



ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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LOOYS NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2009

Capital Campaign: Update on Renovations

It is exciting to see our Capital Campaign plans coming to fruition. We could only accomplish all of this with the love and support of this parish and the contributors to our 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign. Thank you!

Building Systems and HVAC

The most recent phase of renovation included the repair or replacement of outdated building systems resulting in greater comfort for our parishioners, improved reliability and energy efficiency with a projected savings of \$30,000 year after year based on a projected 40% annual energy savings.

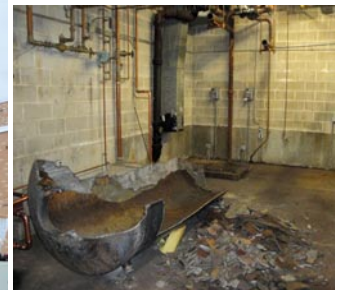
- New, modern and more efficient rooftop heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units in Keljik and Mirak halls.
- New impact-resistant ceiling tiles and new HVAC diffusers and returns in Keljik Hall.
- New, high efficiency boilers and associated piping.
- New energy efficient wall heating units and wall and floor controls in all classrooms and office.
- New, updated electrical service that will handle the modern HVAC equipment installed as well as provide more electrical capacity to accommodate future renovations and upgrades.
- Repair of existing life safety systems and emergency lighting throughout the building.

Renovation of Youth Office

This summer also saw the renovation of the Youth Office. The Youth Office has been renovated and received a technology upgrade to serve as a fully-functioning office to support the work of our full-time Youth Minister, as well as our Sunday School and youth.



Newly renovated Youth Office



2009 Annual Bazaar Thank You!

Sincere gratitude and congratulations to the St. James Parish Council, members of the Bazaar Committee, our parish organizations, and all of our parishioners who together gave countless hours of time to plan and organize the most successful Annual Bazaar! We thank you for your commitment to and hard work for St. James, and for your selfless devotion to our parish! May God bless you for your faithful service to His Church.

Thank You!

Please see centerfold for photos of the Annual Bazaar!

MESSAGE from the PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Signs of a Strong Church Community

As Saturday evening of the 62nd Annual St. James Bazaar and Festival drew to a close, I found myself asking the question, "how in the world did we have such a successful bazaar when the economy is so lousy?" In an instant I realized, the strength of our St. James community was just looking for an occasion to shine. Strength of community is a funny thing. While the potential to come together in the face of adversity is always there, it's not automatic. It needs to be encouraged by the declaration of a singular purpose, it needs to be nurtured with a positive, problem solving attitude, and it needs to be solidified by the common belief that together, we can accomplish anything. Over the past six months, it has been my honor to play a small part in this latest demonstration of the strength of our St. James church community.

Last March, Der Arakel announced to the Parish Council that we, the Parish Council, would be chairing the Bazaar this year. I'll be honest, none of us were too happy about it, and I for one was concerned since none of us had any experience chairing or even co-chairing the event in the past. But, as always, Der Arakel believed in us, believed in our parishioners and believed that if we all focused on doing our best for the church, there was no way we could fail.

And, as always, we drew strength from his positive attitude and vision and set out to do our best. We immediately realized there was only one way this was going to succeed. We needed to form a committee made up of all of the Parish Council members and a number of dedicated parishioners, all of whom together, as a group, would take on the responsibility for the success of the event. It was clear from the beginning that everyone involved had one goal: let's all work together and do the best we can for the church, and for no other reason. This is a sign of a strong church community.

What I observed in the months leading up to the Bazaar was nothing less than miraculous. Not only did committee members work tirelessly on their own assignments, every single committee member was ready to offer assistance wherever it was needed, and believe me, it was needed; and when it was, there was no shortage of hands shooting up in meetings with people saying, "I can help out with that." When questions arose, we answered them, together. When problems or challenges came up, we solved them, together. When decisions needed to be made, we made them, together. No one concerned about personal recognition or personal success. No vanity or egos. This was team work in its purest form. And then came the rest of the team, our volunteers.

I've written on a number of occasions about the absolutely terrific group of volunteers we are blessed with at St. James, and they came through again, with flying colors. In addition, we were fortunate to have people volunteer who have never volunteered before. I specifically recall one Saturday morning when choreg was being

made, standing in the kitchen and looking out into Mirak Hall to see three generations of parishioners sitting side by side, working, laughing, enjoying each other's company and taking pride in what they were doing for their church. I also recall standing in the middle of Keljik Hall on Saturday afternoon of the Bazaar and noticing, there were people working at the pastry booth that weren't members of the Women's Guild, there were volunteers working at the silent auction booth that weren't members of New Vision and

there were people working at the Country Store and in the kitchen that I had never seen volunteer before. I had people come up to me, after having worked their two hour shift in the kitchen, asking where else could they help out. I also heard volunteers saying that they weren't needed in the kitchen right now so they were going to do some shopping at the Bazaar and check back in a couple of hours. It was as if the volunteers were having such a good time, they didn't want to leave when their shifts were over. This is a sign of a strong church community.

The credit for this phenomenon goes entirely to the Bazaar Committee members for creating such a positive atmosphere and making sure that the volunteers had a positive experience.

Recruiting volunteers is not just about getting them to show up, but making sure it's a positive, rewarding, and enjoyable experience so they'll show up again. You can't do this unless you, yourself approach the task with the right attitude. Our committee members did this better than anyone I've ever seen.

Many people have congratulated me on what a great job Parish Council did running the Bazaar this year. And while I'm thankful for the recognition of a job well done, it is my honor to pass along your thanks to those that truly deserve it. As I have said, the part I played in this year's Bazaar was a small one. The success of this year's event does not belong to Parish Council alone, but to a much larger group of dedicated parishioners who took time out of their busy lives to answer the call to help. Some gave two hours and some gave much, much, more, but all are deserving of your thanks. Any attempt here on my part to try and thank everyone who helped make this year's Bazaar a success will without question take up more space than I'm allowed. I hope to be able to thank each and every one of them personally.

