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“The Accessible Church”

In a matter of few days and weeks, the whole world has changed and humanity is now almost accustomed to a pattern of new life. We all are adapting to new measures of lifestyle – social distancing. However, the vision of the church’s mission is relived in new methods and the pastors are looking for ways to introduce “the accessible Church” in the spirituality of humanity. We have often heard the saying “Where there is a will, there is a way.” Catholicos

Karekin I, of blessed memory, gave us all a new version of this statement: Where there is a will, there are thousands of ways.”

Certainly, live-streaming and many other methods of spreading the Word of God and fulfilling our pastoral duties and responsibilities is most commendable. Our faith in God is the undying ingredient within our own being.

It can constantly sprout when we pray and secure our close relationship with God. Faith is the master key to endure all kinds of tribulations but above all, our faith deepens within us divine strength and wisdom to count our blessings.

The coronavirus pandemic which in many ways has driven the whole world to the verge of collapse and has to be trodden. The socio-economic life has been disrupted, humanity has been challenged to regain and reclaim spiritual and moral values. The world family is experiencing an unprecedented moment of solitude and transformation. In these uncertain times, we are sharing our personal prayer life with our community. I feel in the depth of my heart and soul the message of Christ, our Lord.

“Give the account of your stewardship.” God is calling on us all to protect the sanctity of the gift of life graced upon us. We cannot abuse God’s most precious gift. Life is not granted for lab-experimental studies. Life should reflect the image of God. Let’s cherish this beautiful gift of life. Let the love of God dominate the entire world. And this message empowers us all to have the vision of “The Accessible Church”.

Archbishop Hovnan Derderian

Diocesan Primate

March 26, 2020

Pastoral Thoughts

Dear Faithful:

I hope everything will be ending soon and we will get back to our normal church life. I think it's also a good opportunity for all of us to contemplate and to meditate about our spiritual life. We all want to understand why this is happening to us. We are all frightened about our loved ones and about our health situation. Nevertheless, we need to understand that it's due to our transgressions and trespasses. It's happening to us because day by day we leave our God. Due to indifference and careless approaches towards His commandments we depart from Him which in turn shakes our life. We don't want to share anything with Him. Even if it sounds interesting, we don't want to share things with God which are given by Him. Yes, very often we don't share God's given life with Him.

The Bible says: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own: you were bought at a price. Therefore, glorify God with your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

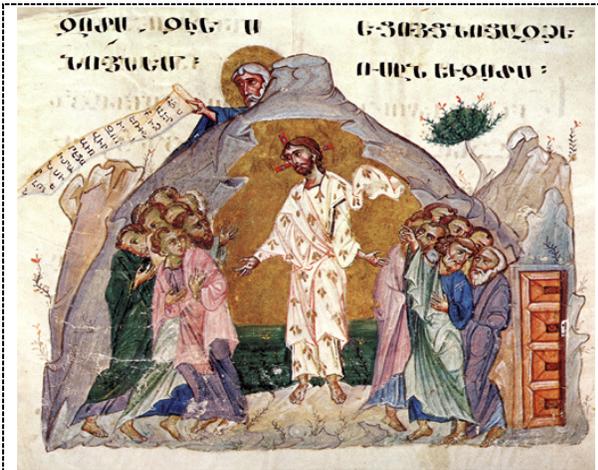
We should think that we are not our own, our bodies are not our own to do as we like with. We have been bought with a price and the price is our Lord's Jesus' blood. He gave His life for us. He shed His blood on the Cross for us.

Share your life with Almighty God not only at church but at any time and at any place. Give time to talk to Him and try to listen to His voice. Pray when you get up, pray when you travel, pray before you sleep and eventually pray when you feel that you really need to.

Now is the time for an invisible enemy to try to shake our lives but it won't be able to if we guide our lives, if we stay with our God and we are hopeful we will pass this temptation with God's help. My prayers for all people in the world are for good health and for their spiritual wisdom to overcome this temptation.

"O Christ our God keep us in peace under the protection of your honorable and holy cross. Guard us against enemies both seen and unseen. Grant us that with thankful hearts that we may glorify you with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen."

With Love of Christ
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan



EASTER GREETINGS

Fr. Zaven and Parish Council would like to wish you a wonderful Easter and resurrected spiritual life, strengthened with annunciation of Glorious Resurrection.

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Krisdos haryav ee merelots

Orhnyal eh harootyoonunu Krisdosi

*Christ is Risen from the dead!!
Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN FOR EASTER

Today the immortal and heavenly bridegroom is risen from the dead; rejoice and be glad, O you bride of the earth, the Holy Church. Bless Your God with a joyful voice, O Zion. Christ is risen from the dead!

Today the darkness of ignorance is dispelled by the threefold light and the light of knowledge is shed upon you. Bless your God with a joyful voice, O Zion. Christ is risen from the dead!

