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## WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY MORNINGS AND  
LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

ENGLISH AND ARMENIAN SERVICE



Sunday School welcomes your children with open arms! Join us every Sunday at 11:00 am for faith, fun, and friendship. We would love to have them!

## The MasterCard Versus the Master's Card

Dear Church Members & Friends,

I would like you to consider the vast differences that actually exist between a **MasterCard** and the **Master's Card**. The two phrases sound similar, but they mean very different things:

### 1. MasterCard

A financial product: It's an international credit/debit card brand, issued by banks.

Purpose: Used for payments, purchases, ATM withdrawals, online transactions. It's about **money, finance, and commerce**.

### 2. The Master's Card

A spiritual or symbolic phrase, not a literal credit card.

"The Master" here refers to **Jesus Christ**.

Meaning: Instead of relying on a man-made card (money, credit, debt), a believer relies on God's promises, grace, and a spiritual "account" that never runs out. It high-

lights God's eternal riches versus earthly wealth.

The MasterCard is a temporary, man-made, financial credit. The Master's Card gives you access to eternal, divine and spiritual blessings.

The world offers us a MasterCard— a small piece of plastic that opens doors to shops, travel, and entertainment. It comes with **limits, interest, and debt**; if you use it unwisely, it enslaves rather than frees. It can be lost, stolen, or declined.

But heaven offers us the **Master's Card**—stamped not with numbers, but with the **blood of Christ**.

It opens not earthly stores, but the **treasures of God's kingdom**.

It carries **no expiration date**, for His mercies are new every morning and never fade away.

There are **no finance charges and no hidden fees**, only **UNLIMITED GRACE**.

And instead of debt, it proclaims, **"Paid in full"** (John

19:30). It's a prepaid deal! With a MasterCard, you buy what perishes.

With the Master's Card, you receive what is eternal.

One leaves you with monthly bills; the other leaves you with everlasting peace.

So carry the Master's Card today.

Use it often—in prayer, in faith, in acts of love.

Its credit never runs out, because its source is Christ Himself, who is "able to supply all your needs according to His riches in glory" (**Philippians 4:19**).

I would like to encourage you to become a card carrying representative of the Master's Card which is accessible 24 hours a day from anywhere in the world and start reaping its numerous benefits. Even if your **credit score** is dismal; you can't be rejected because the Master says, **"Whosoever comes to Me, I will never cast out."**

Rev. George Terian  
Senior Pastor,  
IACC



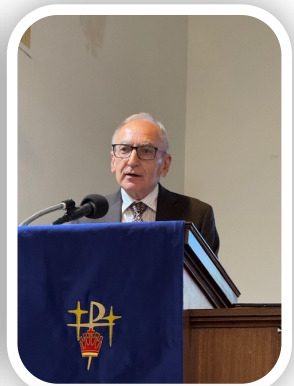
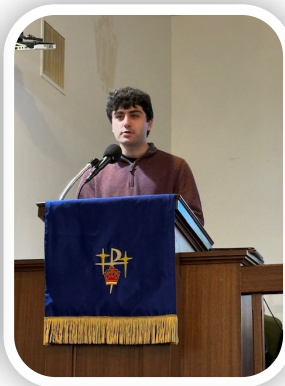
# AMAA SUNDAY & JOINT SERVICE WITH ST NAREG

A Beautiful Day of Fellowship: AMAA Sunday & Joint Service with St. Nareg Armenian Church

On Sunday, September 14, 2025, our congregation joined with St. Nareg Armenian Church for a heartfelt AMAA Joint Worship Service—a celebration of faith, unity, and shared mission.

The sanctuary was filled with a spirit of togetherness as members from both churches came together to worship as one body in Christ. Through Scripture, prayer, and song, we were reminded of our common calling and the enduring work of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), which continues to make a meaningful impact in Armenian communities around the world.

