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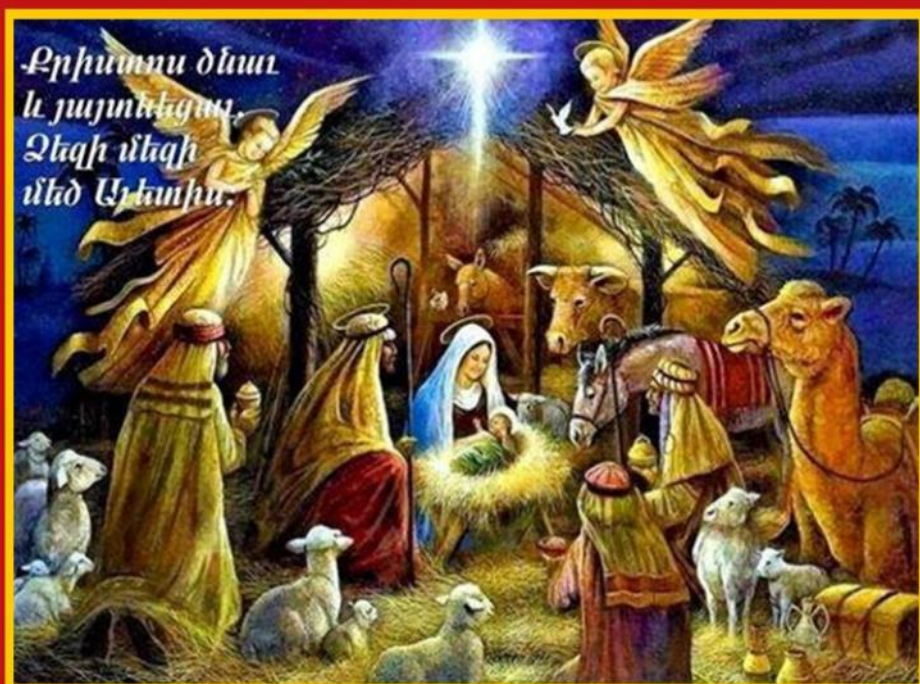
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**CALENDAR FOR
ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS (THEOPHANY)**

**ՏՕՆ Ա. ԾՆՆՂԵԱՆ ԵՒ
ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱՅԱՅՏՆՈՒԹԵԱՆ
ՏԵԱՌՆ ՄԵՐՈՅ ՅԻՍՈՒՄԻ ՔՐԻՍՏՈՍԻ**

**ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS EVE
ՃՐԱԳԱԼՈՅՑ Ա. ԾՆՆՂԵԱՆ**

Thursday, January 5, 2023

Evening Hour Service/Երեկոյեան Ժամերգութիւն4:00 PM
Reading of the Holy Scriptures/Ս. Գրոց Ընթերցում4:30 PM
Christmas Eve Holy Badarak/Ճրագալոյցի Ս. Պատարագ...5:00 PM

**ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS DAY
Ա. ԾՆՈՒՆՂ ԵՒ ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱՅԱՅՏՆՈՒԹԻՒՆ**

Friday, January 6, 2023

Morning Hour Service/Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն9:00 A.M
Holy Badarak/Ս. Ծննդեան Պատարագ10:00 A.M
Confession and Holy Communion
Հաւարակեան Խոստովանանք եւ Հաղորդութիւն.....11:30 A.M
Blessing of Water/Ջրօրհնէք.....12:00 P.M

Godfather of the Cross / Ս. Խաչի Կնքահայր՝

Benjamin Keledjian / Պէնճըւրն Քէլէճեան

Krisdos dznay yev haydnetsav

**Christ has been born and revealed
Orhnyal eh Haydnootyoonn Krisdosi
Blessed is the Revelation of Christ**

*All those who wish to have their homes blessed,
please call the Church Priest at (559) 486-1141.*

Ա. Ծննդեան Տնօրհնէք փափաքողներէն կը խնդրուի
հեռաձայնել եկեղեցւոյ Հովիւին (559) 486-1141 թիւով:

News From The Holy See of Cilicia



December 7 – 9, 2022 were very important dates for the Diaspora. During these days, the National Delegates Meeting was held in the Catholicosate of the Holy see of Cilicia in Antelias, Lebanon. More than 100 Delegates, from Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus, U.S. (Eastern and Western Prelacies), Canada, Iran, Greece, Kuwait, Venezuela, and the U.A.E., along with all the prelates, were gathered in the Catholicosate to meet with H.H. Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia.

