



By the Decree of the President of the Republic of Armenia, H.E. Abp. Hovnan Derderian was awarded the First Degree Medal for “Services to the Motherland”.  
Congratulations Srpazan Hayr!

## News from our parish

### *Parish Council*

Thank you to the members who attended the Annual Parish Assembly on February 11, as your participation was greatly appreciated. At the Assembly, the following six new members were elected to the Parish Council: Isabel Bishop, Zaven Devejian, Tamar Gostanian, Hagop Iskenyan, Anton Kismetian, and Jeff Markarian. Many thanks to outgoing council members Dn. Steve Adams, Dn. Dr. Varouj Altebarmakian, Isabel Chilpigian, Mark Der Matoian, Robert Hancer, and Ben Krikorian. Special thanks to Ben for his leadership of the parish over the past four years as much was accomplished in improving our parish facilities, membership, and finances; in addition to his first task when joining the council in 2014 of overseeing the pastoral search committee and the ultimate appointment of Fr. Yessai Bedros.

The Parish Council has elected the following officers for the coming year:

Chairman: Jeff Markarian  
Vice-Chairman: Darlene Chardukian  
Treasurer: Zar Der Mugrdechian  
Asst. Treasurer: Zaven Devejian  
Recording Secretary: Anton Kismetian  
Corresponding Secretary: Janet Sabbatini  
At Large: Isabel Bishop  
Tamar Gostanian  
Hagop Iskenyan  
Ovanes Kutnerian  
Sergio La Porta

As discussed at the Parish Assembly, the renovation of the bathrooms in the Haig Berberian Hall is in the planning phase. Additional information on the project will be provided as it progresses.

We are currently in the Lenten Season and hope to see you at our various activities and services; including Wednesday Lenten services, the Palm Sunday Champagne Brunch, hosted by the Ladies Society, on March 25, and culminating with Easter Sunday, on April 1. Watch for the schedule of Holy Week events arriving in your mailbox soon.

Planning is underway for the Annual Armenian Festival to be held on Friday, May 11. Mark your calendars, as this is always a great event you won't want to miss!

## Men's Forum

Although it was decided by the Men's Forum members in January not to schedule a February dinner-meeting, their dedicated semi-retired cooking committee of Bob Der Matoian, Jerry Mootafian, and Russell Adams were still on hand to help prepare the delicious lulu kebab luncheon prior to the Parish Assembly on Sunday, February 11. Since this would have been their normally hosted Fellowship Sunday, the Men's Forum did manage to provide table grapes for each plate, thanks to the welcomed 'last-minute' suggestion of Clarice Krikorian.

Men's Forum will next convene on Wednesday, March 21. Bob Der Matoian and his crew (Jerry and

Russell) are planning a special Lenten meal featuring salmon steaks with all the trimmings. Men's Forum Vice-Chairman, Dr. Wayne Hotzakorgian, a longtime practicing endodontist, has offered to provide a presentation on endodontics and dental health. An announcement flyer will be forthcoming. Members are also reminded to please pay their \$15 annual dues if they have not already done so.

In April, the Men's Forum are anticipating a joint dinner-program with the Ladies Society. The date and details are yet to be confirmed but will be announced as soon as plans are finalized.

Best wishes are extended to all St. Paul parishioners for a very special Holy Week and Happy Easter.



Photos taken during luncheon preparation prior to Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Assembly.

## Ladies Society

Mark your calendars for the next Ladies Society dinner and general meeting which will be on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the Haig Berberian Hall, immediately following the weekly Lenten service at St. Paul. All parish ladies are welcome! There will be a Lenten dinner, devotional, and program by Lilit Devejian, Interior Designer for Assemi/Granville. Cost is \$15. Please make your reservations for dinner, to: Annette Moushigian at 559-906-2114 or email: moushigian@comcast.net

Make your reservations now for the Ladies Society's Annual Palm Sunday Champagne Brunch. All parishioners and friends are welcome. (Please see flyer in this month's Dajar). This is a great way to spend the afternoon!

Ladies, if you haven't sent in your LS Directory updates, 2018 dues payable, and committee volunteer forms, please fill out these forms and send them back to

our church office or bring them to our next general meeting. Thank you, in advance, for your participation!

### Up-coming Events:

March 14, 2018 – LS General Meeting and Dinner, 7:00 p.m.

March 25, 2018 - Ladies Society Annual Palm Sunday Champagne Brunch, immediately following church services.

March 26-31, 2018 - Holy Week

April 1, 2018 - Easter Sunday

## *Sunday School*

The period of Lent began on February 12, and the Sunday School started its Lenten Enrichment Program on February 18, with one to follow on February 25, and another on March 11. Many thanks to the participating teachers for providing additional enrichment to the children and young adults. Much appreciation to all parents for supporting the Sunday School and bringing their kids!

