

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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LOOYS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2008

76th Anniversary Annual Name Day Celebration

On December 30, 2007, St. James celebrated our parish's 76th Anniversary. His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate, presided over Divine Liturgy and the Name Day Banquet that followed the church services.

During the Divine Liturgy, St. James remembered during the Requiem Service all the former Pastors, Godfathers of St. James, Diocesan Delegates, Parish Council members, and other leaders who helped lay the groundwork to make St. James the vibrant and active parish it is today.

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, Serpazan presented an Encyclical and the St. Nersess Shnorhali (the Graceful) Medal, bestowed by His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, to Dr. Vartan Ghugasian, who has served Armenia and Artsakh by establishing dental offices and training dentists, which have provided dental care to thousands of Armenian children.



Serpazan also surprised Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Nancy Guleserian, who were recognized and honored at the Name Day Banquet as our St. James 2007 Parishioners of the Year, by likewise bestowing upon them an Encyclical and St. Nersess Shnorhali medals from His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians.

During the Name Day Banquet, the parish honored and extended gratitude to John Hovsepian, Paul Korian, and Stefanie Madanian, outgoing Parish Council members, for their dedicated service to St. James. The Guleserians were then presented their 2007 Parishioners of the Year Award. Michael Guleserian offered remarks, reflecting upon and sharing the example of service his parents set throughout his life, serving both the Armenian Church and the greater community. Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian also offered remarks in honor of the 2007 Parishioners of the Year. A special video presentation shared the lives of the Guleserians with all in attendance. The day's program was brought to a close with remarks by St. James Pastor, Rev. Fr. Arakel Aljalian, and the Primate.



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

As you read this, Great Lent has already started. Just when we were getting over the holidays — the food, the gifts, the parties — and the beginning of the new year, we opened our eyes and Lent is upon us.

I've written and spoken about Lent often. We often focus on what we are going to "give up." This year, I ask our parish to place our focus on one goal: "allow our hearts to be faithful to our Lord." Being a Christian is not easy, and Lent is a good time to examine ourselves to see if we, in our everyday lives, really take up our crosses and "follow Him."

Lent is a time to reflect (*really* reflect) on our lives, to make changes, to strive to be better in the eyes of God. Lent is a time when we must soften our hearts, forgive others, and pray to be forgiven.

Fasting is an element of Lent and is important in our church life: to simply our lives, to get rid of earthly distractions, and to cleanse our bodies so we may better focus on our relationship with

God. While we focus on cleansing our bodies, however, we must remember the importance of cleansing our souls. Lent should be a struggle — with ourselves and with our worldly desires. Lent is preparing for the ultimate of Feasts and the most glorious of experiences — the Resurrection of Christ on Easter. As such, it should not be depressing, it should be uplifting. We should feel a bit better with each passing day about ourselves individually, about changes we are making in how we live our lives, and about our relationship with God.

Add quiet time by ourselves to think about how we live our lives, how we treat others, and our relationship with our Lord. Add quiet time to listen to God and hear what He wants from us.

Our lives are filled with distractions that take us away from Christ. Often we are confused — about our lives, our relationships with others, about how we are living our lives. So, let us give up our

dairy products, chocolate, or soda. Even more importantly, however, spend less time on the computer, on email, on Facebook or MySpace, text messaging or IM, or watching TV, and in place of all of these — *add*.

What should we add to our lives? God spells it out for us — "*Be still, and know that I am God*" (Psalm 46:10). Add silence and peace to our lives, add quiet time by ourselves to think about how we live our lives, how we treat others, and our relationship with our Lord. Add quiet time to listen to God and hear what He wants from us. Even Christ took time away to pray and focus on God and His ministry.

Let us live to turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and await Christ's Resurrection with eagerness, hope and faith. May this Great Lent be filled with forgiveness, mercy, reconciliation, reflection, and peace.

Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor



Welcome to our New Pastoral Intern

As other parishes in our Diocese have done, St. James and our Pastor, Fr. Arakel, have been asked by Abp. Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, to welcome Rev. Fr. Martiros Hakobyan from Armenia as a Pastoral Intern for a period of one year. Fr. Martiros and Yn. Hasmik arrived on Saturday, January 12, 2008. Under the supervision of our Pastor Fr. Arakel, Fr. Martiros will participate in sacraments, home blessings/visitations and hospital visitations with Fr. Arakel to gain and develop pastoral ministry, will be pursuing intensive English studies, will spend time in our St. James parish to gain experience and familiarize himself with parish life in the United States, and will occasionally visit other parishes. Following the one year internship, the Primate will assign Fr. Martiros to serve a parish within the Eastern Diocese.

Fr. Martiros was ordained a Priest of the Armenian Church by Abp. Vicken Aykazian, Legate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), on July 22, 2007 in Holy Etchmiadzin. After his 40 days of seclusion, Fr. Martiros undertook a pastoral internship in the Diocese of Kegharkunik (Armenia) for one month, and the following few months served in Holy Trinity Armenian Church (Yerevan). During this same time, he took English language classes at the American University of Armenia (AUA).

Fr. Martiros married Yn. Hasmik on April 14, 2007. They are expecting their first child at the end of April. Please join us in welcoming Fr. Martiros and Yn. Hasmik!

St. James Honors Parishioners and Ellis Island Medal of Honor Recipients

NISHAN ATINIZIAN and DR. GREGORY ADAMIAN

On Friday, November 30, 2007, over 200 St. James parishioners and friends gathered for an elegant reception in Keljik Hall to honor and pay tribute to two of our parishioners and recipients of the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor – Nishan Atinizian, a 2005 Ellis Island Medal of Honor Recipient, and Dr. Gregory Adamian, a 2007 Ellis Island Medal of Honor Recipient. His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), presided over the evening's event. Also present for the evening's event was Abp. Vicken Aykazian, Eastern Diocesan Legate and newly-elected President of the National Council of Churches of Christ, and family members of the award recipients.

The evening began with a welcome by Lalig Musserian, Master of Ceremonies, followed by a congratulatory Champagne Toast by Scott Kapilian, Chairman of the St. James Parish Council. Arthur Atinizian, son of Nishan Atinizian, offered remarks, remembering with great pride and emotion the day his father received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Dr. Gregory Adamian, followed with remarks, humbly sharing his pride in being selected a medal recipient. Dr. Adamian also emphasized the great accomplishment of having two St. James parishioners receive Ellis Island Medals of Honor.



His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) and himself an Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipient, spoke of Nishan Atinizian and Dr. Gregory Adamian, noting "I have worked with both of these men for years. Both have served the Armenian Church, Armenia, and the community with love and with dedication. I am proud to call both of them my friends."

We extend our deep sense of pride and sincere congratulations to our parishioners Nishan and Gregory, worthy recipients of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor! Special thanks to Lalig Musserian, Sandy Raphaelian and Linda Sahagian for planning a beautiful evening.



BOOK

ST. JAMES

CLUB



NEXT GATHERING:

Thursday, March 13, 2008

7 p.m.

St. James Armene and Veronica Tarvezian Hall

The next Book Club selection is

Interpreter of Maladies

by Jhumpa Lahiri

We aim to read one book approximately every 2 months, and will read books of all genres. If you have not yet done so, please contact Yn. Natasha at aljalian@comcast.net or by calling (617) 923-8990 if you would like to be a part of the Book Club or if you have suggestions for future books.

(Note: We will alternate our meetings between Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings).

Light Lenten refreshments will be served.

All are welcome!

Armenian Christmas 2008



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Sunday School

Armenian Christmas Program

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2008, the Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord, students of the St. James Sunday School presented their 8th Annual Armenian Christmas Program. Unlike prior years, because Armenian Christmas was on Sunday, the students were able to attend Divine Liturgy, take Holy Communion, and witness the Blessing of the Water during this service commemorating the Birth and Baptism of Christ. Following Divine Liturgy, the students returned to Keljik Hall where they quickly took their places to perform beautiful Christmas hymns and carols in concert. Sincere thanks to Jennifer Tagarelis, David Medzorian, Valerie Becker, Lucy Barsamian, Cheryl Keane, Yn. Natasha Aljalian, and the Sunday School Staff for working with our children to share the real spirit of Christmas. Guests enjoyed a lovely reception, prepared and hosted by the Sunday school parents, following the program.