During these three days, the Delegates and the Prelates stressed on issues that they are facing in their respective regions. In addition, several people had presentations about different topics.

It was a privilege for us, Fresno Armenians, that our own Deacon and the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Armenia, Mr. Berj Apkarian, had a presentation about, “The Armenian Family, The Axis of the Existence of the Armenians.”



At the conclusion of the National Delegates Meeting, Vehapar Der, along with the newly-elected Central Executive Council and the Delegates, came up with new plans to reform the diaspora and strengthen the bonds of the Armenia-Artsakh-Diaspora.



Did You Know?

Why Armenians Celebrate Christmas On January 6

It is frequently asked why Armenians do not celebrate Christmas on December 25th with the rest of the world. Obviously, the exact date of Christ's birth has not been historically established nor is it recorded in the Gospels. However, historically, all Christian churches celebrated Christ's birth on January 6th until the fourth century. The feast of Christmas was not a separate church feast for the first four centuries of Christian history. It was celebrated with Epiphany in the one great feast of God's appearance on earth in the form of the human Messiah of Israel.

The Nativity began to be celebrated on the twenty-fifth of December in order to offset the pagan festival of the Invincible Sun, which occurred on that day. The Church established it quite consciously as an attempt to defeat the false religion of heathens. Christ is the True Sun of Righteousness (Mal 4:2), who is himself worshipped by all of the elements of nature.

At the time, Christians used to observe these pagan festivities. In order to put an end to this pagan practice, the church hierarchy designated December 25th as the official date of Christmas and January 6th as the feast of Epiphany. However, Armenia was not affected by this change for the simple fact that there were no such pagan practices in Armenia at the time and the fact that the Armenian Church was not a satellite of the Roman Church. Thus, remaining faithful to the traditions of their forefathers, Armenians have continued to celebrate Christmas on January 6th until this day.

"Armenian Christmas," as it is popularly called, is a culmination of celebrations of events related to Christ's Incarnation. Theophany, or Epiphany (or *Asdvadz-a-haydnootyoon* in Armenian, which means "Revelation of God"). This is the central theme of the Christmas Season in the Armenian Church. During the Armenian Christmas season, the major events celebrated are the Nativity of Christ in Bethlehem and His Baptism in the River Jordan. The day of this major feast in the Armenian Church is January 6th. A ceremony called "Blessing of Water" is conducted in the Armenian Church to commemorate Christ's Baptism.



FUNERALS



Funeral services were held for **MARY KAZANJIAN** on Monday, December 5, 2022. Interment was at Belmont Memorial Park. Our sincere condolences to her sons, Larry and Gary Kazanjian and her extended family and friends.

On Thursday, December 8, 2022, Graveside services were held for **GRACE KAZARIAN** at Belmont Memorial Park. Our sincere condolences to her nephews, Aaron, Gregory and Kenneth Kazarian, and her extended family and friends.



May God bless their souls.

SYMPATHIES

JOHN TORNACI passed away on Monday, November 21, 2022. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Lucille, son Charlie and wife Katherine Tornaci, Massis Garabedian, Rafi and wife Erika Garabedian, Lori and husband Mano Minassian, and their children.

EDWARD KAYE passed away on Thursday, November 24, 2022. Our sincere condolences to the Kaye, Soares, Harr, Kilijian, Nelsen, Simsarian, and Azdigian families, along with their extended family and friends.



HOKEHANKIST
will be said for

January 1:

THOMAS HAGOPIAN, on the first year of his passing, requested by his wife Carol Hagopian.