As far as those who served on the committee, I have never worked with such a group of caring, dedicated, selfless, and hard working people in my life. Please take the time to thank the committee members for all their hard work and sacrifice, as well as the many, many, many others who volunteered their time to help prepare for and work during the Bazaar. These are the people who provide the strength of our St. James church community.

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2009 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Jerusalem



Armenians have been in Jerusalem in significant numbers since the 4th century, and the custom of making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the sites of Christ's life and death is a well-known one. This August, our Pastor Fr. Arakel Aljalian led a group of St. James parishioners on such a pilgrimage. In Frankfurt, our group combined with another group of pilgrims from the Cathedral in New York, which was led by Father Mardiros Chebian, Dean of the Cathedral. Led by Der Arakel and Der Mardiros, we followed in the steps of our ancestors – only using modern conveniences such as the airplane and an air-conditioned bus.

We saw the remarkable shrines of our religion and people, including the place of Christ's birth in Bethlehem, a church complex that has Armenian, Greek Orthodox, and Roman Catholic sections. A group of Armenian monks lives there, and each community holds services at carefully calculated hours. We went to the many important religious and historical sites, including the Jordan River – the site of Christ's Baptism by John the Baptist, through the separation barrier that closes off the Palestinian territories from Israel, to Nazareth, and to Jericho – one of the oldest continually inhabited cities in the world, dating to before 3000 BC.

We saw the Wailing Wall, the gold-covered dome of the rock, possible ruins of David's time of 1000 BC, Byzantine pillars from before 600 AD, Crusader arches dating from the 12th century, or tiled work from the Ottoman period. Yet as Christians, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was our ultimate destination. It marks the place where Christ was entombed and from which He Resurrected: the very spot in a shrine within a shrine. To be in that very place, to light candles and pray by it, is an extraordinary experience. Our group participated in Badarak at the tomb, which was celebrated by Fr. Arakel, and we were led through

the large Armenian section of the church, to vast altars and chapels of each of the old, traditional churches.

Armenians live in a small, special quarter of the Old City. The Armenian Quarter is not a warren of streets like the others, but essentially a vast fortress; outside of a few buildings, the entrance to the vank, or monastery, is the entrance to the entire quarter. Its doors close at 10 p.m. The spiritual heart of the quarter is the Cathedral of St. James: ancient, lined with remarkable tile and the smoke-covered paintings of saints, and lit only by oil lamps – no one could be an atheist here, as the spiritual power of the place is too strong. It stands out among the political quarrels and souvenir-selling life that involves much of the rest of the city. We were fortunate to attend Badarak in this cathedral, and to meet the Patriarch. We were taken deep into the quarter (through someone's living room!) to visit St. Toros Chapel, dark and devoutly carved.

Our last day in the city coincided with the celebration in Jerusalem of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. We attended services at the Tomb of the Blessed Virgin, which is a cave church located next to the Armenian section of the Garden of Gethsemane. The dark space is festooned with hanging lamps, paintings, and icons. We attended a procession into the church and services there, and were fortunate to dine with the monks and the Armenian community in the Garden next door. We ate the traditional meal for this day: pilaf with chickpeas. Also on the last day in the city some of us got the traditional Armenian pilgrimage tattoo, or hadji, (a small Armenian cross on the wrist or finger for women and somewhat larger on the forearm for men) – one reminder of the place of our faith and people. But a more permanent mark has been made in our hearts.

– James Najarian, Ph.D.



Fr. Arakel introducing group during audience with His Beatitude Patriarch Torkom Manoogian.



Group prayer at holy site.



Participants on the 2009 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Jerusalem.

Special
Thanks
to...

- ❧ Zovig Guldalian and her family for their donation of the new white clergy robes in loving memory of her husband Krikor Guldalian.
- ❧ Dr. Nishan and Mary Goudsouzian for their donation of the new blue clergy robes on the occasion of Dr. Nishan's 70th Birthday.
- ❧ Dr. and Mrs. Jirayr Balikian for their generous donation of \$1,000, and to Mr. and Mrs. George Farra for their generous donation of \$1,000, on the occasion of the marriage of their children Ara and Taline.
- ❧ Anthony Mirakian and his daughter Doreen for their generous donation of \$500 in loving memory of his wife and her mother, Helen Mirakian.

Additional 2008 Stewardship Donation

- ❧ Mary-Ann Hagopian for her 2008 Stewardship Donation to St. James

ACYOA Juniors

Each October, young Armenian Christians all over the United States gather to participate in fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth at Junior Sports Weekend. This past October, Junior Sports Weekend was held in New Jersey, and the weekend proved to be just as amazing as those in past years. St. James ACYOA Juniors attended and participated in Volleyball, Boys Basketball, and individual sports such as ping pong and tavloo. We all had so much fun together, reuniting with old friends and making new ones from other parishes around the country. The weekend was a preview of the year to come; we are looking forward to so many more great memories with our ACYOA Juniors. As winter approaches, we have many events planned for the upcoming year. Retreats, holiday parties, and volunteer projects are just a few of the many activities we have planned for our ACYOA Juniors. Our ultimate goal is to become closer with one another and with God. We are blessed to be a part of St. James parish, and this year is sure to be a great one! If you would like to join ACYOA please email our Youth Minister Maria Derderian at mderderian@stthago.com or call the church at (617) 923-8860 x. 19.

— Caiti Zeytoonian, Chairman

OCTOBER Sports Weekend



ACYOA Juniors General Meeting



ACYOA JUNIORS CALENDAR

November 22

Annual ACYOA Family Day Thanksgiving Dinner

November 29

Christmas Decorating & Lunch

Let's have some fun as we trim the tree and make our Church hall festive for Christmas-time!

December 5

Breakfast with Santa

Get into the Christmas spirit as we help out during our parish's popular Breakfast with Santa.

December 6

ACYOA Juniors General Meeting

December 20

Christmas Caroling

After Divine Liturgy and the Sunday School program, we will be going around the neighborhood singing Christmas Carols for our parishioners. Afterwards, we will return to St. James for hot cocoa and fellowship.

