



**Deacon Andon Cherezian assisting
Bishop Vartan Kasparian**



**Bishop Vartan Kasparian consecrating
the church**



1946 Blessing of Foundation Stone: L to R: Rev. Victor Rivera, Rev. Fr. Ghevont Parounag, Bishop Vartan Kasparian, Rev. Fr. Garabed Kalfayan, Deacon Paul Vartanian.



1947 - Builder of New Church: L to R: Garabed Simonian, Sarkis Simonian, Simon Kashian.



1946 - Building Committee of New Church: Standing L to R: Steve Kaplan, Jack Peloian, Sarkis Simonian, Harry Majarian, Armen Menendian, Haroutun Barsamian, Sarkis Tamouzian. Seated L to R: Khacher Majarian, Humayak Sheklian, Rev. Fr. Garabed Kalfayan, Tateos Tamouzian, Hacher Mikaelian.



Rev. Father
Garabed
Kalfayan
presenting
chalice to
Bishop Vartan
Kasparian



Choir under the direction of Zarouhi Vartian from St. James Los Angeles

The following is the financial statement for the rebuilding of St. Mary Armenian Church of Yettem:

EXPENDITURES	Paid	Owed
Dinuba Cement Co.	1,686.81	144.36
Guy Munson - foundation	2,336.78	
L.K. Cone - Architect	1,429.15	499.40
Visalia Disposal Co.	168.62	
S. P. Brick Co.	2,680.66	
A. E. Etzunhaser - brickmasons	6,877.20	100.00
Sierra Cabinet Co.	3,247.38	800.00
Cutler-Orosi Lumber Co.	5,102.89	
Sequoia Lumber Co.	160.36	
Visalia Lumber Co.	25.99	428.00
Orange Cove Lumber Co.	411.67	
Dinuba Lumber Co.	1,422.17	2.00
Kasabian Lumber Co.	328.52	
Garabed Simonian - carpentry	4,936.12	500.00
L. A. Harvard Co.	923.17	
Wiph Electric 3	15.11	100.00
A. Alexander - coating	4,516.87	185.00
V. Rasmussen – roof	148.00	
Morwear Paint Co.	111.48	
Kyle Co.	300.67	
Arthur Wahl – stairs	144.60	
Redi Lay – Painter	363.58	
New England Sheet Metal	2,800.00	
Philip Kasdorf Co.	200.00	
Hass Wood Co.	75.00	
Organ (Gogian Brothers)		1,500.00
Sub total	37,637.80	7,033.76
Total Cost of Rebuilding	44,671.56	

Additional records indicate the following gifts received at or after the consecration:

Evanston, Racine, & Detroit 273.00

Exeter & Del Rey 240.00

Turlock, Modesto, & San Francisco 400.00

Los Angeles & Pasadena 4,202.00

New York 310.00

Selma and area 1,412.00

Reedley, Fresno, Biola 3,693.00

Armenian Presbyterian Church, Fresno 50.00

Holy Trinity, Fresno 100.00

St. Gregory, Fowler 100.00

St. Gregory Ladies Society, Fowler 50.00

Holy Cross, Los Angeles 50.00

St. James, Los Angeles 213.50

St. James - Ladies Society & Youth Group 75.00

St. Paul, Fresno 87.70

St. John, San Francisco 100.00

Donations from outside our parish \$ 11,356.20

Donations from our parish:

Tulare 992.00

Lindsay and Goshen 2,367.00

Visalia 4,776.00

Dinuba, Orosi, Munson, Yetttem 21,585.00

Delano 1,310.00

Donations from our parish \$ 31,030.00

Insurance on the old church 5,000.00

Total \$47,386.20



Father Khevont Parounag (St. Gregory Fowler) and L. McCormick (Tulare County Legal Advisor) laying the Apostle Peter foundation stone.



Godfathers and the Clergy at 1946 groundbreaking

SERVING AS GODFATHERS, OR SPONSORS OF THE FOUNDATION STONES:

1. L. McCormick - in the name of St. Peter the Apostle and in honor of the United States of America
2. Armen Ekizian - in the name of St. Andrew the Apostle and in honor of all Armenian servicemen
3. Hovhannes Nazaretian - in the name of St. Phillip the Apostle and in honor of the members of the first church of Yettem
4. Rev. Fr. Garabed Kalfayan - in the name of St. Gregory the Illuminator and in honor of shrines of the Armenian Church in Armenia and throughout the world. During the service, this stone was held by Dikran Ekizian.
5. Sarkis Tamouzian - in the name of St. Bartholomew the Apostle and in honor of all members of the new church
6. Charles Merjanian (St. James Parish of Los Angeles) - in the name of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist and in memory of members of the Merjanian family. During the service, this stone was held by Mardiros Ekizian
7. Mardiros Tashjian - in the name of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist in memory of members of the Tashjian family and his deceased wife Manoushag.
8. Ezras Tellalian - in the name of St. Mark the Evangelist and in memory of members of the Tellalian family
9. Neshan Tashjian - in the name of St. Luke the Evangelist and in memory of members of the Tashjian family
10. Antranig Gogian - in the name of St. Paul the Apostle and in memory of his parents
11. Armen Memendian - in the name of St. James of Zebedes and in memory of his father Abraham
12. Nishan P. Majarian - in the name of St. Thomas the Apostle and in memory of his father Parnag Majarian
13. Kacher Majarian - in the name of St. James of Alphaeus and in memory of members of the Elikuchukian and Majarian families
14. Tateos Tamouzian - in the name of St. Thaddeus the Apostle and in memory of the Tamouzian family
15. Pete Barsamian - in the name of St. Simon the Canaanite and in memory of the Barsamian family
16. Vahan Mukhalian - in the name of St. Mat-thias the Apostle and in memory of Mrs. Shoushanig Mukhalian

The following list, which was obtained from Fr. Garabed Kalfayan's book Monument to Yетtem (Yетtemagan Houshartzan):

1. 3 lights at the main altar - in memory of the 3 servicemen killed during World War II - Archie Ekizian of Visalia; Jack Cherkezian of New York; and George Kilimian of Pasadena.
2. The right-side altar (baptismal font) in memory of Charlie (Garabed) Davidian.
3. The left side altar in memory of Nigoghos Arslanian of Cutler
4. Candlesticks on the main altar in memory of Haig Mikaelian of Dinuba
5. Eternal Light given by Vanig Yaghiazarian of Los Angeles
6. Organ - given by the Gogian Brothers of Los Angeles
7. The two pillars at the main door were given in memory of Nevdon Marshlian of Orosi
8. The inscriptions above the main door and above the altar were donated by Charlie Marootian of Fresno
9. The main door was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Garabed Simonian of Yетtem
10. The rugs were donated by AK of New York
11. A carpet was donated by Mrs. P. of Dinuba
12. A carpet was donated by Drtad Omartian of Springfield, Illinois
13. A carpet was donated by Charlie Keyshian of Pasadena
14. One twin candlestick for the altar was donated in memory of Mary Kechechian of Dinuba
15. One twin candlestick for the altar was donated by Neshan Barsamian of Visalia
16. One chandelier was donated by Yeghia Der Margosian of San Francisco
17. The main chandelier was donated in memory of Dikran Shapazian of Fresno
18. The left chandelier was donated in memory of Susie Davidian
19. The right chandelier was donated in memory of Ohan Der Hagopian of Orosi
20. 15 choir books were donated in memory of Harutune Kurkjian of Selma
21. A silver Chalice was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Arakel Yazijian of Fresno

22. Chalice covers and linen holders were donated by Shunorig Nercessian of New York; Ashkhen Khachadourian of Greece; and Zabel Tombazian of Los Angeles.
23. Vestments were donated by Hagi Kavookjian of New York; Tateos Tamouzian of Yettem; and Toros and Armenouhi Dokouzlian of Dinuba.
24. The silver contained for the Holy Muroun (Holy Chrism) was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Nishan Majarian of Visalia
25. The Baptismal Font picture was donated by Murgrdich Kalayjian of Los Angeles
26. The picture of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob was donated by Michael Oumedian of Los Angeles
27. The picture of St. Vartan was donated by the Rev. Fr. Ghevont Parounag
28. Lace and needlework for the altar was donated by Siranoush Zarounian of Orosi; Goosina Kalfayan of Orosi; and Mariam Tashjian of Yettem.
29. The velvet altar curtain was donated by Isgouhi Shuklian of Visalia
30. The cross for the altar curtain was donated by Zarouhi Keyishian of Dinuba
31. The radiant cross was donated by Diran Fereshetian of Fresno
32. A cross was donated by Magarian of Fresno
33. Two small crosses were donated by Mother Philor Ananian
34. A glass bowl for the service of the baptism of the cross was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Kacher and Mary Boudakian of Visalia
35. A hand-cross was donated by Ketenjian of Dinuba
36. A cross was donated by Sarkis Simonian of Yettem
37. Carpet installation was donated by Levon and George Omartian and Harry Neffian of Visalia
38. Sewing of vestments was donated by Mugrdich Kasparian of Fresno
39. Sewing of choir robes (shabigs) was donated by Rose Mukhalian of Philadelphia
40. Altar vases were donated by Antaram Sinanian of Dinuba
41. Entry water font was donated by Harry Barsamian of Yettem
42. A censer was donated by Pilibos Cartozian of Los Angeles
43. A seven branched candlestick was donated by Yeghia Essepian of Reedley
44. A three branched candlestick was given by an anonymous donor



Washing of the foundation stones 1946



Worshippers gathered outside the sanctuary