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Pastoral thoughts

The fall season is filled with church events and celebrations. Our parishioners continue to gather around St. Mary and organize their duties. It's been a pleasure to see how they dedicate their time to continue to perpetuate our events within St. Mary programs. That was our ancestor's dream. They established this beautiful church with unshaken confidence that St. Mary will grow up within years and will bring comfort and peace for generations. Unfortunately, today we do not have enough attendance of our people in the church. Perpetually we are in communication with our people. Periodically we send call messages, mail the monthly bulletin, prepare the Sunday bulletins, knock on doors trying to visit the parishioners and so on, but still we see lack of participation in the church. Of course, our prayers are for all believers and we always remember them in our prayers. I just want to explain that the direct communication is very important. Every one is supposed to do his/her part in the church. Everyone is in spiritual need and it has to be done personally.

We need to allocate certain times to be with God, and it needs to be done every day. The reading of the Bible, prayer and certain daily practices of spiritual life keeps us in permanent communication with God. Useless is this life if it consists with only worldly pleasures. It has to be strengthened with God's presence in everything which Almighty God created. To separate them means we act against God's will. Freedom is a great grace given by God. It has to be used creatively to live a useful life in God's presence. When I say we need to allocate certain time to be with God, it can be expressed in different ways. Nevertheless, there are very important circumstances which help us to feel satisfied as Christians.

Any individual has spiritual need. It is an undivided part of our existence. It is the need for human beings to live and understand this life in completeness. St. Mary, Yetem is a wonderful place which helps believers to find themselves in a perfect spiritual environment.

The will of our ancestors is justified. Within a hundred and more years, St. Mary church has finalized Her mission due to our many dedicated parishioners, and today we need to question ourselves: What is our part in this very important mission?

With Love of Christ,
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

Հովվական

Այս աշունը նույնպես լի է ազգային եկեղեցական տոնակատարություններով, և մեր ծխական միջոցառումներով: Ծուխի անդամները շարունակում են նվիրվածությամբ և միասնաբար հավաքվել Սուրբ Մարիամ եկեղեցում և կազմակերպել իրենց անելիքները: Հաճելի է տեսնել, թե նրանք ինչպես են իրենց ժամանակը նվիրում՝ շարունակելով իրականացնել մեր ծխական միջոցառումները եկեղեցական ծրագրերի շրջանակներում: Այսպիսի մոտեցումը մեր նախնիների երազն է եղել, ովքեր հիմնեցին այս հիասքանչ եկեղեցին անսասան վստահությամբ, որ Սուրբ Աստվածածին եկեղեցին կծաղկի տարիների ընթացքում՝ բերելով խաղաղություն ու միախառնություն սերունդներին:

Ցավոք մենք այսօր չունենք բավարար մասնակցություն մեր եկեղեցում: Մնայուն կերպով մենք փորձում ենք հաղորդակցության մեջ մնալ ծուխի բոլոր անդամների հետ: Պարբերաբար ուղարկվում են պատգամներ հեռաձայնով, նույնպես ամեն ամիս պատրաստվում են Ծխական Ասմաթերթը, շաբաթական թերթիկը, արվում են հեռախոսազանգեր, այցելություններ և այլն: Սակայն հաճախումների և մասնակցության պակասը դեռ զգալի է: Ի հարկե մեր աղոթքները բոլորի համար են, մենք մշտապես հիշում ենք բոլորին, սակայն անմիջական հաղորդակցությունը շատ կարևոր է հավատացյալի համար: Ամեն մեկը պետք է կատարի իր բաժինը եկեղեցում: Ամեն մարդ հոգևոր կարիքներ ունի և այն պետք է արվի անձնապես:

Մենք որոշակի ժամանակ պետք է հատկացնենք Աստծո հետ լինելու համար: Եվ այն պետք է արվի ամեն օր: Աստվածաշնչի ընթերցումը, աղոթքը, և ամենօրյա որոշակի հոգևոր պատրաստությունը մեզ մշտական հաղորդակցության մեջ են պահում սրբությունների հետ: Անօգուտ է այս կյանքը, եթե այն բաղկացած է միայն երկրային հաճույքներից: Այն պետք է գորացվի Աստծո ներկայությամբ, որի մեջ Ամենակարող Աստված ստեղծեց ամեն ինչ: Բաժանել դրանք նշանակում է գործել Աստծո կամքին հակառակ: Ազատությունը մեծ շնորհ է տրված Աստծուց, սակայն այն պետք է օգտագործվի ստեղծագործաբար՝ ապրելու օգտակար կյանքով աստվածային ներկայության մեջ: Կան շատ կարևոր պարագաներ որոնք օգնում են հավատավորին որպես քրիստոնեա բավարարված զգալ: Բոլոր անհատները հոգևորի կարիքն ունեն: Այն մեր գոյության անբաժանելի մասն է: Այն կարևոր հանգամանք է մարդու համար ապրելու և հասկանալու այս կյանքն ամբողջությամբ: Եղեմի Սուրբ Մարիամ Աստվածածին եկեղեցին հիասքանչ մի վայր է, որ նպաստում է հոգևոր հիանալի միջավայրում վերագտնելու մեզ:

Մեր նախորդների կամքն արդարացված է: Հարյուր և ավելի տարիների ենթացքում Եղեմի Սուրբ Աստվածածին եկեղեցին իրականացրել է Իր առաքելությունը նվիրված ծխականների շնորհիվ, և այսօր մենք պետք է հարցնենք ինքներս մեզ, որն է մեր պարտականությունը այս առաքելության մեջ:

Քրիստոսի Սիրով՝
Տեր Զավեն քին. Մարկոսյան

Parish Notes

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP
**THIS 2016 OCTOBER BULLETIN IS
SPONSORED BY THE PARISH
COUNCIL**

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS
September 11, 2016 – Parish Council
September 18, 2016 – Madelyn & Edward
Zahigian, Sam & Silvia Aslan & David
Aslan in memory of Ohannes and Gusina
Aslan, Sarkis & Elizabeth Aslan, and
Hagop and Sara Kara.
September 25, 2016 – Brian and Adrienne
Poochigian

HOKEHANKIST
September 18, 2016 for the souls of
Ohannes Aslan, Gusina Aslan, Sarkis
Aslan, Elizabeth Aslan, Hagop Kara and
Sara Kara requested by Madelyn &
Edward Zahigian, Sam & Silvia Aslan &
David Aslan

CONDELENCES
Our condolences to the Kazarian, Parton,
Nunes, Zakarian and Fernandes families
on the recent passing of Abraham
Kazarian on September 7, 2016.
Our condolences to Zimit Djerrahian on
the recent passing of her sister, Haykanush
Basmagian in France.
Our condolences to the Gayer family on the
passing of Lois Kashian on August 29,
2016.
Our thoughts and prayers are with these
families.

**Faith of Zion meeting will be held on
October 11th at the Lunch Box in Visalia at
6 PM.**

**Ladies Society Keshkeg luncheon meeting
will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2016
in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.**

**Parish Council will be hosting Fellowship
on Sunday, October 2, 2016 after Divine
Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.**

**2016 Sunrise Service and Campout will be
held on Friday, October 7th and Saturday,
October 8th on the church grounds.
(See flyer)**

**ACYO meeting will be held on Sunday,
October 23, 2016 at St. Mary Armenian
church in Yetem following Church
services and the fellowship.**

**The next Ways and Means Committee
meeting will be held on November 15, 2016**

REMINDER
St. Mary Shish Kebab Luncheon will be
held on Sunday, October 16, 2016 at the
VISALIA ELKS LODGE from 11:00 a.m.
to 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by St. Mary Ways
and Means Committee. (See flyer)

**There will not be services held on Sunday,
October 16th in Yetem. Instead a short
prayer service will be held at the Elks
Lodge prior to the luncheon.**

**Parish Council meeting will be held on
Thursday, October 20, 2016 in the
Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.**

**ACYO will be hosting Fellowship on
Sunday, October 23, 2016 after Divine
Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.**

**ACYO is selling Yetem T-Shirts for \$10 at
church each Sunday.**

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

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

St. Mary Spiritual Conversation meetings will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 2:00 p.m., home rotation. Please come and join in. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office at (559) 528-6892 or Fr. Zaven at (818) 644-9398.

