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August 1, 2024

Reverend Qasha Lawrance Namato, Parish Priest, the Reverend Deacons, the Parish Motwa and the 2024 Mar Yosip Parish Assyrian Festival Committee: Greetings and Benediction in Maran Esho' Msheekha!

I greet the Mar Yosip Parish community in San Jose on the occasion of the 30th Annual Assyrian Festival. Again, another festival joyfully comes upon the community of the Assyrian Church of the East in the greater San Jose area, another opportunity to display the richness and beauty of our Assyrian culture to all those who attend, and to our fellow Americans at-large.

We are the heirs of the great culture heritage of ancient Mesopotamia, the Cradle of Civilization. Our Assyrian nation today continues to give witness to the ancient and vibrant heritage, language, culture and history of a people who are alive and living by God's great goodness and mercy, who has protected and spared us through more than two millennia of continued persecution and trial. God has continued to protect Assyria, His 'handiwork' (cf. Isaiah 19:25), amid political and social upheavals of lands inhabited by the indigenous people of Mesopotamia the Assyrians. Our people are without a country today that we may properly call our own.

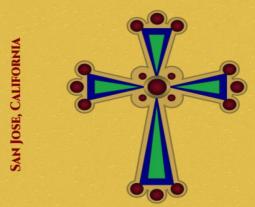
As 'Diaspora Assyrians' we have a two-fold struggle of preserving our culture, language and identity amongst the freedoms of western civilized society. Our children are being exposed to the many facets of a free society in which they may reap good or evil. Further, we are in danger of extinction as a people when we lose the most cherished treasures of our nation and its rich history and culture. By passing on our language, history and culture to the younger generations who will succeed us, we will be able to insure by God's help that the 'flickering light' of Assyria will not be extinguished and 'bruised reed' will not be utterly broken.

In closing, it is my prayer that you celebrate a most successful 30th Assyrian Festival, especially in sharing with our fellow-citizens who are non-Assyrians the cultural beauties of our culture. May Almighty God abundantly bless all those who have labored to bring this year's Assyrian Festival together and to make it a continued success. Let us never tire in laboring for our beloved Assyrian nation and her children, particularly those of the coming generations. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all; Amen.

With blessings in Christ the Lord,

🕆 AWA III Royel

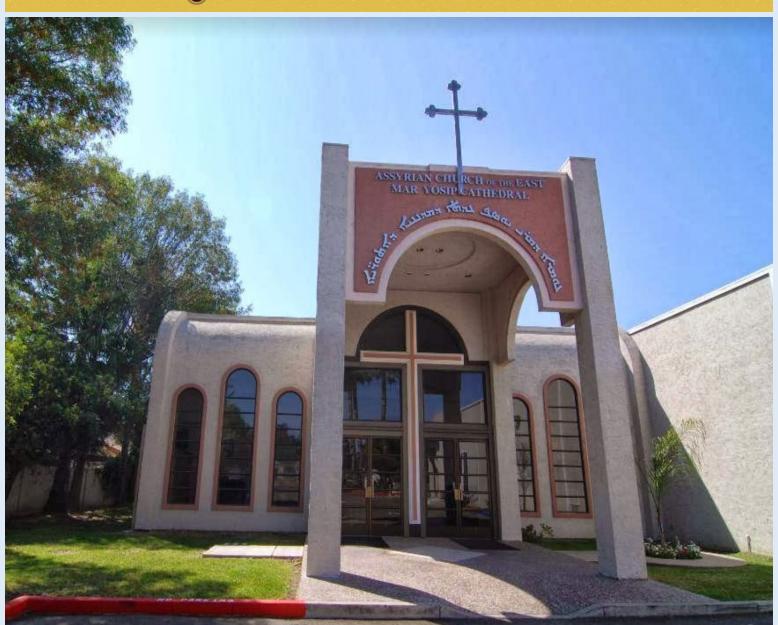
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Mar Yohanan Joseph, Bishop of India. Mar Aprim Khamis, Bishop of Western USA. Mar Meelis Zaia, Metropolitan of Australia, New Zealand, Lebanon & Patriarchal Vicar. Mar Ishaq Yosip, Bishop of Dohuk, and Russia.



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August 1, 2024

My Beloved faithful of Mar Yosip Parish, Our fellow Assyrians and festival guests, Greetings in the name of Christ our Lord and God,



It is with great pleasure, as the parish priest of Mar Yosip Parish of the Assyrian Church of the East, to welcome you back to the 30th Annual Assyrian Food Festival. Our festival began many years ago to share among ourselves and with our San Jose community the truest of Assyrian culture, food, music, and dancing, and has become one of the premier Food Festivals in the Bay Area.

We invite you to celebrate our own Assyrian culture with us and enjoy the melodies of traditional and modern "live" Assyrian music, witness traditional folk dancing and shop the marketplace for souvenirs, jewelry, and Assyrian Art. Learn about Assyrian culture and traditions, eat authentic, homemade Assyrian foods and scrumptious pastries and walk away with a clear "history lesson" and understanding of how the Assyrians have played a significant role in the expansion of Christianity and in the development of societies around the globe.

A very warm congregations to the Festival Organizing Committee under Mr. Edick Lazari and the Parish Motwa Committee. In particular, I thank the daughters of the Church, our Youth Association, and all the volunteers. May the Lord richly bless you and abundantly reward you. Amen.

Blessings,

מבי: עשיבים ייבו

Fr. Lawrance Namato

Parish Priest

Festival Chairman



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"Festival is another opportunity to display the richness and beauty of our Assyrian culture in the greater San Jose area"

H.H Mar Awa Royel III



Dear friends,

On behalf of the festival organizing committee of the Assyrian Church of the East, Mar Yosip Parish, I am delighted to welcome you to the 30th Annual Assyrian Food Festival!

Over the past six decades, the Assyrian community in San Jose has grown through the efforts of Assyrian immigrants who now proudly call this city home. Our ancient culture has made significant contributions to civilization, and our community is known for its honesty, hard work, and talent. These qualities have positively impacted the diverse cultural landscape of Silicon Valley.

We are pleased to share our rich heritage with the wider community through vibrant events like this festival. It provides a fantastic opportunity for Bay Area residents to immerse themselves in Assyrian culture. Attendees can enjoy traditional cuisine, language, music, dance, historical parades, and art, each reflecting the resilience and creativity of our community.

As we celebrate our Assyrian heritage, we also embrace the diversity around us. This festival is a chance to forge new friendships and foster understanding among all the Bay Area's communities.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to the dedicated members of our organizing committee, volunteers, and generous sponsors. Their tireless efforts and unwavering support have made this grand celebration possible.

In Aug 17 & 18th, our neighborhood will transform into a hub of family fun, learning, and friendship. I deeply appreciate the presence of our Willow Glen neighbors and all our guests. Your participation is crucial to the festival's success. I encourage you to taste our Kabobs, Dolma, and other traditional foods. Enjoy the vibrant Assyrian music, explore the history of "The cradle of civilization," and join in our lively dance lines.

May the Assyrian Food Festival 2024 be loaded with happiness, joy, and unity.

Edick Lazari Chair-30th Annual Assyrian food Festival August 2024

The Patriarchal Insignia



The Catholicos-Patriarch of Seleucia-Ctesiphon is the supreme and universal head of the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East, also known down thru history as the 'Church of the East', the 'Nestorian Church' and the 'Church of Persia'. The primatial see of this most ancient Church is the twin-city Persian royal capital Seleucia-Ctesiphon, modern-day Salman Pak near Baghdad.

The Patriarch of the Assyrian Church is the successor of the blessed apostles St. Peter, who wrote his epistle from Babylon (cf. I Peter 5:13). St. Thomas, who traveled as far as India through Persia, and Ss. Addai and Mari who discipled the ancient Assyrian vassal kingdom of Edessa. It was St. Mari who arrived at Seleucia-Ctesiphon around the year 80 A.D. and founded some 300 convents and churches, and who was later laid to rest at the church he founded in Deir Qoni.

The patriarchal insignia is laid against the background of the rising sun, which denotes the East – the birthplace of Christianity. The mountains and two rivers indicate the remains of the ancient Assyria and the rivers, Tigris and Euphrates, which watered the Garden of Eden. The open book is the Gospel which the missionaries of this most ancient Church preached as far as China in 635 A.D.

