

News from our parish

Parish Council

It's already February, which means it's time for the Annual Parish Assembly which will be on Sunday, February 9. After church services, a free lunch will be served to all dues paying members followed by the meeting at 1 p.m. All members who have paid their annual dues by December 31, 2019, are urged to attend and participate in the meeting. For new members joining St. Paul in 2019, to attend and participate in the meeting you must have been a member for six months by February 9, the date of the Assembly.

The Annual Parish Assembly will include discussion of significant financial and facility issues of St. Paul Parish as well as the annual elections. This year, six members are to be elected to the Parish Council as outgoing members Isabelle Bishop, Tamar Gostanian and Anton Kismetian have decided not to run for a second term on the Council and Zaven Devejian, Hagop Iskenyan and Jeff Markarian are running for re-election.

Once again, there was a great turnout for the Annual Jurakalouyts (Christmas Eve) Dinner on Sunday, January 5. Approximately 250 people attended the dinner this year and enjoyed one of the Parish's most popular events. Many thanks to Yeretsgin Vartine and her committee for all of their hard work in making this annual event so successful!

Annual statements of contributions will be mailed that will list your contributions to St. Paul Church in 2019. Please keep this information with your income tax records and contact the church office if you have any questions or note any errors on your annual contribution statement.

If you haven't had a chance to complete your 2020 Pledge Form, you are urged to do so as these forms help to plan the church finances for the year.

The Parish Council wishes you a wonderful month and looks forward to seeing you at the Annual Parish Assembly on February 9!

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



Ann Attoian and
Joseph Garabedian

Ladies Society

Prayers are with all of you sisters in Christ for a month of good health and happiness. Many thanks to Yeretsgin Vartine and her committee for preparing the Annual Armenian Christmas Eve (Jurakalouyts) Dinner. It was delicious and the tradition was very meaningful. Many thanks, also, to Der Hayr Yessai, for providing everyone continued spiritual nourishment, cultural and religious education.

The Ladies will meet on Wednesday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Haig Berberian minor hall. Tracy Beberian and her committee are planning for a lovely evening of delicious food and Christian fellowship. All members and guests are welcome. For dinner reservations, contact Annette Moushigian at 559-906-2114 or email her at: moushigian@comcast.net

Much appreciation to the Ladies Society's Executive Committee for chairing the month of January in planning the Dinner-Meeting and the packaging of Mahs each Sunday.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day and hoping to see the many beautiful families in church each Sunday with Christian fellowship following the services.

Upcoming February Events:

Sunday, February 9 – Annual Parish Assembly

Wednesday, February 12 – Ladies Society Dinner-Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Haig Berberian minor hall

Men's Forum

As was announced last month, the January Dinner-Meeting was to be held on Wednesday evening, January 22, which, unfortunately was after the Dajar edition "press deadline." Most assured it was an enjoyable and informative evening with a special "Dolma Dinner" catered by Alla's Restaurant. Speaker was Dr. Matthew Jendian with a presentation titled, "New Year's Resolutions and Discovering Your Devotional." More to come on this program in the March edition of the Dajar.

During the Men's Forum's hosted Sunday Fellowship on January 12, the Executive Committee, consisting of Chairman Ted Mooradian, Vice-Chairman Gary Markarian and Treasurer, Jeff Markarian, held an impromptu first meeting for 2020. They primarily mapped out an outline of Men's Forum activities and potential programs for the remainder of the year.

For the month of February, the Men's Forum is scheduling another popular "Saturday Field Trip and Lunch." On the morning of Saturday, February 22, they will gather at the Armenian Heritage Museum, located at 550 E. Shaw Ave., (across from Fashion Fair). The museum has an extensive display of Armenian and Armenian-American history, including those individuals who have had an impact on both, America as well as the world. With museum administrator, Varoujan Der Simonian as the host and guide, it promises to be a very special and enlightening experience. There are also plans to have a post-tour lunch gathering at a venue to be determined. A flyer with more details will be forthcoming in early February.

Men's Forum is happy to announce and welcome their two newest members to the organization, Mike Chardukian and Greg Haroutunian, and are looking forward to their presence and participation in future activities. Prayers and well wishes are extended to beloved long-time members, Joe Garabedian and Ed Kaye.



Dinner Meeting - January 22



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.

Senior ACYO

The Senior ACYO began their year off with a very successful meeting prior to attending the ACYO Convention. They discussed all of their upcoming events and fundraisers for the year.

Many members attended and had a great time at the ACYO Convention at St. Leon Armenian Apostolic Cathedral in Burbank, California. The weekend began with meetings on Friday, followed by a fun “Fiesta Night.” On Saturday, their general assembly continued with great speakers and a recap of the budget followed by voting for new members to the Central Council. The evening concluded with a very elegant banquet with Senior ACYO members from all of the many chapters. All who attended had a wonderful time. On Sunday, everyone attended Badarak led by Surpazan Hovanan Derderian. Following services, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Please look at the Church Calendar to keep up with all of the upcoming ACYO events and dates. ACYO looks forward to seeing everyone at future events.

