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LOOYS NEWSLETTER

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## Capital Improvements

The House Committee continues to plan the renovations and improvements to the Cultural Center. Approximately \$1.0 million is required to make needed improvements to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, as well as necessary electrical and life safety system upgrades.

These improvements are needed, even though they may not be visible or apparent to most parishioners. The committee is also currently considering improvements to be made to the exterior façade, front entrance and lobby of the Cultural Center.

The work will be completed in phases in order to minimize disruptions to the Cultural Center and to minimize the impact on income from rentals and Bingo.

Work will most likely begin in the late Summer/Fall 2008, continuing into 2009. Please note that these dates are tentative depending on the completion of design engineering and availability of selected contractors.

## St. James Annual Genocide Commemoration April 24, 2008



Photos courtesy of  
Sharon Bazarian

## MESSAGE from the PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

### *If not us ... then who, and if not now ... when?*

We can't pick up a newspaper or turn on the television without hearing the latest news about the struggling economy. Gas prices continue to sky rocket, the prices for food, clothing and other consumer goods are also on the rise and families are finding it more and more difficult to make ends meet. Make no mistake about it, these are challenging times. Most of us are faced with making difficult decisions about how we spend our money.

We go out to eat less often, we take less extravagant vacations or none at all, we decide not to buy that new pair of shoes or that new dress or suit, we hope that our car will last a couple of more years, and we put off that home improvement project we've been thinking about ... and, yes, unfortunately, we tend to give less to our church and other charities.

The problem is that the church is not immune to difficult economic times. In fact, the challenges that face our church are exacerbated during difficult economic times because in addition to rising costs, the church is routinely faced with dwindling revenue.

As you know, St. James depends on the financial support of its parishioners to continue to meet its operating needs. While a certain amount of revenue is generated through special fundraising events, the bulk of the financial support comes from direct contributions from parishioners in the form of membership dues, weekly plate offerings, and annual stewardship pledges. In 2004, the total of membership dues, plate offering and annual pledges was \$190,004. In 2006, that same number had decreased to \$167,504, representing a decrease of almost 12%. During that same period of time, expenses increased by almost 17%. You don't have to be an accountant to figure out that a decrease in income, coupled with an increase in expenses, spells trouble.

This trend has been common in churches. Fortunately, St. James has been able to avoid serious financial trouble due to other sources of income such as Bingo, facility rentals, special functions such as the picnic and bazaar, and some very diligent fundraising efforts by our subsidiary organizations. These income sources tend to remain relatively fixed over time. In some cases, such as Bingo, we are seeing significant decreases in revenue. Historically, Bingo has provided significant income for our parish. In 2004, annual revenue from Bingo was \$85,000. In 2006, that number decreased to \$69,000 and in 2007, to \$53,500. This is a 37% decrease in revenue over a four year period. The reality is that the St. James Bingo – like many church bingos – is struggling.

This lost income must be replaced. While the Parish Council and subsidiary organizations work to come up with creative ways to increase our parish's income, the responsibility is not theirs alone. In a parish as large as St. James it is easy to think that "someone else will take care of it." It is, however, up to each and everyone one of us to insure that St. James has adequate operating revenue to continue to operate.

You might be saying to yourself at this point, "How can St. James be experiencing financial challenges when we just raised almost \$3 Million in our 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign?" The money raised in connection with the Capital Campaign is restricted to be used for capital improvements to our facilities and for programming. Capital



### 2008 Parish Council Members

*Seated, L to R:* Linda Sahagian (Secretary), John Hovsepian (Vice Chair), Rev. Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor, Scott Kapilian (Chair), Sandy Raphaelian (Treasurer)

*Standing 2nd Row, L to R:* Sharon Bazarian, Gail Boroyan, Tom Gengozian, Carol Babikyan (Assitant Secretary)

*Standing 3rd Row, L to R:* Ben Saraydarian (Assistant Treasurer), K. Vasken Babigian, Edward Orchanian, Jr.

Campaign funds are not and cannot be used to cover day to day operating expenses. While a segment of our parishioners were generous in contributing to the Capital Campaign in 2006 and 2007, our annual stewardship pledges decreased by more than 17% during this same two year period.

The bottom line is that as the church's expenses increase from year to year, and so too must the church's operating revenue, such as membership dues, plate offerings and annual stewardship pledges. Further, over the next several months, the Parish Council will be undertaking two very important initiatives to increase the operating income of St. James.

