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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church is the recipient of a remarkable treasure that touches the heart of Christian values. It is 60"x90" cm oil on canvas original painting based on one of the Christ's parables, the Prodigal Son, that we read in Luke 15:11-32. This painting was donated by one of our parishioners who wishes to remain anonymous, to whom we are extremely grateful.

This gift is an act of kindness.

(A picture of this beautiful artwork is this month's Voice cover page.)

This magnificent artwork is now hanging inside the sanctuary, accompanied on a plaque next to it is the third verse of the twenty-four verse prayers titled 'I Confess with Faith' --*Havatov Khosdovaneem* by Catholicos *Nerses Shenorhali* (1166 to 1173). The prayer has been considered one of the jewels of the spiritual liturgy worldwide. It has been translated from classical Armenian *Kerapar* into 36 languages. *Shenorhali* had called it 'the prayer for every individual who believes in Christ!'

The parable and the prayer echo the principles of Christ's message. It reflects on the foundation upon which cohesive and harmonious relationships are based. "It is a philosophy all by itself!" -- to reach out, to repent, to forgive, to accept and to embrace.

The artist, Aram Melkonian, captured the spirit of the parable in creating this inspiring artwork. He has masterfully placed on canvas the emotions of the regretfully kneeling son, the father witnessing the agony of his once astray younger son, yet with open arms joyfully embracing his return, and the perplexed feelings of the elder brother.

Christianity teaches the virtues of self-awareness, repentance and rebirth. The painting clearly conveys the message that Christ communicates in His parable. There is however, another, deeper and an underpinning side to the painting that also comes alive when we feel the spirituality of the artwork – a reflection of a light beaming from the background of the canvas -- from the father on to the son! The artist had tactfully intertwined in his composition the 'Light of Life', to whom the prodigal son is returning – from wasteful lifestyle to a life of righteousness, leaving the sinful life behind.

Մեծ Պահք - Աստուծոյ Դառնալու Առիթ

Դարեր շարունակ Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցւոյ հոգեւորականներ քարոզած ու ըսած են թէ պահքը յարմարագոյն առիթն է, որ մենք կարենանք մեր տկարութիւնները գտնել եւ անոնց համար զղջալ:

Պահք պահել չի նշանակեր միայն 40 օր կենդանական արտարդութենէ հեռու մնալ, այլ՝ կը նշանակէ համբերութեամբ տանիլ բոլոր դժուարին պարագաները եւ փորձել անոնցմէ դուրս գալ առանց մեղանչելու: Նաեւ, պահեցողութեան այս շրջանը յարմարագոյն առիթն է մեր անձերուն նկատմամբ անկեղծ ըլլալու համար: Այլ խօսքով, մեր անձերը քննելու եւ տեսնելու թէ արդեօք նոյն հաւատքին մէջ ենք եւ թէ կը զգանք Քրիստոսի ներկայութիւնը մեր կեանքէն ներս (Բ. Կոր. 13.5):

Մեր անձերուն նկատմամբ անկեղծ ըլլալը դժուար բան է, որովհետեւ մենք զմեզ ատելի դիւրին կը խաբենք, մանաւնդ երբ ուզենք մեր «Ես»-ը գոհացնել: Սակայն երբ մեր անձերուն նկատմամբ ըլլանք անկեղծ, մենք մեր հաճոյքները մէկ կողմ դնելով կը սկսինք փնտռել այն բաները, որոնց կարիքը ունին մեր հոգին ու խիղճը: Այլ խօսքով, մենք մեր անձերը հեռու կը պահենք մեղանչումէ եւ կը մօտենանք Աստուծոյ, զգալու եւ վայելելու համար Իր օրհնութիւնները:

Այս 40 օրերու ընթացքին նաեւ ի մտի ունենանք թէ պէտք է Աստուծոյ մօտենալ, որովհետեւ Աստուած մեզ իր արդարութեամբ պիտի չդատէ, այլ իր գթութեամբ պիտի ներէ: Սակայն որպէսզի իր գութին արժանանանք, պէտք է իր կանչը լսենք, իրեն հետեւինք եւ իր մօտ երթանք. ապա թէ ոչ ան մեզ պիտի դատէ, եթէ մեզի տրուած առիթը չի գիտնանք օգտագործել:

Ուստի սիրելի հաւատացեալներ, եկէք այս պահեցողութեան ընթացքին ընդառաջենք Աստուածային կանչին, մեր անձերուն հետ անկեղծ ըլլանք եւ քաջաբար ընդունինք մեր մեղքերը զանոնք սրբագրելու համար, որպէսզի յարութեան տօնին մենք ալ Քրիստոսի հետ կարենանք յարութիւն առնել եւ որպէս նոր անձեր փառաւորել եւ օրհներգել Ամենակալ Աստուծոյ անունը: Ամէն:

Great Lent - Time to Return to God.

For ages, the priests of the Armenian Apostolic Church have always said that the Great Lent is the time period, in which we should find our weaknesses and repent for them.

Fasting during lent, does not only mean to stop from consuming animal products for 40 days, but it also means to endeavor during every situation to stay away from committing sins, especially during desperate times. In addition, Lenten time is the greatest time to be honest with ourselves. In other words, it is the time to examine ourselves to see where we are in our faith and to realize if we feel the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives (2 Cor 13.5).

Being honest with ourselves is one of the most difficult things we can do in our lives, because it is easier to fool ourselves about the things that we want. However, by being honest with ourselves, we should put our needs aside and do the will of our soul and conscience. Being honest to ourselves also means to keep distance between ourselves and sin and come closer to God, to embrace his presence and cherish His blessings.

During the 40 days, we must remember to return to God, who will not judge us with His righteousness but will forgive us with His mercy. However, we must return to Him in order to have His mercy. We also must remember that God gives us a new chance every day and waits for our return. However, if we ignore His invitation and deny His call, God will judge us on the judgment day and the second coming.

Thereby beloved faithful, let us be honest with ourselves and listen to our soul and conscience so we can find God in ourselves and grow our faith in Him, and by doing so we could be able to revive the hope in ourselves and spread the love that God grants us and hence establish the Kingdom of God in ourselves and be resurrected as new beings enlightened by the grace of God.

Get Well Soon!

The Pastor and the Board of Trustees wish to express to all church members who are ill and not feeling well, (listed or not listed below) a speedy recovery.

Albert Abrahamian
Haroutyoun Kalinian
Alice Michigian
Flora Tanielian

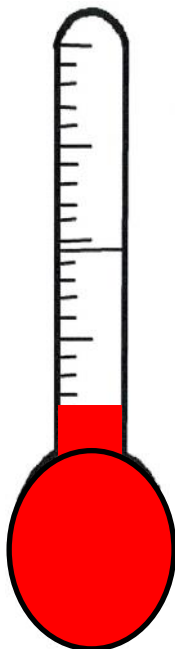
Dear parishioners,

We are so happy to be open. The happiness displayed on the faces of our Sunday school students when they returned to class was priceless. Aid organizations will start meeting, and soon we will be back to normal operations.

The Mayor's faith-based advisory board met this week and I can say that Mayor Dyer has a vision for Fresno and is looking for community help to achieve his goals. Operation "Off Ramp" has already removed the homeless from the 41 freeway. He also has "Beautify Fresno" in which volunteers meet on Saturday mornings from 10:00-12:00. His other goal is to rebuild downtown Fresno. We will be informing our congregation on needs and opportunities to serve our city and how you can get involved.

Our annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2021. If you are a paid member and would like to run for the board, please contact the church office.

Remember to bring your children to Sunday school, attend church and try to live a holy life during lent.



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If you can, please donate towards our remodel project. Thank you.

FUNERAL SERVICES



Funeral services were held for **BARBARA SARAFIAN** on Saturday, February 6, 2021. Interment was at Ararat Armenian Cemetery. Our sincere condolences to her daughters Pam Cassidy and Jackie Sarafian, her grandchildren Thomas McLean and his fiancé Megan Casey, Stephanie Cassidy and her husband Erik Boster.

