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KAREKIN II, SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST
BY THE MERCY OF GOD AND THE WILL OF MY NATION
CHIEF BISHOP AND CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS,
SUPREME PATRIARCH OF THE PAN-NATIONAL PREEMINENT ARARATIAN SEE
OF THE APOSTOLIC MOTHER CHURCH OF UNIVERSAL HOLY ETCHMIADZIN,
CHRIST-BEQUEATHED GREETINGS OF LOVE AND PONTIFICAL BLESSINGS TO THE
CATHOLICOSATE OF THE GREAT HOUSE OF CILICIA,
TO THE ARMENIAN PATRIARCHATES
OF HOLY JERUSALEM AND CONSTANTINOPLE,
TO ARCHBISHOPS, BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND DEACONS,
TO DIOCESAN ASSEMBLIES,
DIOCESAN AND PAROCHIAL COUNCILS AND OFFICERS,
AND TO ALL BELOVED FAITHFUL ARMENIAN PEOPLE.

“Let us build the Holy Altar of Light”

(Sharagan)

From the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, we extend our paternal love and pontifical blessings to our faithful nation, both in the Homeland and the Diaspora, with thankful prayers to God and with the joy of the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin. The true light of faith, which was borne in the land of Armenia through the evangelization of the holy apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew, radiated anew in the life of our people. By the vision of St. Gregory the Illuminator, the efforts of St. Drtad, the King, and the inspired participation of the faithful people, arose the Holy of Holies of All Armenians – the everlasting torch of our faith, the wondrous witness of our unyielding faithfulness and unbreakable covenant with God - Holy Etchmiadzin. Through the Descent of our Savior Jesus Christ, our land and our people received divine heavenly graces.

The Mother Cathedral is a beautiful spiritual pearl to which the hearts of the sons and daughters of our nation around the world are attached. *“To the Right Hand [of St. Gregory Illuminator] and to Holy Etchmiadzin the whole of the Armenian nation is bound.”* In this beautiful phrase the historian characterizes the crystallization of the feelings of love of our people toward Holy Etchmiadzin that they have held throughout the centuries. Truly, Holy Etchmiadzin has become the God-founded source of all blessings in our national and spiritual life, the bountiful spring of spiritual renewal, the outpouring provider of Holy Muron - the manifestation of graces of the Holy Spirit; it encourages and renews the faith of the Armenians. The Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, with its magnificent cathedral, crowned by the Holy Descent of the Only Begotten Son, was and will forever be the spiritual center of our people all over the world, the pride and glory transmitted from generation to generation, the sanctified and beloved Bethlehem of the Armenians.

Throughout centuries our people have restored Holy Etchmiadzin and have kept it in splendor, following the call of St. Gregory: *“Let us build the Holy Altar of Light.”* St. Gregory’s exhortation is a staunch testimony of his commitment to build an edifice that displays enduring love for the Exalted God. Throughout time, thanks to the efforts of the Armenian Catholicos, the Mother Cathedral has been continuously adorned with frescos and icons, by building altars, bell-towers and vestries, through showing persisting care toward the sacred site, so that the Christ-founded sacred cradle may perpetually shine and radiate light, *“for out of this place, light was borne to us in Armenia”*.

The invitation of St. Gregory the Illuminator echoes in our life today as well, encouraging us to keep the spiritual center of all Armenians prosperous and radiant. Today, the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin is in dire need of renovation, an immense endeavor that requires the reinforcement of the Cathedral’s walls, in order to prevent it from the danger of collapse.

Necessary repair works have already been undertaken in the Mother See in order to preserve, strengthen and bedeck the Cathedral, our sacred site. These renovations, however, are extensive and require great resources and the assistance of all Armenians. Hence, we appeal to you, beloved faithful, with the call of St. Gregory the Illuminator *“let us build the Holy Altar of Light.”*

United, let us renovate the Holy Altar of our national-ecclesiastical life - the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin. By the heartfelt expressions of your spirit, which you have always showed toward the Mother See, participate in the restoration of our Holy of Holies. Holy Etchmiadzin - our nurturing mother needs our help today so that it may continue its eternal mission in the life of our people. Through Holy Etchmiadzin, we shall always keep our covenant with God strong and remain united in love with our homeland, nation, Holy Church, and our sacred values. We firmly believe that the profession of faith of our nation has remained the same throughout centuries, against trials and difficulties. That courageous spirit is encapsulated in the following statement, *“We recognize as our father the Holy Gospel, and as mother, the Holy Apostolic Church”* as quoted by St. Yeghishe, the 5th century historian.

Our beloved sons and daughters, we hereby urge you to contribution to the renovation of the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin, adding praiseworthy works to your faithful life and name, following the example of our forefathers.

