



OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
info@stpaulfresno.com

SUNDAY LITURGIES

Morning Services - 9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy - 10 a.m.

OFFICE: 559-226-6343
KITCHEN: 559-224-3812

WEBSITE

www.stpaulfresno.com

FACEBOOK:

St. Paul Fresno

HELPFUL INFORMATION KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR CHURCH

Parish Priest: Fr. Yessai Bedros	559-226-6343	f.isaiah@hotmail.com
Parish Council: Jeff Markarian	559-434-1844	markarian@cpaplus.com
Ladies Society: Melene Ouzounian	559-439-8591	meleneouz@aol.com
Men's Forum: Ted Mooradian	559-435-7004	tedmooradian@sbcglobal.net
Senior ACYO: Marina Chardukian	559-903-0423	fresnoacyo@gmail.com
Junior ACYO: Thalia Colarian	559-385-1109	acyojuniors@gmail.com
Sunday School: Anton Kismetian	559-696-5143	maralanto@sbcglobal.net
Saturday School: Margarit Dumanyan	559-437-9951	dumanyanm@yahoo.com
Athletics: Tim Kuckenbaker	559-470-3306	tim_kbaker@gmail.com
Choir: Roza Pashayan	559-307-1035	
Avaks: Bob Der Matoian	559-431-2269	b.dermatoian@comcast.net
Hokejash: Isabel Chilpigan	559-287-7904	ichilpi1@comcast.net
Baking Angels: Jackie Manoogian	559-304-6434	jmmoogian@yahoo.com
K.E.F. (Keeping. Everyone. Faithful.)	559-226-6343	stpaul.kefclub@gmail.com

News from our parish

Parish Council

It's hard to believe it's the holiday season and 2020 will be here before everyone knows it! The Parish Council hopes everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends, and extends best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As of November 30, the St. Paul parish has completed another fiscal year. Work will begin on preparing financial reports as well as reports from the various parish organizations in preparation for the Annual Parish Assembly in February. As a reminder, all members must pay their annual dues by December 31 in order to participate in the Annual Parish Assembly. Therefore, if you haven't completed your 2019 financial pledge to the church, please do so before the end of December. Also, in December, the 2020 Pledge Forms will be mailed to all church members.

Please mark your calendars and make your reservations now for the annual Jurakalouyts (Christmas Eve) Dinner on Sunday, January 5 (see more info in this month's Dajar). This dinner has become a great annual tradition for the St. Paul parish that you won't want to miss!

On Sunday, February 9, there will be The Annual Parish Assembly which will include annual elections. On Tuesday, December 10, there will be a Nominating Committee meeting to select candidates for the various positions to be elected including: Parish Council, Diocesan Delegates, and Parish Assembly Officers. Please don't hesitate to contact Der Hayr or any Parish Council member if you have an interest in serving the church in any of these positions.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Հնրհաւոր Նոր Տարի
Եւ Սուրբ Ծնունդ:



Ladies Society

December is a very important month for Christians. The birth of Jesus Christ is the reason everyone celebrates. His birth is celebrated by gathering together with family and friends. Armenians show their love for each other through giving, serving food, and, many times, giving a gift to someone special while never forgetting the reason for the season.

On December 1, the Ladies Society will remembered and honored their deceased members who have passed in 2019. A Hokehankisd service will be performed in their memory. Altar flowers and candles in their cherished memory will be donated by the Ladies Society on this day and a very nice Fellowship will be served in the church social hall following the service. Please plan to attend and join in remembering their memory.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the Annual Christmas Luncheon and opportunity drawing to be held on Saturday, December 7. This event promises to be an afternoon of great fun and Christian fellowship. Ladies Society members will meet on December 11, for dinner at the High Sierra Restaurant. Dinner chairlady, Bev Larios, has made the arrangements. Plan to join them for a fun-filled evening of visiting and no work! For dinner reservations, call Annette Moushigian at 559-906-2114 or email her at: moushigian@comcast.net

The November meeting was hosted by dinner chairlady, Sara Der Matoian with the help of the Ladies Society Executive Committee. All enjoyed pizza, salad and pie. Many thanks to Sara for her generosity.

The Executive Board continues to thank all those who offer help to the monthly committees and special events and looks forward to seeing the many beautiful parish families in church with Christian fellowship following services each week.

