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YETTEM

A publication of St. Mary
Armenian Church

Yettem, California

JULY 2018

Sunday School Commencement Day



We are proud of our kids. It's enjoyable to see them growing with spiritual education and with age old traditions learning about our church and culture. Thanks to our Sunday School teachers who donate their time to educate St. Mary kids.

Parish Notes

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family of Jack Ananian who entered his eternal rest on June 15, 2018 also to the family of Varsanig Jiggerian who entered her eternal rest on June 12, 2018 and also, to the Margosian Family on the recent passing of Aron Margosian who entered his eternal rest on June 26, 2018. Our thoughts and prayers are with these families.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

•June 10 – Jim and Bea Soxman and Mike and Carolyn Mikaelian in memory of Hacher and Takouhi Mikaelian, Marian and Ralph Hovannesian, Florence Mikaelian and Michael Mikaelian

HOKEHANKIST REQUESTS

•June 10 - Hacher and Takouhi Mikaelian, Marian and Ralph Hovannesian, Florence Mikaelian and Michael Mikaelian, requested by Jim and Bea Soxman and Mike and Carolyn Mikaelian.

On Sunday, July 1, 2018 we will celebrate the 107th Anniversary of the consecration of St. Mary, Yetteem. Parish Council will be sponsoring fellowship on after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.

Ladies Society has no scheduled meetings in July and August.

ACYO has no scheduled meetings in July and August.

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, July 19, 2018 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Faith of Zion meeting will be held on Sunday, July 29, 2018 after Divine Liturgy.

WESTERN DIOCESE ARMENIAN CAMP WEEKS 2018

Week 1: July 15 – July 21

Week 2: July 22 – July 28

Week 3: July 29 – Aug 4

Week 4: Aug 5 – Aug 11

Sunday School is taking a summer break and will resume on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

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 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.

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 dekstop, laptop, or tablet!

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 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Berekendan of the Fast of Transfiguration Fellowship sponsored by Parish Council | 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ | 9 Remembrance of the Dead | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Diocesan Camp begins | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Parish Council meets at 7 PM in Majarian Hall | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Faith of Zion meeting after Divine Liturgy | 30 | 31 | Notes: | | | |

Sunday Schedule:

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

Father Zaven can be reached at:

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

**PASTORAL VISITATION OF
HIS EMINENCE
ARCHBISHOP
HOVNAN DERDERIAN
SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018
HAS BEEN POSTPONED.
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.**

R & R Club Donation

Years ago the Cutler area was well known as a large supplier of vine-ripe tomatoes. Many of the growers, packers, and shippers were Armenian. Long hours and hard work were involved, and a group called the R & R Club (recreation and relaxation) was formed. The members rented cabins in Sequoia National Park at the end of the season. It took several pickup trucks to haul the food and supplies for this annual event, and an account was established to meet the expenses.

Tomato growing has largely left the area, the group no longer vacations in Sequoia, and some of the original group have passed on. Recently, the surviving members of the group decided to donate the remaining funds in the account to St. Mary Armenian Church of Yetttem. These funds will be used to replace the dishwasher in the church hall. We all want to thank the members of the R&R Club, past and present, for their donation.

R & R Members

Charlie & Elizabeth Ananian

Serge & Judy Ananian

Harry & Laura Davidian

Sam & Betty Farsakian

Richard & Geraldine Hagopian

Mike & Carolyn Mikaelian

George & Jessie Zerounian

CALLING ALL LADIES!

Please join the gals of Faith of Zion for their 2nd annual *Ladies Night* of fun and fellowship!



Saturday, July 21st, 2018

5:00 pm

Food and drinks will be provided.

Optional fun: bring a bottle of your favorite beverage to share.

Feel free to bring a friend or family member! The more the merrier!

This event will be held at the home of Gina Ananian, located at:

12158 Avenue 392, Cutler, CA 93615

Please RSVP by July 14th to Julie Simonian (559) 471-6976



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

**St. Mary Armenian Church
Yettem, California**

Blessing of Grapes

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Morning Service – 9:45 A.M.

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 A.M.

**Remember that since this is one of the five major feasts of the Church,
ALL are encouraged to receive Holy Communion during the
celebration of the Divine Liturgy**

Blessing of Grapes at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy

**Immediately following Church Services a Family Luncheon sponsored by
the Parish Council will be served in the hall.**

Donation: \$20.00 Adult

\$15.00 Children 10 and under

Those wishing are invited to bring a bag of their own grapes for blessing. These should be plainly marked and given to the Parish Council upon entering the church.

Plan to attend with the entire family for a day of worship and fellowship.

Ways and Means Committee announces.

