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St. Paul Armenian Church
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Weekly Lenten Service
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Every Wednesday

March 6

March 13

March 20

March 27

April 3

April 10

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Evening service 6:00 PM Երեկոյեան ժամը 6:00-ին

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> Join us in our Lenten Journey leading up to the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

News from our parish

Parish Council

Although it took two attempts to reach a quorum, the Annual Parish Assembly was held on February 24. Many thanks to all of the members who attended and helped to make the annual meeting successful. At the Assembly, the following five new members were elected to the Parish Council: Peggy Akbiyikian, Dr. Artashes Avakian, Jackie Chooljian Grazier, Sandra Kazanjian Gostanian, and Dr. Sergio La Porta. On behalf of the Parish, thank you to outgoing council members Darlene Chardukian, Zar Der Mugrdechian, Ovanes Kutnerian, and Janet Sabbatini. The first meeting of the new council will be held on March 12 at which time officers will be elected for the coming year.

The Lenten Season is beginning, and everyone is encouraged to attend the various church activities and services. Please watch for more information to follow.

Planning is underway for the Annual Armenian Festival to be held on Friday, May 10. Mark your calendars, as this is always a great event you won't want to miss!

Men's Forum

Although there wasn't a Dinner-Meeting held in February, the new Men's Forum Executive Committee held a luncheon meeting at A.J.'s Armenian Restaurant on Thursday, February 14. The newly elected Executive Committee members are: Chairman: Ted Mooradian, Vice-Chairman: Gary Markarian, and Secretary/Treasurer: Jeff Markarian. Topics discussed included the preparation of a new directory, encouraging younger parishioners to become new Men's Forum members, and planning daytime activities such as field trips.

The next Men's Forum Dinner-Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, at St. Paul Church Minor Hall. Members will be allowed to bring a guest at no charge. Due to the fact that the meeting will be held during Lent, the meal will include a salmon entrée catered by Ark Mediterranean Grill in Fresno. The program for the evening will feature favorite presidential historian, local author and speaker, Gary Wayne Walker. Mr. Walker will discuss the topic, "Twentieth Century Republican Presidents" followed (at a later date) by a presentation of "Twentieth Century Democratic Presidents." An announcement flyer with additional information will be forthcoming.

Please remember to keep longtime members, Mike Kilijian and Bill Bohigian in your thoughts and prayers for their full recovery from recent illnesses. Everyone is looking forward to seeing them again soon.

A reminder to all Forum members that annual membership dues are \$15 per member and are now due and payable to St. Paul Men's Forum.

St. Paul Ladies Society members visited St. Vartan Ladies Society on Thursday, February 21st for a lulu burger lunch and bingo.

Ladies Society

Members and prospective members, the Ladies Society invites you to their March Dinner-Meeting on Wednesday, March 13, at the St. Paul Armenian Church Haig Berberian Hall. Service Committee Chairperson for March, Sandy Gostanian, is planning a delicious Lenten meal of pasta with marinara sauce, steamed broccoli, salad, French bread and apple cake for \$15.00 per person. Please make reservations for dinner by March 8 to Annette Moushigian at 559-906-2114 or send an email to moushigian@comcast.net Plan to attend and enjoy an evening of Christian fellowship and good food. The Ladies Society encourages you to bring a family member and/or a friend to the meeting.

Coming Events

- Thurs. March 7, 2019 Christian Women of First Street
- Wed. March 13 General Meeting 6:30 pm
- Sun. April 10 General Meeting 6:30 pm
- Sun. April 14 Palm Sunday Brunch (see the flyer in the Dajar)

If you would like to attend any of these events please contact Annette Moushigian 559-906-2114 or moushigian@comcast.net



Junior ACYO

In the month of February, the Juniors held their general monthly meeting after Fellowship on Sunday, February 10, where they also had a small celebration for a few members' birthdays! Thank you to Coach Tim on behalf of the Juniors for bringing cupcakes! After the meeting, the girls' volleyball team had their first practice of the year in preparation for Sports Weekend in May. The Juniors also sold simit and choreg at Fellowship, and they would like to thank everyone who bought the sweets. They hope you enjoy them! Also, the Juniors finalized several upcoming events they are excited to share.

On Friday, March 8, 2019, the Juniors will be holding their second annual Lock-in, in the Haig Berberian Hall. They are excited to grab their sleeping bags and set up their camp site in hall and spend the evening singing campfire songs and playing games. The Juniors will hold their general meeting for the month of March during dinner at the Lock-in. The annual Junior Retreat will be held on the weekend of March 22, up at HYE Camp, and they are excited to attend and meet Junior members from other chapters.

Lastly, the Juniors are holding a fundraiser at Sweet Tomatoes located on Fresno St. on Thursday, March 14, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. When you eat dinner at Sweet Tomatoes on that Thursday night, the Juniors will receive a 20% donation of all sales that evening, just as long as you show the cashier the flyer! Please share the flyer with your friends and family to support the Juniors and enjoy a nice dinner out!

