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Yettem, California

Pastoral thoughts:

Dear Faithful:

I am sitting here and thinking how to express my feelings and emotions. When you read this, my last Pastoral thoughts, my family and I won't be here but I feel a very powerful spiritual connectedness between us which has been formed within these eight years at the St. Mary Yettem, at our church. I believe that from now on that spiritual connectedness will become stronger than ever.

We prayed together, we served together, we worked together and simultaneously a very nice relationship was formed among us and we didn't notice when we became so close with each other.

According to God's given graces we all tried to be helpful and to bring our humble participation to our church programs. Our first initiation was to reopen our Sunday School which brought to us new breath and liveliness. I will never forget their smiles and clever looks.

Dear St. Mary kids, we will miss you. We will remember each one of your voices in its kindness, your questions, your singing, your reciting...

I appreciate our Parish Council, ACYO, Ladies Society, Faith of Zion, Ways & Means Committee, Choir, Deacons and all our parishioners for their devotion and love they showed in their spiritual service. It really was pleasure for me to cooperate with you all.

We worked together for various programs and events teaching our people and kids, scheduling trips and pilgrimages, organizing events, maintaining our church facility, renovating it as members of the same body of St. Mary Yettem Church.

The greatest gift we received from above was love which accompanied us over the years. Love led us to assume our responsibilities and cooperate together. We leave each other but there

shouldn't be a distance in the midst of love. Love refuses any distance among people. Love can work miracles even within distance.

Here in Yetem St. Mary Church there is really a huge potential of real love. Holy Mother's breath and presence here is everywhere. Without Her Maternal care it wouldn't be possible to remain in the same spiritual communication especially in these days when the whole world faces this new, unknown and vague situation.

We really were able to generate that love which was our main mission. Love will motivate us to remember each other and to worry about each other for the rest of our lives. In this uncertain situation Holy Mother's care is the biggest gift which reaches towards us from our Yetem church Holy Altar.

I feel very sorry that current circumstances don't allow us to come together and accomplish our spiritual service which we have performed together. Unfortunately, during my pastoral last three months I didn't have a chance to enjoy your presence during our church services but thank God we were in virtual communication.

That's how God acts in our life. If the difficulties limit our life God opens doors in front of us giving us His Love to take care of our spiritual needs. I am truly thankful to God that in different areas of our church life we witnessed real Love. I am sure dear St. Mary parishioners for many, many years such a Love will lead you to serve in our St. Mary church with the same zeal and dedication you have demonstrated over the years. God's blessings through our lovely St. Mary Church is obvious upon our parish Whose breath and presence blessed my daily way to the church...

We love you all. We are looking forward to seeing you.

GOODBYE MY RED BRICK CHURCH
YOU WILL REMAIN WITH ME IN MY HEART FOREVER. AMEN

With Love of Christ,
Yetem Parish Priest
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan
St. Mary Armenian Church

Parish Notes

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CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

The Redman Family on the recent passing of Larry Redman. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

ALTAR FLOWERS

● June 14 – *The Jack Ananian Family in memory of their father, Jack*

HOKEHANKIST REQUESTS

● June 14 – *Jack Ananian, two years after is passing, requested by the Jack Ananian Family*

HOKEHANKIST (Repose of Soul) **DONATIONS**

● May 12 - *Mike and Judy Skaff in memory of Alice Dudukian on Mother's Day*

● May 13 – *C.D. Simonian Insurance in memory of David Simonian*

For Repose of George Margosian's Soul **One year after his passing**

- May 24 – *Rose Marie Margosian, Pierre, Melissa, Alik and Arlen Pilavian, Darrell, Tina, Karnig and Melina Peters*
- May 24 – *Lucille Margosian*
- May 24 – *John and Sharon Kaprielian*

For Repose of Marguerite Sheklian's Soul **Five years after her passing**

- May 24 – *Myron and Debbie Sheklian*

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Ohsana Madanyan (Rose Hagopian's mother) for making and donating a beautiful priest vestment and matching chalice cover for St. Mary Armenian Church.

Also, a thank you to Charlie Davidian for donating the fresh rahan (sweet basil) from his garden for service on May 31st.

