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Dear Parishioners,

We are now at a crucial standpoint when in two years time we will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral and more than ever cherish to pursue the goal of paying off the existing loan of close to three million dollars. We can certainly succeed when we all work together and participate in the mission of the Cathedral.

The participation of each parishioner is vital. Drops can make rivers and seas and more to so our participation can show our commitment for the Mother Cathedral. We ought to act with love and show the unity of our efforts for a stronger Diocese.

Thus make the move and pledge to become a Godfather and a shareholder in the 10th anniversary celebration of the construction of St. Leon (Ghevontiants) Armenian Cathedral.

The title of Godfather in any family is bestowed upon a well-respected individual who is willing to take a child under his wing. In our case, the "child" is St Leon (Ghevontiants) Armenian Cathedral, a 90 year old dream, a glorious edifice which attests to our unshakable Christian Faith. Inside her blessed walls we join the Psalmist in exclaiming "Praise the LORD, all you who stand in the house of the LORD … Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good…" (Psalms 135:1-3) and it is in the House of God where we lift up our hearts and say "Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand" (1 Chronicles 29:14).

Please call the Diocese at 818-558-7474 to donate to the Cathedral Fund.

News from our parish

Parish Council

We are already in the holiday season as another year seems to have flown by! Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends, and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you to committee chairman Mark Der Matoian and all of the committee members for organizing the Annual Prime Rib and Fish Dinner Dance that was held on November 10. It was a great evening that included delicious food, dancing, a silent auction, and featured a special tribute to the many military veterans who were in attendance.

As of November 30, the St. Paul parish has completed another fiscal year. Work will soon begin on the various organization and financial reports 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 2018 financial pledge to the church, please do so before the end of December. Also in December, the 2019 Pledge Forms will be mailed to all church members.

The Annual Parish Assembly in February will include the annual elections. On Tuesday, December 11, there will be a Nominating Committee meeting to select candidates for the various positions to be elected. This will include 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.



Ladies Society

Join the Ladies Society on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, for a dinner night out, devotional and program at Plaza Ventana, 5088 N. Blackstone, Fresno. Plan to come and enjoy a delicious Mexican dinner and fellowship with fellow members. Please make your reservations for dinner by Friday, December 7, 2018, to: Annette Moushigian at 559-906-2114 or email: moushigian@comcast.net

At the November general meeting, a delicious Thanksgiving dinner was served followed by an inspirational devotional. Election of new officers for the upcoming 2018-2019 year were also held. Congratulations to the newly elected officers and to the continuing officers. May God give them the strength and wisdom to lead and continue the mission of the Ladies Society.

The Ladies Society visited the Evangel Home on Sunday, November 11, 2018. The committee, led by Tracy Beberian, along with Salpy Adams, Dr. Susie Kalinian, Roxie Kalinian, Shoghig, Grace and Thalia Colarian, Emily Durham, Sara Beberian, and Julia Lasgoity, had the sweet pleasure of joining with the Evangel Home women. It was a blessing to deliver so many donated items that were provided by the St. Paul Church family. A delicious meal was shared along with a lovely visit with the ladies of the home. It was quite humbling when one of the ladies prayed for our church and the willingness of our group to come and share with them. The devotional theme was taken from the book of Mark, concentrating on the miracle of Jesus calming the storm. All were reminded that Jesus is ever-present in the storms of our own lives. Thanks to everyone who contributed donations, accompanied the group to the home and prayed for the visit. If you would like to join the group on visiting the Evangel Home, another trip is planned in the spring.

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



Hayik Garabetyan, Misak Arakelyan, Hagop Arikian, Mitch Erganian, Rosalie Garabedian

Junior ACYO

In the month of November, the ACYO Juniors held their general meeting on Sunday, November 11, after Fellowship in the ACYO room. At the meeting members had many topics to discuss, one being the details of their sports uniforms. The Juniors are having a lot of fun designing and making decisions about the uniforms, and they are excited to see the final results soon. In addition to discussing their volleyball and basketball uniforms they finalized their holiday plans and events. They will be baking Choreg and Simit on December 22 and Christmas caroling at the California Armenian Home afterward. The Juniors would like to welcome anyone who would like to join and be part of their upcoming events. If you would like the Juniors to visit your home to sing Christmas carols in the spirit of the holidays on the evening of December 22, please contact Thalia Colarian. Thalia's contact information is listed below.

Also, several of the Junior members participated in the Evangel Home visit with the Ladies Society. They organized gift baskets, served dinner, and played with the children at the home. They were very humbled to take part in the event and are looking forward to participating again in the future. Lastly, the Juniors will hold their next general meeting on Sunday, December 10, on the second Sunday of the month as usual. On behalf of the ACYO Juniors, Merry Christmas and a Happy 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

The Advent Fair at the California Armenian Home which took place on November 18, was a huge success with participation from residents, students, parents, teachers and superintendents from St. Paul, Fresno and St. Mary, Yettem. Der Zaven from St. Mary, Yettem and the Western Diocese Christian Education Council Chairwoman, Gail Chelebian, were also present (see pictures)! Many thanks to the WD-CEC, CAH, St. Paul Armenian Church and St. Mary Armenian Church for taking part in this special, heart-warming event which brought smiles to the kids as well as the CAH residents. Much appreciation to Gail for leading the event, Der Zaven for giving the opening and closing prayers, Teacher Darlene for organizing the event and the many teachers, parents and students who participated. Hopefully, next year there will be even more participation from all the San Joaquin Valley Armenian Churches.

Special thanks to the St. Paul Ladies Society for generously contributing funds to purchase the beautifully designed Sunday School Spirit shirts for the kids and teachers. They wore them very proudly at the event!