We look forward to an early Lent and our annual Lenten Drive, followed by Holy Week in which our students take an important part, including the Service of the Handmaidens, Service of the Washing of the Feet, and Passover Dinner.

— Marsha Alabachian, Superintendent



Christmas Pageant



Bible Study

Jesus preached throughout His ministry. His most powerful messages, however, came from the Cross just moments before His death. Christ's last words were words of compassion and love, of forgiveness and peace, of anguish and despair, and of faith and trust in our Lord. Great Lent is the perfect time to reflect on Christ's final words as we strive to understand His suffering for us and to prepare for His glorious Resurrection.

Bible Studies will be held on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Council Room. All are invited and encouraged to participate.

Monday, February 11, 2008

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
(Luke 23:33-34)

Monday, February 25, 2008

"Lord, remember me when You come into your Kingdom."
(Luke 23:42)

Monday, March 3, 2008

"Woman, behold thy son." (John 19:25-27)
"It is finished." (John 19:30)
"I thirst." (John 19:28-29)

Monday, March 10, 2008

"My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?"
(Matthew 27:45-46)

Monday, March 17, 2008

"Father, into Thy hands I commend my Spirit."
(Luke 23:46)



2nd St. James Pilgrimage to Armenia NEW DATES: July 10-21, 2008

\$2,850 per person (double occupancy)

\$3,450 per person
(single occupancy – subject to availability)

INCLUDES:

- ◆ Boston – Yerevan Round-Trip (includes all taxes and fees)
- ◆ 11 nights at the 5-star Marriott Armenia Hotel.
- ◆ Daily Breakfast at the Marriott Armenia Hotel
- ◆ Two Dinners
- ◆ Eight day trips/guided tours, including Lunches, to all major venues, including: Holy Etchmiadzin, St. Gayane and St. Hripsime churches, Khor Virab, Lake Sevan, Matenadaran, Tsitsernakaberd Monument and Museum, Erebuni, Oshagan, Karmaravor, Amberd Castle, Garni, Geghard, Parajanov Museum, Noravank, Alaverdi, Sanahin and Haghpatri monasteries, Dilijan, and Gyumri.
- ◆ One major cultural event.
- ◆ Two free days, which can be spent at the Vernisage market or shopping.

The trip is limited to 50 participants. Interested parishioners are encouraged to contact the church office immediately.

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Special Thanks to...

- ☞ Leon and Marion Semonian for their donation of \$10,625 to be added to the Leslie Semonian Memorial Fund to benefit the Leslie Semonian Computer Center at the St. James Church Office.
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- ☞ Virginia Mardirosian for her donation of \$500 to be added to the Avedis and Vartanoosh Mardirosian Memorial Fund.
- ☞ Suren and Carole Semonian for their donation of \$200 to be added to the Leslie Semonian Memorial Fund to benefit the Leslie Semonian Computer Center at the St. James Church Office.

ACYOA Seniors

ACYOA Seniors and Juniors attend
Providence Christmas Dance



ACYOA Juniors

ACYOA Juniors Annual
Christmas Decorating and Dinner



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday
March 16, 2008

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ACYOA Youth Day
Annual
Palm Sunday Banquet
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Following Divine Liturgy



St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School

The month of December started with preparation of winter fun and festivities. Thematic units on winter, including the importance of Christmas, were introduced in the classrooms. The learning was continued with related songs in music class. This was the preparation for the annual Christmas party and program, attended by students' parents and extended family members. The students performed a wonderful musical program, ending with the welcoming of *Gaghant Baba*, who came in with bags filled with gifts for the boys and girls. The party was continued by a luncheon prepared and hosted by our school PTO.

A teachers' workshop was held at St. James in December. Gilda Bouchakjian-Kupelian, Director of the Armenian language department at the Diocese, presented the workshop, which was very beneficial to all attendees. The workshop featured helpful dialogue and an exchange of ideas and teaching methods took place.

