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SEPTEMBER 2018

Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the last one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Apostolic Church. It is the most important feast among the feasts dedicated to the Holy Cross, as it is dedicated to the history of the return of the Holy Cross from imprisonment, its elevation and glorification. In the Armenian Apostolic Church the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated on Sunday during the period between September 11-17. This year that date is September 16, and the Monday following the Feast is a Memorial Day.

In 610 A. D., the Persian King Khosrov with a large army attacks the Byzantine Empire. Enthusiastic about the initial victory, in 614 A. D. the Persian army enters Jerusalem. Many people are killed and many are imprisoned. Pontiff Zakaria, the Patriarch of Jerusalem is imprisoned, too. However, the Persians are not satisfied and enter the Church of Holy Sepulcher and take the Holy Cross kept in the Church. The Holy Cross had been found and installed in the Church for the Christians to worship by Hekhineh, the mother of the King Costandianos, in the beginning of the 4th century.

In 628 A. D., the Byzantine army led by the King Herakles fight against the Persians to return the Holy Cross. The Armenian army regiment, led by Mzhezh Gnounie, supported the Persian army. With the Lord's help the Byzantine army wins the battle. The Holy Cross is solemnly brought to the Armenian town Karin, from where it is carried to Constantinople, and then - to Jerusalem. On the way the Holy Cross was raised for the people to see and worship.

For Christians the Cross is God's power and strength and pride of all prides, on which Christ's innocent blood was shed. By means of the Cross Jesus proved His love towards mankind, and the Cross became for us the symbol of hope, love and saving.

Parish Notes

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

**THE SEPTEMBER 2018 BULLETIN
IS SPONSORED BY
JOHN AND JANET GOMES
IN MEMORY OF JANET'S PARENTS,
GARABED AND ROSE SIMONIAN**

WEEKLY BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

●August 5 – *The Farsakian Family in memory of Sam Farsakian, one year after his passing*

ALTAR CANDLES DONATION

●August 19 - *Mary Enfiedjian donated one box of altar candles*

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

- August 5 – *The Farsakian Family in memory of Sam Farsakian, one year after his passing*
- August 5 – *Lucille Margosian Families in memory of Aron Margosian, forty days after his passing*
- August 12 – *Mari Louise Menendian in honor of Asdvadzadzin and all the ladies with the name Mary*
- August 12 – *Bob and Lue Kroeckel in memory of Lue's sister, Elizabeth Tellian*
- August 19 – *The Simonian Family in memory of Garabed and Rose Simonian*

HOKEHANKIST REQUESTS

- August 5 – *Sam Farsakian, one year after his passing, requested by the Farsakian Family*
- August 5 – *Aron Margosian, forty days after his passing, requested by Lucille Margosian Families*
- August 12 – *Elizabeth Tellian, requested by Bob and Lue Kroeckel*
- August 19 – *Garabed and Rose Simonian, requested by the Simonian Family*

HIS EMINENCE PASTORAL VISITATION

St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan and the Parish Council invite all parishioners and friends to the pastoral visit of His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian on Sunday, September 30, 2018 to receive His spiritual message and to take communion. His Eminence will present Linda Farsakian-Wall with the Hye Spirit award. Fellowship after church services in the Majarian Hall will be sponsored by Parish Council and St. Mary organizations. (See flyer)

The Ways & Means Committee held its annual Asdvadzadzin Bake Sale on August 12th. Profits were \$ 1,822.00, all proceeds will go to the St. Mary general fund. This could not be possible without the generous donation of time and materials that go into this sale. Special thanks go to all who participated, both as donors of the items for sale, and those who purchased them. Thank you all.

ACYO has no scheduled meeting in September. ACYO next scheduled meeting will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Visalia.

