Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The Mystery of Easter is the mystery of Jesus Christ, His Salutary Holy Blood shed for mankind and His Rising from the dead for mankind. The Son of God should incarnate, be subjected to tortures, be crucified, buried and the third day raise from death (Ps 15:9-11, 29:4, 40:11-13, 117:16-17, Ho 6:2-3). Following the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ His body was taken off the



cross and placed into the tomb and the entrance to the tomb was closed by a large stone and the soldiers were ordered to control the entrance to the tomb. After three days the three women, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the Mother of James and Joseph, and the wife of Zebedee brought spices and perfumes to anoint the body of Jesus. They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, so they went in but they didn't the body of the Lord. They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly two angels dressed in white appeared and said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here, ha has been raised" (Lk 24:5-6). The women returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven disciples and the rest. According to Peter more than 500 people saw Christ who had risen from the dead. So, this is the evangelical tiding of the fact of Easter or Holy Resurrection.

Resurrection of Christ became the basis of the Christian doctrine and faith. "If that is true, it means that Christ has been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe" (1 Co 15:13-14).

Christ rose from the dead, by means of His Death He destroyed Death and granted eternal life. "I am the Resurrection and I am the Life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (Jn 11:25). Christ died for the salvation of mankind and by His Blood took away the sin in the world, so that we should inherit eternal life. On the day of the Easter feast people dye eggs red as a symbol of fruitful life, salvation and joy. St. Gregory of Datev considers the egg to be the symbol of the world, the shell of which is the sky, the membrane is the air, the white is the water and the yolk is the earth. Dyeing eggs red symbolizes the salvation of the world by means of Blood of Christ.

The Armenian Church celebrates the Easter Feast on the first Sunday following the full moon of the vernal equinox, with 35 days moveability, during the period from March 21 -April 26.

The Armenian Church traditionally celebrates evening Divine Liturgy on the evening prior to Jesus Christ's Glorious Resurrection (Easter). Following the conclusion of the Liturgy, the assembled faithful take lit candles home, symbolizing the Light that Christ brought into the world. The Divine Liturgy celebrated on the eve is the start of the festive ceremonies.

St. Mary Armenian Church

P.O. Box 367

Yettem, California 93670

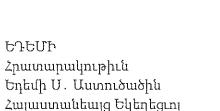
Return Service Requested

Non-Profit

Organization

U.S. Postage Paid

Permit No-1



MARCH 2016

YETTEM A publication of St. Mary Armenian Church Yettem, California

Pastoral thoughts

Հրատարակութիւն

ԵԴԵՄԻ

"You humbled yourself to ride on a colt for the sake of our salvation, with the children we praise: blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord".

Dear faithful, these are words of Palm Sunday hymn. It is description about Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. When we read these words the thing that takes our attention is perfect humility.

"You humbled yourself to ride on a colt for the sake of our salvation". Jesus call's us to be perfect in humility. He went to the people and preached them with the life example. Our Lord's humility is not reflected only in this part of His earth life. Initially His birth, Baptism, the washing of His disciples feet and so on were the best preaching for humankind about humility. He even humbly forgave them who crucified Him by saying "Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing". (Luke 23:34)

As we see our Lord Jesus Christ started with the same humility and finished his earth life in the same humble and virtue service towards God's people. If we pay attention before Jesus entered into Jerusalem He talked about children. One day disciples came to Jesus and asked. "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus called a child and said "truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me". (Matt. 18:1-5)

These same children were singing "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

For us, children are really life examples of perfect humility. We think that we take care of them, but they are always under God's protection. They enjoy God's care due to their clear, honest soul. Referring to Jesus words we should consider, that daily communication with kids is a communication with heavenly cleanness. Every next minute they really can return us to the divine feelings, to divine environment from evil thoughts and deeds. Considering this fact, His Holiness Karekin the Second Catholicos announced Palm Sunday as a day of Blessing of Children.

Dear parishioners, we would like to see our St. Mary church full with children's divine presence. This is very good chance for me to encourage all of our parishioners to find time and come to the church with their children.

Bringing them to church you will give them opportunity to enjoy divine pleasures which is part of their sinless nature.

So coming Palm Sunday we will have Blessing of Children service after Divine Liturgy. Bring them to church and let us bless them and enjoy their divine presence.