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

Senior ACYO

Senior ACYO's second monthly Bible Study and Prayer was a success! All parish members are invited to join them every month for an interesting and eye-opening Bible study lead by Der Yessai.

The next Bible Study and Prayer will be on March 21, 2019. The Seniors have been working diligently all month getting ready for Easter. They will be selling Easter baskets during the weeks before Easter, and the Easter Bunny might even make an appearance! If you are interested in joining the Senior ACYO, please email them at fresnoacyo@gmail.com

St. Paul Armenian Church Junior Boys' Basketball Team



St. Paul Armenian Church Junior Girls' Volleyball Team During Practice





Sunday School

During February, Sunday School focused on love for the Sunday School family and church. It was an honor to have Deacon Barlow Der Mugrdechian visit the assembly on February 3 as he provided a great amount of knowledge about deacons in the Armenian Church. Sunday School thanks all church deacons and clergy for their dedication, service and love for the church and our Lord Jesus Christ. Many thanks also to all participating students, parents and teachers especially Teacher Darlene Chardukian and parent Sabina Prudhume who did an amazing job on the banquet-style Fellowship!

Lent is beginning in early March so look for various activities related to each Sunday of Lent during the month. Sunday School, along with the Central Valley Churches, will be hosting the Western Diocese Christian Education Council Lenten Workshop for kids on March 10 in the Haig Berberian Hall. The three subsequent weeks following, will be filled with Lenten Enrichment Activities including Lenten Cooking, Lenten Bible Lessons, and Lenten Arts & Crafts Activities.

Following are Sunday School events for the month of March:

Sunday, March 3 - Sunday School Assembly and Church Attendance for Sermon & Communion Sunday, March 10 - Special WD-CEC Lenten Workshop for Central Valley Churches Sunday, March 17 - Assembly and Class Lessons with Lenten Enrichment Activities Sunday, March 24 - Assembly and Class Lessons with Lenten Enrichment Activities Sunday, March 31 - Assembly and Class Lessons with Lenten Enrichment Activities











K.E.F. (Keeping. Everyone. Faithful.)

The K.E.F. (Keeping. Everyone. Faithful.) Club was formed and added to the church family in 2018. Their first meeting was held this past December at Fr.Yessai and Yeretsgin Vartine's home. They welcomed committee members Robert and Christa Hancer, Jim and Jacqueline Agazarian, Shaun and Tamara Thompson, Mitch and Marine Peters, Zhor and Vartush Pogosyan, and Ari Adams to the new group. The mission of this organization is to welcome young adults and youth to the church family and encourage them to take part in church activities and services while remaining faithful to God, the church and its' principals. The goal of the K.E.F. Club is to organize a few events during the year where people can meet, socialize and support the Armenian Church.

All thirteen members (including Fr.Yessai and Yeretsgin) are excited to be a part of this group, begin planning events and inviting youth to be part of the church family. With great excitement, the group organized their first event, "K.E.F. & Kufte – Valentine's Date Night" on Saturday, February 9, in the Haig Berberian Hall. The event (which was open to all young singles and couples) was very successful with approximately 50 people in attendance. Committee members spent one-month advertising "K.E.F. & Kufte" at the local Armenian stores, posting on social media and inviting guests via calls, text messages, and e-mails. They spent Friday, February 8, plating mezza items, setting up tables and chairs and decorating the hall for the event.

The evening began with a prayer by Fr.Yessai, who then welcomed everyone, introduced the committee members and expressed his gratitude to all those in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the delicious assortment of foods which included manti, kufte, taboule, lahmajoon, basturma, soujuk, cheese, olives, hummus, and pita bread along with a no-host bar and velvet cake made by Yeretsgin Vartine. Following the mezza, Fr. Yessai introduced "TK" the "Comical MC," who made everyone smile and laugh with his funny jokes. Next, the "Enchilate Salsa Team" was welcomed on stage to perform and teach everyone salsa dance lessons. The evening concluded with cutting the Valentine's Day cake, taking group pictures, dancing, and socializing with one another.

Overall, the K.E.F. Club members were very pleased with the outcome of their first event. Everyone truly had an incredible time! The group is looking forward to organizing its' next event for the parish and young adults. For more information about K.E.F. find them on Facebook (StPaul KefClub) or Instagram (stpaul_kefclub) or send an e-mail to stpaul.kefclub@gmail.com.



Committee Members (left to right):

Zhor Pogosyan, Vartush Mesropyan, Marine Vardanyan - Peters, Mitch Peters, Fr. Yessai Bedros, Vartine Garabet, Jim Agazarian, Tamara Karakashian - Thompson, Shaun Thompson, Christa Hancer, Robert Hancer, and Ari Adams.

Missing from the picture - Jacqueline Agazarian

K.E.F. & Kufte - Valentine's Date Nite 02-09-19















Pastor and Parish Council gratefully acknowledge the following donations.

May the Lord bless you.