First, we will be initiating a Membership Drive to increase the number of parishioners making a dues-paid membership commitment to St. James. Second, we will be contacting all of our parishioners to encourage individuals and families to become stewards of the church or to increase their annual stewardship pledge amount to levels which are more commensurate with the operating expenses of St. James.

This parish belongs to all of us – and we all turn to our church at various times in our life, whether it be the Sunday School, sacraments, events, or any of its many other offerings and services. If you are not yet a dues paid member of St. James, consider making this important commitment to your church family. Also consider your annual pledge to the church and your weekly, monthly or yearly financial commitment to St. James. It does not matter how much you are able to give, but that you give as much as you are able.

As parishioners of St. James, we are responsible ... each one of us ... for the ongoing day to day financial strength of our church. We must come together to insure that the day to day operating needs of our church are met.

Remember, it's our church and our responsibility. If not us ... then who, and if not now ... when?

Scott H. Kapilian



# Congratulations!



Congratulations to Fr. Martiros, our pastoral intern, and his wife Yn. Hasmik, who welcomed their son Jirair into the world at 12:40 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. We pray that God grant Jirair good health and that He continue to bless their entire family.

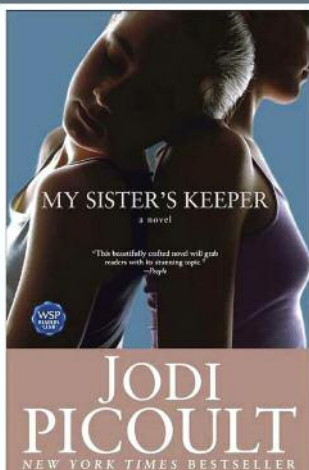
## St. James Book Club

The next Book Club gathering will be held on  
**Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.**  
St. James Armene and Veronica Tarvezian Hall

Our next Book Club selection is  
**My Sister's Keeper**  
by Jodi Picoult

All are welcome!  
Light refreshments  
will be served.

Please contact Yn. Natasha  
at [aljalian@comcast.net](mailto: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 selections



## STUDY OF WORLD Religions

**THE WORLD TODAY** finds people of different faiths living and working side by side with one another. Today more than ever, the world religions are at the forefront of news headlines, especially given the rise of terrorism and today's civil and international wars.

It is important that we learn and become strong in our own faith, and understand the differences between our Apostolic Orthodox faith and the world's religions. It is only when we understand and explore one another's faiths that will we be able to stand firm in our own faith, form educated opinions, and reach a point of dialogue and coexistence.

We invite you to join this Study of World Religions, which will be held on Monday evenings in June at 7:30 p.m. in the St. James Parish Council Room.

### Monday, June 2, 2008

Orthodox, Catholic and  
Protestant Churches

### Monday, June 9, 2008

Judaism

### Monday, June 16, 2008

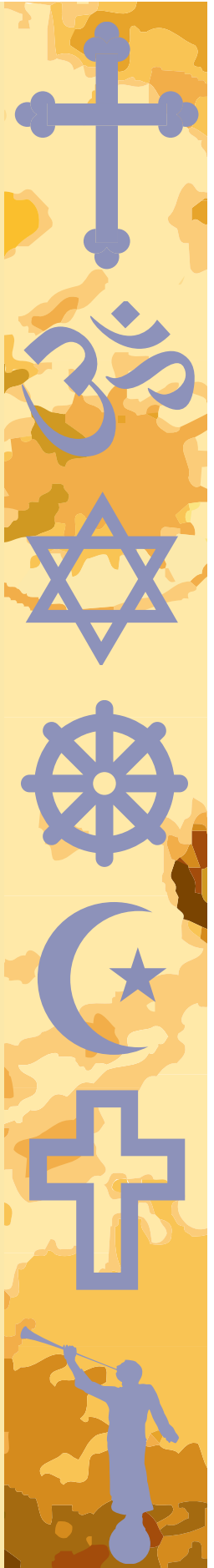
Islam

### Monday, June 23, 2008

Mormons and  
Jehovah's Witnesses

### Monday, June 30, 2008

Hinduism/Buddhism



# Sunday School

Der Arakel visits  
Sunday School  
classrooms and  
explains  
clergy vestments



## Congratulations!



**Aram Gurekian**, a 9th grade Sunday School student, placed second in the 2008 Massachusetts Forensic League State Championships on April 5, 2008. As a member of the Catholic Memorial High School Speech Team, Aram competed in speech tournaments throughout the year to earn enough points to qualify for state finals.

