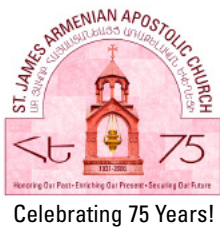




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St. James 75th Anniversary Gala Weekend

St. James drew to a close a year of celebration during its 75th Anniversary Weekend on December 16 and 17, 2006, during which more than 600 St. James parishioners and friends gathered together in worship and festive celebration.

Gala Dinner Dance



On Saturday evening, St. James Keljik Hall was transformed by the festive and elegant decorations and the guests that filled the room.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE Make Room For God

We are once again in the season of Lent. Often, as Armenians, we all begin our preparations which for many of us involves taking out our Lenten cookbooks and focusing on what we will or will not eat. Fasting and abstaining from food is a very important aspect of Great Lent. Lent is about much more.

During Lent, all of us are on a spiritual journey. Our journey ends on Easter Sunday, when we celebrate Christ's glorious Resurrection. The point of fasting and abstinence is to cleanse and purify our bodies and souls. We, canonically, are to abstain from all animal products (including fish) or anything made with animal products. We do this to return to the world as God created, to focus less on our consumption of food and more on our consumption of the Word of God. Christ Himself said, "man does not live on bread alone, but on the Word of God."

The Bible, however, includes another important passage: "it is not that which goes into the mouth which defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth, this is what defiles a man." What is Scripture telling us? While abstaining from certain foods is important, it is not the central or only focus of Lent. Lent is also about penance, about almsgiving and generosity, and most of all, about prayer and connecting with God. A person may go 40 days without eating meat or dairy products, but if he or she does not help his fellow man, does not pray, and continuously curses or gossips—he or she has missed the entire point.

Our lives are busy, and we are constantly bombarded with worldly images, noises, interruptions, and distractions. Our minds are always so full that we never have or make the time to be with God. We all need to change our lifestyles. Lent should be a time of quiet simplicity. For the next 40 days, simplify your lives and make room for God. Live with less. Speak less. Try to watch less TV and listen to less music. Read the Holy Scriptures. Attend church services. Spend time with your family, and by yourself. Strive to be with God and become closer to Him, to fully rejoice on Easter Sunday when we celebrate His Glorious Resurrection.

Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor

Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTS ANNUAL

Armenian Christmas Pageant

In most places Christmas in mid-January is but a memory. At St. James however, mid-January is when the real meaning of Christmas comes to life! On Sunday, January 14th, 2007, the children and youth of the St. James Sunday School presented to family and friends a most meaningful Christmas Pageant of Scripture readings and songs. Classic Christmas carols such as Silent Night, Holy Night, contemporary Christmas songs like Mary Did You Know? and Gabriel's Message, meaningful Christmas songs like Happy Birthday Jesus, and the beautiful Armenian sharagan Ornetzek Govetzek brought the Biblical story of the birth of the Christ Child to life. Following the pageant a lovely reception was hosted by the Sunday School parents.



Annual Children's Armenian Christmas Holy Communion and Breakfast



On Saturday, January 13, 2007, students from the St. James' Sunday School and St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School participated in the long-standing tradition of the Children's Holy Communion Service and Breakfast in celebration of Armenian Christmas. Following the service and after receiving Holy Communion in the sanctuary, the students enjoyed a favorite breakfast of cereal, bagels and fruit which was prepared by the schools' parents. Entertainment by Mr. D.J. kept the children energized with laughing, dancing. And yes, Santa Claus made a special stop to see the St. James children one last time, on his way back to the North Pole.



Sunday School Project Warmth:

"Knitted with love from a 96-year old Genocide Survivor" read the note pinned to a warm scarf and hat set. This was but one of the more poignant notes and donations to Project Warmth, a St. James benefit for the Fund for Armenian Relief's Children Reception Center in Yerevan. The St. James parish and families once again outdid themselves with compassion, love, and generosity. Donations of hundreds of new hats, gloves, scarves, fleece and winter jackets, and pants—including numerous handmade items—contributed to the success of the project.

