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# News from our parish

# Parísh Councíl

Thank you to everyone that came to the California Armenian Home on August 5 for the St. Paul Annual Grape Blessing and Picnic. There was a nice break in the hot, smokey weather and everyone enjoyed a great day celebrating the for the month of September: Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary and the traditional blessing of the grapes.

Congratulations also to our raffle prize, tayloo, and pilaf cook-off winners. Many thanks to the parishioners who spent countless hours preparing for the picnic as well as assisting on the day of the picnic. Much gratitude to the numerous businesses and individuals who provided support with financial sponsorships or donations of grapes, produce and various other items. Your support helped make for a successful day.

The complete renovation of the bathrooms in the Berberian Hall has commenced. The project is long overdue and will be a great improvement. Significant funding has been recieved for the project however, an additional \$30,000 must be raised to complete it as planned.

few years as a result of the generosity of our parishioners and ties in the Dajar. friends and we are asking for help with this project, as well. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated! It is hoped that

completion of the renovation will take place with minimal disruption to normal church activities and apologies for any inconveniences during the construction process.

Please note a few important dates to mark on your calendars

Friday, September 7 – Drive Thru & Delivery Lunch

The Church Dinner Committee will be serving a delicious beef kebob lunch. Please order your lunch now to be picked up at St. Paul, or for large orders we will deliver lunch to you!

Friday, September 7 - Celebration of Faith

The Senior ACYO will be hosting "Celebration of Faith" at St. Paul beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is invited to celebrate faith and enjoy Bible study, fellowship, and worship.

Sunday, September 9 – Beginning of Sunday School Year

Sunday, September, 9 will be the beginning of the St. Paul Sunday School year.

A few significant projects have been completed in the past Please see more information on all of the above listed activi-

It is through wonderful parishioners St. Paul like you that make our church Armenían Church flourish and make all projects successful! **Bathroom Project** Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Make checks payable to:

St. Paul Armenian Church 3767 N First St. Fresno CA 93726

## Ladies Society

off. The summer was enjoyable with fun field trips and activities as well as the St. Paul Annual Grape Blessing and picnic which was a huge success! Thank you to all the Ladies Committees that baked, cooked, served and supported that beautiful day.

Join the ladies for the September general meeting and Upcoming Events: dinner which will be a delicious lasagna and ravioli meal complete with salad, bread and dessert. The program is Nathan • Alonzo, Vice President of government affairs for the Fresno Chamber of Commerce. Please make your reservations for • dinner by Friday, September 7, 2018, to: Annette Moushigian at 559-906-2114 or email: moushigian@comcast.net

Mark your calendars - the Sister Church Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2018, at 12:00 p.m., at Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church. Please make your • check payable to Dorcus Guild and send your reservation to Annette Moushigian before September 14, 2018. No reservations will be accepted at the door. (See flyer in this Dajar).

Friday, October 19, 2018, is the St. Paul Ladies Society Annual Burgers and Bingo. Please come for a delicious ham- . burger meal and a wild game of Bingo and bring your family and friends! This is one event you won't want to miss! There will be fun for all ages!

Saturday, November 10, 2018, is the second St. Paul Annual Prime Rib Feed, and Silent Auction. If you attended last year, you won't want to miss out this year and all are welcome!

#### Saturday, December 1, 2018, is the Ladies Society Annu-Summer is coming to an end and the weather is cooling al Christmas Luncheon. Bring your family and friends to this wonderful event to kick off the Christmas Season. Start your shopping early with the country store baked goods and the book store filled with exciting, one of a kind collectables and gifts. This is a great time to share with friends and family. Get your reservations in early!