> With Love of Christ, Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

Parish Notes

WEEKLY BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS

Richard and Gerry Hagopian donated a weekly bulletin in January.

Sarkis and Hasmik Enfiedjian in February.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mrs. Carol Maranian on the recent passing of her mother, Dorothy Hart.

Also, our condolences to the Tellalian and Peloian Families on the recent passing of Edward Tellalian.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Stella, Renee, Michelle, Bryan and Terry Ananian and David and Lisa Krause, Neva Holzinger's Family, Garabed and Rose Simonian's Family, donated altar flowers in January.

On Sunday February 14, 2016 the Parish Assembly Meeting was held. Thank you to Chairman Sarkis Enfiedjian who coordinated a very successful Parish Assembly Meeting. Below you can fine the New Elected Officers: Bea Soxman, Chairman Jack Barsamian, Vice Chairman Gerard Garoian, Treasurer Judy Skaff, Rec. Secretary Margie L. Davidian, Advisor Sarkis Enfiedjian, Advisor George Ouzounian, Advisor Gerard Garoian, Diocesan Delegate Chuck Simonian, Diocesan Delegate Dr. Neshan Tabibian, 1st Alternate Shirley Ouzounian, 2nd Alternate Debbie Agnew, Auditing Committee Myron Sheklian, Parish Assembly Chairman Dr. Neshan Tabibian, Parish Assembly Vice Chairman

Laurie Menendian, Parish Assembly Secretary

There was a misprint in the 2016
February bulletin. Ladies Society went from a five member board in 2015 to a seven member board in 2016. The advisors names were not listed in the 2016 February bulletin. Please see 2016 Ladies Society Officers names listed below: Chairman – Debbie Sheklian Vice Chairman – Judy Skaff Rec. Secretary – Margie L. Davidian Corr. Secretary – Hasmik Enfiedjian Treasurer – Julie Poochigian Advisor – Georgia Davidian Advisor – Lillian Safrazian

We would like to extend our appreciation to the Ways and Means Committee for Poon Paregentan Dinner and Celebration on Saturday, February 6, 2016. Also, thank you to Richard Hagopian, Armen Hagopian, and Andrew Hagopian for the nice music and all the people who took part in this event.

On Friday, March 4, 2016, Betty Sempadian, Fr. Artoon Sempadian's widow will be at the "Alta District Historical Society's Open House" at 289 S. "K" Street in Dinuba with the Sempadian's mementos on display. Fr. Artoon was St. Mary, Yettem Priest from 1990-1993. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please call (559) 591-2144.

Ladies Society Lenten Luncheon meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m. Ladies Society will be showing the historical DVD from the 100th Anniversary. The 100th Anniversary DVD Set will be available to purchase at this meeting.

Faith of Zion will be hosting Fellowship on Sunday, March 6, 2016 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

St. Gregory Armenian Church

Presents It's

MERCHANTS' BAZAAR

Friday, April 15, 2016
Markarian Hall
220 S. Third St.
Fowler, CA 93625

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Menu: Shish Kebob Sandwich, Pilaf, Salad,

Pakhlava and Beverage

Price: \$15.00 for Dine-In, Take-Out, or

Delivery (10 lunches or more)

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Menu: Shish and Chicken Kebob Combo Plate,

