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Yettem, California

Pastoral thoughts

Dear Faithful:

Again it's Lent period which gives us an opportunity to think about very important things. We started Lent this year on February 23th. Sometimes we believe it is a hardship, which it is not. Lent obligates us to pass through hardships but we need to accept them as an enrichment of the soul, a renewal which will put us on the right way to direct our spiritual journey to God. Certain duties are very necessary to practice during Lent and they are not easy, but to practice repentance, abstinence, to expiate our sins without difficulties is almost impossible. All of these actions are assuming difficulties. Nevertheless, we always need to remember that we are not alone: God's Spirit is with us.

People ask lots of questions about how to practice fasting. All questions are very important and we should prepare ourselves to overcome them as much as possible. Unfortunately, our life style does not give us that opportunity to overcome everything. We need to think about how we can recover harmony between our body and soul, because God created them in harmony. The soul and the body dictate to us different things. However, they are in harmonic communication with each other. Lent invites us to start recovering from our own being; here our consciousness should control our feelings, consciousness about spirituality and about spiritual values.

Lent period ordinances have one complete meaning. Each and every Sunday is the continuation of the previous one. All parables emphasize self-criticism. All parables are very pronounced examples which help us to think rightly about our own situation. Very often we look for exterior reasons about our unpreparedness. We don't want to believe that our own behavior is the reason that we can't prepare ourselves for worthy spiritual life.

Beautiful church services lead us during this whole period bringing us proper spiritual feelings and thoughts. It is very important also to have right thoughts to think about our Lord's sacrifices which He perpetuated for salvation of humankind. Great Lent is a wonderful time for us as Christians to revise our faithfulness toward our Lord, toward our church and finally toward God's commandments.

Ritual life in the church really helps us to actualize real lent. Prayers, litanies, hymns and in general the design of our services have provided for believer's divine environment. In this sense it is very important to be in the church, especially in this period. That's what I want to be transferred to you dear faithful. Without sincere confession there is no mercy for our sins. Our God is merciful, but even it wouldn't help us if we don't confess and expiate our sins.

With Love of Christ

Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

Parish Notes

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WEEKLY BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP
●February 9 – Margie L. Davidian in memory of her grandmothers, Zarohie Davidian, and Makroohi Derderian who both passed away in the month of February

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS
●February 9 – Shari Ananian and Julie Bair in memory of their mother, Reba Ananian
●February 9 – The Barsamian Family in memory of Miritz Barsamian

HOKEHANKIST
●February 9 – Reba Ananian, two years after her passing, requested by Shari Ananian and Julie Bair
●February 9 – Miritz Barsamian, forty days after her passing, requested by the Barsamian Family

Food Festival Chair Open
Jim Soxman has resigned as chairman of the Armenian Food Festival and Shish Kebob Luncheon due to physical problems. The Food Festival has been held for 42 years, and the Shish Kebob Luncheon for 11. Both of these are important as major fund raisers in support of the church. In addition, these events provide a way for a large number of members and supporters to show support for the church and Armenian culture. It is vital to continue these efforts, and to do so we need help in the form of a new chairman or chairmen. If you are able and willing to help, we need you to do so in the near future; planning for the 43rd Annual Armenian Food Festival starts in March, 2020. To indicate

your interest in serving, please call parish council chairperson Myron Sheklian (280-7315), or church secretary Sonya Barton (528-6892).

Former chairman Jim Soxman is more than willing to share timelines, contacts, forms and needed supply lists. He will provide any help needed to keep these events going. Please feel free to call Jim (936-2227) for more information on what the chairmanship entails.

2020 Parish Council Officers
Myron Sheklian, Chairman
Michael Tellian, Vice Chairman
Judy Skaff, Rec. Secretary
Gerard Garoian, Treasurer
George Ouzounian, Advisor
Bea Soxman, Advisor

Parish Assembly Chairman
Alan Farsakian
Parish Assembly Vice Chairman
James Soxman
Parish Assembly Secretary
Laurie Menendian

2020 Diocesan Assembly Delegates
Judy Skaff
Debbie Sheklian

2020 Diocesan Assembly Alternate Delegates
Alan Farsakian
David Safrastian

2020 Auditing Committee
Debra Agnew
Sarkis Enfiedjian
Linda Farsakian-Wall

2020 ACYO Officers
Pete Safrastian, Chairman
Elizabeth Torosian, Vice Chairman
Dustin Vartanian, Rec/Corr Secretary
Melina Peters, Treasurer

