է նաև նկատի առնենք, որ ամեն դեպքում դրանք կարող են մեծ փոփոխությունների հանգեցնել մեր կյանքը. լավ կամ վատ իմաստնով:

Տիրող այս բարդ իրականության մեջ շատ հեշտ է կորցնել հոգևոր արժեքները մեկը մյուսի ետևից: Այդ հոգևոր արժեքներն են, որ ապահովում են շարունակականությունը սերունդների միջև: Այլ երևույթներն այս կյանքում շատ խիստ ժամանակավոր են և դրանք ուղղորդում են մարդու կյանքը դեպի մեկուսացում:

Համայնքային կյանքում մեկուսացումը չի խրախուսվում, քանի որ հոգևոր կյանքը խրախուսում է միասնություն, հասարակական կյանք, որն ամենալավ հնարավորությունն է մարդկանց միջոցով ծառայություն բերել Աստծուն: Այսօր հանգամանքները մի փոքր այլ են: Մարդիկ մի փոքր ավելի հակված են դեպի իրենց անձնական կյանքը, որն իրենց հեռու է պահում հասարակության հետ հաղորդակցությունից:

Իհարկե, երբեմն անհրաժեշտ է առանձնանալ միայն Աստծո հետ հաղորդակցվելու համար, որը դարձյալ պետք է արվի նաև մեր անձերը համայնքային կյանքին պատրաստելու համար: Ինչպես տեսնում ենք անհատականի և համայնքայինի միջև մեծ կապ կա: Օրինակի համար իմ այս մտածումներն իզուր կլինեն, եթե ես այն չկիսեմ ձեզ հետ: Սակայն նույնքան կարևոր է ձեզանից պատասխաններ լսելը: Ես համոզված եմ, որ դուք շատ կարևոր մտքեր ունեք մեզ հետ կիսելու համար:

Մենք փորձում ենք պահպանել մեր բոլոր ավանդությունները, կազմակերպել նոր միջոցառումներ, որոնք ընդգրկում են ուսուցողական, ժամանցային և հնարավոր բոլոր տեսակի հետաքրքրություններ: Մեր կազմակերպությունների հետ միասին փորձում ենք լինել ավելի հասանելի մեր ժողովրդի համար: Նրանք բոլորն ունեն շատ հետաքրքիր ծրագրեր, միջոցառումներ՝ գերագույն նպատակ ունենալով Աստծուն և Իր կենարար խոսքը: Սա լավ հնարավորություն է մեզ համար մարդկանց միջոցով ծառայելու Աստծուն: Ամեն բան արվում է հանուն Աստծո. այն ինչն արդարացրեց մեր նախահայրերի հավատն ու սպասելիքները, ովքեր անսահման սիրո մեջ կառուցեցին Սուրբ Մարիամ Եկեղեցին Եդեմում:

Պողոս առաքյալն ամենալավ նկարագրությունն է տալիս այս իմաստով. <<Ի՛նչ որ կընե՛ք՝ սրտա՛նց ըրե՛ք, որպես թե՛ Տէրոջ եւ ո՛չ թե՛ մարդոց, գիտնալով թե՛ Տէրոջմե՛ն պիտի ստանաք ժառանգութեան հատուցումը, որովհետեւ Տէր Քրիստոսի՛ կը ծառայե՛ք>>: (Կողոսացիներ 3:23)

Քրիստոսի Սիրով,
Տեր Զավեն քին. Մարկոսյան

Christmas Bazaar



St. Mary Armenian Church

**Ladies Society 2nd Annual Holiday
Christmas Bazaar**

Sunday, December 4, 2016

In the Majarian Hall following Divine Liturgy

Luncheon:

\$12.00 for adults

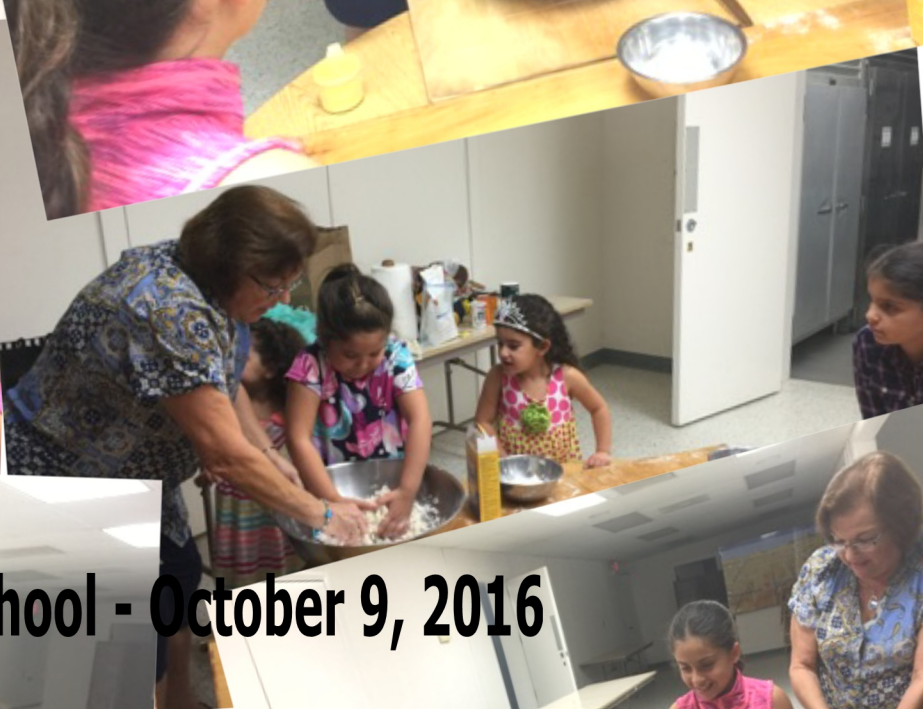
\$ 8.00 for children 10 and under



**Country Store,
raffle, and live auction!**

**We will also have kufta and manti
for sale!**





Making Mas with Sunday School - October 9, 2016

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 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.

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.

Thank you to Mark Wall, Georgia Davidian, Julie Poochigian, Tracy Valencia, Debbie Sheklian and Der Zaven for the pictures used in our collages this 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.

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 includes archived copies of church bulletins, pictures from events, a current church calendar, and an improved LIVE Camera System. With the new camera system, it is possible to watch services on any desktop, laptop, or tablet system. If you haven't visited the website lately, try it out and see all the information that can be found online.



In 1984, the Ladies Society sponsored and underwrote the cost of the Armenian Martyrs' Monument that is located on our church grounds. Thirty-plus years later, this testament to those who lost their lives in the massacres of 1915 is in need of much repair. To date, about 25% of the funds needed to restore the monument have been collected. If you have not yet contributed, please consider making a donation to this project. Checks can be made to St. Mary Armenian Church. Please indicate "monument fund" on your check.

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

ACYO will be meeting on Sunday, November 20, 2016. For more information contact David Safrastian.

Faith of Zion meeting will be held on November 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jim & Bea Soxman.

Faith of Zion will be sponsoring the fellowship immediately after church services on November 20.

The 68th Annual Western Diocese ACYO Convention will be held on November 25, 26 and 27th at St. Apkar Church in Arizona.

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

Ladies Society is offering manti for sale as a fund raiser. You may purchase one or more packages on Sundays from Ladies Society board members or by stopping in at the church office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The manti is from Ohanyan's Food Company in Fresno and are one pound packages. We are selling them for \$10.00 each.

A special thank you to Chuck & Susie Simonian for the donation, installation and set-up of the large monitor screen and tablet computer in the sanctuary. Susie first saw a similar installation while visiting at another parish. The monitor which is mounted in the southeast corner, is wirelessly connected to the tablet and displays the Armenian transliteration, English text and the corresponding page number of where we are in the Divine Liturgy. Chuck and Der Zaven worked together to prepare the screens of text. The system was first put to use on Sunday, October 23.

The Monthly Movie Club has been canceled for the rest of this year. We will re-evaluate after the first of the year.

St. Mary ACYO is selling Yetteem T-Shirts for \$10 at church each Sunday.

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. "Easy money."

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, 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 St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church in Yetteem or contact the Church Office at (559) 528-6892. If you wish a book or books mailed to you, the cost of mailing one, two, or three books will be an additional \$5.00. The cost of mailing four or five books will be an additional \$6.00.



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YETTEM

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Yettem, California

Pastoral thoughts

Our Monthly Bulletin is a unique opportunity for us to share very important thoughts with our parishioners about our community life. Those are very simple ideas but very important, and we should sometimes think about them together. Talking about these plain things, we should consider that nevertheless, they can make a big difference in our lives, good or bad.

In this existing and complicated reality, it is very easy to lose spiritual values one after another. These spiritual values are providing succession between generations, nothing else. Other things in this life are strictly temporary, and they direct a person to the merely individual life or isolation. In community life, isolation is not encouraged since the spiritual life encourages unity, social life which is the best ministry through people to God. Today the situation is a little different. People are much more inclined toward their personal life which keeps them away from social communication and activities.

