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# HIS HOLINESS ARAM I VISITS HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church had the profound honor of welcoming His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia, during his pastoral visit to Fresno from November 4–6, 2025. This meaningful three-day visit filled our parish with joy, gratitude, and a renewed sense of spiritual unity.

Throughout his stay, His Holiness met with the Board of Trustees and Delegates, offering valuable guidance for the continued mission and growth of our church. He also visited Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School, where he warmly interacted with the students and faculty and bestowed his blessings. His Holiness made additional visits to two important community landmarks: the Armenian Genocide Memorial at Fresno State, and the Soghomon Tehlirian Monument at Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery, honoring both the martyrs of the Armenian Genocide and the heroism of those who sought justice on behalf of the Armenian people.

On Tuesday evening, a private dinner was held in his honor at Fort Washington Country Club, bringing together community leaders for an intimate evening of fellowship. Later in the week, on Thursday night, a special gathering hosted at the residence of Ralph and Janet Hovannisian provided our young adults with a treasured opportunity to meet His Holiness, engage in meaningful conversation, and receive his spiritual encouragement.

A highlight of the visit was the blessing of our newly restored Sanctuary, a historic and deeply moving moment for our parish. The ceremony was followed by a celebratory banquet, honoring two major milestones: the 30th Anniversary of the Consecration and Enthronement of His Holiness Aram I, and the 125th Anniversary of the founding of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church.

This unforgettable visit was made possible through the dedication and support of many. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Board of Trustees, Delegates, Ladies' Guild, Men's Society, Office Staff, donors, and the countless volunteers whose hard work and commitment ensured that every event was meaningful, well-organized, and memorable.

The presence of His Holiness left our community spiritually uplifted and inspired. May the blessings and guidance he shared continue to strengthen our parish in the years ahead.





## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

While Jesus was preaching about the Kingdom of God, a young man asked him to settle a problem between him and his brother, as his brother was refusing to divide their inheritance between them. Jesus answered and said, “who appointed me as judge between you and your brother”? After that, he told the people around Him the parable of the rich fool and taught them to be rich towards God instead of accumulating things in this temporary life. After that, Jesus started teaching something very important about the Christian life and said “Do not worry about your life”.

How familiar these words sound today in our lives? Aren't we all worried about tomorrow and our future? Sure, we are, and we will continue to do so. Our Lord wasn't talking about the planning of our future, such as being anxious for our essentials like what we will eat or what we will wear. He was warning us about concentrating on our future and forgetting about the present. Forgetting that we are living for the present might lead us to disappointments, in addition to that, this type of anxiety that surrounds us when we overthink about our future might lead us into despair. When we lose hope in our lives, we might also lose our faith towards God and our love towards our fellow men. When all these take place in our lives, we become pitiful humans who will search for a meaning of life and will forego having any goals in our lives.

Our lives depend on goals, and goals will be achieved after putting enormous effort in order to achieve them, and as Christians, we must know what our goals are. God will not be against us while we are working, educating ourselves, having a family and achieving our goals rightfully. However, He will always remind us that we need to be thankful to Him for everything that He grants us. He will remind us that we need His presence in our lives in order to appreciate His blessings.

Beloved faithful, let us pray and ask God to direct our steps in our lives by saying “Lord direct our steps on the path of peace. Lead and guide our souls and the souls of all the faithful, through the path of righteousness and into eternal life”.

## The Cracked Cup

A boy named Caleb always chose the best looking cup to drink from, leaving the old, cracked one behind. One day, his grandma poured water into the cracked cup and handed it to him. “It leaks,” Caleb complained. Grandma smiled and said, “That’s why I use it for the flowers. It waters them slowly all day.” Caleb looked outside—the beautiful flowers bloomed beneath the old pot.