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.

We have started a Monthly Movie Club. As a group we will attend a movie the last Friday of each month. Our next movie date is Friday, October 28, 2016. If you are interested, please call Debbie Sheklian at (559) 733-4417.

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. Cost of mailing will be \$25.00 plus \$6.00 for shipping and handlings, a total of \$31.00. 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.

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 Yetteem web-site (www.stmaryyetteem.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, Nancy Krikorian, Der Zaven and Myron Sheklian for the pictures used in our collages this month.

REMINDER

If you have not sent in your 2016 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.

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 a lot more. If you haven't visited the website lately, try it out and see all the information that can be found online.

On September 25, 2016, Annual Family Fun Day was successfully held by the Faith of Zion Organization. Seventy-seven members and friends of the church attended and participated. The event started with a hot dog and hamburger lunch, followed by games for all ages, and concluded with dancing to live music by the talented Richard, Armen and Andrew Hagopian. We are proud to announce that Faith of Zion was able to fundraise \$605.04. Faith of Zion would like to thank all who made this event such a success. (See collage)

President Jimmy Carter, in 1978, proclaimed that National Grandparents Day would be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day. The impetus for a National Grandparents Day originated with Marian McQuade, a housewife in Fayette County, West Virginia. Her primary motivation was to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide.

Here at St. Mary Armenian Church in Yetteem, the Ladies Society has honored grandparents for many years with a special brunch and a program where the grandchildren of our parish indeed show their appreciation to their special grandmothers and grandfathers. This year on Sunday, September 11, 2016, our young people again were the pride and joy of their grandparents as they were dressed in red, white and blue to also remember the events of 15 years ago.

*The special brunch again featured delicious beeshee made by Margie Lynn Davidian, egg casserole from Jesse Zarounian's original recipe, lunch meats, cheeses, salads, fresh fruits, and delicious desserts that included Araxie Menendian's traditional rice pudding made by Laurie Menendian. A special thanks to the committee of Sandra Kalfayan (co-chair), Linda Farsakian-Wall (co-chair), Debbie Agnew, Margie L. Davidian, Nancy Krikorian, Laurie Menendian, Tina Peters, Donna Torosian, Tracy Valencia and Sandra Vartanian. Also thank you to those helping with the program that included: Annie Davidian, Margie Dawson Davidian, Elizabeth Torosian, Alex Torosian, Lauren Valencia and Kathryn Ananian.
(See the collage)*

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, Yettem

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Ladies Society Luncheon Meeting at Majarian Hall at 11:30
2 Fellowship sponsored by Parish Council	3	4	5	6	7 Campout Dinner and overnight camping	8 Sunrise Services and Breakfast following on Church Grounds
9	10 Columbus Day	11 Faith of Zion meets At 6 PM at Lunch Box	12 Religion and Armenian Language Classes at 6:30 PM	13 Spiritual Conversation At 2 PM	14	15
16 St, Mary Shish Kebab Luncheon at the Elks Lodge at 11 AM – No services in Yettem	17	18	19	20 Parish Council Meeting at 7 PM	21	22
23 Discovery of the Holy Cross ACYO Fellowship ACYO Meeting	24	25	26 Religion and Armenian Language Classes at 6:30 PM	27 Spiritual Conversation At 2 PM	28 Monthly Movie Club	29
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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