Following are coming events:

Sunday, December 1: Hokehankisd service in memory of dear, departed members who passed away during 2019 (Esther Mootafian, Doris Jamgotchian, Mary Kachadoorian, Arsho Kismetian and Rosalie Garabedian).

Saturday, December 7: Annual Christmas Luncheon.

Wednesday, December 11: Dinner at High Sierra Restaurant, Bev Larios, Chairlady.

Many thanks and sincere appreciation to my brother priests and all those who remembered me with prayers, phone calls, personal visitations, good wishes and remembrances during my various hospitalizations over the past year. All of these have helped along the slow and arduous path to complete recovery which seems to be progressing as the saying goes - gamatz, gamatz.

God Bless!

Most sincerely

*Rev. Fr. Vartan
Archpriest Kasparian*

Senior ACYO

The Senior ACYO is finishing out their eventful fun-filled wonderful year! They held their annual elections on Thursday, November 7, in the minor hall at church and their new officers are:

Suzy Ekmekchyan, Chairman
Matthew Mugardechian, Vice Chairman
Ashkhen Chamasanyan, Treasurer
Isabella Papikyan, Secretary

The new officers are working diligently to plan an exciting year ahead. Their next meeting will be posted soon, so keep an eye out on their social media pages and billboard in the hall at church.

The ACYO Seniors are looking forward to seeing everyone at their upcoming events and thank all members who participate in the various activities throughout the year. If you are interested in joining the Senior ACYO, please send an email to fresnoacyo@gmail.com

We are collecting "Memorabilia" for the archives of
St. Paul Armenian Church.

Items can include pictures, church drawings, books or booklets, activity or project programs, cds, souvenirs, or anything related to our church.

If you have any of these items please drop it off to the church office or call 559-226-6343.

Men's Forum

The November 20 Dinner-Meeting was a very unique event as over eighty Men's Forum, Ladies Society members and guests enjoyed a special Italian buffet-style dinner held in the minor hall at church. Since November is Veterans Day month, Chairman, Ted Mooradian, asked all veterans in attendance to stand and be recognized in honor of their service to our country. Special guest speaker for the evening was former Fresno City Police Chief and current candidate for city mayor, Jerry Dyer. Chief Dyer, (who is a native of Fowler and served as Police Chief for eighteen years), offered a very informative and colorful presentation regarding his experiences, goals, and 'personal calling' that contributed to his desire to be Fresno's next mayor. After answering several questions from a very enthusiastic and supportive audience, Chief Dyer was presented with special gifts of appreciation from Der Yessai Bedros on behalf of St. Paul Armenian Church.

Men's Forum would like to acknowledge several of those who made this special night possible. In addition to Chairman, Ted Mooradian and Secretary-Treasurer, Jeff Markarian, much appreciation goes to Mark Topoozian, Anton Kismetian, and Matthew Markarian (Jeff's son, who picked up and delivered the food). Many thanks, also, to Sandi Price and Isabel Chilpighian for their assistance with preparations for setting up and serving.

On a more somber note, deepest condolences are extended to long-time devoted member, Jerry Mootafian, whose beloved wife, Esther, passed away recently. Condolences, also, to Joe Garabedian and family on the recent passing of his beloved wife, Rosalie. Heartfelt sympathies to Jerry and Joe and to their respective families. Get-well wishes are extended to Joe, as well, and to fellow member Mike Kilijian, also. Healing thoughts and prayers are with them.

In keeping with recent tradition, Men's Forum will not be scheduling a December Dinner-Meeting, but will be hosting Sunday Fellowship on December 8. All members are encouraged to attend and participate. Men's Forum wishes all St. Paul parishioners and their families a very joyous Christmas and a Happy, safe New Year.



May the Lord watch over you and strengthen you.
You are in our thoughts and prayers!

Sara Der Matoian, Michael Kilijian, Joseph Garabedian

Junior ACYO

In November, the ACYO Juniors fully immersed themselves into the holiday spirit. The oldest members of the group started the month off by attending the ACYO Senior Retreat. They thoroughly enjoyed enriching their spiritual lives and connecting with fellow chapters. The following weekend, on November 16, the Juniors held their 'Broomball Night' at Gateway Ice Center, where they got together to engage in some fun-filled, friendly competition. The next day, the Juniors held their general monthly meeting after church and further discussed their plans for the holiday season.