To spearhead and coordinated the pan-Armenian fundraising efforts, for the renovation of the Holy Cathedral, a working committee has been formed by the Supreme Spiritual Council, led by the Primate of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America, His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian. Our exhortation to our dioceses, parishes and faithful Armenians all over the world is to join forces and actively collaborate with the working committee, thus participating in the sacred mission of restoration of the Christ-founded Cathedral through generous contributions.

From the depths of Our heart, we pray to God so that the Exalted Lord may protect all of you, our beloved, faithful and devoted sons and daughters, under His provident protection, and shower you with abundant blessings. We pray so that your resolute dedication to the Mother Church and our nation may remain steadfast and your patriotism may never wane. May the graces of God protect the entire Armenian nation, keep our homeland strong and in peace, our statehood unshakable, our Apostolic Holy Church always prosperous and opulent.

“Heavenly King, keep Your Church unmoved, and keep those who worship Your name in peace, amen.”

With blessings,

KAREKIN II

CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS

This encyclical was given on the 23 of June

In the year of our Lord 2019 and in the Armenian Year

In the Mother monastery of Holy Etchmiadzin

Parish Notes

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

*Charles and Lori Sarabian and Family
Michael Tamouzian and Family
Harry and Pamela Stepanian and Family
on the recent passing of Phyllis Tamouzian
who entered her eternal rest on June 1,
2019. Our thoughts and prayers are with
her family.*

*Chuck Noroian and Family and Harry
Noroian and Family on the recent passing
of their mother Hosana Noroian who
entered her eternal rest on June 7, 2019.
Our thoughts and prayers are with her
family.*

HOKEHANKIST (Repose of Soul)

DONATIONS

(May 27, 2019 – June 23, 2019)

For Repose of Souls

- *June 02 – Girard Kasparian in memory of Virginia Kasparian*
- *June 23 – Lucille Margosian in memory of Aron Margosian, one year after his passing*
- *June 23 – Evelyn Crowder and Jack Boudakian in memory of Aron Margosian, one year after his passing*

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

- *June 16 – Myron and Debbie Sheklian in honor of their 36th Wedding Anniversary*
- *June 23 – Lucille Margosian and Family and Carrie Margosian and Family in memory of Aron Margosian*

HOKEHANKIST REQUESTS

- *June 23 – Aron Margosian, one year after his passing, requested by Carrie Margosian and Family and Lucille Margosian and Family*

DONATIONS

To date \$240.00 has been donated to the church from the sale of the book Farewell My Mountain. Thank you all who purchased the book for making the donation possible.

Sunday, July 7th we will celebrate the 108th Anniversary of consecration of St. Mary, Yetem. After Divine Liturgy there will be a fellowship sponsored by the Ladies Society in the Majarian Hall.

Pastoral Visitation of His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian to St. Mary, Yetem will be on Sunday, July 14, 2019. (See flyer)

WESTERN DIOCESE ARMENIAN CAMP WEEKS 2019

Week 1: July 14 – 20

Week 2: July 21 – 27

Week 3: July 28 – August 3

Week 4: August 4 – August 10

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday July 18, 2019 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Faith of Zion's 3rd Annual Ladies' Night, Saturday, July 20, 2019. (See flyer)

ACYO has no scheduled meeting in July.

Ladies Society has no scheduled meetings in July and August.

Sunday School is on summer break and will resume Sunday, September 8, 2019.

Ladies Society News

Our June meeting was yummy and fun! Committee co-chair, Margie L. Davidian barbequed ribs and corn on the cob. The committee members complimented this with tasty salads and desserts. Needless to say, no one walked away hungry! After the meeting, we played several mean games of Bingo! Joining us and adding to the fun and laughter were Gregory and Skylar Davidian and Jackson Poochigian. Thank you to committee co-chairs Margie L. Davidian and Nancy Krikorian and committee members Annie Davidian, Margie A. Davidian, Peggy Fernandez, Sandy Kalfayan, Shirley Ouzounian, Lillian Safrazian, Debbie Sheklian, and Bea Soxman.

Save the date Saturday, July 27. We will be baking once again. This time we are making choreg for Church camp. We start at 8:00 a.m. in the church kitchen. Georgia Davidian will be teaching and leading us in this time held tradition of baking choreg for camp. If you would like to learn how to make choreg, we encourage you to come. Please let me know if you plan to be there. Contact me at 559-786-1419. The more the merrier!

We are looking forward to Grandparents' Day, Sunday, September 8. We will be hosting a brunch and enjoying the entertainment of our grandchildren. Always a fun event!

Sadly, we lost one of our members Phyllis Tamouzian. For 58 years, Phylliss was a dedicated member of Ladies Society. She served on the executive board as Corresponding Secretary and Advisor and graciously volunteered on numerous committees. Phyllis served our organization and our church unselfishly. We will miss her. Our condolences to the Tamouzian family.

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

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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!

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

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.

