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Dear Parishioners:

For a long time I tried to talk about the same subject which is the achievements, concerns, perspectives and wishes of our parish church. I think that should be the main purpose of this part of our Monthly Bulletin, which we call Pastoral Thoughts. Over the years I tried to emphasize and to concentrate on the most vital issues which really need to be revised and organized. This is something we need to do together. No one is able to organize all these actions alone.

Our parish which was established more than hundred years ago always was one of the active and organized churches of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church. From the history of St. Mary Yettem we know how our former parishioners actively participated in our church programs. Always they were involved in diocesan programs. They really left a rich heritage for generations. To keep that heritage going on we need to make efforts to preserve and enrich that heritage. Of course time is different today, and the requirements are different and we need to act in the appropriate way to preserve and to pass it to new generations.

We consider that today we need to cultivate our connectedness with other churches and not be isolated from the diocesan church life. It is very important because it can bring new movement and new breath to our parish. One of the programs we think about is pilgrimage to St. Mary Yettem which really can be helpful in this sense. We've had several pilgrimages during the past few years and we are going to organize them continuously. People who came to St. Mary Yettem for pilgrimage left with good feelings and memories. We need to make our parishioners aware of all these events. That information is available for our parishioners in the Monthly Bulletin, the weekly One Call Messages, and the Sunday Bulletins.

Come and join us with your prayers and help us to encourage our new generation. It means a lot for us be together and to pray together for the sake of our Almighty God.

With Love of Christ

Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

Հովվական

Երկար ժամանակ փորձեցի խոսել մեր եկեղեցու հոգսերի, հեռանկարների, ձեռքբերումների, և ցանկությունների մասին: Կարծում եմ հենց դա պետք է լինի մեր ամսեկան թերթիկի այս հատվածի հիմնական նպատակը, որը մենք անվանում ենք հովվական մտածումներ:

Անցնող տարիների ընթացքում փորձեցի շեշտադրել և կենտրոնանալ ամենաեական հարցերի վրա, որոնք իրապես պետք է պարբերաբար վերատեսության ենթարկվեն: Սա մնայուն և մշտական աշխատանք է, որը մենք պետք է կատարենք միասին: Որևէ մեկը ի վիճակի չէ կազմակերպել այդ ամենը միայն իր ուժերով: Որոշ մտահոգությամբ եմ արտահայտվում այս մասին, քանի որ մենք իրապես ավելիով մասնակցության կարիք ունենք մեր եկեղեցում: Այդ հոգսերը վերաբերում են մեր եկեղեցուն, եկեղեցական ծրագրերին, և առավել ևս դրանք վերաբերում են մեր հոգևոր կյանքին: Ինչպես ասվել է նախկինում այն նախ և առաջ մեր անձնական հոգոր կյանքի զարգացման համար է: Այն նորոգում է մեր անձնական կապը մեր Աստծո հետ և հավատակիցների հետ:

Այս իմաստով մենք համարում ենք, որ այսօր պետք է ավելիով զարգացնենք կապը թեմի բոլոր եկեղեցիների հետ, մեկուսացված չլինելու համար թեմական կյանքից: Սա շատ կարևոր է, քանի որ այն կարող է բերել նոր շարժում և նոր շունչ մեր ծովսի համար: Շատ օգտակար առաջարկներ ենք ստանում առաջնորդարանից և փորձում ենք լավագույն լուծումները գտնել:

Ունեցել ենք ուխտավորներ, ուխտագնացություններ, այստեղ Սուրբ Մարիամ Աստվածածին Եղեմի մեր գեղեցիկ եկեղեցում, անցնող 3-4 տարիների ընթացքում և պատրաստվում ենք կազմակերպել այն շարունակաբար: Մարդիկ ովքեր եղել են Եղեմի Սուրբ Մարիամ Աստվածածին եկեղեցում այստեղից հեռացել են լավագույն զգացողություններով և հիշողություններով: Մենք օգտագործում ենք մեր բոլոր միջոցները մեր ծովսի անդամներին տեղեկացնելու բոլոր միջոցառումների մասին: Այդ բոլոր տեղեկությունները հասանելի են ծխական մեր անդամների համար ամսաթերթի, կիրակնօրյա թերթիկի, շաբաթական զանգերի և այլ միջոցներով:

Մենք ձեր կարիքն ունենք սիրելի հավատակիցներ և իրականում այն նաև կարիք է ձեզ համար, կիսելու օգտակար հոգևոր զգացողություններ և փորձառություն՝ աստվածային խոսքով ամրացած:

Եկեք սիրելի հավատացյալներ, միացեք մեզ ձեր աղոթքներով. օգնեք քաջալերել մեր երիտասարդներին: Մեզ համար մեծ նշանակություն ունի լինել ձեզ հետ միասին. և աղոթել միասին հանուն Ամենակառող մեր Աստծո:

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ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

- *May 6 - Richard and Lillian Safrazian and Family and Jack Barsamian in memory of Pete Barsamian*
- *May 6 - The children of Sark Davidian in memory of their father*
- *May 6 - The Sheklian Family in memory of Marguerite Sheklian and Richard Nicholas*
- *May 13 - Parish Council in honor of Mother's Day*
- *May 20 - Brian and Adrienne Poochigian in honor of their son, Jameson's 1st birthday*
- *May 27 - Joe and Priscilla Schott, Jason Kaloustian, Mike Lovero and Julie Lovero in memory of Varteni and Marderos Horansanian, Harry and Anna Kaloustian, and Vito and Mary Lovero*

HOKEHANKIST REQUESTS

- *May 6 - Sark Davidian, twenty years after his passing, requested by his children*
- *May 6 - Pete Barsamian, ten years after his passing, requested by Richard and Lillian Safrazian and Family and Jack Barsamian*
- *May 6 - Marguerite Sheklian, three years after her passing and Richard Nicholas, four years after his passing, requested by the Sheklian Family*
- *May 27 - Varteni and Marderos Horansanian, Harry and Anna Kaloustian, and Vito and Mary Lovero, requested by Joe and Priscilla Schott, Jason Kaloustian, Mike Lovero and Julie Lovero*

A family celebration was held for Trudy Machado's 90th birthday in June. Trudy Machado is the mother of Christine and Charlie Davidian. St. Mary Armenian Church also congratulates Trudy, wishing her a joyful and healthy life.

4th ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT

By Jim Soxman

The Ways & Means Committee sponsored its 4th Annual Casino night on Saturday, April 28. Forty-two people attended and had a great time. We appreciated donated support from some who could not be there, but hope they will be able to attend next time. The theme this year was "Yettem Luau," and most people came in tropical attire. Tables featured orchids and the lavish meza included tropical fruit. The usual gambling tables as well as bingo were crowded, noisy, and lots of fun. Nine very nice prizes were donated, and were won through a "tricky-tray" drawing. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Ladies Society Annual Assembly Report

By Judy Skaff

The 66th annual Ladies Society Assembly was held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at St. Geragos Armenian Apostolic Church in Las Vegas. Delegates Sadie Derrick, Shirley Ouzounian and Judy Skaff represented St. Mary, Yettem. The meeting was called to order by Central Council Chairlady Lena Simonian. Rev. Fr. Nerses Hayrapetyan, director of the Western Diocese Mission Parishes gave the opening prayer and spiritual message. Chairlady Lena Simonian gave welcoming remarks and introduced Central Council members. Chapter Chairladies introduced their Priest and delegates and gave a brief report on how they anticipate the future to be more successful in its mission. Elections were held for next year's Central Council board members. We then had a candle lighting ceremony for the 2017 deceased Ladies Society members. His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian gave closing remarks and installed the new Central Council members. The meeting adjourned, all went outside for a group picture and then into the hall for a delicious lunch.

41st Annual Armenian Food Festival Report

The 41st Annual Armenian Food Festival was held on Thursday, May 17 at the Visalia Elks Lodge. This is the major fund raising event for the church, and it was very successful.

We served 1,519 meals, an increase of 158 over last year. As always, the drive-thru line was packed during peak hours, but both the dine-in and take-out were busier than previous years. Lulus continue to be the popular choice, but chicken kebabs still do well. Food sales of sarma, crescent cookies, and other pastries were sold out by the end of the day, and the Ladies Society sold quite a few cookbooks, proving Armenian cooking is as popular as ever.

Income from the sale of meals as well as food sales (sarma and pastries) was one of the highest in the history of this event. We raised the price of the meal this year, and that helped. Also, expenses came in lower, resulting in a record profit. Last year saw a profit of \$13,200; I expect this year's profit to be \$17,400, and this could go up as last minute collections are made.

The Armenian Food Festival is a true community effort. Committee members range in age from teens to some over eighty, and nearly everyone who is asked to help does so. This event could not take place without many willing hands volunteering to help keep their church going strong. Thanks to all in the Yettem team.

Jim Soxman, chairman

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Alan Torosian and Donna Torosian announce the graduation of their son, Alex, from Immanuel High School. He will be attending California State University, San Francisco, in the fall. His grandparents are Johnny Torosian, Blanche Torosian, and Jim and Bea Soxman. Please join us in celebrating his accomplishments. The celebration will be held at St. Gregory Armenian Church-Fowler (229 S. 3rd St., Fowler) on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

A family celebration was held for Trudy Machado's 90th birthday in June. Trudy Machado is the mother of Christine and Charlie Davidian. St. Mary Armenian Church also congratulates Trudy, wishing her a joyful and healthy life.