The ancient Aramaic inscription translates 'Our Lord is Risen', which embodies the summary of the whole of the Gospel message. The pastoral staff symbolizes the fact that the Catholics-Patriarch is the supreme pastor of the Church of the East, and the two keys surmounting the Cross recall the spiritual authority of binding and loosing given by Our Lord to St. Peter (cf. Matthew 16:19).

The distinctive Cross on the patriarchal insignia is a replica of the Cross incised on the 'Nestorian Monument of China', fashioned in the year 781 A.D., which commemorated the centenary of the mission of the Church of the East to that country. The triple-pointed crown at the very top of the Cross denotes the three *Qnome* of the Blessed Trinity. The nine circles represent the nine orders of the priesthood: reader, sub-deacon, deacon, priest, cor-bishop, archdeacon, bishop, metropolitan and patriarch. The Aramaic inscription in the middle of the Cross is the 'Yod-Heh', which is the biblical representation of the unpronounceable name of God.

Assyrian Church of the East Relief Organization "ACERO"





About

The Assyrian Church of the East (ACERO) is a non-profit organization that donates 100% of all funds raised directly towards helping needy Assyrian brothers and sisters in their desperate time of need. Their adopted countries have turned their backs because they are illegal refugees. But it is our duty to bring this tragedy into the light, and let the world know of their suffering. We must support these brothers and sisters in Christ, and assist them as much as possible. We must not let their sacrifices and suffering be in vain.

Every day, thousands of Assyrians struggle to survive. The world's first Christian nation faces yet another silent genocide. They have been forced to flee from their homes for fear of being tortured, raped, or killed. They have no "safe haven" to turn to and are forced to live as illegal immigrants throughout the Middle East. They are not allowed any basic civil or human rights, and they live in severe poverty.

Donation

Your generous support will help the people of the world's first Christian nation maintain their presence in their ancestral homelands throughout the Middle East.

100% of donations are used to provide direct aid and relief to refugees and internally and externally displaced persons suffering from persecution, civil war and security instability throughout the Middle East and the world.

www.theACERO.org "Blessed be Assyria – the Work of My Hands" Isaiah 19:25

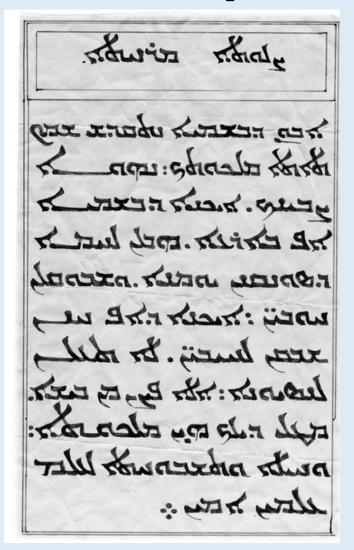


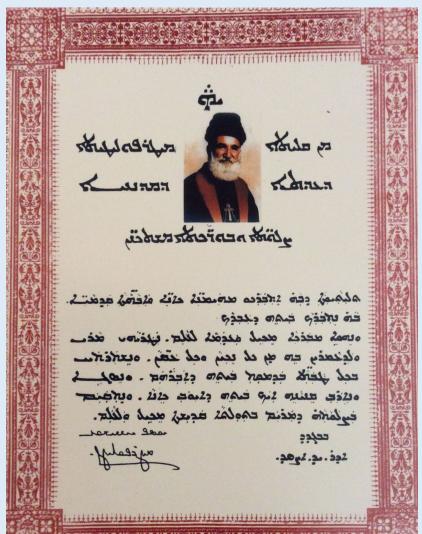






H.B Mar Yosip Khnanisho "Hand Written Prayer"





Yosip was born in 1893 into the Mar Khnanishu family, a family from which had come twelve Metropolitan Archbishops. He lived in the Village of Mar Ishoo in the region of Shamisdan in modern-day Turkey, near the monastery of Mar Ishoo, which had been built at the beginning of the 5th century. He studied with Rev. Rehana, his father's uncle and head of the Seminary in Mar Ishu Monastery. In 1918, Mār Yōsip was appointed as assistant to the Patriarch Mar Shimun XX Paulos as Locum Tenens. In December 1918 he was elevated to the rank of metropolitan of Baghdad and filled the role as Patriarchal administrator while then Patriarch Mar Shimun XX Paulos was sick, up until his death in 1920.

On the 3 July 1977, Yosip died in Baghdad, Iraq. His funeral services were conducted on 6 July 1977, at the Church of St George (Mar Gewargis) in <u>Dora</u>, a suburb of Baghdad. Approximately 12,000 Christians from various cities in Iraq attended the funeral of Mar Yosip Khnanisho.

Mār Yōsip Khnanisho Church in <u>San Jose</u>, named after the metropolitan



The Lord's Prayer

In Aramaic – The Language of Jesus Christ



Awon dwash'maya: nith qad'dash sh'makh: tete mal'kuthakh: neh'hwe sew'ya'nakh: ay'kana dwash'maya ap b'a'arah: haw'lan lakh'ma d'soon'qanan yaw'mana: wash'wooq'qlan khawbain ay'kana dap'pkhnan shwaq'in lkhay'yawain: la ta'alan l'nis'yona: ila pas'an min beesa: mil'tol d'di'lakh- he mal'kootha okhai'la o'tish'bukhta: l'alam a'almen: Amen.

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in Heaven, so on earth. Give us the bread of our need this day, and forgive us our offences, as we have also forgiven those who have offended us. And bring us not to trial, but deliver us from the Evil One. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory for ever: Amen.

The Assyrian Flag



The Assyrian flag is designed with a white background on which three waving stripes emerge from each corner of a center design, in the shape of a four headed star. At its center, the star encompasses a golden circle representing Shamash the Assyrian sun-god who was believed to give life to all things on earth. The four wedges of the star are a bright blue color and represent happiness and tranquility.

The waving stripes emerge from the four joints of the star and stretch to the four corners of the flag. The Stripes symbolize the three major rivers flowing through the land of Assyria. The mighty Euphrates, represented in blue, denotes abundance. The great Zab, in white, portrays peace, and in red, the mighty Tigris represents the Assyrian national pride. Symbolizing the dispersion of the Assyrian people to the four corners of the world, the manner in which these stripes emerge from the star also symbolically portrays the eventual return of the Assyrians to their ancestral homeland which is represented by the center of the star.

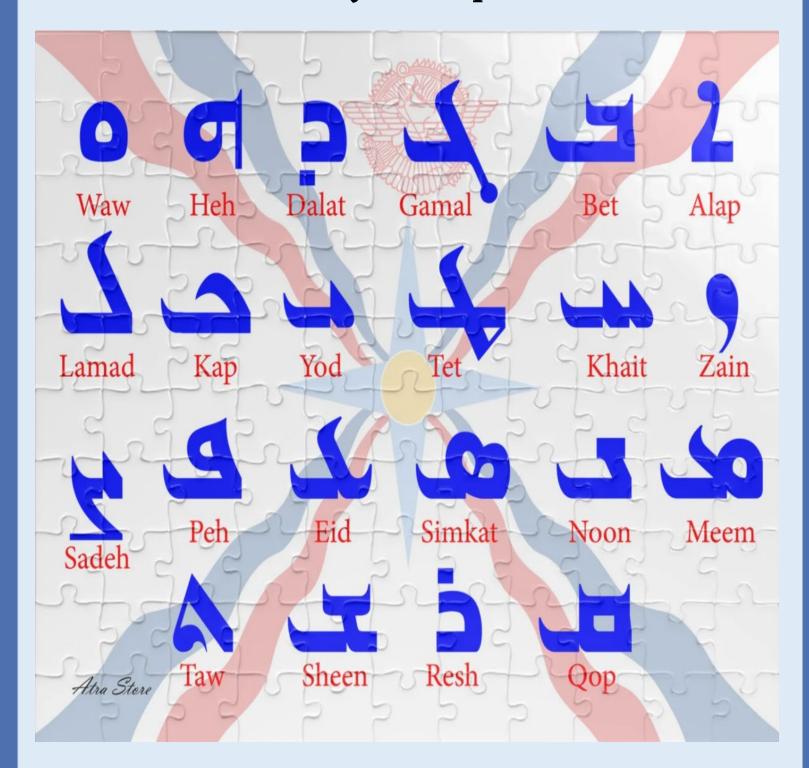
Hovering over the star and the emblem of Shamash, there is a representation of the image of God Ashur, the ancient Assyrian supreme deity. The emblem of Ashur features the deity standing in a circle with two eagle wings spanning and over stretching its length on two sides. Ashur has drawn a bow and his arrow is ready to fly. This emblem is in the same shape and color scheme of the original ceramic work preserved in the British Museum in London.