The joint service not only celebrated our spiritual connection but also highlighted the importance of partnership and collaboration in ministry. It was a joy to worship alongside our brothers and sisters from St. Nareg, and to experience the beauty of our shared heritage.





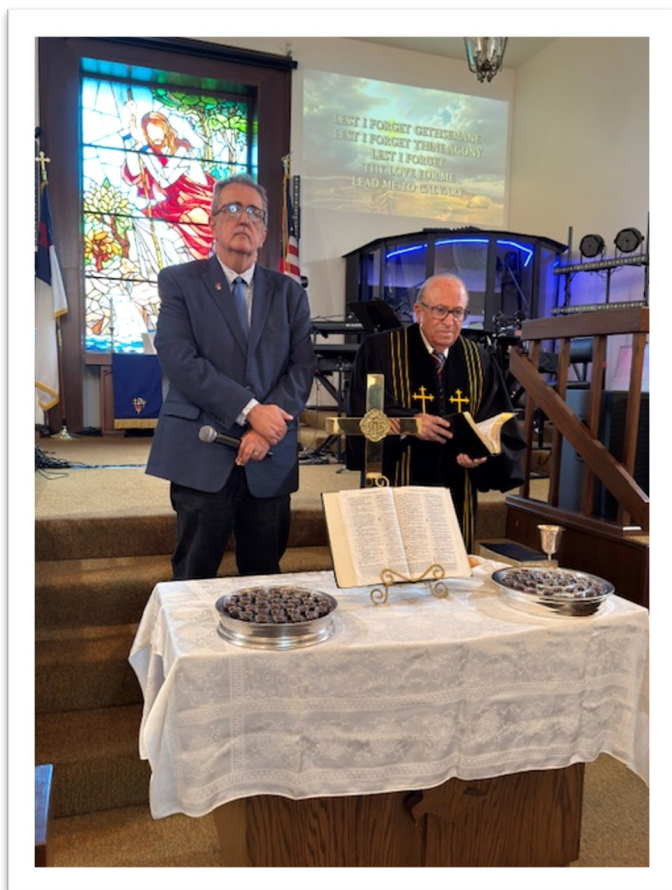
# RALLY SUNDAY

## Celebrating Rally Sunday and Holy Communion – A Spirit-Filled Start to the Church Year

On Sunday, September 21, 2025, our church family gathered in joy and unity to celebrate Rally Sunday—a cherished tradition that marks the beginning of our fall season of worship, fellowship, and ministry. This year's service was meaningful as we also shared in the sacred gift of Holy Communion. The communion table was a powerful symbol of our shared faith, as members of all ages came forward to receive the bread and cup—signs of Christ's love and sacrifice for us all.

We were blessed with Rev. George Terian, who delivered powerful sermons in both English and Armenian. Rally Sunday also marks a recommitment to our church's mission, as Sunday School, Bible studies,, and outreach efforts begin anew. It is a time to renew our spirits, reconnect with one another, and look forward to what God has in store for the coming year.

As we move forward, may we carry the spirit of this day with us—grounded in tradition, strengthened in community, and filled with hope for the journey ahead.



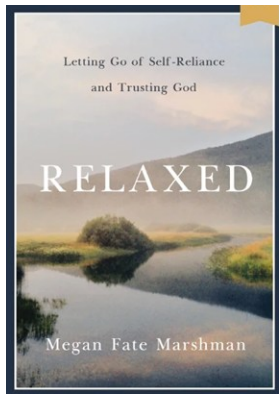
## Women's Spiritual Fellowship

You're invited to the Women's Monthly Bible Study.

*Join us as we begin a new season of fellowship, faith, and friendship!*

Enjoy a breakfast at 10 am followed by the study.

Saturday, September 20, 2025, was the first Bible Study and we are excited to launch a new study series by Megan Fate Marshman, based on her book, "Relaxed". The first series, "Trust in the Lord" was led by Sylva Hekimian. Let's grow together in God's Word and lift each other up in love and prayer. We look forward into diving into meaningful conversations. Bring a friend!