2020 Choir Officers

*Mari Louise Menendian, Coordinator
Hasmik Enfiedjian, Vice Coordinator*

2020 Faith of Zion Officers

*Julie Simonian, Chairman
Adrienne Poochigian, Vice-Chairman
Lisa Lemus, Rec/Corr Secretary
Gina Ananian, Treasurer
Bea Soxman, Advisor
Margie L. Davidian, Advisor*

2020 Ladies Society Officers

*Linda Farsakian-Wall, Chairman
Margie L. Davidian, Vice Chairman
Annie Davidian, Rec. Secretary
Mari Louise Menendian, Corr. Secretary
Gina Ananian, Treasurer
Madlien Hebesha, Advisor
Donna Torosian, Advisor*

2020 Ladies Society Delegates

*Margie L. Davidian
Shirley Ouzounian
Debbie Sheklian*

2020 Sunday School

*Tracy Valencia, Superintendent
Debbie Sheklian, Teacher
Linda Farsakian-Wall, Teacher
Margie A. Davidian, Teacher
Elizabeth Torosian, Teacher*

Ladies Society News

Paint Nite was held February 21. What a success it was! Our instructor Denise skillfully walked us through each step. The results were amazing. The highlight of the evening was the fellowship we had with our family and friends. Thank you, Gina Ananian for chairing the event. A special thank you to Lori and Ron Barsamian, Mike and Joy Ananian, and Rosemary Margosian for their generous donations to Ladies Society. Ron and Lori and Mike and Joy made donations in memory of Miritz Barsamian who served Ladies Society with such devotion. Rosemary's donation was in honor of her

mother Margie Kevorkian who would have been 105 years old March 29.

A shout out to Renee Ananian, our newest member. Renee joined Ladies Society this year, and we couldn't be happier to have her as a member. Welcome Renee!

The 2020 booklet are available. If you have not gotten your booklet, contact me at 559-786-1419 and I'll get one to you. Also, if you have not already paid for 2020, please send \$15 to our treasurer Gina Ananian, 12158 Avenue 392, Cutler, CA 93615.

Our next general meeting is Saturday, March 7, 11:30 at the church hall. We invite all perspective members to join us. Birthday wishes for March goes out to Hasmik Enfiedjian, Annie Davidian, Elizabeth Ananian, and Lucille Margosian. We wish them all God's blessings.

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

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

***THIS IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE
SOUPER SUPPERS***

*March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25
and April 1*

*Ladies Society will be sponsoring
fellowship on Sunday, March 1, 2020 in
the Majarian Hall after Divine Liturgy.*

*World Day of Prayer will be held on
Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at
Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church,
2226 Ventura Ave., Fresno, CA 93721.*

*Ladies Society Lenten Luncheon meeting will
be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 in the
Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.*

*Ways and Means will be sponsoring
fellowship on Sunday, March 15, 2020
after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall.*

*Parish Council meeting will be held on
Wednesday, March 18, 2020.*

Sunday School meets on March 8 and March 22. Sunday School meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. during the school year. Welcome all children!

ACYO meeting will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2020 at church.

Ladies Society Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2020 in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.

Ways and Means Committee Bake Sale will be held on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020 after Divine Liturgy. (See flyer)

ACYO Easter Luncheon will be held on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 after Divine Liturgy in the Majarian Hall. More information to follow in the April bulletin. (See flyer)

Save-the-Date for the 43rd Annual Armenian Food Festival on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at the Visalia Elks Lodge. (See flyer)

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.

Armenian Apostolic Church Hymns CD performed by Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan is available for distribution and all the donations will go to St. Mary Yettem.

ACYO is selling Reusable Bags for \$5 each, St. Mary Yettem Hats for \$12 each and Yettem shirts for \$10 each. Please see any ACYO member for questions or to purchase.

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

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.

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!

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.

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 (559) 528-6892 for details.

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 Myron Sheklian Parish Council Chairperson at (559) 280-7315.