Aram placed second in the state in declamation, an event in which a student delivers a historic public address. Aram successfully delivered a speech written by Dr. Dennis Papazian for the commemoration of the Armenian Genocide in New York Times Square on April 24, 1993.

*Congratulations Aram!*

## Sunday School Celebrates Holy Week

**THE LENTEN SEASON AND HOLY WEEK** were a busy time for the students of the Sunday School, they have worked diligently, fasting, learning, giving, praying, and preparing for Easter.

In keeping with tradition, Susan Hennessey and Amy McDermott's, 3rd grade class, and Charlie Metjian's 2nd grade class, arrived at St. James early Palm Sunday morning, to participate in the Palm Sunday service by carrying palms in the church procession, preceding Fr. Arakel and the altar servers around the sanctuary. The students then took their places, and remained in church for a time before returning to their classrooms.

Holy Tuesday evening, the girls from Linda Sahagian and Christa Bazarian's fourth grade participated in the Service of the Ten Maidens. This vesper service is a symbolic reenactment of the parable of the wise and foolish maidens, found in the Gospel of Matthew. The maidens were: Allyson Kazanjian, Alexandra Minasian, Talene Pogharian, Julia Samuelian, Celine Santorsola. Joining the fourth graders were Lucine Bolyan, Sophia Kapreilian, Rebecca Minasian, Adrena Santorsola and Nina Zeytoonian.

On Holy Thursday evening, the fourth grade boys participated in the Vodunlava (Washing of the Feet) Service. This traditional service is symbolic of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples before the feast of the Passover, which is found in the Gospel of John. Participants were: Alex Bejian, Alec Campbell, Timothy O'Sullivan, Nathan Raposo, Andrew. Reppucci, Matthew Repucci. Also participating were David Astvatsaturov, Kevin Eskici, Patrick O'Sullivan, Arsen Sahanian, and Nathan Raposo.

Following the Vodunlava service, Edward Brewster and Flora Keurmurian's 10th grade class participated in an Agape Meal – a remembrance of Christ's love for mankind and His Last Supper. This Agape Meal, a new tradition, is particularly fitting as it follows the Holy Thursday service of the Washing of the Feet and precedes the Holy Thursday Khavaroom Service remembering the betrayal of Christ and His Passion. During the program, Fr. Arakel spoke of the Agape Meal and its relation to our own Badarak. Class members were: Kenneth Alperin, Tamar Aroyan, Alina Bazarian, Karina Bekelian, Lindsey Diranian, Patrick Hovsepien, Raffi Kazanjian, Ani Moushigian, Serena Seferian, and Deanna Soukiasian.

Children's Easter Holy Communion and Breakfast was held on Saturday morning, March 22nd. Following Holy Communion, a wonderful breakfast was served in Keljik Hall to the children of the parish, the Sunday School and the Armenian School.

Holy Week culminated with Easter, with students of our Sunday School attending Divine Liturgy and worshipping with their family on Easter Eve and on Easter Sunday.



## Sunday School Students Travel to Worcester

Ninth and tenth grade students from the St. James Sunday School traveled to the Armenian Church of Our Saviour in Worcester on Sunday, April 6th for a day of faith and fellowship. Upon arrival, the students joined their respective Sunday school classes and attended an assembly on the Armenian Genocide presented by Mr. Michael Mamishian, tenth grade teacher.

