News from our parish

Parísh Councíl

On May 11, St. Paul hosted the 7th Annual Armenian Festival. What a great event with many people from throughout the community attending and creating a festive environment that was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Co-chairmen Mark Der Matoian and Jackie Grazier for their efforts coordinating the festival, as well as all of the parishioners who worked tirelessly to make sure the event was a success. Special thanks, also, to the numerous sponsors for their support of this event. It was a fantastic evening that truly demonstrated what a special parish St. Paul is.

Thank you to the St. Paul delegates and other parishioners who attended the Annual Diocesan Assembly at St. Geragos Armenian Apostolic Church in Las Vegas on May 4.

The Saturday and Sunday Schools concluded their school year in May, and the Parish Council thanks Superintendents, Margarit Dumanyan and Anton Kistmetian for their leadership, and all of the teachers for the time spent teaching the St. Paul youth.

Over Memorial Day Weekend, ACYO members and their families from throughout the Diocese were in Fresno participating in the ACYO Sports Weekend activities at Clovis West High School. The awards banquet was held at St. Paul on Sunday, May 27.

Congratulations to all of the high school and college graduates in our Parish and best wishes on continued success in the future.

Summer is almost here which means the Annual Grape Blessing and Picnic is coming soon! Mark your calendars as this year's event will be on Sunday, August 5, on the grounds of the California Armenian Home.

Men's Forum

Although no dinner-meeting was scheduled for May, many Men's Forum members answered the 'call to duty' by giving their time and effort to make this year's 7th Annual St. Paul Church Armenian Festival another highly successful event! A huge salute to all the parishioners whose dedicated work is required to make this special occasion possible. The Festival has certainly become one of the highlights of the calendar year activities.

In June, the Men's Forum is planning a return visit to the Santa Fe Basque Restaurant, located at Maroa and Shields Avenues, for the annual Father-Son Night Dinner. This will take place on Wednesday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. In following with tradition, members are encouraged to bring their sons, grandsons, brothers, nephews and friends to enjoy camaraderie and delectable Basque cuisine. A flyer will be forthcoming with more details.

Many thanks to Berjouhi and Zaven Devejian for their generous Mother's Day Sunday fellowship food offering, which normally would have been Men's Forum's turn to host. They provided a spectacular array of delicious treats that was savored by everyone present. The Men's Forum also extends their congratulations to all parish high school and college graduates. Good wishes to everyone for an enjoyable and safe summer.



Thank you to Anna Ter-Petrosyan for donating a beautiful rug to St. Paul Armenian Church.

God bless you!

In Memory of Martha Abelyan



HEALING PRAYER PAIDUUU UNOBE

Mark Antranikian,

Sahag Egoian,

Varsenig Jiggerian,

Pauline Basmagian

Karnig Torosian

Ladies Society

The next Ladies Society get-together will be a luncheon and Bingo with the California Armenian Home residents on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the luncheon which will be held in the St. Paul Haig Berberian Hall. There will be a special blessing for the dear CAH residents as well as the Ladies Society members. A delicious cabbage sarma lunch will be served complete with salad, dessert, tea and coffee. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please make your reservations for lunch by Friday, June 8, 2018, to: An-Moushigian at 559-906-2114 nette or email: moushigian@comcast.net

Wow! Thank you to all that participated in the 7th Annual Armenian Festival! The committee did a great job organizing the beautiful event. The Ladies spent many tireless hours baking and prepping for days leading up to the festival and their hard work is very much appreciated! The music was awesome, the outdoor vendors added to the ambiance, the food was delicious and everyone was in a festive mood!

The Ladies Society will visit the Forestiere Underground Gardens on Wednesday, June 20, at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will follow at BJ's Brewery. Reservations may be made to Jackie Manoogian by Thursday, June 7.

Up-coming Events:

- Friday, June 1: Drive-Thru Lunch, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul)
- Friday, June 1: Senior ACYO Celebration of Faith, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (St. Paul Berberian Hall)
- Wednesday, June 13: LS Luncheon, 11:00 a.m., Blessing and Bingo with the CAH Residents (St. Paul Berberian Hall)
- Wednesday, June 20: LS Outing to Forestiere Underground Gardens followed by lunch at BJ's Brewery



Seníor ACYO invites you to their BOWLING NIGHT



BOWLERO in CLOVIS 140 Shaw Ave. Clovis CA 93612

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 5 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

COST: \$4.79 FOR SHOES

Join us for a night of bowling, fun, and good company!