Bake Sale

Sunday

August 12, 2018

Feast of the Assumption

Asdvadzadzin & Grape Blessing

Immediately after the day's worship

your favorite Armenian delicacies

will be available

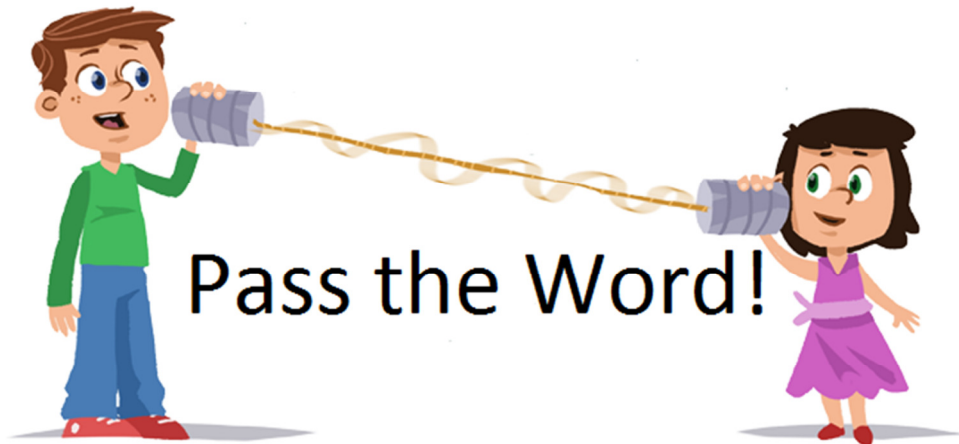
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✓ *Simit*

✓ *Nazoog*

✓ *Bread Sticks*

✓ *Plus lots more*



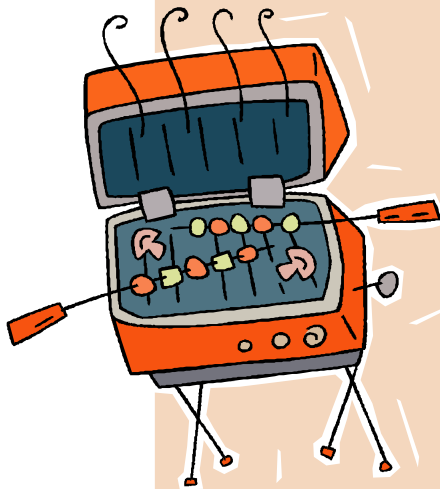
Pass the Word!

Save the Date!

*Join Faith of Zion at the
4th Annual Family Fun Day!*

September 23, 2018

**In the church yard after
the Divine Liturgy**

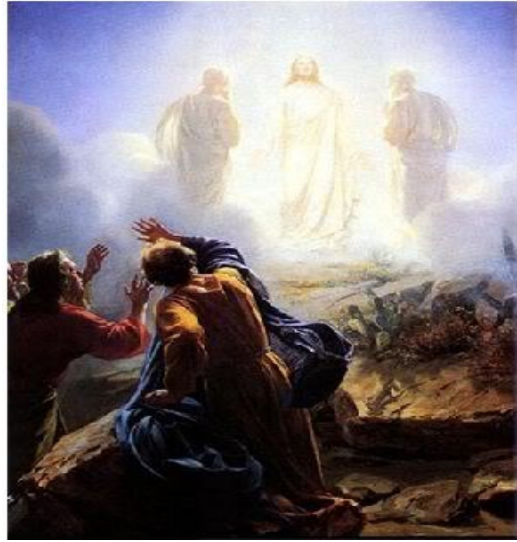


More information to follow

*St. Mary Sunday School Picnic
Jun 11, 2018*



Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ



The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the five main “Tabernacle” feasts of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Holy Church. It commemorates the transformation or the “transfiguration” that came over Jesus while He was praying. Christ’s face shone like the sun and his clothes became a radiant and gleaming white. The Apostles Peter, James and John witnessed that event which occurred on a high mountain named Tabor.

Evangelists St. Matthew, St. Mark and St. Luke testify about the transfiguration of Jesus in the Gospels (Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:1-12, Luke 9:28-36).

“... As they looked on, a change came over Jesus: his face was shining like the sun and his clothes were dazzling white. Then the three disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. So Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” While he was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased – listen to him!” When the disciples heard the voice, they were so terrified that they threw themselves face downward on the ground. Jesus came to them and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid!” So they looked up and saw no one there but Jesus. (Matthew 17:2-8)

In the Armenian Church, the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated 98 days following Easter. The Feast also is known by the common name of “Vardavar”. This day is associated with an old Armenian tradition of pouring water on one another. Some sources attribute the tradition as a remnant of an Armenian pre-Christian celebration. The Monday following the Feast is a Memorial Day.

This year we will celebrate it on Sunday July 8, 2018

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