In 1968, a serious effort was undertaken to address the need for the Assyrian nation to have its own official national flag. To realize this dream, it was decided to appeal to various Assyrian artists and knowledgeable people, for the purpose of soliciting ideas and layouts on this important national task. Layouts and suggestions were collected from across the world in order to be presented for approval.

This worldwide effort netted a large number of designs which were duly received and noted. Following meticulous consideration, a decision was reached in favor of one particular design which best captured the Assyrian essence from the past and the present. The design was created by a well-known Assyrian artist, Mr. George Bit Atanus of Tehran, Iran and was approved in the year 1974.

The main reason for the approval of this flag was that the artist had not merely presented his own views. Rather, he had brilliantly blended ancient Assyrian designs representing the former glory of the Assyrian empire, to create an attractive fusion between the past and the present. In this way, the artist had succeeded to bridge the gap between a glorious Assyrian past and the present day struggles and ambitions of the Assyrian nation.

The Assyrian Alphabet



Assyrian is written from right to left. It is a cursive script where some, but not all, letters connect within a word. The alphabet consists of 22 letters, all of which are consonants. The vowel sounds are supplied either by the reader's memory of by optional diacritic marks.

Church Motwa



Church Ladies Axillary



Church Friday School



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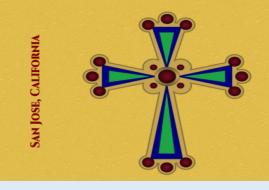


Church Choir









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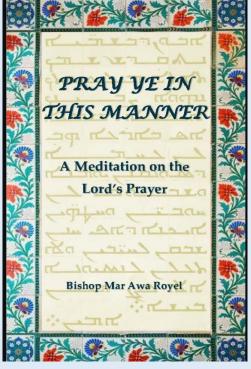


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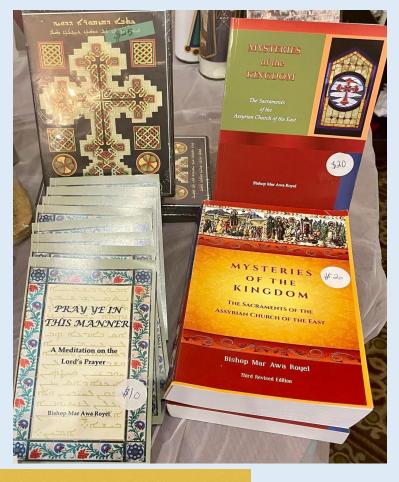


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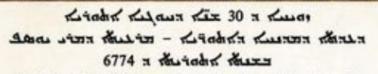
Festival Committee



Bring the whole family and join us in celebrating the 30th Mar Yosip Parish Assyrian Food festival!

This two day event will feature traditional Assyrian food, live music, dancing, and entertainment; a wine bar; the original samovar Alley, featuring exotic teas, coffee, and pastries; arts, crafts, and exhibits; various vendors; and a kidzone. We also have a \$10 Raffle for a chance to win the grand prize of \$10,000 and more prizes.

The Annual Assyrian Food Festival is on opportunity to showcase Assyrian food, traditions and educate the community about the Assyrian heritage as well as to preserve and to continue passing on Assyrian cultural traditions to the next generation. If you enjoy trying authentic food, music, and dance, make plans to attend the festival! You can mingle and learn about the people whose ancestral homeland is known in history as the "Cradle of Civilization"



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Mar Yosip – 14th Annual (2024) Tea Time

















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Mar Yosip – Family & Social Night Events









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Domarina Beitpoulice



Domarina Beitpoulice was born on July 13, 1957 to General Phillip and Tamara Betoushana in Tehran, Iran. Domarina began Assyrian folk dancing at the age of four. At the age of 13, Domarina taught a group of fellow Girl Scouts several Assyrian dances. They performed under the guidance of instructor Madame Lily Tamraz. Domarina performed Assyrian Dance in Shiraz, Iran at the celebration of 2500 years of Iranian history, with the late Shah of Iran in attendance. She was also part of the Nineveh Choir, under the instruction of Maestro Nebu Issabey, performing for the late Shah of Iran several times throughout the 1970s.

Domarina and her family moved to San Jose, California in 1981. In 1983 and 1984, her dance group performed at the International Fair Dance competition in San Jose, winning 1st

place both years. Since then she has taught Assyrian folk dances to hundreds of youth in the Assyrian community in San Jose and has spent countless hours designing Assyrian folklore costumes.

In addition to her passion for dance, Domarina is also an accomplished painter and a Real Estate Agent by trade. She currently serves as the President of the Ladies Axillary of the Assyrian Church of the East Mar Yosip Parish in San Jose. Domarina's next big project is a documentary on Assyrian Folklore Dances.

Domara Dance Group

Domara Dance Group was founded by Domarina Beitpoulice in 1994 in San Jose, California. Since its establishment, the group has performed at Assyrian American National Federation's Conventions, Assyrian Food Festival's in San Jose and Los Angles, flag raising events at City Halls, and Assyrian New Year celebrations among other locations and events.



Some other highlights of Domara Dance Group performances are:

1998: Performance at the Palestinian Orthodox Church Festival in Los Altos

2005: Performance at Narsai's Taste of a Mediterranean at the Ritz Carlton in San Francisco

2017: Performance at the Assyrian National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona

2018: Performance at UNESCO's opening ceremony in Athens, Greece

2019: Performance at Assyrian Association of Southern California's Kha B'Nissan celebration

2019: Performance at the 11th Annual Mesopotamian Night at the California Theater in San Jose

Domara Dance Group – Over the Years























Who Are the Assyrians?

The Assyrians are a people who have lived in the Middle East since ancient times and today can be found all over the world.

A new dawn emerges in a land between the two mighty rivers known as the Euphrates and the Tigris. A people that unifies tribal communities from all over the land, and inspires a universal language, culture, and a new way of governing fairness and equality in the known world, these people are known as the Assyrians.

The Assyrians are the indigenous people of northern Iraq, northwestern Iran, southeastern Turkey, and eastern Syria. Today there are over 5 million Assyrians worldwide and they speak the Aramaic language, also known as Syriac. These peoples are also referred to as the Chaldeans, Aramaeans, and Syriacs. Modern Assyrians are the descendants of the ancient Assyrian and Babylonian empires, one of the earliest civilizations emerging in the Middle East, and have a history spanning over 6770 years.

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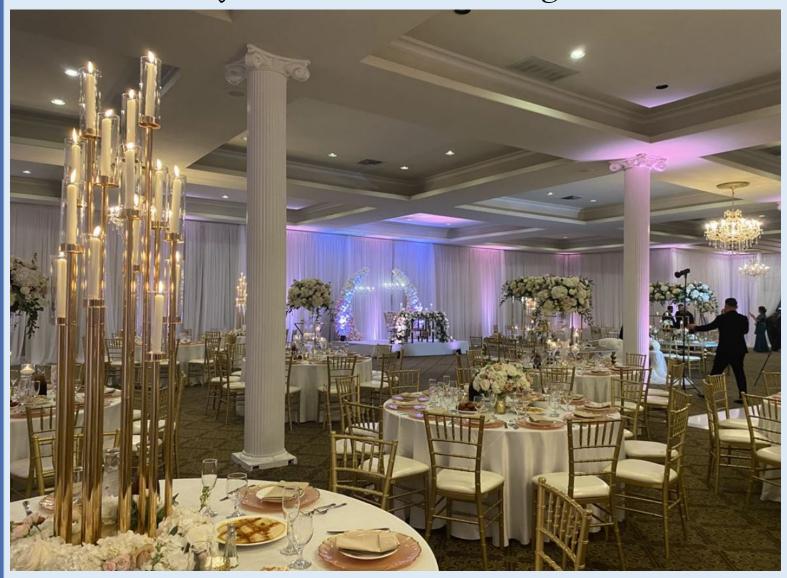




