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News from our parish

Parísh Councíl

On May 10, St. Paul hosted the 8th Annual Armenian Festival. The weather was beautiful and the event was enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to Jackie Grazier and the Festival Committee for their efforts coordinating the festival, as well as all of the parishioners who worked tirelessly with preparations prior to and on the day of the event. Much appreciation to the many sponsors whose support helped ensure the success of the festival.

Many thanks to the St. Paul delegates and parishioners who attended the Annual Diocesan Assembly at St. Garabed Armenian Apostolic Church in Rancho Mirage on May 3. Their participation and representation of St. Paul at the Assembly is greatly appreciated.

The St. Paul Saturday and Sunday Schools concluded their school year in May, and the Parish Council thanks Superintendents Margarit Dumanyan and Anton Kistmetian for their leadership. Many thanks to all of the teachers for their time spent teaching the St. Paul youth.

Memorial Day Weekend was very busy for the St. Paul Parish as the ACYO members and their families from throughout the Diocese were in Fresno participating in the ACYO Sports Weekend activities at Clovis North High School. The weekend also included Divine Liturgy at St. Paul celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian and concluded with the banquet and awards ceremony at St. Paul on Sunday, May 26.

The Drive-Thru Lunch Committee will be hosting the monthly lunch on Friday, June 7. Look for more info in the Dajar and order your meal now before they sell out!

Congratulations to all of the high school and college graduates of the St. Paul parish and best wishes for continued success in the future.

As summer approaches, preparation will begin for the Annual Grape Blessing and Picnic. Mark your calendars, as this year's event will be on Sunday, August 18, on the grounds of the California Armenian Home.

Ladies Society

With great honor, the Ladies Society looks forward to hosting and welcoming the residents of the California Armenian Home to their Annual June Lunch. The lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Paul Haig Berberian Hall. Chairman Diane and her committee are preparing a delicious meal for \$15 per person. Following lunch, there will be Bingo. Make your reservations for lunch by June 5, to Annette Moushigian at 559-906-2114 or send an email to moushigian@comcast.net. We hope to see you for an afternoon of Christian fellowship, good food and winning games of Bingo!

St. Paul Church Campers: The Ladies Society would like to remind you that they are offering camp scholarships. The scholarship criteria include the following: Attendance to Sunday School, Saturday School, or Serving on the Altar.

The Executive Board thanks all those who offer their help to the monthly committees, and to all those who prepared for and participated in the Annual Armenian Festival. A great time was had by all who attended!

A Nacho Night will be held on May 31, in the courtyard of St. Paul Armenian Church. Join the Ladies Society for a funfilled evening with good food, fun games and more! For reservations, call Annette Moushigian at 559-906-2114, or email her at: moushigian@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

Coming Events:

Wednesday, June 12 Luncheon and Bingo with the residents of the California Armenian Home as guests

Seníor ACYO

The Senior ACYO had a great month of May! At their May meeting, they discussed upcoming events for after the summer ends. They helped maintain the St. Paul bookstore during the 8th Annual Armenian Festival on Friday, May 10, in the courtyard at church. There were a variety of items being sold and a wonderful group of members all helped out that night. On Sunday, May 12, (Mother's Day), the Senior ACYO honored all mothers with a delicious light lunch during Fellowship immediately following church services. The Seniors met up again on Thursday, May 16, for their monthly Bible Study and Prayer at church in the minor hall. It was a great turnout, and they hope to see everyone at the next one planned for September.

Thank you to all the members who participated in the many activities. Join the Seniors at their next meeting in July! If you are interested in joining the Senior ACYO, please send an email to fresnoacyo@gmail.com

Men's Forum

It was with much sadness and remorse that the Men's Forum decided to cancel their scheduled May 22 Dinner-Meeting, after learning of the passing of Chairman Ted Mooradian's twenty- two-year-old son, Joseph, the previous week. Thoughts and prayers are with Ted and his family during this most difficult time. Hopefully, Ted will be able to lead a discussion of shared devotionals with members sometime in the future, as had been planned for the May meeting.

Much appreciation to the Men's Forum members who participated in making the eighth Annual St. Paul Armenian Festival on Friday, May 10, another successful event. The next scheduled Men's Forum Dinner-Meeting will be Wednesday, June 26. Since the Knights of Vartan (to which many Forum members belong) will be holding their annual 'High Sierra Outing' during the third week of June, the annual Men's Forum 'Father-Son Dinner Night' will be moved back one week to accommodate them. More information will be forthcoming regarding the venue and time.

