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### Pastoral Thoughts

Soon we will start a very important period in our spiritual life. Sunday, February 23, 2020 is "Boon Barekendan." Lent period starts with "Barekendan". Immediately after "Barekendan" the next day we start lent. During this period we do proper church services with proper psalms, prayers, hymns etc. All these services are inviting us to confession and prepare us for the Triumphant Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. That's why our Lord came to the earth. That's why He was incarnated and helped us to see the real life and to seek it. Beautiful church services lead us during this whole period bringing us proper spiritual feelings and thoughts.

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. Rituals and ordinances in the church really help us to exercise real lent. Prayers, litanies, hymns and in general the design of our services have provided for believers a divine environment. In this sense it is very important to be in the church especially in this period. Of course church is always important for our spiritual life but the lent is a period when we approach the very important celebration which is Resurrection. All church services are concentrated on our own self-criticism. Self-criticism is the best confession. We need to revise our life that we lived before and we need to try to correct all our wrong and bad actions. 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 this wouldn't help us if we don't confess and expiate our sins. There is a wonderful tradition in our St. Mary Church which we will continue to do this year and I would like you to come and join us and to be a part of this service.

Every Wednesday within Great Lent we have evening service; you can check the attached calendar. The good thing during these services is all attending believers are participating by reading their parts of "I Confessing with Faith" which is written by St. Nerses the Graceful. These readings are joint prayers which gives us an opportunity to bring together our thoughts and to pray for each other also.

I will pray for all of you and may God help us to have sincere confession according to the words of the hymn: "Before Your precious and all-victorious cross we bend our knees, we worship You and we ask forgiveness of our sins"

With Love of Christ  
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

## **Parish Notes**

### **CONDOLENCES**

*Our condolences to Mary (Miritz) Barsamian's family. She entered her eternal rest on Friday, December 27, 2019. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

*We would like to once again extend our appreciation to the Ways and Means Committee for the highly organized Armenian Christmas Luncheon. The event was full with Christmas fillings by our Sunday School performance.*

### **ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DONATION**

- *C.D. Simonian Insurance*

### **ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS**

- *January 5 – Parish Council*
- *January 19 – Sarkis and Hasmik Enfiedjian in memory of Mary Enkababian*
- *January 19 – Stella Ananian, David and Lisa Krause, Bryan, Terry, Renee and Michelle Ananian in memory of George Ananian*

### **HOKEHANKIST**

- *January – 19 For all souls of Armenian people who were killed during massacre in Bakue Azarbijan, January 19, 1988*
- *January – 19 Rev. Fr. Mesrob Archpriest Gabrielian*
- *January – 19 Mary Enkababian, 40th day of her passing, requested by Sarkis and Hasmik Enfiedjian*
- *January – 19 Sonia Markarian, on her 10 year passing*  
*Edward Enkababian*  
*Vartan Enkababian*  
*Perouz Enkababian*  
*Nerses Enfiedjian, on his 38 year passing*  
*Melkon Enfiedjian*  
*Arshalous Enfiedjian*  
*Boghos Enfiedjian and*  
*Daniel Maghrablian*

Levon Koroyan

Araxie Koroyan

Neshan Partziguian

Vehanoush Partziguian

Dikran Partziguian and

Maro Partziguian

*Requested by Sarkis and Hasmik Enfiedjian*

- *January – 19 George Ananian, nine years after his passing, requested by Stella Ananian, David and Lisa Krause, Bryan, Terry, Renee and Michelle Ananian*

### **HOKEHANKIST (Repose of Soul)**

#### **DONATIONS**

*(December 27, 2019 – January 26, 2020)*

#### **For Repose of Mary Enkababian's Soul**

- *Sarkis and Hasmik Enfiedjian*
- *Sevag and Sandra Seferian*
- *Evelyn Crowder*
- *Shirley Dawson*
- *John and Sandra Kalfayan*
- *Lucille Margosian*
- *Arsen and Annie Missakian*
- *Michael and Diyana Missakian*

#### **For Repose of George Ananian's Soul**

- *David and Lisa Krause*
- *Serge and Judith Ananian*

### **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 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Armenian Food Festival starts in March, 2020. To indicate your interest in serving, please call parish council chairperson Bea Soxman (623-*

2390), 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.

### Ladies Society News

Save Friday, February 21. Paint Nite is back by popular demand! We are excited once again to offer this event to spend time with our family and friends painting and enjoying fellowship. What would an Armenian event be without food and beverages? Of course, we are offering both. Social hour with food and beverages begins at 5:30 and painting at 6:00. Cost is \$45 with a portion going to Ladies Society. Sign-up at [www.yaymaker.com/events/10163456](http://www.yaymaker.com/events/10163456). For more information, please contact Gina Ananian at 799-8434. See you February 21! Another date to save is Wednesday, February 26. This is the Diocesan Ladies Society Annual Prayer Day which takes place at St. Leon Cathedral in Burbank from 10:30 – 1:30 p.m. This year's topic is Presentation of Armenian Priest Vestments. A Lenten luncheon will be served. This event is free. If you'd like to attend, contact me at 559-786-1419. Please join me in attending this joyful fellowship to pray together with our Ladies Society friends.