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS – BIBLE STUDY DATES

October 25, 2025

November 22, 2025

December 20, 2025

January 24, 2026

February 21, 2026

March 21, 2026

April 25, 2026

May (no study due to  
Mother's Day Luncheon)

## BIRTHDAYS



### JULY

SONA MINAKIAN  
JIM SURMEIAN  
ALICE TERIAN



### AUGUST

KAYLA FERMANIAN  
PATTI PARRISH  
JANEEN DINKEL  
JULIAN DEYAN  
TYLER FERMANIAN

NOT PICTURED  
HOURY TERJIMANIAN

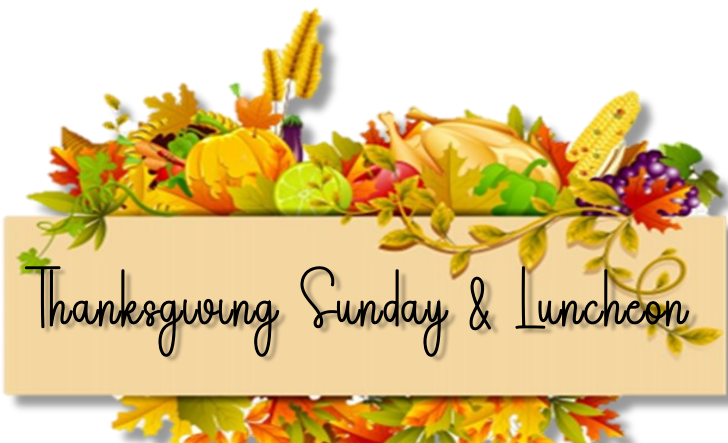


### SEPTEMBER

HALEY SURMEIAN  
DEBBIE FERMANIAN



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Sunday, November 23, 2025**

**Worship Service 11:00 am, Luncheon 12:15 pm**

**Traditional Thanksgiving Meal, \$25 per person  
\$100 sponsor (includes 2 meal tickets)**

**Entertainment: Timothy Ketenjian  
Devotional: Lisa Khojikian**

**RSVP by November 16, 2025 to the church office  
at 562.862.7012 or email at [office@immanuelacc.org](mailto:office@immanuelacc.org)**



## Christmas Party & POTLUCK LUNCHEON

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

**Gift exchange not to exceed \$20**

**Immediately following Worship Service**



## Ladies Aid Annual Christmas Bake Sale

**Sweet Treats & Holiday Cheer!**

**Come support our annual Christmas Bake Sale and  
stock up on delicious homemade goodies —  
just in time for the holidays!**

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**Immediately following the worship service**

**Featuring: Armenian pastries, cookies,  
breads, cakes, and more!**

***Proceeds will benefit the AMAA's  
Children's Education Program,  
supporting students in need and helping  
provide a brighter future through learning.***

**JANUARY 4, 2026**

**ARMENIAN**

**CHRISTMAS**

**SUNDAY**

**WORSHIP SERVICE &  
COMMUNION**

**11 AM**

King James Version; I John 4:7,8

Each Sunday the children sing along to the YouTube Kids Praise I John 4:7,8 with glee.

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. Beloved let love one another.

We are also learning to the tune of (Hot Cross Buns) I Corinthians 13:4 Love is Kind! Committing Bible verses to memory through song is joyful and another way to grow our faith in Jesus. It also provides a life long source of strength we can draw upon in our hour of need.



The theme this fall in our David C Cook curriculum is God Gives us Families/God Gives Us Friends and God Gives Us the Church. Our God loves us and cares for us. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

If you have a moment and want to sing your old Sunday School Praise Worship songs, go to YouTube Gaither's Alaskan Cruise Sunday School Medley.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear Church Members:

Those of you who have been attending IACC for many years probably remember when the congregation moved from its Los Angeles location to its current address in Downey. It was, I am sure, bittersweet to leave your church home but there is joy in looking to the future, change and anticipation. The majesty of the structure and the memories made may have paled in comparison to the adventure of creating a new church home. This current structure is the result of changes to the front facade of the original building and an addition of the social hall; trees planted in the medium of the parking lot and then removed due to the damage caused by the tree roots to the cement. Improvements made to better suit our use and to beautify our surroundings.