On Sunday, December 8, the Juniors will be holding their general meeting and election of new officers for the new year. That being said, they are always accepting new members and would like to encourage everyone to join. On December 21, the Juniors will be Christmas caroling at the California Armenian Home in the morning and visiting parishioners' homes in the evening. If you would like the Juniors to fill your home with holiday cheer and song, please contact Chairwoman, Thalia Colarian, (see contact information below), to reserve a caroling time with the group. The Juniors will also be selling Simit at Fellowship after church on January 6, (Armenian Christmas), for you to purchase and share with your family and friends during the holiday season. Lastly, the Juniors would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

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



Sunday School

Advent/Heesanag began on November 17 with a fifty-day count period for another celebration of the birth of Christ on January 6. Two of the Central Valley Western Diocese Churches (Saint Mary, Yettem and Saint Paul, Fresno) had members attend an Advent Fair on Sunday, November 24, at the California Armenian Home. Many thanks to Gail Chelebian (Diocesan Christian Education Council Chairperson) and Sevag Derderian (director of the Association of the Armenian Church Choirs of the Western Diocese) for leading the event. Much appreciation to Der Zaven Markosyan and Superintendent, Tracy Valencia from the Yettem parish for joining in on this heart-warming event.

Following is the Sunday School Schedule for December, 2019 – January 5, 2020:

December 1: No Sunday School. Students to attend church services with their families to see guest celebrant who will show photos of Armenia following church services.

December 8: Regular Sunday School assembly beginning at 10:30 a.m. followed by class lessons.

December 15: Regular Sunday School assembly beginning at 10:30 a.m. followed by class lessons.

December 22: Regular Sunday School assembly starting at 10:30 a.m. followed by class lessons. Sunday School will be hosting Fellowship on this day. Please bring a “goody” and help with Fellowship following church services.

December 29: Regular Sunday School assembly beginning at 10:30 a.m. followed by class lessons.

January 5: There will not be a morning church service or Sunday School. Please attend early evening church service (Jerakalouyts) and wonderful dinner following. (See info in this Dajar for details).



Advent Fair - Sunday, November 24



Sunday School Students and Teachers



On November 10, Fr. Yessai Bedros was interviewed on "The Central Valley Ledger" by host Sevag Tateosian.

The interview aired on 90.7FM KFSR, CMAC Comcast 93 and AT&T 99.

Der Yessai talked about growing up in Northern Syria, the seminary, and much more.



Order from Amazon and help
St. Paul Armenian Church
at the same time.



Go to our website stpaulfresno.com
and click on the Amazon link.

Once on the Amazon page,
just search for your item.

(You don't need to order the Divine Liturgy Book
that shows up first, search for your item).

SIGN-UPS HAVE BEGAN

For all boys and girls from 6th to
12th grade, you are encouraged to
sign-up for the teams of
St. Paul Armenian Church

DODGEBALL



VOLLEYBALL



BASKETBALL



For any questions call or text
Coach Tim Kuckenbaker at
559-470-3306 or send an email to
Tim_Kbaker@yahoo.com



*Pastor and Parish Council gratefully
acknowledge the following donations.*



May the Lord bless you.

In Memory of Sandra Janigian
Nelsene and Madelyn Deranian

In Memory of John and Rose Hagopian
Dennis Hagopian

In Memory of Arshakuhi Kismetian
Beverly Achki
Shenora and George Adishian
Meggin Boranian, Chuck Allen and Family
Stanley and Irene Antranikian
Jeannette Baker
Georgia Brandon
Jacob and Shoghig Colarian
Nelsene Deranian
Yeran and Michael Devedjian
Bob and Sara Der Matoian
Mary Egoian
Markos and Ekmon Garabetyan
Souise and Armen Hovagimian
Artin and Armine Jibilian
Berj and Nelly Kalamkarian
Ara and Lena Karkazian
Carol Karabian

Jane Knar
Keith and Mimi Koligian
Ben and Clarice Krikorian
Kuckenbaker Family
David, Sharon, and Noel Lenard
Jackie Manoogian
Joel and Jill Mazmanian
Jack and Melene Ouzounian
Lesa Paboojian
Bridget Paboojian
Darrell and Tina Peters
Charles and Debbie Poochigian
Sally Summer
Janet Sabbatini
Bill and Christine Sahatdjian
Stepanian Family
Kathryn Kevorkian Stockdale
Louise and Joseph Tomassian
Patty Torosian
Clara Yenovkian
Integrated Medical Solutions Inc.