Graveside services were held for **LUCY MIRIGIAN** on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Interment was at Ararat Armenian Cemetery. Our sincere condolences to her daughter Sonia and her husband, Hagop, her son Garo and his wife, Aida, grand-children Melina (and her husband Carlo Manjikian), and Lara (and her husband Armen Titizian), two great grand children (Joey and Bella Titizian), and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friend .



CONDOLENCES



We extend our sincere condolences to Hagop & Maral Kalajian and their family on the passing of Maral's brother, **AVO KULLUKIAN**, who passed away in Phoenix Arizona.

Armenian-American Musician and Entertainer, **GUY CHOOKOORIAN**, passed away on January 31, 2021, at the age of 97. Our sincere condolences to his wife Louise Paul Chookoorian, son Arshag and wife Sona Chookoorian, daughter Araxie and husband Michael Marderosian, and grandchildren Ani, Armen and Ara.



Kevork Ohannessian. born on November 20, 1933, in Beirut, Lebanon to Yetvart and Hayganoush Ohannessian, survivors of the Armenian Genocide, passed away on February 6, 2021. Our sincere condolences to his children Angele Ohannessian, Hygo Ohannessian, Astghik Ajamian, Yerevan and wife Ruzanna Ohannessian, Dikran Ohannessian, and Satenig and husband Richard Sanikian, his grandchildren Kayaneh Ajamian, Armen Ajamian, Sophia Ohannessian,

Aren Sanikian, Angele Ohannessian, Carter Ohannessian, Armani Sanikian, and Stephan Ohannessian.

May God bless their souls!

“Three times a day he got down and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.” Daniel 6:10

Christian Music Video of the Week – “Good God Almighty” by for Crowder
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCpVJ4hUO6s>

Most people know the story of Daniel and the lion’s den – how God delivered him from the evil plans of King’s administrators. Daniel was sentenced to death simply because he stayed true to his commitment to pray to God three times a day. The Life Application Study Bible explains Daniel’s decision to keep praying, “Although he knew about the law against praying to anyone except the king, he continued to pray three times a day as he always had. Daniel had a disciplined prayer life. Our prayers are usually interrupted not by threats, but simply by the pressure of our schedules. Don’t let threats or pressures cut into prayer time. Pray regularly, no matter what, for prayer is your lifeline to God.”

In David Crowder’s new song “Good God Almighty,” the bridge lyrics are:

Praise Him in the morning
Praise Him in the noon time
Praise Him when the Sun goes down

Love Him in the morning
Love Him in the noon time
Love Him when the Sun goes down

Good God Almighty
I hope You’ll find me
Praising Your Name not matter what comes

The two takeaways are: 1) if you truly are a follower of Christ, you will continue to share the gospel with others, praising His name, and 2) it is so important to have a disciplined prayer life. The simple step, praying three times a day, is life changing. In my experience, it is easy to remember to do it first thing in the morning and right before you sleep. The trick is figuring out how to stay consistent with the mid-day prayer, as we all deal with the daily distractions of life. So practical application for this week, set your phone to give you an automatic reminder to pray each day in the afternoon. Perhaps, as we have begun the season of lent, this can be a great habit to add to our daily routines.

Have a blessed month!

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Պաշտոն պիտի կատարուի.....