In January, the students celebrated Armenian Christmas. Now a tradition at St. James, the students read from the Gospels in Armenian during the Armenian Christmas Eve service. Again this year, the students did a phenomenal job with the readings, and had worked hard and diligently to prepare. Badarak was followed by a *Doonorhnenk* (Home Blessing)

service for our parish, following which the Armenian School staff and parents again hosted a lavish reception.

New students are always welcome at the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School. Visit a class, or come in to speak with us at anytime!

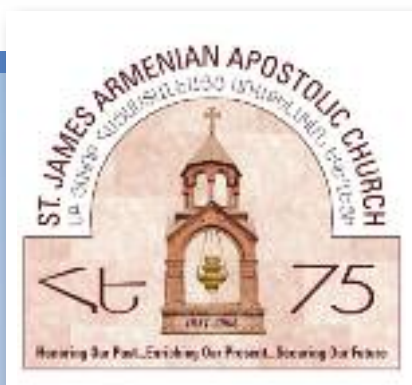
— Marina Minasian, Superintendent



THANKSGIVING FAMILY DAY DINNER



St. James 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign ~ Thank You!



Our sincere gratitude to our St. James parishioners and friends who have committed to the future of St. James! Thanks to your active commitment, we have:

- renovated our church sanctuary
- opened the Child Care Center
- opened the Charles Mirak Memorial Gift Shop and Bookstore

We are currently:

- planning for the renovation of our Cultural Center
- planning for the growth and development of our children's and youth programming and ministries
- in the process of implementing our Elder Transportation Service

Campaign Goal:

\$3,000,000

Campaign Pledges to Date:

\$2,991,125

Campaign Funds Collected to Date:

\$1,718,039

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272

(As of January 31, 2008)

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In loving memory of the Hollisian Family

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Karen Garabedian

WOMEN'S GUILD

A WONDERFUL DINNER. Armenian dancing, and lively conversation were the theme of the Women's Guild Christmas Party held at Byblos Restaurant in Norwood. Transported by automobile and van, on a cold wintery night, seventy guests enjoyed the evening filled with the excitement of Christmas. As the guests prepared to leave, a chorus of "Merry Christmas" was repeated over and over.

With the approval of the Guild membership, a planning committee was established to encourage new members and to propose exciting and informative programs for the Guild and all parishioners.

On February 18, 2008, had an evening of friendship and fellowship and delicious vospov kufteh. A short meeting and elections were held at the end of the evening. Our Easter Egg and Pastry Sale will be held on Easter Sunday, March 23rd.

The Women's Guild for many years has sponsored 2 children through the Children of Armenian Sponsorship Program (CASP). Tigran, 12 years old, lives in the Sisian Region of Armenia and Susanna, 17 years, old in the Goris Region. Recently we received a letter from Tigran's mother, Teresa, stating that the \$200 a year has helped them since they have faced financial challenges after her husband's death. With the funds received, Teresa has been able to support her children, provide medical help for son, and purchase school supplies. The members of the Guild are very proud of their participation in this humanitarian endeavor.



JUNIOR CHOIR/CHORALE



Cristina Veranian rendered a beautiful solo of the Armenian and United States National Anthems at the annual Name Day Banquet. Satenik Karapetyan, Nara Agaronova, and Cristina Veranian sang beautifully at the Armenian Christmas/Epiphany Eve Divine Liturgy (*Jrakalooys Badarak*), and during the procession leading to our traditional Home Blessing service. Our Junior Choir members occasionally participate during Sunday Divine Liturgy. We welcome new members to join us!

— Lucy Mardirosian

ALTAR SERVERS & SENIOR CHOIR

With great pride and joy, we congratulate our former Choir and Executive Committee member, Dr. Vartan Ghugasian, upon the conferment of the St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal and Pontifical Encyclical.

There was full participation at the Armenian Christmas/ Epiphany Eve Divine Liturgy (*Jrakalooys Badarak*) and Home Blessing service, and again on Sunday morning for the Armenian Christmas/ Epiphany Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Water Service.

