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Pastoral thoughts

Dear parishioners:

During the month of September we have various church activities. Every year we enjoy Grandparents' Day, Family Fun Day (Annual Picnic), Sunday School resumes classes and different activities organized by St. Mary organizations. This year on September 30th we were blessed with the pastoral visitation of His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Primate.

All these events are very important because communications in general convey to people new ideas, freshness and experience. Our parishioners enjoyed the Primate's presence in our parish. They received communion from him, they received his message. They had an opportunity to discuss different topics with him and receive answers, they received blessings which for sure brought for them new feelings and perceptions about church and parish.

Also last month was remarkable because our Sunday School started a new school year after summer break. They filled our church with their childish noise and active behavior. Children's presence in our life in general is a huge source of faith. They can turn your life in to paradise. Sunday, September 9th was really different because our church and Majarian hall was filled with their noise and wonderful performances during Grandparent's day event. They brought back with them liveliness which is special to them.

Jesus says: "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me, and whoever welcomes Me welcomes not only Me, but the One who sent Me." (Mark 9:37)

According to Lord's above mentioned commandment, kids' presence among us can lead us directly toward Almighty God because they are pure, honest, steadfast and acceptable for God. Thus we need to imitate kids. We need to try to be like them which is not easy to do. Kids can preserve divineness in their souls which we are not able to do as easily. Their honesty and cleanness of soul is the guarantee of their faithful behavior. To imitate kids for us means to seek toward perfection. That's what our St. Mary kids bring back when they resume their classes every September.

This information and these emotions are important and I would like to share them with all our parishioners in this brief letter.

With Love of Christ
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

Parish Notes

HOKEHANKIST (Repose of Soul) **DONATIONS**

(August 1 through September 20, 2018)

For Repose of Sam Farsakian's Soul

- *Farsakian, Alan and Marceen*
- *Gomes, John and Janet*
- *Hagopian, Richard and Geraldine*
- *Simonian, Chuck and Susie*
- *Wall, Mark and Linda (Farsakian)*

For Repose of Aron Margosian's Soul

- *Boudakian, Jack*
- *Crowder, Evelyn Boudakian*
- *Hunsucker, Gregory and Linda*
- *Margosian, Carrie*
- *Margosian, Lucille*

For Repose of Charles and Rose **Simonian's Souls**

- *Hagopian, Richard and Geraldine*

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

- *September 9 – Parish Council in honor of Grandparents' Day*
- *September 23 – Brian and Adrienne Poochigian in honor of their wedding anniversary*
- *September 30 – Alan, Marceen, Nick and Shant Farsakian in honor of Alan's sister Linda Farsakian-Wall receiving the Hye Spirit Award*
- *September 30 – Jerry and Julie Poochigian in honor of their granddaughter, Kassidy Nicole Yoshida's baptism*

WEEKLY BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

- *September 30 – Larry Farsakian and Family in honor of Larry's sister Linda Farsakian-Wall receiving the Hye Spirit Award*

Congratulations to Jerry and Julie Poochigian and their children on the baptism of their granddaughter, Kassidy Nicole Yoshida which was held on Saturday, September 29, 2018. Kassidy Nicole is the daughter of Phil and Kristin (Poochigian) Yoshida.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING AND **GRANDPARENTS' DAY 2018**

Sunday, September 9th was a busy day for the Yetem Community. Our Sunday School students and staff kicked off the new school year led by Superintendent Tracy Valencia. The rooms and grounds provided a welcoming environment to those who attended.

The Ladies Society again sponsored a much appreciated Grandparents' Day Brunch. This long-standing tradition was chaired by Linda Farsakian-Wall and her committee consisting of Debbie Agnew, Margie L. Davidian, Sandy Kalfayan, Nancy Krikorian, Laurie Menendian, Tina Peters, Donna Torosian, Tracy Valencia, and Sandra Vartanian. The beautiful spread included Margie L. Davidian's light and fluffy bee-shee and Laurie Menendian's famous rice pudding.

Following the meal, Sunday School students modeled their favorite red, white or pink outfits and then entertained everyone with their various talents.