Մաս 14

ՊԱՐՊԱՐԱ ՍԱՐԱՑԵԱՆԻ, մահուան ֆառասունֆին առիթով, խնդրանոք դուստրերուն ձեզի Սարաֆեանի եւ Փամ Գէսիտիի, թոռներուն Թումաս Մըզիլնի եւ Սթեֆընի Գասիտիի: *Այս առիթով ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

ՆԻՇ Տ. ՄԻՔԵԼԵԱՆԻ 13-րդ տարելիցին առիթով, ինչպէս նաեւ **հոր՝ ՃԱՆ Տ. ՄԻՔԵԼԵԱՆԻ**, մօր՝ **ՄԱՐԹԱ Տ. ՄԻՔԵԼԵԱՆԻ** եւ եղբայրներուն՝ **ԶԱՐԼՋ ՆԻ ԿԻԼՊԸՐԹ ՄԻՔԵԼԵԱՆՆԵՐՈՒ** հոգիներուն համար, խնդրանոք՝ Նիշի տիկնոջ՝ Հէլէն Միֆէլեանի, գաւակներուն՝ Ճան Տ. Միֆէլեանի եւ Նէնսի Տ. Միֆէլեանի, եւ թոռներուն՝ Տեգտէմոնայի, Մարթայի եւ Ալեգէնտըրի: *Այս առիթով ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

ՎԸՐՃԻՆՅԱ ԹՈՐՕՅԵԱՆԻ 9-ՐԴ ՏԱՐԵԼԻՑԻՆ ԱՌԻԹՈՎ, խնդրանոք՝ Կրէկ եւ Ճօյս Կրիյալուներու, Մայրըլ եւ Կէլլ Կարապետեաններու, եւ թոռնիկին՝ Էնտրու Էսկերայի:

Մաս 21

ՀԱՄԲՈ ՊԷՋԸՐԿԵՆԵԱՆ մահուան ֆառասունֆին առիթով, խնդրանոք տիկնոջ Շաֆէ Պեզըրկէնեանի, գաւակներուն Արծիւ եւ Բաֆֆի Պեզըրկէնեաններու եւ իրենց ընտանիքներուն: *Այս առիթով ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

ՍԱՐԳԻՍ ՓԱՆՈՍԵԱՆԻ մահուան երկրորդ տարելիցին առիթով, խնդրանոք տիկնոջ՝ Նարդուհի Փանոսեանի, դուստրին Սեւան եւ ամուսնոյն Խաչիկ Հաւաթեաններու, իրենց գաւակներուն, Լորի եւ ամուսնոյն Սաֆօ Պէրպէրեաններու եւ Բաֆֆի Հաւաթեանի, գաւակին Տէր եւ Տիկ. Վահան Փանոսեանի, նաեւ թոռներուն Սարին եւ Սաֆօ Փանոսեաններու: *Այս առիթով ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*



May God bless their souls!

HOKEHANKIST

will be said for.....

March 14

BARBARA SARAFIAN, on the 40th day of her passing, requested by her daughters Jackie Sarafian and Pam Cassidy, grandchildren Thomas McLean and Stephanie Cassidy. *Altar flowers are donated in her memory.*

NISH D. MICKALIAN on the 13th Year of his passing, and for his father, **JOHN D. MICKALIAN**, his mother **MARTHA D. MICKALIAN**, and his brothers **CHARLES AND GILBERT D. MICKALIAN**, requested by Nish's wife Helen Mickalian, son John D. Mickalian, daughter Nancy D. Mickalian, and grandchildren Desdamona, Martha, and Alexander. *Altar flowers are donated in their memory.*

VIRGINIA TOROIAN on the 9th year of her passing, requested by Greg & Joyce Grialou, Michael & Gail Garabedian, and Grandson Andrew Esguerra.

March 21

HAMPO BAZERKANIAN, on the 40th day of his passing, requested by his wife Shake Bazerkanian, sons Ardziv and Raffi Bazerkanian and their Families. *Altar flowers are donated in his memory.*

SARKIS PANOSSIAN on the 2nd year of his passing, requested by his wife Nartouhye Panossian, daughter Sevan and husband Khatchig Havatian, their children Lori and husband Sako Barbarian, Raffi Havatian, Mr. & Mrs. Vahan Panossian, grandchildren Sareen and Sako Panossian. *Altar flowers are donated in his memory.*

Արեւագալի եւ Հսկումի Արարողութիւններ

Մեծ պահեց շրջանին Արեւագալի արարողութիւնները տեղի պիտի ունենան ամէն Զորեհշաբթի, առաւօտեան ժամը 10-ին, իսկ Հսկումի արարողութիւնները՝ Ուրբաթ, երեկոյեան ժամը 7-ին:

Sunrise and Vigil Services

During the weeks of the Great Lent, Sunrise Services will be held every Wednesday, at 10:00 am and Vigil Services every Friday, at 7:00 p.m.

