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Armenian Church
Yetterm, California

Pastoral thoughts

Dear Faithful:

Our church is built with love, faith and just as important with dedication, pure and honest dedication. The above mentioned feelings are very important. Today the church itself, parish life and our traditions here in St. Mary, Yettem are the vivid witnesses of that love and dedication which inspires our devoted parishioners.

Each and every believer is a member of the church with the body. We act here as a individual member of our church but we all together are one church which is led by our Lord Jesus Christ. This church, this community is a gift from God. It enriches an individual life. It enriches our family life. Thus acting within church programs first of all it develops our individual life. We really need it. It can help us to develop personal life because it brings satisfaction to all areas of life.

The church as a spiritual institution actualizes a tremendous mission in the human life. The education we receive in the church can cover all kinds of action leading toward a moral and organized life. Here people come together to communicate with God and with His living Word. Any activity we initiate here first of all brings us personal satisfaction. Whatever we do here we do it with prayer which in turn keeps us in connectedness with God.

It is very important where we look for happiness, for spiritual satisfaction and we need to learn how we should do that. Jesus says: But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you. Then our supreme endeavor on this life should be
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We really need all these things. We need to revise our life and renew it every day. Living in this life, which is precious for all of us, we communicate with worldly customs and very easily we make them a part of our own life. We may look for the wrong things which make our life more difficult and hard. However, the church can help us to revise and change our life.

We are in spiritual need dear believers and we are unable to make changes alone. The church stands here in Yettem, where we can come together, worship our God and hope for His forgiveness.

With Love of Christ
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

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Parish Notes

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS
" 2 F W R ~~E~~ Brian and Adrienne Poochigian in honor of their wedding anniversary
" 2 F W R ~~E~~ Louise Menendian in memory of Jim McOmish
" 2 F W R ~~E~~ the children of Sylvia Davidian in memory of their mother and also, Brian and Adrienne Poochigian in

HOKEHANKIST REQUESTS
" 2 F W R ~~E~~ Jim McOmish, two years after his passing, requested by Mari Louise Menendian
" 2 F W R ~~E~~ Sylvia Davidian, two years after her passing, requested by her children

Our Condolences to the family of Laura Davidian who passed away on October 21, 2017. Services for Laura were held in our church on Monday, October 30, at 10:00 am.

PLEASE NOTE *** The Ladies Society meeting (election of new officers) will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m. This is a change of date from our yearly calendar.

A luncheon honoring Monte Melkonian, an Armenian National Hero will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2017. Monte was born on November 25, 1957 and this luncheon is in honor of what would have been his 60th birthday. (See flyer)

Parish Council will be hosting fellowship on Sunday, November 5, 2017 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

The ACYO will once again be trying to decorate homes for the Christmas Season. If you are interested in having some help, see the flyer in this bulletin.

2017 Shish Kebab Luncheon Preliminary Report
The 9th annual Shish Kebab Luncheon, sponsored by the Ways & Means Committee, proved again to be a profitable fund-raiser. We raised the ticket price to \$22 after seven years at \$20. This helped cover rising costs and a drop in meals (from 893). Turnout for this year was average for this event. Profits are expected.
We received many compliments on the meal, and we prepared and served with our usual efficiency and good cheer. Many thanks to all of you who worked on your various committees.
Jim Soxman; Co-chairman, Shish Kebab Luncheon
The Ways & Means Committee

ACYO meeting (election of new officers) will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at Starbucks on Noble (in front of Kmart) at 6:00 p.m.

The next Ways and Means Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Faith of Zion will be hosting fellowship on Sunday, November 19, 2017 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

ACYO Convention will be held November 24-26, 2017

REMINDER
Sunday School meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. during the school year except in December 2017. Sunday School will meet on the first and second Sundays. Welcome all children!

Ladies Society's Annual Holiday Christmas Bazaar will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017 after Divine Liturgy. (See flyer)

SAVE THE DATE

The Armenian Christmas Luncheon sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee will be held on Sunday, January 7, 2018 immediately following the G D \ T V Z P L A V K A T S and with the entire family and enjoy the delicious luncheon and program.

REMINDER

If you have not sent in your 2017 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.

COOKBOOK

By popular demand, a second edition of the 3 7 U H D V X U H G 5 H F L S H V I U R P W K H D U G H Q R I (G H Q ' K D V E H H Q P I D Y G H A R D Y D L O D E O H 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.

Ladies Society has manti for sale for \$10. You may purchase manti on Sundays from Ladies Society board members or by calling the church office to make arrangements for purchase.

Armenian Language classes will be held on the first and third Sundays of each month after the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at (559) 528-6892 or Fr. Zaven at (818) 644-9398.

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

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. If you have not registered in the eScrip program, sign up at Shares...powered by eScrip (<http://www.escrrip.com/shares>) and designate St. Mary Armenian Church as your charity of choice. If you have difficulty signing up please call me (Jim Soxman, 733-741) 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)

7 K H 3 \$ U P H Q L D Q * H Q R F L G H 6 X U Y + H U R H V ' E B P U N H A S D O \$ 4 0 at the St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church Office. Copies can be mailed for an additional cost. Call the church office at 528-6892 for details.