This year, our parish hosted the annual tri-choir and altar servers Christmas Dinner party. Approximately 65 people from St. James, Holy Trinity, and St. Stephen's attended. Dn. Greg Krikorian of Holy Trinity and his 6 piece ensemble graciously played for everyone's listening and dancing pleasure. Jim Garabedian also sang a lively song for everyone's enjoyment. A wonderful evening was had by all.

— Lucy Mardirosian

Mr. & Mrs. Group

The Mr. and Mrs. Group met on November 16, 2007 and a Mezza Night was prepared and served by the committee. We met on December 14, 2007 with the committee serving a tasty pork loin dinner. After dinner a meeting was held, followed by a Christmas Carol puzzle game. On January 11, 2008, our annual Christmas Party was held. The committee served a delicious steak dinner, followed by a Magic Show.



SAVE THE DATE!

May 4, 2008

Hello Ellis Island!

by "The Way We Were" Armenian Music Theater
Hourig P. Sabagian, Executive Producer/Director



HELLO ELLIS ISLAND has already entertained Armenian audiences in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

Set in the 1920's, this straggly group of Armenian immigrants climb up the gang-plank of a ship bound for America – the land of their dreams. These voyagers – including mail order brides, a grandmother, bachelors, a grand dame, and a wealthy rug merchant – hail from the towns and villages of their historic Armenian homeland. They happen to be among the fortunate few who make it to steerage onboard this vessel, fleeing the upheaval of the Genocide in their homeland and looking forward to the safety and security of new lives in the new world.

The production is performed by an ensemble of singers, dancers and actors, paying homage to the efforts and hardships of their ancestors and relatives who made the journey to Ellis Island. A script based on actual stories, interwoven with traditional songs, makes this show a true masterpiece!

New Vision

New Vision began 2008 with its third Armenian Christmas Hye Café on January 4, 2008. A full house of parishioners enjoyed dinner specials of manti, sini kufte and gatnabour (rice pudding), along with the traditional kebabs and imam bayeldi. While parishioners were dining, children were creating their own desserts – decorating Christmas cookies. Thank you to Jennifer Tagarelis for assisting with the cookie decorating. The children busily decorated (and ate) cookies until they heard the Christmas bells ring....Gaghant Baba arriving from the North Pole to visit with the children. The evening ended with Gaghant Baba wishing all a “Merry Christmas to All and to All a Good Night”. Monthly dinner specials will continue through out the year along with a Lenten menu in March.

New Vision prepared lunch for this year's Parish Assembly. New Vision will once again team up with the Sunday School during Lent to collect items for Father Bill's Shelter in Quincy.

Save the Dates:

- ◆ **Sunday, April 20, 2008** – Annual Genocide Commemoration. New Vision to again organize reception following the event.
- ◆ **Saturday, May 17, 2008** – New Vision will assist to bring back, by popular demand, “Armenian Foods from Around the World”
- ◆ **Saturday, October 4, 2008** – William Saroyan Theatre Night.

For more information of upcoming New Vision events, Hye Café or joining the team for any of our events, please contact Linda Sahagian at hyelinda65@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATE

**St. James 7th Annual Genocide Commemoration
on Sunday, April 20, 2008**

HYE CAFÉ



Future 2008

HYE CAFÉ DATES
Mark Your Calendars!

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| • March 7 (Lenten Menu) | • May 30 |
| • April 4 | • September 12 |
| • May 2 | • November 14 |

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Our heartfelt gratitude to the following parishioners and friends for your stewardship pledges and for your offerings to the Lord in thanksgiving and in support of our St. James parish.