EASTER INTROIT (JAMAMOOD)

*Christ is Risen from the dead!
By His death He has trampled death!
And by His Resurrection He has granted us life!
Glory to Him forever. Amen.*

**ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF
YETTEM
SCHEDULE FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY
WEEK & EASTER**

**ALL CHURCH SERVICES WILL BE
BROADCAST AT www.stmaryyettem.org**

Palm Sunday – April 5, 2020

9:45 A.M. – Matins & Opening of the Altar
Curtain
10:30 A.M. – Divine Liturgy followed by
Children’s Blessing,
Opening of the Portals

Great and Holy Thursday –April 9, 2020

9:45A.M. – Morning Service
10:30 A.M. – Divine Liturgy
commemorating the
establishment of the
Sacrament of Holy
Communion
7:00 P.M. – Service of the Washing of Feet
8:00 P.M. – Service of the Betrayal &
Sufferings of our Lord

Good Friday – April 10, 2020

6:00 P.M. – Service of the Entombment &
Solemn Procession at
St. Mary Parish in Yettem

Great and Holy Saturday – April 11, 2020

5:00 P.M. – Evening Service, Reading of
Scriptures & Voch Inch Eh
Bido
5:30 P.M. – Easter Eve Divine Liturgy

Easter Sunday – April 12, 2020

9:45 A.M. – Matins (Morning Service)
10:30 A.M. – Divine Liturgy followed by
Antasdan (Blessing of the
Fields),

EASTER OFFERING

The Yughakin is a gift to the church which has its origins in the Old Testament: “And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure olive oil for the light, to cause the lamps to burn always.” (Ex. 27:20) Your Easter gift will help the church to keep Her light burning bright.

Parish Notes

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CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

- . The family of Margaret Shapazian, who entered her eternal rest on March 3, 2020.*
- . Lesta Ekizian and Family on the recent passing of her husband Mike, who entered his eternal rest on March 9, 2020.*
- . The Family of Harriet Boghosian who entered her eternal rest on March 18, 2020.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

- March 1 – Michael and Ted Tellian and Family in memory of their mother, Elizabeth Tellian, four years after her passing*

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.

NEW VOTING MEMBER

We are delighted that Rose Marie Margosian became a voting member on January 16, 2020. She is always here and willing to help and has volunteered in the church office for many years.

Ladies Society News

St. Mary Yettem Ladies Society was well represented at the annual Ladies Society Central Council Prayer Day at the Western Diocese Cathedral on February 26.

Joining me that day were Judy Skaff, Margie Lynn Davidian, Janet Gomes, Renee Ananian, and prospective member Michelle Ananian. Archbishop Hovnan Derderian led us in prayer and songs of worship. We worshipped alongside our Ladies Society sisters and clergy. We also learned the meaning and prayers of the vestments the priests wear during Badarak. It was a meaningful and heart-warming day.

February ended on such a high and joyous note. Then March came bulldozing its way through our world with Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Sadly, we had to abandon our meetings, celebrations, and fundraisers. I am grateful to Der Zaven, Yn. Adrine, and their daughters Maneh and Sarah for keeping our church doors open and conducting Badarak. Hearing their voices has brought joy to my heart and on occasion tears of sadness that I can't be at church to worship with all of you. Keeping apart has made me appreciate our church family even more than I already do. I pray God will bring each and every one of you safely through this difficult time.

Birthday wishes for April goes out to Blanch Parton, Shirley Ouzounian, and Nancy Krikorian. We wish them all God's blessings.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS AND CANDLES

Donations of the following are needed:

- *Palms to adorn the Holy Altar*
- *Unsalted butter for the washing of Feet on Holy Thursday*
- *Flowers for the tomb of Christ on Good Friday*
- *Easter lilies to decorate the church on Easter Sunday*
- *Sponsors for the oil for the altar candles*

Those wishing to make any of the above donations should contact the Church Office at (559) 528-6892 to make the necessary arrangements. Thank You.

The Parish Council will be holding a conference call meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 1:45PM.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Lenten Service at 6pm	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 9:45 Matins & Opening of the Altar Curtain 10:30 Divine Liturgy followed by Children's Blessing Opening of the Portals	6	7 Annunciation of the Virgin Mary	8	9 Great and Holy Thursday 9:45 Morning Service 10:30 Divine Liturgy 7 pm Service of the Washing of the Feet 8 pm Service of the Betrayal & Sufferings of our Lord	10 Great and Holy Friday Services at 6 pm Service of the Entombment & Solemn Procession at St. Mary, Yettem	11 Holy Saturday (Easter Eve) Holy Saturday Easter Eve Services at 5 pm Easter Eve Service 5:30 pm Easter Eve Divine Liturgy
12 Easter 9:45 Morning Service 10:30 Divine Liturgy followed by Antasdan (Blessing of the Fields)	13 Remembrance of the dead	14	15 Parish Council meeting	16	17	18
19 New Sunday	20	21	22	23	24 Feast of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide	25
26 Sunday of the World Church (Green Sunday)	27	28	29	30	1	2

Sunday Schedule:

Morning Service (Matins) 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy

Father Zaven can be reached at:

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Ladies Society Central Council
Prayer Day at Western Diocese Cathedral
February 26, 2020

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