Ladies Society dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at Ryan's in Visalia at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 9, 2018. Sunday School meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. during the school year. Welcome all children! (See flyer)

St. Mary Ladies Society Grandparents' Day Brunch will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018 immediately following church services in the Majarian Hall. (See flyer)

ACYO Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018 after church services. (See flyer)

Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 in the Majarian Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Sister Churches Luncheon will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church at 12 noon. (See flyer)

Join St. Mary Armenian Church 4th Annual Family Fun Day Organized by Faith of Zion on Sunday, September 23, 2018. (See flyer)

Ways and Means meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at Marie Callender's at 6:00 p.m.

Ladies Society Keshkeg meeting will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 in the Majarian Hall at 11:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE
2018 Sunrise Service and Campout will be held on Friday, October 12th and Saturday, October 13th on the church grounds. (See flyer)

REMINDER
St. Mary Shish Kebab Luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at the VISALIA ELKS LODGE from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by St. Mary Ways and Means Committee. (See flyer)

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 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.

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.

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

September 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 | 3 Labor Day | 4 | 5 Ladies Society Evening Meeting at Ryan's in Visalia at 6 PM Executive 6:30 General Meeting | 6 | 7 | 8 Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Mother-of-God |
| 9 Barekandan of the Fast of Holy Cross Sunday School Begins Grandparents' Day Brunch sponsored by Ladies Society/ACYO Bake Sale | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Exaltation of the Holy Cross | 17 Remembrance of the dead | 18 | 19 | 20 Parish Council meets at 7 PM in the Majarian Hall | 21 Independence Day of the Republic of Armenia | 22 Fall begins |
| 23 Barekandan of the Fast of Holy Cross of Varak Faith of Zion Family Picnic Sunday School Meets | 24 | 25 Ways and Means meeting at Marie Callender's at 6 PM | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Holy Cross of Varak His Eminence Pastoral Visitation /Fellowship sponsored by Parish Council and St. Mary organizations | 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**

**ST. MARY, YETTEM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**



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Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan and the Parish Council invite
all parishioners and friends to the pastoral visit of His
Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian to receive His
spiritual message and to take communion.**

**During Divine Liturgy His Eminence will award
Linda Farsakian-Wall with the Hye Spirit award.**

It's a beautiful day in our neighborhood!

“Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person.” Fred Rogers



Sunday School resumes this fall!

Sunday, September 9, 2018

First Day of Classes

It will be a school year dedicated to

“Loving your neighbor as yourself!”

Learning to be a good neighbor begins right here at Sunday school. We invite all children, pre-school aged and older, to join our thriving classrooms.



St. Mary Ladies Society
Invites you to a Brunch
in Celebration of



'Grandparents' Day'

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Immediately following church services in the Majarian Hall



☞ Enjoy a Delicious Brunch
featuring—Beeshee
and many other specialties ☞



Entertainment to follow from our Sunday School...

****Cost **Adults(\$12)**Child(\$8)****

-To reserve a table or seat(s)-

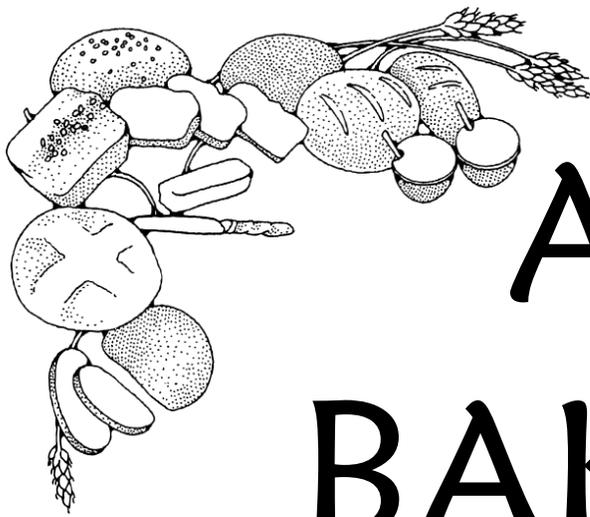
**Call or Text - Tina Peters 559-967-2593 or
e-mail: hyetinapeters@live.com by September 5.**

RESERVATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED



**Celebrate Grandparents...
Everyone Welcome!!!**





ACYO BAKE SALE

After Church Services

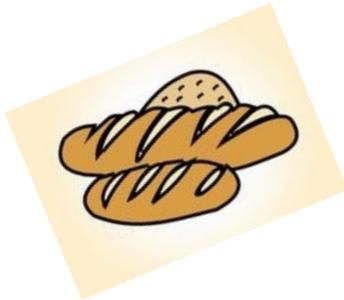
Sunday, September 9, 2018

(Grandparent's Day)

Freshly Baked Armenian Desserts

Handmade by

the ACYO Members.



****SUPPORT the ACYO Bake Sale****

**Donations of any Armenian Baked Goods or
Specialty Desserts will be greatly
appreciated and accepted
the day of the Bake Sale.**

**Join St. Mary Armenian Church for the
4th Annual Family Fun Day
Organized by Faith of Zion**

September 23, 2018

**Church Service starts at 10:30 with
festivities at 11:00 in the church yard**

Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Salads, Chips, Desserts,
Drinks (1 included with meal price)

\$12 for adults, \$8 for kids (10 and under)

Enjoy games for the whole family!

We're looking forward to
seeing you there!



St. Mary Armenian Church of Yettem

Shish Kebab

LUNCHEON

Featuring Hagopian's Deli Lamb Shish Kebab

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018

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

St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church Invites you to the 2018 Sunrise Service and Campout Friday, October 12th - Saturday October 13th



- Campout on church grounds
- Set up beginning at 5:00 PM
- Bring tents, trailers, RV's
- BBQ Dinner Provided 6:30 p.m.

- Fellowship under the stars

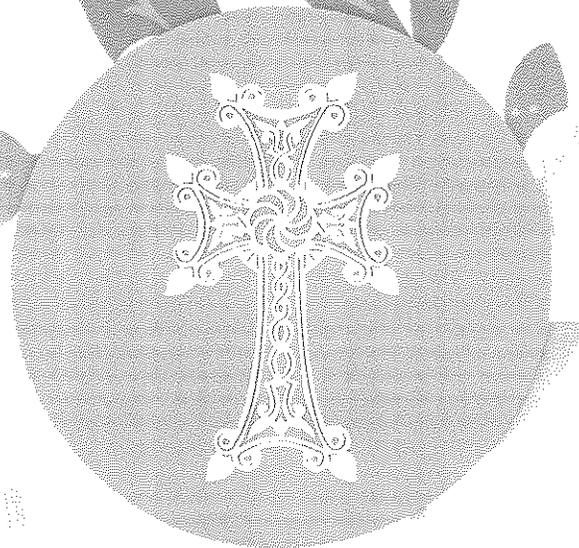


- Rise early and worship together at sunrise



- Breakfast outdoors after services

For more information call: Margie Lynn Davidian at 679-8794



Sister Churches Luncheon

“Sunflowers in September”

Saturday, September 22, 2018

12 noon

Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church

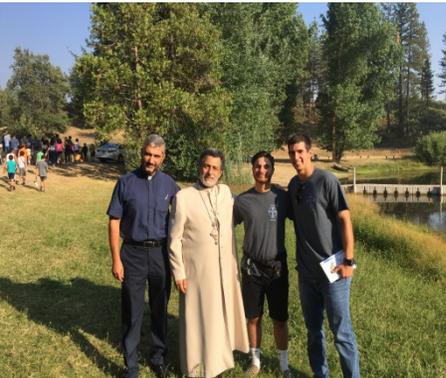
3673 North First Street . Fresno, CA

\$20 per person

For reservations: please contact your church representative
by September 14, 2018

For more information, please contact
Allison Karahadian, 559.434.0298
allyed@comcast.net

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Celebrating Service to Our Church**





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