January 8

SARA TORNACI, on the 40th day of her passing, and **JOHN TORNACI**, on the 40th day of his passing, requested by John's wife, Lucille Tornaci, son Charlie and wife Katherine Tornaci, Massis Garabedian, children Rafi and wife Erika Garabedian, Lori and husband Mano Minassian, and their children. *Altar flowers are donated in their memory.*

OHAN VAHE OHAN on the 2nd year of his passing, requested by his wife Madlin Ohan, sons Yirjanik & wife Molly Ohanian, George & wife Heidi Ohan, John and wife Alicia Ohan, grandchildren Vahae, Hovig, Lucine, Destiny, Serenity, Madlin, Johno, Fahima and Farrah, and his brother Mekrdij and wife Zepur Ohan and their children Garbis, Avedis, Ida Ohan and their families. *Altar flowers are donated in his memory.*

LUCILLE GAHVEJIAN on the 3rd year of her passing and **JACK GAHVEJIAN** on the 6th year of his passing, requested by their daughters Jackie Hollingsworth, Leslee Minas, Lisa Moody, and their families. *Altar flowers are donated in their memory.*

HOVSEP MANOUKIAN on the 14th year of his passing, requested by his wife Angel Manoukian, his children Avo & Eliz Manoukian, Maral Manoukian, Garo Manoukian, grandchildren Hovsep, Angelica, and Alex, as well as Sarkis & Satik Adjinian, Hagop & Vardine Adjinian. *Altar flowers are donated in his memory.*

ANNE KEVORKIAN on the 16th year of her passing and **BOB KEVORKIAN** on the 8th year of his passing, requested by their daughters Barbara Mortanian, Kathryn Kevorkian Stockdale, Kooky Avedisian and their families. *Altar flowers are donated in their memory.*

January 15:

JACK SARAFIAN AND HIS SON-IN-LAW, JIM CASSIDY, on the 3rd year of their passing, and **BARBARA SARAFIAN** on the 2nd year of her passing, requested by Jackie Sarafian, Pam Cassidy and grandchildren: Thomas McLean and Stephanie Cassidy. *Altar flowers are donated in their memory.*

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Պաշտօն պիտի կատարուի.....

Յունուար 1:

ԹԱՍԸՍ ՅԱԿՈԲԵԱՆԻ, մահուան առաջին տարելիցին առիթով, խնդրանք՝ տիկնոջ՝ Քերըլ Յակոբեանի:

Յունուար 8:

ՍԱՐԱ ԹՈՌՆԱՍԻԻ մահուան քառասունքին առիթով եւ **ՃԱՆ ԹՈՌՆԱՍԻԻ** մահուան քառասունքին առիթով, խնդրանք Ճանին՝ տիկնոջ Լուսիլ Թորնասիի, գալկին Չարլի եւ տիկնոջ Քաթրին Թորնասիներու, Մասիս Կարապետեանի, Բաֆֆի եւ տիկնոջ Էրըքա Կարապետեաններու, Լորի եւ ամուսնոյն Մանօ Մինասեաններու եւ իրենց զաւակներուն: *Այս առիթով Ս. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

ՕՀԱՆ ՎԱՀԷ ՕՀԱՆԻ մահուան 2-րդ տարելիցին առիթով, խնդրանք տիկնոջ Սատլէն Օհանի, զաւակներուն Երջանիկ եւ տիկնոջ Մալի Օհանեաններու, Ճորճ եւ տիկնոջ Հայտի Օհաններու, Ճան եւ տիկնոջ Ալիշա Օհաններու, թոռներուն Վահէի, Յովիկի, Լուսինի, Տէտիինի, Սըրէնիդիի, Մատիինի, Ճանոյի, Ֆահիմայի, եւ Ֆարահի, ինչպէս նաեւ եղբօր Մկրտիչ եւ տիկնոջ Չեփիւռ Օհաններու, զաւակներուն Կարայիսի, Աւետիսի, եւ Այտայի եւ իրենց ընտանիքներուն: *Այս առիթով Ս. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

