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Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

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The September Issue of *Dajar*
editorial deadline is
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The Parish Council held its regular meeting on June 3. In addition the Parish Council held a joint meeting with the executive officers of the Ladies Society and Men's

Forum. The executive officers and representatives of ACYO, Sunday School, Saturday School and Hokejash Committees were invited but were unable to attend.

The purpose of the joint meeting was to open a dialogue between the Parish Council and the organizations to identify ways that we can help each other during our transition period between parish priests so that activities in the parish will continue without any interruption. I am pleased to report that both the Ladies Society and the Men's Forum have their normal full calendar of events planned for the balance of this year and the Ladies Society has noticed an increase in participation in their events. I would like to thank Jackie Manoogian and Gary Markarian, respective chairs of their organizations, and members of their executive boards for stepping up to the plate and doing a great job.

This issue of the Dajar has been traditionally published for the combined months of July and August. We will continue that tradition and the next Dajar will be published for the month of September. I have received a few comments regarding the cover of the Dajar pointing out that it still bears the name of our former parish priest. We have 27,000 pre-printed covers on hand and plan to use them up rather than incur the cost at this time to reprint them only to have them reprinted again when we have a new priest.

I am pleased to report that your Parish Council has agreed that St. Paul will host the Centennial Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. It will be held on April 24, 2015 and the planning committee is expecting a very large attendance and community involvement.

In my first article as Parish Council Chairman I reported that one of our challenges would be to bring

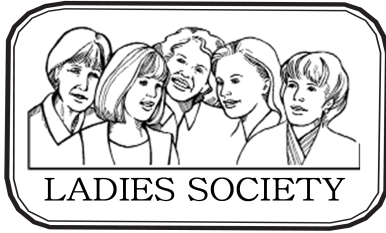
financial stability back to our Parish. To that end, we have reviewed the expenses and made cuts where feasible. I am confident that there is no wasteful spending in our Parish. Further, we have projected our income and expense for the balance of the year and have determined that our expenses will be more than our income resulting in another deficit year.

Our income from membership dues and stewardship donations needs to increase to cover our anticipated shortfall. With under 200 dues paying members in our Parish, it is impossible to cover our budgeted expenses with just the minimum dues. All of us have to embrace the reality that to keep our church vibrant and active we need to make a financial commitment annually in excess of our minimum dues. That's how we will stay strong. Many of our parishioners are following this path. And yes, we do understand that some parishioners are donating at their limit for which we are grateful and have no further expectations. But for those that are able, now is the time to hear the call from our church. If you are able to increase your stewardship it will be an immense help.

By now you should have received our letter and accompanying Pledge Form. I am aware that the pledge form for 2014 should have been in your hands before the beginning of 2014, but it just didn't happen. We have taken this delay as an opportunity to redesign the pledge form to make it clear and easy for you to calculate your annual dues and determine at what level you can participate in stewardship. Many of you have paid your dues and stewardship already and this form may be unnecessary. For you, this will be an opportunity to preview the form for 2015 before it is distributed at the end of this year. For those of you who haven't fulfilled your 2014 dues and stewardship, you may use this form.

This is a sobering message this month; one that I hope not to repeat. However, it is my obligation to keep you fully informed about our church. Thank you for taking the time to read it and hopefully respond positively.

Ben Krikorian
Parish Council Chairman



The Ladies Society Annual Luncheon for the residents of the California Armenian Home was

held on Wednesday, June 11th with 50 members and guests in attendance. The day started off with a prayer service at 11:30 a.m. in the church conducted by Fr. Yeghia Hairabedian of St. Gregory Armenian



Annual Luncheon for residents of the California Armenian Home

Church of Fowler.

Following the prayer service, everyone gathered in the social hall for lunch. Diane Boyajian and her committee members Elsie Bedrosian, Gloria Erganian and JoAnn Hallaian prepared and served a delicious meal of salad, mousaka, Lenten keyma, jajukh and



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apricot cobbler. After lunch, we played bingo and cash was given to the lucky winners. Many thanks to those members who were not on the committee but helped: Salpy Adams, Daisy Avedissian, Isabel Chilpighian, Alice Koligian, Annette Moushigian and Sophie Warren. Special thanks to Fr. Yeghia for taking time from his busy schedule to join us. Everyone attending enjoyed a day of Christian fellowship and fun.

Our annual casino trip to Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino will be on Monday, July 14th. There are still a few seats left on the bus. For reservations, call Annette Moushigian 433-0434.

