

Saint Paul Puzzle Pieces

Galatians 5:22 "but the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness."



Shenora Adishian, a lovely piece of our Parish Puzzle, exemplifies these attributes in a beautiful way. She was born in Salem, Oregon in 1931 and raised in Tacoma, Washington. Family time was always important to Shenora and her two siblings as they grew up. As you might imagine, Tacoma did not have a huge Armenian population. Consequently, her family was thrilled when they met another young Armenian family in the Tacoma area. The two families became inseparable, enjoying culture, food and each other.

Shenora started Whittier College in 1949 and graduated with her degree and credential to teach kindergarten and the primary grades. While finishing college, she made a fateful trip to Fresno to visit her cousin for the Memorial Day holiday. The ladies decided to enjoy an evening out and go dancing at the Rainbow Ballroom. While dancing, Shenora met a very handsome young man named George Adishian. George, a Fresno native, recognized the sweet spirit of Shenora and her kind heart. Once she went home to Tacoma, they stayed in touch by writing letters. The two fell in love and chose the month of February, in 1954, to be married in the new St. Paul Armenian Church at Merced and N Streets.

Shenora and George began their lives together in Fresno, and she accepted a position teaching at Carver School on the westside in 1954. After two years of teaching, George and Shenora welcomed the blessing of their first child, Mardelle. Arthur and Deborah followed, and she devoted her days to raising her three children. Once her children were older, Shenora turned back to teaching. She taught 2nd grade at Alice Burney School, kindergarten at Armenian Community School for 10 years, and also did substitute teaching for the Fresno Unified School District. She fondly credits the time she taught at the Armenian School with increasing her knowledge and love for speaking Armenian.



Throughout the years, Shenora has been part of many activities in and outside of our church. She has taught Sunday School as well as Christian Education at Charlie Keyan Armenian School. She continues to be a member of the Ladies Society and is always willing to share an uplifting devotion or prayer. She has been part of the Evangel Home committee for many years, sharing her time and her faith with the ladies of the home. Shenora loves reading the Bible, and learning all she can about the God we serve. She attended Bible Study Fellowship for ten years, which she greatly enjoyed.

Shenora loves to share scripture, and talk about the wonders of God. If you have had the sweet opportunity to visit with her, everyone you will agree that she does exemplify the fruits of the spirit. Shenora is loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good and faithful.

**Thank you Shenora for being an amazing piece of our
St. Paul Puzzle!**

News from our parish

In September, we began resuming some of our regular parish activities for the first time in 18 months. The month included the start of in-person Saturday School and Sunday School, Fellowship after Sunday church services, and some of our parish organizations holding activities. Please note the following upcoming events that you will not want to miss!

Friday, October 15th – Bingo and Burgers

The Ladies Society presents the annual Bingo and Burgers. Come enjoy lulu burgers and bingo at one of our largest annual parish social activities. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. with bingo to follow.

Sunday, November 14th – Pastoral Visit of Archbishop Hovnan Derderian

On November 14th, His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian will be visiting our Church and celebrating Badarak. The day will also include the ordination of acolytes, deacons, and honoring two deacons (Dn. Steve Adams and Dn. Barlow Der Mugrdechian) for their service to the Armenian Church. After Badarak, you are invited to join us for wine, cheese and mezza in the Haig Berberian Hall.

Please see more information on the above listed activities in the Dajar.

We are quickly approaching November 30, the end of our parish fiscal year. If you have not fulfilled your annual pledge, or have yet to make an annual pledge, we encourage you to do so by the end of November. Your financial support is greatly appreciated, as parishioner pledges are our largest source of annual revenue and helps us to maintain our parish operations.

Ladies Society

Fall is in the air! The Ladies Society has begun with an in-person Dinner General Meeting and the response from the ladies was positive. Thank you to the September Service Committee for a beautiful dinner! The Annual Sister Church Luncheon was a wonderful way to get together with Sisters in Christ from our entire Central Valley community! This year's Luncheon was hosted by the St. Gregory Ladies Society. They did a fantastic job, welcoming all the ladies of the community. The fellowship was special, lunch was great, and the spiritual message was inspirational. October is here and so is the Annual Burgers and Bingo event. There is limited seating so please get your reservations in early. Contact Alberta Bedoian-559-875-4458, for reservations.

Finally, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 4th, as the Ladies Society will host the Annual Christmas Luncheon, at St. Paul Hall. More information to follow!



Men's Forum

It was hoped that Men's Forum would hold its first Dinner-Meeting this month since early 2020, however, it was decided by our Executive Committee, to wait at least another month before resuming our main group function. This decision was in response to continuing health risks associated with the Delta Variant Covid Virus, especially regarding our elder members. On an encouraging note, we can announce that Men's Forum is once again, along with other church organizations, hosting Sunday Fellowships after church services. We were informed last month that Men's Forum will be hosting Fellowship on the third Sunday of each month, unless directed otherwise. We encourage our members to attend church service and also assist with Fellowship on Sunday, Oct. 17th. Although it has been several months since our last hosted Fellowship, it is presumed that our Sunday Fellowship last month, (Sept. 26th), went smoothly after a very prolonged respite.

In closing, we hope and pray that our members, their families, and all parishioners are in good health during these most challenging times, and are taking extra precautions to insure their well-being, both physically and spiritually.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School students, families and teachers had a great September start to the school year!