As cases of COVID-19 continue to drop and more people become vaccinated, we are excited to begin to gather together again. We recently rolled nearly 2,000 Yalanchi. Way to go ladies! Some of which was used for the recent Men's Society drive-thru kebob lunch and dinner event.

If you are interested in purchasing Yalanchi, we are selling them for \$10 a dozen. We are also taking Easter season orders for Cheese Boreg (\$25 for 2 dozen) and Choreg (\$12 for a dozen). You can contact **Mary Belemjian** to purchase or learn more. She can be reached by calling 559-284-9255 or emailing marybelemjian@yahoo.com

Orders must be in by March 22nd. That is also the deadline to place orders for our Kufta Dinner, taking place Friday, March 26th. You can pick-up meals from 4pm-6pm. They are \$15 each and include: 2 kufta, string beans, jajukh, tourshi, dessert and a roll. Contact **Mary Belemjian** for Kufta Dinner orders as well.

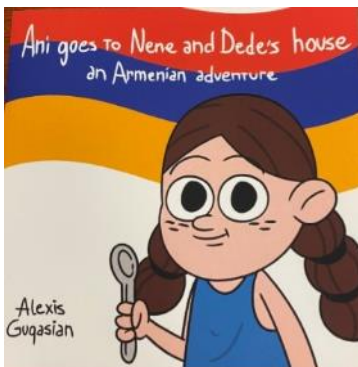
In order to prep all the foods for the March 26th fundraiser, we'll need lots of helping hands. The morning of Saturday March 20th, we'll be working away in the church kitchen. We'd love for you to help!

Our Ladies' Guild Monthly Meetings are once again taking place in person the first Tuesday of each month. The March Luncheon Meeting will be a Lenten meal with a St. Patrick's Day theme.

As always, in April we'll switch to evening meetings for the summer months.

A reminder dues are also due. \$25.

Have a fantastic March and we hope to see you all soon.



For Sale

Ladies' Guild has limited supply of the book *Ani goes to Nene and Dede's house* for only \$10.00. To get one, **Call 559-486-1141**



Burned Biscuits

When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits." Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides – a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!" Life is full of imperfect things... and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults – and choosing to celebrate each other's differences – is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker! We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship! Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.

"Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket – keep it in your own." So, please pass me a biscuit. And, yes, the burnt one will do just fine!





For more than 100 years, the Bedoian family has called Sanger home. Their roots run deep in the soil and community.

“They were on this property,” Jack Bedoian proudly said, referring to his parents, grandparents and extended family, while sitting around the kitchen table inside his brother, Steve’s home.

Two houses sit on 20 acres of farmland on DeWolf between Jensen and North Avenues. Richard Bedoian lives in one of them. Steve and his wife Denise Bedoian live in the other.

In 1937, their parents, George and Ruth were married on the property. Jack was born the following year. Seven years later Richard was born and seven years after that Steve came along.

“It was the best,” Steve says about growing up in the country. “I remember when I was little, people would come over and sit outside. My mom would have a spread and my dad would make the coffee.”



All three of the Bedoian boys graduated from Sanger High School. Jack was the school baseball manager. Richard was a member of the basketball, baseball and cross country teams. Steve thrived in Future Farmers of America. He still has the plaque from when he was ranked number one in FFA for the Fresno/Madera region.

“I had 1,000 rabbits at one time,” Steve said, of one of his FFA projects. “I would sell them to Hanoian’s Market. I did the processing and everything.”

Hard work was the norm. Jack, Richard and Steve spent their free time doing chores, pruning vines, tying vines and working in the family’s vegetable garden.

