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YETTEM

A publication of St. Mary

Armenian Church

Yettem, California

OCTOBER 2017

NEWS FROM THE WESTERN DIOCESE



THE THEME OF THE PONTIFICAL VISIT IS  
“LIVING OUR FAITH”

We are delighted to announce that at the invitation of the Diocesan Primate Archbishop Hovnan Derderian and the Diocesan Council, His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians will pay a Pontifical Visit to the Western Diocese on the blessed occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America.

For the first time ever, His Holiness will also visit the Diocese of the Armenian Church of Mexico which was transferred to operate under the jurisdiction of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America in November 2014.

His Holiness and his delegation will arrive in Los Angeles

on Wednesday, October 25-30, 2017

## **Parish Notes**

**BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP**  
**THE 2017 OCTOBER**  
**BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY**  
**JOHN & JANET GOMES**  
**IN HONOR OF**  
**SAM FARSAKIAN**

**ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS**  
● **September 10 – The Sam Farsakian Family in memory of Souren Sam Farsakian**

**HOKEHANKIST REQUESTS**  
● **September 10 – Souren Sam Farsakian, forty days after his passing, requested by the Sam Farsakian Family, Abraham Kazarian, one year after his passing, requested by the Abraham Kazarian Family, and Harry and Quienne Tellalian, requested by Dn. Randy Tellalian**

**YETTEM WORK DAY**  
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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING AND GRANDPARENTS' DAY 2017**

**Sunday, September 10th was a busy day for the Yettem Community. Our Sunday School students and staff kicked off the new school year led again by Superintendent Tracy Valencia. The rooms and grounds provided a welcoming environment to those who attended.**

**The Ladies Society again sponsored a much appreciated Grandparents' Day Brunch. This long-standing tradition was chaired this year by Linda Farsakian-Wall and her committee consisting of Debbie Agnew, Margie Lynn Davidian, Nancy Krikorian, Laurie Menendian, Tina Peters, Donna Torosian, Tracy Valencia and Sandra Vartanian. The beautiful spread included Margie Davidian's light and fluffy bee-shee and Laurie Menedian's famous rice pudding. Ladies Society Chairman Debbie Sheklian acknowledged and thanked the family of Sam and Betty Farsakian for paying for the day's brunch for those attending in honor of their parents on the fortieth day of Sam's passing.**

**Following the meal, Sunday School students modeled their back-to-school and favorite fashions and then entertained everyone with their various talents.**

## **ACYO BAKE SALE**

**ACYO members and friends also were present in Yettem on Saturday, September 2. The group got together to prepare baked goods for the 2nd Annual ACYO Bake Sale that was held on Grandparents' Day, September 10th. The Bake Sale was another great success thanks to the items prepared by the ACYO members and also from the many donations from other parishioners who wanted to support the youth group.**

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

*On September 24, 2017 the third Annual Family Fun Day was held at St. Mary Armenian Church in Yettem sponsored by the Faith of Zion organization.*

*Approximately sixty people were served lunch. We would like to thank Richard Hagopian, Andrew Hagopian and Allan Jendian for providing the beautiful Armenian music. All enjoyed dancing to the music, playing bingo and tavlou. The children had a great time playing in the bounce house and other games. Thank you to Faith of Zion for putting on such a wonderful picnic.*

*Ladies Society Keshkeg meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.*

*Ladies Society will be hosting fellowship on Sunday, October 8, 2017 after Divine Liturgy.*

*Faith of Zion meeting will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2017 after Divine Liturgy.*

**REMINDER**

*St. Mary Shish Kebab Luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the VISALIA ELKS LODGE from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by St. Mary Ways and Means Committee. (See flyer)*

*There will not be services held on Sunday, October 15, 2017 in Yettem. Instead a short prayer service will be held at the Elks Lodge prior to the luncheon.*

*ACYO meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017.*

*Western Diocese Ladies Society Pilgrimage at St. Mary, Yettem on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. (See flyer)*

*Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.*

*2017 Sunrise Service and Campout will be held on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> on the church grounds. (See flyer)*

**SAVE THE DATE:**

*Monte Melkonian, National Hero 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2017. (See flyer)*

*The next Ways and Means Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 in Visalia at Ryan's at 6:00 p.m.*

**REMINDER**

*If you have not sent in your 2017 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.*