As with all things, wear and tear give way to much needed repairs and even renovation. It takes careful stewardship to protect Christ's church and the many Councils that have served over the years are all too familiar with the need to repair. We can never lose heart about our church's needs and gratefully, when the time arose for expensive work, the funds in our Building Fund and the support of our congregation have stood tall.

Continuing to maintain our church is our joy and brings the vision of God not to us but through us. We must not waiver from our obligation to be good stewards but always remember that God expects us to take care of the building He has given us within which to worship and your continued support in that regard is vital. We appreciate all you do to support IACC and her existence and pray for your continued attention and support. Come see our progress!

Sincerely,  
Rosemary Saatjian, Moderator

We will continue with our efforts to keep IACC's buildings and grounds looking their best. Our Lord and our congregation deserve it as do our visitors who come and praise Him with joy. Please keep an eye on your surroundings and contact the church office to let them know if you see any needed repairs.

To maintain the grounds and to beautify our Lord's house, the following items have been taken care of to date:

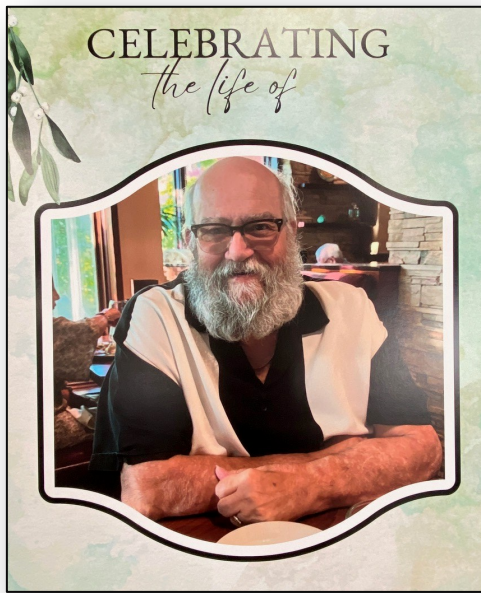
1. New kitchen faucet installed.
2. New drinking fountain installed.  
Wall repaired behind fountain.
3. Parking lot netting repaired.

### UPCOMING PROJECTS

1. Change vinyl flooring in Sunday School building hallway.
2. Repair/replacement of blinds in the social hall.

Board of Trustees,  
Chair, Sona Minakian





## **Steve Arthur Kazarian**

1951 - 2025

**Steve Kazarian** was the beloved son of Violet (nee Kasparian) and Arthur Henry Kazarian. He was born on May 9, 1951 and returned to his Father's home in Heaven on August 15, 2025. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jan Marie, and loving "partner-in-crime-and-all-shenanigans" daughter, Ashley. He was the big brother to Thomas and nephew of Alma Jean Beeson.

Steve was a beloved part of an extended family

that included over twenty first cousins. He had genuine warmth that couldn't be faked, and a quiet strength that lifted others. He listened with compassion, gave without expecting anything in return, and loved unconditionally. While our hearts grieve his passing, he would want us to remember the laughter, the participation in the neighborhood holiday parties and festive decorations, the late-night conversations, the quiet moments of connection. He'd want us to lean on one another—as family does—and to carry forward the love he gave so freely.

At family gatherings Steve could be found at the BBQ grill or slicing the Thanksgiving ham and turkey. He loved fully and deeply. Every moment was an opportunity for connection—and Stevie never let one go to waste. He never spoke badly of anyone. He

greeted everyone with a big smile and firm handshake—making you feel welcome no matter whose home it was.