“It seems like we were always working on the ranch,” Jack says.

On Sundays the family would dress up and head to town to attend church at Holy Trinity. Ruth Bedoian was a Shamshoian. Her family was very active in the church. She was a founding member of the Trinity Guild. Her mother Mary was a charter member of the Ladies’ Aid and her daughter-in-law Mini started the church’s Sunday School program. “I went to Sunday School

when there were only five people,” Jack said with a laugh.

Steve played on the church softball team and Richard managed it. “We were pretty good,” Richard says with pride.



Tribute to the Bedoian Family, *Continued*



After high school Jack and Steve entered the Air National Guard. Jack married, had two daughters and worked for many decades in the cabinet business. He owned Mid-State Showcase and did a lot of commercial work for schools and hospitals.

Steve graduated from Reedley College and spent 38 years working for the USDA. He married Denise in 1977, they met at a baseball game. “He was in the batter’s box,” Denise recalls. “He looked at me and I smiled. I had to chase him a bit. He was bashful.”

The couple married at Holy Trinity. Their three children were raised in the church and Steve and Denise taught Sunday School.

They make quite the team. Steve went to Clown College and spent 20 years performing as a clown at church events and parties around town. Denise was his assistant. Helping with face-painting and crowd control.



Richard is a Fresno State graduate. He followed his mother’s family into the retail business, transforming the “Shams Men’s Wear” location in Reedley to “Richard’s Clothing.” He spent 30 years fitting shoppers with Levi’s and cowboy boots.

“I got to know a lot of different people,” he says. “But in the end I couldn’t compete against the Target’s and Walmart’s.”

Richard’s Clothing closed in 2002, giving him more time to devote to his beloved church, where he’s worn many hats. “I was the youngest Men’s Society

President in the 1970s,” Richard says, of the organization his dad helped found. “I started barbequing with my dad when I was a teenager.”

Richard has been President at least 10 separate times. He’s chaired the church bazaar and picnic and spent 20 years on the Board of Trustees. He’s always received plenty of help from family. “We are always involved because we’re helping him,” Jack says. “We’re followers.”

Jack married his wife Alberta in 1986. They’re often the first faces you see when you arrive at a picnic or bazaar. “We collect the money,” Alberta said, with a chuckle. They’re also key members of the church catering team. All the Bedoians help with weddings and other large scale events and fundraisers.

“The weddings are a lot of fun,” Denise says. “I enjoy it.” The Bedoians help cook, set-up and clean-up. “It’s a lot of work, but it is fun,” Alberta says. “We are all there for one another.”



Tribute to the Bedoian Family, *Continued*



Tarjian Bedoian has also been a fixture in the Holy Trinity kitchen over the years. The 90-year-old, is Jack, Richard and Steve's cousin. He also grew up in Sanger. On 7th Street, where Sanger City Hall sits today. His parents, Krikor and Mary, were born in the Old Country and owned a grocery store across the street from their house.

"Sanger was simple and small," Tarjian recalls. "I didn't speak a word of English when I started school." After graduating from Sanger High School, Tarjian joined the Navy.

The Korean War was going on. He spent time in the Philippines and Korea.

After the war, he started a wholesale business with his brother Bagdasar. They called it Tar-Bar, by combining their names. They sold health and beauty aids to mom-and-pop grocery stores and bigger things like harvest equipment.

"It was like old-time peddlers," Tarjian says.

His brother passed away in 2015, doing what he loved, serving the church. "We were shishing kebobs for a wedding," Tarjian said of his brother's sudden death. "And then he was just gone."

Tarjian still lives in Sanger. He spends a lot of time working on projects at his shop outside his house. Like Jack, Richard and Steve, he's also a member of two local Armenian Men's Clubs. The Tiger's Club and the Fresno Chapter of the



Triple X Fraternity.

Jack has been a Triple X Member for 64 years. He and Steve are both Past Grand Masters, meaning they've led the organization, which has chapters throughout California and Las Vegas.