Pilaf, Salad, Cheese Boreg, Pakhlava

and Beverage

Price: \$16.00 for Dine-In and Take Out

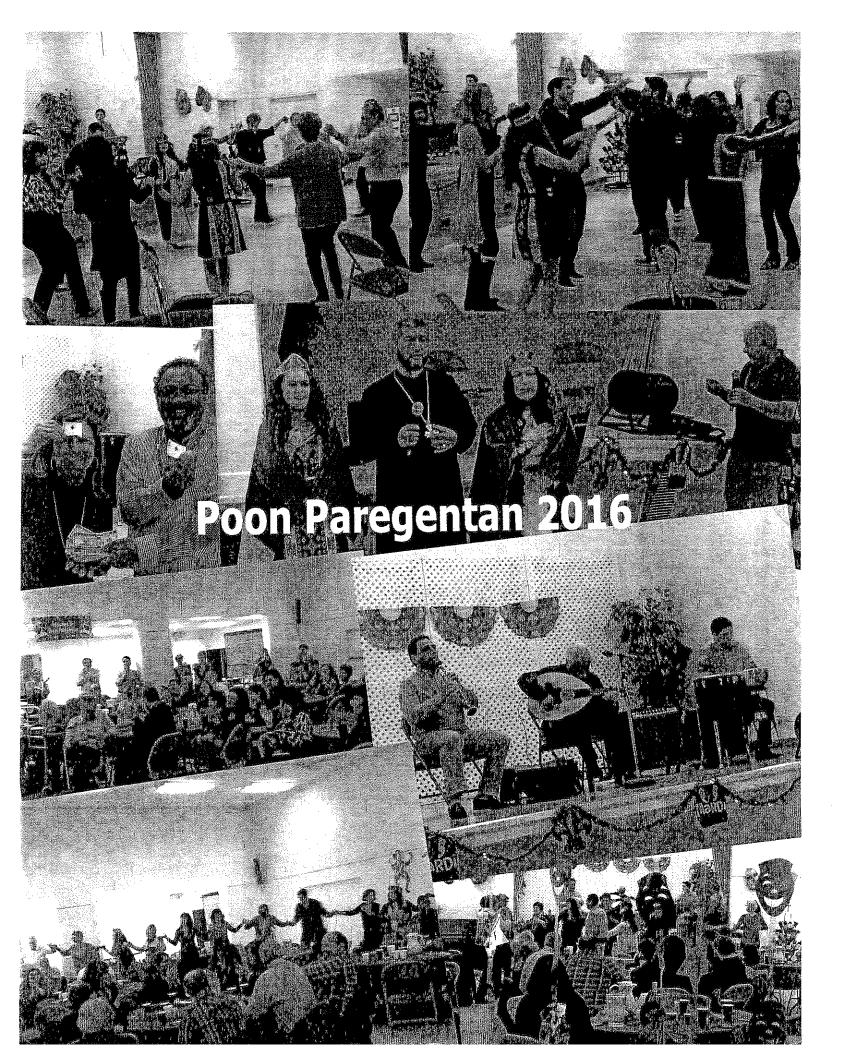
(No Delivery at Night)

Come and enjoy all the great food and visit our

Country Store

with Authentic Armenian Food and Pastries for sale
To place your take out or delivery
orders call the Church office (559) 834-2919





Wednesday Souper Suppers at 6:00 p.m.. Lenten Evening Services at 6:30 p.m.

March 9 - Bea Soxman and Gina Ananian

March 16 - Yn. Adrine Markosyan

Faith of Zion meeting will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2016 after Divine Liturgy.

ACYO Progressive Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

The Religious Retreat of the Western Diocese will be held on March 14-15, 2016 at the Serra Retreat Center in Malibu. There is an information flyer and reservation form on the desk in the foyer. Anyone can go to this retreat and the deadline for the application is March 1, 2016. (See flyer)

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2016 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Valley of Hope, The Armenian Journey from Terror to Triumph airs again on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. only on Valley PBS. Chanel 18.1, Comcast 8, DIRECTV 18.

Ways and Means Bake Sale will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall. (See flyer)

ACYO Easter Luncheon will be held on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall. (See flyer)

We have started a Monthly Movie Club. Our next movie date is Friday, March 18, 2016. If you are interested please call Debbie Sheklian at 733-4417. SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 23, 2016 for Casino Night. (See flyer)

SUMMER CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED

Week 1: July 10 - July 16 Week 2: July 27 - July 23 Week 3: July 24 - July 30 Week 4: July 31 - August 6 (See flyer)

Ladies Society has "Bracelets" for sale from their 100th Anniversary event for \$8.00. Please contact the Church Office at (559) 528-6892 if you are interested in purchasing one.

DVD SET FOR SALE: St. Mary Armenian Church, 100th Anniversary, July 2, 2011. (See flyer)

The "Armenian Genocide Survivors and Heroes" can be purchased for \$40 at St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church in Yettem or contact the Church Office at (559) 528-6892. If you wish a book or books mailed to you, the cost of mailing one, two, or three books will be an additional \$5.00. The cost of mailing four or five books will be an additional \$6.00.

PAYPAL

Our Parish has opened a "PayPal" account to make it convenient for you to make donations. 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.

REMINDER

If you have not sent in your 2016 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.

St. Mary Spiritual Conversation meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 2:00 p.m., home rotation. Please come and join in. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office at (559) 528-6892 or Fr. Zaven at (818) 644-9398.