Enjoy the pictures from the Sunday School classes and Lenten Program activities. A belated Happy Birthday to all February birthdays that may have been missed!

Following are Sunday School activities for the month of March:

Sunday, March 4 - **Church Attendance together with Sunday School family following Sunday School Assembly** (no Sunday School luncheon after church this month)

Sunday, March 11 - **Brief Assembly, Class Lessons and Lenten Enrichment Program Activities**

Sunday, March 18 - **Regular Assembly and Class Lessons (last Sunday of Lent)**

Sunday, March 25 - **Brief Assembly and Class Lessons (Palm Sunday)**

Sunday, April 1 - **Communion Sunday and Church attendance after Special Assembly (Easter Sunday)**

## *Junior ACYO*

On Friday, February 16, the Junior ACYO had their first lock-in, where members spent the night camping in the Haig Berberian Hall. It was a fun evening full of food, games, singing, dancing, a devotional from Der Hayr and much more. Some members of the Fowler Junior ACYO group joined the lock-in too, and great memories were made! A short membership meeting was held and upcoming events were discussed with plans to collaborate with fellow Junior ACYO groups in the future. The St. Paul Junior ACYO would like to thank all parent chaperones who helped make the lock-in a success.

In the month of March, the Juniors will be selling delicious simit, and on Easter Sunday, the adorable Easter bunny will be hopping by to take photos with all the church families.

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



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## *Senior ACYO*

The second Annual Poon Paregentan Dinner and Dance was a great success. There were nearly 140 attendees and everyone had a great time as they enjoyed dancing, delicious food and wonderful raffle prizes. Thanks to DJ Diko Chekian, for providing the music and hologram projections on the wall. Much appreciation to the parish and community members, families and friends for their continuous support. Thanks, also, to the ACYO members for their hard work and dedication in making this event a success.

During March 2-4, several ACYO members will be attending "Reclaim 2018: Exploring and Celebrating the Creative Spirit," in Burbank, California, at St. Leon Armenian Cathedral. There will be three days filled with various motivational speakers, Bible studies, nature hikes, meditation, prayer services, informational booths and more.

The next Senior ACYO meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Paul, in classroom number 4. After the meeting, the Seniors will be assembling Easter baskets to be sold on March 18, during their scheduled Fellowship and, again on March 25, during the Palm Sunday Brunch. The Easter baskets will be filled with wonderful goodies and are great gift ideas for family gatherings and socials. Be sure to purchase your baskets on either of the above-mentioned Sundays.

On the occasion of International Women's Day (March 8) the Seniors will be passing out pink carnations to all the girls and women on Sunday, March 11, after church services as they wish all girls and women good health, love and happiness.

The Senior ACYO is planning to collaborate with the Junior ACYO in volunteering their time to help clean the interior of the church sanctuary on Saturday, March 24.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of Senior ACYO or has any questions regarding upcoming events, please send an e-mail to [fresnoacyo@gmail.com](mailto:fresnoacyo@gmail.com) or contact chairwoman, Vartush Mesropyan at 559-916-0074.



**St. Paul Armenian Church –  
Sunday School  
Picture of Students in Class**



**St. Paul Armenian Church – Sunday School  
Picture of Students at activities during Lenten Enrichment  
Program**



## *Junior ACYO Lock-In*





# *Senior ACYO Poon Paregentan*





## *Senior ACYO Poon Paregentan*





*Pastor and Parish Council gratefully acknowledge the following donations.  
May the Lord bless you.*

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**St. Paul Parish extends its sincere sympathy**

**February 12 - Arik Markaryan** survived by his wife Erlana Markaryan, children Armen Markaryan and Marinka Markaryan.

**February 17 - Lisbeth Karkour Alejian** survived by her husband Zaven Alejian, children Annie, Kirk and Mark Alejian.

**February 24 - Albert Stepanyan** survived by his wife Seda Voskerchyan, children Nune and Lusine Stepanyan.

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 Chilpighian (559) 287-7904.



**HEALING PRAYER**  
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Varsenig Jiggerian  
Pauline Basmagian

Mary Egoian  
Sahag Egoian



## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Friday, March 2nd** - St. Paul Drive-Through Dinner 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 3rd** - 10:00 a.m. St. Paul Saturday Armenian School.

**Sunday, March 4th** - 9:30 a.m. Morning Service; 10:30 a.m. Badarak; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School meets first in the Minor Hall; Fellowship hosted by the Ladies Society.