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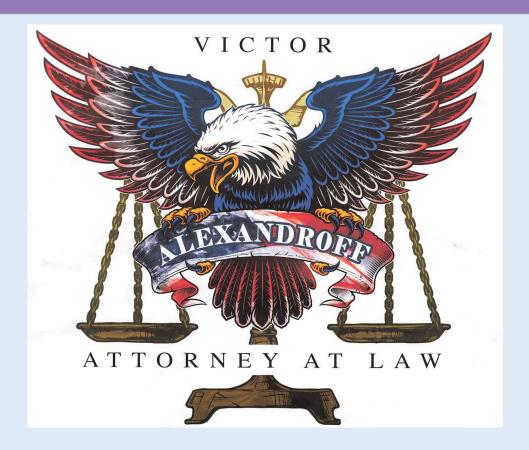
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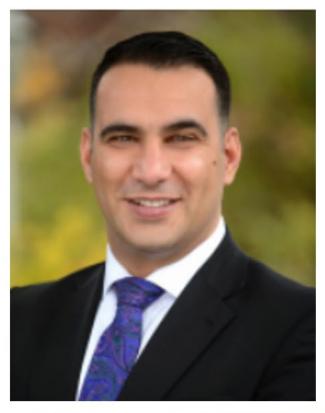


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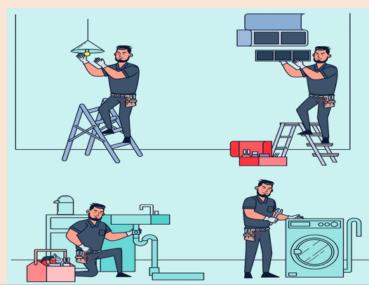


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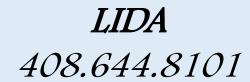
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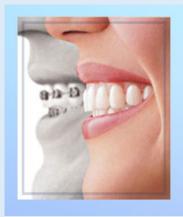
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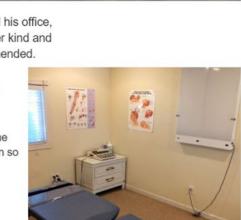
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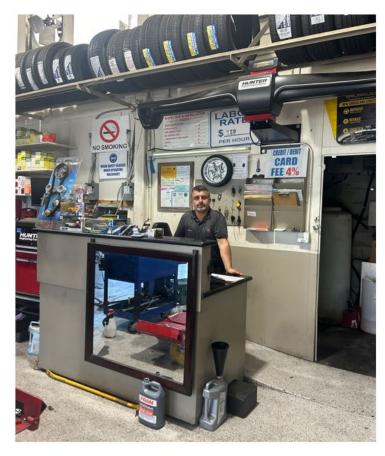




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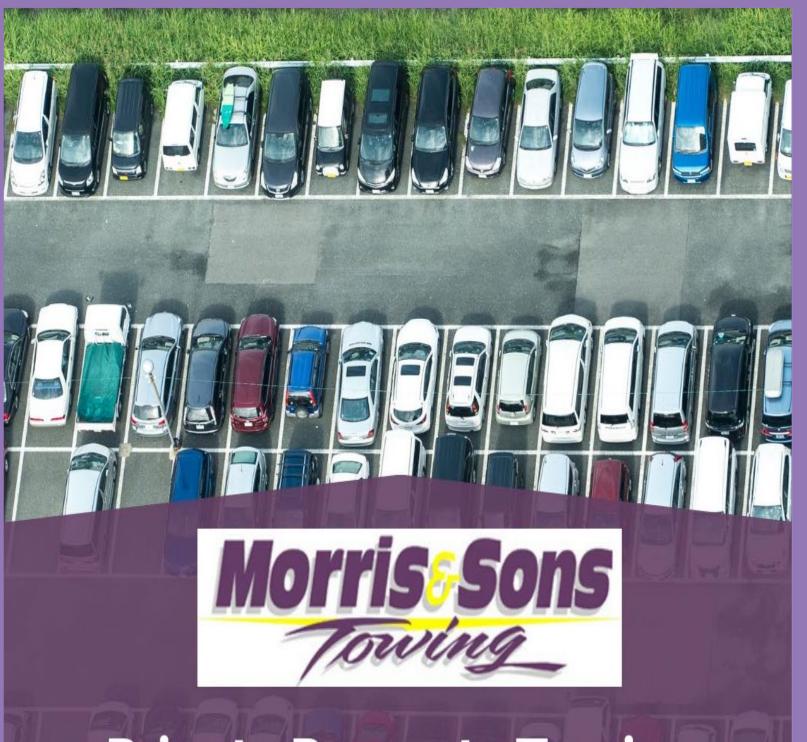
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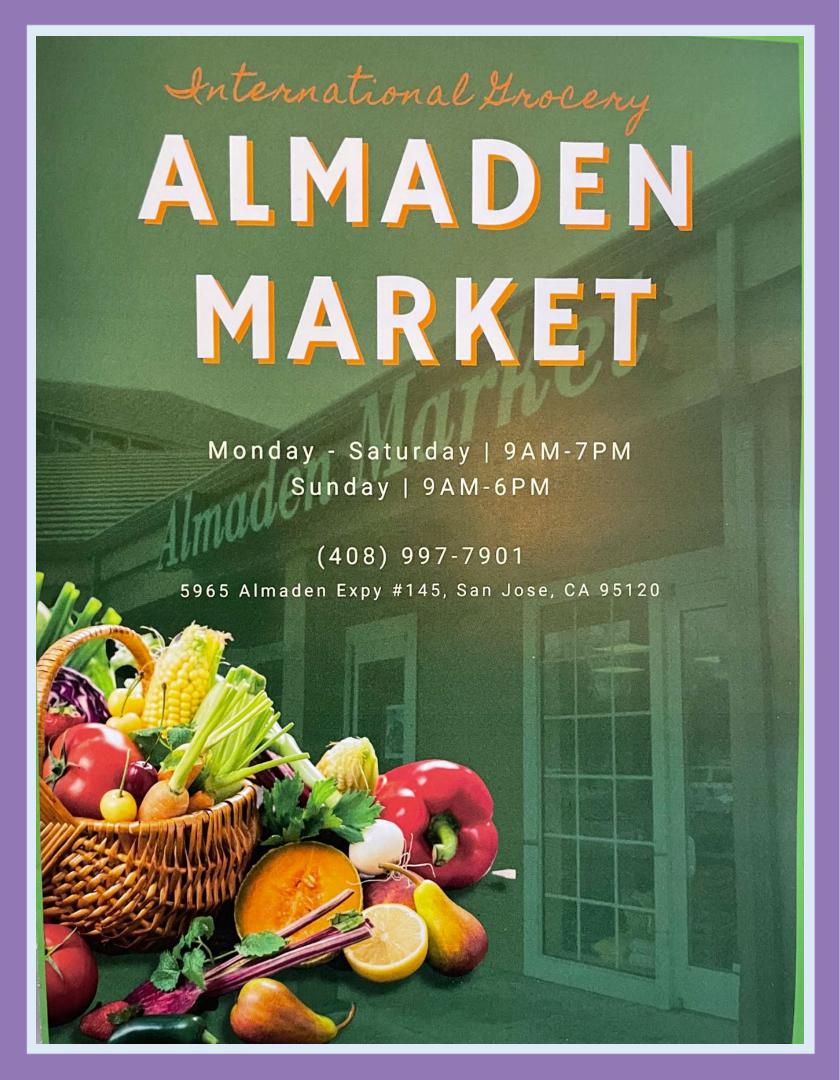
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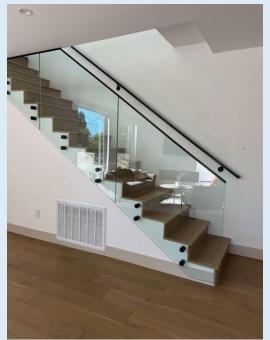
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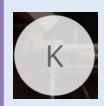


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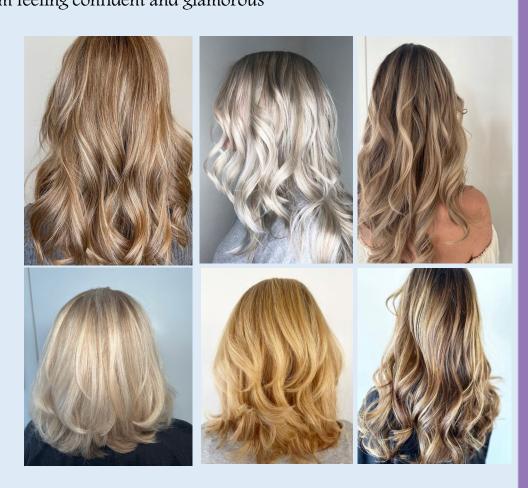


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Mar Tooma

Village of Mushawa, Urmia - Iran

"He who is humble easily obeys everyone, fears to offend anyone, is at peace with everyone, is kind with all." -Thomas the Apostle

May the Blessings of Mar Tooma be upon us.