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

July 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7 St. Mary Yettem 108 th Anniversary Fellowship/Ladies Society	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Primate's Visitation Day Hye Camp begins	15	16	17	18 Parish Council meeting in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 pm	19	20 12 Holy Apostles of Christ & St. Paul the 13 th Apostle
21 Barekandan of the Fast of Transfiguration 2 nd Week of Camp	22	23	24	25	26	27 Baking Choreg in the Majarian Hall 8:00 am Everyone welcome!
28 Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ 3 rd Week of Camp	29 Remembrance of the dead	30	31			

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

**PASTORAL VISITATION OF HIS EMINENCE
ARCHBISHOP HOVNAN DERDERIAN**

**ST. MARY, YETTEM
SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019**



**St. Mary Parish invites all parishioners
and friends to the pastoral visit of
His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian
to receive His spiritual message and blessings.**

**During Divine Liturgy His Eminence will award
Margie L. Davidian with the Hye Spirit Award.**

CALLING ALL LADIES!

Please join the gals of Faith of Zion for their 3rd annual *Ladies Night* of fun and fellowship!



Saturday, July 20th, 2019

5:00 pm

Food and drinks will be provided.

Optional fun: bring a bottle of your favorite beverage to share.

Feel free to bring a friend or family member! The more the merrier!

This event will be held at the home of Gina Ananian, located at:

12158 Avenue 392, Cutler, CA 93615

Please RSVP by July 13th to Julie Simonian (559) 471-6976



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

**St. Mary Armenian Church
Yettem, California**

Blessing of Grapes

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Morning Service – 9:45 A.M.

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 A.M.

**Remember that since this is one of the five major feasts of the Church,
ALL are encouraged to receive Holy Communion during the
celebration of the Divine Liturgy**

Blessing of Grapes at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy

**Immediately following Church Services a Family Luncheon sponsored by
the Parish Council will be served in the hall.**

Donation: \$20.00 Adult

\$15.00 Children 10 and under

Those wishing are invited to bring a bag of their own grapes for blessing. These should be plainly marked and given to the Parish Council upon entering the church.

Plan to attend with the entire family for a day of worship and fellowship.

Ways and Means Committee announces.

Bake Sale

Sunday

August 18, 2019

Feast of the Assumption

Asdvadzadzin & Grape Blessing

Immediately after the day's worship

your favorite Armenian delicacies

will be available

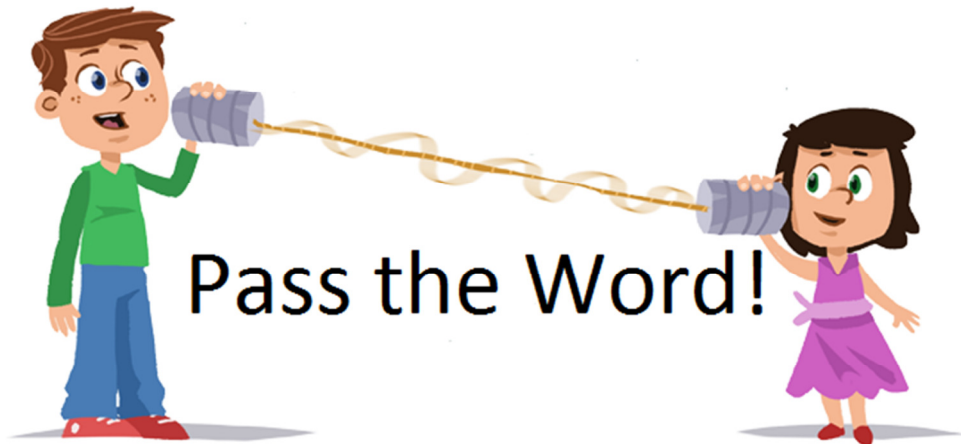
✓ *Cheoreg*

✓ *Simit*

✓ *Nazoog*

✓ *Bread Sticks*

✓ *Plus lots more*



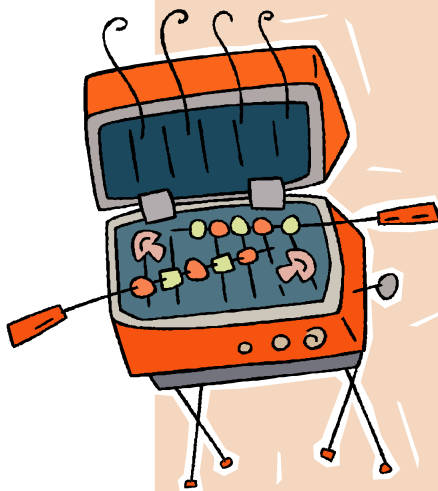
Pass the Word!

Save the Date!

*Join Faith of Zion at the
5th Annual Family Fun Day!*

September 29, 2019

**In the church yard after
the Divine Liturgy**



More information to follow

St. Mary Armenian Church

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