ԼՈՒՍԻԼ ԳԱՀՎԵՃԵԱՆԻ մահուան 3-րդ տարելիցին առիթով եւ **ՃԱԳ ԳԱՀՎԵՃԵԱՆԻ** մահուան 6-րդ տարելիցին առիթով, խնդրանք՝ դուստրերուն Ճէքի Հօլինկզուօրդի, Լեզլի Մինասի, Լիսա Մուտիի, եւ իրենց ընտանիքներուն: *Այս առիթով Ս. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

ՅՈՎՍԷՓ ՄԱՆՈՒԿԵԱՆԻ մահուան 14-րդ տարելիցին առիթով, խնդրանք տիկնոջ՝ Անժել Մանուկեանի, զաւակներուն՝ Ալօ եւ Էլիզ Մանուկեաններու, Մարալ Մանուկեանի, եւ Կարօ Մանուկեանի, թոռներուն՝ Յովսէփի, Անժելիքի եւ Ալէքսի, ինչպէս նաեւ Սարգիս եւ Սաթիկ Աճինեաններու, Յակոբ եւ Վարդիմէ Աճինեաններու: *Այս առիթով Ս. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

ԷՆ ԳԷՈՐԳԵԱՆԻ մահուան 16-րդ տարելիցին առիթով եւ **ՊԱԳ ԳԷՈՐԳԵԱՆԻ** մահուան 8-րդ տարելիցին առիթով, խնդրանք դուստրերուն՝ Պարպարա Սօրթանեանի, Գէթրին Գէւորգեան Սթագտէլլի, եւ Բուքի Աւետիսեանի եւ իրենց ընտանիքներուն: *Այս առիթով Ս. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

Յունուար 15:

ՃԷՔ ՍԱՐԱՅԵԱՆԻ եւ իր փեսային, **ՃԻՄ ԳԷՍԻՏԻ** մահուան 3-րդ տարելիցին առիթով, ինչպէս նաեւ **ՊԱՐՊՐԱ ՍԱՐԱՅԵԱՆԻ** 2-րդ տարելիցին առիթով, խնդրանք դուստրերուն Ճէգի Սարաֆեանի, Փէմ Գէսիտիի եւ թոռներուն՝ Թոմաս Սըզլիսի եւ Սթեֆընի Գէսիտիի: *Այս առիթով Ս. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

HOKEHANKIST
will be said for

January 22:

MARY MORTANIAN on the 5th year of her passing, requested by her daughter Dr. Janice and husband Leslie Emerzian, son Ron and wife Barbara Mortanian, and grandsons and great-grandchildren. *Altar flowers are donated in her memory.*

AZNIVE VARJABEDIAN KALENIAN on the 10th year of her passing, **LOUSIN VARJABEDIAN** on the 4rd year of her passing, newly-deceased **KNAR KALENIAN MAZMANIAN**, and for **DIKRAN, VARSENİK & ARAM KALENIAN, KEGHAM & MARIE VARJABEDIAN, AND OHANNES KARAKOUSIAN**, requested by Ghazaros Kalenian, Sarkis and son Dikran Mazmanian, and Krikor & Hourig Kalinian. *Altar flowers are donated in their memory.*

JOSEPH AND ANOUSH KALPAKJIAN, MARIE KALPAKJIAN, ALICE KALPAKJIAN MANUKIAN AND DENNIS HAMAMJIAN, requested by Mary Belemjian and Evelyn Hamamjian and their families. *Altar flowers are donated in their memory.*

NAZARETH & NVERE OHANESSIAN, ARAXIE OHANESSIAN, HOVSEP & AZNIVE TALATINIAN, VARTAN, TERFANDA, MISAK, ANTO, NOHA & SOSI VARTANIAN, AND JEAN DJABRAYAN, requested by John & Terese Ohanessian, Sarkis & Sona Vartanian, Emanuel and Seta Ohanessian, Dr. Vartan & Sossie Djabrayan and their families. *Altar flowers and coffee hour pastries are donated in their memory.*

January 29:

SUZAN GARABEDIAN, on the 4th year of her passing, requested by husband Massis Garabedian, children Rafi and wife Erika Garabedian, Lori and husband Mano Minassian, grandchildren Tatiana, & Aleena Minasian, Jesse & Nicholas Garbedian, and also by Meher & Vanda Khosdeghian. *Altar flowers are donated in her memory.*



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Պաշտօն պիտի կատարուի

Յունուար 22:

ՄԱՐԻ ՄՈՐԹԱՆԵԱՆԻ մահուան 4-րդ տարելիցին առիթով, խնդրանք գաւակներուն՝ Տօքոս. Ճէնրս եւ ամուսնոյն Լէպի Էմիլբգեաններու, Բան եւ տիկնոջ Պարպարա Մօրթանեաններու. Թոռնիկներուն՝ եւ ծոռերուն: *Այս առիթով՝ Մ. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

ԱԶՆԻՒ ՎԱՐԺԱՊԵՏԵԱՆ ԳԱԼԸՆԵԱՆԻ մահուան 10-րդ տարելիցին առիթով, **ԼՈՒՍԻՆ ՎԱՐԺԱՊԵՏԵԱՆԻ** մահուան 4-րդ տարելիցին առիթով, նաեւ **ՆՈՐԻՆ ՀԱՆԳՈՒՅՏԵԱԼ ՔՆԱՐ ԳԱԼԸՆԵԱՆ ՄԱԶՄԱՆԵԱՆԻ, ՏԻԳՐԱՆ, ՎԱՐՍԵՆԻԿ ԵՒ ԱՐԱՄ ԳԱԼԸՆԵԱՆՆԵՐՈՒ, ԳԵՂԱՄ ԵՒ ՄԱՐԻ ՎԱՐԺԱՊԵՏԵԱՆՆԵՐՈՒ, ԵՒ ՕՀԱՆՆԷՍ ՔԱՐԱՔՈՒՄԵԱՆԻ** հոգիներուն համար, խնդրանք Ղազարոս Գալընեանի, Սարգիս եւ գաւկին Տիգրան Մազմանեաններու, Գրիգոր եւ Յուրիկ գալընեաններու: *Այս առիթով՝ Մ. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

ՃՈՉԷՖ ԵՒ ԱՆՈՒՇ ԳԱԼՔԱԿՃԵԱՆՆԵՐՈՒ, ՄԱՐԻ ԳԱԼՔԱԿՃԵԱՆԻ, ԱԼԻՍ ԳԱԼՔԱԿՃԵԱՆ ՄԱՆՈՒԿԵԱՆԻ ԵՒ ՏԷՆԸՍ ՀԱՄԱՄՃԵԱՆԻ, խնդրանք Սարի Պէլէմնեանի եւ Էվըրըն Համամնեանի եւ իրենց ընտանիքներուն: *Այս առիթով՝ Մ. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

ՆԱԶԱՐԵԹ ԵՒ ՆՎԵՐ ՕՀԱՆՆԷՍԵԱՆՆԵՐՈՒ, ԱՐԱՔՍԻ ՕՀԱՆՆԷՍԵԱՆԻ, ՅՈՎՍԵՓ ԵՒ ԱԶՆԻՒ ԹԱԼԱԹԻՆԵԱՆՆԵՐՈՒ, ՎԱՐԳԱՆ, ԹՐՖԱՆՏԱ, ՄԻՍԱԿ, ԱՆԹՕ, ՆՈՀԱ ԵՒ ՍՕՍԻ ՎԱՐԳԱՆԵԱՆՆԵՐՈՒ, ԵՒ ԺԱՆ ԾԱՊՐԱՅՏԵԱՆԻ, խնդրանք Ճան եւ Թերեզ Օհաննէսեաններու, Սարգիս եւ Սոնա Վարդանեաններու, Էմանուէլ եւ Սեդա Օհաննէսեաններու, Տոքոս. Վարդան եւ Սօսի Ճապրայեաններու եւ իրենց ընտանիքներուն: *Այս առիթով՝ Մ. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն եւ հոգեւունք կը հրամանեն*

Յունուար 29:

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Patty Torosian (Hall Remodel)

Once again, the well-established **Christian Education Committee** tradition kicked off the Christmas season with a wonderful Second Space production of “The Worst, Best Christmas Pageant Ever”, on Sunday, December 11th.