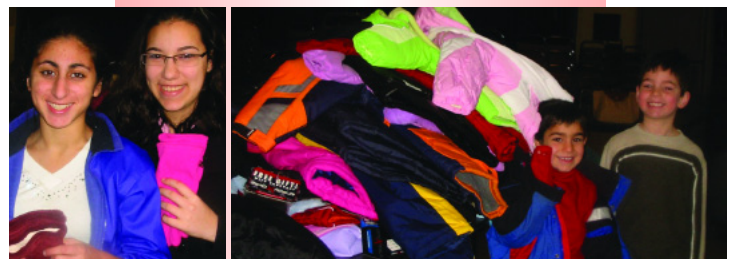
This project was lovingly coordinated by Nancy Kassabian, who visited the Center with the St. James Pilgrimage to Armenia group, and was fully supported by Sunday School Superintendent Marsha Alabachian and the kindness and humanitarian spirit of the many St. James families and friends.

The Children's Reception Center is a safe-haven for homeless children serving hundreds annually in Yerevan. Children are housed there temporarily until they are placed in orphanages, foster homes, or back home with their own families who have received support from the social work from the Center's dedicated staff. Their service and assistance to the children in Armenia and the success of their future is vital; their needs are great. We aim to make this an ongoing project of our Sunday School and parish to help support the priceless and important work of this Center.

Kids to Kids,



Family to Family,



Heart to Heart



**ST. SAHAG
&
ST. MESROB
ARMENIAN
SCHOOL**

Christmas came upon us at the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian school, and the students and the faculty were ready for it! Parents and families were invited to the school's Annual

Christmas Party. The children sang heartwarming songs in Armenian and welcomed the Christmas season. They finished the program with a very special song—Looy's Manoog—which touched everyone's heart and mind, demonstrating the true meaning of Christmas.

Of course, the Christmas party would not be complete without a visit from Gaghan Baba. He entered the room with jingle bells, as the children were singing about him, and had gifts for the children, who had a wonderful time.

The party was hosted by the school PTO, who had provided a wonderful luncheon for the attendees: the table was covered with appetizers, main dishes and desserts for every palate. The afternoon left warm and fun memories for all who were present.

The students, however, did not rest for the Christmas break. As has become a wonderful tradition in our church, the Armenian School students read from the Holy Gospel in Armenian during the service on January 5th. The students worked very hard during their Christmas break to prepare for this important role. The students, dressed in shabeegs and veils for girls, received some final words from Der Arakel. When the service began, the students went to the chancel one at a time and read the appropriate Scripture passages. Each student did a wonderful job reading.

In keeping with another beautiful tradition, the Armenian school faculty and PTO hosted a lovely reception for parishioners after the home blessing service (doonorhnek), which was conducted following Divine Liturgy. My most sincere gratitude to the dedicated staff and parents who worked very hard to make the evening a beautiful and successful one.

Marina Minasian, Principal

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Աւագ Հինգշաբթիի երեկոյին, Քրիստոս Իր աշակերտներով միասին հաւաքուելով վերնատան մէջ, Հրէից ամենէն նշանաւոր տօնը՝ այսինքն Չատիկը կը կատարէր: Այդ տօնը ճշմարտութեամբ Քրիստոսի մահուան նախատիպն է և ստուերն էր:

Հաստատուած էր ի յիշատակ Իսրայէլացւոց ազատման Եգիպտոսէն: Աստուած պատուիրած էր որ իւրաքանչիւր տան մէջ անարատ եւ մէկ տարեկան գառնուկ մը գենուի եւ անոր արիւնը տան դրան սեմին վրայ սրակուի, որով Իսրայէլացւոց անդրանիկ որդիները պիտի փրկուէին ընդհանուր աստուածային պատուհասէն, որ Եգիպտացիներուն վրայ եկած էր եւ անոնց անդրանիկները կը ջարդէր:

Աւագ Հինգշաբթի օրը մինչ Հրեաներ իրենց ստուերական Պատեքի տօնը կը կատարէին, Քրիստոս իսկական Չատիկ տօնը կատարելու կը պատրաստուէր: Ի նքն էր ճշմարիտ Գառնուկը որ պիտի գոհուէր յաջորդ օրը, եւ Քրիստոս այդ տօնի նախապատրաստական մասը կը կատարէր վերնատան մէջ՝ ուր այս առթիւ հաստատեց Սք. Պատարագի Խորհուրդը: Բուն եւ իսկական Պատարագն այն էր որ յաջորդ օրը Ինքը պիտի մատուցանէր Իր արիւնը թափելով Խաչին վրայ իբրեւ գոհ առ Հայր, վասն փրկութեան ազգի մարդկան. իսկ վերնատան մէջ մէկ միջոց ցոյց կուտար որով հաւատացեալներ բոլոր դարերու մէջ եւ ամէն տեղ կարենային այդ պատարագի արդիւնքը իւրացնել եւ փայել:

Ինչպէս որ Ադամէն ժառանգած էինք հոգեւոր տկարութիւն եւ մեղք, նոյնպէս ալ Քրիստոս իբրեւ երկրորդ Ադամ եւ մեր հոգեւոր նախահայրը մեր սկզբնական մեղքը ջնջելով մեզ ժառանգութիւն թողուց արդարութիւն եւ հոգեւոր զօրութիւն: Ադամէն ժառանգեալ տկարացեալ մարդկային բնութիւնը՝ իր Մարմնոյ եւ Արեան կազդուրիչ եւ զօրացուցիչ կերակրովը անոր նախկին երանաւէտ վիճակին հասնելու միջոց տուաւ եւ զմեզ Իր փառաւորեալ Մարմնին կատարելութեան ու շնորհաց ընդունելութեան արժանացուց ի ձեռն Սք. Հաղորդութեան:

Հայ եւ գինին մարդուս աննդեան գլխաւոր առարկաներն են, ուստի եւ յարմար միջոց՝ խորհրդաւոր ներգործութեան աստուածային շնորհաց: Հայ եւ գինի առնելով Յիսուս օրհնեց եւ զանոնք իբրեւ Իր Մարմնին ու Արիւնը հոգակեց եւ պատուիրեց որ արժանաւոր արարողութեամբ նոյնը միշտ կատարենք ի յիշատակ Իր մահուան եւ Իր մեծ պատարագին: Այլ խօսքով, սրբադործեալ հացը եւ գինին, որուն մէջ անխմանալի կերպով ներկայ է փառաւորեալն Քրիստոս, մատուցանենք առ Հայր եւ յիշենք թէ ինչպէս Քրիստոս մեռաւ մեզի համար, եւ ի սէր այդ անարատ գեներալ Գառնին խնդրենք թողութիւն մեր մեղքերուն եւ միանգամայն ճաշակելով անկէ միանանք Քրիստոսի եւ անոր կատարելութեանց մասնակից եւ հաղորդ ըլլանք: Այսպէս հաստատուեցաւ այս Խորհուրդը որ առաքեալներու ժամանակէն ի վեր անընդհատ դարձ ի դար կատարուած է ի լրութիւն եւ յիւրացումն արդեանց փրկագործութեան Քրիստոսի:

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New Vision

Winter 2007

New Vision began the year with the first Hye Café of 2007 on January 12th, serving a full house of 300 plus. Many new faces joined the Hye Café team along, and the menu included some new additions. A special thanks to the volunteers who came together on the Sunday before Hye Cafe, and made over 800 boureg for Friday's Café.

On February 10th New Vision held its second annual Billiards Night at Jillian's of Boston—an evening of billiards, mezze, good friends and fun! Another group visit is planned

to the Armenian Nursing Home. The visit is tentatively planned for March.

Save the Date! On October 27, 2007, New Vision and the Cultural Committee will be presenting a William Saroyan Theatre night. Additional details will follow.

