

St. Vartan Voice

The Newsletter of St. Vartan Armenian Apostolic Church

Rev. Fr. Krikor Zakaryan, Parish Priest



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Fr. Krikor Zakaryan

May 2023

50 DAYS AFTER EASTER

In a few weeks will begin the final week in the season known as Eastertide—called Heenoonk in Armenian to designate the period of 50 days between Easter and Pentecost.

With its passage, we will be ending our Easter journey for this year. But only “sort of”: it’s an ending written in the calendar, but not in our hearts.

As Christians, every day should be a reminder to us of the Easter message that “Christ is Risen!” Certainly under our present circumstances, every day gives us cause to reflect deeply on the meaning of that message—and as Armenians to erupt every now and then with a spontaneous declaration of “Krisdos haryav ee merelots!”

But the period leading to Pentecost accentuates this reality.

That period begins with the Feast of Christ’s Holy Ascension—when the Only Begotten Son departed from his earthly followers to sit at the right hand of his Father. The period ends on Pentecost Sunday—when the “comforter” Christ had promised, the Holy Spirit, descended on those followers, and thus gave birth to the Church.

It’s a time when all three Persons of the Holy Trinity are palpably at work: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And for the disciples (maybe for us, too), it’s a time of transition: a change from living in the physical presence of the Lord Jesus, God the Son, to living with the spiritual presence of God the Holy Spirit.

Between Cross and Tomb

As with all transitions, this period between Ascension and Pentecost is an opportune moment to remember where we’ve been: to reflect one more time on the Resurrection, and visualize its two boundless symbols: the Cross and the Tomb.

Envision the Cross of Christ, and you become aware as a Christian that

Bible Readings

May 7 John 7:14-24
May 14 John 9:39-10:10
May 21 John 12:12-23
May 28 John 14:25-31

2 Corinthians 13:13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.



no life is without tribulation. It comes with the territory. An “optimistic” philosophy that imagines perfection achieved without pain is ignoring the lesson God taught at Golgotha. As receivers of that lesson, we are called not to escape tribulation, but to be transformed by the divine grace that is made available to us through it.

Envision the Empty Tomb, and you see clearly that tribulation need not lack meaning. A “pessimistic” philosophy that foresees only inevitable destruction has missed the point of the Resurrection. Resurrection is renewal and transformation: it is the negation of the ultimate inevitability, Death. Its lesson is that God’s greatest meaning for us is found in life, and in serving Him. It assures us that we stand worthy in His eyes, not because of anything we did, but because Christ proved worthy, and shares that distinction with us, out of love.

The Good Shepherd laid down his life that we might find a new and risen life through his sacrifice. We are told to seek it always.

The lessons of Cross and Tomb resonate powerfully for us this year. As we complete the season of Easter, while still dealing with the effects of the world pandemic, it’s more important than ever to keep those two symbols in focus. They should always stand before us—even when our present troubles are behind us.

And with these symbols written in our hearts, we will be ready—as Christ’s disciples were on that first Pentecost, 50 days after Easter—to welcome God the Holy Spirit into our lives.

By Fr. Tateos R. Abdalian EDACNA



During the church service on April 16, the 2023 St. Vartan Church Parish Council was installed. Parish Council members left to right: Liz Ojakian, Nadya Yagjian, Harout Hagopian, Seza Dominguez, Sako Soghomonian, Fr. Krikor Zakaryan, June Chatterjee, Regina Garabedian, Suzanne Diers, Debbie Maturo, Rick Kirkjian, Not pictured: Nicole Vasgerdsian.

2023 Parish Council Positions

President and Deacon Liaison: Rev. Fr. Krikor Zakaryan

Chairperson, Membership & Athletic Committee Liaison: Harout Hagopian

Vice-Chairperson & Choir Liaison: Rick Kurkjian

Treasurer: Sako Soghomonian

Corresponding Secretary: Seza Dominguez

Recording Secretary & Sunday School Liaison: Regina Garabedian

Maintenance and Building Committee Chair: Suzanne Diers

Fundraising: Debbie Maturo

Stewardship and Cultural Committee Liaison: Liz Ojakian

ACYO & Hye Social Club Liaison: Nicole Vasgerdsian

Ladies Society Liaison: June Chatterjee

Advisor: Nadya Yagjian

Armenian School End of the Year Celebration

The ARS Erepouni Chapter Armenian School will celebrate the end of the school year with a hantess and lunch on Sunday, May 21 after church services in the St. Vartan Church John Marukian Hall.