The Parish Council has approved to have our weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter available for sponsorships. 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 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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.

The St. Mary Armenian Church webpage at www.stmaryvettem.org has been redesigned. The old format was originally designed in 2010. The new design will work better with today's web browsers on home computers, laptops, tablets and smart phones. If you haven't visited the website lately, try it out and see all the information that can be found online.

S.H.A.R.E.S. CARD PROGRAM

Reminder

Please use your S.H.A.R.E.S. CARD when you go to the grocery stores (Save Mart, Food Maxx)

If you need a S.H.A.R.E.S. CARD they are available at the church desk.

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

DVD SET FOR SALE

St. Mary Armenian Church 100th Anniversary July 2, 2011

DVD #1 – Taped at the Lamp Liter Inn, Visalia, California (Disc includes: Entire banquet and slide show of family and candid pictures taken at the banquet)

DVD #2 – St. Mary Armenian Church Historical Video (As shown at the banquet)

DVD #1 and DVD #2 come as a set = \$25.00

Mail orders may be placed by calling the Church office at (559) 528-6892.

Cost of mailing will be \$25.00 plus \$6.00 for shipping and handling, a total of \$31.00.

Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee

Hye Camp 2816 Applications are Here! Applications available online, February 14th.





The weeks:

Week 1: July 10 - July 16

Week 2: July 17 - July 23

Week 3: July 24- July 30

Week 4: July 31 - August 6

Staff Training:

June 18 L.A.

June 25 Fowler

Family Day:

April 30

Visit us and register at: http://hyecamp.com/ or Email: info@hyecamp.com

ENDOWMENT FUND

Our Parish has opened its first Endowment Fund with the Diocese through a generous donation of \$4,000 from the George and Grace Karabedian Estate. This endowment will provide revenue to our Parish annually.

POON PAREGENTAN GOOD LIVING SUNDAY 2016

This year's Poon Parengentan dinner, kef and raffle night was held on Saturday, February 6th. The Majarian Hall was beautifully decorated in a festive theme. Young and old ate, danced and had a great time socializing together for a time of "good living".

The event began with an all-you-can eat spaghetti and meatball dinner complete with salad, bread, and a dessert table.

Our two Armenian foreign exchange students from El Diamante High School in Visalia and Dinuba High School got the evening going by dancing and singing the Armenian National Anthem joined by Father Zaven. The girls were joined by members of their host families who joined in with the festivities during the evening.

Richard, Armen and Andrew Hagopian played traditional Armenian dance music as the evening progressed. Our community is so fortunate to have such talent among our members.

Throughout the evening, Jim Soxman the chair of the Ways and Means Committee, drew raffle tickets for cash and wine prizes. A 50-50 drawing was also held at the conclusion of the evening. Judy Skaff was the winner of that drawing.

NEW CHURCH CAMERA SYSTEM

February 13, 2016: A new camera system has been installed for broadcasting our church services. The new system allows users to view services on almost any device including Windows based machines, Chromebooks, Android devices, Macs, Smart TVs, Game units, and smart phones. Lenten and Sunday services are broadcast each week for those who are unable to attend in person. To view these services, go to our webpage at www.stmaryyettem.org and click on the tab "Live Church Camera. On that page, click the link to view the services. You will be re-directed to a YouTube page when services are being held. Clicking the play button in the center of the screen will begin the video stream.

We would like to thank Myron Sheklian for the installment of the New Church Camera System.

Fr. Zaven can be reached at: 559-528-6892 – Office 559-528-6897 – FAX 1-818-644-9308 – Cell

St. Mary Armenian Church, Yet

Morning Service [Matins] – 9.45 A.M.
Divine Liturgy – 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School – 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Lenten Services at St. Gregory in Fowler at 6:30 p.m.	က	4	5 Ladies Society Lenten Luncheon meeting in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.
6 5th Sunday of Lent (Judge) Fellowship/Faith of Zion	7	∞	Souper Supper at 6:00 p.m., Evening Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.	Spiritual Converstation at 2:00 p.m.	Promote Community	2
13 6th Sunday of Lent (Advent) Faith of Zion meeting after Divine Liturgy ACYO Progressive Dinner at 5:00 p.m.	14 Annual Religious Refreat at Serra Madre in Malibu	15 Annual Religious Retreat at Serra Madre in Malibu	Souper Supper at 6:00 p.m., Evening Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.	Parish Council meeting in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.	<u>~</u>	16
20 Palm Sunday Ways and Means Bake Sale	21	22	23 Holy Wednesday	24 Great & Holy Thursday Spiritual Conversation at 2:00 p.m.	25 Great & Holy Friday	26 Holy Saturday (Easter Eve)
ACYO Easter Luncheon after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall	28 Remembrance of the Dead	29	30	31		
			·			