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Bills for visiting clergy, clerical help, utilities, expanded cleaning, office supplies, mailings and maintenance continue during this time. Although physical church attendance is beginning to increase slightly, our operating income has declined. Enclosed in this issue of the bulletin is a pre-addressed envelope. If you are in a position to help out financially, please consider donating if you haven't already.

Thank you!

St. Mary Yettem Parish Council

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 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.

Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

We will have visiting clergy on July 12th and Fr. Vatche Hayrapetyan will be here again on July 19th.

Asdvadzadzin, Grape Blessing and Ways and Means bake sale will be held on Sunday, August 16th. The family luncheon and bake sale will be held outdoors this year. (See flyer)

Ladies Society News

Our first ever Drive-Thru Hot Dog Feed was a huge success thanks to the support of our faithful parishioners and to our hard-working committee chaired by Margie Lynn Davidian! Not in my wildest dreams did I image so many would drive to church for a hot dog! Because the turnout was greater than our estimation, we had to make an unexpected run to Orosi to buy more dogs and buns! It was well worth it to see so many of you. We also had an unexpected and delightful surprise. Der Zaven, Yn. Adrine, Maneh, and Sarah were in attendance. Their presence added to the festivities of the day.

Thank you to all who made an extra donation when purchasing your meal. So many of you told us to keep the change. The committee, Margie L. Davidian, Nancy Krikorian, Debbie Sheklian, Tina Peters, Peggy Fernandez, Kalfayan, and Lillian Safrastian donated all the food. Although our intent to sponsor the feed was to bring our community together, we had a second unintended surprise. Because of these kind gestures from our community and from the committee, we were surprised to net a profit of \$820. Thank you to the committee for their work and donations and to our parishioners for supporting Ladies Society.

This week, Archbishop Hovnan Derderian and the Ladies Society Central Council hosted a Zoom meeting with the chairladies throughout the diocese. Each of the chairladies reported on the activities their church was doing during this pandemic time. I have got some good ideas for the future!

Birthday wishes for June goes out to Karon Penny. We wish her all God's blessings. It was a year ago I started this monthly news article. During the summer months, Ladies Society takes a break from monthly meetings. The newsletter was my way of staying connected. I only intended to write it during the summer hiatus. But because of so many positive responses, I have continued to write. Thank you for your encouragement. More importantly than this news article, my prayer is that you stay connected to our church and our community.

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

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

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.

The St. Mary Armenian Church of Yettem FaceBook page has been revived. Both our FaceBook page and website will keep you informed about our church schedules, events and miscellaneous happenings.

If you know of anyone ill or in the hospital, please call the Church Office (559) 528-6892 or Parish Council Chairman Myron Sheklian at 280-7315.

Church office hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you are in need of something quickly, call Parish Council Chairman Myron Sheklian at 280-7315.

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, Yetteem

JULY 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2 Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Translators	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 12 Holy Apostles of Christ & St. Paul the 13 th Apostle
12 Barekendan of the Fast of Transfiguration Visiting Clergy	13	14	15 Parish Council meeting	16	17	18
19 Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ Visiting Clergy Fr. Vatche Hayrapetyan	20 Remembrance of the dead	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

Sunday Schedule:

Morning Service (Matins) 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy

Father Zaven can be reached at:

559-528-6892 – Office
559-528-6897 – FAX
818-644-9398 - Cell



Feast of the Assumption
St. Mary Armenian Church
Yettem, California
Blessing of the Grapes
Sunday, August 16, 2020

We will be having an “old-time luncheon” outside under the trees in the church yard. Beef kebob, salad, pilaf and vegetables will be served. Ways and Means will hold a bake sale.

Details will follow.....





Ladies Society Drive-Thru Hot Dog Lunch
June 6, 2020



Benjamin Nishan Wall

Ben graduated from U.C. Davis with a major degree in Psychology and a minor degree in Tech Management while maintaining a 3.8 GPA. During his collegiate journey, Ben attended three schools, lived in two states, worked three jobs, was the president of two major mental health organizations at UC Davis, was selected for a national leadership fellowship in Washington D.C, and most importantly, made lifelong friends and connections from across the globe. Next step, finding employment. Ben is the son of Mark and Linda Wall and grandson of the late Sam and Betty Farsakian and the late Robert Wall and the late Ruth Wall.



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