

"¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV2011)

"¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:18-20 (NIV2011)

It's my favorite holiday! I love celebrating Thanksgiving! Throughout the Scripture we read repeatedly that the people of God are commanded to give thanks to the Lord because He is good and because His love endures forever!

God is worthy of praise and thanks because He is good, faithful, and merciful. He is unchanging, holy, and gracious. He is loving! So we obey eagerly and offer Him thanks and praise because He will never act toward us in any way except love. He always acts to accomplish His wise, good plans in our lives.

It doesn't feel like that all the time, does it?

That's why I was struck at a conference recently when the speaker said that his relationship with God is marked by three promises: 1) to be ever grateful; 2) to never take offense with God; and 3) to never be satisfied, always relentlessly pursuing God.

Ever grateful.

Never offended.

Never satisfied.

Commitments like this are anchored in the love of God. Joyful, grateful prayer presumes an unchanging God of grace, mercy and goodness. The command to be thankful "for everything" demands a wise, all-knowing, omnipresent Lord who sovereignly rules over and in everything.

What struck me most about the three promises was the commitment to never be offended by God and by what He does. I'd never thought about taking offense at God. After all, He's God! Yet, the more I reflected about my own heart and replayed conversations I've had with literally hundreds of people, I realize that most every one of us has taken offense at something God has done.

We object to His timing. We're frustrated by His seeming silence and unresponsiveness. We take umbrage with the way He answers or doesn't answer our prayers. Even a glance at what matters to us reveals what appears to be a distinct lack of goodness, attentiveness and love. And, barring a prior commitment to rejoice, pray and give thanks, we grumble and take offense.

I'm seeking to adopt these three vows as a daily commitment to live deliberately in the love relationship the Lord wants with me. He wants the same for you! He wants us to live in the conscious awareness of His goodness, kindness and grace.

During this month of Thanksgiving, let's develop the intentional habit of giving thanks in all circumstances and even for all things. Let's submit by faith to gratitude to our good, sovereign, loving Lord. Happy Thanksgiving!

Because He lives,

Badveli Greg



2022 Harvest Festival



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Family Life @ FAPC

Hebrews 13:16

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

Our Sunday School students have chosen to support Young Life Armenia for their missions project this year by raising funds to purchase a guitar and a cajón drum for the weekly clubs that meet in Yerevan and surrounding areas. If their efforts are extremely successful, other musical instruments could possibly be funded as well.

Be watching in the upcoming weeks to see how our church body can support these efforts. Arpi Keledjian and Kinsey Sivas will be leading this project, and you will soon be able to view the youth's progress toward this goal in the Sunday School building.

By:

Elaine Rubio





Dear Badveli Greg and Sossy:

I would like to thank everyone for all the support, prayer, visits, cards, flowers and food while I was battling my illness. I would also like to thank my Deacon, Rita Shamlian for giving me extra attention. I thank God for my being a member of our church FAPC since 1981.

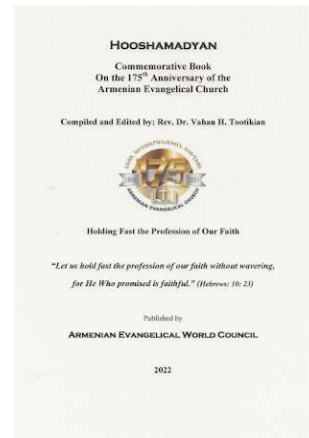
Maral Afarian visiting me every day, meeting my needs whenever I needed. She was always a phone call away. Also, Kathy Garabedian taking me to my Doctor appointments. Also, my gratitude to Badveli’s confirmed prayer for healing.

Ashkhen Toutikian



California returns to Standard Time on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Turn your clocks backward one hour on Saturday evening, November 5, and plan to be at FAPC for prayer, worship, and Sunday School on Sunday morning, November 6, 2022.

The Armenian Evangelical World Council recently published “Hooshamadyan: Commemorative Book on the 175th Anniversary of the Armenian Evangelical Church.” Compiled and edited by Reverend Doctor Vahan H. Tootikian, this English language volume offers a comprehensive history of the Armenian Evangelical Church in the Old and New Worlds. To purchase a copy, visit: www.amaa.org/featuredbooks or www.aeuna.org.