SAVE THE DATE:

FOR

THE 39TH ANNUAL ARMENIAN FOOD FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016

VISALIA ELKS LODGE

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



St. Mary Yettem **Presents**





a Gatsby Evening



Come join us for a Gatsby Monte Carlo Night



No Host Beer and Wine



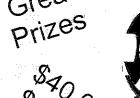








Table Sponsorships: Sign posted on Gaming table sign posted on Gaming table sign posted on Chine All night tickets, and on a chine 2 entry in vertain chine 2 entry in \$300.00 in Yettem Chips

For Tickets Call St Mary Church Office 528-6892

Chuck Simonian @ 799-3949

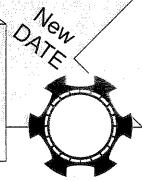
Please respond by April 9th



DATE: April 23rd, 2016

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: Majarian Hall



REQUIEM SERVICE FOR ST. MARY YETTEM ARMENIAN CHURCH **DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

Our thoughts and prayers for rest of their souls:

George Ananian

Neva Holzinger

Rose Simonian

Nerses Enfiedjian

Melkon Enfiedjian

Arshalous Enfiedjian

Sonia Markarian

Edward Enkababian

Edward Tellalian

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

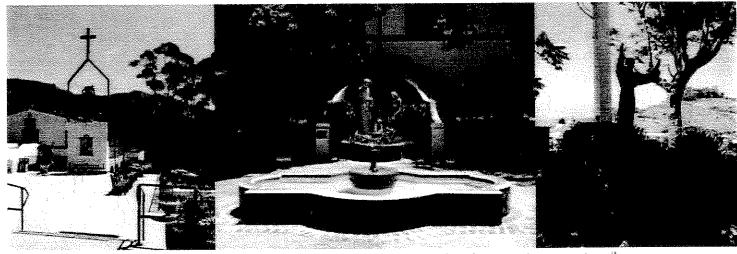
For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. (Corinthians 15: 20-21)



RELIGIOUS RETREAT COMMITTEE OF THE WESTERN DIOCESE

Under the Auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Primate of the Western Diocese

Presents Annual Retreat



The Parables of Jesus "An earthly story with a heavenly meaning"

March 14-15, 2016

On the hilltop of **Serra Retreat Center** overlooking the ocean 3401 Serra Road, Malibu, CA 90265

Let us honestly seek God's will and allow

Him to give us spiritual food with new perspectives as we discuss the parables.

Are you a person with a genuine hunger for God who understands the underlying spiritual truth or are you a person with hardness of heart who only hears a story without understanding its true meaning?



Come & enjoy a peaceful atmosphere with outstanding views of mountains and the ocean's wide blue horizon, Spiritual reflection, meditation on God's word and The Stations of the Cross to Calvary, Footprints to Calvary

Movie presentation & reflection on movie

Personal Quiet time

For further information, please contact Lena Simonian (818) 383-1322; Lucy Tashjian (818) 755-1817

The Knights & Daughters of Vartan



MEN of the YEAR BANQUET



HONORING

RICHARD HAGOPIAN

For his contributions to preserving and elevating Armenian culture and heritage through the arts and music

DR. SERGIO LA PORTA

For his contributions to preserving and advancing Armenian culture and history through education and scholarship

TO BENEFIT KNIGHTS & DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN CHARITY PROJECTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016

PARDINI'S BANQUET HALL 2257 W. SHAW AVE. FRESNO, CA 93711

Social 6:30pm – Hors d'oeuvres and Wine Dinner 7:30pm – Dinner, Dessert Buffet, and Dancing

ENTERTAINMENT

Pianist – Kevin Memley DJ – Diko Chekian

<u>A CONGRATULATORY/AD BOOKLET IS PLANNED</u>

Please contact Ara Karkazian (559-696-7185 - ara@karkazian.com) or Kevork Oflazian (559-289-2265 - koflazian@yahoo.com)
BENEFACTOR: \$1,000 (8½ x 5½) Inside or Outside Back Covers SPONSOR: \$500 Full Page; SUPPORTER: \$250 Half Page BUSINESS CARD: \$100