**Message:** God can use our brokenness to bless others. “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

2 Corinthians 12:9



## The Little Light

Once, in a small, dark room, there stood a single candle upon an altar. Its wick, though ready, remained unlit. Nearby, a beautiful lamp glittered with polished brass and intricate carvings, admired by all who passed. Though the lamp’s owner proudly displayed it, the lamp could give no light—it was empty of oil.

One day, the candle overheard a visitor remark, "This lamp is a treasure, yet it does not fulfill its purpose. Only the simple candle offers light when lit." The candle pondered its place. It knew that to give light, it must first be consumed. Its wax would melt away, and its flame, though brilliant, would not serve its own glory. Yet in that self-giving, the candle could dispel darkness and guide others.

With humble resolve, the candle yielded itself to the match. As its flame grew, the room filled with light. It no longer sought to be admired but to serve the greater purpose for which it was made.

**Message:** In Romans 8:14, Paul reminds us, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Like the candle, our motivation must stem from the spirit of life in Christ Jesus, not from a desire for personal acclaim or influence. True service to God requires a surrender of self—our reputations, ambitions, and desires.

*October was a fun month for our students, staff and families.*

On October 5th, our day started with students attending class. We then attended church and received Holy Communion and listened attentively to Hayr Soorp's Children's Message. Thank you Hayr Soorp for your blessing to our students for a successful school year!

On October 13, our students started practicing their songs for the annual Christmas program. Please mark your calendars! Our Christmas program will take place on January 5th during the Christmas Eve dinner.

On October 19, we began our day in our classrooms decorating Thanksgiving cards for the residents of the California Armenian Home. We also had a special visit from Hayr Soorp during class. Afterwards, students practiced singing songs for our Christmas program.

On October 25th, we had the best Harvest Party ever! Staff, students and their families had loads of fun with a pumpkin pie eating contest, costume contest, donut eating contest,



mummy wrap contest and the very spooky Sunday School assembly room and hallway! Thank you to Superintendent Jasmine Kalanjian and her crew of parents and staff who organized this awesome event and transformed our Sunday School gym and building for our party! The fun continued the next day at Sunday School as we finished crafting Thanksgiving cards for the residents of the California Armenian Home and practiced singing songs for our upcoming Christmas program on January 5th at the Annual Christmas Eve Dinner in the Social Hall.



November was a short month and our students kept practicing singing Christmas songs. Our Bible Bucks redemption program has been very popular with our students! Each Sunday, students earn Bible Bucks through attendance and participation in class and assemblies. Our first Bible Bucks redemption was held on November 16. If you haven't already, please register your student(s) for this school year. Registration is open throughout the school year so please join our Sunday School!

The Christmas Season is once again upon us. Where does the time go? I hope that you've had a healthy and enjoyable 2025. At the end of this month, the 2000s will officially be in their 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Wow, seems like we were just marking the turn of the century.

As the rush of the season takes over, please take time to remember the true meaning of Christmas. Think back on your childhood. It's the little traditions you remember. Things like singing carols, making cookies with your grandma and picking out your Christmas tree on a cold, foggy day. I encourage you to get back to your roots! And of course, spread kindness. The holidays are the loneliest time of year for many. Remember that when you are making your invite lists!

Speaking of invites... don't miss the chance to attend our annual Ladies' Guild Christmas Luncheon. It's taking place Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am at Fort Washington Country Club. Reservations are due by Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Come for the installation of our 2026 Executive Board. There will be fabulous raffle prizes. Plus, we'll raise funds for four charities: The Birds' Best Orphanage, Advance Armenian Foundation, Orran Children's Center and the Armenian Cultural Conservancy. For more information, call the church office.

Our Ladies' Guild celebrated Thanksgiving with a special lunch on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Susie Parnagian for sponsoring this annual tradition.

This year's church bazaar was a wonderful gathering. Shout-out to all of the helping hands, who made this event possible. It's a big undertaking and we appreciate each and every person who helped. From in the kitchen, to the serving lines... it takes a huge team. If you attended, we hope you had a great time. Thank you for your purchases and support!