For any questions send an e-mail to fresnoacyo@gmail.com.

Seníor ACYO

The Senior ACYO enjoyed attending the 7th Annual St. Paul Armenian Church Armenian Festival. Not only did they manage the bookstore but had a blast dancing to the tunes of the Ohanesian Band, eating delicious food and mingling with friends and family members. Great job to the committee members and volunteers for putting together a successful festival!

The Senior and Junior members and several of the boys' basketball players spent time making posters on Wednesday, May 23, for the Annual ACYO Sports Weekend. Everyone had so much fun being part of the opening ceremonies, playing tournaments, attending the social, Badarak, and Awards Banquet.

The Seniors are inviting all ACYO, parish and community members to a night to "Celebrate Faith" on Friday, June 1. This event will take place at the Haig Berberian Hall from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A beautiful evening is planned, filled with Bible study, worship and fellowship. Everyone is welcome and admission is free! Also, on Sunday, June 10, the Seniors are going bowling at Bowlero in Clovis. The bowling night is open to all Senior and Junior ACYO members and basketball players. The only cost is \$4.95 for bowling shoes. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on June 1 and June 10!

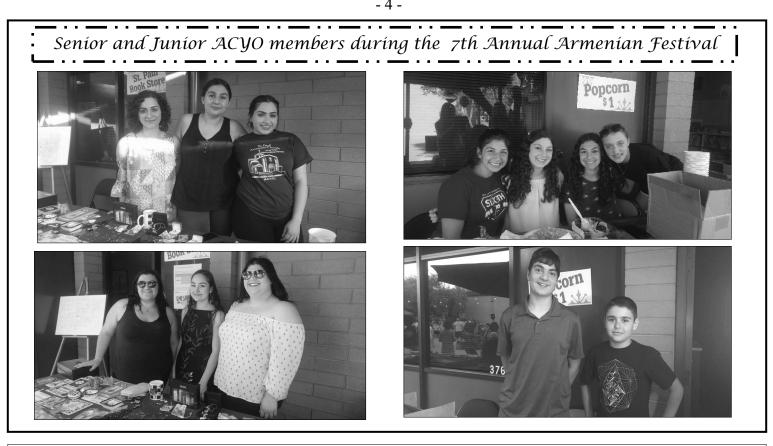
For more information about upcoming events, check out Facebook (Fresno ACYO) or Instagram (st.paul_acyo) or send an e-mail to fresnoacyo@gmail.com.

Juníor ACYO

The month of May was a busy month for the ACYO Juniors. To start the month off, they held their general monthly meeting on Sunday, May 6, after fellowship to discuss their upcoming plans. On Mother's Day, after Badarak, the members handed out beautiful carnations to all of the mothers in church in appreciation for all of their love, dedication and support.

The Juniors also sold popcorn at the Annual Armenian Festival and helped bus tables. On Thursday, May 17, the Juniors had a very successful fundraiser at Pieology Pizzeria in Fig Garden Village. Much appreciation to everyone who came out to support them. Also, a few members attended the Lahmajoon and Bingo Night on Saturday, May 20, held by the Yettem ACYO. They met many new people and enjoyed their time. In addition, the Junior girls' volleyball and boys' basketball teams practiced many hours to compete in the annual ACYO Sport's Weekend activities which were held during the Memorial Day weekend.

If you have any questions or would like to join Junior ACYO, please contact Thalia Colarian at acyojuniors@gmail.com or (559) 385-1109.



St. Paul Armenían Church - Sunday School

God bless everyone for supporting the children of St. Paul parish! As summer approaches, remember that <u>Vacation Bible</u> <u>School is the week of June 18-22</u> at St. Paul.

