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SAINT PETER ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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AUGUST 4, 2021



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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION,  
AUGUST 4, 2021

**D**ear parishioners, I cannot believe it has been exactly 30 years since the day I



knelt in front of the altar of St. Peter Church and was ordained into the Order of Priesthood. Three months later, on November 1st, 1991, I assumed my mission as Parish Priest of St. Peter Armenian Church in Van Nuys, California. As I reflect upon those beginning days I feel a sense of

rejuvenation today, and with this new revival of the Pari Loor Bulletin I can bring to you a degree of normalization, to strengthen our bond and communication further, in these ever-changing times.

It is difficult to put into a few words a recap of the last 30 years we have experienced together. A couple of years into my ministry, the Northridge Earthquake happened and our sanctuary and its adjacent buildings were severely impacted. We raised over \$2 million dollars to restore those damages. In the early 2000s, with the support of the Parish Council, various Church Organizations flourished: Church Choir, Gomidas Choir, Ladies Society, Fashion Show Committee, Saturday School, Sunday School, ACYO, and most recently, Sound of Children Arts School. One of the most prominent times in our church history is our youth strength through these decades; whether it was in theatrical performances like "Fiddler on the Roof," or coming home with trophies from



Sports Weekend, our youth was the home to so many children in the San Fernando Valley. For many years, I had the honor and utmost pleasure to gather hundreds of campers from the St. Peter Church community and participate together in the weeks of Hye Camp in the summer. Whether it was at retreats, acolyte programs, or deacons serving at the altar, I first-handedly witnessed our youth grow in the grace of God; some of them into youth leaders, exemplary members of our community and even priests themselves. In the more recent years, we purchased the St. Mark property and expanded our footprint by 120%. St. Peter Church became the destination for Catholicos, Patriarchs, and political Leaders of Armenia and the United States of America. But above all, St. Peter Church became the spiritual reawakening for everyone who entered and received sacraments of communion, baptism, wedding, bible teaching, and counseling.

In 2020, the Covid-19 Pandemic forced us to close the doors of our sanctuary, for the safety of our faithful. We entered the digital realm, where we now livestream our Divine Liturgy every Sunday morning. During the Pandemic, we also collectively experienced the war and aggression against Armenia and Artsakh; at this time we opened our courtyard and the church ushered in Armenian families and organizations to raise \$65,607 which was matched to \$131,214 in support.

All of the above events and occurrences are just a small part of the expression of our deep faith in God the Father, compassionate love of our Lord Jesus Christ, and grace of the Holy Spirit. We can do nothing without Christ. It is with the strength and power of the Holy Trinity that we are still continuing to shine forth and brightly. God Bless Us all and keep us and protect us under the shadow of the all victorious and Holy Cross.

Prayerfully, Fr. Shnork Demirjian



# VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENT

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

## Attention

ACYO Members, Sunday and Saturday School, Summer Camp Students,  
Parents of St. Peter Church and Church All Organizations!

On Sunday, August, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is the  
Feast of Holy Assumption of Mary, Mother of God.

Following the Divine Liturgy,  
we will have the Blessing of the Grapes,  
as a symbol of our thankfulness to God for all his  
heavenly gifts that are bestowed upon us.

We humbly ask that students, members, and parents  
volunteer a small portion of their time on  
**Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
for the preparation of the grapes.

Even 15 minutes of your service will be extremely  
beneficial and helpful to our preparation of the Feast.

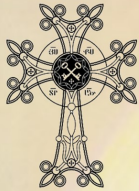
*May God bless off those who serve in His vineyard.*

According to COVID-19 regulations, masks and gloves will be provided.



# SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

## FEAST OF ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



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**Ս. Աստուածածնայ Վերափոխման Տօնին**

Մատուցուելիք Հոգեպարար Ս. Պատարագին, որ տեղի պիտի ունենայ

**Կիրակի, Օգոստոս 15, 2021թ.-ին**

Ժամերգութիւն 8:30-ին

Ս. Պատարագ 10:00-ին

Պիտի պատարագէ եւ քարոզէ Եկեղեցւոյ Հովիւ

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**Խաղողորհներ**

ST. PETER ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Parish Priest & Parish Council Invite you to The Celebration of the

**Feast of Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021**

MORNING SERVICE 8:30 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 a.m.

CELEBRANT:

Parish Archpriest

Rev. Fr. Shnork Demirjian

CHOIR: St. Peter Church Choir

*Blessing of the Grapes*

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY SCHOOL | FASHION SHOW



St. Peter Armenian Church  
**Saturday Armenian School**

## BACK TO SCHOOL

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Classes are held on Saturdays 10AM to 1PM**

In the care of dedicated and **experienced Armenian teachers**,  
your children are guided and encouraged to learn  
not only the **Eastern and Western Armenian language**,  
but also learn about **Armenian history, music and the culture**.

**ONLINE ENROLLMENT OPEN**

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You can also register at the Church Office from 9:00AM to 12:00NOON

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## Ս. Պետրոս Հայ. Առաքելական Եկեղեցի Շաբաթօրեայ Հայկական Վարժարան ՎԵՐԱՄՈՒՏ

Շաբաթ, Սեպտեմբեր 11, 2021

**Շաբաթ օրերը, առաւօտեան ժամը 10:00էն 1:00**

Ձեր զաւակները յանձնեցէ՛ք նուիրուած հայ ուսուցիչներու խնամքին:

Մեր ծրագրին մէջ ընդգրկուած են **Հայոց Լեզու (Արեւմտահայերէն եւ Արեւելահայերէն), Հայոց Պատմութիւն, Հայ Երաժշտութիւն, Ազգային Դաստիարակութիւն եւ Հայկական Մշակոյթ:**

Մեր վկայականը պաշտօնապէս ճանաչումի կ'արժանանայ  
Քալիֆորնիոյ պետական դպրոցներու կողմէ իբրեւ Օտար Լեզուի  
Դասընթացներու վկայագիր:

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St. Peter Ladies Society  
invites you to our

62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon

## THE TWENTIES Then & Now

Fashions from Robert Ellis Boutique

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Social Hour & Boutique  
ten o'clock in the morning

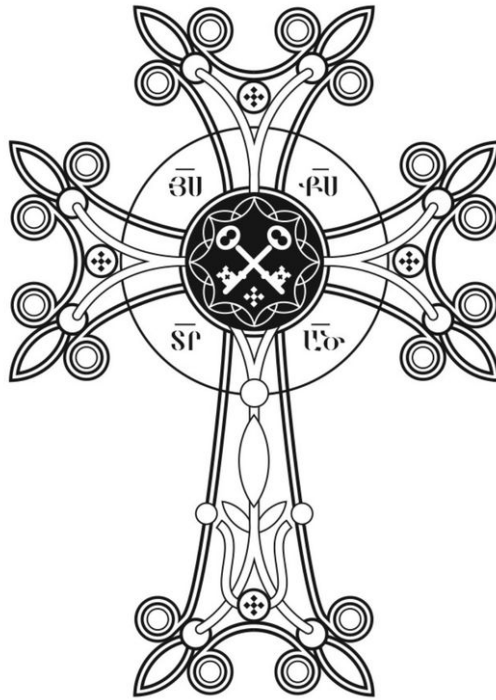
Luncheon & Fashion Show  
twelve noon

Four Seasons Hotel  
Grand Ballroom  
2 Dole Drive  
Westlake Village, California

We will be following Los Angeles County Department of  
Public Health guidelines that are in place on the day of the event.







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