**As we close out 2025, I wish you all a  
Happy and Healthy New Year!**

# BAZAAR NEWS

## **Thank You for Making Our 73rd Annual Bazaar a Wonderful Success!**

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who attended and supported our 73rd Annual Bazaar. Despite the unexpected weather, the turnout was truly remarkable, and the spirit of our community shone brightly throughout the day.

We are especially grateful to our dedicated Ladies' Guild members, whose commitment and hard work helped bring every detail of the bazaar together with care. Our sincere thanks also go to the Men's Society, who barbecued all the meats to perfection. We also extend warm appreciation to the Board of Trustees and our office administration for their guidance, coordination, and behind-the-scenes efforts that kept everything running smoothly.

This year, the introduction of our new *à la carte* lunch feature was met with wonderful enthusiasm. Guests enjoyed the opportunity to sample a variety of dishes at their own pace, and we are delighted by the positive feedback. Our drive-thru preorders were fulfilled seamlessly as well, thanks to the efficient teamwork of our volunteers.

We were honored to welcome 14 talented local vendors, each showcasing their unique artistry and craftsmanship. Their participation added color, creativity, and a joyful marketplace atmosphere to the event.

Special congratulations go out to the 10 winners of our 50/50 raffle! Thank you to everyone who participated; your support helps us continue the mission and work of our parish.

Once again, thanks to our community, volunteers, supporters, and guests for making this year's bazaar a memorable celebration. We are grateful for your presence, your generosity, and your unwavering support. We look forward to welcoming you all again next year!

# 73rd ANNUAL BAZAAR



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Congratulations to Tyler & Bridget Shegerian on the birth of their son, **HENRY ERNEST SHEGERIAN**, born September 21, 2025. We also congratulate proud grandparents Warren & Lesa Paboojian and John & Tammy Shegerian, great-grandmothers Sally Summer, Carlotta Bedrosian and Arlene Shegerian.

## BAPTISMS

On Saturday, October 4, 2025, **NATALEEN SEROUN OHANIS** received the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate parents Hrad & Ana Ohanis, siblings Aurora Barron, Godparents Cristian Sanroman and Nataleen Ohanis, Grandparents Arsham & Angela Ohanis and Gabriel Munoz & Sandra Medina. *We congratulate little Nataleen on reaching this spiritual milestone.*



On Sunday, October 19, 2025, **AVEDIS MICHAEL DENNIS GULIAN** received the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate parents Michael & Adrina Gulian, siblings Noranoush, Araxia and Sona, Godparents Sarmen & Ani Sarkissian, Grandparents Mike Gulian and Dennis & Rita Shamlian. Avedis is the grandson of the late Annette Gulian. *We congratulate little Avedis on reaching this spiritual milestone.*

# BAPTISMS



On Sunday, October 26, 2025, **BLAIR MELKONIAN** received the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate parents Andrew & Megan Melkonian, siblings James & Madilyn Melkonian, Godparents Alex & Alysse Hovannisian, Grandparents Kenny & Lisa Melkonian and Karen Hovannisian. Blair is the granddaughter of the late John Hovannisian. *We congratulate little Blair on reaching this spiritual milestone.*

On Sunday, October 26, 2025, **MCKENNA CHOOLJIAN** received the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate parents Connor & Whitney Chooljian, siblings Camden, Ella and Emma Chooljian, Godparents Jordan Sarabian and Lindsay Hovannisian and Jennifer Ramirez, Grandparents Gerald & Tammy Chooljian and David & Linda Hovannisian. *We congratulate little McKenna on reaching this spiritual milestone.*



On Saturday, November 1, 2025, **HUGO JIRAIR AULD** received the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate parents Victor Jr. & Tatevik Auld, siblings Nic, Elissa, and Amanda Auld, Godparents Jirair Gevorkyan and Demetria Vasilatis, grandparents Victor Auld & Elizabeth Jimenez and Samvel Gevorkyan & Nounne Movsisyan. *We congratulate little Hugo*