For more information on upcoming New Vision events or Hye Café, please contact Linda Sahagian, Chair of New Vision, at (617) 407-6600 or e-mail at hyelinda65@aol.com.

The Mr. & Mrs. Group met in October, November, December, January and February. Each month's committee served delicious dinners, which were followed by brief business meetings. The group's next meeting will be held April 20, 2007. New members are always welcome and invited to join us!

Mr. & Mrs. Group

Women' Guild

The members of the Women's Guild continue to support the parishioners and organizations of St. James. We honor the Sahag and Mesrob Armenian School by contributing \$1,000 annually to sustain the Armenian education of the children of our parish. Baking choreg and other specialities is our forté. Again, we baked dozens of choreg to contribute to our Sunday School Christmas Pageant, Parish Assembly, and future coffee hours. Thank you to all these special "choreg" bakers.

Nutritionist, Susan Hazarvartian, our guest speaker in October of 2006, described diet programs for well-balanced meals. Susan illustrated her talk by distributing samples of foods that encourage a healthy life style. We thank Susan for speaking to our group. Also, thank you our hostesses for this meeting: Mary Avedisian, Leona Kevorkian, Lily Boyajian, Mary Hovnanian, and Margaret Hovnanian.

The November 2006 meeting celebrated our ten, twenty-five, and fifty year members. After a lasagna dinner, awards were presented to: 50 year members - Sara Bejoian, Grayce Jamgochian, Dorothy Parsikian, and Madeline Koumjian; 25 year members - Helen Onanian, Sarah Agabian, and Lucine Tashjian; and 10 year member - Lucy Bedirian.

Our own tour director, Alyce Gelenian, always knows when we need some fun. After a hectic Bazaar season, Alyce organized a trip to Foxwoods in November.

The Women's Guild commenced the 2007 year with the installation of our Executive Committee: Arpie Potookian, Stella Tonry, Sona Jalian, Anna Bedirian, Norma Shooshan, and Helen Nalchian, and advisors Sona Iskandarian and Ruth Harutunian.

Thank you to our outgoing members Caroline Soultanian and Gladys Clinton, and to our advisors Hrip Parsekian and Karen Hovsepien. All of these women were always willing to give advice and assist our membership. Thank You!

Announcement

The St. James women's Guild sponsors 2 children in Armenia through the Children of Armenian Sponsorship Program (CASP) administered by the Women's Guild Central Council at the Diocese. A raffle for a trip to Armenia for 2 people has been initiated by the Central Council to add revenues to CASP. Raffle tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased through our Women's Guild chapter. Please consider this worthy cause. Our Guild has only a few raffle tickets remaining. Please call Ruth at (617) 923-1558 if you are interested.

St. James 75th Anniversary Gala Weekend

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The room was filled by the sounds of music, laughter, and joy as guests filled the dance floor all evening long dancing to the sounds of Arthur Apkarian and the Armenia Band. The committee, chaired by Lalig Musserian and Audrey Pilibosian, planned an elegant and memorable evening. All present reveled in one another's company and in the joy of celebrating the accomplishments of 75 years of faithful St. James parishioners. As one long-time St. James parishioner, Harry Adamian, said, "The evening of the Gala will be remembered forever as the most beautiful and joyful of the seventy five years. There seemed to be no stone unturned. The work of the committee for both days was evidenced by the joy shining on the faces of the guests."



Divine Liturgy

Sunday morning naturally began with parishioners gathered for Divine Liturgy, which was celebrated by Abp. Barsamian. During the Divine Liturgy, the Primate ordained Haik Diloyan and Abkar Potookian to the order of the Diaconate of the Armenian Church. The service was a moving one for all St. James parishioners. St. James was honored to have present for the Divine Liturgy and the brunch the Rev. Dr. Diane Kessler, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, and guest area clergy. During his sermon, the Primate expressed his profound gratitude to St. James parishioners for the past 75 years until today — for their strong faith in God and their dedication to the Armenian Church. He expressed gratitude and congratulations to Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor of St. James, to the Parish Council, and to all parishioners of St. James Armenian Church and asked that God continue to bless the parish in its good works. Finally, he challenged the scores of the children and youth gathered in the church sanctuary and to work with the adults and to continue the mission of St. James faithfully, so that the parish may joyfully celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the church in 25 years. The youth filling the sanctuary answered the Primate's question — "do you promise to do that?" — with a resounding "Yes!"