Yoga Classes and Sit and Knit are taking a break for summer and will resume in September. Look for specific dates in future issues of the Dajar.

The Annual Church Picnic will be held on August 10th and the Ladies Society will be busy with the food preparation and serving. Be sure to look for the "Baking Angels" booth where we will be selling chorag, simit and katah, along with many homemade items donated by our members.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Sept. 10th.

Have a great summer—stay cool and be safe!

Jackie Manoogian, Chairlady



As it turned out, our monthly 3rd Sunday Fellowship was the only Men's Forum

activity for the month of June. In order to accommodate many of our members who also have commitments to local Knights of Vartan chapter, it was decided to delay our annual Father-Son Dinner to July 9th. It should be worth the wait, as we are planning a family-style fried chicken dinner at the Sante Fe Basque Restaurant, located at Shields and Moroa. Of course, we encourage members to bring grandsons, nephews & friends as well. An announcement flyer will be mailed out with all the details.

We would like to acknowledge long time member Dr. Harry Moordigian, who graciously made a recent generous donation to CSUF to assist the university mental health center that provides valuable counseling experience for graduate students, as well as social assistance to members of our community, who otherwise are unable to afford such services.

It was also gratifying to see one of our more active members, Franklin Antoyan, back after recently undergoing 'minor' surgical procedure. Franklin is a very reliable and dedicated member, reflected by his work at Fellowships and Dinner-Meetings.

With Sunday Aug. 10th rapidly approaching, we encourage members to participate in supporting St. Paul's Annual Grape Blessing Picnic. Forum member, Jeff Markarian, will once again be chairing this highly anticipated event. With the help of our members and other parishioners, as well as cooperation from the weatherman, it promises to be another successful festivity.

*Gary Markarian, Chairman
St. Paul Men's Forum*

 **ACYO JUNIORS**

Hi All,
I want to add one comment from our sports weekend in May, in addition to Jacqueline and Danny Lion coaching, a big thank you to Mark DerMatoian for assisting in coaching our Basketball team to victory and to Sue DerMatoian as our unofficial photographer. We participated in the Sunday school family game night, it was so fun! We had a great time! We are looking forward to the next Family Game Night! During the month of July some of our members will be attending the Diocese Church Camp. I hope to see all of you up at camp. In August the ACYO juniors will have our annual snow cone booth during our Grape Blessing Picnic. Please stop by and buy a snow cone from us! Have a great summer!

Hope to see you before Sunday school starts.

Marina Chardukian

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- ✓ Ruby Barton
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COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Families and individuals are encouraged to host the Fellowship for happy or otherwise solemn occasion. Hosts provide about about 60 dozen cookies or or pastries. Coffee, lemonade and all paper goods are provided by the church.

July 6	- Ladies Society	August 3
July 13	- Men's Forum	August 10
July 20	- ACYO Juniors	August 17
July 27	- Parish Council	August 24
		August 31

Readings



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Date	English	Gospel
June 1, 2014	Acts 23:12-35 1 John 5:13-21	John 12:12-23
June 8, 2014	Acts 2:1-21	John 14:25-31
June 15, 2014	2 Kings 2:1-15 James 5:16-20	Luke 4:25-30
June 22, 2014	Zechariah 3:7-4:9 Hebrews 9:1-10	John 10:22-30
June 29, 2014	Isaiah 1:2-15 Romans 6:12-23	Matt. 12:1-8
July 6, 2014	Isaiah 1:21-31 Romans 7:25-8:11	Matt. 12:38-45
July 13, 2014	Isaiah 2:5-11 Romans 9:30-10:4	Matt. 13:24-30
July 20, 2014	Isaiah 3:1-11 Romans 11:13-24	Matt. 14:13-21
July 27, 2014	Zechariah 14:16-21 1 John 1:1-7	Matt. 16:13- 17:13
August 3, 2014	Isaiah 3:16-4:1 1 Corinthians 1:25-30	Matt. 18:10-14
August 10, 2014	Isaiah 7:1-9 1 Corinthians 13:11-14:5	Mark 2:1-12
August 17, 2014	Isaiah 7:10-16 Galatians 3:29-4:7	Luke 2:1-7
August 24, 2014	Zechariah 2:10-13 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1	Luke 1:39-56
August 31, 2014	Isaiah 9:8-19 2 Corinthians 1:1-12	Mark 4:35-40
September 7, 2014	Isaiah 13:1-11 2 Corinthians 7:4-16	Mark 7:31-37
September 14, 2014	Isaiah 49:13-23 Galatians 6:14-18	John 3:13-21



We welcome your donation of Altar Flowers and Candles to mark special days, events and occasions. The donation for Altar Flowers is \$50 and for candles is \$40. There is no fee for Hokehahkisd, but your donations are welcome.