Donations

St. Vartan Church Parish Priest and Council gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

Stewardship: Yeghia and Ana Dalmeida Apkarian, Ara and Angel Azizian, Caline Soghikian, Ray and Reyhan Shepherd, Arto and Nadya Yagjian, Jeffrey Mogalian

In Memory

† **Jack Isaacs**

Vahe and Hilda Mener, Nadya and Arto Yagjian

† **Nadya Migirdeyan**

Mari Suzmeian

Easter Yughakin 2023

Suzanne and Razmik Abnous
Araks Aghazarian
Vartkes and Kerrie Avakian
Annie Avedissian
Pete and Pat Barsamian
Vartan and Ayko Berberian
Seda and Charles Chavdarian
Ellen Chesnut
June Demerdjian
Kathleen Demerdjian
Brian and Cynthia Der Matoian
Bob and Sara Dermatoian
Harry and Carol Dokouzian
Seza and Dana Dominguez
Jack Dorian

Anne Dyer
Gary Eldemir & Satenik Elmaoglu
Dickie and Seno Garabedian
Ed Gentry
Wartkes Hagopian
Amy and Vernon Hailozian
Mark and Maida Henesian
Lori and Andy Hill
Vartan and Arlene Hovsepian
Edward and Armineh Jamgotchian
Norayr and Elizabeth Kalpakjian
Janet Kamian
Hermine Keshishyan
Sarkis and Hera Kestekyan
Arak Konjoyan

Katherine Kuzirian
Joseph and Molly Matossian
Peggy Magarian
Don and Lisa Manoogian
Zohrab and Elo Markarian
Vrej and Maida Mekhalian
Vahe and Hilda Mener
Ron and Elizabeth Ojakian
Edward and Karen Sarafian
Richard Sharafian
Annabelle Taylor
Jim Taylor
Arto and Nadya Yagjian

News From Our St. Vartan Family

Condolences

St. Vartan Church is saddened to announce the passing of **Lou Aronian** on February 10, 2023. Our Condolences to Lou's children, Bryan (Vicky) Aronian, Lynn (Mike) Banducci, and Christy (Haseeb) Amireh; and his grandchildren, Emily, James and Kate Aronian, Mia and Averil Banducci, and Grayson Amireh. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to St. Vartan Armenian Church.

The memorial service for **Jack C. Isaacs** was held on March 25, 2023 at St. Vartan Armenian Church. Our condolences to Jack's brother, Ted Isaacs; his son, Kris Isaacs; and his girlfriend, Jeong Kinser.

With great sorrow, St. Vartan announces the passing of **Judy Sharafian** on April 7, 2023. Our condolences to Judy's husband, Richard; her sons, Steven (Lisa) Sharafian, Derrick (Paula) Sharafian, Brian (Lasha) Sharafian; and her five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to St. Vartan Armenian Church.

Baptism

Nihal Yakar was baptized at St. Vartan Church on April 21, 2023 by Fr. Krikor Zakayran. Yakar's Godfather is Berc Mener.

St. Vartan Church Stewardship

Support your Church. Become a Steward of St. Vartan today! St. Vartan Armenian Church presents the Stewardship Program with the goal of developing and growing our Church. Participation in the Stewardship Program is open to any individual or family. The goal of the program is to fund the church's development programs and carry out parish projects and objectives. Please donate online at <https://www.stvartanoakland.com/stewardship> or scan the QR with your cell phone camera.



ACYO Update

St. Vartan ACYO has been active all month holding events that correspond to the four pillars of our youth program: Worship, Education, Service, and Fellowship. We participated in church services by helping out the Parish Council on various Sundays and making palm crosses for Palm Sunday, held an educational evening of learning more about the conflict in Artsakh, and completed service projects by raising funds for Artsakh and Oakland. The only thing left for us to do this quarter is...have a social event which we'll be discussing at our next meeting...just in time for summer!!

Our volleyball and basketball teams are practicing and preparing to compete in Sports Weekend in May. There's still time to join a team if anyone's interested. We had a lot of St. Vartan youth sign up for HyeCamp this year—many who are first-time campers who are in for a great week of fun. Fresno, here we come!

Thank you to everyone who baked and donated to our Easter basket sale. We raised over \$1400 thanks to the generosity of our community!!





The St. Vartan Girls Volleyball team continues to prepare for Armenian Sports Weekend, May 26-28. On March 26 after practice the team gathered for a pizza lunch.