In Memory of Roxie Marderosian
Isabelle Abrahamian
Angie Berberian
Franklin and Elaine Kamian
Jane Moosoolian

Mary and Karnig Torosian
Vartouhi Pandukht
Larry and Melissa Shapazian

In Memory of Rosemary Redman
Regina and Melvin Agajanian
Larry Avedisian
Sande Cohrs
Jacqueline Doumanian
Dominic and Iris D'Innocenti
Linda Farsakian - Wall
Eugene and Yvonne Kandarian
John and Sharon Kaprielian
Ben and Clarice Krikorian
Richard and Geraldine Hagopian
Eric and Nancy Hagopian
Julie and Jerry Poochigian
Clara Yenovkian

General Donation
Carlotta Bedrosian
Joseph Garabedian
John and Carol Garry

Endowment Fund
Elizabeth Dashjian

St. Paul Parish extends its sincere sympathy

November 23 - Takouhie Kelekian - Gullerian survived by her son Jacob (Hagop) and wife Shoghig Colarian; daughter Maral and husband Sam Abounaoum; grandchildren Michelle Abounaoum, Eddie Abounaoum, Mark Abounaoum, Joseph Colarian, Grace Colarian and Thalia Colarian

November 25 - Rosalie Garabedian survived by her husband Joseph Garabedian, daughters Jane and husband Steve Tebbets, Joanne Garabedian; son Michael and wife Allison Garabedian; grandchildren John Tebbets, Mark and wife Alexandra Tebbets, Joseph Garabedian, Blake Garabedian and Michael Garabedian



MAY GOD REST THEIR SOULS IN PEACE



2019 DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Ladies Society Fellowship	2	3	4	5	6	7 Saturday School 10:30 am
8 Men's Forum Fellowship	9	10	11 Ladies Society Meeting High Sierra Restaurant at 6:30pm	12	13	14 Saturday School 10:30 am
15 Junior ACYO Fellowship	16	17	18	19	20	21 Saturday School Banquet
22 Sunday School Fellowship	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26	27	28
29 Parish Council Fellowship	30	31 Happy New Year! Հնոբհաւոբ Նոբ Տաբի:				

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
Imperial Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Mixed Vegetables
Dessert—Cake
Coffee and Water
Peda Bread and Butter
\$16.00/person

Green Salad
Baked Lulu Kabob
Rice Pilaf
Mixed Vegetables
Dessert—Cake
Coffee and Water
Peda Bread and Butter
\$16.00/person

Green Salad
Lamb Shish Kabob
Rice Pilaf
Mixed Vegetables
Dessert—Cake
Coffee and Water
Peda Bread and Butter
\$20.00/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 Chilpigan (559) 287-7904.

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

& HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ս. ՊՕՐՈՍ ՀԱՅՅ. ԵԿԵՂԵՅԻՈՅ
Շաբաթօրեայ Դպրոցի Ամանօրեայ Հանդէս

W Կիրակի, Դեկտեմբեր 22, Կէսօրուայ Ժամը 1:00
E
L
C
O
M
E
Հայկ Պէրպլերեան սրահին մէջ



Տոմսերու գին՝
Չափահաս \$20 Երեխաներ \$15

Տոմսերու համար զանգահարել
Ազա Դանիէլեանի 818.442.3409
Կամ Անուշ Դոլուխանեանի 559.273.0113



2
0
2
0
St. Paul Armenian Church
Saturday School Annual Banquet
Sunday, December 22

1:00p.m.

in the Haig Berberian Hall



Adult \$20 Children 18 and under \$15

For reservations call Aza Danielyan at 818.442.3409
or Anoush Dolukhanyan 559.273.0113

*St. Paul Armenian
Church*
Invites you all to
**Jurakalouyts
Dinner**



Sunday January 5, 2020

Reading of Holy Scriptures: 4:30 PM

Badarak (Jurakalouyts): 5:00 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

\$15 per person

\$5 Children under 12

Reservations are required for dinner

Please RSVP by December 29

.....
Make your reservation every Sunday at Fellowship or call
the church office 226-6343

Or by mail

Make checks payable to: St. Paul Armenian Church

Name:

Number of Guests: Amount enclosed: Phone:

I wish to be seated with:

Please select one entrée for each guest attending

Fish (per guest)

Chicken (per guest)

St.Paul Armenian Church K.E.F. Club
Presents

L.E.A.P. YEAR DINNER DANCE
FEATURING

JOSEPH KRIKORIAN



STEVE VOSBIKIAN
(Clarinet Player)



Armenian Pop Star



SARMEN BEDROSIAN
(Keyboard Player)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

Haig Berberian Hall

Doors open 7 p.m. / Music 8 p.m.