Champagne Brunch

The weekend culminated with an elegant Champagne Brunch. The committee, chaired by Sossy Derian, again planned a beautiful event for all to enjoy. The hall was filled with St. James parishioners and friends gathered together to celebrate the vision of the founders of St. James, the hard work of all who followed, and the vision of the parish for the future.

Christine Hovsepien began the brunch with the singing of the national anthems of the United States and Armenia. Fr. Arsen Barsamian, Associate Pastor Emeritus, offered the opening prayer. Paul Korian, Chairman of the Parish Council, offered a celebratory champagne toast to begin the brunch. During the brunch, outgoing Parish Council members Nishan Atinizian and Jeniffer Carson were presented with plaques in gratitude and appreciation for their faithful and devoted service to the church. Fr. Dajad Davidian, Pastor of St. James from 1969-1999 offered his memorable reflections of the parish and parishioners and his congratulations to the parish.

Sam Kapreilian III, Chair of the St. James Capital Campaign committee, gave an update on the five-year \$3 million campaign. With great joy, he announced that one year into the campaign, through the generous spirit and unwavering devotion and support of St. James parishioners and friends, the campaign has already reached, in donations and pledges, the \$1.9 million mark. The capital campaign efforts will continue during the coming years to reach the \$3 million goal to realize the Strategic Plan for the future of the church.

Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor of St. James, expressed his sincere gratitude to the hard working committees and volunteers for the weekend's events, to the 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee — Mildred Nahabedian, Lalig Musserian, and Brenda Khederian, and to the committees for all of the 75th Anniversary Celebration events. He also expressed his appreciation to the Strategic Planning and Capital Campaign committees for their hard work for several years, working with the Parish Council, for the future of St. James.

Der Arakel asked all guests present to reflect on the founders of the church — to contemplate how they had so successfully accomplished their vision for the parish, and how parishioners today must, in turn, work to continue their legacy and to accomplish the vision for the future of St. James. He congratulated all of the parishioners of St. James for their faith, dedication, devotion, and love for the church.

Abp. Barsamian closed the morning's brunch with remarks and a closing prayer. He congratulated all St. James parishioners and reiterated his hope that 25 years from now the parish will gather to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the church. He congratulated the Strategic Planning and Capital Campaign committees for their hard work for several years for the future of the church, and commended the parish for the professional and deliberate approach it has taken to carefully plan for the needs of the parishioners and the future of the church. He asked all parishioners to continue to work hard for the future of St. James, and closed the year's events with prayers for God's blessing upon the parish for the next 75 years.

Ordinations

As part of the celebration weekend, His Eminence Abp. Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern), who was present and presided over the weekend's events, ordained several faithful servants of St. James. During Vespers service on Saturday evening, the Primate ordained Richard Cherkerzian, Jr., also a member of the St. James Parish Council, as an Acolyte, or tbir, of the Armenian Church. Abp. Barsamian ordained Vartan Babikyan and Shant Broukian both as Acolytes and as Sub-Deacons in the Armenian Church.



Junior Choir / Chorale

New singers have joined the Choir/Chorale and new friendships formed, with participants enthusiastically looking forward to the rehearsals. We welcome new members Shant Arakelian, Arthur Galstian, Nareg Kalaydjian, Alex Airapetian, Nelli Balian, Amilia Petrosyan, Katarina and William Westermarck and Zabelle Simmons. Maestro Artur Veranian integrates the new singers with experienced singers. Rehearsals include vocal and breathing exercises.