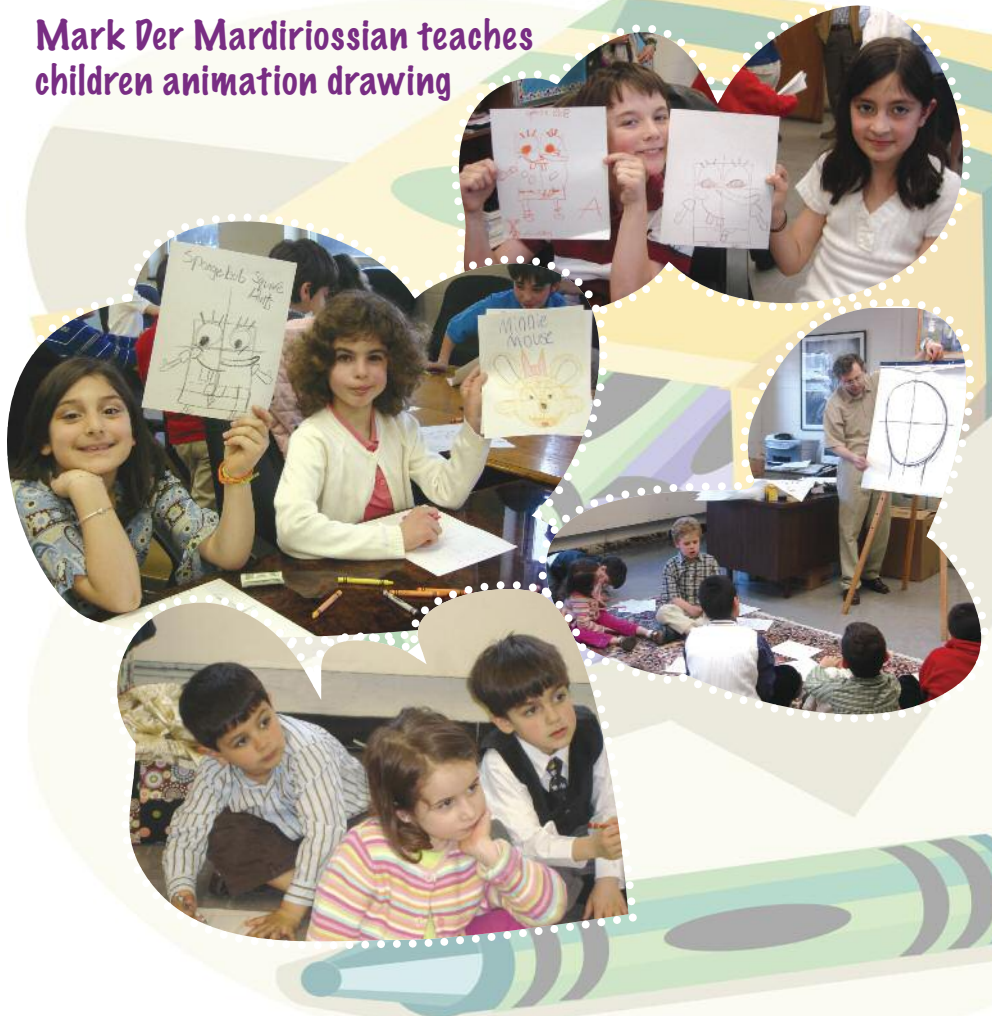
Following the assembly, the students attended Divine Liturgy, and took Holy Communion. Fr. Aved Terzian welcomed the students, teachers and parents from St. James.

In an informal gathering after church, Ms. Stephanie Johnson shared her experiences from a recent service trip to Armenia, and then it was time for the drive past the first Armenian Church built in America.

The afternoon ended with pizza, bowling, and lots of laughter. My sincere thanks to Fr. Aved and to Our Saviour Superintendents Margaret Pottle and Jayne Sarkisian for their invitation and making us feel most welcomed.

## Sunday School Assembly

Mark Der Mardiriosian teaches children animation drawing



## Lenten Easter Basket Project





# ACYOA ~ Palm Sunday



*Parish Council Member K. Vasken Babigian and Parish Council Chair Scott Kapilian offer Palm Sunday toast.*



*Parish Council Chairman Scott Kapilian and our Pastor Fr. Arakel Aljalian with Brenda Khederian, honored for her 10 years of dedicated service to the youth of St. James.*



*Peter Babigian (center), recipient of the ACYOA Alumni Award, with members of the Babigian family.*



*The Khederian family.*



*Father David and sons Brian and Darren Ansbigian provide Armenian musical entertainment.*



*Present and former members of St. James' ACYOA Juniors and Seniors.*

## ACYOA Juniors



**New England Regional  
Lenten Retreat**



## ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN SCHOOL

### SPRING NEWS

The Armenian School has sprung into spring with vigor and enthusiasm. The students jumped right into work after Christmas preparing for the next events. As it has become a tradition in our church, the Armenian school students read in Armenian from the Gospels before Divine Liturgy on Easter Eve. The students did a wonderful job with the readings. Again, the school PTO hosted a beautiful and lavish reception which followed a home blessing (dunorhnenk) following the services.

For the annual Vartanantz luncheon, the students performed a special program honoring one of the most famous heroes of Armenian history – Vartan Mamigonian. Students dressed as Vartan, sang songs, and recited heart-warming poems. The program included the graduating class and alumni reciting the poem Khorhoort Vartanantz. The special luncheon which followed the program was provided by the school PTO. The menu consisted of traditional harissa along with other delicious foods, Armenian mezzas, and desserts.

