

St. Paul Celebrates William Saroyan Day

FRESNO — An extraordinary and soul-evoking evening was held on Saturday, April 17 at St. Paul Church's Haig Berberian Hall dedicated to renowned writer William Saroyan.

Sponsored by the Church's Parish Council, following dinner, the evening featured the biographical documentary "William Saroyan: The Man, The Writer," written, directed and produced by Paul Kalinian.

Honored guests included Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian, Primate of the Western Diocese, and Bishop Papken Varjabedian of Washington, D.C. Very Rev. Sasoon Zmroukhian, Parish priest, introduced Bishop Papken, who gave the invocation.

Guest clergy from the valley parishes were Rev. Fr. and Mrs. Artoon Sempadian, Rev. Fr. and Mrs. Krikor Hairabedian, Hayr Muron Aznikian, and Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Sagherian. The other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kalinian and family and several St. Paul A.C.Y.O. members who helped the committee that evening with great enthusiasm and energy.

The personable Mrs. Sonia Keshishian was a most eloquent

and capable mistress of ceremonies.

It was also wonderful that so many families and friends from the Fresno area, as well as from San Francisco and Los Angeles, could join us. Everyone enjoyed the mezza and dinner and the display of Saroyan portraits by Mr. Kalinian. But most of all we had an inspirational glimpse into the life of a world-renowned Armenian whose life in America was touched by tragedy and joy, just like ours, and we will remember William Saroyan, the man and the writer, who took all that tragedy and joy and creatively touched the lives of millions.

Special thanks to the Parish Council, and particularly Elaine Zaligian and her diligent committee.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the Parish Mission Program of St. Paul Armenian Church. Throughout the year the Parish Mission sponsors youth activities, educational programs, scholarships and donations to charitable organizations.

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Photographer, director, producer Paul Kalinian with his family