*Sunday School 2017-2018 has resumed. Sunday School meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. during the school year. Welcome all children!*

**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.*

*Ladies Society has manti for sale for \$10. You may purchase manti on Sundays from Ladies Society board members or by calling the church office to make arrangements for purchase.*

*Armenian Language classes will be held on the first and third Sundays of each month after the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at (559) 528-6892 or Fr. Zaven at (818) 644-9398.*

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

***EASY MONEY: ESCRIP***

*We began the eScrip program in April. As of July 20 St. Mary Church has earned \$189.40. This is done by 3% rewards earned on purchases at Save Mart, Lucky, and Food Maxx stores. We have 27 registered members in the eScrip program and 18 of these have used the program. To do so, all you have to do is give your phone number as you check out of these stores. If you have not registered in the eScrip program, sign up at Shares...powered by eScrip (<http://www.escrip.com/shares>) and designate St. Mary Armenian Church as your charity of choice. If you have difficulty signing up please call me (Jim Soxman, 733-8741) and I will do it for you.*

***DVD SET FOR SALE:*** *St. Mary Armenian Church, 100<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**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](http://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.*

*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 -2:30*

*The St. Mary Armenian Church webpage at [www.stmaryyettem.org](http://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!*

*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.*



# St. Mary Armenian Church, Yettem

## October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Holy Cross of Varak Special Parish Assembly Meeting Registration in the Majarian Hall at 12 :00 p.m., Light lunch will be served prior to the meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Ladies Society Keshkeg meeting at 11:30 in Majarian Hall
<b>8</b> Faith of Zion Meeting after Services Fellowship sponsored by Ladies Society Sunday School	<b>9</b> Columbus Day	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Shish Kebab Luncheon at the Visalia Elks at 11 AM - No services in Yettem ACYO Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Western Diocese Ladies Society Pilgrimage at St. Mary, Yettem	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Parish Council meeting at 7 PM in Majarian Hall	<b>20</b> Sunrise Campout	<b>21</b> Sunrise Service and Campout Breakfast
<b>22</b> Sunday School	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Discovery of the Holy Cross	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>			

### Sunday Schedule:

Morning Service (Matins) 9:45 AM  
 Divine Liturgy – 10:30 AM  
 Sunday School: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 11 AM

### Father Zaven can be reached at:

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

St. Mary Armenian Church of Yetteem

# Shish Kebab

LUNCHEON

*Featuring Hagopian's Deli Lamb Shish Kebab*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017**

**11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**VISALIA ELKS LODGE**

**3100 W. Main – just east of County Center Dr.**



**Ticket Price: \$22**

**Dine in or Take Out or Drive Thru**

Lunch includes: Lamb shish-kebab, rice pilaf, salad,  
gourmet green beans, peda bread & dessert

**Sponsored by St. Mary Ways & Means Committee**

Ladies Society Central Council Pilgrimage  
To St. Mary Yettem  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017



Church Service 11:00 am

Group Picture

Lunch 12:00 pm

Program 1:00-2:30

Come and enjoy fellowship with your sister churches

Please RSVP by Wednesday October 11, 2017  
Call Debbie Sheklian at (559)733-4417 or email [debbie@sheklian.org](mailto:debbie@sheklian.org)

The Parish Priest and Parish Council of

# St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church, Yetttem

Invites you to:

## 2017 Sunrise Service and Campout

Friday, October 20th – Saturday, October 21st



*\$10 per person ages 12 and up*

- Campout on church grounds
- Set up beginning at 5 PM
- Bring tents, trailers, RVs for outside camping or sleeping bags, blow-up mattresses or cots to sleep in the church hall
- Friday dinner BBQ includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, chips, soft drinks and s'mores
- Saturday breakfast includes: fruit, pancakes, eggs, bacon, juice and coffee