Mushawa Society of USA

"Best Wishes for Successful 30th Annual Assyrian Food Festival" (Takia Ordeshahy Society)

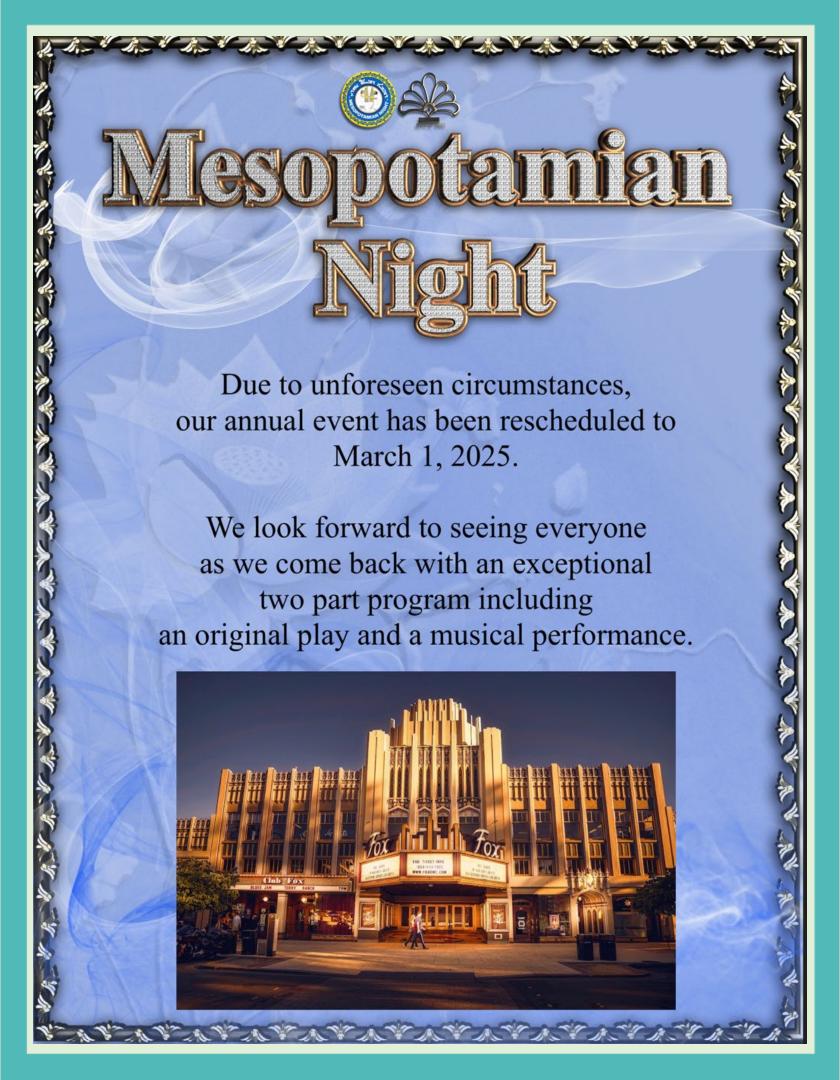








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Assyrian American Association of San Jose

ABOUT AAASJ

The Assyrian American Association of San Jose also referred to as
"Shoutapouta D'Atour" of San Jose
Assyrian American Association of San Jose, is a 501©(3) non profit organization serving Assyrian community of Silicon Valley
Established in October 22, 1981 in Santa Clara, County

OUR VISION

To promote the Assyrian language, heritage, and culture among all Assyrians and to assist Assyrian charitable, cultural, and educational organization.

WHAT WE DO

Since its establishment, the Assyrian American Association of San Jose has strived to serve the community through its various committees geared towards different activities, including Social, Athletic, Education, Aid, Art, and literature, generational geared activities for youth, children and teenagers.

OUR STRUCTURE

The overall structure of the Assyrian American Association of San Jose consists of a General Body, an Executive Board, Board of Advisors, Auditor, Parliamentarian and Committees,

Assyrian Community Center @ Almaden Winery 5730 Chambertin Drive San Jose CA 95118

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A Few of My Favorite Verses

The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 The Lord make His face shine upon you,

And be gracious to you;

26 The Lord [e] lift up His countenance upon you,

And give you peace. Number 6:25 – 26

⁹ "Therefore know that the Lord your God,
He *is* God, the faithful God who keeps covenant
and mercy for a thousand generations with those
who love Him and keep His commandments;

Deuteronomy 7:9

...I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said:

"Holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" Isaiah 6:1-3

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is* with you wherever you go." **Joshua 1:9**

Teach me to do Your will,

For You are my God;

Your Spirit is good.

Lead me in the land of uprightness.

Psalmc143:10

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. ⁸ We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— ¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹ For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. **2** Corinthians:7~11

"Look among the nations and watch—
Be utterly astounded!
For *I will* work a work in your days

Which you would not believe, though it were told you. Habakkuk 1:5

And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15

Behold, God *is* my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For Yah, the Lord, *is* my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.' " Isaiah 12:2

The Naumann Family

May God bless our Family



Elieh & Ishoo





Congratulations Adoreil!

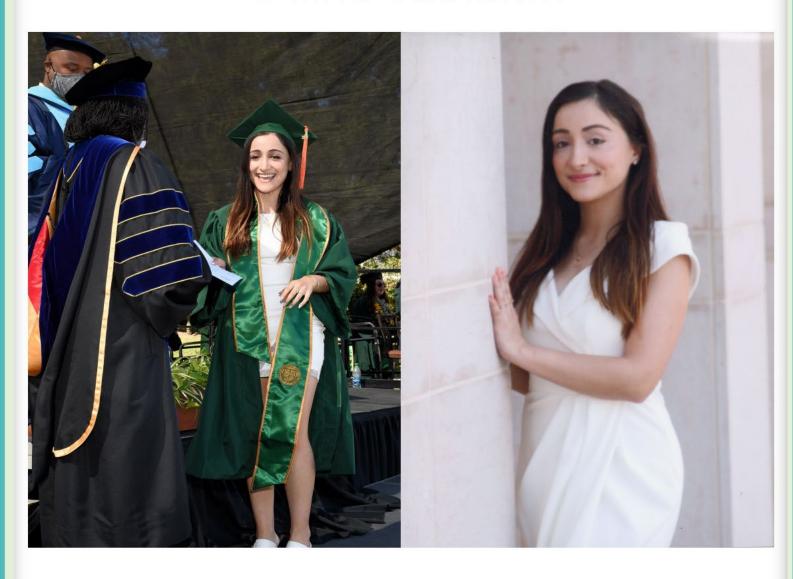
UCLA Medical Center



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Diana Reihaneh



Bachelor of Science in Material Engineering, Cal Poly Chiropractor Intern, Life West Chiropractic College

Dear Diana, after graduating with an engineering degree you decided to pursue a different career and become a Doctor of Chiropractic. We're proud of you and what you've accomplished so far, and we support you in every step of the way. May God bless you and guide you throughout your journey in life.

Mom, dad, and your sister

Dearest Christopher,

Congratulations! May the Lord continue to bless you and forge your path with good health, joy and success.









"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

The sky's the limit, and we cannot wait to see what you'll achieve next.

We love you very much,

"Emanoel, Rachelle and Andrew Daryoush"

Congratulations! Edwin Aghasian to the rank of Fire Captain with the San Jose Fire Department











I will be with you and when you pass through the waters, they will not sweep over you, and when you walk through the fire you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel your Savior

(Isa. 43:1~3a)

With Love, The Aghasian, Jimenez and Abbasteh Families

"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

Proverbs 16:3

Isaac Yatron Darmoo

Kindergarten Graduating Class of 2024 Legacy Christian School



With Love: Dad, Mom and your baby brother Christian

Congratulations to our Broona Sorah Daniel on his high school graduation. We are so proud of you and love you!!