On Saturday, November 15, 2025, **REY GARABED JIMENEZ** and **MARISOL ANOUSH JIMENEZ** received the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate parents Henry & Susan Jimenez, Godparents Fernando & Melissa Chavez, Grandparents Pablo & Hortensia Jimenez, Great-Grandparents Vartan & Ankiné Ajamian. *We congratulate little Rey & Marisol on reaching this spiritual milestone.*



# WEDDINGS



We congratulate **CASEY PATRICK KEENAN & ALSSA ROBBIN ASADOORIAN** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 17, 2025. Officiating the ceremony was Very Rev. Fr. Ashod Khachadourian. The Best Man and Matron of Honor for this joyous occasion were Basilios Sotiropulos and Adrienne Asadoorian-Gilbert. We also

congratulate parents Michael Kennan & Julie Perry and Alan & Michelle Asadoorian. *May the Lord bless and guide the newlyweds as they start their new journey of life together.*

We congratulate **SAM PHILIP PARNAGIAN & ELENI ANN MINAS** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Officiating the ceremony was H.E. Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian. The Best Man and Matron of Honor for this joyous occasion were Jordan Sarabian & Marina Carothers. We also congratulate parents Philip & Florence Parnagian and Bobby & Leslee Minas. *May the Lord bless and guide the newlyweds as they start their new journey of life together.*



We congratulate **NICOLAS SCOTT FISTOLERA & NADIA HAITAYAN** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 18, 2025. Officiating the ceremony was H.G. Bishop Dajad Ashekian. The Best Man and Matron of Honor for this joyous occasion were Jacob Fistolera and Dalia Haitayan Bohigian. We also congratulate parents Kevin & Stacy Fistolera and Serge & Vera Haitayan. *May the Lord bless and guide the newlyweds as they start their new journey of life together.*

# HOKEHANKIST

## December 7:

**ZAKAR BEDOYAN**, on the 40<sup>th</sup> day of this passing, requested by Hagop, Alice and Shant and their families. *Altar flowers are donated in his memory.*

## December 14:

**ANDREW TOROIAN** on the 26th year of his passing, requested by Greg & Joyce Grialou, Michael & Gail Garabedian, and Grandson Andrew Esguerra.

## December 21:

**ARMENAG & MARIE SEVOIAN, GEORGE, MARGO & CAROL LYNN SEVOIAN, HARRY & MARIAM BALIGIAN, JACK "HAGOP" HALEPIAN, CHRISTY ARAMIAN AND MIHRAN APRAHAMIAN**, requested by Pat Sevoian. *Altar flowers (Poinsettias) are donated in their memory.*

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## Դեկտեմբեր 7:

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## Դեկտեմբեր 14:

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## Դեկտեմբեր 21:

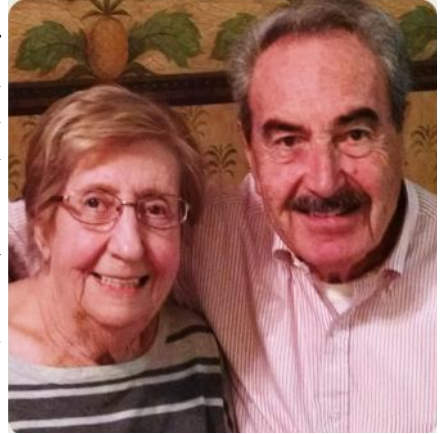
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# FUNERALS



Funeral services were held for **JOHN GAHVEJIAN**, on Friday, October 3, 2025, with internment at Ararat Armenian Cemetery. Our sincere condolences to his daughters Carrie Gahvejian, Sharon Boyajian and her husband, Scott, Debbie O'Brien and her husband, John, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren, and his extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held for **LOUISE TOMASSIAN**, on Friday, October 24, 2025, with internment at Ararat Armenian Cemetery. Our sincere condolences to her children Serge Tomassian, and his wife Mona & their family and Gerald Tomassian and his family, and her extended family and friends.