Sincere gratitude to all who volunteered to put this event together, to the teachers who tirelessly worked with the students who outdid themselves, and to all who were present and supportive to our school as always. It is the constant support and encouragement of St. James parishioners that keeps our school available for the next generation.

– Marina Minasian, Superintendent



## ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN SCHOOL

### Join Our Mission!

**“Yes Hye Em!”  
“I am Armenian!”**

*These three powerful words speak volumes. Whether spoken in English or Armenian, they mean something special to all of us.*

For nearly 80 years, our Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian School of St. James Armenian Church, the oldest Armenian School in the United States, has continued its mission of teaching our children our heritage and faith through Armenian language, history, music and art classes.

### ENROLLMENT

- ❖ Enroll your children and encourage your family members and friends to enroll their children in the Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian School!
- ❖ If your child was born after December 2005, enroll them in the Armenian School! Registration begins at age 2.9.
- ❖ Registration for 2008-09 begins in May of 2008.

The essential Armenian foundations – learning the Armenian alphabet, our unique history, rich traditions, indomitable faith, and proud culture – are a priceless legacy we offer our children. This knowledge will become a part of who they are and last the rest of their lives, as it has for many of us.

Moreover, according to The Language Workshop for Children, not only is learning a foreign language easier for children, but children who are exposed to languages other than English do better in school, score higher on standardized tests, are better problem solvers and are more open to diversity.

We have continued to modify and modernize our curriculum to meet the ongoing needs of our children and community, including the use of computer based electronic media in the Atinizian Media Center.

If you would like to enroll your child or for more information, please call Marina Minasian, Superintendent at (978) 663-1755.

### FUNDRAISING

Tuition, which is kept very modest so as to make our school financially accessible to our entire parish and community, only partially covers our expenses. There is a vital need for your financial support to help cover the expenses of the school, including:

- ❖ Basic school supplies
- ❖ Teacher salaries
- ❖ Upgrading our current curriculum and investing in learning tools for our students
- ❖ Teacher curriculum workshops
- ❖ Special projects, including guest speakers and educational trips which enrich our student's Armenian experience

Keeping our heritage and language alive is an ongoing challenge, and one we will pass on to our children. Please support our mission and join us in our effort to pass our treasured heritage and language on to our children and the next generation!

Contributions toward the Armenian School may be sent to  
St. James Armenian Church, 465 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown MA,  
02472 Attn: Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian School.



# St. James Annual Picnic Armenian Festival

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**Sunday, June 8, 2008 at Noon**

Կիրակի, 8 Յունիս 2008 – Կէսօրուան ժամը 12:00-ին

On the St. James grounds  
465 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown. Rain or Shine!

**Children's Games and Contests!  
Tavloo Tournament!**

Enjoy delicious food and dance to the sounds  
of Jay Baronian, Bob Raphaelian, Leon Janikian and Mal Barsamian.

## **Raffle!**

1st Prize: \$1,000      2nd Prize: \$500      3rd, 4th, & 5th Prizes: \$100

*Winners need not be present.*

We look forward to seeing everyone on June 8th!

Please call the church office at 617-923-8860  
for additional information.





# Christmas in July!

**July 21-25, 2008**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

## 2008 St. James Vacation Bible School

Registration Fee: \$75 per child

Children will be divided into three groups:

Children entering grades K–1, grades 2–4, and grades 5–7.

Registration Deadline: July 1, 2008. Space in each group is limited. Early registration is encouraged.

Snacks will be provided to the children. Children will be asked to bring their own lunch.

(To be completed and returned) ✂

### Preliminary Registration Form

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size (XS, S, M, L, XL) \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size (XS, S, M, L, XL) \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) authorized to pick up child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ (Children will be released only to parents or authorized individuals)

Child(ren)'s Special Needs, Allergies, Restrictions on Physical Activity, Other Concerns (will be held in the strictest of confidence)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to participate in the activities planned by the St. James VBS Staff. I also understand my child(ren) will be expected to adhere to rules and guidelines of Christian living. I understand children must arrive between 9:55 and 10 a.m., and picked up promptly between 2 and 2:05 p.m.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to St. James Armenian Church (Memo: 2008 VBS), and mail the registration form together with payment to St. James Armenian Church, Attn: 2008 VBS, 465 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown, MA 02472.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please call Yn. Natasha at (617) 923-8990 or email [aljalian@comcast.net](mailto:aljalian@comcast.net)