- Friday, September 7, 2018 Monthly Drive-Thru Lunch
- Wednesday, September 12, 2018 LS General Dinner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul Hall
- Saturday, September 22, 2018 Sister Church Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church
- Friday, October 19, 2018 Burgers and Bingo, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul Hall
- Saturday, November 10, 2018 Prime Rib Feed and Silent Auction, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul Hall
- Saturday, December 1, 2018 Ladies Society Annual Christmas Luncheon, 10:00 a.m., St. Paul Hall

# Men's Forum

Considering the prolonged summer heat and smokefilled valley air, it was a blessing to have what may have been the best weather day during a nearly two-month span for the Annual St. Paul Grape Blessing Service and Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 5. As he has done for the past several years, Picnic Chairman, Jeff Markarian, oversaw another successful and enjoyable event. It was great to see our long-time Forum members, Franklin Antoyan and John Adishian in Franklyn currently resides at the California attendance. Armenian Home and John is a resident of the California California Veterans Home along with retired Major General Ronald Markarian (no relation to Garv or Jeff). Major General Ronald was a past Men's Forum guest speaker many years ago.

Many Forum members offered their time and effort by assisting with the many tasks required to host this annual picnic. This included setting up, transporting food and supplies, cooking, food tickets sales, beverage sales, raffle tickets, and clean-up. Special thanks to Bob Der Matoian, who for many years has served as purchasing agent for this event. This included loading up the delivery truck, driving, and unloading the delivery truck and still having time and energy (along with Jerry Mootafian and Marty Mamigonian) to prepare pilaf for the picnic. Culminating his efforts was the

gratifying delivery of left-over food to the local Rescue Mission. Although Bob, now 85 years young, will finally relinquish his purchasing duties, thankfully, he has agreed to continue making pilaf!

Due to the current restroom remodeling project at the Haig Berberian Hall, the September Dinner-Meeting is tentatively planned at The Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant on Wednesday evening, Sept. 19. Details will be forthcoming in the next Men's Forum flyer.



#### Seníor ACYO

On August 18, the Senior ACYO hosted an "Indoor Movie Night" showing the movie, "War Room" at the Haig Berberian Hall. They had 30 attendees and everyone had a great time watching the movie as they enjoyed pizza, popcorn and drinks. During the event, the members surprised Der Yessai Bedros and Yeretsgin Vartine with a beautiful birthday cake to celebrate both of their birthdays. The members sang Happy Birthday to Der Hayr and Yeretsgin and thanked them for being part of the St. Paul Armenian Church family.

On September 7, the Senior ACYO will be having their 2<sup>nd</sup> "Celebration of Faith" event at the Haig Berberian Hall. All parish and community members are invited to a part of a beautiful evening filled with prayer, singing, Bible study and fellowship. This event is free and open to the public.

Instead of hosting Fellowship in the month of September, the ACYO Seniors will be preparing and selling a \$12 spaghetti lunch on Sunday, September 30. The menu will include spaghetti, a dinner roll, salad, a cookie and soft drink. Following lunch, ACYO member, Ashkhen Chamasanyan, will give a presentation on her trip to Armenia with CYMA. Everyone is encouraged to attend, enjoy a delicious lunch and listen to the presentation.

On Saturday, October 20, the Senior ACYO will be hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> "Annual Paint Night" from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Haig Berberian Hall. Mark this date on your calendars. For additional information please see page 12 in the Dajar.









## Juníor ACYO

During the month of August, several of the ACYO Junior members attended Hye Camp, where they enjoyed their time learning about their Orthodox faith and doing fun activities. They met lots of new people and bonded together throughout the week. In addition, the boys basketball team held their second successful car wash on August 4. They would like to thank everyone who came out to support them. Overall, it was a great success and they are looking forward to doing it again in the future.

The ACYO Juniors sold snow cones at the Annual Grape Blessing Picnic. They had fun at the snow cone booth while enjoying the music and dancing! The Juniors ended the month by hosting Fellowship on Sunday, August 19, with delicious cookies and treats. They are excited to get back into the swing of things with their next monthly meeting on September 9, 2018, where they will discuss lots of new plans and events.