Guests were greeted with a delicious and plentiful mezza buffet of hummus, olives, cheeses, pocket bread, yalanchi, cold cuts, tourshi and lahmajoon. While noshing there were over 60 silent auction items ranging from a multitude of gift certificates and Christmas décor to photo frames and candles to bid on. The friendly bidding competition continued through intermission.

The chair of this event, **Patty Torosian**, who single handedly organizes this event welcomed everyone for attending despite the Covid regulations.

During the intermission, theater goers were treated to tasty desserts while they continued to bid on their favorite silent auction items. The lobby lights dimmed and everyone was directed back into the theatre for the raffle prize drawing. **Lillian Bedrosian, Vivian Bedrosian, Benjamin Hovannissian** and **Alice Hovannissian** drew lucky ticket numbers and cheerfully delivered the gifts to the winners.

While Miss Patty, really, pretty much does everything to maintain the realization of this event, she wishes to thank the following people for their help in wrapping yalanchi, gathering raffle and silent auction items, helping pack, transport and unpack, setting up, serving beverages, and also, for cleaning up.



Patty thanks **Audra Bosley, Christine Darmanian, Mary Ekmalian, Linda Kaloostian, Barbara and Ron Mortanian, Diana Shirin, Kathy Stockdale** and the **Ladies’ Guild** for their donations and help.

Tentatively the date for next year’s play to pencil in on your new 2023 calendars, is **Sunday, December 3rd**. Patty thanks all those who attended and supported this wonderful event.

Happy New Year! The Ladies' Guild hopes 2023 is off to a great start. There is so much to be thankful and grateful for as we embark on a new year.

Last month we held our annual Holiday Luncheon at Fort Washington Country Club. A big thank you to Susie Parnagian and Jennette Parnagian, who did so much to make it a memorable event. Funds were raised to support the Bird's Nest Orphanage and the Armenian Medical Missions. Thank you to Physical Therapist, Kristina Koroyan, for speaking about her work with the medical missions. So much good work is being done!

Our 2023 Executive Board for the Ladies Guild are:

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Thank you for your commitment to our church.

We have some exciting news to share. Our Deck the Halls Christmas Gala raised over \$100,000 for our church. Wow! THANK YOU for making this extravaganza a huge success.

Wishing you all a blessed Armenian Christmas. May 2023 bring us good health and happiness.

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



December was a busy month for Sunday School! Thank you to our church community for donating toys for our “Toys for Tots” collection drive! Our boxes were overfilled with fun, educational and meaningful toys for the children in our Central Valley.

On December 18th, our students put on an outstanding Christmas Program

followed by our traditional birthday cake for Jesus. Thank you so much for bringing your children to our Annual Sunday School Christmas program! We had a wonderful crowd of over 125 Sunday School students, family and church parishioners who came to support our students! Our students sang Happy Birthday to Jesus and we even had Gagahant Baba (Santa Claus) make a special appearance who brought all students a \$10 Cold Stone Creamery gift card, candy cane and chocolates. We encourage all of our families to carve out some family time during this Christmas season by going out and get some ice cream together!

Thank you to Sunday School teachers Sharon Toroian, Lara Simonian and accompanist, Margaret Gallistl for teaching our students the Christmas songs and directing the program! Thank you to our Sunday School Superintendent, Jasmina Kalanjian and our parent volunteers for getting all of the Christmas program details ready for our students and families! As always, thank you to our Church Board for their support!

For Armenian Christmas, our students are getting ready to participate in the Annual Nativity on January 8th in our church. Also in January, we will be learning new church sharagans (hymns) under the direction of Mrs. Dzovig Kutumian, accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Gallistl. Please feel free to stop by our Sunday School Assembly Room to hear our students in action as they learn our traditional church hymns!