Our January monthly meeting was successful. The body voted to raise the price of the memorial dinners to \$12/plate. This is an increase of \$2. The rising costs of food compelled us to raise the cost.

Our condolences to Miritz Barsamian's family. Miritz was a pillar Ladies Society member. She joined in 1947 and only stopped giving and contributing in the last few years as her health declined. She served on the executive board in various positions most notably as chairlady for 9 terms spanning 4 decades. Her first term as chairlady was in 1962 and her last was 1991. Miritz also served on the diocesan Ladies Society Central Council. Again, she served in various capacities including 5 terms as chairlady. We could always count on her for her unselfish dedication. Thank you Miritz. May your soul rest in peace.

Our next general meeting is February 1, 11:30 at the church hall. The 2020 booklet will be available. So, plan on attending and get your booklet! We invite all perspective members to join us.

Birthday wishes for February goes out to Tracy Valencia and Debbie Agnew. We wish them both God's blessings.

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

Ladies Society meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.

Ways and Means meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at Ryan's in Visalia at 6:00 p.m.

### ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Annual Parish Assembly Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020. Registration will begin at 12:00 noon and a light lunch will be served. Meeting will begin approximately at 12:45 p.m.

Faith of Zion will be sponsoring fellowship on Sunday, February 16, 2020 in the Majarian Hall after Divine Liturgy. Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Poon Paregentan Dinner and Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2020 in the Majarian Hall immediately following church services, sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee. (See flyer)

Lent begins Sunday, February 23, 2020. Wednesday Souper Suppers at 6:00 p.m., Lenten Evening Services at 6:30 p.m.

### THIS IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SOUPER SUPPERS

February 26, March 4, March 11,  
March 18, March 25 and April 1

*Sunday School meets on February 9<sup>th</sup> and February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday School meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. during the school year. Welcome all children!*

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

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

*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](mailto: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](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!*

#### PAYPAL

*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.*

*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 (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 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.*

# St. Mary Armenian Church, Yetttem

FEBRUARY 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Ladies Society meeting in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 am
2	3	4 Ways and Means meeting at Ryan's in Visalia at 6 pm	5	6	7	8 St. Sarkis the Warrior
9 Sunday School meets Annual Parish Assembly meeting at 12:00 Noon	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16 Fellowship/Faith of Zion	17 President's Day	18 St. Ghevont the Priest & his Companions	19	20 St. Vartan the Warrior & his Companions Parish Council meeting in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 pm	21 Ladies Society Paint Nite-Social hour at 5:30 & Painting at 6:00 pm	22
23 Great Barekendan Sunday School meets Poon Paregentan Dinner & Celebration after Divine Liturgy	24 First day of Lent	25	26 Women's Prayer Day at St. Leon Cathedral 10:30 - 1:30 pm Souper Supper & Lenten Service at 6pm	27	28	29

## 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

*St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church*

**Christmas Yughakin**

2019/2020

Ananian, Charlie and Elizabeth  
Ananian, Serge and Judith  
Crowder, Evelyn Boudakian  
Davidian, Margie L  
Derrick, James E. and Sadie  
Enfiedjian, Sarkis and Hasmik  
Garoian, Gerard and Sylvia  
Gomes, John & Janet  
Groefsema, Bruce and Gail  
Hagopian, Richard and Geraldine  
Halbourian, Alice  
Hebesh, Madlien N.  
Jendian, Dcn. Allan & Rosemary  
Kaprielian, John Ara & Sharon  
Kizirian, Abe and Sandra  
Krikorian, Gary and Nancy  
Margosian, Lucille  
Margosian, Mrs. Rose Marie  
Menendian, Laurie and Fredric  
Menendian, Mari Louise  
Nunes, Richard and Joyce  
Parton, Blanche and Edward  
Peters, Darrell & Tina  
Pochigian, Brian and Adrienne  
Pochigian, Jerry and Julie  
Safrazian, Richard and Lillian  
Shapazian, Jerry  
Sheklian, Joann  
Sheklian, Kohar  
Sheklian, Myron and Debbie  
Skaff, Judy and Mike  
Soxman, James and Beatrice  
Toukdarian, Alice and Aresa  
Wall, Mark and Linda  
Zakarian, Archie and Kathy

**Total**

**\$2,520**



Hors d'oeuvres, Painting and Fun...