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

# Grape Blessing & Picnic (08-05-18)



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#### Sunday School

The first day for the 2018/2019 Sunday School year will be Sunday, September 9. It will be a great day to see students, parents, and teachers together! Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue until 11:00 a.m. There will not be a formal assembly on this morning. During registration, everyone will have an opportunity to meet and greet the fellow students, parents and teachers and learn about the Western Diocese Christian Education Council forthcoming assemblies, lessons and other information. Everyone will then go into church together and take communion. The Sunday School Superintendent will be Anton Kismetian.

Teachers for the 2018/19 school year are as follows:

⇒ Pre-k and K: Marina Chardukian, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades: Christine Antranikian, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades: Zar Der Mugrdechian, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades: Darlene Chardukian, 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grades: Anton Kismetian

Following Sunday School events for the month of September:

- Sunday, September 9, Communion Sunday and Church Attendance together with Sunday School family (following SS Registration and the Meet & Greet)
- ⇒ (SEE FLYER) Special ice cream social [OPEN to all CHURCH attendees] after church during Fellowship (Donations toward Sunday School welcomed)
- Sunday, September 16th Regular Assembly and Class Lessons
- Sunday, September 23rd Regular Assembly and Class Lessons
- Sunday, September 30th Regular Assembly and Class Lessons







St. Paul Armenian Church

Sunday School

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Sponsored Event Ice Crea Sunday, September 9

Following church services During fellowship (12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Haig Berberian Hall

Social open to everyone including Sunday and Saturday School children.

Donations will be greatly appreciated!

Sunday School will provide the ice-cream and all the toppings!

For questions contact Anton Kismetian at 559-696-5143 or send an e-mail to maralanto@sbcglobal.net

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Welcome back to Saturday School

Registration day September 8 Starting 10:00am

Welcome back beloved students Բարի եկաք սիրելի



#### Friday, July 20, Young Adult Activity Update



The first "Young Adult" activity was held on Friday July 20, 2018. It was a productive event and mostly well received. It was attended by 18 young adults and 12 adults. Ari Adams was the MC for the event and managed the program confidently beginning 6:00 p.m. Ari welcomed everyone and thanked all those who organized and participated in preparation of the program. From the Ladies Society, Berjouhie Devejian, Darlene Chardukian, Gloria Erganian, Peggy Akbiyikian and Salpi Adams helped. Representing Parish Council was Council Chairman Jeff Markarian and Treasurer Zaven Devejian. Deacon Steve Adams barbequed the meat.

Fr. Yessai, with his devotional message, spoke about Spirituality and the Bible, the word of God, which he explained, stands for "Basic Instructions before Leaving Earth". Each Young Adult expressed wisely their own version about spirituality. Fr.

Yessai talked about knowing God, through reading the Bible daily as a guide for our Christian life to continually feel connected to our Almighty.

The Young Adults' Committee prepared a delicious BBQ tri-tip meal. Ari read the impressive biographies of the two law-

enforcement officers from Fresno City, Aron Akbiyikian and Tigran Gambaryan, who were knowledgeable and experienced in Cryptocurrency (Bitcoin). They spoke about the pros and cons of the subject matter followed by a question and answer session which was well received. The Young adults contributed suggestions for future activities, two of which were wine tasting and a game night. Each young adult introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their education and work.

Young Adults are encouraged to give feedback to Fr. Yessai about the program and future activities by calling the Church office at 226-6343. The Committee will obtain feedback from those who attended the event and move forward as young adults get together and plan their own activities in the future.



#### Feeding the Bulldogs 08-16-18

This year's "St. Paul's Feeds the Bulldogs" came together quickly and was even better than last year! Our original contact at FSU, Coach Mike McHugh, is back, and was great to work with. Over 100 FSU football players and coaches were fed. All of us had a great time talking with many of them and getting to know them better.

Bob Der Matoian purchased everything needed. He had everything ready to go and labeled when the committee arrived to cook. The Pilaf/Salad Crew (which consisted of Jerry Mootafian and Bob Der Matoian) began cooking at 1:45 p.m. They were soon joined by Mark Der Matoian, Duke Frazier, 'Honorary Hye' Bill Steel, Mike Chardukian, Jonathon Chardukian and Parish Council Chairman, Jeff Markarian. As everyone sat around waiting for the pilaf to cook, ice cold water was shared followed by preparing the green beans and cooking 165 lbs. of chicken. Deacon Steve Adams was there briefly, but did not help cook as he was working on the WIFI.