January 3

Christmas Dinner Party

COMING SOON!

(More details to follow)

Community Service Projects

Movie Night {Ages 8-12}

Gather at St. James for an evening of popcorn, a movie, and discussion!

Kids' Night Out! {Ages 5-8}

A treat for both kids and parents! The ACYOA Juniors will plan an evening of fun and games for our 5-8 year olds. Parents can drop off children for an evening, and can also enjoy a night out themselves!

Youth Minister's Message

Hello! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for the warm welcome I have received as I moved to Boston and began serving a parish in a new city. It has been so much fun getting to know all of you, and I love spending time and working with the youth here! There is a true family spirit in this parish, and it is wonderful to see. In just a matter of weeks, St. James already feels like home.

We have had a busy few months with the ACYOA Juniors so far! We started off the year with our welcome back meeting, followed by a trip to New Jersey for October ACYOA Juniors Sports Weekend, where 16 St. James ACYOA members participated in the sports competitions and dances. We then decorated the hall with autumn trimmings for the Bazaar, and had lots of fun selling our new eco-friendly grocery bags, which completely sold out! Thank you for your support!

The next few months will be exciting, as we spread some Christmas cheer throughout St. James and spend some time serving our Church and the local community as well. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming events and new programming as we finalize our winter and spring calendars!

If you would like more information about the ACYOA Jrs. or youth events at St. James, feel free to stop by the youth office, or contact me at mderderian@stthago.com or by calling (617) 923-8860 x. 19.

— Maria Derderian, Youth Minister

ACYOA Seniors

2nd Annual Wii Night

On September 11th the ACYOA seniors hosted a Welcome back Wii Night in Tarvezian hall. ACYOA members both new and old turned out for a night of socializing and fellowship. Attendees took turns competing in Wii bowling, tennis and baseball. The event was a big success and great start of a busy fall!



Parish Reunion & Kef

On Saturday October 3rd the seniors hosted the 2nd Parish Reunion & Kef in Keljik hall. Close to 400 parishioners of all ages came out for a wonderful evening of dancing and fellowship. It was great to see the entire parish together! The seniors hope to make this dance an annual event! We would like to thank most importantly all the parishioners that came out to the dance and for showing support to the seniors! Special thanks go to Karen Diranian for her donation of the mezze plates and Jbid Ipek who donated her winnings of the 50/50 raffle back to the ACYOA Seniors group!



A busy year ahead!

2010 will be a very big year for the seniors as we prepare to host the ACYOA National Sports Weekend in Boston! The committee has been hard at work and we have a fun and memorable weekend planned. The group is very excited and we look forward to sharing this excitement with the entire parish! As we get closer there will be several ways parishioners will be able to get involved with Sports Weekend and we hope the parish will become involved and be a part of this memorable weekend!



WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild was treated to a wonderful meal in September prepared by Bea Ohannessian and "her crew." The Derby evening was a wonderful opportunity for members to socialize and have a lot of fun. The atmosphere, including the beautiful centerpieces and hat contest, added to the excitement and festivities of the derby.

By all accounts, the 62nd St. James' Annual Bazaar was a success. The tireless efforts of the volunteers that spent months in preparation for the bazaar were incredible, including the efforts of our Women's Guild members. The loyalty and camaraderie of everyone was a tribute to St. James' and its hard working parishioners and I am honored to be part of that group.

— Lyn Kapilian, Chair



Sunday School

Coming Home to Sunday School

Each year as the freedom and fancy of summer comes to a close, we are ready and excited for another year of Sunday School!. This year was no different. On Sunday, September 13th, 2009, 166 new and returning students came home to St. James.

Homecoming Sunday began with worship service in Keljik Hall and the welcoming of all the Sunday school students, their families and the Sunday school staff. Special thanks was given to the Sunday School staff for volunteering their time, and to parents for their commitment to their children's spiritual growth and religious education. Special recognition was given to Andrew Malian, Patrick O'Sullivan and Anna Vedernikova, Sunday school graduates who last year fulfilled their service year and returned again this year to teach.

After the assembly, the students were dismissed to their respective classes and then to church, where they were welcomed home by Der Arakel.

Following church services, our Annual Homecoming Sunday Breakfast was served in Keljik Hall. Our sincere thanks to Steve Derderian and the Sunday school parents who prepared this delicious tradition!

— Marsha Alabachian
Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday School Halloween Party!

Our Sunday School students filled the hall on October 25, 2009 dressed in the most wonderful costumes! Guests enjoyed a delicious lunch, a wonderful Halloween Costume parade, games, and much more!



Senior Choir

On June 17, 2009 Yn. Rosemarie Davidian, our beloved choir member and soloist, was laid to her eternal rest. As the funeral cortege proceeded into the sanctuary, the Choir sang "Bahaban Amenayee," written by St. Nersess Shnorhali (the Graceful) in the 12th century. Parishioners will know this song as our first organist, the late composer Alan Hovannes, set this prayer to music, which we sing each year during Lent at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Yn. Rosemarie often sang the solo portions of this hymn.



Maestro Artur Veranian conducted the choir consisting of current and former members and altar servers. They are: Peter Babigian, Carol Babikyan, Shant Broukian, Sandra Jurigian (also one of our organists), Peter Lorensian, Lucy Mardirosian, Margo Nrgian, Hrip Parsekian, Apkar and Arpi Potookian, Dziadzan Sahagian, Robert Sanasarian, Nicole Simmons, Carol and Raffi Yeghiayan and Barbara Young. Dn. Ara Dostourian of Rhode Island and Georgia, a long-time close family friend and friend of our choir also participated. Prior to the service our organist Nune Hakobyan and her husband, violinist Sargis Karapetyan provided beautiful music for meditation.

Camaraderie and long-term friendships are formed in the choir family at St. James and throughout the Diocese. We welcome you to join us in the choir and participate actively in the Divine Liturgy while also serving your church.