Following are Sunday School events for the month of December:

- Sunday, December 2 Communion Sunday and Church Attendance together with Sunday School family
- ⇒ Special Assembly to make Christmas Door Knob Hangers
- Sunday, December 9 Regular Assembly and Class Lessons
- ⇒ Attending church to hear guest Celebrant and Homilist His Grace Bishop Armash Nalbandian
- Sunday, December 16 Regular Assembly and Class Lessons
- Sunday, December 23 Regular Assembly and Class Lessons
- ⇒ Fellowship Responsibility of Sunday School











Men's Forum

Although November is the traditional month for the Men's Forum pre-Thanksgiving dinner-meeting and annual election of officers, it was decided, instead, to focus attention on St. Paul's Nov. 10 Prime Rib & Fish Dinner-Dance. This special event acknowledged the service of American veterans in the St. Paul parish, many of whom were in attendance. It should be noted that at least sixteen Forum Members have served in the military, going as far back as World War II. These include senior members Russell Adams, John Adishian, George Adishian, Bill Bohigian, and Joe Garabedian.

A dinner-meeting has not been scheduled during the holiday month of December. The next Men's Forum function is tentatively set for Wednesday night, January 16, and details will be forthcoming in the next Dajar and newsletter-flyer. The annual election of officers will be held at the January meeting since there wasn't a meeting in November. Members are asked to consider a candidate (s) for the next Chairmanship position. After serving for seven years, current Chairman, Gary Markarian, feels it is time to step down and bring in another member capable of taking the Men's Forum organization in a new direction.

In closing, Men's Forum wishes all St. Paul parishioners and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Prosperous, & Healthy New Year.

Seníor ACYO

The Seniors held their general meeting and elections on Friday, November 16, at St. Paul Armenian Church in room 4. Members discussed what they had planned throughout the year as well as what they plan to do in the upcoming year. Congratulations to the new Executive Officers: Chairwoman - Marina Chardukian, Vice-Chairman - Sean Minier, Secretary - Suzy Ekmekchian and Treasurer - Ashkhen Chamasanyan. The previous Executive Board wishes the new Executive Board all the best. May the Lord guide and bless them as they continue their work. Everyone is excited to hear about the many upcoming events being planned.

During the month of December, the Seniors will not be hosting "Celebration of Faith" on the second Friday however, will resume in January. Thank you to those individuals who have been attending Bible study of which the Senior ACYO has hosted 4 nights. If you wish to become a member of Senior ACYO, please contact Chairwoman, Marina Chardukian, at 559-903-0423 or send an e-mail to fresnoacyo@gmail.com.

The St. Paul Armenian Church Senior ACYO wishes all members, parishioners and families Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May your holiday season be blessed with peace, love, and joy. See you all in 2019!



GET READY TO CONNECT THROUGH VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN FEBRUARY.

You must have your dues in by December 1st to vote on church projects, policies and Parish Council members at the Annual Meeting.

Your participation is vital to church life!

Single
(Ages 18 to 24) ____40
(Ages 25 to 64) ____100
(Ages 65 + years of age) 75

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St. Paul Parish extends it's sincere sympathy

November 17 - *Anahid Vartanian* survived by her children Lena Altebarmakian and husband Dr. Varouj Altebarmakian, Haygo Shahbazian and husband Mike Shahbazian and Vartan Vartanian and wife Annika Vartanian; sister Shakeh Gharibian; brother Zareh Tashjian; grandchildren Matthew Shahbazian, Melissa McAlpine, Lena Vartanian, Annie Vartanian, Eric Vartanian, and Maria Altebarmakian; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends

November 20 - Sahag Egoian survived by his wife Mary Egoian; daughter Alice Egoian; brothers Michael and Greg Kerkorian

November 30 - *Mushegh Grigoryan* survived by his wife Nunufar Khalatian; daughters Anush Grigoryan and Armine Grigoryan; sons Artashes Grigorian and Vartan Grigorian; sisters Gohar Gulaseryan and Tagui Grigoryan; nephew Edgar Khalatyan

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

2018 DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						Saturday School
2	3	4	5	6	7	10am
Ladies Society Fellowship			Avaks 9:30am to 3:30pm			Saturday School 10am
9 Men's Forum Fellowship	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Junior ACYO Fellowship Saturday School Banquet 1pm	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Sunday School Fellowship	24	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29
30 Parish Council Fellowship	Happy 31 New Year! Tunphwynp Tunp Swph:					

Schedule for the feast of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday, January 5, 2019 Jurakalouyts

Reading of Holy Scriptures	4:30 РМ
Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy	
Traditional Dinner	6:30 РМ

Sunday, January 6, 2019 Armenian Christmas

Morning Service	9:30 АМ
Divine Liturgy	10:00 АМ
Blessing of water	11:30 АМ

Christ is born and Revealed!

Blessed is the Revelation of Christ!

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Sunday, December 9, 2018 10:00 AM

Celebrant and Homilist His Grace Bishop Armash Nalbandian

Primate of the Armenian Church of Damascus, Syria

All faithful are invited to join us and share their prayers.

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St. Paul Armenian Church Invites you all to

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Saturday January 5, 2019

Reading of Holy Scriptures: 4:30 PM Badarak (Jurakalouyts): 5:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM

> \$15 per person \$5 Children under 12

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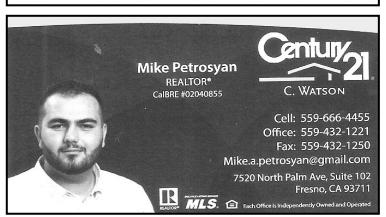
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