Some members participated in the December 24th Candlelight Christmas Eve Service and several members participated in the Jrakalooys Badarak and Home Blessing and in singing the January 6th Epiphany Divine Liturgy.

Youngsters ages six through the teens are welcome. Younger ages are given consideration. Jr. Choir/Chorale rehearsals are held on most Saturdays in Mirak Hall beginning at 1:30 p.m. For further information please call Lucy Mardirosian (781) 938-8339 or Barbara Young (617) 484-1949.

Altar Servers & Senior Choir

One Sunday last August in the St. James Cultural and Youth Center, Badarak had just ended and the final blessing given. As we stood up to leave, we noticed two young people in the row behind us. We welcomed them and asked if they liked to sing and mentioned that we had a Jr. Choir/Chorale. Their father, who was seated at the end of the row, came over and asked "Hi Lucy, do you remember me?" Of course, Deacon Toros Yeterian was known to us and Maestro Artur Veranian. For the past 5 years while he was a resident of Connecticut he would sing in the choir whenever he visited Massachusetts. Today, they are Acton residents and we are happy to have Deacon Toros, Mesrob and Lori as Choir Members.

We also welcome their friend Garren Salibian who is coordinating Sunday School attendance with singing in the Choir. Garren also served this year as the Godfather of the Blessing of the Water Service on Epiphany.

Congratulations to Helen "Lena" Arzoumanian who recently graduated from Boston College Law School.

During the St. James Name Day Weekend, Apkhar Potookian and Haik Diloyan were ordained to the Order of the Diaconate. Shant Broukian and Vartan Babikyan, who have been junior and senior choir members, were ordained to the rank of Sub-Deacon. Richard Cherkerzian, Jr. was ordained an Acolyte.

On December 18, 2006, an enjoyable time was had by all who attended the tenth annual Christmas Dinner Party for the Clergy, Altar Servers and Choir Members of St. James, St. Stephen's and of Holy Trinity.

The Altar Servers and Senior Choir sang for three consecutive days beginning on Friday, January 5th Jrakalooys Badarak and Home Blessing, the Epiphany Badarak and Blessing of the Water Service on Saturday, January 6th, and the Badarak on Sunday, January 7th. We were pleased to see Dziadzian Sahagian, who is now a college student, participate on all

Christmas and New Year Greetings

Sincere best wishes from the following individuals for a happy, healthy, and blessed new year! All donations have been added to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to assist our fellow parishioners and those in need.

Thank you to all.

Sarah and Mary Agabian

Jack and Donnarose Russian Agri

...and his name shall be called Wonderful,

Counsellor, The Mighty God,

The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6).

In loving memory of Theresa Alessio Agri.

Rev. Fr. Arakel & Yn. Natasha Aljalian

Rev. Fr. Arsen and Yn. Varteni Barsamian and family

Rose Bejoian and Family

Merry Christmas and peace on earth

and goodwill toward man

Don and Sunny Boghosian

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Der Minasian of Florida

Lillian Garbouchian

Mary Hovnanian and Margaret Hovnanian

Margaret Janikian

Rose Z. Karibian and Alice K. Mellian

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy

and Healthy New Year. May your Christmas

be filled with joy and special moments

Rose and Robert Magarian

Rose Mamishian and family

Shenorbavor Nor Dari Yev Sourp Dzenount

Madeline Maranian

to my friends and family

Jean E. Martinian

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God's Blessings to all our friends

Arthur and Mary Papazian

Healthy and Happy Christmas and New Year

Ed, Elaine and Jay Patapanian

Harry and Irene Sarkisian

God's Blessings to all our Friends

Richard, Ann and Talene Tarvezian

Wishing you the joy, goodwill, spirit and blessing of

Christmas now and throughout the New Year!

June Tavian

Helen, George, Michael and Gayle Yapchaian

three days. This dedication to serve has been instilled in her as a charter member of the junior choir and by the guidance and support of her parents and grandparents.