Love, Mom, Dad, Joseph and Mariam

Congratulations to our daughter Alexandra on her graduation with Honors and Presidential distinction from Valley Christian Middle School and asking His Holiness Mar Awa for his blessings to both Alexandra and Matthew





With Love: Mom, Dad & Matthew

Congratulations! *Ogaret Eisavi*



San Jose State University
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
With the concentration in Marketing
Minoring in Economics

We are immensely proud of you and all you have accomplished. As you pursue your master's degree, may the Lord continue to bless you with good health and guide you on a path filled with faith, joy, and success,

Sharokina Williams

Congratulations on your graduation from Leland High School with the highest honors and your acceptance to **UCLA!**

We love you and are blessed to have you in our lives. The greatest honor is watching you grow up to be a kind, strong, dedicated, independent, and accomplished young woman.

Dream big, work hard, stay focused, follow your heart and surround yourself with good people. You will do great things in life and we will always be there to cheer you on!











Love you!

Mom, Dad, Majan, Marodean and Adorina

Sharokina Williams

Dearest Sharokina: Since you were a little girl, you have been wise beyond your years, always helpful and full of love. I am so proud of all of your dedication, hard work and accomplishments as you have become a role model.

May the Lord bless, protect and guide your path every step of the way!

Love always,

Majan (Evelyn BitBadal)













هُه حمد خده حبثه،

١٠٨٥ وبُجه بكه خبوم ١٨٥٠ وُقَعْ فِسدِبُعِمْ ١٠٨٤ عُجهم، ٥٤٠٠٠ فع حكم جُمهِم وضِعهُم وضِعهُم فع عُجه.

بْكَةِ تُهِذِّب وَهُو بَهُدِه بُعُجِه بُعَبِيْهِ.

نِىجىب جىمخةد (ھَديدِہ)

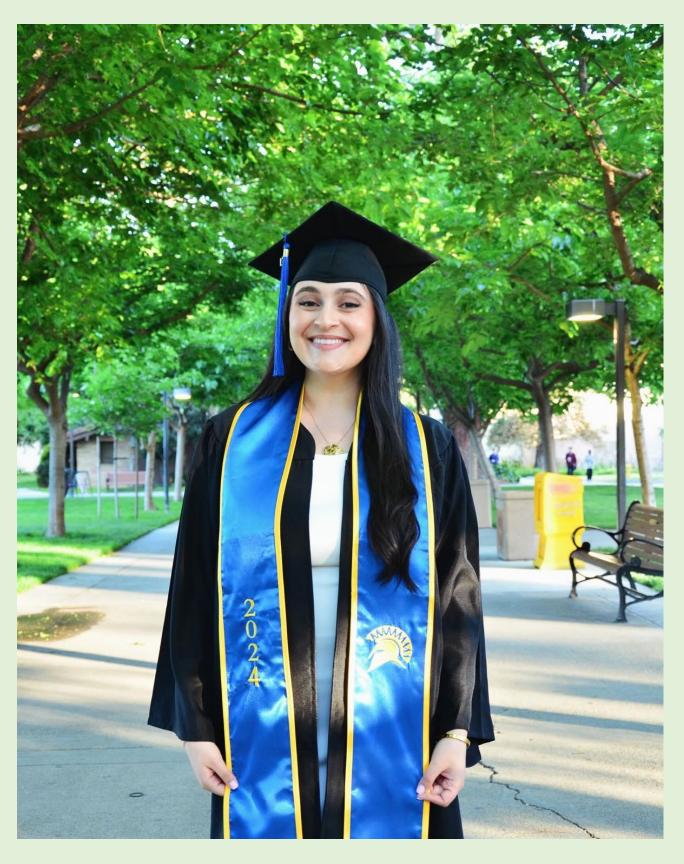
A son may grow tall, but he'll always look up to his mother. And she loves this little boy more than life itself, she calls him son and now, he is her hero.

I am so blessed to have a son that's so brilliant, strong & loving!



Love you always, your mother Arbella

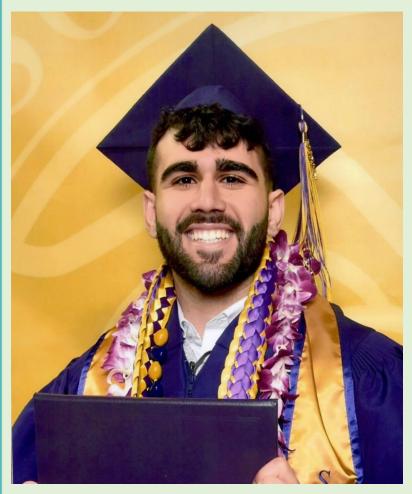
Congratulations Alexandra on your graduation from San Jose State University. We are so proud of you. God bless and guide you always.

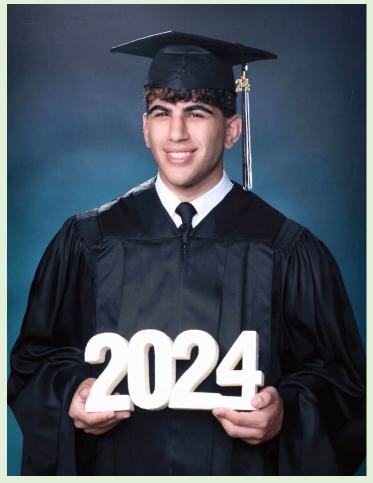


Love Dad, Mom and Aidan

Congratulations!

We are delighted to announce the outstanding achievements of Anthony and Adrian.





Anthony

Graduated with high honors, earning a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from SFSU. His academic excellence has also led to acceptance into Santa Clara University's prestigious Master of Computer Engineering program.

Adrian

Awarded a scholarship to study Computer Science at Gannon University, where he will also be on their NCAA Division II wrestling team.

Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations!

The future is all yours now, Go for it!

May the Lord bless your steps and watch over you



Love Mom and Dad

Congratulations Broneil

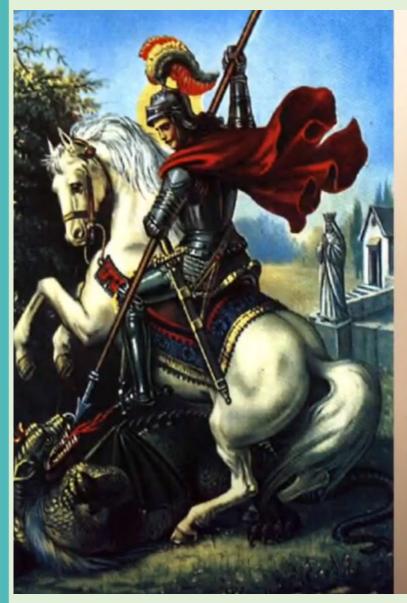






Our dearest son we are so very proud of you and love you so much. We wish you the best and a successful future

Love Raman Betoushana & Nancy Issa





مرسبت عربامه مهنابا منعاد

هُدُمْ بُكُهُ عَمِد يَحْب دَهُم دِدُفَا حِحْبِ مَنْ هَتِحَنْهُ مِنْهُ وَعَعَدِبُهُ مِنْهُ مِعْدِبُهُ عَنْهُ مِنْهُ وَعَعَدِبُكُهُ عَنْهُ مَنْهُ وَعَعَدِبُكُهُ عَنْهُ مَنْهُ وَمُعْدُ وَمُوا مَنْهُ وَهُوا حَجْهُ بَيْهُ عَدْمُ مُنْهُ وَهُوا حَجْهُ بَيْهُ عَدِهُ مَنْهُ عَدْمُ وَهُوا حَجْهُ بَيْهُ عَدْهُ حَدِهُ مَنْهُ عَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ عَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ مَنْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ مَنْهُ مَنْهُ مَنْهُ مَنْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ مَنْهُ مَنْهُ مَنْهُ عَدْهُ مَنْهُ مِنْهُ مُنْهُ مِنْهُ مُنْهُ مِنْهُ مِنْ مُنْهُ مُنْهُ مُنْهُ مِنْهُ مِنْهُ مِنْهُ مِنْهُ مِنْهُ مُنْهُ مُنْهُ مُنْهُ مُنْهُمُ مُنُ مُنْ مُنْم

هُدُمْ بُكُمْ: فِجَد كِيْمِب مَكِدُقْمِب: وَحَدَمُ وَهُوا حَدِيفٍ. وَوَوَمُكُمْ مُوْجِدُكِب: فَكِهد وَكَا وَهُمَكُمْ مَوْكَا وَكُمْمَا مِنْ وَبَقْيِهِ.