Thanks to the Saturday and Sunday School teachers, parents, students, families and friends for the wonderful joint party on Sunday, May 20. Special thanks to Mike Chardukian for the BBQ effort and Superintendent of the Saturday School, Margarit Dumanyan, for organizing the Saturday School for the event. Much appreciation, also, to teachers, Ashkhen Chamasanyan, Marina Chardukian, Christine Antranikian and Darlene Chardukian and parents, Maral Kismetian, Lilit and Matt Bates, Sabina Prudhume, Jacqueline Agazarian as well as many other parents who helped.

A belated "Happy Birthday" to all the May birthdays that may have missed and June, July and August birthdays that will be missed until the 2018/19 school year begins again in early September.

Many thanks to the 51 students of Sunday School listed by grade: (May God protect and guide each of you through another wonderful summer)

- Pre-K and K: Adam Bates, Hugo Garabetyan, Ani Kismetian, Mariana Kuckenbaker, Nareh Sargsyan, & Makalya Urdahl
- 1st Grade: Varak Bedros & Vartan Grigorian
- 2nd Grade: Kasya Grigorian, Anya Miktarian, & Michael Urdahl
- **3rd Grade:** Grace Agazarian, Gemma Hancer, & Haik Sargsyan
- 4th Grade: David Bates, Arek Kismetian, Zaven La Porta, Kristine Sargsyan, Lucine Sargsyan, & Mallory Topoozian
- 5th Grade: Keghart Bedros, Marissa Prudhume, & Ariana Sargsyan
- 6th Grade: Fiona Miktarian
- 7th Grade: Lori Agazarian, Alyssa Hancer, David Iskenyan, Lucine La Porta, Lydia Math, & Aiden Prudhume
- 8th Grade: Erik Barsegian, Noah Math, Sofia Miktarian, & Ani Sargsyan
- 9th Grade: Natalie Agazarian, Nazar Iskenyan, Zaroohy Iskenyan, & Macyn Topoozian
- 10th Grade: Sara Beberian, Grace Colarian, Thalia Colarian, Mary Iskenyan, Raffi Mazmanian, & Mary Topoozian
- 11th Grade: Jonathan Chardukian, Celeste deFranchi, Ovsanna Iskenyan, Paul Lion, Mark Topoozian, & Mike Der Matoian
- 12th Grade: Nick DeFranchi Graduate

Saturday and Sunday Schools Picnic 05-20-18

- 5 -

















Last day of Sunday School 05-20-18



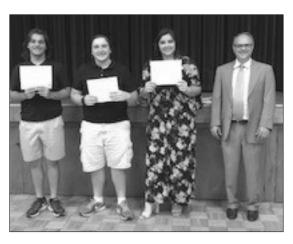
















In Memory of Mari Chardukian In Memory of Anita Grace Antoyan Pastor and Parish Council Arshakuhi Kismetian Franklin G. Antoyan gratefully acknowledge the following donations. In Memory of Samvel Avvazian In Memory of Charlie Chitchjian Philip Boghosiann Joyce Kerkorian May the Lord Alice Koligian bless you. Jane Moosoolian In Memory of Wilson "Willie" Bill Torosian YOU VERY Kim and Gary Kezirian In Memory of Dn. Nishan Kochian MUCH Karnig and Mary Torosian Janet Sabbatini 64 Dr. Kevin Torosian In Memory of John Moushigian In Memory of Norma Der Beverly Achki In Memory of George Bedrosian Sr. Mugrdechian Bob and Nancy Mugrdechian Peggy Akbiyikian Diane and Jeff Hagobian Beatrice Bedrosian Joseph and Rosalie Garabedian **General Donation** In Memory of Sonia Tutelian Jo Ann Hallaian Beatrice Bedrosian Michael Garabedian Paul Jamushian Michael and Cherly Mooradian Shaki Shahin Debra Kazanjian Bob and Nancy Mugrdechian Michael and Sue Kilijian Daiar Marilvn McMains Tony and Janice Fowler In Memory of George Antoyan Paul and Kathleen Mesple Franklin G. Antoyan Karnig and Mary Torosian In Memory of Lilly Oflazian In Memory of Alice Saroyan **Dzovinar Project** Peggy Akbiyikian Antovan Zarouhi Der Mugrdechian Margarit Ghazarian Franklin G. Antoyan Arshakuhi Kismetian Shenora Adishian's Birthday Marge Noorigian Valerie Nikoghosian

St. Paul Parish extends its sincere sympathy

John N. Moushigian passed away on Wednesday, March 28, 2018. Per his request, there were no services. He is survived by his wife Annette DeRanian Moushigian. He is also survived by his son Marshall, daughter Andrea and his three grandsons. He is also the brother-in-law to Nelsene DeRanian and Madelyn DeRanian.