The Bedoians volunteerism stems from the values taught by those that came before them. "The older generations are always worried about who will take over, Steve says. "But there's always

someone that does."

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1. Կողոսացիս 2:8-3:4
2. Եբրայեցիս 11:1-31
3. Ելից 2:23-3:15; Յովելեայ 2:21-32
4. Եսայեայ 45:17-26; Եփեսացիս 3:14-4:13
5. Երկրորդ Օրինաց 8:11-9:10; Յոբայ 12:1-13:6; Եսայեայ 42:1-8
6. Սըրբոյն Յովհաննու Երուսաղեմայ հայրապետին, եւ սրբոց հայրապետացն մերոց՝ Յովհաննու Օճնեցւոյն, Յովհաննու Որոտնեցւոյն, եւ Գրիգորի Տաթեւացւոյն:
Առակաց 20:6-22; Երեմեայ 4:21-24; Բ. Կորնթացիս 4:1-11;
Յովհաննու 9:39-10:10
7. **Գ. Քառասնորդաց: Տընտեսին**
Եսայեայ 56:1-57:21; Եփեսացիս 4:17-5:14; Ղուկասու 16:1-31
8. Երեմեայ 32:19-44
9. Յոբայ 38:2-40:5
10. Միջինք
Ելից 3:16-22; Յովելեայ 3:1-8
11. Ա. Կորնթացիս 8:5-9:23
12. Երկրորդ Օրինաց 9:11-23; Յոբայ 16:1-17:16; Եսայեայ 43:22-44:8
13. Սրբոց Մանկանցն Քառասնից որք ի՝ Սեբաստիա կատարեցան:
Իմաստութեան 3:1-8; Նաւումայ 2:1-4; Եսայեայ 43:1-3; Եփեսացիս 6:10-18;
Մատթէոսի 13:43-52
14. **Գատաւորին**
Եսայեայ 65:8-25; Փիլիպպեցիս 3:1-4:9; Ղուկասու 17:20-18:14
15. Եբրայեցիս 1:1-14
16. Եսայեայ 7:10:5-10
17. Ելից 4:1-21; Յովելեայ 3:9-21
18. Եսայեայ 53:1-54:5; Ա. Կորնթացիս 15:1-28
19. Երկրորդ Օրինաց 10:1-15; Յոբայ 19:1-29; Եսայեայ 45:1-13
20. Տօն է Սըրբոյն Գրիգորի Լուսաւորչին Մերոյ Սոսկալի Չարչարանայն
եւ Մտանելոյն ՚ի Վիրապն:
Իմաստութեան 1:15-2:22; Միքիայ 7:7-10; Փիլիպպեցիս 1:12-21;
Մատթէոսի 16:24-28
21. **Գալքստեան:**
Եսայեայ 66:1-24; Կողոսացիս 2:8-3:17; Մատթէոսի 22:34-23:39
22. Դանիէլի 7:2-27; Ա. Կորնթացիս 12:1-7
23. Ա. Կորնթացիս 12:8-27
24. Ելից 4:21-5:3; Զաւարեայ 9:9-16
25. Եգեկիէլի 37:1-14; Ա. Տիմոթէոս 3:14-16
26. Երկրորդ Օրինաց 11:10-25; Յոբայ 21:1-34; Եսայեայ 46:3-47:4