- Beautiful and serene country setting very near 2 National Parks



- Fellowship at night and in the morning

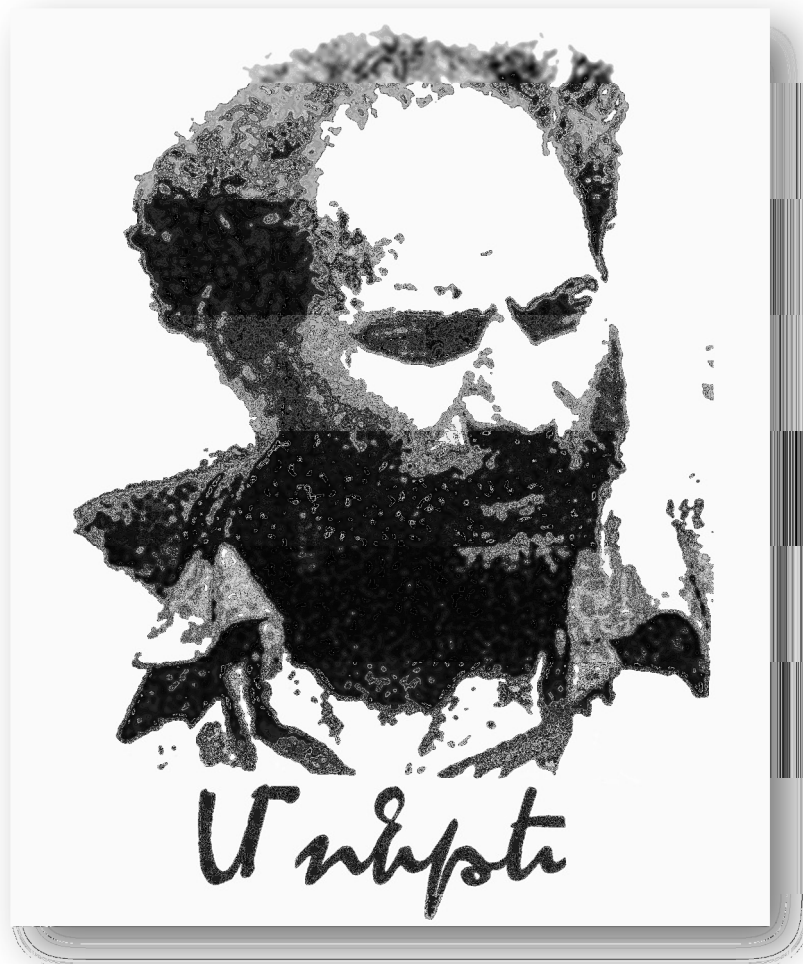


- Rise early and worship together at sunrise

For more information and directions go to [www.stmaryyettem.org](http://www.stmaryyettem.org). To make a reservation by October 16<sup>th</sup> call (559) 280-7315

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*Monte Melkonian 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*



*St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church, Yetteh*

*Majarian Hall*

*November 12, 2017*

*1:00 PM*



Sunday School Workshop  
Western Diocese of the Armenian Church  
Central Valley Armenian Churches

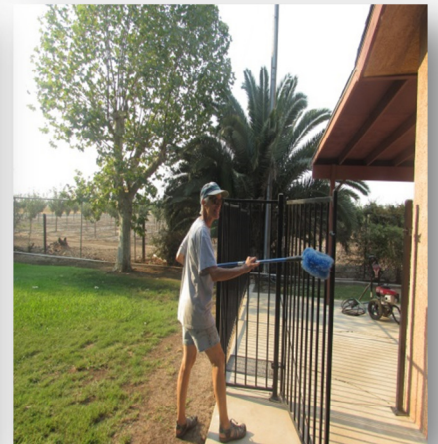
On August 26, 2017 Sunday School Workshop was held in St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church in Fowler. The workshop was organized by the Western Diocese Christian Education Council.





## Yettem Work Day - September 2, 2017

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# Grandparents' Day Fashion and Talent Show 2017





# Family Fun Day 9/24/17





## Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross



The Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross is one of the four feasts dedicated to Christ's Holy Cross.

In 327 AD Heghineh, the Mother of the Byzantine King Kostandianos, visits Jerusalem with the aim to search the Holy Cross of the lord. A Jew, named Judas, helps the King's mother to search the site where Christ was crucified – Golgotha. In the result of searches the wooden crosses of Christ and the two criminals crucified together with him are found. For recognizing the Lord's Cross, the remains of a young man are put on the crosses in turn. On one of the crosses the young man rises to life and thus the Lord's Cross is identified. After that miracle the Jew converts to Christianity and later becomes the Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem. After the discovery of the Holy Cross Heghineh renovates the Holy Places of Jerusalem and builds the Church of Holy Resurrection of Golgotha, where later the Lord's cross is installed.

The Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross on the Sunday during the period October 23-29.

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