To make arrangements please call the church office at 226-6343.



JULY 2014		AUGUST 2014	
6 - Jul-14	4th Sunday Pentacost	3 - Aug-14	2nd Sunday of Transfiguration
13-Jul-14	5th Sunday Pentacost	10-Aug-14	3rd Sunday of Transfiguration "Grape Blessing Picnic"
20-Jul-14	6th Sunday of Pentacost	17-Aug-14	Assumption of the Virgin Mary
27-Jul-14	Transfiguration	24-Aug-14	2nd Sunday of Assumption
		31-Aug-14	3rd Sunday of Assumption

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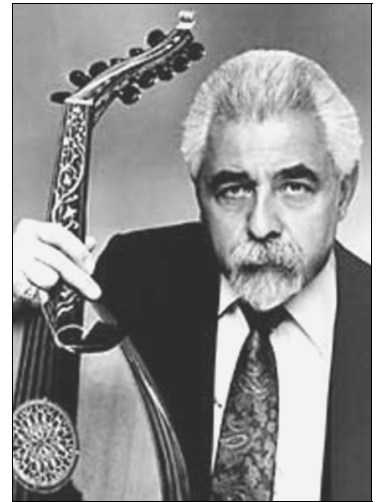
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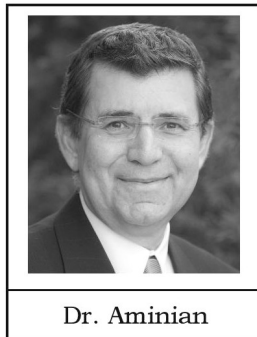
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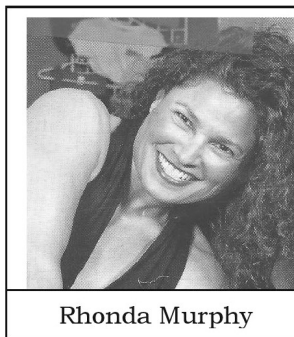
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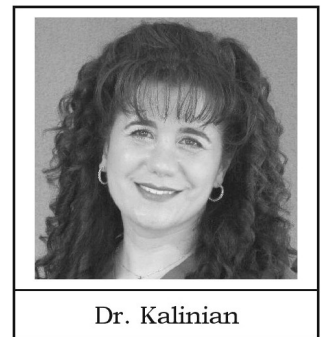
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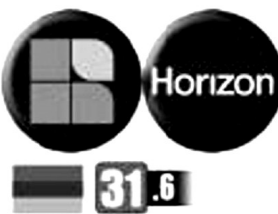
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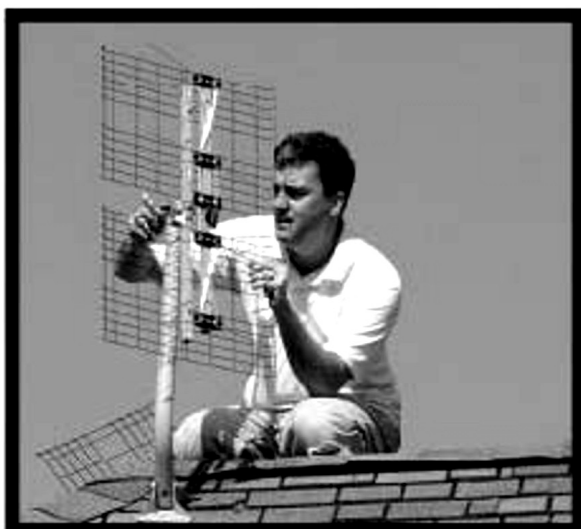
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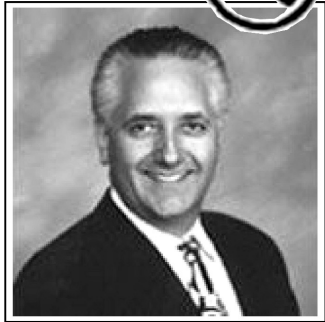


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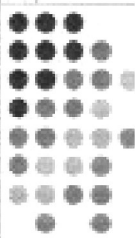
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