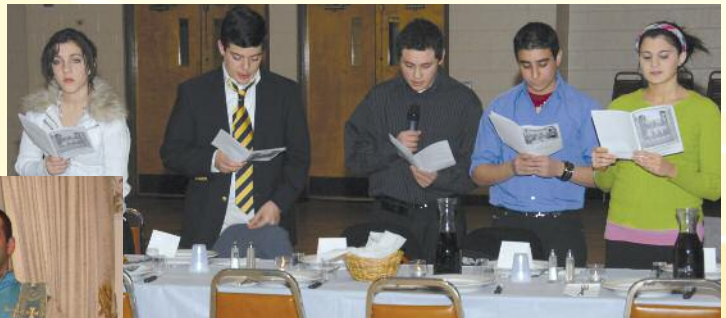


## HOLY





# WEEK







## WOMEN'S GUILD SPA NIGHT



## 2nd St. James Pilgrimage to Armenia July 10-21, 2008

### 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 Haghpate monasteries, Dilijan, and Gyumri.
- ◆ One major cultural event.
- ◆ Two free days, which can be spent at the Vernisage market or shopping.

**\$2,850 per person**  
(double occupancy)

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

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



## Mr. & Mrs. Group

The Mr. and Mrs. Group met on February 8th and enjoyed a tasty Lenten Dinner. A meeting was not held in March because of vacation schedules. A delicious meal was prepared for the April 11, 2008 dinner meeting. The Group presented "Hello Ellis Island" on Sunday, May 4, 2008.

All are welcome to join Mr. & Mrs. Group and enjoy the fun!



## Hello Ellis Island!

On May 4, 2008, over 300 guests filled St. James Keljik Hall to take in this renowned program – **Hello Ellis Island!** Guests delighted as they took a journey across the Atlantic Ocean with several Armenians who had their sights set on a new life in America! Guests clapped and sang along with the music, and took a journey back in time with traditional folk songs. Laughter abounded, as the folk artists of **The Way We Were Armenian Music Theater**, under the direction of Hourig Papazian-Sahagian entertained all present. Sincere gratitude to committee co-chairs Gladys Partamian and Helen Dagavarian, to the members of the committee, and to the members of the St. James Mr. & Mrs. Group for organizing such a wonderful afternoon!



### ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

*A Venerable Christian Practice*

*Remember  
St. James  
Armenian Church  
in your will.*

## Special Thanks to...

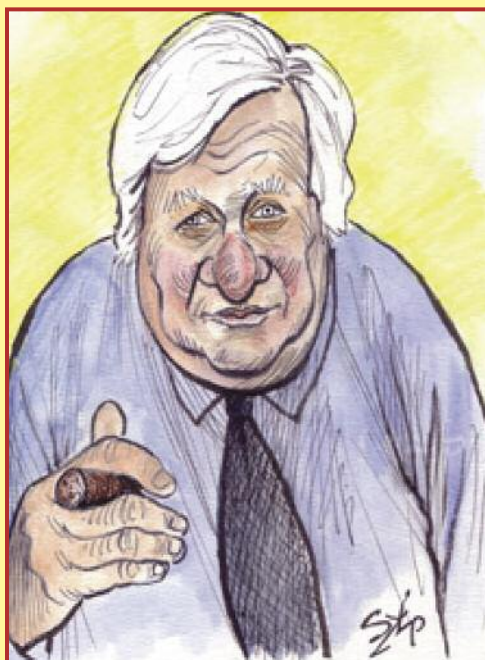
- ☞ Zovig, Raffi, George and Talar Guldalian for their generous donation of \$25,000 in loving memory of Krikor Guldalian for new sets of custom made Altar Server robes for various Church feast days.
- ☞ Bob Semonian for his donation of \$300 to be added to the Leslie Semonian Memorial Fund to benefit the Leslie Semonian Computer Center at St. James.
- ☞ The Foley Family for its donation of \$300 to be added to the Walter A. Guleserian Memorial Fund.
- ☞ Arthur, Christi and Marc Papazian for their donation of \$50 to be added to the Walter A. Guleserian Memorial Fund.
- ☞ Lois and Barry Kolgian for their donation of \$20 to be added to the Walter A. Guleserian Memorial Fund.