In his last years when poor health kept him close to home, every Sunday he would sit in his big recliner in front of a large screen and at 11 a.m. he would watch the live stream of the Sunday service at Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church. The church his parents were married in. He would be the first to sign in online and always left a grateful message to Badveli Terian for his uplifting and inspiring message, thanking God for another day to spend with his family.

We love you. We miss you. And your memory will be carried with us—always.

Submitted by his family.



Daylight savings time ends on  
**Sunday, November 2, 2025**

(Turn your clocks back one hour  
Saturday before bed)



## DONATIONS

To strengthen the ministry of our church and to help nurture faith, stewardship and a deep sense of mission, we welcome the following gifts, with thanks:

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
STEVE KAZARIAN**

Levon Baroutjian  
Patti Parrish  
Gerald & Janice Roodzant  
Rosemary Saatjian

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
TODD MORELAND**

Rosanna Moreland

**IN CELEBRATION OF  
JEAN BEESON'S  
90TH BIRTHDAY**

Patti Parrish

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
JOANN OHANESIAN**

Howard & Melanie Hinckley  
Rosanna Moreland

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
RON DINKEL**

Janeen Dinkel

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
TODD MORELAND'S  
HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY**

Rosanna Moreland

**IN CELEBRATION OF  
JULIAN DEYAN'S  
16TH BIRTHDAY**

Lucy Deyan

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### Grateful Hearts

With grateful hearts,  
we lift a prayer,  
For all who give with  
love and care.  
Your gifts, both large  
and small, provide  
A beacon where God's  
grace can guide.

You keep the lights  
of mission bright,  
You help the church  
stand firm in light.  
Through every  
offering you bring,

You help the church  
serve Christ our King.

From weekly gifts  
to quiet prayer,  
Your faith is shown in  
how you share.  
You build the work  
we're called to do,  
And God sees  
every seed in you.

So thank you, friends,  
for all you give—  
You help the church  
grow, serve, and live.  
May blessings flow  
back to your door,  
And fill your hearts  
forevermore.



## From Our Kitchen to Yours - Heavenly Recipes

### RED LENTIL SOUP

2 cups red lentils  
 4 tablespoons rice  
 2 large onions, chopped  
 2 carrots, chopped  
 3 stalks of celery, chopped  
 2/3 stick butter  
 1/2 teaspoon paprika  
 1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
 1 tablespoon salt (add more to taste)  
 4-6 cups water or chicken broth

In a large pot, combine all ingredients and cook on a low heat for 1 -2 hours or until the lentils dissolve. Stir frequently to prevent sticking. Add more water/ broth if needed. It should have a thick consistency, but still soupy. Serve immediately or refrigerate. Serves 6-8 good size portions.

# CALENDAR

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|--------------------|---|---|
| Oct 5, 12, 19, Sun | - | Worship Service, 11 am  |
| Oct 25, Sat        | - | Women's Bible study, 10 - 12 pm   |
| Oct 26, Sun        | - | Worship Service, 11 am  |
| Nov 2, Sun         | - | Daylight Savings Time Ends. Clocks go back one hour.  |
| Nov 2, 9, 16, Sun  | - | Worship Service, 11 am  |
| Nov 22, Sat        | - | Women's Bible Study, 10 - 12 pm   |
| Nov 24, Sun        | - | Worship Service, 11 am. Thanksgiving Sunday.<br>Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, following service |
| Nov 30, Sun        | - | Worship Service, 11 am, First Day of Advent   |
| Dec 7, Sun         | - | Worship Service 11 am & Annual Christmas Potluck Party  |
| Dec 14, Sun        | - | Worship Service, 11 am  |
| Dec 20, Sun        | - | Women's Bible Study, 10 - 12 pm   |
| Dec 21, Sun        | - | Worship Service, 11 am. Christmas Sunday,<br>Annual Ladies Aid Bake Sale.                       |
| Dec 28, Sun        | - | Worship Service, 11 am  |

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