For questions regarding joining Senior ACYO, please call/text Chairwoman Suzy Ekmekchyan at (559) 708-0799 or send an email to: fresnoacyo@gmail.com



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Junior ACYO

In January, the ACYO Juniors held their first meeting of the year with their new officers. The new Executive Board is: Chairwoman: Natalie Agazarian, Vice Chairwoman: Macyn Topoozian, Treasurer: Lori Agazarian, Recording Secretary: Lucine La Porta, Corresponding Secretary: Erik Barsegian and Historian: Nazar Iskenyan.

Through the weekend of January 17-19, the Juniors and Seniors went to the ACYO Convention and had a great time connecting with Christ along with members of the fellow chapters.

On January 26, the Juniors went bowling with the St. Paul Sunday School and had lots of fun with their friends after church. The Junior ACYO will be holding their next general meeting on Sunday, February 9, and are always accepting and encouraging new members to join!

On February 29, the Juniors will be supporting the K.E.F. Club during their “Leap Year Dinner Dance” featuring Armenian Pop Star, Joseph Krikorian. The Juniors will be helping to sell raffle tickets and encourage everyone to come and participate in a fun event of delicious food and dancing!

If you have any questions or would like to join the ACYO Juniors, please contact Natalie Agazarian at acyojuniors@gmail.com or call her at (559) 392-5106.



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2020 FEBRUARY

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9 No Fellowship Annual Assembly Meeting & Lunch	10	11	12	13	14	15 Saturday School 10:30am
16 Saturday School Fellowship	17	18	19	20	21 Junior ACYO Lock In 6pm	22 Saturday School 10:30am
23 Junior ACYO Fellowship	24	25	26	27	28	29 K.E.F. Club Dinner Dance 7pm

St. Paul Parish extends its sincere sympathy

January 14 - *Frunzik Margaryan* survived by his wife Victoria Sargsyan; son Sarkis Margaryan; daughters Anush Margaryan, Anna Margaryan, and Arousik Margaryan


January 24 - *Mary Migirian* survived by her husband Mike Migirian, daughters Isabelle and husband Scott Bishop and Jeanette Migirian; sister Margaret Bartucci; brother Sam and wife Kathy Gizerian; grandchildren Jodi Bishop, Kristen and husband Daniel Migirian-Fellez, Eric and wife Angelica Bishop



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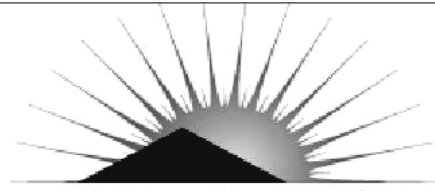
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Dr. Şekeryan graduated from the Department of Oriental Studies at the University of Oxford, defending his dissertation entitled, “The Armenians in the Ottoman Empire after the First World War (1918-1923).” In the 2018-2019 academic year, Dr. Şekeryan was an Honorary Fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Institute for Research in the Humanities. Şekeryan was a Visiting Lecturer in the Faculty of Oriental Studies at Yerevan State University (summer of 2018) and a Research Assistant in the Department of Sociology at the University of Oxford in 2016. Dr. Şekeryan is currently working on two projects. One is a book, An Untold Story of Survival, which is a significant revision of his Ph.D. dissertation and secondly, he is writing an article about the story of Armenian orphans in Corfu, who were transferred from Istanbul in 1923 following the defeat of the Greek forces by the Turkish Nationalists.

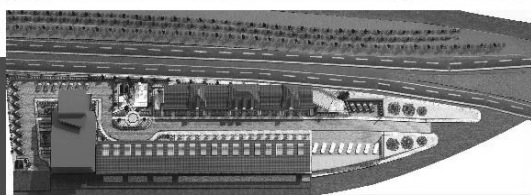
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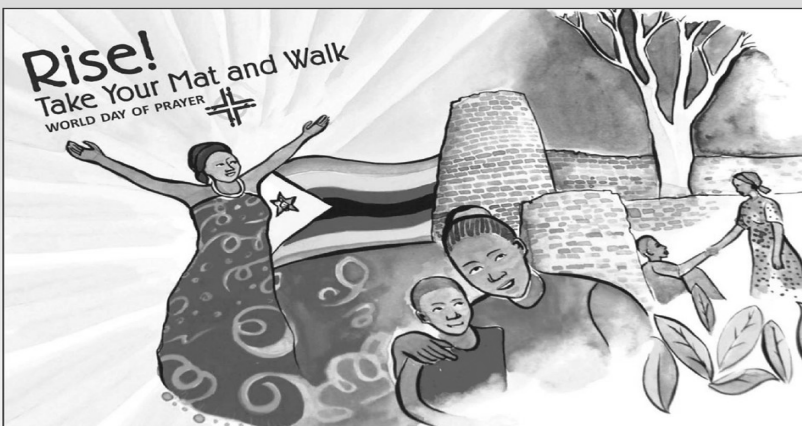
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