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**St. Sarkis Armenian Church Santa Clarita**

**Շաբաթաթերթիկ-Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday, July 12, 2026**

**Bible Reading**

**Matthew 16:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

**1 John 1:1-7**

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We write this to make our<sup>full</sup> joy complete. Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all<sup>full</sup> sin.

**Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ**



The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the five main “Tabernacle” feasts of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Holy Church. It commemorates the transformation or the “transfiguration” that came over Jesus while He was praying. Christ’s face shone like the sun and his clothes became a radiant and gleaming white. The Apostles Peter, James and John witnessed that event which occurred on a high mountain named Tabor. Evangelists St. Matthew, St. Mark and St. Luke testify about the transfiguration of Jesus in the Gospels (Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:1-12, Luke 9:28-36). “... As they looked on, a change came over Jesus: his face was shining like the sun and his clothes were dazzling white. Then the three disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. So Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses

and one for Elijah.” While he was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased – listen to him!” When the disciples heard the voice, they were so terrified that they threw themselves face downward on the ground. Jesus came to them and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid!” So they looked up and saw no one there but Jesus. (Matthew 17:2-8)

In the Armenian Church, the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated 98 days following Easter. The Feast also is known by the common name of “Vardavar”. This day is associated with an old Armenian tradition of pouring water on one another. Some sources attribute the tradition as a remnant of an Armenian pre-Christian celebration. The Monday following the Feast is a Memorial Day.

St. Sarkis Programs & Events:

VARTAVAR CELEBRATION  
July 12, 2026 After Divine Liturgy

Join us for our Saturday Sunday School

Join us for the deacons’  
classes

St. Sarkis ARMENIAN SATURDAY SCHOOL  
SUMMER CAMP June 15 - AUGUST 7

Bible Study Wednesday  
6:30pm

Deacons’ Class  
Call us: (661)5057260

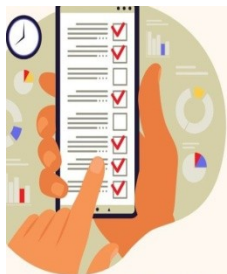
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## YOUR VIEWS & OPINIONS MATTER

We invite you to participate in a brief 10–15 minute **anonymous survey** about the experiences, beliefs, and engagement of parish community members of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church. **Your responses will help us better understand the needs of our communities and guide future ministries, programs, and parish life.**

If you are 18 or older and identify as an Armenian Christian living in the Western United States, we invite you to participate in this survey and **share your valuable perspectives and experiences.**

Your input is greatly appreciated and will help ensure parishioner voices are represented.



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