Church Humor Adam & Eve

After having children, Adam and Eve started getting a lot of questions from their kids about why they no longer lived in Eden. Adam has a simple answer for this: "Your mother ate us out of house and home."

Boaz and Ruth

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth? Answer: He was Ruthless.

The Hereafter

The Pastor came to visit the other day. He said that at my advanced age I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time."

"No matter where I am - in the living room, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I am always asking myself: 'Now, what am I here after?'"

Solomon's Temple

Where was Solomon's temple located? Answer: On the side of his head.



Join the CHOIR

Everyone is Welcome!

The St. Vartan Choir is looking for volunteer singers. If you have participated in the choir in the past or would like to become a new member of the choir, please contact Choir Director Armena Petrosova arminestudio@hotmail.com or text (925) 212-2744.

ST. VARTAN ARMENIAN CHURCH

WINE & CHEESE

Fundraiser

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

3:00 TO 7:00PM

At a private residence in

DANVILLE

\$50/PERSON

All proceeds to support

St. Vartan Church

**RAFFLE &
SILENT AUCTION**

*Prizes include: one-of-a-kind artwork,
gift baskets, restaurant certificates,
spa packages, sports tickets and more!*

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WINE TASTING & WINE PULL**

RSVP by May 28 **STVARTANOAKLAND.COM**

QUESTIONS? STVARTANOAKLAND@AOL.COM



Fr. Krikor attended and lectured at the overnight Western Diocese Christian Education Annual Retreat at Serra Retreat Center in Malibu, CA on March 27 and 28.



Fr. Krikor and Yn. Anoush attended a Meet & Greet with local community members regarding the new Armenian American Museum currently under construction in Glendale, CA, hosted by Vartan and Kim Demirjian, along with Beth Rustigian Broussalian.



To the left is a rendering of the museum designed by Alajajian Marcoosi Architects, inspired by rock formations of the Armenian highlands and the fragments of the Armenian community throughout the world united into a solid form through the unifying mission of the museum.



On-Line Bible Study
7 pm
Wednesday, May 3
Thursday, May 11
Wednesday, May 17
Wednesday, May 24
Wednesday, May 31

Register for Bible Study for Zoom Code at:
<https://www.stvartanoakland.com/events>

Holy Week Services at St. Vartan Church

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday





St. Vartan aids three Priests through its “Sister Church Program”



Rev. Fr. Koryun Karapetyan

During the Artsakh liberation war, I brought my spiritual care and support to the fighting personnel, taking part in combat operations. Then to this day I bring my spiritual mission to the Air Defense Forces of the RA Armed Forces. In recognition of the aforementioned services, the interdepartmental commission of the RA Ministry of Defense awarded a certificate of a participant in combat operations. During my further service, I was awarded "Admiral Isakov", "Andranik Ozanyan", "20th anniversary" medals, CIS air defense badge and other incentives.

Արժանապատիվ Տեր Հայր, Ստացա Ձեր ուղարկած օգնությունը: Անչափ շնորհակալ եմ: Շնորհակալ եմ Կալիֆորնիայի Օքլանդ քաղաքի Սուրբ Վարդան Եկեղեցու բոլոր հոգևորականներին, պատվարժան իմ եղբայրներին ի Քրիստոս: Ձեր քրտնաջան աշխատանքի և Տիրոջ սիրով շաղախված այդ գումարը ինձ առ ժամանակ կօգնի ձեռք բերել որակյալ դեղեր, որոնցով կկարողանամ հոգալ իմ առողջական խնդիրները: Այս օգնությունը իմ համար ոչ միայն նյութայան կարևորություն ունի, այլև բարոյական, ի Քրիստոս սիրով միմյանց նեցուկ լինելու մեծագույն արժեքն է: Թող Տիրոջ ամենօրինեալ Աջը մշտապես հովանի լինի ձեզ, օգնության այս ծրագրի կազմակերպիչներին, Սուրբ Վարդան

Եկեղեցու հավատավոր ժողովրդին: Աստված պահապան Առաքելախիմն մեր Սուրբ Եկեղեցին: Եղբայրական սիրով՝ Կորյուն քն. Կարապետյան:

Dear Rev. Father, I received the help you sent. Thank you so much. I am grateful to all at Saint Vartan Church in Oakland, California. That money brought by your hard work and God's love will help me to get quality medicines to take care of my health problems. For me, this help is not only materially important, but is also an expression of the greatest moral value of being close to one another in Christ's love. May the most blessed right hand of the Lord always protect you, the organizers of this aid program, and the faithful people of Saint Vartan Church. May God protect our Apostolic Holy Church. With brotherly love, Rev. Fr. Koryun Karapetyan.