— Lucy Mardirosian, Choir Chair

ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN SCHOOL



The school board and the staff were excited to welcome our returning and new students this September. The new academic year started with a lot of positive energy and enthusiasm. Mirak Hall was filled with new and returning families on registration day where our Pastor, Der Arakel, and Dr. Sarkis Soukiasian, Chairman of the School Board welcomed the families. After introductions and orientation the students were dismissed to their classrooms to begin their year of study. Our curriculum includes introduction and recognition of the alphabet, history and culture, and students also learn using inter-

active Armenian language CD-ROM programs in our computer lab.

October is Armenian Cultural Month, and students were exposed to Armenian music, poetry, feasts, hospitality, foods and traditions unique to Armenians. The month culminated on November 1, 2009 with our annual fundraising banquet.

Our Armenian School has an extremely active PTO, without which none of the school's functions would be possible. This year is no exception, as the PTO has participated in the Annual Bazaar, hosted fellowship hour, and organized the banquet.

The Armenian School is still enrolling for this academic year and registration remains open. If you are interested in Armenian education for preschoolers and elementary school aged children please visit us on Saturday mornings between 9:30am to 12:30 pm.

— Marina Minasian, Superintendent



MESROB MASHDOTZ NEWS

Fall 2009 classes at the Mesrob Mashdotz Institute started on Monday, September 14, 2009. The semester is twelve weeks long, with classes meeting either Monday or Wednesday nights. We had a great response this semester, with an enrollment of 35 students! This includes 19 new students who are very serious, eager and interested to learn the Armenian language!

The Winter semester is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 11, 2010. If you are interested or have any questions regarding the classes, please email me at anniechekijian@msn.com or call me at 617-489-5984.

— Annie Chekijian, Administrator

It's never too late to learn!

2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please be reminded that 2009 church membership dues are due by December 31, 2009. Dues-paid membership is a sign of your commitment to St. James Armenian Church. Dues-paid members of a parish must pay their Annual Parish dues by December 31 of a given year in order to be able to vote at the annual Parish Assembly.

2009 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

Thank you to those who have made their 2009 Annual Stewardship Pledges! We kindly remind and ask parishioners who have not yet made their 2009 pledge contributions to do so by December 31, 2009. We thank you in advance for your continued support of St. James.

Sunday, February 13, 2010 Annual Parish Assembly

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*Thank you to all of our
parishioners and friends who
volunteered for, supported,
and attended this year's
Annual Bazaar!*

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*Thank you to the 2009
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Bazaar



NEW VISION



New Vision once again sponsored a successful Silent Auction at the Annual Bazaar held on October 16 and 17, 2009 chaired by Michael Bahtarian and Linda Sahagian. This year's Silent Auction raised \$7,000 for our church!

We thank all our volunteers who came together to collect donations, set up and work the booth, which included over 80 auctioned items, including a beautiful selection of artwork from Armenia, fine jewelry, sporting event tickets, CDs, giftware, sports photographs, an oriental rug and gift certificates. New this year was hand painted ceramic artwork from Jerusalem.

We extend our gratitude to all those generously donated items to the Silent Auction!

For more information of upcoming New Vision, please contact Linda Sahagian at hyelinda65@aol.com.

— Linda Sahagian, Chair

HYE CAFÉ 2010

SAVE THE DATES!

- January 8
- February 3
- March 5 (Lenten meal)
- April 9
- May 7
- June 4
- September 10
- November 12

Hye Café has been incredibly busy. Over 300 parishioners gathered in June and September to sold-out cafes, and our year end Hye Café was held on November 13. Parishioners have gathered on the first Friday of the month to join together for great food and fellowship at St. James! Special thanks to all our volunteers and patrons for another GREAT year!

We look forward to seeing you at the **Annual Armenian Christmas Hye Café on January 8, 2010!** For more information about Hye Café, please contact Linda Sahagian at hyelinda65@aol.com.

Congratulations!

Additional Graduates!

Adrine Tamar Daldalian, daughter of Minas and Hera Daldalian, graduated from Belmont High School and is currently attending Lasell College in Newton MA.



Adam Koren Ovoian, son of Linda Ovoian and the late Koren Ovoian and grandson of Mary Ovoian and Haig Avedisian, graduated from ITT Technical School of Woburn, Massachusetts. He graduated as valedictorian of his class.



Thank You Looy's Donations

We thank the following for their generosity and their support of St. James and the publication of the *Looy's*.

Berj & Annie Chekijian	\$25
Charles Garabedian	\$25
Arshag Gechijian	\$50
Janet Hanzatian	\$20
Helen Kalajian	\$30
Louisa Kheremian	\$30
John & Sandra Lewis	\$50
<i>In loving memory of John Aroian</i>	

A Special Thank You

to our dedicated group of volunteers, who lovingly respond to our call without hesitation to help us share the news of our parish with our parishioners!

PLEASE NOTE: There is an expense of approximately \$3,000 for publishing and mailing each issue of the *Looy's*. Any contributions sent to defray part of this cost are greatly appreciated. Please use the form below to send your donation for this purpose.

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Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Eve of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ

6:00 pm – Evening Service and Reading of Scriptures

7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ

Blessing of Water in Remembrance of Our Lord's Baptism

8:30 am – Morning Service

10:00 am – Divine Liturgy



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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday
December 24, 2009

MUSICAL PRELUDE
6:30 p.m.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
7:00 p.m.
(In English)

RECEPTION
TO FOLLOW

All are welcome.

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH
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IN APPRECIATION

We extend our sincere appreciation to all St. James parishioners for their prayers, cards, gifts, visits, and expressions of condolences and well-being during the recent death of Yeretzgin's brother Artin in Richmond, Virginia. May the Lord accept all of our heartfelt prayers by granting His unbound merciful love, peace and well-being to all.