## Join us for an Evening at The New Rep Theatre To Benefit St. James

**Saturday, June 28, 2008  
8 p.m.**

New Repertory Theatre  
Arsenal Center for the Arts • 321 Arsenal Street • Watertown, MA 02472

*A portion of the evening's  
ticket sales will benefit St. James!*



**Ken Howard in  
ACCORDING TO  
★★★★TIP**

A 90 minute, one-act play, **According to Tip** features Broadway and TV star Ken Howard. The Tony and Emmy-Award winning actor was most recently seen in the feature film "Michael Clayton."

The play traces the colorful and historically memorable career of Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., former Speaker of the House. Playwright Dick Flavin masterfully navigates Tip's career with humor, music, and beguiling Irish wit.

This promises to be an entertaining evening filled with political humor, songs and anecdotes on the Kennedys, Reagan, Nixon and the personalities that were part of Tip's 50-year career in Massachusetts and Washington D.C.

**For tickets call the  
New Rep Box Office at  
(617) 923-8487**

(You must mention that you are with St. James for our church to benefit.)  
You may also purchase your ticket(s)  
by cash or check in the St. James office.

**Tickets must be purchased by June 9, 2008**

*(Please remember to mention you are with St. James for our church to benefit.)*

For more information, please call the St. James church office at (617) 923-8860.

## New Vision HYE Café

**New Vision** once again organized the Reception following our sixth Commemoration Program, remembering our Armenian Martyrs on the 93rd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and commemorating the Armenian spirit. We extend our thanks to all New Vision members and St. James parishioners who gave of their time to help.

New Vision will once again be organizing the Silent Auction at our Annual Church Bazaar in October. Last year we auctioned over 90 items and hope to exceed that this year!

## HYE CAFÉ

At February's Hye Café, fresh baked fish and manti were added to the menu along with our traditional kebab dinners. While the kids made door knob hangers, others dined while listening to the music of Hye Fusion. We thank Annie and Jak Eskici for donating the evening music.

In March, our parishioners came together and dined on a Lenten Menu of vosbov kheyma and zeytov dolma among other Lenten delicacies.

April's Hye Cafe was a full house and an enjoyable evening. The night was full of great food, conversation and friendship. Musical entertainment by David, Brian and Darren Ansbikian completed the evening. We thank the Ansbigians for donating their time and talents! May's first Hye Café was likewise an enjoyable evening.

The second Hye Café this month will be **May 30**. Join us for the last Hye Café before the summer break!

**2008 HYE CAFES!**

**Save the Dates:**

- **September 12, 2008**
- **November 14, 2008**





# The Child Care Center



Open every Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact

Celine Abkar, Child Care Center Director

(617) 923-8860 x22 or [childcare@stthagop.com](mailto:childcare@stthagop.com)

**The Child Care Center** is open every Sunday in order to allow parents of young children to participate in the Divine Liturgy.

Each Sunday has a day's lesson aimed at instill in our children, from a young age, the Christian teachings of the Armenian Church. Children engage in free play, activities, circle time, story time, and singing relating to the lesson. The Center has an Art Area, Cozy Area, Kitchen Area, and Block Area.

Staff members provide attentive feedback to children as they engage in activities. They participate in one-on-one play or serve as facilitators to help children engage in peer-play respectfully. Staff members model appropriate behavior and ensure the safety and dignity of all children.

We enjoy welcoming new faces and making new friends. The Center has expanded to providing care for toddlers.



*The Child Care Center is funded and made possible by The St. James 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign*

## Sunday School Class of 1968 Reunion

**The 40th reunion** of St. James Sunday School class of 1968 recently brought together seven enthusiastic graduates and their Sunday School Superintendent. Though many of the twenty plus class kept running into each other at various church events over the years and often spoke about holding a reunion, it took the interest and persistence of classmate Haigy Karakashian to get the ball rolling.



Stefanie Madanian recalled, "Haigy kept asking so many of us when we were going to have a Sunday School reunion. So that is really how the reunion evolved – thanks to Haigy."

With about two weeks planning time, the group connected with as many classmates as they could, and held the reunion in Brookline at the Mandarin Gourmet Restaurant since it was close to the Armenian Nursing Home where Haigy now lives. Joining Haigy were fellow classmates Jaspar Surabian, Stefanie Madanian, Nancy Kalajian, Steve Tashjian, Mary Maranian Gustafson, and Eddie Kalajian, as well their Superintendent Richard Tarvezian.

The group had a great time and reminisced about their classmates, teachers, and the long-lasting influence of the Armenian church in their lives. Special warm thoughts were given for two departed classmates: Roger Krikorian and Marta Malatian.