Rev. Fr. Vachagan Gurdjian

2015 From January 12, under the direction of His Holiness the Patriarch and with the blessing of the spiritual leader of the Armed Forces, Abp. Vrtanes Abrahamyan, I joined the service in PB 33641 Z/m as a regimental. In 2017 From February 22, by the order of the Spiritual Leader of the RA Armed Forces, I was appointed acting senior colonel of the Defense Army. In 2018 From March 1, by the order of the spiritual leader of the RA Armed Forces, I was appointed a colonel of the 24923 military unit of the Defense Ministry. In 2019 On January 1, I was appointed a senior colonel of the Armed Forces. On November 1, 2021, I was appointed a colonel of the 5th brigade of the Armed Forces. In 2022 Since February 14, with the blessing of His Holiness, I have been appointed the director of the Artsakh Diocese in conjunction with serving in the army. On November 13, 2022, I was ordained a priest by the leader of the Diocese of Artsakh, Bishop Vrtanes Abrahamyan, in the Holy Mother Cathedral of Stepanakert. I was awarded two departmental awards by the RA Ministry of Defense: "Nelson Stepanyan" for participating in

the April 2016 war, and "Nelson Stepanyan" in 2020. "Andranik Ozanyan" for participating in the 44-day war, and "St. Ghevond Elder" order. I am married, I have 1 daughter.

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ու եղբայրական սերը, որ Գուք տաճում էք Ձեր հոգևոր եղբայրների հանդեպ: Սրտի անկեղծ ջերմությամբ մեր շնորհակալությունն ենք հայտնում Ձեզ և Օկլանդ քաղաքի Սուրբ Կարդան Եկեղեցու հոգևոր համայնքին այս նախաձեռնությանը մասնակից լինելու համար: Աղոթքով և եղբայրական սիրով, Տեր Վաչագան քին. Գյուրջյան:

Dear Rev. Fr., We have long been aware of your beautiful initiative, which is aimed at your priest brothers performing their spiritual service in the Motherland. We were pleased to learn that this year we were also part of that program. Today we are serving in the Artsakh Diocese and the Artsakh Defense Army. Against the backdrop of the social difficulties caused in Artsakh by the blockade, the amount of 1000 USD donated by you was quite a help, but more than the material support, the care and brotherly love that you show towards your fellow spiritual brothers is more important and gratifying to me. We sincerely thank you and the faith community of St. Vartan Church in Oakland for participating in this initiative. With prayers and brotherly love, Rev. Fr. Vachagan Gurdjian.

Rev. Fr. Artavazd Simonyan

Միբեղի և արժանապատիվ Տեր Գրիգոր քահանա Չաքարյանին և Սուրբ Կարդան եկեղեցու հավատավոր զավակներին բերում ենք մեր խորին շնորհակալությունները մեզ փոխանցված դրամական օգնության համար, որը կազմում էր 1000 (հազար) ԱՄՆ դոլար: Թող Տերը առատապես օրհնի այս բարի նախաձեռնության բոլոր անդամներին և իր անսահման շնորհները բաշխի ձեզ ամենքիդ: Աղոթքով և օրհնությամբ Տեր Արտավազդ քահանա Միմոնյան:

Dear and dignified Fr. Krikor Zakaryan and the faithful children of Saint Vartan Church, we express our deep gratitude for the financial assistance transferred to us, which amounted to 1000 US dollars. May the Lord abundantly bless all the members for this good initiative and distribute his infinite graces to all of you. With prayer and blessing, Rev. Fr. Artavazd Simonyan.



Donations for Sister Church Program

Please be generous in supporting the St. Vartan's "Sister Church Program". You can make donations in the Sunday morning offering plate, donate through the church website, or mail a check to the church. Proceeds from the sale of the Charity Raffle Tickets sold at the St. Vartan Church Annual Food Festival also go to support the "Sister Church Program".