Der Arsen and Yeretzgin Varteni Barsamian

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Sacraments



Baptisms & Chrismations

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Samantha Estelle Adourian – July 11

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GODPARENTS: Darin McGillivray & Nora Adourian

Anna Josephine Marderosian – July 11

DAUGHTER of Kenneth & Tanya Marderosian
GODPARENTS: Scott Marderosian & Holly Joslyn

Alina Aleese Ayanian – July 18

DAUGHTER of Norayr & Shaké Ayanian
GODPARENTS: Raffi & Silva Ayanian

Anthony Jack Janjigian Trifiro – July 19

SON of Jack & Sara Elizabeth Janjigian
GODPARENTS: Andrew Janjigian & Melissa Rivard

Lucy Marin Janjigian Trifiro – July 19

DAUGHTER of Jack & Sara Elizabeth Janjigian
GODPARENTS: Daniel Janjigian & Lisa Persichini

Armen Aroustamian – July 22

SON of Sunny Aroustamian & Renata Paiva
GODPARENTS: Andranik Arustamyan & Siuzanna Khachatryan

Diana Grigoryan – August 1

DAUGHTER of Vartan & Gohar Grigoryan
GODPARENTS: Artyom & Gayane Harutyunyan

Andre Kapriel Chavushian – August 2

SON of Nuran & Dayana Mises Chavushian
GODPARENTS: Dale & Michele Haroutunian

Gregory Norik Kocharyan – August 8

SON of Norayr & Andrea Kocharyan
GODPARENTS: Christopher Shakarian & Alisa Kocharian

Hailie Rose Austin – September 5

DAUGHTER of Jason S. Austin & Christina Hennessey
GODPARENTS: John Delanian Hennessey & Stephanie Rose Austin

Madeline Wallis Cinar – September 6

DAUGHTER of Tavit & Dana Cinar
GODPARENTS: Erik Edward Wallis & Sevan Lohnes

Christian Steven Arazian – September 5

SON of Cesar & Nevart Arazian
GODPARENTS: Robert & Silva Ozcan

Jocelyn Miriam Stratton – September 19

DAUGHTER of Frederick P. Stratton III & Keri L. Sarajian
GODPARENTS: Kristopher Sarajian & Diane Stratton Ballov

Mia Jane Serabian – September 20

DAUGHTER of David & Tracy Serabian
GODPARENTS: Michael & Lisa Serabian

Zachery Eric Travers – September 20

SON of Eric J. & Natalie D. Travers
GODPARENTS: Stephen Bernat Jr. & Kimberly Mitchell

Scott Lee Hayward, Jr. – September 26

SON of Scott & Lisa Hayward
GODPARENTS: Gregory & Mara Derderian

Ani Natalie Akopian – September 27

DAUGHTER of Jirair Akopian & Natalia Arutunova
GODPARENTS: Mushegh Hakhinian & Anastasia Hakobyan

Gregor Karapet Hakhinian – September 27

SON of Mushegh Hakhinian & Anastasia Hakobyan
GODPARENTS: Jirair & Natalia Akopian

Magali Lillemor Fernquest – October 17

DAUGHTER of Matthew John & Vanessa Lucine Berberian Fernquest
GODPARENTS: Gregory Hapet Berberian & Jennifer Flynn

Dessie Irene Najarian – October 17

DAUGHTER of Sarkis Najarian & Maria Odete Monteiro
GODPARENTS: William Asikis & Despina Najarian

Jason Demetri Monteiro – October 17

SON of Maria Badgett Monteiro
GODPARENTS: Krikor Najarian & Hilena Monteiro

Zakhary Alan Kapilian – October 18

SON of Alan & Maly Kapilian
GODPARENTS: David & Gina Kapilian

Madisyn Ann Lathrop – October 24

DAUGHTER of Joshua & Tracy Lathrop
GODPARENTS: Eric Travers & Kimberly Mitchell

Tiffany Arvestian – October 25

DAUGHTER of Daniel & Nora Arvestian
GODPARENTS: Varujan & Hilda D. Ozcan



Weddings

And the two shall become one

Lev V. Mukhaelyan & Elena V. Mukhaelyan – May 7

BEST MAN: Armen Mukhaelyan MAID of HONOR: Dunelle Rosen

Madathia Sarkissian & Grace Lynn Williams – July 4

BEST MAN: Gary Sarkissian MAID of HONOR: Emily Joan Hill

Artur Bazyan & Ekaterina Torganchuk – July 10

BEST MAN: Argam Hambardzumyan MAID of HONOR: Lilit Hambardzumyan

Christopher Paul Eagan & Zaroui (Zara) Artashes Airapetian – July 12

BEST MAN: Angel Cruz MAID of HONOR: Natalie Sakanyan

Michael Khanamiryan & Elina Grigoryan – July 19

BEST MAN: Nekoghos Saakyan MAID of HONOR: Tamara Grigoryan

Arda Degirmenci & Deniece Marie Chaparro – July 25

BEST MAN: Manuk Degirmenci MAID of HONOR: Stephanie Chaparro

Nicholas Peter Kyvelos & Carli Lynne Parisella – July 25

BEST MAN: Matt Kyvelos MAID of HONOR: Geri Parisella

Aleksan Yildizyan & Janelle Marie DiFrummolo – August 15

BEST MAN: Alen Yildizyan MAID of HONOR: Jaclyn Lauria

John Marc Giragosian & Natasha Jean Gray – September 5

BEST MAN: Michael Giragosian MAID of HONOR: Jesse Kawa

Manuel Sarkis Bardakjian & Michelle Lucy Esserian – September 6

BEST MAN: Toros Bardakjian MAID of HONOR: Liza Ghazarian

Ara J. Balikian & Taline Farra – September 12

BEST MAN: Richard Balikian MAID of HONOR: Ann Chaglassian

David E. Timmons & Tamar M. Gureghian – October 3

BEST MAN: Scott Timmons MAID of HONOR: Kristen Dacey

John Yardemian & Carolyn Atinizian – October 11

BEST MAN: Raffi Yardemian MAID of HONOR: Melissa Gulmezgil



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.