Congratulations to all the young graduates from the St. Paul Parish this month and good wishes to them for much success in their continuing education and future endeavors.

Juníor ACYO

May was a busy month for the ACYO Juniors. They started off the month by selling popcorn and helping to bus tables at the church's Armenian Festival on May 10. The Juniors would like to thank everyone who came and bought popcorn from them or donated; they appreciate it! On Mother's Day, a few of the Junior members helped to lead an assembly before Sunday School, in which they touched on "Our Mothers' Love." Afterwards, at the end of Badarak, the Juniors passed out pink and white carnations to all of the mothers present as a token of appreciation for their unconditional love and support.

The following Sunday, on May 19, a few of the graduating seniors of the ACYO Juniors were honored in church and the middle school and high school members received their certificates of promotion to the next grade level. Also, on May 19, the Juniors held their general monthly meeting where they discussed upcoming events as well as current budgets and spending.

The Juniors finished the month by going bowling with the Sunday School. They had so much fun and are looking forward to the summer months! If you have any questions or would like to join the Junior ACYO, please contact Thalia Colarian acyojuniors@gmail.com or (559) 385-1109.

Sunday School

God bless everyone for their support of the children of the St. Paul parish. Please remember Vacation Bible School is the week of June 17-21 at SPAC. Please register your children soon so planning and preparations can be made. The Sunday School has been blessed with a sponsor this year, (Gwen Essegian), in memory of beloved late teacher, Christine Antranikian. God bless you Gwen, and many thanks from the Sunday School Family! Christine is dearly missed by all. May her spirit continue to enlighten the lives of the children of St. Paul.

Much appreciation to the Saturday and Sunday School teachers, parents, students, families and friends for the wonderful joint party on Sunday, May 18. A special thanks to the Superintendent of the Saturday School, Margarit Dumanyan, as well as to Ani Mikayelyan, for organizing the Saturday School for the event. Special thanks, also, to the Topoozian family and all families who supported the event from Sunday School.

Thanks to all Sunday School families and especially the current Sunday School teachers: Marina Chardukian (Pre-k to 2nd), Zar Der Mugrdechian (3-5th), Darlene Chardukian (6-8th), and Anton Kismetian (9-12th), as well as substitute teachers, Tracy Beberian and Isabelle Bishop. Sunday School Superintendent Anton thanks everyone who supports the Saturday and Sunday Schools!

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to all those with May birthdays that may have been missed and to those with birthdays in June, July and August. The 2019/20 Sunday School year will resume on Sunday, September 8.

Thanks to all 55 enrolled Sunday School Students. May God protect and guide all of you through another wonderful summer! **2 (Pre-K and 1-K):** Grikor Clardy & Mariana Kuckenbaker and Lily Bahiryan

5 (1st Grade): Adam Bates, Hugo Garabetyan, Ani Kismetian, Nareh Sargsyan, & Makalya Urdahl

- 6 (2nd Grade): Harry Bahiryan, Varak Bedros, Mateo Bogosyan, Vartan Grigorian, Adeline Haun, & Daniella Sargsyan
- 2 (3rd Grade): Kasya Grigorian & Michael Urdahl
- 3 (4th Grade): Grace Agazarian, Gemma Hancer, & Haik Sargsyan
- 7 (5th Grade): David Bates, Nareg Jalhayan, Arek Kismetian, Žaven La Porta, Kristine Sargsyan, Lucine Sargsyan, & Mallory Topoozian
- 3 (6th Grade): Keghart Bedros, Marissa Prudhume, & Ariana Sargsyan
- 1 (7th Grade): Aleen Jalhayan
- 6 (8th Grade): Lori Agazarian, Adrian Bogosyan, Alyssa Hancer, David Iskenyan, Lucine La Porta, & Aiden Prudhume
- 2 (9th Grade): Erik Barsegian & Ani Sargsyan
- 4 (10th Grade): Natalie Agazarian, Nazar Iskenyan, Zaroohy Iskenyan, & Macyn Topoozian

7-11th Grade: (Sara Beberian, Jonathan Chardukian, Grace Colarian, Thalia Colarian, Mary Iskenyan, Raffi Mazmanian, & Mary Topoozian)



Last day of Sunday School 05-19-19



















Lunch & Bowling Sunday School teachers, parents & students 05-05-19



Sunday School 05-19-19







On behalf of the Parish Priest and the entire family of St.Paul Armenian Church we congratulate our graduates. May God's richest blessings be with them on their graduation and always. May He also be their guide and grant them success in their future endeavors.