Wilson "Willie" Bill Torosian passed away in Maricopa, Arizona. He was the son of Siran and Toros Torosian and brother of Karnig Torosian.



May God rest their souls in peace.



St. Paul Ladies Society Hokejash Committee

In your time of need, be assured that St. Paul Ladies Society is here to prepare a Hokejash meal for you. We offer 3 different entrees that are all inclusive. We handle large and small groups. This is a stressful time and you can be sure the Hokejash meal will be fully taken care of by our committee of volunteers. You can choose from the following items:

Green Salad Lamb Shish Kabob Rice Pilaf Mixed Vegetables Dessert – cake Coffee and Water Peda Bread and butter \$20.00/person Green Salad Imperial Chicken Rice Pilaf Mixed Vegetables Dessert – cake Coffee and Water Peda Bread and butter \$16.00/person

Green Salad Baked Lulu Kabob Bulghur Pilaf Mixed Vegetables Dessert - cake Coffee and Water Peda Bread & butter \$16.00/person

All meals include tablecloths, cloth napkins and a bud vase with roses and greenery. If you would like any additional items you may bring them in and we will be happy to serve them. To request Hokejash contact Isabel Chilpigian (559) 287-7904.

- 7 -

2018 JUNE							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
					1 Drive-Thru Lunch & Delivery 11am-1:30pm Senior ACYO Celebration of Faith 6pm-9pm	2	
3 Ladies Society Fellowship	4	5	6 AVAKS 9:30am to 3:30pm	7	8	9	
10 Men's Forum Fellowship Senior ACYO Bowling Night at Bowlero in Clovis Spm	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Junior ACYO Fellowship	Vacation Bible School 6pm-9pm	Vacation Bible School 6pm-9pm	Vacation Bible School 6pm-9pm	Vacation Bible School 6pm-9pm	Vacation Bible School 6pm-9pm		
24 Sunday School Fellowship	25	26	27	28	29	30	

ASSISTANCE WITH CHURCH RELATED MATTERS HERE IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

SUNDAY LITURGIES

Monday - FridayMorning Services 9:30 A.M.9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.Divine Liturgy 10:00 A.M.

<u>Office:</u> (559) 226-6343 / <u>Fax:</u> (559) 226-1912 / <u>Kitchen:</u> (559) 224-3812

Website: www.stpaulfresno.com Facebook: St. Paul Fresno KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Priest: Parish Council: Ladies Society: Men's Forum: Senior ACYO: Junior ACYO: Sunday School: Saturday School: Fr. Yessai Bedros Jeff Markarian Darlene Chardukian Gary Markarian Vartush Mesropyan Thalia Colarian Anton Kismetian Margarit Dumanyan

226-6343	f.isaiah@hotmail.com
434-1844	markarian@cpaplus.com
447-0256	ochardar@comcast.net
227-2597	gary.markarian@bedrosians.com
916-0074	fresnoacyo@gmail.com
385-1109	acyojuniors@gmail.com
696-5143	maralanto@sbcglobal.net
437-9951	dumanyanm@yahoo.com

On behalf of the Parish Priest and the entire family of St.Paul Armenian Church we congratulate our graduates. May God's richest blessings be with them on their graduation and always.



Michael Krikorian graduated with a Doctorate of Musical Arts Degree (DMA) in Piano Performance from the University of Southern California (USC) Thornton School of Music, on Friday, May 11, 2018. He is the son of Ben and Clarice Krikorian, grandson of Clara Yenovkian and the late Isaac Yenovkian and brother of Aaron, David and Kristen Krikorian. Michael received his BA in Piano Performance from Fresno State in 2011 and his MM Degree in Piano Performance in 2014 from the Manhattan School of Music in New York City. He has instructed group piano classes at USC as a teaching assistant and is on the piano faculty at the Yungmee-Rhee Music Academy in La Crescenta, California. Michael composes music for the concert stage and for visual media and his soundtrack for the videogame, "The Fidelio Incident," has received critical acclaim. He plans to pursue teaching at the university level and privately as well as performing and composing.