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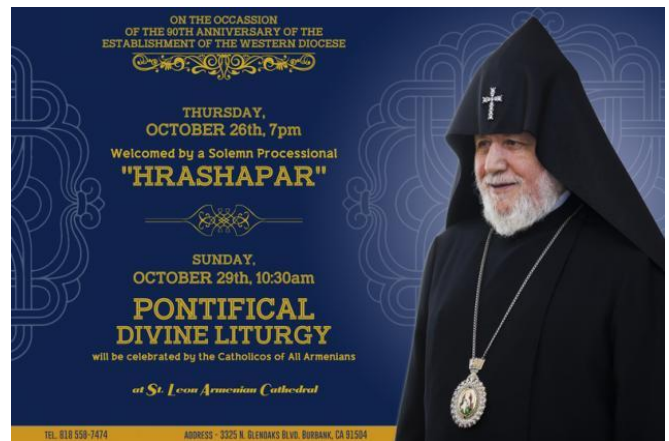
2 X U 3 D U L V K K D V R S H Q H G D 3 3 D V account to make it convenient for you to make donations. You may access PayPal through the St. Mary Yettem website (www.stmaryyettem.org) and click on the 3 ' R Q D W L R Q ' E X W W R Q R Q W K I E Home Page. You may donate for General Donations, Yughakins, 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 sponsorship. 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.

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

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!

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) 622-3390.



On the occasion of the 90th Anniversary of the establishment of the Western Diocese, His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians to the Western Diocese was welcomed at the St. Leon Armenian Cathedral in Burbank on Thursday, October 26. Father Zaven and all the clergy of the Western Diocese were present for the Hrashapar Service at 7PM.

On Sunday, October 29, 2017, Father Zaven, Parish Council Chairman Bea Soxman, Parish Council member Gerard Garoian, and Diocesan delegate Chuck Simonian represented our parish by taking part in the Divine Liturgy and attending the special banquet following the services.

His Holiness visited Mexico on October 30 and will return to Armenia on November 4.

St. Mary Armenian Church, Yetteem

November 2017

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5 18 th Anniversary of the Enthronement of H.H. Karekin II, Catholicos of Armenians Fellowship sponsored by Parish Council Daylight Saving Time En	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Monte Melkonian National Hero 60 th Anriv., ACYO Election meeting at Starbucks on Noble Sunday School	13	14 Ways and Means O H H W L Q J D Place 6 PM	15	16 Parish Council meeting at 7 PM at Majarian Hall	17	18 Ladies Society Meeting and Election at Majarian Hall 11:30 AM
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Sunday Schedule:

Morning Service (Matins) 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy ±10:30 AM

Sunday School: 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 11 AM

Father Zaven can be reached at:

559-528-6892 ±Office

559-528-6897 ±FAX

818-644-9398 - Cell

Monte Melkonian 60th Anniversary

Monte Melkonian is remembered as Commander Avo, the national war hero, who dedicated his life to the rights of Armenians. The rights that Monte Melkonian fought to protect are not just the rights of the Armenian people; they are basic human rights. Monte Melkonian is recognized for the universal scope of his work. After his death in battle on June 12, 1993, the president of the Republic of Armenia declared him a National Hero, and he was awarded the highest military honors of Nagorno Karabagh and the Republic of Armenia including the Military Cross, First Degree and the Golden Eagle medal.

To Armenians, Monte Melkonian is a national hero, but to all who believe in the sanctity of human rights, he is an international hero as well.



St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church, Yetteh Majarian Hall

November 12, 2017

1:00 PM

Christmas Decorating

Need help decorating your house Christmas?

ACYO will come to your house and do it for you!

Indoor or outdoor? No problem!

Let us know when you would like it done
and we will schedule a time to come out.

Contact the church office 528-6892 or
Dustin Vartanian 559-623-3520



Christmas Bazaar



St. Mary Armenian Church

Ladies Society 3rd Annual Holiday
Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, December 3, 2017

In the Majarian Hall following Divine Liturgy

Luncheon:

\$12.00 for adults

\$ 8.00 for children 10 and under



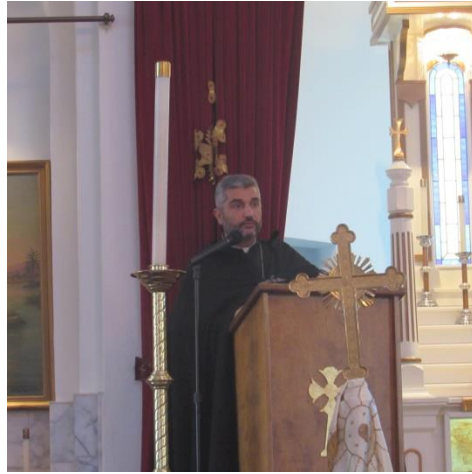
Country Store,

raffle, and live auction!

We will also have k ufta and manti
for sale !



Ladies Society Central Council Pilgrimage to Yette October 17, 2017



On Tuesday, October 17, 2017, approximately 20 pilgrims from the Ladies Society Central Council and local parish visited our Yette Parish to take part in one of three regional meetings. Central Council Ladies Society Chairman Simonian set up the visit. Those in attendance gathered in the church to take part in a Morning Service and to hear a message from Der Zaven. Following a group picture taken on the steps of the church all gathered in the Majarian for a delicious luncheon and program. Following a welcome from Yette Ladies Society Chair Debbie Sheklian and opening remarks from Lena Simonian, Father Vartan Kasparian delivered an informative talk on church and tradition. A question and answer session followed and ideas were shared among participants.

Presentation of ThreeYear-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.

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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 engage
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 ~~42 AD~~ ^{42 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~~ ⁱⁿ their Armenian Apostolic Church Calendar in the nineteenth century.

St. Mary Armenian Church

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