grandson the youngest

to California State University, Fresno, where he will be side Ridgecrest, CA. pursuing a degree in Marketing with a minor in Communications. Matthew, we are very proud of you!



daughter of Deacon Hagop ter of Charles and Eleanor and Ani Iskenvan and sister of Mary, Nazar, and Zaroohy. Ovsanna is graduating from Fresno High School and will be attending college next year. With the support of her family and kind friends, she has worked very hard to make it to her senior year. Ovsanna

attended Cesar Chavez Adult School for science, history, and language arts classes. She also took summer school courses for geometry and P.E.

kind and loving and enjoys spending time with her fami- Venture Scouting through the Boy Scouts of Amerily, hanging out with friends, listening to music and watching movies. May God Bless Ovsanna Iskenyan!



Jodi Bishop, daughter of Scott and Isabelle Bishop, granddaughter of Mike and Mary Migirian, and Phyllis Bishop graduated on May 18, 2019, from CSU Fresno with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer engineering and a Minor in Mathematics. While at Fresno State, she received

Matthew Kevork Astone is two internships, one from Pressed Juice and one from graduating from Clovis North The Wonderful Company. She was an active member of High School. He is the son of IEEE (Institution of Electrical and Electronics Engi-Deborah and Mark Astone and neers), the world's largest technical professional organiof zation and Society of Hispanic Professional Engi-George and Shenora Adishian. neers. She helped to foster STEM (Science, Technology, While at Clovis North, he was Engineering and Math) activities for junior high and high on both, the varsity football and school students in Fresno County. In this male dominatbaseball teams. Matthew was ed field, she is bringing encouragement to young women baptized in St. Paul Armenian who have ambitions in the field of engineering. She was Church and attended Sunday also in the Fresno State Marching Band. Jodi is soon to School. He has been accepted be employed by NavAir, a naval contractor, located out-

Ariana Sima Garabedian is

the daughter of John and Lisa Garabedian, sister of Adam Ovsanna Iskenyan is the Garabedian and granddaugh-Garabedian and Greg and Margaret Gregory. She is graduating from Clovis West High School this year and will be continuing her education at Fresno State. There, she will be majoring in Speech Language Pathology



in hopes to work with elementary school students in the future. Throughout high school, Ariana took part in the Clovis West Orchestra, Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Percussion Ensembles playing the piano and viola. She Ovsanna attends Sunday School at St. Paul Armenian is also a member of the National Honors Society at Clo-Church. She is a member of the Junior ACYO and an vis West, the Youth Philharmonic Orchestra (a branch of active participant in the St. Paul Church Choir. She is the Youth Orchestras of Fresno), the Arax Dancers, and ca. Ariana was baptized in St. Paul Armenian Church, attended Sunday School, and participated in several summers of Vacation Bible School.





Jessica Michelle Chilingerian graduated from University of California, Berkeley on Saturday, May 19, 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Urban Studies. During her time at Berkeley, Jessica served as the Director of Alumni Engagement at the Cal Alumni Student Association, the Vice President of Community Development at

Berkeley Women in Business, and both the Fashion Director and External Vice President at the Business Careers in Entertainment Club. She also balanced two jobs, Social Media Assistant at the ASUC Student Union Marketing Department, and Marketing Intern for the UC Berkeley Parking And Transportation Department. Jessica enjoys taking dance classes, cooking, and working out in her free time. In August, Jessica will begin her career as a Marketing Coordinator at Levi Strauss & Co. in San Francisco, California. Jessica is the daughter of Jon and Janet, sister of Jenna and Jillian, granddaughter of Dodd and the late Michelle Yahnian, and Diana and the late Avis Chilingerian.

Benjamin Charles DerMatoian

is graduating from Trabuco Hills High School, Mission Viejo, CA, with a GPA of 4.5. He will be attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA, majoring in Kinesiology with an emphasis in pre-med and has been accepted in the Honors Program.

He is an active member of the National Honors Society, California Scholarship Federation, Key Club and The Mustang Speakers.

Ben founded the Mustang Speakers Club, a curricular club, formed to enhance public speaking and presentation skills and has been President of the club for 3 years.

For the past 4 years Ben has been a member of an off-campus club non-profit community-based teen volunteer program called Lion's Heart. He has been Vice-President and Secretary for 2 years and volunteered over 200 hours in the past 4 years for his Orange County Chapter in his community and has received several awards for his volunteer and leadership commitment. He holds a 1st degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. Ben is a member of St. Mary Armenian Church, Costa Mesa. He is the son of Brian & Cindy DerMatoian of Foothill Ranch, and the grandson of Bob & Sara DerMatoian.