Rose M. Seron – June 27

Paul B. "Abba" Avadanian – July 1

Mari Tavitian – July 2

Anne Kaprielian – July 3

Anne M. Maranjian – July 18

Alice Margosian – July 31

Joyce Margaret Archer – August 3

Mary Tutunjian – August 4

Vahey Takvorian – August 6

Lia (Moughamian) Hovsepian – August 15

Helen (Bozkouradian) Mirakian – August 21

Mary (Jamoozian) Vidito – September 4

Loosaper (Kasparian) Serik – September 19

Alfred Margosian – September 23

Leona Boyajian – September 25

Haig Haroutunian – September 26

Mary (Avadanian) Kachichian – October 1

Charles Economakos – October 10

In Lieu of Flowers



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 to their families.

Helen (Der Garabedian) Chickering

Date of Funeral: June 12, 2009

Bio-Rad Laboratories Life Science Group
Mary Bonenfant
Charles and Helen Dagavarian
Myron Dilianian
George and Gladys Kaloostian
Leo and Janice McEvoy
Barbara Nielsen
Andy and Bea Ohannessian
Hank Shafraan and Toni Delisi
Mary Yacubian

Total: \$505

Yn. Rosemarie Davidian

Date of Funeral: June 17, 2009

Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian
Ari Davidian
Seta and Raymond Davidian
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Susan Ferro III
Raymond A. Davidian
Jack Achmakjian and Theresa Achmakjian
Diana Adamian
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Gary Agahigian and Beverly Thomas
Cynthia Aghamian
Florence Aharonian
Mr. and Mrs. Hagop Alabachian and Family
Yaster Alabachian
John and Pat Amboian
Harry and Azniv Amiralian
Judith Ananian (Sarno)
Phyllis Ananian
Mr. and Mrs. Kaspar Andonian and Aram and Armen
Armand and Helen Andressian
John and Rose Annaian
Yervant and Janet Annaian
Anonymous
Ron and Julie Antriasian
Douglas and Talar Aprahamian
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Mrs. Arthur (Rose) Arakelian
Eleanor C. Arakelian
John and Lisa Arakelian
Lucy Aroian
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Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Asadoorian and Family
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Rev. Fr. Arten and Yn. Mary Ashjian
Dianne Aspuru
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Steven and Hilda Assarian
David Astvatsaturov
Hamest Atamian
Leon and Margaret Atamian
Nishan and Margrit Atiniazian
Isabel Avedikian
Mary Avedisian
Warren and Lucy Aylaian

Zabelle Hajian Azablar
Mrs. A and Rose Mary Aznavorian
Susan and Arthur Aznavorian
Mr. and Mrs. Garabed Babigian
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Babigian and Family
Carol and Jirair Babikyan
Dr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Baboian
Armen Baghdoyan
Michael and Florence Bahtirian
Jirair Balayan
Lois Balian
Anoush Balian
John and Lucy Balian
Dr. and Mrs. Jirayr and Annie Balikian
Scott, Julie, Kaitlyn and Jacob Ballentine
David and Andrea Barber
Natalie Barmakian
Mr. and Mrs. Vahan Barmakian and Lillian Barmakian
John Baronian
Rose Barsamian
Ms. Marion Barsamian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Barsamian
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bazarian
Richard and Charlene Bazarian
Richard and Marilyn Bazarian
Ruth Bederian
Anna and Lucy Bedirian
Margaret, Alex and Florence Bejian
Rose Bejoian and Robert Bejoian
Nayiri Berberian
George M. Berberian
Mary Guleserian Bergoudian
Manoog, Phyllis, Joan and Peter Bilazarian
Don and Sunny Boghosian
George and Betty Boole
Sandra Boroyan
Avedis and Alice Boyadjian
Leona Boyajian
Chet and Queenie Boyajian
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boyajian
Astrid Bozkurtian
Carolyn Bozkurtian
Robert and Stephanie Brackett
Ed, Mary, Chuck, Susan Brewster
Mr. and Mrs. Raffi and Maria Chapian
Berj and Annie Chekijian
Helen and Richard Cherkerzian
Jack and Louise Chinian and Family
Azadouchi Chitchian
Avdis Cinar
Gladys Clinton
Leslie and Jim Cristello and Family
Charlie and Helen Dagavarian
Mike Dasho
Sahag Davagian
Karen Dederyan
Kenneth and Karen Demerjian
Mr. and Mrs. John Demirjian
Paul and Setrak Der Boghosian

Harry and Pamela Der Harootunian
Alan and Isabelle Der Kazarian
Alma Der Kazarian
Areka, Edward and Gregory Der Kazarian
Peter and Pam Der Kazarian
Haig and Donna Deranian
Steve and Laura Derderian
Arman and Sossy Derian
Pamela (Kevorkian) DiBella
Filyani Dilan
Mr. and Mrs. Eliz Dilsizian
Marilyn Dodd
John and Mary Doursounian
Mr. and Mrs. Sarkis Dudumian
Karnig and Karen Durgarian
Kenneth Elgart
Harry and Charlotte Eordekian
Lillian Etmekjian
Shake Gabriel
Victor and Nancy Ganjian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Garabedian
Anne Garabedian
Sonia Garabedian and Family
Mrs. Rose Gargarian
Dr. Miriam Gargarian
Mr. and Mrs. Mikael Garoukian
Fr. Gare and Yn. Isabelle Gdanian
Arshag Gechijian
Tom Gengozian Sally Vanerian
Shirley Geraci and Family
Dr. Vartan and Armen Ghugasian
Steve and Margie Glikas (Kalajian)
Jefrey and Virginia Gosdarian
Crosby and Maline Goshgarian
Nishan and Mary Goudsouzian
Charles and Joyce Guleserian
Marguerite Gurekian
Andrew Guzelian
Eric and Amy Guzelian
Mr. and Mrs. Astor Guzelian
Michael Guzelian
Kenneth and Gloria Hachikian
Diana Hachikian and Steve Hachikian
Joseph and Eva Haddad
Mary Ann K. Hagopian and Ben Kelerjian
Christopher Hajian
Arpina Hamamjian
Gail Haroutunian
Steven and Janice Haroutunian-Avery
Elise Harrison
Ruth Harutunian
Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hasekian
Martin and Juliette Hatzadourian
Hilda Hevesian
Doris Hazerjian and Stephen Hazerjian
Margaret Hazerjian
Louise Hekimian
Kurt and Diane Herosian
Zevart M. Hollisian
Mr. and Mrs. Ara Hollisian
Miriam and David Horton
Marion and Marsha Hovenesian
Margaret and Mary Hovnanian
Mari Imirzian
Manus Ipek
Setrak and Sonia Iskandarian
Robert, Grayce and Norma Jamgochian
George and Kelly Janian
Greg and Sonia Janian
Leon Janikian and June Foster
Margaret Janikian
Sonia A. Janikian
Charles and Laura Janikian
Alice Janigian
Elaine and Mark Jefferson
C. Robert and Lillian Jingoizian
Harry and Priscilla Kachadorian
Leon W. Kachadorian
Lana M. Kaishian
Nora Kalajian
Christine Kalenderian
Barkev and Seta Kalligian
George and Gladys Kaloostian
Grace Kaloostian and Family

