

# mosaix

A publication of  
First Armenian Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples.

January 2022 Vol. 8:1

*"He is before all things and in Him all things hold together." Colossians 1:17 (NIV11)*

Are you holding together?

As we begin 2022 some of us are eager, hopeful for positive change. Others are holding on by a thread ... maybe. Discouragement can be as serious as an actual virus and when it's combined with physical illness or challenge of any kind, we're really in trouble.

That's why this verse meant so much to me when I memorized it this last month. "He is before all things and in Him all things hold together." Colossians 1:17 The Apostle Paul is talking about Jesus and in the context he's not so much thinking about Jesus' birth as a human being, but His eternal identity as God the Son, the second person of the Trinity, our Creator and Redeemer, the One who is above every imaginable authority, the One who rules as Sovereign. This "Son" has supremacy in everything! (Col. 1:18)



All things hold together in Him because He holds us together and holds on to us. I love how Jesus encouraged His disciples in John 10:27-28, "My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand."

As we enter the New Year, let's be held by Him! Let's hold on to Him! Let's trust that He is, indeed, the Lord of all and has our lives firmly in His grip!

●●●●● Badveli Greg

<p><b>Armenian Christmas Service</b></p> <p>Entirely in Armenian!</p>  <p>Wednesday, January 5th 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sunday School Resumes</b></p> <p>Pre-K through 5th</p>  <p>Sunday January 9th</p> <p><b>During the service!</b></p>
<p><b>21 DAYS OF PRAYER &amp; FASTING</b></p> <p>January 10th - 31st</p> <p>7-8 p.m.</p> <p>Starting at FAPC on Monday the 10th</p>	<p><b>EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest (POPS)</b></p> <p>Worship Service Friday the 21st, 7 p.m.</p> <p>January 21st-22nd Hosted by FAPC</p>

**CONGRATULATIONS TO...**

On September 3, Governor Newsom appointed Sosi Chitakian Vogt as Judge of the Madera County Superior Court. A graduate of San Joaquin College of Law, Judge Vogt was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1996 and engaged in criminal defense practice, served as a Fresno County Deputy District Attorney, and was Corporate Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the American Division at Anderson Clayton Queensland Cotton. Judge Vogt most recently served as a Court Commissioner in the Madera Court. The Session and Congregation extend heartiest congratulations to the new jurist, her husband John, and daughter Natalie!



Kimberly Bedrosian on being named one of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Man and Woman of the Year National Top 25 Fundraisers for 2021.



Phil & Elaine Garo celebrated 60 years of wedded bliss on Thanksgiving day, 25 November!



Peter & Frank Kazarian joined the Fresno Christian Eagle Football team and went 12-0 on the season and won the Central Division 8-Man Championship. Peter broke the school record for rushing touchdowns, scoring 23 this season. Frank started at center or nose guard every game even with no prior former football experience.



**PAST EVENTS...**

The FAPC Annual Congregational Meeting took place on after the Worship Service on December 12, 2020, the Third Sunday of Advent. Communicant Members of the Congregation received the January-June 2022 Budget of the Church Corporation, elected Steven Baker and Maral Afaria to the Board of Deacons (Deacon Class of 2024) and Paul Bedrosian to the Session (Elder Class of 2024). The Session extends heartfelt thanks to the Committee on Nominations (Sevag Afarian, Chairperson), the Committee on Budget and Finance (Dr. Hagop Afarian, Chairperson), and the Committee on Personnel (Kalem Kazarian, Chairperson) for their tireless efforts throughout the past year



On December 19, 2021, the fourth Sunday of Advent, FAPC received the following brothers and sisters into the Communicant membership of the congregation: Steven and Danielle Baker, Dr. Michael Gulian, and Luther and Tamar Sevajian. May God richly bless their membership and ministry at FAPC!



Eliot S. Nahigian on being named a 2021 Northern California Super Lawyer for the 12th year. Eliot is a partner in the Fresno law firm of Coleman & Horowitz LLP and is a Certified Legal Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law and in Taxation Law.



The Saturday, December 4, 2021, edition of the Armenian Mirror-Spectator features Cherished Memories and Recipes of FAPC's beloved Elder, Mary Elia, who passed away in 2018 just shy of her 100th birthday. The story appears in Christine



Vartanian's excellent Recipe Corner column (page 16) and may be accessed by visiting mirrorspectator.com.



Janik Oganessian, R.Ph. on his appointment as Manager of the CVS Pharmacy in the Target Store at the Marketplace at El Paseo in Northwest Fresno.



## UPCOMING EVENTS...

Come, celebrate **Armenian Christmas** on **Wednesday, January 5th**, in the Sanctuary at **7 p.m.** Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church will be joining us for a joint service entirely in Armenian.



The **21 Days of Prayer and Fasting** will take place January 10th through the 30th. Our church will be hosting Monday, January 10th, at 7 p.m.