صَّدْتَا بُكَهَا: هُجَدَب نَهَا خَفَهُم: دِاهِمْ دَوَدُوب جُموَا حصِحبهِمَا كُو حَفِيَا: وَدِيدُكَب اَتَحًا حَبْمَذِه: كُر هُوا حَمْه بُمدًا خَدْدًا نَا حَوْيًا دِمُدَكِّا.

 خِعتْمَا جِمْ حَمِعتُهُ دِهْدُم دُمْدِينَا دِنْدَوْسِا: هُم عودٍم: قطبهادَنْمَا هِ

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OUR BELOVED

Saint Mar Gewargis

May the blessings of Mar Gewargis bless our nation

A huge congratulations on your union, Beneel & Akadina. Wishing you a lifetime of happiness together.



Love you both, Arbella & Hannibal

God Bless our families



The Betoushana and Darmoo family



Mar Gewargis

On the birth of our Grandson "Leo George Atour Kiryakos"

Family gives you the roots to stand tall and strong and is the heart of a home









Love: Demeil, Shamiram, Ashur, Ashurina & Ashuraya Betoushana

Congratulations to Shamasha Raumin and Eva Benjamin on the Baptism of their daughter Emma Nineveh Benjamin











May our Lord bless her always with Love:
Pierre, Carmen & Roxanna Benjamin

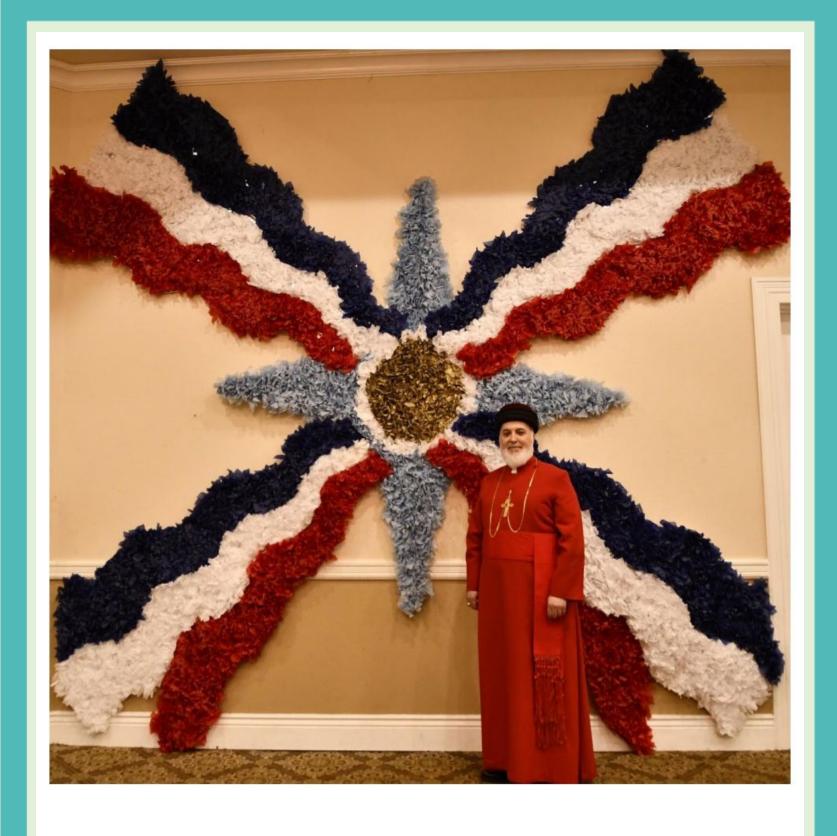
We thank God everyday for the blessings He has given us, especially our precious grandchildren,

Caden and Lila.

May they grow in faith, love and kindness under the guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ.



With so much Love Mariana & Kurt Yadgar & Uncle Ramsin



هُدَبُه بُکهٔ نَهِد ههٔهید کفیدندنی بننه همهمهنه، فدنه بُکهٔ نهد ههٔهید نخب بننه همهمهنه،

جمبذح هَفِد مجديم نبذهُم

In Loving Memory of

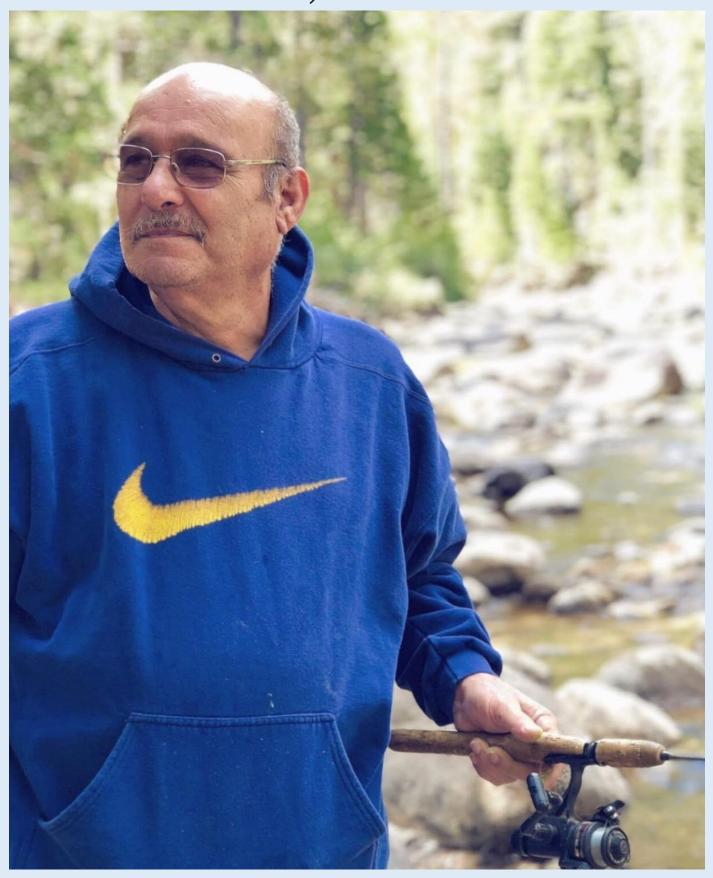
Mary Helen Montez

A true child of GOD and a faithful member of the Assyrian Church of the EAST May her beautiful soul Rest~ In~ Peace



From all of us at Mar Yosip Parish

In loving memory of a beloved brother and Father Albert, 1954~2022



The Beitsayad family

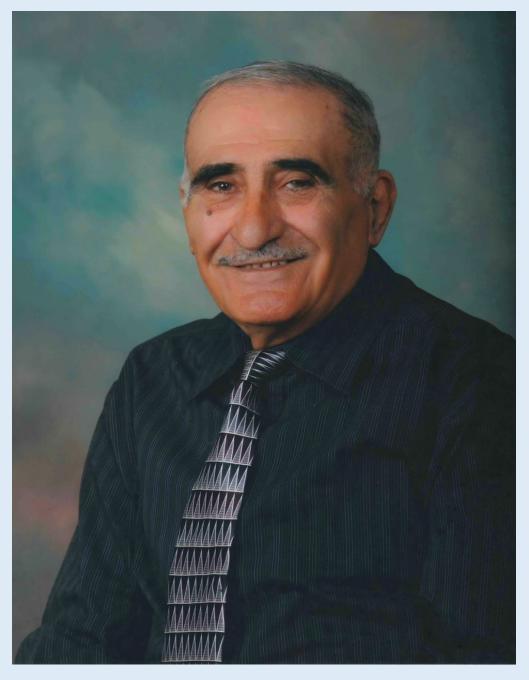
In loving memory of a beloved brother and Father Robert Beitsayad, 1952~2024



The Beitsayad family

In Loving Memory of our Beloved Husband, Father & Grandfather

Shomiel Lazarian



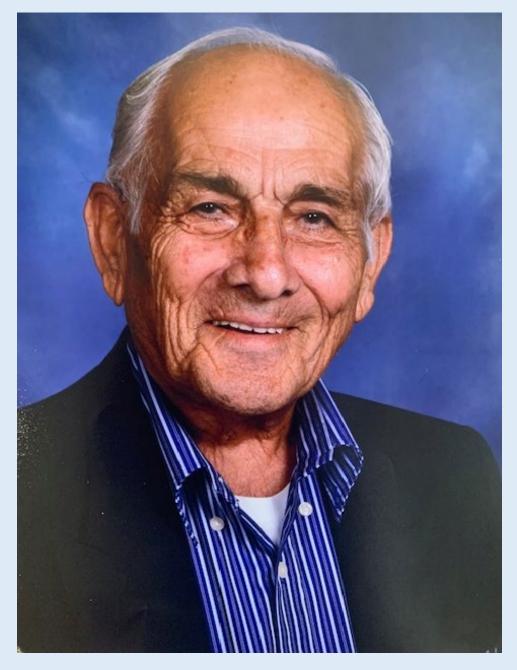
"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall live, And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

John 11:25~26

Forever in our Hearts

Jolieh, Linda, Hurmuz, Larisa & Kenneth Lazarian

In loving memory of our Grandfather Belus Youhana



Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.