In generous spirit honor the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. (Sirach 35:7-10)

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and Elaine Patapanian
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Marien Samuelian

Total \$470

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November 2, 2007

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Marta (Malatian) Di Benedetto
December 8, 2007

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Eliza Kachadorian
September 17, 2007

Norma and Michael Shooshan

New Total: \$3,990

Sacraments



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You have been Baptized in Christ. Alleluia

NOVEMBER 2007

Alex Melkon Kurkjian – November 24, 2007
Son of Levon Apgar and Tina Elizabeth Kurkjian
Godparents: Gazaros and Helda Shirinian

Victoria Eva Sullivan – November 25, 2007
Son of David J. and Kristen E. Sullivan
Godparents: Duane Cook and Lisa Murphy

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Son of Edinson and Taline Diaz
Godparents: Chris and Tanya Akmezikyan

Grayce Garine Rose Ferro – December 8, 2007
Daughter of Joseph Anthony and Susan Ferro
Godparents: Ari Davidian and Leah Ferro

JANUARY 2008

Garen Paul Sandler – January 5, 2008
Son of Daniel P. Sandler and Vera L. Iskandarian
Godparents: Stephen Sandler and Seta Iskandarian

Aliana Nayiri-Anne D'Arrigo – January 5, 2008
Daughter of Chad and Alin D'Arrigo
Godparents: Sevan Manciliki and Stacey Emond

Nicolas James Cardello – January 20, 2008
Son of Armand and Sandra Cardello
Godfather: Michael Beattie



Weddings

And the two shall become one

October 21, 2007

John Armen Esserian and Jennifer Victoria Panosian
Best Man: Armen J. Esserian
Maid of Honor: Pamela Esserian



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.*

Kirk Sayian – November 2, 2007

Mary (Janikian) Hartunian – November 9, 2007

Arkadiy Dadashyan – November 10, 2007

Harry J. Jurjuran – November 19, 2007

Marta (Malatian) Di Benedetto – December 8, 2007

Serkiz Sahan – December 28, 2007

Rose Panzetta – January 9, 2008

Shnorhig (Pambookian) Tavitian – January 16, 2008

Louise Kevorkian – January 22, 2008

9th Annual

St. James Open Golf Tournament

HOSTED BY: **THE MEN'S CLUB OF ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH**

Monday, May 12th, 2008 • Oakley Country Club • Watertown, MA

Schedule of Events

- Rain or shine
- Both men & women are welcome
- Registration starting at 8:30 a.m.
- Shotgun start at 10:00 a.m.
- Scramble Format – both men & women welcome
- First 144 paid registrations will be confirmed to play
- Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided
- Cocktails following golf
- Dinner Banquet – Dinner only: \$45 per person

Greens Fee

Early registration by May 5, 2008: \$180 per person
Payment received after May 5, 2008: \$200 per person
Registration fee includes:

- 18 holes of golf
- cart
- continental breakfast
- lunch
- dinner



Your donation to this golf tournament is tax deductible.

For further information please contact: **Harold Partamian at (781) 641-0002**

Calendar of Events

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

March 2008

Friday, March 7

Hye Cafe (Lenten Menu)

Thursday, March 13 – 7pm

St. James Book Club. *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri

Friday, March 14 – 6:30 pm

Mr. and Mrs. Dinner Meeting

Saturday, March 16 Following Divine Liturgy

Annual ACYOA Youth Day/Palm Sunday Banquet

Sunday, March 23 Following Divine Liturgy

Women's Guild Easter Egg and Pastry Sale

Save the Dates!

April 2008

Friday, April 4

Hye Café

Saturday, April 19 – 11 a.m.

St. James Book Club

Sunday, April 20

St. James 7th Annual Genocide Commemoration.

Reception to follow hosted by New Vision.

May 2008

Friday, May 2

Hye Café

Sunday, May 4 – Following Divine Liturgy

Hello Ellis Island! Hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Group

Monday, May 12

St. James 9th Annual Golf Tournament.

Hosted by St. James Men's Club.

Saturday, May 17

2nd Armenian Foods from Around the World!

May 23-26

Annual Hye M'rtsoom Weekend. Hosted by

St. James ACYOA Juniors.

Friday, May 30

Hye Café

June 2008

Sunday, June 9

St. James Armenian Festival/Annual Picnic

July 2008

July 10-21, 2008

2nd St. James Pilgrimage to Armenia

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Sunday Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	10:00 a.m.

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Կիրակի Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն	Ժամը 8:30-ին
Կիրակի Սուրբ Պատարագ	Ժամը 10:00-ին
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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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