Dinner 8:30 p.m.

FULL MEZZE & NO HOST BAR

**TICKETS: \$75 (V.I.P.), \$60 (Adults),
\$25 (Children 12 & under)**

***Limited availability, tickets reserved
and seats arranged in order of calls received***

CALL ASAP TO GET BEST AVAILABLE SEATS

Purchase a table of 10 and sit with family/friends.

Make reservations by Saturday, February 15.

No Tickets sold at the door.

FOR QUESTIONS AND TO RESERVE/PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT:

Vartush Mesropyan (559) 916-0074 or Ari Adams (559) 892-5321



StPaul KefClub



stpaul_kefclub

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:



WHERE INTEGRITY AND RELIABILITY NEVER GO OUT OF STYLE

djDIKO

DJ | Photo Booth | Lighting

DIKOCHEKIAN

(559) 696-4804
 djdiko@entertainment-360.com
 www.djDIKO.com



ARMENIAN • ARABIC • RUSSIAN • GREEK • PERSIAN • LATIN • TOP-40



Spiritmadecakes

Vartine Garabet
Cake Designer

Direct phone: 559.676.7884

✉ yerets.varty@hotmail.com

Facebook.com/spiritmadecakes

Instagram.com/spiritmadecakes



Mike Petrosyan
REALTOR®
CalBRE #02040855


Century 21
C. WATSON

Cell: 559-666-4455
 Office: 559-432-1221
 Fax: 559-432-1250
 Mike.a.petrosyan@gmail.com
 7520 North Palm Ave, Suite 102
 Fresno, CA 93711

REALTOR® **MLS** Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated


KEEP THE LIGHTS ON DURING PG&E OUTAGES IN FRESNO

DON'T GET LEFT IN THE DARK
SOLAR + BATTERY
GIVES YOU THE POWER



GET A \$1,000 GIFT CARD WHEN YOU GO SOLAR WITH GEORGE IDZHANYAN

CALL 1-559-708-9769 TODAY

 **GridHero**



• FAST EFFICIENT SERVICE
 • IMMEDIATE PAYMENT BY
 • CASH
 • CHEQUE

TURNING YOUR SOLIDS INTO LIQUID ASSETS

WE BUY GOLD, SILVER, PLATINUM, SILVERWARE, ROLEX WATCHES, JADE, COINS, DIAMONDS, PAINTINGS!

OUR SHOWROOM IS DISCREET & CONFIDENTIAL WE ARE LOCATED IN FIG GARDEN VILLAGE, IN THE WELLS FARGO BANK BUILDING.

ROBERT HANCER
 CELL: 559-288-2713
 OFFICE: 559-435-2505
 790 W. SHAW, SUITE 394
 FRESNO, CA 93704

Whitehurst, Sullivan, Burns & Blair Funeral Home

1525 East Saginaw Way
 Fresno, California 93704
 Ph. (559)227-4048
 Fax (559)227-3550
 FD1146

Dignity
MEMORIAL

www.whitehurstsullivan.com





JOEL MAZMANIAN

Call anytime for a **FREE** home valuation

213-7557
or visit
FresnoHomePrices.com

**St. Paul Church receives a donation with each transaction*

 **REALTY CONCEPTS**
 DRE# 01349607



Are you ready to buy a home on the Central Coast?

PISMO BEACH • SHELL BEACH

THE CALIFORNIA COMPANY

(805) 439-4100

Call now for the newest home listings!

DRE License #00418881

“Since 2007, I’ve purchased 19 homes with Dan. He has all the qualities you look for in a business. Honesty, integrity, professional, prompt. You couldn’t pay me to work with anyone else.”
 - Peter T.

CalCoRealty.com
for more testimonials

Dan P. Jelladian
Realtor

45 Years Experience • Trades • (805) 439-4100 • jelladian@gmail.com