Psalm 116:15

We miss you Baba Belus...
Your Grandchildren
Laya, Gabriel, Christian, Edessa & James



In Loving Memory

CHARLES BEGINI

With heavy hearts, we mourn the loss of our cherished father, husband, brother, uncle and mentor. His boundless kindness, wise guidance, and unconditional love profoundly touched the lives of everyone who knew him.

From the Morad & Begini Family





IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Jack & Mary Bookie

Marilynn, Evy, Kathy & Renee

In loving memory of our parents Esther Shahbaz & Nikola Sayad, Who always remain in our hearts & memories



Violet, Helen, Lorisa, Diana and Ramsin

In Loving Memory of our Beloved Father, Fred Ternian

Dad, your presence is still felt in our house. Your voice echoes in our hearts, and your smile is with us always. The lessons you taught us continue to light our path, and your kindness inspires us to be better each day.

We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by sharing your love. Your spirit is woven into the fabric of our lives, making us who we are today. Your stories and laughter, your strength and gentleness, are the treasures we hold dear. We were the lucky ones to have a father just like you. Your legacy lives on. Though we miss you deeply, we know that you are always with us in every heartbeat. Thank you for being our inspiration. Thank you for everything you have done for us. We honor your life by living ours with the same courage, compassion, and unwavering love that you showed us all.



with the love within our hearts, You will walk with us forever.

WE LOVE YOU, DAD!

Souzi, Barsina, Ashour, Emanuel, Domarena Ternian, and Grandchildren.

"Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you.

And though they are with you, they belong not to you.

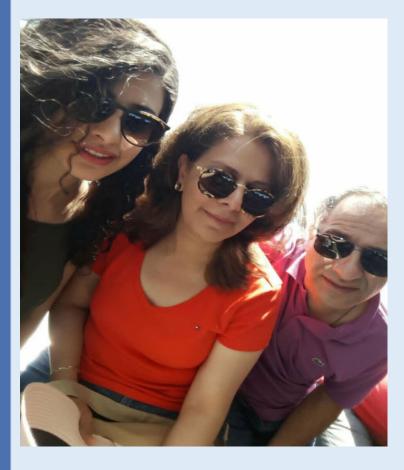
You may give them your love but not your thoughts, for they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow.

which you can not visit, not even in your dreams.

Let your bending in the archer's hands be for happiness; for even as he loves the arrow that flies, so He loves the bow that is stable"

Khalil Gibran





Beautiful Obrita

Not a day goes by without us thinking of you and loving you Until we meet again!

Youkhana, Benyamin and Maiel families

On the 10th anniversary of passing of my Beloved Husband and a Loving Father

Amoujan Hormozi





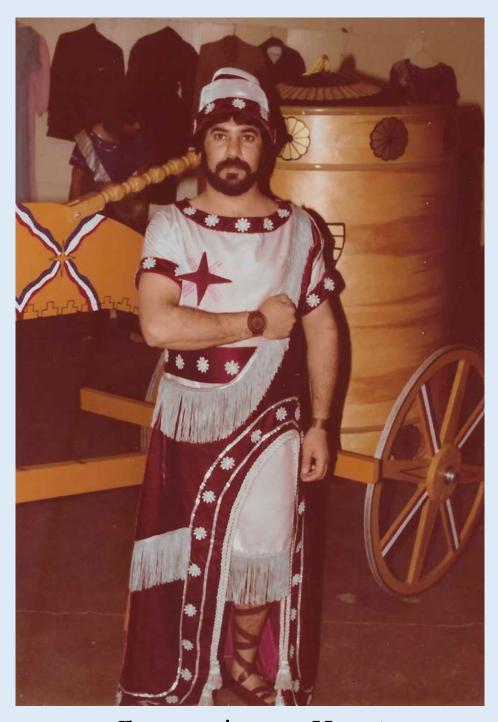


I am thankful for My mind that remembers you, My voice that speaks of you, My spirit that hears you, and My heart that still loves you.

Arbella, Givargis, Jason & Johnathan

In Loving Memory of Edmond Kako Shallo

A wonderful Husband, a loving Father, Son & Brother



Forever in our Hearts

Juliet & Ramseena Shallo

به دفع حبب دوه یی دهدیم سید.. بی دفعی حبب دوه یی دهدیم سید.. کوودلاه یکوه بعدد: "دفعیم سید..

In loving memory of my Grandmother Katrina Yadegari

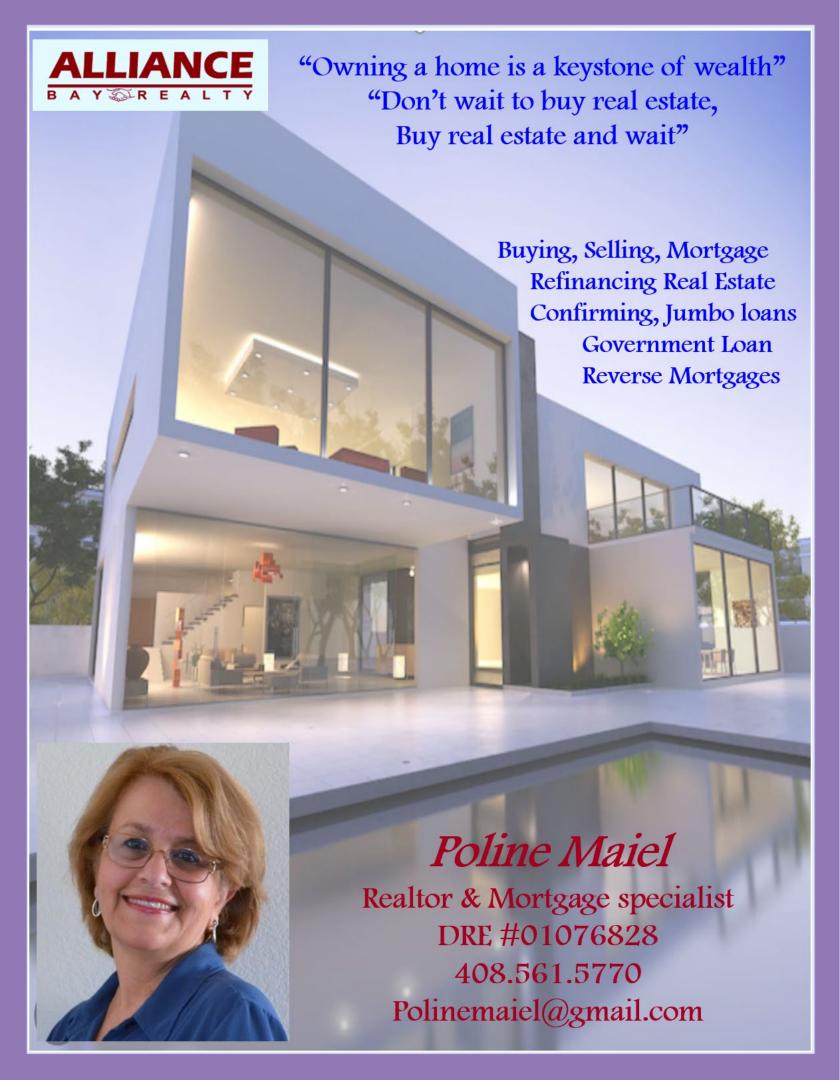


Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday.

Unseen and unheard but always near,

still loved, missed and very dear to our hearts.

Arbella Yadegar



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