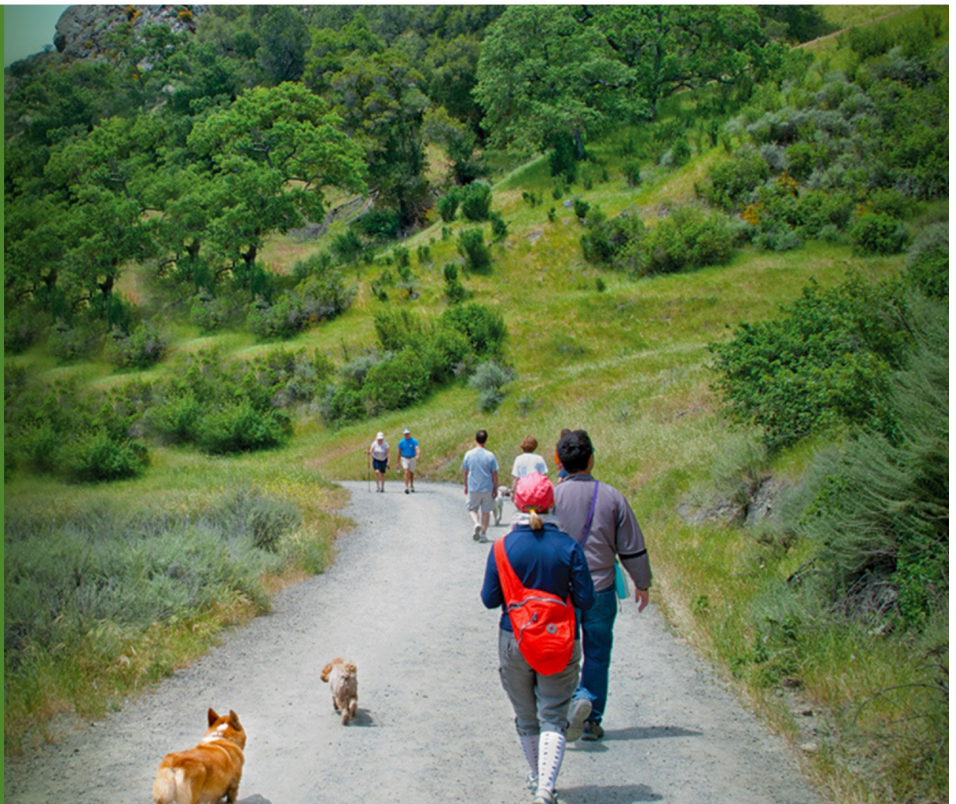


Save the date for our next event—an afternoon at Lake Chabot

Sunday, June 25
after church

Meet for box lunch and a walk along Lake Chabot, then stay for boating and other activities.

Details and RSVP to come.
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FEAST OF THE LORD'S ASCENSION

On May 18, 2023, the Armenian Church will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The day marks the ascent of our Lord into heaven, on the 40th day after his resurrection.

In the Bible, the opening chapter of the Book of Acts gives the classic account of Christ's ascension, where Jesus first preaches to the disciples on the Mount of Olives; and then, "as they beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9). Luke (who is also the author of Acts) reports in the closing verses of his gospel that "while [Jesus] blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven" (Luke 24:51). St. Paul gives us the earliest reference to Christ's presence in heaven, in his Epistle to the Romans (Romans 10:5-7).

The Feast of the Ascension (Hampartsoum in Armenian) has been celebrated in the universal church since ancient times. Modern scholarship traces its observance to the 4th century. The Nicene Creed (A.D. 325), chanted in the Armenian Church during every Divine Liturgy, asserts that Christ "ascended into heaven with the same body and sat at the right hand of the Father." Today, a sanctuary on the Mount of Olives marks the place where the Ascension of our Lord occurred. For centuries the Brotherhood of St. James at the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem has held a vespers service and vigil in the sanctuary on the eve of the Feast of the Ascension.

Հոգեգալստյան տոնի խորհուրդը

Հոգեգալստյան տոնն ազատարար է և պարզիչ, քանի որ մեզ ազատեց ապականության ծառայությունից և վերադարձրեց մեր հայրենի ժառանգությունը՝ Դրախտը: Այն կոչվում է նաև Պենտեկոստե, որը հունարեն բառ է և նշանակում է հիսուններորդ: Տոնը այս կերպ է անվանվում, քանի որ Հոգեգալուստը տեղի ունեցավ Հիսուս Քրիստոսի Հարությունից հետո՝ 50-րդ օրը: Այս տոնով Հայ եկեղեցուն ավարտվում է Հինանց շրջանը:

Սուրբ Հոգու աստվածային գալուստը քարոզվել է բոլոր մարգարեների կողմից, բայց կատարելապես՝ Նրա գալստյան մասին առաքյալներին պատմեց Փրկիչը. «Եթե Ինձ սիրում եք, կպահեք Իմ պատվիրանները. և Ես պիտի աղաչեմ Հորը, և Նա մի այլ Մխիթարիչ պիտի տա ձեզ, որպեսզի հավիտյան ձեզ հետ բնակվի Ճշմարտության Հոգին» (Հովհ. ԺԴ 15-17): Եվ դարձյալ՝ «Մխիթարիչը՝ Սուրբ Հոգին, որին Հայրը կուղարկի Իմ անունով, Նա ձեզ ամեն բան կուսուցանի և ձեզ կհիշեցնի այն ամենը, ինչ Ես ասացի ձեզ» (Հովհ. ԺԴ 26): Սրանով հայտնում է, որ Սուրբ Հոգին Հորից էր գալու: Տերն ասաց. «Լավ է ձեզ համար, որ Ես գնամ. որովհետև եթե Ես չգնամ, Մխիթարիչը ձեզ մոտ չի գա. իսկ եթե գնամ, Նրան կուղարկեմ ձեզ մոտ» (Հովհ. ԺԶ 5-7):

Տերն Իր հրաշափառ Հարությունից քառասուն օր անց համբարձվեց և ինն օր հրեշտակների ինը դասերում պաշտվելուց հետո տասներորդ օրը նստեց Հոր աջ կողմում և առաքյալների դասերի վրա առաքեց խոստացած Պարզը՝ Սուրբ Հոգին, որպեսզի առաքյալները, Սուրբ Հոգին կարոտով ու զգուշությամբ ընդունելով, Նրանով առաջնորդվեն դեպի Ավետյաց երկիր: Հոգին չեկավ ծածուկ և աներևույթ, այլ իբրև սաստիկ հողմ և լցրեց ամենքին: Սուրբ Հոգին Իր էջքով նոր սքանչելիք գործեց՝ կյանքի հոտ ու անմահության բույր հեղելով Երուսաղեմի վրա և լիացնելով քաղաքը:

Աստծու Հոգին բանական է, մտավոր, կենդանի և կենդանացնող, որով զարդարվում և կառավարվում են բոլոր բանականները, երկնավորներն ու երկրավորները: Նա «Սուրբ Հոգի» է կոչվում, որպեսզի խոսքի մեջ զանազանվի հրեշտակների և մարդկանց հոգիներից: Թեպետ հրեշտակները սրբություն ունեն, ինչպես և մեր հոգիները, որ Արարչից բարի ստեղծվեցին և բարի Աստծու պատկերն են, սակայն զանազանվում է արարածների սրբությունը Սուրբ Հոգու սրբությունից: Քանզի Աստծու Հոգին բնությամբ է սուրբ, իսկ հրեշտակները և մեր հոգիները՝ դրությամբ: Եվ ինչպես Աստված փակեց Դրախտը բոցեղեն սրով և պահեց Կենաց ծառի ճանապարհը, այդպես էլ այսօր առաքեց Սուրբ Հոգին կրակի նմանությամբ՝ պահելու և պարսպապատելու համար սուրբ Եկեղեցին, որպեսզի սատանան այնտեղ չմտնի և ավերածություն չգործի, քանզի սատանան Սուրբ Հոգու կրակից հոյժ սարսափում է:



Festival Preparation Workdays

Cheese Beoreg	May 8	9:30 am	Simit	August 10	9 am
RSVP: scapurro@sbcglobal.net			Simit	August 17	9 am
			RSVP: hyegail@pacbell.net		

Lunch is provided but feel free to bring something to share. If you plan to attend any workdays, we need to know in advance to provide lunch.

Ladies Society Update

On April 6, the Ladies Society hosted a Lenten Luncheon and prepared bags filled with baby items for the Shepherd's Gate Women's shelter, which assists domestic abuse survivors and homeless women in Alameda County. The ladies also served choreg and cheese after Church services on Easter Sunday.



Mezze Madness!

**Bastirma! String Cheese!
Soujouk! Lahvosh!**

Introducing our Mezze Madness fundraiser! Order online at stvartanoakland.com anytime before Saturday, May 20 and pickup in the hall after church services Sunday, May 21. Quantities are limited and will be sold on a first come, first served basis!



Palm Sunday April 2, 2023





St. Vartan Ladies Society
Annual Luncheon & Raffle

"An ongoing tradition celebrating Mother's Day."

Mother's
DAY
Luncheon

12 noon on Thursday, May 11, 2023

St. Vartan Church John Marukian Hall

Luncheon tickets \$25

Raffle Tickets \$20 for pack of 25

Send check to RSVP by May 5

Nelly Kargodorian

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