Ladies Society meeting (Bingo Picnic) will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Majarian Hall. Executive board at 11:00 and general meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Faith of Zion will be sponsoring fellowship on Sunday, June 3, 2018 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

Sunday School Commencement and Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2018. Sunday School will take a summer break and will resume on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

ACYO progressive dinner meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

At the close of the Divine Liturgy on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2018 a general Requiem Service/Hokehankist will be conducted in memory of all the deceased fathers of our parish.

Parish Council will be sponsoring fellowship on Sunday, June 17, 2018 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Hye Camp training will be held at St. Mary, Yettem on Saturday, June 23, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**WESTERN DIOCESE ARMENIAN
CAMP WEEKS 2018**

Week 1: July 16 – July 21

Week 2: July 23 – July 28

Week 3: July 30 – August 4

Week 4: August 6 – August 11

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.

Armenian Language classes 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.

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 528-6892 for details.

REMINDER

If you have not sent in your 2018 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.

The Parish Council has approved to have our weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter available for sponsorships. We are not selling ads. 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.

PAYPAL

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.

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

The St. Mary Armenian Church webpage at www.stmaryyetteem.org includes archived copies of church bulletins, pictures from events, a current church calendar, and an improved LIVE Camera System. View services on any dekstop, laptop, or tablet!

LOST AND FOUND

There was a pair of sunglasses found at the Food Festival held at the Visalia Elks Lodge. Please contact the church office at (559) 528-6892 if you misplaced yours.

St. Mary Armenian Church, Yetteem

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Ladies Society Meeting (Bingo Picnic) in the Majarian Hall Exec Board 11:00 a.m. General meeting 11:30 a.m.
3 Feast of the Catholicon of Holy Etchmiadzin Fellowship sponsored by Faith of Zion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday School Commencement and Picnic ACYO Progressive Dinner at 5 PM	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 Father's Day Fellowship sponsored by Parish Council	18	19	20	21 Summer Solstice Parish Council meets at 7 PM in Majarian Hall	22	23 Hye Camp training at St. Mary, Yetteem 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Sunday Schedule:

Morning Service (Matins) 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy – 10:30 AM

Father Zaven can be reached at:

559-528-6892 – Office
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**PASTORAL VISITATION OF HIS EMINENCE
ARCHBISHOP HOVNAN DERDERIAN**

**ST. MARY, YETTEM
SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018**



**St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church Parish Priest,
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan and the Parish Council invite
all parishioners and friends to the pastoral visit of His
Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian to receive His
spiritual message and to take communion.**

**During Divine Liturgy His Eminence will award
Linda Farsakian-Wall with the Hye Spirit award.**

Diana Davidian is proud to announce the graduation of her grandsons Mason and Hunter Miller from Atascadero High School. They will be attending Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. They are the twin sons of Keleen and David Miller of Atascadero.



SAVE THE DATE

For Faith of Zion's 2nd Annual Ladies' Night



It's All About You Ladies!

Saturday, July 21st, 2018

5:00 pm

At the home of Gina Ananian

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More information to follow



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Western Diocese of the Armenian Church
On May 3rd & 4th 2018
91st Annual Assembly Meeting was held in Las Vegas at St. Geragos Armenian Church



Food Festival 2018



ACYO BINGO NIGHT

St. Mary ACYO tries to develop their activities with new events within St. Mary Armenian Church programs. They work with different organizations in the church. They continue to help Parish Council with their duties and they also extend their joint events with Sunday School.

Recently, being first time they organized Bingo night which was successful.



Western Diocese Armenian Church ACYO Sport's Weekend was held in Clovis West High School
On May 19, 2018
St. Mary ACYO team took 1st place for dodgeball becoming champion and 4th place for basketball.



Feast of the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin

One of the most celebrated feasts of the Armenian Church is the day when the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was established, according to the inspired vision of St. Gregory the Illuminator.

According to tradition, and hagiographic sources, following the declaration of Christianity as the Official Religion of Armenia in 301 AD, St. Gregory has a famous vision, wherein the Only Begotten Son of God – Jesus Christ, descends from Heaven, his face lit aglow, and with the strike of a golden hammer designates the site where the Mother Cathedral for the entire Armenian nation is to be founded. Hence, the name of the spiritual center for the Armenians, “Etchmiadzin”, means “the Descent of the Only Begotten” (Etch - descent, mi - only, dzin - begotten.)



St. Gregory relayed the story about his vision to the Armenian King Tiridates, under whose royal auspices and support the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was built. King Tiridates and Queen Ashkhen participated in the construction, as did the entire capital city of Vagharshapat by bringing stones from the biblical mountain of Ararat to lay the foundations. In the site marked by Christ, a Holy Altar of Descent was built. According of Patriarch Malachia Ormanian, from the days of her establishment, the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin has been the residence of the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. Thus, it is the Mother See of the Armenian Church, and as such, her universal, spiritual and administrative headquarters.

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