Of course, sometimes we need to separate ourselves to be only with God, which again has to be done to prepare ourselves for community life. As we see, there is a huge connection between individual and community life. For instance, my thoughts and feelings about our parish life will be nothing if I won't share it with you, but it's also necessary to hear back from you. I am confident that you will have lots of things about our church life to share with us.

We try to keep our traditions and to organize new events for our parishioners, which include educational, entertainment and all types of interests. With our church organizations we try to be more attainable and reachable for our community. They all have very interesting programs, events but of course our supreme and ultimate goal is God and His living Word. First of all, this is a very good opportunity for all of us to serve God through our people. Everything we do is for His sake and in His name; that's what justified our ancestors faith and expectations who built St. Mary Church with immense Love.

St Paul gives us the best description the above mentioned idea. "Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being, for the Lord and not for men, because you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as your reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving..." (Colossians 3:23-24)

With Love of Christ,
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

St. Mary Armenian Church, Yettam November

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Ladies Society Luncheon Meeting at Majarian Hall at 11:30 – Exchange Student Speaker at 12:30
6 Fellowship sponsored by Ladies Society	7	8 Religion and Armenian Language Classes at 6:30 PM	9 Religion and Armenian Language Classes at 6:30 PM	10 Spiritual Conversation At 2 PM	11 Veterans' Day	12
13	14	15 Way & Means Meeting at Ryan's Place in Visalia 6PM	16	17 Parish Council Meeting at 7 PM	18	19 Faith of Zion Meeting at 9:30 at Bea Soxman's House
20 Fellowship sponsored by Faith of Zion ACYO Meeting TBA	21	22	23	24	25 ACYO Convention in Arizona	26 ACYO Convention in Arizona
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Sunday Schedule:
 Morning Service (Matins) – 9:45 A.M.
 Divine Liturgy – 10:30 A.M.
 Sunday School – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 11 A.M.

Father Zaven can be reached at:
 559-528-6892 - Office
 559-528-6897 - FAX

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Տիրող այս բարդ իրականության մեջ շատ հեշտ է կորցնել հոգևոր արժեքները մեկը մյուսի ետևից: Այդ հոգևոր արժեքներն են, որ ապահովում են շարունակականությունը սերունդների միջև: Այլ երևույթներն այս կյանքում շատ խիստ ժամանակավոր են և դրանք ուղղորդում են մարդու կյանքը դեպի մեկուսացում:

Համայնքային կյանքում մեկուսացումը չի խրախուսվում, քանի որ հոգևոր կյանքը խրախուսում է միասնություն, հասարակական կյանք, որն ամենալավ հնարավորությունն է մարդկանց միջոցով ծառայություն բերել Աստծուն: Այսօր հանգամանքները մի փոքր այլ են: Մարդիկ մի փոքր ավելի հակված են դեպի իրենց անձնական կյանքը, որն իրենց հեռու է պահում հասարակության հետ հաղորդակցությունից:

Իհարկե, երբեմն անհրաժեշտ է առանձնանալ միայն Աստծո հետ հաղորդակցվելու համար, որը դարձյալ պետք է արվի նաև մեր անձերը համայնքային կյանքին պատրաստելու համար: Ինչպես տեսնում ենք անհատականի և համայնքայինի միջև մեծ կապ կա: Օրինակի համար իմ այս մտածումներն իզուր կլինեն, եթե ես այն չկիսեմ ձեզ հետ: Սակայն նույնքան կարևոր է ձեզանից պատասխաններ լսելը: Ես համոզված եմ, որ դուք շատ կարևոր մտքեր ունեք մեզ հետ կիսելու համար:

Մենք փորձում ենք պահպանել մեր բոլոր ավանդությունները, կազմակերպել նոր միջոցառումներ, որոնք ընդգրկում են ուսուցողական, ժամանցային և հնարավոր բոլոր տեսակի հետաքրքրություններ: Մեր կազմակերպությունների հետ միասին փորձում ենք լինել ավելի հասանելի մեր ժողովրդի համար: Նրանք բոլորն ունեն շատ հետաքրքիր ծրագրեր, միջոցառումներ՝ գերագույն նպատակ ունենալով Աստծուն և Իր կենարար խոսքը: Սա լավ հնարավորություն է մեզ համար մարդկանց միջոցով ծառայելու Աստծուն: Ամեն բան արվում է հանուն Աստծո. այն ինչն արդարացրեց մեր նախահայրերի հավատն ու սպասելիքները, ովքեր անսահման սիրո մեջ կառուցեցին Սուրբ Մարիամ Եկեղեցին Եդեմում:

Պողոս առաքյալն ամենալավ նկարագրությունն է տալիս այս իմաստով. <<Ի՛նչ որ կընե՛ք՝ սրտա՛նց ըրե՛ք, որպես թե Տէրոջ եւ ո՛չ թե մարդոց, գիտնալով թե Տէրոջմէ՛ն պիտի ստանաք ժառանգութեան հատուցումը, որովհետեւ Տէր Քրիստոսի՛ կը ծառայե՛ք>>: (Կողոսացիներ 3:23)

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Ladies Society - October 1, 2016



St. Mary Armenian Church, Yettem November

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Ladies Society Luncheon Meeting at Majarian Hall at 11:30 – Exchange Student Speaker at 12:30
6 Fellowship sponsored by Ladies Society	7	8 Religion and Armenian Language Classes at 6:30 PM	9 Religion and Armenian Language Classes at 6:30 PM	10 Spiritual Conversation At 2 PM	11 Veterans' Day	12
13	14	15 Way & Means Meeting at Ryan's Place in Visalia 6PM	16	17 Parish Council Meeting at 7 PM	18	19 Faith of Zion Meeting at 9:30 at Bea Soxman's House
20 Fellowship sponsored by Faith of Zion ACYO Meeting TBA	21	22	23	24	25 ACYO Convention in Arizona	26 ACYO Convention in Arizona
27 ACYO Convention in Arizona	28	29 Religion and Armenian Language Classes at 6:30 PM	30 Religion and Armenian Language Classes at 6:30 PM			

Sunday Schedule:
 Morning Service (Matins) – 9:45 A.M.
 Divine Liturgy – 10:30 A.M.
 Sunday School – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 11 A.M.

Father Zaven can be reached at:
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**October 9, 2016 – Charlie & Christine
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Tejerian and Tom Tejerian**

**October 30, 2016- Abe Kazarian Family in
memory of Abe Kazarian**

HOKEHANKIST
**October 9 – Charlie & Christine Davidian,
Sark Davidian Jr., Margie Lynn Davidian
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Davidian on the first year after her passing**

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**October 30- The Abe Kazarian family in
memory of Abe Kazarian, 40 days after his
passing.**

**Ladies Society will be holding their next
meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2016 in
the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m. Dona
Hovhannisyanyan, our current Armenian
foreign exchange student, will be speaking
at 12:30. All are invited to come and hear
her speak.**

**Ladies Society will be hosting Fellowship
on Sunday, November 6, 2016 after Divine
Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.**

**The 8th annual Shish Kebab Luncheon,
sponsored by the Ways & Means
Committee, was a smashing success. We
served 893 meals, up from 731 last year.
Despite a 17% increase in the price of lamb
we showed the highest profit ever for this
event: slightly more than \$10,000. We
received many compliments on the meal,
with the meat described as tender, moist,
and perfectly cooked.
As always, the credit for a successful event
must go to all of you who worked on the
various committees. Everyone worked hard
and your efforts are greatly appreciated.
Thank you!
-Jim Soxman-**

**Armenian Religious and Language classes
will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Visalia
Library. This month we will be meeting on
November 9 and November 23. If you are
interested, please contact the Church
Office at (559) 528-6892 or Fr. Zaven at
(818) 644-9398.**

**St. Mary Spiritual Conversation meetings
are usually held on the second and fourth
Thursdays of each month at 2:00 p.m.
Because Thanksgiving falls on the fourth
Thursday, we will be meeting only on
November 10th. Please come and join us.
For locations, or if you have any questions,
please call the Church Office at (559) 528-
6892 or Fr. Zaven at (818) 644-9398.**

**The next Ways and Means Committee
meeting will be held on November 15,
2016, at Ryan's Place in Visalia.**

**The regular monthly Parish Council
meeting will be held on Thursday,
November 17, 2016 in the Majarian Hall at
7:00 p.m.**

ACYO will be meeting on Sunday, November 20, 2016. For more information contact David Safrastian.

Faith of Zion meeting will be held on November 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jim & Bea Soxman.

Faith of Zion will be sponsoring the fellowship immediately after church services on November 20.

The 68th Annual Western Diocese ACYO Convention will be held on November 25, 26 and 27th at St. Apkar Church in Arizona.