Upcoming Special Events

- November 6 Communion Sunday
- November 17 24/7 Prayer
- November 27 First Sunday of Advent
- December 4 Communion Sunday
- December 17 24/7 Prayer
- December 18 Christmas Program
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service
- December 25 Christmas Sunday Service

It’s time to decorate for Christmas! Please join us as we prepare to welcome our church family, friends, and guests during the Advent season. Tuesday, November 22 at 3:30 pm in the Narthex. We’ll celebrate with hot chocolate and cookies after the decorating is done.

Can we count on you? Please call or text Sue Garabedian 559.436.1414





Build a Shoebox! ONLINE



First Armenian Presbyterian Church

We are excited once again to be part of this wonderful ministry Operation Christmas Child. You can build a shoebox online or bring one to the church in person. May God use your gifts to bless the lives of children and their families and further His kingdom for His glory alone. Thank you for being part of this outreach.

It's time for "Build a Shoebox"!

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry outreach in which volunteers give gifts in shoeboxes to children around the world who may not receive a gift at Christmas. It is also an opportunity to share the gospel message to the child and their family. Please join us this year in this God honoring event. We will give you gift suggestions when you pick up your shoebox.

Shoeboxes are available to pick up. You may use any regular size shoeboxes from home, if that is more convenient. There is also the option to Build a Shoebox online.

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/672de842-754d-4099-83cb-8279cf08d0ad>

Please return the filled shoebox to the church by Sunday, November 13th.





Upcoming Events



New Members Training Class Fall 2022

November 27, 2022, 4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Fireside Room

Contact Jacci for more information:
Jacci@fapc.net or (559) 237-6638

SPACE IS LIMITED: Please sign up today to receive the membership application and testimony questions that are due prior to the workshop. Thank you!



Our Condolences



Raymond Vahan Damadian, M.D., “Father of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)” and FAPC Centennial Keynote Speaker, passed away at his home in Woodbury, New York on August 3, 2022 at the age of 86. A native of Manhattan, Dr. Damadian grew up in Queens, studied violin at the Juilliard School of Music, completed undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and earned a graduate degree at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He built the first MRI scanner, nicknamed “Indomitable,” and it produced the first MR image on July 3, 1977. He went on to found FONAR Corporation of Melville, New York and its subsidiary, Health Management Company of America. President Ronald Reagan awarded Dr. Damadian the National Medal of Technology in 1988 and Dr. Damadian was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame a year later. On September 6, 1997, Dr. Damadian appeared before a capacity crowd in the Fresno Conference Center at M and Ventura Streets--site of Fresno’s Historic Armenian Town--and movingly shared his faith and professional journey and the journey of the Armenian People as the culmination of the Centennial Celebration of FAPC. Dr. Damadian was preceded in death by his beloved wife, the former Elizabeth Donna Terry, who invited him to a Billy Graham Crusade at Madison Square Garden in 1957, where he responded to the altar call. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Vahan and Odette (Yazedjian) Damadian. He is survived by his three children, Keira Reinmund and her husband, Markus; Jevan Damadian and his wife, Victoria; Timothy Damadian and his wife, Helen; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister Claudette Chan.





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November 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		Women's Zoom Bible Study 5:55PM Family Fellowship 6:45PM	Men's Bible Study Fireside 12-1PM	Women's Bible Study Fireside 9:45 AM Family Fellowship Zoom	Mommy & Me CE Bldg 9:30 AM	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Communion Service 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship Armenian Bible Study 12:30PM Armenian Home Worship 1:45 PM		Women's Bible Study 2:55PM Women's Zoom Bible Study 5:55PM Family Fellowship 6:45PM	Men's Bible Study Fireside 12-1PM	Fireside 9:45 AM Family Fellowship Zoom	Veteran's Day Holiday	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM		Women's Bible Study 2:55PM Women's Zoom Bible Study 5:55PM Family Fellowship 6:45PM	Men's Bible Study Fireside 12-1PM	Women's Bible Study Fireside 9:45 AM Family Fellowship Zoom 24/7 Prayer Fireside 7PM	Mommy & Me CE Bldg 9:30 AM	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Armenian Bible Study 12:30PM		Women's Bible Study 2:55PM Women's Zoom Bible Study 5:55PM Family Fellowship	Men's Bible Study Fireside 12-1PM	Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed	Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Armenian Bible Study 12:30PM First Sunday of Advent		Women's Bible Study 2:55PM Women's Zoom Bible Study 5:55PM Family Fellowship	Men's Bible Study Fireside 12-1PM			

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