**Wednesday, March 7th** - Avaks 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Minor Hall.

**Saturday, March 10th** - 10:00 a.m. St. Paul Saturday Armenian School.

Senior ACYO meeting 4:00 p.m. in the church Room 4.

**Sunday, March 11th** - 9:30 a.m. Morning Service; 10:00 a.m. Badarak; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School meets first in the Minor Hall; Fellowship hosted by the Men's Forum.

**Wednesday, March 14th** - 6:30 p.m. Ladies Society Dinner Meeting.

**Saturday, March 17th** - 10:00 a.m. St. Paul Saturday Armenian School.

**Sunday, March 18th** - 9:30 a.m. Morning Service; 10:00 a.m. Badarak; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School meets first in the Minor Hall; Fellowship hosted by the Senior ACYO.

**Wednesday, March 21st** - Men's Forum Dinner Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 24th** - 10:00 a.m. St. Paul Saturday Armenian School.

**Sunday, March 25th** - PALM SUNDAY. 9:30 a.m. Morning Service; 10:00 a.m. Badarak; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School meets first in the Minor Hall; Palm Sunday Branch (See flyer in Dajar)

**Sunday, April 1st** - EASTER. 9:30 a.m. Morning Service; 10:00 a.m. Badarak; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School meets first in the Minor Hall; Fellowship hosted by the all organizations.

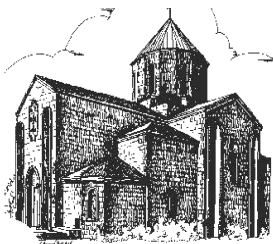
**Tuesday, April 24th** - Armenian Genocide Commemoration, Genocide Monument at Fresno State.

**Saturday, April 28th** - CKACS 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Banquet, Holy Trinity Armenian Church.

**Friday, May 11th** - St. Paul Armenian Festival.

**Sunday, August 5th** - St. Paul Grape Blessing Picnic at the California Armenian Home.

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### **KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR ORGANIZATIONS**

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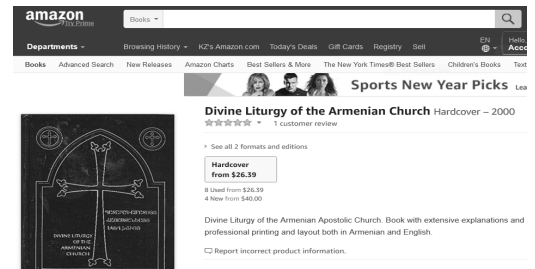
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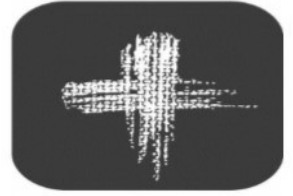
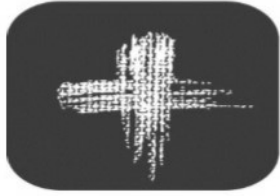
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# Lent



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Weekly Lenten Service  
Մեծ Պահոց արարողություն

Every Wednesday

February 14

February 21

February 28

March 7 Middle day of Lent

In St. Gregory, Fowler 6:30 pm. Potluck

March 14

March 21

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Փետրուար 14

Փետրուար 21

Փետրուար 28

Մարտ 7 Միջին

Ֆաուլդերի Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչ 6:30

Մարտ 14

Մարտ 21

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Join us in our Lenten Journey  
leading up to the Resurrection of our  
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ



You are cordially invited to  
St. Paul Ladies Society's  
Annual  
Palm Sunday Champagne Brunch  
March 25, 2018

**Menu**

Soujook and Eggs  
French Toast Cassarole  
Ham  
Tri-Tip Roast  
Pilaf  
Yalanchi  
Cheese Boreg

Torshi  
Salads  
Choreg and Cheese  
Fruit  
Dessert  
Mimosas, Ice Tea, Coffee

Adults - \$20.00  
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**No Telephone Reservations Accepted.**

**Reservation deadline is March 18**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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My payment for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Make checks payable to St. Paul Ladies Society

Seating by reserved tables of eight. We would like to be seated with the following people:

Mail to: Palm Sunday Champagne Brunch  
St. Paul Armenian Church  
3767 N. First  
Fresno, CA 93726

**No tickets will be sold at the door.**





## **SAVE THE DATE**

St. Paul Armenian Church 7th Annual  
*Armenian Festival*

**FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018**

3767 N. First St. Fresno, CA 93726

## **FREE ADMISSION**

Kids Activities - Face Painting - Food - Soft Drinks  
Home-Baked Goods and Country Store  
Vendor Fair & Church Tours  
Armenian Music and Armenian Dance Lessons

**More information coming soon!**

*St. Paul Armenian Church*

## ***SAVE THE WEEK***

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