**40<sup>TH</sup>**  
REUNION

Though the class had met informally decades ago for a reunion at Waverly Oaks, another reunion had been planned about a decade ago by Nancy Kalajian and Elaine Ohanesian but was postponed. Some "missing" classmates had previous commitments but look forward to the next reunion. So does Haigy who kept asking during lunch, "When is the next reunion?" Soon we hope! If you were in the Class of 1968, please get in touch with the church office with your contact information.

– Nancy Kalajian

# EASTER OFFERING

## (YUGHAKIN)



Arsalus Abalian  
 Sarkis and Nadia Abrahamian  
 Sarah and Mary Agabian  
 Cynthia Aghamianz  
 Rev. Fr. Arakel and  
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# Sacraments



## Baptisms & Chrismations

*You have been Baptized in Christ. Alleluia*

### FEBRUARY 2008

**Daniella Bahibla – February 23, 2008**  
Daughter of Aklilu and Frehiwet Yohannes  
Godmother: Helen Berhe

### MARCH 2008

**John Leslie Anderson – March 9, 2008**  
Son of Guy and Tara Balabanian Anderson  
Godparents: Scott and Nyree Slack

**Sonya Ani Sarkisian – March 22, 2008**  
Daughter of Gregory and Lianna Vanoyan Sarkisian  
Godparents: Peter and Gloria Babigian

**Anna Rebecca Sarkisian – March 22, 2008**  
Daughter of Gregory and Lianna Vanoyan Sarkisian  
Godparents: Peter and Gloria Sarkisian

### APRIL 2008

**Steven Jeffrey Foo – April 6, 2008**  
Son of Jenson Foo and Tatanya Flannery  
Godparents: Jean Claude Cormier and Nina Flannery

**Serge Gebeyan – April 20, 2008**  
Son of John and Karolin Kaya Gebeyan  
Godparents: Murat and Liza Yuzlek

### MAY 2008

**Jake Ryan Gobbi – May 3, 2008**  
Son of Richard and Adrina Gobbi  
Godparents: Dana Parelo Jr. and Debra Spisso

**Lily Shahbazyan – May 10, 2008**  
Daughter of Haroutun and Olga Shahbazyan  
Godparents: Markos and Hripsime Shahbazyan

**Hagop Shahbazyan – May 10, 2008**  
Son of Haroutun and Olga Shahbazyan  
Godparents: Markos and Hripsime Shahbazyan

**Jacques Paul Martayan – May 18, 2008**  
Son of Samuel and Ani Martayan  
Godparents: Bedros Martayan and Nirva Tomasian

**Herbert Gary Bonds – May 25, 2008**  
Son of Herbert Bonds and Mary Nalbandian  
Godmother: Margo Nalbandian



## Weddings

*And the two shall become one*

**April 26, 2008**  
**Nicholas James Cardello and Kristina Ann Beattie**  
Best Man: Greg Cardello  
Maid of Honor: Erin Beattie



## 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.*

**Bedros "Peter" Nishan**  
January 29, 2008

**Arusuak Agadzhanova**  
January 30, 2008

**Harry Adamian**  
March 6, 2008

**Samiyil Cimen**  
March 7, 2008

**Nuritsa (Kibarian) Grigorian**  
March 19, 2008

**H. Frances Montgomery**  
March 24, 2008

**Raymond Atamian**  
March 25, 2008



## A Very Special Thank You for your Love and Support for Harry G. Adamian

Dear Friends,

We have been truly blessed by the tremendous outpouring of love, sympathy and support shown to our family since the passing of my beloved husband, our father, and brother, Harry G. Adamian. To all of our family and friends, who attended the services in Harry's memory, we thank you. We are grateful to all those who sent flowers, baskets, spiritual prayers and sympathy cards, and donations in Harry's name. As you all know, Harry was such an incredible person who consistently dedicated his time to St. James. Your generous support and donations to St. James Armenian Church in honor of Harry G. Adamian would truly make him proud.

*With Love,*

*Diana Adamian, Wendy Avedisian, Denise Oldham and Gregory Adamian*



## Parish Administrative Directory

### WORSHIP HOURS

Sunday Morning Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

### ՊԱՇՏԱՍՏՈՒՆՔԻ ԺԱՄԵՐԸ

Կիրակի Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն

ժամը 8:30-ին

Կիրակի Սուրբ Պատարագ

ժամը 10:00-ին

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### PASTORAL CARE: HOME AND HOSPITAL CLERGY VISITS

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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