The Bar-B-Ques were going full blast (as was the heat) but everything was cooked, loaded up, and to Fresno State by 5:45 p.m. The remaining crew members joined the group at Fresno State. Sue Der Matoian arrived with 174 home baked triple cookie sandwiches. The fabulous cookies and delicious fruit Duke brought made for some fantastic dessert! Janet Sabbatini, Mike Der Matoian, Paula Der Matoian, Perry Mamigonian and Suzy Mamigonian rounded out the set-up and serving crew. A few of the regulars could not make it this year and were missed, but the rest picked up the slack and got everything done.

By 6:00 p.m. the food was ready to serve as the team came in. Coach Tedford wants his team to really be a team, to the point of sharing all meals together during pre-season camp. He has a hard rule of no phones during dinner. Coach Tedford told everyone that getting to know the people of this community is an important part of bringing them together. St. Paul is the only community group providing this service to Coach Tedford and the team and while there's hope others will follow suit and do the same, St. Paul will continue to feed these teams and make sure they know who Armenians are. Of course, it's also important that they know that St.



Paul Armenian Church has the best pilaf in Fresno!

After all the hard work of preparing for and serving the team (and providing a lot of second servings) the committee sat down with them and enjoyed the fruits of their labor. A huge thank you to everyone who helped, especially to Bob for his generous donation of all that pilaf!

Last year, I promised the Coach that if they made a Bowl game, Sue would make them cookies for the trip. (Isn't a proud husband supposed to make promises for his wife to keep)? They did, and she did. As they boarded the buses to take them to the airport, each one of the team members was smiling, holding a cookie as they remembered the folks from St. Paul Armenian Church and that great meal they were served. Coach McHugh asked Sue if the deal was still available this year and she said it was. Based on how good the cookies were (and are) I think there is going to be some serious cookie baking and eating this December!

Pastor and Parish Council gratefully acknowledge the following donations.

May the Lord bless you.



**In Memory of Adeline Kizerian** James and Connie Melikian

**In Memory of Earl Boyajian** Levon Baladjanian

**In Memory of Edward Hagopian** Jane Krohn

**In Memory of John Moushigian** Queenie Emerzian

**In Memory of Samvel Ayvazyan** Uncle Harry's, a California Corp.

# In Memory of Varsenig Jiggerian

Beatrice Bedrosian Queenie Emerzian Alex and Karen Jaramishian Dennis and Paulette Kalebjian Mary Lafollette Joan Lum Paul and Kathy Mesple Marge Noorigian Harry and Sherly Torosian Patrick and Nanette Worley

**In Memory of Mihran Kutnerian** Peggy Akbiyikian Karl, Karyn, and Amy Kutnerian Artin and Armine Jibilian Uncle Harry's, A California Corp.

#### In Memory of Grace Margossian

Peggy Akbiyikian Barry and Carole Chooljian Nelsene and Madelyn Deranian Agnes and Bart Hagopian Lillian Holmes Annette Moushigian Barbara Vartan

#### In Memory of Hirayr Hancer

Jirayir and Mariyam Hancer Sahak Hancer Mr. & Mrs. Vasken Korogluyan

# <u>St.Paul Parísh extends íts síncere</u> <u>sympathy</u>

August 4 - Grace Margossian survived by her sister Clara Margossian

*August 18 -* Caroline Agajanian survived by her grandson Wyatt Torosian

May God rest their souls in peace.



#### August 12, 2018

Stepan and Mary Vartabedian brought 4 boxes of home-baked pastries in honor of their deceased parents, Gevork and Yeghesabit Imiryan.



May God rest their souls in peace.