Here are our registered students for this year so far: (NOTE: *Always room for more so come join us!!!*)

Thanks to all 32 Registered students:

(May God protect and guide you through another great Sunday School year)

3-Pre-K Grade: (Razmik Castro, Anahit Tashchian, and Alex Zakarian)

2-K Grade: (Hovell Bedros and Anahid Castro)

1-1st Grade: (Eva Zakarian)

2-2nd Grade: (Grikor Clardy and Mkrtich Tashchian)

6-4th Grade: (Adam Bates, Hugo Garabetyan, Ani Kismetian, Mark & Arman, & Nareh Sargsyan)

2-5th Grade: (Varak Bedros and Daniella Sargsyan)

3-7th Grade: (Grace Agazarian, Gemma Hancer, & Haik Sargsyan)

4-8th Grade: (David Bates, Arek Kismetian, Lucine Sargsyan, & Mallory Topoozian)

3-9th Grade: (Keghart Bedros, Marissa Prudhume, & Ariana Sargsyan)

4-11th Grade: (Lori Agazarian, Alyssa Hancer, Lucine La Porta, & Aiden Prudhume)

2-12th Grade: (Erik Barsegian & Ani Sargsyan)

October Schedule for Sunday School:

Sunday, October 3rd, Fun Gathering starting at 10:45am to 11:00am followed by Church Attendance and Special Kids Portion Sermon from Der Hayr

Sunday, October 10th, Regular Fun Gathering with spiritual message followed by class lessons

Sunday, October 17th, Regular Fun Gathering with spiritual message followed by class lessons

Sunday, October 24th, Regular Fun Gathering with spiritual message followed by class lessons

Sunday, October 31st, Special "Dress as your Favorite Saint or Biblical Character" Morning Fun Gathering with free Donuts and Juice for kids (Parents can join and bring their coffee or tea mugs) followed by class lessons



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A Home Blessing Service

is one of the most important traditions in the Armenian Orthodox Church.

The Priest visits the home and spreads good news of Christ's birth. He conducts a meaningful religious service by saying a prayer and blessing the bread, water, and salt.

To request a traditional Home Blessing, contact the church office at 559-226-6343

You can also call the church office to schedule a hospital visitation, graveside funeral or Sunday hokehankisd.



Junior ACYO

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint - Isaiah 40:31

In the month of September, the ACYO Juniors held their first meeting of the year with the new officers. The board is as follows: Erik Barsegian as Chairman, Lucine La Porta as Vice Chairwoman, Lori Agazarian as Treasurer, Keghart Bedros as Corresponding Secretary, and Grace Agazarian as Historian. Through the summer, the Juniors had various get-togethers with each other. On September 12th, the Juniors helped out with the first day of Sunday School, where they also tried to recruit more members for ACYO. Another activity that the Juniors participated in was their first meeting of the year on the fourth Sunday of the month. The Juniors will be holding their next general meeting sometime in October, and are always accepting and encouraging new members to join! This year, the goal is to create stronger bonds with each other, and create life-long memories together.

If you have any questions or would like to join ACYO Juniors, please contact chairman Erik Barsegian at stpauljuniors@gmail.com or (559) 269-3592.

LET'S ALWAYS PRAY AND SHARE

GOD'S LOVE TOGETHER

We pray for all the parishioners who are sick and recovering from being ill.

May the Lord watch over you and strengthen you.

If you know anyone that needs a prayer, contact the church office and provide their full name.

**"For I will restore
Health to you**

and heal you of your
wounds," says the Lord.

-Jeremiah 30:17

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN-PERSON

We will like to invite all of our parishioners to attend church on Sundays and join the Divine Liturgy starting at 10 a.m. Let's come together, share our prayers, and enjoy all the Sunday services. Church is our spiritual birthplace and where we grow spiritually. The presence of the Lord shapes our heart, soul, and mind.

Keep in contact with "St. Paul Armenian Church" by liking our Facebook page (St. Paul Fresno) and subscribing to our YouTube channel (St. Paul Armenian Church).



Wedding



Christopher Darakjian and Gabriela Lion were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 4, 2021. Officiating the ceremony was Fr. Yessai Bedros. Best man for this joyous occasion was Joshua Lion, the brother of the bride and Maid of Honor was Demitria Lion, sister of the bride. We congratulate the happy couple and their parents, Krikor and Maral Darakjian and Jeffrey and Ingrid Lion.

May the Lord bless and guide the newlyweds as they start their new journey of life together.



St. Paul Parish extends its sincere sympathy

August 20, 2021—Lusin Tashchyan survived by her children Hovhannes, Makush, and Anahid; Grandchildren Marine, Aram, Lusine, Angela, Hakop, Marine, and Lusine; Brother Nersik; Sisters Nvart and Angele.

September 6, 2021—Hasmik Elchumian survived by his Nephew Henry Hovakimian.

MAY GOD REST THEIR SOULS IN PEACE



And He said to me,

*"My grace is sufficient for you,
for My strength is made perfect
in your weakness."*

~ 2 Corinthians 12:9 ~

Whoever pursues righteousness
and love

finds life, prosperity and honor.

Proverbs 21:21

St. Paul Armenian Church Ladies Society
Presents

Bingo and Burgers

Friday, October 15, 2021

Haig Berberian Hall

Come join us for food, fun and fellowship.
Cash prizes, popcorn, candy, great friends



Menu:

Lulu Burgers, Pilaf, Salad, Dessert, Coffee and Ice Tea
\$16.00

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. with Bingo to follow
Guests are most welcome!

Reservation Deadline: Friday, October 8th

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Pre-payment only. No late reservations or walk in's.

**Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are limiting the number of
attendees to 180.**

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please reserve _____ Dinners at \$16.00 each. Total \$ _____

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