Jacob Eríc Mooradían graduated from CSU Fullerton having earned his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. The graduation ceremony was held on campus at Titan Stadium in Fullerton, CA on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Jacob will continue his educational journey to achieve his career goal, that of working in clinical psychology. He has been accepted into the Doctoral Program for Psychology at Argosy University in Orange County where he will be attending beginning this fall. Jacob is the son of Ted and Mary Mooradian, brother of Joseph Mooradian, Lauren Mooradian-Ryder, Alexandra Mooradian-Pesce, and the brother-in-law of Andres Pesce and Travis Ryder.





Maríne Vardanyan graduated on May 18, from California State University, Fresno, with her M.A. in Educational Leadership and Administration. Her graduate research looked at the role Fresno State's Armenian Studies Program plays on the identity and sense of belonging of Armenian -American college students. Marine attends St. Paul Armenian Apostolic Church and is an active member of the Senior ACYO. She plans to stay in the Central Valley and work in Student Affairs. She is the daughter of Karen and Irina Vardanyan and sister of Vachagan Vardanyan.

Alina Hokokian is the daughter of John and Vicki Hokokian and sister of Chris Hokokian. She attended Sunday School at St. Paul Armenian Church throughout her childhood. Alina graduated from San Diego State University in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications with honors. She enjoyed staying active in the community through her sorority and internship programs.





Anna Bohígían is the daughter of Marty and Sue Bohigian and sister of Joey Bohigian. She was baptized in St. Paul Armenian Church and attended Sunday School since Kindergarten. Anna is also a member of ACYO. She graduated from Long Beach State University in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Food Science and Nutrition. Anna has achieved the Presidents Honor's List for her class work while working as an intern for several companies the past two years. She will be working in New York City this summer in the AGBU internship program. Anna enjoys photography, playing sports and spending time with friends and family.



Díana Gasparyan graduated from California State University, Fresno, in an accelerated 3 years with a Bachelor's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology and a minor in Gerontology while maintaining a 3.9 GPA. Throughout her undergraduate experience, Diana served as the Secretary and President of the Armenian Students Organization which allowed her to reach out and serve Fresno's Armenian community. She also served as a staff writer for the newspaper, "Hye Sharzhoom," an ethnic supplement of the Collegian at Fresno State, which gave her the opportunity to stay connected with the Armenian Studies Program by attending various lectures and events. Outside of the Armenian community, Diana serves as a dance coach at Break the Barriers, is President of the Fresno State National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association, Research Intern for the AIMS Institute at Fresno Pacific University and a Peer Mentor for the MAPS Program at Fresno State. She hopes to attend graduate school, become a Speech-Language Pathologist working with the elderly population in the central valley and one day, give

back to the Armenian Community. Diana is the daughter of Artur and Anna Gasparyan and older sister to Liana and Edgar Gasparyan.

Líana Gasparyan graduated from University High School, maintaining a 4.0 cumulative GPA. She is planning to attend California State University, Fresno, in the fall to pursue a career in Physical Therapy. Due to completed credits for her general education while in high school, Liana will begin college as a sophomore. She was awarded Life Membership with the California Scholarship Federation, received the Golden State Seal Award and is currently an active member of the Armenian Students Organization at Fresno State. Liana has studied ballet for over twelve years and participated in ballet competitions, spring galas, and performed lead roles in the Central California Ballet's production of the Nutcracker at the Saroyan Theatre. Liana has performed Armenian traditional dances at various Armenian festivals and events including: Prpoor, 40 Days of Musa Ler, and the Armenian Genocide Commemoration at Fresno State. She is the daughter of Artur and Anna Gasparyan and the sister of Diana and Edgar Gasparyan.





Scott "Eríc" Bíshop is the son of Scott and Isabelle Bishop and brother of Jodi Bishop and Elisabeth Schoenau. He is also the grandson of Mike and Mary Migirian. He graduated from California State University, Fresno with a Bachelor's Degree in History including a minor in Criminology and a minor in Anthropology. Eric enjoys hiking, camping, and playing computer games. He plans to start his career with his lovely wife, Angelica, by his side.