Carina Tokatian graduated from Clovis North High School as a Valedictorian Academic Scholar of Distinction. Through out high school she was a CSF Life Member. Carina was involved in journalism for two years in high school as the editor of the news page



of the school newspaper, The North News. She also was involved in the Education Pathway at her school and worked as a teacher's assistant in a first grade and fourth/fifth grade combination class at Riverview Elementary. She later worked as a teacher's assistant in a middle school class at Granite Ridge Intermediate. One of Carina's favorite activities in high school actually was helping with a program known as "Mandatutorials" during her lunchtime. In this program, she would spend time tutoring middle school students. She would help them with classwork so that they could raise their grades and develop better strategies for success in the classroom. She also was a member of a club known as "Sisters in Christ" at school and eventually became one of the leaders her senior year. Outside of school, Carina also enjoyed working with Pre-K students at the Charlie Keyan Armenian School over the summer. Before a downfall the heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor. ~Proverbs 18:12

Carina will be majoring in English Education at Fresno State University and intends on becoming a high school English teacher. Her goal is to be a "light" in the classroom environment and a good representation of Christ through her actions if not by words. She also desires to get to know her future students not just academically but personally and cannot wait to jump into the teaching field. She is the daughter of Aram and Lisa Tokatian. Granddaughter of late Nubar and Ann Tokatian and John and Betty Ann Zerounian. Granddaughter of Briske Barsamian.



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Ladies Society Fellowship			Avaks 9:30am to 3:30pm		Delivery Lunch 11am to 1:30pm			
9 Men's Forum Fellowship	10	11	12 Ladies Society Lunch with Calfi. Arm. Home Residents	13	14	15		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
Junior ACYO Fellowship	Vacation Bible School 6pm-9pm	Vacation Bible School 6pm-9pm	Vacation Bible School 6pm-9pm	Vacation Bible School 6pm-9pm	Vacation Bible School 6pm-9pm			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
Sunday School Fellowship			Men's Forum Dinner Meeting 6:30pm					
30 Central Council Fellowship								

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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.

Pastor and Parish Council gratefully acknowledge the following donations.

May the Lord bless you.



General Donation Mary Egoian

In Memory of Edward Hagopian Raffi Dorian

In Memory of Doris Jamgotchian Jirayr and Mariyam Hancer Zaven and Berjouhie Devejian In Memory of Yeretsgin Mary Altounian Beverly Achki Betty Hagopian and sons In Memory of Zaruhi Hovhannessyan Sevag and Dzaghik Tateosian **Easter Yughakin** Beverly Achki Stanley and Irene Antranikian Haigouhie Artinian Vernon and Lillian Avakian Timothy Baker Greg and Tracy Berberian Sylvia Chooljian John Vogt Carolyn Chooljian Pete and Isabel Chilpigian Zaven and Berjouhie Devejian Dennis and Vicky Hagobian

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St. Paul Parish extends its sincere sympathy

May 11 - Zaruhi Sara Hovhannessyan survived by her husband Adrian Galvan; daughters Anahit Harutunyan and Ani Harutunyan; parents Melkon and Karine Oganesyan; sister Varudi Rose Oganesyan; brother Grigor Oganesyan

May 25 - Joseph Richard Mooradian survived by his parents Theodore and Mary Mooradian; sisters Alexandra Mooradian Pesce and Lauren Mooradian Ryder; brother-in-laws Andres Pesce, JP Pesce, Travis Ryder and Doug Ryder; brother Jacob Mooradian; true love partner Ashley Mullin and godparents George and Gail Bedrosian. Joseph was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Bart and Victoria Mooradian; maternal grandparents Richard and Betty Ramacher and uncle Eric Ramacher.



May God rest their souls in peace.



With great appreciation we want to thank all the ladies and family members who volunteered to help in the kitchen on Thursday and Friday for our Annual Festíval.

Your hard work contributed to the success of the event.

> Isabel Chílpígían Díane Boyajían



Diane Thatcher, Bill Bohigian Eleanor Yazijian, Mary Abaci Rosalie Garabedian





(Include your name, phone number, number of lunches and pick up time)

<u>Menu:</u> Bakes Herb Chicken Rice/Bulghour Pilaf Green Beans Armenienne Salad Bourmah Water

\$15.00 Per Lunch Order by 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 6th

Pickup between 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from the driveway off of Dakota.