RSVP by March 30, 2016

For more information please contact Dennis or Rita Shamlian at 559-438-4646

Banquet Tickets: \$60 – Tickets Not Available At The Event Please make your checks payable to: Knights of Vartan Formal Attire is Requested for this Adults Only Event

teak:	Vegetarian:	Chicken:	Please detach and either mail to Ryan Kizirian at
To. of Adults:	Total Enclosed	-	1079 E. Pinehurst Ave., Fresno, CA 93730 or
James of Attende	es (please include a contaci	*	an Jewelers at 1776 W. Bullard, Fresno, CA 93711
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	·	, <u>1</u>	

Tricky Tray Basket Raffle

"Fun and Useful" items will be available to try your luck! \$10 for 26 tickets

If you would like to donate a basket for the Tricky Tray Please contact David Safrazian at 559-802-7593 or dsafrazian@yahoo.com

- Basket Ideas -

Coffee Lovers

Gardening Items

Movie Night

	Summer Fun	Gift Cards	Bakers Delight
	Princess/Barbie Items	Cars/Tractor Items	Candle/Spa Basket
	Cross/Religious	Fishing/Camping	Dinner Out on the Town
		,	
		aster Luncheon—Table #	÷1.
1			
2		6	
	*		
	*		
		aster Luncheon—Table #	
1		5	
2			
Á		_	

Ways and Means Committee announces. . .

Bake Sale

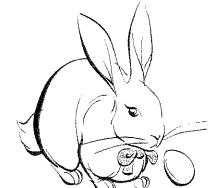
March 20. 2016

Palm Sunday

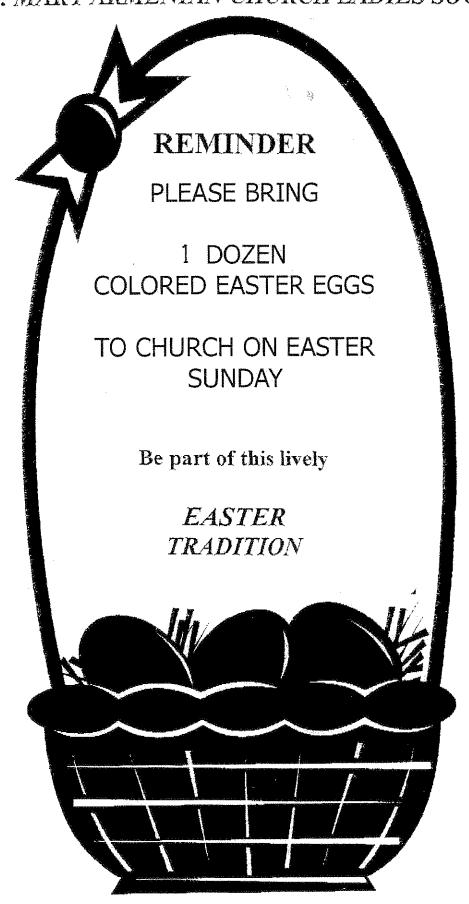
Immediately after the day's worship your favorite Armenian delicacies

will be available

- √ Cheoreg
 - √ Simit
- √ Nazoog
- √ Bread Sticks
- V Plus lots more



ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH LADIES SOCIETY



St. Mary Armenian Church ACYO

Annual Easter Luncheon



Immediately following church services in the Majarian Hall

ACYO will be serving a <u>Lunch Combo</u> of Shish-Kebab and Chicken Kebab, Pilaf, Salad, Green Beans, Bread and Dessert

Adults: \$20 per person
Children 10 and under: \$12 per child
Tickets will be available at the door
-OR-

Reserved Seating is available with your advance payment
Fill out the bottom portion and send with your
check by <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 22</u>, <u>2016</u> to:
Karnig Peters - 936 West Hemlock Ave., Visalia, CA 93277

>___

	Phone #
Yes, I w	vill attend the ACYO Easter Luncheon
Adult Tick	cet(s): @ \$20 = \$
Children T	icket(s): @ \$12 = \$

Please list the people you are paying for and/or would like to sit with on the back of this paper.