# ***PAINT NITE!***



**Friday,  
February 21**

*Join us in the  
Majarian (Yettem) Hall*



**Actual Picture you will Paint!**

Organized by the St. Mary Yettem Ladies Society



∞ Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30pm ∞

∞ Painting at 6:00pm ∞



Cost per person: \$45 (all supplies included)



**\*\*To pay and reserve your spot\*\***

**Go to the link below:**

**[www.yaymaker.com/events/\\_10163456](http://www.yaymaker.com/events/_10163456)**

**Don't Miss Out! Deadline to sign up — when Sold Out!**

Please direct questions to—Gina Ananian—559-799-8434

**RESERVATIONS and PREPAYMENT ARE REQUIRED**

Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee



# POON PAREGENTAN

Dinner, Kef and Raffles



Sunday, February 23, 2020

Majarian Hall at St. Mary Church in Yetteem

Immediately following Church Services



\*All You Can Eat Dinner – Armenian Dancing

## All You Can Eat

• Spaghetti and Meatballs

• Salad

• Bread

• Dessert Table

**\$10 per person**

## Armenian Dancing

Enjoy the Music

Of

**Richard Hagopian**

**WINE AND CASH**

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

**WILL BE AVAILABE**

**Be 1 of the 14 winners**

**(need not be present)**

**Try your LUCK with the 50/50 Raffle**

**Last year's winner took home - \$315!**





Western Diocese Ladies Society Central Council  
Women's Prayer Day

# "Glorifying God"

Under the Auspices of  
His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Primate

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020**

**10:30 AM To 1:30 PM**

**Morning Service "Jamerkoutioun" in St. Leon Cathedral  
3325 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank, CA 91504**

## **Presentation of Armenian Priest Vestments**

**Group picture & Lenten Luncheon  
Musical entertainment**

**Event organized and hosted by Ladies Society Central Council**

**Please RSVP by February 15, 2020**

**To Aida Askejian, LSCC Corresponding Secretary, Email: [aaskejian@gmail.com](mailto:aaskejian@gmail.com)**







**FEAST OF THE NATIVITY AND THEOPHANY  
JANUARY 5, 2020**







The 71st Annual ACYO General Assembly took place on January 17-19 at St. Leon Armenian Cathedral in Burbank. During the first business session we had opening remarks from His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Clergy, and the Central Council. We then went over the administrative report to the 55 delegates in attendance. There were presentations by Silvana Vartanian (Nerouj Chairman), Mihran Toumajan (Western Regional Director, Armenian Assembly of America's), Nichole Nigosian (Chairman of Armenian Church Summer Camp), Stepan Khzrtian (Diocesan Council), and the Honorable Judge Adrienne Krikorian (Diocesan Council Chairwoman and President of Mer Hoops).

Friday night we had Fiesta Night Social, Saturday was the banquet, and Sunday we celebrated Divine Liturgy where four ACYO members were ordained to the order of Acolyte. The New ACYO Central Council was prayed for and blessed by His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian.

The 72nd ACYO Convention will be held at St. Geragos Armenian Church of Las Vegas on January 15-17, 2021.

The Newly Elected ACYO Central Council were elected:  
 Chairman: Victoria Amran  
 Vice Chairman: David Safrastian  
 Advisor: Kevin Kestekyan  
 Treasurer: Nerces Der-Aprahamian  
 Corresponding Secretary: Alen Ashikian  
 Recording Secretary: Ossanna Amran  
 Publicity Director: Andrew Hagopian

Text by David Safrastian





### **Feast of St. Ghevond the Priest and His Companions**

The Feast of St. Ghevond the Priest and His Companions is dedicated to the blessed memory of the Armenian priests who fought alongside St. Vartan and the entire Armenian Nation for their Christian faith in 451 A.D. in the Battle of Avarayr.

The eldest among them was Priest St. Ghevond, and among his companions were Catholics Hovsep, Bishop Sahak of Syunik, Bishop Tatik of Basen, Priest Mushe or Mushegh, Priest Arshen, Priest Samuel, Deacons Abraham and Kajajn. After the Battle of Avarayr the Persian King Hazkert took revenge on Armenians and ordered to kill the brave priests. According to the tradition the day of the Feast of St. Ghevond the Priest and His Companions is the day of the clergy.



### **Feast of St. Vartan the Captain and Companions**

The Feast of St. Vartan the Captain and his 1036 Companions marks their martyrdom 1551 years ago in the battle of Avarayr, fighting for the freedom of conscience and religion for the Armenian Nation. It was to be the first testimony of many to follow that the Armenians were a people who freely chose Christ, remained steadfast in their Christian faith, and would not betray that faith for any ransom. "Vartanants" as it is commonly called, is one of the most sacred feasts of the Armenian people.

In the Armenian Church, the Feast day of St. Vartan the Captain and Companions is also celebrated as the Naming Day of His Holiness Karekin II. To mark the occasion, at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, a Pontifical Prayer is offered before the Holy Altar of Descent.

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