Kalpajian Family
James M. Kalustian
Sam and Lucine Kapreilian
Ann O. Kaprielian
Sarop and Veronica Kaprielian and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Vartkes and Elissa Karaian
Rose Z. Karibian and Alice K. Mellian
Nadia Ann Karnik
Dr. Parnag and Nancy Kasarjian
Lori, Mark, Christina, Caroline Kashgegian
Glen, Diane, Michael and Kristin Kashgegian
Richard and Lucille Kashian
Lucine Kashikjian
Mr. and Mrs. Kaspar Kasparian
Carol Kasparian
Carol D. Kasparian
Alan and Ninfa Kasparian
Krikor and Nancy Kassabian and Family
Andy and Janice Kavjian and Family
Paul, David and Maria Kazanjian
Edward K. and Nirva Kazanjian and Family
Arpi Kazanjian and Family
The Keane Family
Takouhie Kefeyan
John, Elizabeth and Adrienne Kefeyan
Tamar and John Kefeyan and Family
Jeanette, Anne and Edward Keljik
Frank and Linda Keljik
Charles and Sirvart Keumurian
Queenie Keumurian
Leona Kevorkian
Tom and Arshalous Kezerian
Shakeh Khachadoorian
Paul Khalarian and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Khederian
Carol Khozozian and Family
Robert and Adrina Kletjian
Mr. and Mrs. Azarig Kooloian
Paul, Ann, Peter, Kristen, Steven and Michele Korian
Jennie Koumjian
Diane Kouyoumjian
Beth Krikorian
Charles Krikorian
Diane Krikorian
Harry and Gale Krikorian
Helen Krikorian
Kenneth Krikorian and Family
Mary Kupjian
Aracse Kurkjian and Family
The Kurkjian Family
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kutzer (Partamian)
The Kyvelos Family
Louise Magarian and Linda Marsoubian
Shake and Zovic Magarian
Margaret Maksabedian
Papken and Jill Maksoudian and Family
Arpie Maksoudian-Highgas
Thomas and Cathy Malian and Family
Alice Mallumian
Rose Mamishian
Berj and Meline Manoukian
Jack and Alma Maranian
Arthur A. Maranian, Sr.
Robert and Madeline Mardirosian
Ora Margosian
Alfred Margosian
Avak and Christine Markarian
Naomi Thovmasian Marsh
Jean E. Martinian
Sara Martinian and Peter Bogosian
Martha Martinian-Derderian
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Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Minasian
Mrs. Nora and Ms. Mary Minasian
Anahid Minasyan
Robert Mirak
Louise D. Missakian and Sandra Missakian
Michael and Lynn Moraites (Arslanian)
Helen V. Mosesian
Andrea Movsessian-Wallack and Norman Wallack
Susan B. Murphy
Claire Musserian
John and Lalig Musserian and Family
Ann Nahabedian
Mildred Nahabedian
Walter and Deanne Nahabedian
Raffie Najarian
Pauline Nakashian
George Nalchian
Helen Nalchian
Charles and Peggy Nigohsian
Gregory and Susan Norsigian
Simpat Sin Ogi
Elizabeth A. Ohanian
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Andy and Beatrice Ohannessian
Jean O'Kucian
Edward and Zvart Onanian
Peter and Charleen Onanian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Orchanian
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Mr. and Mrs. Zohrab Orchanian
Aghavni Oscan
Zadik and Alis Ozcan
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Armand and Sam Paboojian
Mr. and Mrs. Larry A. Pahigian
Arthur and Louise Panosian
Hazel Papazian
Arthur, Christi, Marc and Sara Papazian
Marilyn Papazian
Arthur and Mary Papazian and Family
Linda Parlengas and Richard Connors
Lucille Paroonagian
Harold, Gladys and Mark Partamian
Edward and Elaine Patapanian and Jay Patapanian
John and Vera Peterson
Jack and Audrey Pilibosian
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Piscitelli
Paul Pogharian and Family
Valentine Pogharian and Family
Apkar and Arpie Potookian
Tom and Diane Prendergast
Robert P. Proodian
Robert and Sandy Raphaelian
Nancy (Madanian) and Michael Reppucci and Family
Stephen and Elizabeth Sabounjian
John and Nina Sahagian
Linda Sahagian
Lucy Sahagian
Harold and Mariam V. Sahakian
Richard and Irene Samourian
Kenneth and Diane Samuelian
Marien Samuelian
Robert Sanasarian
James and Christine Santoro (Orchanian)
Charles and Kathryn Saraf, Jr.
Herika Sarafian
George and Armine Sarkisian
Joseph Sarkisian
Rebecca Sarkisian
Zarouhi Sarkisian
Alice Seferian
Leon and Marion Semonian
Karen and Andrew Shoushanian
Ardashes and Sake Shelemian
Gazaros and Helda Shirinian
Norma, Sonia and Michael Shoushan
Katherine Siranosian