ACYO BAKE SALE

Our 3rd Annual Bake Sale was another great success! Our ACYO made Nazook cookies and Choreg along with parishioners donating a variety of baked goods to support the ACYO! We would like to thank everyone who donated goods to help us raise more money for future events. We sold Yetem hats, bags, and shirts to give the Yetem pride to all! See you at the bake sale next year!

David Safrastian

FAMILY FUN DAY

*On Sunday, September 23rd, Faith of Zion hosted their 4th annual Family Day. A huge thank you goes out to all who attended. As usual, BINGO attendance was high and the Sunday School children filled the courtyard, which is wonderful to see! Another successful BBQ in the books! Looking forward to next year's event.
Julie Simonian*

Ladies Society Keshkeg meeting will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.

2018 Sunrise Service and Campout will be held on Friday, October 12th and Saturday, October 13th on the church grounds. (See flyer)

Sunday School meets on October 14th and October 28th. On Sunday, October 28th Sunday School will have a movie/lunch activity after church in the hall. Sunday School meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. during the school year. Welcome all children!

Parish Council will be sponsoring fellowship on Sunday, October 14, 2018 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

REMINDER

St. Mary Shish Kebab Luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at the VISALIA ELKS LODGE from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by St. Mary Ways and Means Committee. (See flyer)

There will not be services held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 in Yetem. Instead a short prayer service will be held at the Elks Lodge prior to the luncheon.

ACYO meeting will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Visalia.

Faith of Zion meeting will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

ACYO is selling Reusable Bags for \$5 each, St. Mary Yetem Hats for \$12 each and Yetem 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.

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.

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.

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!

EASY MONEY: ESCRIP

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.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.

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, Yetttem

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Ladies Society Kesh Keg meeting at 11:30 in the Majarian Hall. Make yalanchi for shish kebab luncheon
7	8 Columbus Day	9	10	11	12 Sunrise Campout	13 Sunrise Service & Campout Breakfast
14 Sunday School meets Fellowship sponsored by Parish Council	15	16	17	18 Parish Council meeting at 7 PM in Majarian Hall	19	20
21 Shish Kebab Luncheon at the Elks Lodge in Visalia from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. No services in Yetttem ACYO meeting at the Elks	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Discovery of the Holy Cross Sunday School meets (SS Movie/lunch activity after church) Faith of Zion meeting after services	29	30	31	Notes:		

Sunday Schedule:

Morning Service (Matins) 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 AM

Sunday School: 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 11:00 AM

Father Zaven can be reached at:

559-528-6892 – Office

559-528-6897 – FAX

818-644-9398 - Cell

St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church Invites you to the 2018 Sunrise Service and Campout Friday, October 12th - Saturday October 13th



- Campout on church grounds
- Set up beginning at 5:00 PM
- Bring tents, trailers, RV's
- BBQ Dinner Provided 6:30 p.m.

- Fellowship under the stars



- Rise early and worship together at sunrise



- Breakfast outdoors after services

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

St. Mary Armenian Church of Yettem

Shish Kebab

LUNCHEON

Featuring Hagopian's Deli Lamb Shish Kebab

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018

11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

VISALIA ELKS LODGE

3100 W. Main – just east of County Center Dr.



Ticket Price: \$22

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



St. Mary Armenian Church, Yettem
Ladies Society Grandparents' Day Brunch
Sunday School Opening
ACYO Bake Sale
September 9, 2018





Faith of Zion Family Picnic
September 23, 2018



On September 30, 2018, our St. Mary Yettem Parish was blessed with a pastoral visitation by His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian. St. Mary parishioners had an opportunity to receive communion from His Eminence and to receive His spiritual message.

In his message, Srbazan stated that each and every one of us have been literally challenged to imitate Christ and that the Holy Spirit has graced upon us many gifts which we must apply in our everyday lives.

His Eminence presented a Hye Spirit award to Linda Farsakian-Wall for her long- time service and dedication to St. Mary Armenian Church. After church services, a lunch reception was hosted by the Parish Council and auxiliary organizations in the Majarian Hall where the congregation enjoyed performances by our Sunday School children.



William Saroyan House Museum opened in Central Fresno.



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