Successful Successor

An emperor had no children. He decided to select a suitable successor to his throne from the boys of his empire. He proclaimed that the interested boys should assemble in the palace in the morning on a specified date. When the boys arrived, he said, "There is a simple test for you. I will give a seed to each of you. You must take it home and carefully plant it in a pot. Tend it giving all possible care and bring the pot to me at the same time next year. I will examine the pots and adopt the winner as my successor to the throne of this vast empire."

The boys carried the seeds home and planted them. One of the boys found that his seed did not sprout even though he gave all possible care. He continued to tend the pot and water it daily, but could not get any result. The others tended their plantlets with the utmost care and could grow beautiful and healthy plants in their pots. Some of their plants developed buds and flowers.

After one year, all the boys reached the palace to proudly display the result of their sustained effort. The poor boy alone sat there without any plant to display. The emperor examined each pot and resumed his throne. He summoned the boy who could not grow the plant to come near him. The other boys laughed at the poor boy who was holding his barren pot. The king stood up and declared, "I had given each of you a seed after cooking it by prolonged and vigorous boiling in water to destroy its viability and assure that it would not grow at all. But all of you except this honest young man have managed to raise plants using your own seeds to impress me and gain the throne by fraudulent means. Honesty, truthfulness, courage and integrity are the qualities I expected in my successor. Only this boy has succeeded in the test. Hence, I proclaim that he shall be my successor." The emperor embraced the boy. The other boys left the scene in shame.

Honesty is the best policy. It is a good rule that we should be faithful and truthful in every action, both big and small. A true Christian should not tell a lie even if telling the truth may cause loss, suffering or pain. We should not tell a lie even if telling the lie may give us money, power or pleasure. St. Paul advises, "No more lying, then! Everyone must tell the truth to his fellow-believer because we are all members together in the body of Christ" {Ephesians 4: 25}.

The Bible reminds us, "The Lord sees everything you do. Wherever you go, he is watching" {Proverbs 5: 21}. "The Lord sees what happens everywhere; He is watching us, whether we do good or evil" {Proverbs 15: 3}.





**HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN
APOSTOLIC CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Presents

30th ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY

on Sunday, January 8, 2023

Following church services
in the sanctuary

**SATURDAY
SCHOOL IS
BACK**

STARTING ON JANUARY 7TH

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5: Armenian Christmas Eve: Holy Badarak at 5:00 pm to be immediately followed by our Traditional Christmas Eve Dinner at 7:00 pm.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6: Armenian Christmas Day: Holy Badarak at 10:00 am, followed by the Blessing of Water at 12:00 PM. Godfather of the Cross: Benjamin Kelejian.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8: 30th Annual Living Nativity following church services in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29: Armenian Relief Society - Fresno Mayr Chapter's Foule Breakfast & Bake Sale at Garo & Alice Gureghian Armenian Community Center in the Rose Megerdichian Hall. Adults - \$15, Children under 12 - \$10.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16: 6:00 pm Knights of Vartan Yeprad Lodge - Vartanatz Day Commemoration at St. Gregory's Armenian Church, Fowler, CA.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1: Hamazkayin Taniel Varoujan Fresno Chapter presents Taline & Friends. More information to follow

Get Well Soon!

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

**Alain Ekmalian
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Starting 2023, Holy Trinity's Saturday School is looking for teachers to help our school grow..

If you would like to join our staff or join as a student, please contact, Michelle Shirinian
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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church

Armenian Christmas Eve

Thursday, January 5, 2023

Evening Hour Service: 4:00 pm
Reading of the Holy Scriptures: 4:30 pm
Christmas Eve Holy Badarak: 5:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm

Menu: Fish, Vartabed Soup, Bulgur Pilaf, Vegetable Soufflé, and Salad

Tickets: \$20 Adults; \$10 for 12 and under

RSVP by: Thursday, December 29, 2022

By calling the office: 559-486-1141

Seating is limited

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