There is a place for you in the Choir! We especially invite students of the Sunday School "graduating class" to sing in the Choir during Badarak after class each Sunday. Feel free to talk with our Choir Director, Artur Veranian, after Badarak.

Lucy Mardirosian

Sacraments



Baptisms & Chrismations

You have been Baptised in Christ. Alleluia

Conor Edward O'Leary—November 4, 2006
Son of Francis X. and Amanda O'Leary
Godparents: Joseph O'Leary and Amanda O'Leary

Ava Grace Hayward—November 19, 2006
Daughter of Scott Hayward and Lisa Bazarian
Godparents: Aram Starck and Mara Bazarian

Sonya Mae DesRoches—November 26, 2006
Daughter of Matthew and Susan DesRoches
Godparents: James Cobb and Alison DesRoches

Arek Elijah Kornelius Bardt—December 23, 2006
Son of Sylvius Bardt and Sona Yeghiayan
Godparents: Scott Zaleski and Sylva Yeghiayan

Charles Albert Simmons III—December 27, 2006
Son of Charles and Nicole Simmons
Godparents: Kevin Schack, Kyle Schack and Kristina Arsenault

Leul Gebresilassie—January 21, 2007
Son of Biniam and Selamawit Gebresilassie
Godparents: Gizachew Woldegebriel and Rahel G. Hailemichael

Katrina Arvestian—February 4, 2007
Daughter of Daniel and Nora Jobanian Arvestian
Godparents: Varujan and Hilda D. Ozcan

Matthew Vasken Babigian—February 10, 2007
Son of K. Vasken Babigian and Christina A. Martin Babigian
Godparents: Peter G. and Gloria D. Babigian

Sydney Alden Grace Meyers—February 24, 2007
Daughter of Thomas C. and Deborah L. Meyers
Godparents: William Doerr and Cheryl Farhat



Funerals

*May Christ Our God shed His Eternal Light
upon the souls of our dearly departed. May God bless the souls
of the deceased and comfort the members of their families.*

NOVEMBER

Siroon Avedisian
November 3, 2006

Kirkor Chitchian
November 22, 2006

DECEMBER

James Hekimian
December 2, 2006

Krikor Guldalian
December 4, 2006

Ann N. Makian
December 20, 2006

Papken Peter Johnson
December 21, 2006

Maritza Dinjian
December 28, 2006

JANUARY

Adrienne Halajian
January 2, 2007

Louise Kassarian
January 4, 2007

Ovssanna DerSimonian
January 8, 2007

Haigaz Derderian
January 10, 2007

Dorothy Isgoohi Terzian
January 12, 2007

Mary Parnagian
January 13, 2007

Yervant Balian
January 18, 2007

FEBRUARY

Samuel Hanoyan
February 2, 2007

Michael Francis Luniewicz
February 5, 2007

Alice Kevorkian
February 7, 2007

R. Grace Sarkisian
February 14, 2007

John G. Akilian
February 21, 2007

Dorothy J. Messer
February 21, 2007

Mary (Balian) Marino
February 22, 2007



Weddings



And the two shall become one.

William Highgas III and Elizabeth Kate James—November 25, 2006
Best Man: Ralph Beaman; Maid of Honor: Laura Bowers

Lindsay Barber and Neal Byrne III—December 31, 2006
Best Man: Mike Schabowski; Maid of Honor: Melissa Trevino

Hakob Chilingaryan and Anahit Shahinyan—January 13, 2007
Best Man: Karpis Oganyan

Alexander Antonian and Naira Gabrielyan—January 20, 2007
Best Man: Samvel Mirzoyan; Maid of Honor: Lyudmila Gabrielyan

Gegam Margarian and Marine Mkrtchyan—February 4, 2007
Best Man: Hamlet Ayvazian; Maid of Honor Luci Ayvazian

Calendar of Events

(All events are at St. James unless otherwise noted)

March

Friday, March 4

Hye Café - (Lenten Menu) at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Monday, March 5