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, Yetteem

MARCH 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|---------|--|----------|--------|--|
| 1 2nd Sunday of the Lent (Expulsion) Fellowship/Ladies Society | 2 | 3 | 4 Souper Supper & Lenten Service at 6pm | 5 | 6 | 7 Ladies Society Lenten Luncheon meeting in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 am |
| 8 3rd Sunday of the Lent (Prodigal Son) Sunday School meets | 9 | 10 | 11 Souper Supper & Lenten Service at 6pm | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 4th Sunday of the Lent (Steward) Fellowship/Ways and Means | 16 | 17 | 18 Median day of Lent Souper Supper & Lenten Service at 6pm Parish Council meeting | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 5th Sunday of the Lent (Judge) Sunday School meets | 23 | 24 | 25 Souper Supper & Lenten Service at 6pm | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 6th Sunday of the Lent (Advent) ACYO meeting | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 St. Gregory the Illuminator Commitment to the Pit |

Sunday Schedule:

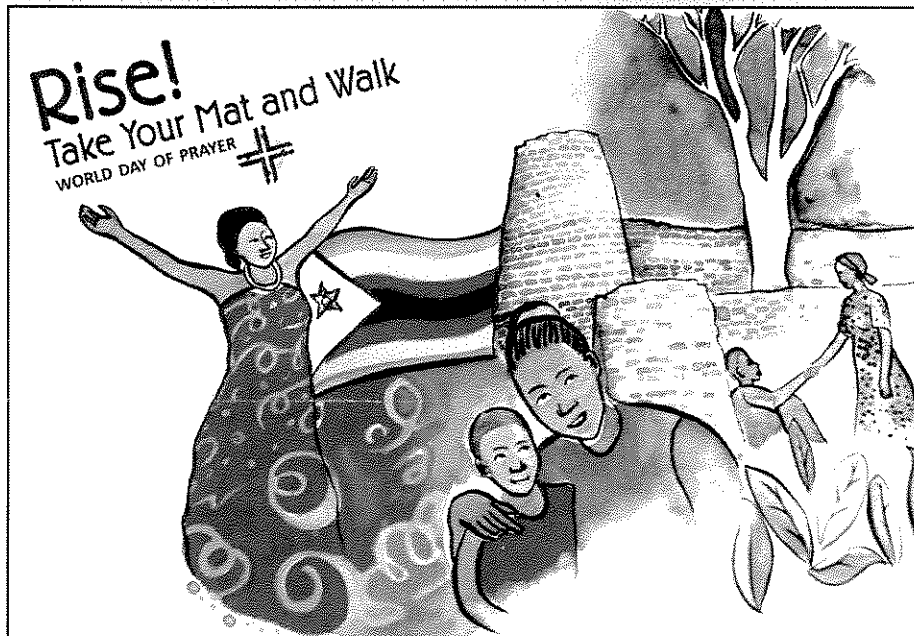
Morning Service (Matins) 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy

Father Zaven can be reached at:

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

World Day of Prayer

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Prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe and the World Day of Prayer USA Committee

**Saturday, March 7, 2020
at 10 am**

**Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church
2226 Ventura Ave., Fresno, 93721**

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*"Etchmiadzin, a sacred place,
where I see the image of God, a
place turned into prayer from the
depth of centuries..."*
- Archbishop. Hovnan Derderian

Lectures † Prayer Meditation † Fellowship † Spiritual Growth † Exploring...

Etchmiadzin

The Christ-Center of the Armenian People

March 13~15, 2020

St. Leon Ghevontyants Armenian Cathedral, Western Diocese
Burbank, California

Conference Fee: \$60 - admission, material and meals
\$50 if ordered by February 29

Register today at www.Embracing-Faith.com
Or call: (626) 275-AMEN (2636)
#ReclaimAC2020 on Social Media



St. Mary Armenian Church ACYO

Annual Easter Luncheon

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Immediately following Easter Church Services in the Church Hall

Delicious 'Filet' Beef—Kebab Salad, Pilaf, Green Beans, Bread and Dessert Table



Adults: \$20 per adult

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 (front and back) and
send with your payment by Wednesday, April 8, 2020 to:

Melina Peters (ACYO) — 936 W. Hemlock Avenue, Visalia, CA 93277



ACYO Easter Luncheon—Reservations with Advance Payment

NAME _____ Phone # _____

_____ Yes, I will attend the ACYO Easter Luncheon.

Adult Ticket(s): _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

Children Ticket(s): _____ @ \$12 = \$ _____

My check is enclosed Payable to St. Mary ACYO for \$ _____

A table of Eight (8) or less can be reserved—if more seats are needed on the table please specify.

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

Are you lucky?? Tricky Tray Basket Raffle

“Unique, Fun and Useful” items
will be available to try your luck!

\$15.00 for 26 tickets

If you would like to donate a basket for the Tricky Tray

Please contact Pete Safrazian

Call or Text- 559-741-5843; E-mail-psafrazian@yahoo.com

-OR- bring your item(s) the day of the luncheon!

YOUR SUPPORT IS MUCH APPRECIATED...