A big thank you to the St. Paul parish family for the support and donations given on behalf of the ladies at the Evangel Home. On Sunday, April 29th, several cars were loaded up with all of your gifts and a meal was taken to the Home to enjoy together.

Much appreciation to Jacqueline Agazarian for reminding everyone that God hears us when we pray and supports us through each and every hardship. She encouraged all those present to remember that His love never fails, He always keeps His promises and works within each of our lives according to HIS plan.

Many thanks, also, for all the assistance from Shenora Adishian, Salpy Adams, Dr. Susie Kalinian, Araxie Kalinian, Shoghig, Grace and Thalia Colorian, Natalie and Lori Agazarian, and Sara Beberian. Your serving hearts and busy hands are very much appreciated!

Another visit is planned in the fall. If you would like to join us in our visitation, please feel free to contact Tracy Beberian at 559-285-4117.



OUTREACH PROJECTS in ARMENIA



Love. Grow. Serve.] DZOVINAR VILLAGE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROJECT

Assist Village priest, Rev. Fr. Gevorg Ter Barseghyan complete the After School Christian Education Building of the village. Students ages 3 through high school come after school to be taught by caring individuals about the Bible, Christian Armenian Faith and Holy Traditions. They need monetary funding to buy chairs, desks, bookcases and lighting fixtures to fulfill this project. Donations can be made to St. Paul and write 'Dzovinar' in the memo line if writing a check.

HOUSE OF HOPE - MER HOOYS

Located in Yerevan, Armenia, the Mer Hooys program provides girls between the ages of 8-22 years old who are severely disadvantaged or come from orphanages, a solid, loving home environment. They are given language and job skills/training, computer instruction, college preparation/education, religious foundation, life skills training and psychological support. For a donation of \$150, you will receive a box of 18 cards designed by one of the girls. Any amount is greatly appreciated and checks may be made payable to St. Paul. Please include the words, 'House of Hope' in the memo line. For additional information, go to www.merhooys.org **Celebration of Faith** Bible Study Worship Fellowship

Փառաբանական երեկոյ

Ս. Գրքի սերտողութիւն եւ աղօթքի պահ

Friday, June 1 Ուրբաթ, Յունիս 1,

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. երեկոյեան ժամը 6:00-9:00



St. Paul Armenian Church U. Պօղոս Հայց. եկեղեցւոյ

Haig Berberian Hall Հայկ Պէրպէրեան Սրահին մէջ։

All ACYO, parish, and community members are invited to attend this spiritual event!

Free Admission. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provide Unimpp uquun pninphû uûhumhp. Uiupuhhû փnpp hhipuuhpniphiû.

Hosted by St. Paul Armenian Church Senior ACYO

For more information please call Vartush Mesropyan at 559-916-0074.



Why Cook? Drive-Thru & Delivery Lunch

Friday, June 1 - 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A Delicious Lunch Ready for YOU - \$12 Per Lunch Prepared by the ST. PAUL ARMENIAN CHURCH DINNER COMMITTEE Menu:

Marinated Grilled Chicken, Rice Pilaf , Fattoush Salad, Cheese Boerag, Crescent Cookie, Pocket Bread / Garlic Sauce, Water

Order by 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 31st

To place an order call 559-226-6343 between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., text 559-970-9354 or e-mail to dinner@stpaulfresno.com

(Include your name, phone number, number of lunches and pickup/delivery time) Delivery is available - Please call for details





Սուրբ Պօղոս Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցի St. Paul Armenían Church

Unipp Աստուածածնի Վերափոխման Soն Խաղող Ophնէքի Դաշտագնացութիւն Feast of the Assumption of St.Mary Annual Grape Blessing Picnic



-- SAVE THE DATE --

SUNDAY - AUGUST 5 CALIFORNIA ARMENIAN HOME GROUNDS (6720 E. Kíngs Canyon Rd.) Featuring The Richard Hagopian Band

> 10:30 a.m. - Dívíne Líturgy 12:00 p.m. - Blessíng of the Grapes 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Pícníc

For more information call the church office at 559-226-6343.