Funeral services were held for **ZAKAR BEDOYAN**, on Saturday, November 1, 2025, with internment at Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery. Our sincere condolences to his children, Hagop Bedoyan and his wife, Jennifer, Alice Bedoyan, Shant Bedoyan and his wife Naira Khachatryan, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

# FUNERALS



Funeral services were held for **HASMIG TOPALIAN**, on Monday, November 17, 2025, with internment at Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery. Our sincere condolences to her children Sylva Topalian, Araxi Meyers and her husband, Mike, Azniv Kassamanian and her husband Abe, Michael Topalian, Serop Topalian and his wife, Pauline, siblings Vasken Sarmazian and Salpi Sayoun, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held for **AVEDIS “AVIE” BALEKIAN**, on Friday, November 21, 2025, with internment at Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery. Our sincere condolences to his wife Lauren Balekian, children Dr. Christine and Vahan Balekian, Dr. Talene & Gary Churukian, and Drs. Diran and Diana Balekian, grandchildren, siblings, Frank Jr. and Karen Balekian, Peter and Brenda Johnson, Richard and Lisa Johnson and his extended family and friends.



Graveside services were held for **SIRANOCH ‘SIRAN’ BEDOYAN**, on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery. Our sincere condolences to her stepchildren Hagop Bedoyan and his wife Jennifer, Alice Bedoyan, Shant Bedoyan and his wife Naira Khachatryan, niece Talin Arisian and her husband Arakel, nephew Ara Mekhitarian and her brother in law Karnig “Johny” Mekhitarian and her extended family and friends.

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Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.



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# DECEMBER 2025

1. Sts. Gennaro the Bishop and Mercurius the Warrior, and Sts. Hagovig and Themistocles Isaiah 35:4-8; 2 Corinthians 3:18-4:6;  
Luke 21:12-19
2. Sts. Cornelius the Centurion, Simeon the relative of Christ, Bishop Polycarp of Smyrna, and the Martyrs who perished in the East Wisdom 1:1-7; Jeremiah 16:16-21; Acts 1:12-14;  
Mark 6:6-13
3. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Luke 13:10-17
4. Paulus, Paul, Magar, Evagrius, John (Kpetsi), John the Short, Nilus, Arsenius, Siseos, Daniel, Serapion, Macarius, Poeman, and the other Holy Fathers of Egypt Proverbs 21:15-25; Isaiah 19:19-21;  
Hebrews 11:32-40; Matthew 10:37-42
5. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28; Luke 14:1-11
6. St. Nicholas of Smyrna the Wonder-workers Ezekiel 3:16-19;  
2 Timothy 3:10-15; John 10:11-16
7. **Third Sunday of Advent (Eve of the fast of St. Hagop)**  
**Isaiah 37:14-38; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12; Luke 14:12-24**
8. Sts. Minas, Hermogenes, Eugraphius, and John and Alexis who sworn to poverty Proverbs 15:33-16:7; Isaiah 18:7; Philippians 1:27-2:4;  
Matthew 10:37-42
9. Conception of the Holy Virgin Mary Song of Songs 6:3-8;  
Malachi 3:1-2; Galatians 3:24-29; Luke 1:39-56
10. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-16; Luke 14:25-27
11. Sts. Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugenius, Orestes, and Martyrius  
Proverbs 1:1-9; Nahum 2:1-7; Romans 5:1-5; Matthew 5:1-12
12. 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18; Luke 15:1-7
13. St. James of Nisibis (Hagop Medzpnatsi), Marouke the Hermit and Melitus the Bishop Wisdom 7:12-20; Isaiah 44:1-5;  
Hebrews 13:17-21; John 9:39-10:10
14. **Fourth Sunday of Advent Isaiah 38:1-8; Hebrews 1:1-14;**  
**Luke 17:1-10**
15. The Holy Fathers Sts. Ignatius [of Antioch] and Addai, and Maruthas the Bishop Wisdom 5:1-8; Jeremiah 6:16-21; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16;  
Mark 9:32-36
16. Sts. Theopompas the Bishop, Theonas the Martyr, and the four Soldiers—Basus, Eusebe, Autyche, Basilides Proverbs 24:1-12;  
Jeremiah 15:19-20; Hebrews 12:1-7; Matthew 10:26-33
17. Hebrews 2:1-10; Luke 17:11-19