- Basket Ideas -

Movie Night

Coffee Lovers

Dinner Out on the Town

Cross/Religious

Gift Cards

Bakers Delight

Princess/Barbie Items

Cars/Tractor Items

Candle/Spa Basket

Easter Luncheon—Table #1.

1. _____

5. _____

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8. _____

Easter Luncheon—Table #2.

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Ways and Means Committee announces.

Bake Sale

Sunday

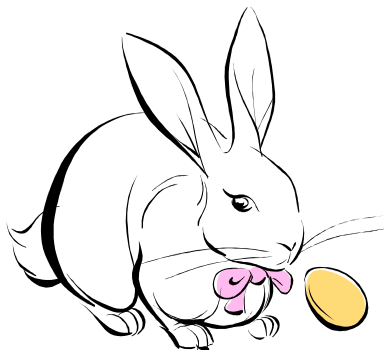
April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

*Immediately after the day's worship
your favorite Armenian delicacies*

will be available

- ✓ Cheoreg*
- ✓ Simit*
- ✓ Nazoog*
- ✓ Bread Sticks*
- ✓ Plus lots more*





2020 ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION CENTRAL CALIFORNIA EVENTS

Recognition and Rebirth

Thursday, April 16, 2020

7pm **150TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
OF THE LIFE AND WORKS OF
GOMIDAS VARTABED**

St. Paul Armenian Church, Haig & Isabel Berberian Hall
Zangagadun Literary & Musical Group of the
Armenian Museum of Fresno

Sunday, April 19, 2020

1:30pm **ECUMENICAL REMEMBRANCE
SERVICES**

Ararat and Masis Ararat Armenian Cemeteries
Service at the Unknown Holy Martyrs' Saints of the
Armenian Genocide Gravesite followed by a march
and service at the Soghomon Tehlirian Monument

Monday, April 20, 2020

6:30pm **POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM**

Reedley College, SOC32
Speaker: Professor Sergio La Porta

Thursday, April 23, 2020

7pm **ARMENIAN STUDENTS
ORGANIZATION**

University Business Center, Fresno State
Jerry Burger presents his book 'The Shadow
of 1915'. Silent Vigil to follow at the Genocide
Monument

Friday, April 24, 2020

10am **FLAG RAISING:**
ANC-CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street

12 noon **FRESNO STATE
ARMENIAN STUDENTS
ORGANIZATION**
Armenian Genocide Monument, Fresno State
**ARMENIAN GENOCIDE
COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE
OF FRESNO**

Armenian Genocide Monument, Fresno State
[Free Parking in P1, P5 & P6]

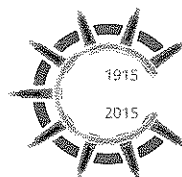
6pm **Laying of Flowers**

6:45pm **Presentation of Flags**

7pm **Religious Service**

7:30pm **Civic Program**

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Carla Garapedian
K-12 Student Art Exhibit



Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee- Fresno:
The mission of the Armenian Genocide Commemorative
Committee-Fresno is to honor the memory of the 1.5
million Armenians who perished at the hands of the
Ottoman Turkish government beginning on April 24,
1915. The Committee is responsible for organizing
commemorative programs and educating the community
about the Armenian Genocide to prevent future
genocides.



SAVE-THE-DATE

FOR

**THE 43rd ANNUAL
ARMENIAN FOOD FESTIVAL**

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2019

VISALIA ELKS LODGE

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



Ladies' Society Paint Night
February 21, 2020



Photos courtesy of
Linda Farsakian Wall



**Poon Paregenton
February 23, 2020**

Sunday of Expulsion



The second Sunday of the period of Great lent is called the Sunday of Expulsion. The basis of the mystery of and the name of the day can be found in the Holy Bible, the Book of Genesis: “So the Lord God sent him out of the Garden of Eden and made him cultivate the soil from which he had been formed” (Genesis 3:23). Prehistory is the following. The human being, listening to the deceitful words of Satan, disobeyed the divine commandments and ate the forbidden fruit, As punishment the human being, the human being, of course, didn’t die at once, but was deprived of the eternity granted by God and was cursed Since then man must work hard and sweat to make the soil produce enough food, and woman will have pain in giving birth to her offspring. And in end God said to the human being: “You were made from soil and you will become soil again” (Genesis 3:19).

The church Fathers have given the Sundays of the Period of great lent such names and mysteries which symbolize the mankind’s way of life – birth, sinning, regret and repentance. This should serve for the human being as an occasion for thinking of himself/herself and his/her lifer so that the period of great Lent should be fruitful and productive.

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