Men's Club at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 10

Women's Saints Day - Hye Pointe in Lawrence, MA

Monday, March 19

Women's Guild Dinner Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

April

Sunday, April 1

PALM SUNDAY - Youth Day Banquet, hosted by ACYOA

Tuesday, April 3 – Saturday, April 7

HOLY WEEK

Saturday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Children's Communion Service and Breakfast

Sunday, April 8

HOLY EASTER

Monday, April 9

Men's Club at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 13

Hye Café at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20

Mr. & Mrs. Group at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 22

5th Annual St. James Genocide Commemoration program 5:00 p.m. Keljik Hall

Tuesday, April 24

ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY COMMEMORATION

(92nd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide)

8:00 a.m. – Morning Service

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Requiem Service and Blessing of Madagh at the Martyrs' Monument

Special Thank You

To **Leon and Marion Semonian** for their donations of \$5,000 and \$9111, to **Leon, Marion, Mark, Wendy and Bob Semonian** for their donation of \$10,000, and to **Suren Semonian** for his donation of \$200, all to be added to the Leslie Semonian Memorial Endowment Fund for the benefit of the Leslie Semonian Computer Center at the St. James Church Office.

To **Charles and Joyce Guleserian** for their donation of \$5,500 for the lighting of the exterior cross and rose stained glass window of the church, in honor of the birth of their newest grandchildren - twins Lillian

St. James Armenian Church extends sincere gratitude to the following for their generosity and kindness.

and Gunther Guleserian - children of Matthew and Terri Fowler Guleserian born on January 19, 2007.

To **Charles Sarkisian** for his donation of \$1,500 to be added to the Haji & Seranoush Sarkisian Memorial Fund.

To **Ann O. Kaprielian** for her donation of \$300 to be added to the Ann & Alice Kaprielian Scholarship Fund and for her donation of \$300 to be added to the Arsen & Araxy Kaprielian Family Endowment Fund.



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The following donations have been received with appreciation by St. James Armenian Apostolic Church. May God bless the souls of our dearly departed and give comfort and hope to their families.

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Mary Ovoian
George & Helen Yapchaian
Fran & George Yapchaian
Total \$1325

Krikor Chitchian November 22, 2006

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The clergy are always available and would like to visit homebound and hospitalized parishioners. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized and would like to be visited, please call the church office at (617) 923-8860. Please note: when asked about your religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as "Armenian Orthodox" or "Armenian" not "other."

REQUIEM SERVICE/HOKEHANKISD

Arrangements for Requiem Service, Altar Flowers and Candles should be made through the church office by Thursday at noon. In accordance with the canons of the Armenian Church, Requiem Services may not be performed on the five major feast days: Armenian Christmas, Easter, The Feast of the Transfiguration, The Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God, and The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

All baptisms must be scheduled at least two months in advance by calling the church office. According to the Armenian Church canons, a Baptism may only be performed once in a person's lifetime, provided such Baptism has been performed in a Christian Church and in the name of the Holy Trinity. At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church.

WEDDINGS

Parishioners should contact the church office at least eight months in advance. A couple must contact St. James to confirm the availability of the Pastor and sanctuary prior to making any other arrangements. All weddings must follow the Canons of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church and the laws of Massachusetts. In accordance with Diocesan discipline mandated by the Primate, all Sacraments must be administered in the church sanctuary. The couple must meet with the Pastor at least once for pre-marital preparation and counseling. Weddings cannot be performed during Great Lent or Holy Week, or on the five major feast days: Armenian Christmas, Holy Easter, The Feast of the Transfiguration, The Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God, and The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

FUNERALS

Families should make arrangements with the funeral director of their choice, who will contact the church office to arrange the funeral service. Generally, St. James coordinates funerals with Bedrosian Funeral Home and Giragosian Funeral Home; both are located in Watertown and are familiar with our Church traditions. Funerals may not be performed on religious holidays, major feast days, Saturdays after 3:00 p.m., or on Sundays.

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