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18. Holy Virgins Indus and Domna, Clericus the Elder and the 20,000 of the Church of Nicomedia who were burned by fire Wisdom 3:1-8; Jeremiah 30: 18-22; 1 Peter 4:12-19; John 15:17-25
19. Hebrews 3:12-4:10; Luke 18:1-8
20. King Apgar Wisdom 6:2-10; Isaiah 45:1-3; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 7:1-10
21. **Fifth Sunday of Advent Isaiah 40:18-31; Hebrews 4:16-5:10; Luke 18:9-14**
22. Sts. Abraham and Khoren, and the Unmercenary Physicians Sts. Cosmas and Damian, and Asdvadzadoor the Martyr Wisdom 5:16-18; Lamentations 3:22-56; 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 12:32-40
23. St. David the Prophet and Holy Apostle James 2 Samuel 5:1-10; 1 Kings 2:1-11; Ezekiel 34:20-27; James 1:1-12; Matthew 22:41-46
24. Hebrews 5:11-6:8; Luke 18:18-27
25. St. Stephen the Proto-Deacon and the First Martyr Acts 6:8-8:2; John 12:24-26
26. Hebrews 6:9-7:10; Luke 19:1-10
27. The Holy Apostles Peter and Paul Wisdom 9:13-10:2; Isaiah 28:16-19; 2 Peter 1:12-19; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; John 21:15-22
28. **Sixth Sunday of Advent Isaiah 41:4-14; Hebrews 7:11-25; Luke 19:12-28**
29. The Holy Apostle James and John the Evangelist, Sons of Thunder (Eve of the Fast of the Nativity) Wisdom 7:21-24; Jeremiah 16:16-21; Acts 12:1-11, James 1:1-10; 1 John 1:1-7; John 21:20-25
30. First Day of the Fast of the Nativity Hebrews 7:26-8:13; Luke 20:1-8
31. Second Day of the Fast of the Nativity Hebrews 10:1-18; Luke 20:9-18

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14:** Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Christian Education Committee fundraiser event at Good Company 2nd Space Theatre for a performance of "A Christmas Carol". \$30 per person. Doors open at 1 PM and show starts at 2 PM. For more information & tickets, please call Patty at (559)281-6863.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31:** Homenetmen Fresno Sassoon Chapter presents NYE 2026 with Joseph Krikorian and his Band. Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Social Hall. Doors open at 7 PM, dinner at 8 PM. Tickets \$125, children 10 & under are free. VIP Tables available. For tickets or more information call (559)313-9167 or (559)326-6537.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20:** CHRISTMAS ICON SHOW by local iconographer, SUE REPANICH HAGUE. Original mosaic icons, original painted icons, unique icon Christmas Ornaments, icon kitchen magnets, blank icon note cards, and more for sale! Commissions welcome. Contact Sue at 559.290.8378. M – F., 10 am to 6 pm. at the Armenian Museum of Fresno located at the UC Center 550 E. Shaw Ave. Fresno, CA 93710.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5:** Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Armenian Christmas Eve. Evening Hour Service 4 PM; Reading of the Holy Scriptures 4:30 PM; Christmas Eve Holy Badarak 5 PM; Dinner 7 PM; Traditional Armenian Christmas Eve Dinner, \$20 for Adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 31st by calling the office at (559) 486-1141. Payments must be received prior to event.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31:** Save the Date for Charlie Keyan Armenian School's Annual Crab Feed taking place at Bankers Ballroom.

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