DAILY BIBLE READING

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1. Colossians 2:8-3:4
2. Hebrews 11:1-31
3. Exodus 2:23-3:15; Joel 2:21-32
4. Isaiah 45:17-26; Ephesians 3:14-4:13
5. Deuteronomy 8:11-9:10; Job 12:1-13:6; Isaiah 42:1-8
6. Sts. John of Jerusalem, and our Holy Fathers John of Otsoon (Hovnan Otsnetsi), John of Vorodan (Hovnan Vorodnetsi), and Gregory of Datev (Krikor Datevatsi)
Proverbs 20:6-22; Jeremiah 4:21-24; 2 Corinthians 4:1-11; John 9:39-10:10
7. ***Fourth Sunday of Great Lent—The Steward***
Isaiah 56:1-57:21; Ephesians 4:17-5:14; Luke 16:1-31
8. Jeremiah 32:19-44
9. Job 38:2-40:5
10. Median Day of Great Lent
Exodus 3:16-22; Joel 3:1-8
11. 1 Corinthians 8:5-9:23
12. Deuteronomy 9:11-23; Job 16:1-17:16; Isaiah 43:22-44:8
13. Forty Martyrs of Sebastia (Karasoon Manoog)
Wisdom 3:1-8; Nahum 2:1-4; Isaiah 43:1-3; Ephesians 6:10-18;
Matthew 13:43-52
14. ***Fifth Sunday of Great Lent—The Judge***
Isaiah 65:8-25; Philippians 3:1-4:9; Luke 17:20-18:14
15. Hebrews 1:1-14
16. Isaiah 7:10:5-10
17. Exodus 4:1-21; Joel 3:9-21
18. Isaiah 53:1-54:5; 1 Corinthians 15:1-28
19. Deuteronomy 10:1-15; Job 19:1-29; Isaiah 45:1-13
20. St. Gregory the Illuminator—His Passion and Descent into the Pit
Wisdom 1:15-2:22; Micah 7:7-10; Philippians 1:12-21; Matthew 16:24-28
21. ***Sixth Sunday of Great Lent—Advent***
Isaiah 66:1-24; Colossians 2:8-3:17; Matthew 22:34-23:39
22. Daniel 7:2-27; 1 Corinthians 12:1-7
23. Corinthians 12:8-27
24. Exodus 4:21-5:3; Zechariah 9:9-16
25. Ezekiel 37:1-14; 1 Timothy 3:14-16
26. Deuteronomy 11:10-25; Job 21:1-34; Isaiah 46:3-47:4
27. Remembrance of Christ's Raising Lazarus
Proverbs 14:27-35; 1 Thessalonians 4:12-17; John 11:55-12:11

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27. Յիշատակ է Յարութեանն Ղազարու:
Առակաց 14:27-35; Ա. Թեսաղոնիկեցիս 4:12-17; Յովհաննու 11:55-12:11
28. *Ծաղկագարդ*
Երգ Երգոց 1:1-2:3; Զափարեայ 9:9-15; Փիլիպպեցիս 4:4-7;
Մատթեոսի 20:29-21:17
29. Աւագ Երկուշաբաթ:
Առաւօտ: Մատթեոսի 21:18-22:14
Երեկոյան: Ծննդոց 1:1-3:24; Առակաց 1:1-9; Եսայեայ 40:1-8;
Մատթեոսի 20:17-28
30. Աւագ Երեքշաբաթ:
Առաւօտ: Մարկոսի 12:13-44
Երեկոյան: Ծննդոց 6:9-9:17; Առակաց 9:1-10:6; Եսայեայ 40:9-17;
Մատթեոսի 24:1-26:2
31. Աւագ Չորեքշաբաթ:
Առաւօտ: Մարկոսի 14:1-11
Երեկոյան: Ծննդոց 18:1-19:30; Առակաց 1:10-19; Զափարեայ 11:11-14;
Մատթեոսի 26:3-16

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28. *Palm Sunday—Christ's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem*
Song of Songs 1:1-2:3; Zechariah 9:9-15; Philippians 4:4-7;
Matthew 20:29-21:17
29. Great Monday
Morning: Matthew 21:18-22:14
Evening: Genesis 1:1-3:24; Proverbs 1:1-9; Isaiah 40:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28
30. Great Tuesday
Morning: Mark 12:13-44
Evening: Genesis 6:9-9:17; Proverbs 9:1-10:6; Isaiah 40:9-17;
Matthew 24:1-26:2
31. Great Wednesday
Morning: Mark 14:1-11
Evening: Genesis 18:1-19:30; Proverbs 1:10-19; Zechariah 11:11-14;
Matthew 26:3-16

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