Mary Egoian and Sahag Egoian

Pauline Basmagian Karnig Torosian

**PRAYING FOR YOU** คกเฮบนบ นาอดย

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Zaven and Berjouhie Devejian

**General Donation** 

Carlotta Bedrosian

Kathlene Serimian Darlene Serimian

**Dzovinar Project** Kathlene Serimian

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**House of Hope** 

Kathlene Serimian

Darlene Serimian

Peter Jelladian

Jacqueline Doumanian

# 2018 SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>2</b> Ladies Society Fellowship	3	4	<b>5</b> Avaks 9:30am to 3:30pm	6	<b>7</b> Drive Thru 11:30am Senior ACYO Celebration of Faith 6:30pm	<b>8</b> Saturday School Registration Day 10am
<b>9</b> First Day of Sunday School Men's Forum Fellowship	10	11	<b>12</b> Ladies Society Dinner–Meeting 6:30pm	13	14	<b>15</b> First Day of Saturday School 10:30am
<b>16</b> Saturday School Fellowship	17	18	<b>19</b> Mens Forum Dinner - Meeting Old Spaghetti Factory 6:30pm	20	21	<b>22</b> Saturday School 10:30am
<b>23</b> Parish Council Fellowship	24	25	26	27	28	<b>29</b> Saturday School 10:30am
30 Senior ACYO Spaghetti Lunch & CYMA Presentation						

#### 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.

Congratulations of your

*Ayla Kalboune* daughter of Ani and Bourham Kalboune

*Tiffany Petrosyan* daughter of David Petrosyan and Angelina Kirakosian



Why Cook? Drive-Thru & Delivery

Friday, September 7 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A Delicious Lunch Ready for YOU \$12 Per Lunch

> <u>Menu:</u> Beef Kebab Pilaf/Roasted Vegetables Garbanzo Salad Cheese Boerag, Khurabia (cookie) Water

**Celebration of Faith** 

**Bible Study Worship Fellowship** 

## Փառաբանական երեկոյ

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Friday, September 7 Ուրբաթ, Սեպտեմբեր 7

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



Prepared by the ST. PAUL ARMENIAN CHURCH DINNER COMMITTEE

> Order by 3 p.m. on Thursday, September 6

To place an order CALL 559-226-6343 between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TEXT 559-970-9354 or Diane 559-301-2515

> SEND E-MAIL TO dinner@stpaulfresno.com

(Include your name, phone number, number of lunches and pickup or delivery time)

Delivery is available! For more information call the numbers above.

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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 Ununpp uquun pnpphi uupunp. Uuupunhi upp hhipuuhpniphii.

Hosted by St. Paul Armenian Church Senior ACYO

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



ease contact our church office for more information or to get a co our Sunday school registration application.



# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

Haig Berberian Hall 3767 N First St. Fresno CA 93726

> Pre-Sale Tickets \$20 Tickets sold at door \$25

Cost includes canvases, brushes, paints, snacks, and beverages!

The artist "Sona Atoian" will guide you through a step by step process!

## FOLLOWING THE SPAGHETTI LUNCH

## Senior ACYO member ASHKHEN CHAMASANYAN

will present about her trip to Armenia with CYMA



Everyone is encouraged to attend, enjoy a delicious lunch and listen to the presentation!

To make reservations or purchase tickets call Vartush at 559-916-0074 or Suzy at 559-708-0799

Drawing the painting below!





Hosted by St. Paul Armenian Church Senior ACYO

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Lulu Burgers, Pilaf, Salad, Dessert, Coffee and Iced Tea \$16.00 Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with Bingo to follow Guests are most welcome!

# Reservation Deadline: Saturday, October 13th

Name\_\_\_

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Phone\_\_\_

Please reserve\_\_\_\_\_Dinners at \$16.00 each. Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

For more information call Alberta Bedoian 559-875-4458

Mail to:

Alberta Bedoian 1523 Lyon Ave. Sanger, CA 93657

# 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

Please make checks to "Dorcas Guild". Please call your Church Representative to RSVP. Your Church Rep will collect your reservation and payment.