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

Ladies Society is offering manti for sale as a fund raiser. You may purchase one or more packages on Sundays from Ladies Society board members or by stopping in at the church office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The manti is from Ohanyan's Food Company in Fresno and are one pound packages. We are selling them for \$10.00 each.

A special thank you to Chuck & Susie Simonian for the donation, installation and set-up of the large monitor screen and tablet computer in the sanctuary. Susie first saw a similar installation while visiting at another parish. The monitor which is mounted in the southeast corner, is wirelessly connected to the tablet and displays the Armenian transliteration, English text and the corresponding page number of where we are in the Divine Liturgy. Chuck and Der Zaven worked together to prepare the screens of text. The system was first put to use on Sunday, October 23.

The Monthly Movie Club has been canceled for the rest of this year. We will re-evaluate after the first of the year.

St. Mary ACYO is selling Yettem T-Shirts for \$10 at church each Sunday.

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. "Easy money."

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, 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 St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church in Yettem or contact the Church Office at (559) 528-6892. If you wish a book or books mailed to you, the cost of mailing one, two, or three books will be an additional \$5.00. The cost of mailing four or five books will be an additional \$6.00.

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 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.

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.

Thank you to Mark Wall, Georgia Davidian, Julie Poochigian, Tracy Valencia, Debbie Sheklian and Der Zaven for the pictures used in our collages this 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.

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 includes archived copies of church bulletins, pictures from events, a current church calendar, and an improved LIVE Camera System. With the new camera system, it is possible to watch services on any desktop, laptop, or tablet system. If you haven't visited the website lately, try it out and see all the information that can be found online.



In 1984, the Ladies Society sponsored and underwrote the cost of the Armenian Martyrs' Monument that is located on our church grounds. Thirty-plus years later, this testament to those who lost their lives in the massacres of 1915 is in need of much repair. To date, about 25% of the funds needed to restore the monument have been collected. If you have not yet contributed, please consider making a donation to this project. Checks can be made to St. Mary Armenian Church. Please indicate "monument fund" on your check.

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



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Pastoral thoughts

Our Monthly Bulletin is a unique opportunity for us to share very important thoughts with our parishioners about our community life. Those are very simple ideas but very important, and we should sometimes think about them together. Talking about these plain things, we should consider that nevertheless, they can make a big difference in our lives, good or bad.

In this existing and complicated reality, it is very easy to lose spiritual values one after another. These spiritual values are providing succession between generations, nothing else. Other things in this life are strictly temporary, and they direct a person to the merely individual life or isolation. In community life, isolation is not encouraged since the spiritual life encourages unity, social life which is the best ministry through people to God. Today the situation is a little different. People are much more inclined toward their personal life which keeps them away from social communication and activities.

Of course, sometimes we need to separate ourselves to be only with God, which again has to be done to prepare ourselves for community life. As we see, there is a huge connection between individual and community life. For instance, my thoughts and feelings about our parish life will be nothing if I won't share it with you, but it's also necessary to hear back from you. I am confident that you will have lots of things about our church life to share with us.

We try to keep our traditions and to organize new events for our parishioners, which include educational, entertainment and all types of interests. With our church organizations we try to be more attainable and reachable for our community. They all have very interesting programs, events but of course our supreme and ultimate goal is God and His living Word. First of all, this is a very good opportunity for all of us to serve God through our people. Everything we do is for His sake and in His name; that's what justified our ancestors faith and expectations who built St. Mary Church with immense Love.

St Paul gives us the best description the above mentioned idea. "Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being, for the Lord and not for men, because you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as your reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving..." (Colossians 3:23-24)

With Love of Christ,
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

Presentation of Three-Year-Old St. Mary to the Church



One of the feasts dedicated to the Holy Virgin is the presentation of three-year-old Mary (Holy Mother of God) to the temple. All Christian Churches celebrate this feast of November 21.

According to the Holy Tradition of the Church, after Mary's becoming three-year-old, the parents of the Holy Virgin, Jehoiakim and Anna, fulfilling their promise, bring Mary to the Temple and present her to God. Mary remains in the Church till her engagement. Establishment of the feast is related to the Cathedral, which was built by the King Justinianos in honor of St. Mary, the Holy Mother of God, in the place of the old Jewish temple, on the hill Moria. The cathedral had been consecrated on November 21, 543 AD.

After 638 AD, when the Cathedral, built by the King Justinianos, is converted into a Moslem temple, the celebration of the feast spreads throughout the entire Christian world. The Feast of presentation of St. Mary to the Church has been included in the Armenian Apostolic Church Calendar in the nineteenth century.

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