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Bill Bohigian
Michael Kilijian
Liz Derderian
Christine Antranikian
Rosalie Garabedian

St. Paul Parish extends its sincere sympathy

<u>February 7</u> - Yeranuhi Abgaryan survived by her sons Serezha Abgaryan and Sarkis Abgaryan; daughters Olga Abgaryan and Hilda Semirdjian; grandson Narek Abgaryan; granddaughter Odetta Abgaryan, Eliza Abgaryan, Lusine Semirdjian, Taguhi Semirdjian and Armine Semirdjian

<u>February 8</u> - Nazik Petrossian survived by her daughters Mariette Petrossian - Araya and Gretta Christa; grandchildren Melodie, Edward, Mariam, and Natalie; great-grandchildren Abby and Christian

MAY GOD REST THEIR SOULS IN PEACE



Congratulations on your



David Rasmig Zakarian

son of Adam Zakarian and Christine Kalandjian

Our next visit to the Evangel Home is on Sunday, March 24.

If you would like to join us or make a donation please feel free to contact Tracy Beberian at 559-285-4117.

Donations can include food items, canned goods, non-perishable items, and paper goods. All donations are greatly appreciated by the shelter.

St. Paul Armenian Church Sign-ups have begun! All boys & girls! Grades 6th to 12th please apply!

BASKETBALL VELLEYBALL



Contact Coach Tim Kuckenbaker, call or text 559-470-3306 or send an e-mail to tim_kbaker@yahoo.com

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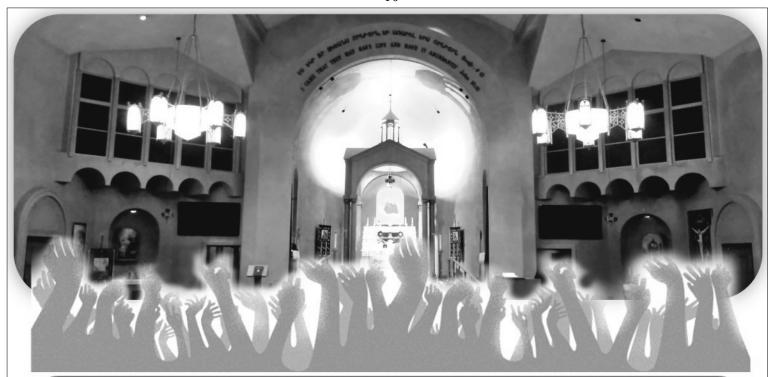
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| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Lenten Service 6pm Ladies Society | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Men's Forum Fellowship | | | Dinner Meeting 6:30pm | | | Saturday School 10am |
| 17 Senior ACYO Fellowship | 18 | 19 | 20 Lenten Service 6pm Men's Forum Dinner Meeting 6:30pm | 21 ACYO Bible Study and Prayer 7pm | 22 | 23 Saturday School 10am |
| 24 Saturday School | 25 | 26 | 27 Lenten Service | 28 | 29 | 30 Saturday School |
| Fellowship | | | 6pm | | | 10am |
| 31 Parish Council Fellowship | | | | | | |

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.



Bible Study and Prayer

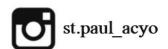
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Thursday, March 21
7:00 p.m.
St. Paul Armenian Church
Haig Berberian Hall

Հինգշաբթի, Մարտ 21 երեկոյեան ժամը 7:00 Մ. Պօղոս Հայց. եկեղեցւոյ Հայկ Պէրպէրեան Սրահին մէջ։

Hosted by St. Paul Armenian Church Senior ACYO For more information please call Marina Chardukian at 559-903-0423.







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Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. (Psalm 146.1-2)

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Apríl 14 - Following Church Services Haig Berberian Hall Hosted by St. Paul Ladies Society

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Adults - \$20 & Children 11 yrs and younger - \$10 Reservation Deadline is April 7 (Late reservations \$25 per adult)

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| Name/Last Name | Phone | | |
| Reserve | Tickets \$20 per adult (Late reservations \$25 per adult) | | |
| Reserve | Tickets \$10 per child 11 yrs and younger | | |
| M | y payment for a total of \$ is enclosed | | |
| Make checks payable to St. Paul Ladies Society | | | |
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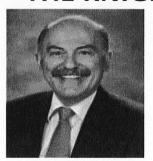
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Entertainment

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Tickets are \$65.00 each or \$650.00 for a table of 10.

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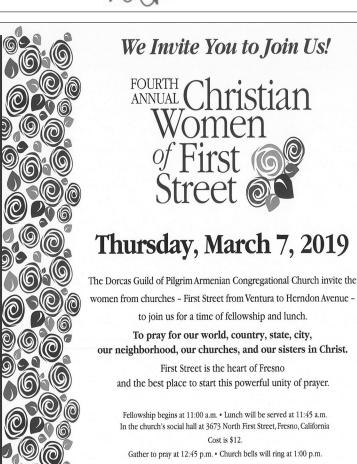
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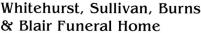
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