Our church is hosting the **Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest** (POPS) in January. If you would like to volunteer to join the team who will be providing meals and hosting the members of Presbytery, please contact the church office. You are invited to join us in the sanctuary on Friday, January 21st, at 7 p.m. for a worship service with Presbytery. Come join us as we serve and worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Thank you to our outgoing Deacons and Elders!

Rita Shamlian (6 years), Kim Garo (3 years), Sela Ghazarian (6 years), Keith Harrison (6 years), Arpi Keledjian (3 years), and Kohar Kojayan (6 years), thank you for serving as Deacons. In addition, thank you to Sela and Rita for serving as chairs during your terms!

Sevag Afarian (3 years) and Dennis Shamlian (6 years), thank you for serving as Elders.

Please keep each of our serving Elders and Deacons in prayer as they serve.



### Prayer List

### Mosaix Delivery

How can we be praying for you? Let us know any specific prayer requests you have by emailing them to [karendaoudian@gmail.com](mailto:karendaoudian@gmail.com) to add them to our prayer chain emails. If you would like to join the prayer chain email list please let us know.

Would you like to receive your Mosaix Newsletter by email? Let us know! You can opt out of receiving physical mailings and switch to emails only by contacting the church office at [fapc3@fapc.net](mailto:fapc3@fapc.net).



## Our Condolences...

Lawrence Keith Karabian, Pharm.D., third-generation member of one of the earliest FAPC families, passed away in Clovis on November 23, 2021 at the age of 81. An Eagle Scout and 1958 graduate of Roosevelt High School, Larry earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Southern California and its School of Pharmacy. A California Registered Pharmacist for 55 years, Larry and his family operated independent retail drug stores in the San Mateo communities of Portola Valley and Ladera. He was also a longtime member of the Peninsula Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity. After retiring to Shaver Lake, Larry continued to practice his profession with CVS Pharmacy, Inc., most recently in Reedley. A gifted wood craftsman, Larry visited the Republic of Armenia more than a dozen times and helped build 22 homes under the auspices of the Fuller Center for Housing-Armenia. Larry was preceded in death by his parents John and Zevart (Shishmanian) Karabian, and sister-in-law, Laurel Dickranian Karabian. He is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Dian; sons Skip Michael Karabian and John Thomas "Cub" Karabian and their families, including four grandchildren; siblings Walter J. Karabian, Esq. and Patricia Vartan; and many dear nieces, nephews, and cousins.



# CHRISTMAS CAROLING



●●●●● Family Life News ●●●●●  
**YOUTH LOCK-IN**



# CHRISTMAS SUNDAY



●●●●● Family Life News ●●●●●  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**





**First  
Armenian  
Presbyterian  
Church**

Nonprofit Org.  
US Postage  
PAID  
Fresno, CA  
Permit No. 398

430 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St Fresno, CA 93702  
Address Service Requested

## *Upcoming Special Events*

January 5 - Armenian Christmas Service  
January 7-9 - AREV Winter Camp (College)  
January 10 - FAPC hosting 21 Days of Prayer  
January 10-30 - 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting  
January 14-16 - AREV Winter Camp (H.S.)  
January 21-22 - FAPC to Host Presbytery  
January 21-23 - AREV Winter Camp (Juniors)  
January 28-30 - AREV Winter Camp (J.H.)  
February 5 - Cooking with Maria Cardoux

**Unsolicited submissions are  
welcome.  
All submissions are subject to  
editorial revisions.  
Please email to  
administration@fapc.net**

### **Church Office:**

(Interim hours) 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. M - F  
Phone: 559.237.6638  
Fax: 559.237.9526  
Email: administration@fapc.net

### *Staff Team:*

*Anna Arakelian*, Nursery Attendant  
*Marine Frnzlyan*, Nursery Attendant  
*Sue Garabedian*, Interim Church Administrator  
(administration@fapc.net)  
*Stephen Goodale*, Director of Ministries  
(youthdirector@fapc.net)  
*Frank Kazarian*, Media Technician  
*Razmig Minassian*, Music Director  
(razmig@camparev.org)  
*Brandon Petrie*, Media Director (Brandonpetrie@  
gmail.com)  
*Susan Ruiz*, Custodian  
*Kelsey Tovmassian*, Administrative Assistant  
(fapc3@fapc.net)

**Teaching Elder:** Rev. Greg Haroutunian, Senior Pastor (559.575.4022 — badveli@fapc.net)

**Ruling Elders:** Dr. Hagop Afarian, Paul Bedrosian, Paul Haroutunian,  
Kalem Kazarian, Rev. Razmig Minassian

**Deacons:** Sandra Marashian, Noelle Nightingale, Maral Afarian, Steven Baker,  
Rita Barsamian, Grace Chavoor, Simon Kalebjian, Karine Martirosyan,  
Ando Sivas, Kinsey Sivas