2016 Sunrise Service and Campout

Friday, October 7th - Saturday October 8th



- Campout on church grounds
- Set up beginning at 5 PM
- Bring tents, trailers, RVs
- BBQ provided includes:
Hot dogs, beans, chips,
soft drinks and S'mores



- Fellowship under the stars



- Rise early and worship together at sunrise



- Fantastic outdoor breakfast after services
includes: Pancakes, eggs, bacon, juice
and coffee

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

St. Mary Armenian Church of Yetteem

Shish Kebab

LUNCHEON

Featuring Hagopian's Deli Lamb Shish Kebab

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

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: Lamb shish-kebab, rice pilaf, salad,
gourmet green beans, peda bread & dessert

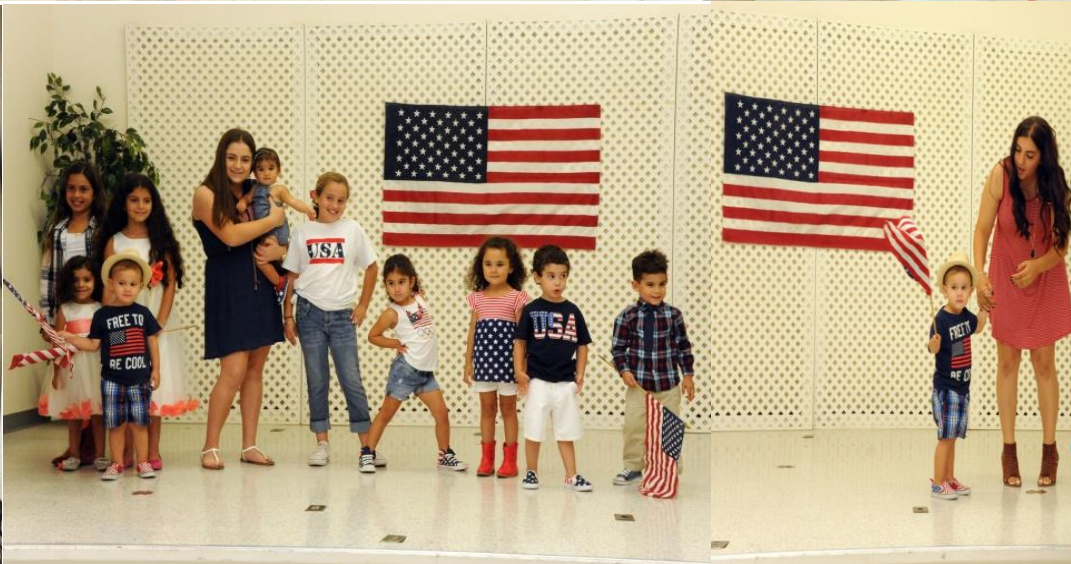
Sponsored by St. Mary Ways & Means Committee

Five Sister Churches' Luncheon
Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Fresno
September 10, 2016



*Vice-Chair Judy Skaff introduced St. Mary Armenian Church, Yettam
and upcoming events of our Ladies Society*





Grandparents' Day - September 11, 2016



Family Fun Day September 25, 2016

Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross



The Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross is one of the four feasts dedicated to Christ's Holy Cross.

In 327 AD Heghineh, the Mother of the Byzantine King Kostandianos, visits Jerusalem with the aim to search the Holy Cross of the Lord. A Jew, named Judas, helps the King's mother to search the site where Christ was crucified – Golgotha. In the result of searches the wooden crosses of Christ and the two criminals crucified together with him are found. For recognizing the Lord's Cross, the remains of a young man are put on the crosses in turn. On one of the crosses the young man rises to life and thus the Lord's Cross is identified. After that miracle the Jew converts to Christianity and later becomes the Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem. After the discovery of the Holy Cross Heghineh renovates the Holy Places of Jerusalem and builds the Church of Holy Resurrection of Golgotha, where later the Lord's cross is installed.

The Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross on the Sunday during the period October 23-29.

St. Mary Armenian Church

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