Hermine Sislian and Family
Derouhie Soukiasian
Sarkis and Linda Soukiasian
St. James Bingo Group
St. James Church Choir
St. James Church Sunday School
St. James Women's Guild
Stephen and Esther Stepanian
Mariam Stepanyan
Charles Surabian and Family
Alice Takvorian
Greg, Linda, Mark and Erika
Takvorian
Sara, Denise, Vahey Takvorian
David, Diane and Christine Talamas
Kenneth and Dianne Talanian
Nevart Talanian
Richard, Ann and Talene Tarvezian
George Tashjian
Ronald Tashjian
Jirayer and Silva Tekeian and
Amy Tekeian
Haig and Rosalie Tekeyan
Joshua A. Teveklian
George Thomasian
Rose and Nish Tikjian
Kevork and Anna Tinkjian
Diana Topjian
Ann, Sandra and Leo Topjian
Elizabeth Totovian
Lily and Vaughan Totovian
Nancy Tounmavan
Phil, Shirley, Noah and Bryce
Tounmavan-Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tutunjan
Maryann Tutunjan
Mr. and Mrs. Hagop and Nadia
Uczuzian
Hagop and Ashkhen Vanerian
Walter and Anne Vartanian
John and Gloria Voce
Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Weisberg
Todd Wyner
Carol and Mark Yacubian-Torrey
Gayle M. Yapchaian
Michael G. Yapchaian
Garo and Dr. Aida Yavshayan
Mr. and Mrs. Raffi P. Yeghiayan
Sesag Yerganian
David Yerganian
Rich and Donna Yerganian
Melkon and Arpi Yessaillian
Ani Yessaillian
Arlene Young and Family
Mary E. and Clyde L. Younger
Setrek Yuzlek
Diran and Zabelle Zahigian
Natalie A. Zakarian
Anahid and Stephen Zerdelian
Mr. and Mrs. Garbis Zerdelian
Henry and Carol Zeytoonjian
The Zeytoonjian Family
Gladys and Nerses Zeytoonjian
Amy and Arra Zeytoonjian
Michael and Lisa Zeytoonjian
Samuel and Louise Zouranjan
Total \$19,112

Paul B. Avadanian

Date of Funeral: July 1, 2009
Lucy and Warren Aylaian
Don and Sunny Boghosian
Julie Ganjian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Guleserian
Frank Kaminski
Mr. and Mrs. Berj and Meline
Manoukian
Arthur A. Maranian, Sr.
Robert and Madeline Mardirosian
V and Kirk Nahabedian
Edward & Elaine Patapanian
St. James Women's Guild
Total: \$390

Mari Tavitian

Date of Funeral: July 2, 2009
Ruby Baboian
St. James Women's Guild
Total: \$35

Anne (Karakashian) Kaprielian

Date of Funeral: July 3, 2009
Chet and Queenie Boyajian
Vee Agahigian
Albert and Nancy Ames
David Boyajian
Leona Boyajian
Dr. and Mrs. Michael Boyajian
Mark A. Nowak, Burns and
Levinson LLP
Herbert and Audrey Callahan
Lucille and George Demirjian
Areka DerKazarian
Anne Dorian
Mr. and Mrs. Hovey Eordekian
Jim and Sophie Eordekian
Francesco Fici
Arshag Gechijian
Richard Glaser
Ed and Nancy Guleserian
Charles and Stella Hagopian
Ronald and Vicki Hagopian
Margaret and Mary Hovnanian
Margaret Janikian
Charles and Laura Janikian
Nora Kalajian
Sarop and Veronica Kaprielian
Ann O. Kaprielian
Rose Kasarjian
Ara and Lisa Kouchakdjian
V, Nadine and Kirk Nahabedian
George Nalchian
Helen Nalchian
James and Anne Roman
Richard and Janice Salemi
St. James Women's Guild
Total: \$1,200

Rose M. Seron

Date of Funeral: June 27, 2009
Loretta Gelenian
Alice Mallumian (Arcenian-
Surabian)
Total: \$45

Anne M. Maranjian

Date of Funeral: July 16, 2009
Olga Maranjian Church
Barbara and Steven Mechanic
Elsie, Catherine and David
Minassian
Joan and Pat Murphy
Jack and Sunny O'Malley
Attn: Fran Powers Pollak Company
Harry S. Sarkisian
Mr. and Mrs. George D. Sarkisian
& Family
Robert L. Totino and Rosemarie
Deflumeri
Ronald Trenouth, Sr.
Marilyn Wolooohojian and Family
Total: \$645

Alice Margosian

Date of Funeral: July 31, 2009
Sally and Joe Ananian
Gary Bedrosian Andrea Knight
Khalil and Cheryl Farhat
Miriam Gargarian
Arshag Gechijian
Edward and Mary Ann Kazanjian
Marie Kouyoumjian
Louise and Sandra Missakian
Deborah Paul Tom Meyers
Edward and Marlene Paul
Mr. and Mrs. Grant Paul and
Family
Susan and Jim Rapoport
Marien Samuelian and Family
Robert and Judith Ananian Sarn
John and Gloria Voce
Deborah Wender
Total: \$1,150

Joyce Margaret Archer

Date of Funeral: August 3, 2009
Malcolm and Lori Barsamian
Crosby and Marge Goshgarian

Knarig Goshgarian
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kezerian
Leon Manoogian Mary Anna
Brown
Lorraine Parnagian
Richard and Irene Samourian
Bert and Sandy Wikstrom
Total: \$235

Mary Tutunjan

Date of Funeral: August 4, 2009
Philip and Allan Tutunjan
Mr. and Mrs. Ron and Robin
(Tutunjan) Hines and Children
Total: \$100

Vahey Takvorian

Date of Funeral: August 6, 2009
Ronald and Dorothy Ajemian
Candace M. Almeida
Gerald E. Ash
Dr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Baboian
Gerald and Elizabeth Boghosian
Paul J. DerBoghosian
Liz and Sal Falzone
Richard Harding
Henry and Jessica Haroian
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Harvey
William T. Horan
Marie Khachadoorian
Gregory T. Lano
Anne Miller
Edward and Goldie Minasian
Robert and Diana Nazarian
Mr. and Mrs. Zohrab Orchanian
Janet Patterson
Richard and Dawn Roy
Richard and Diane Simsarian
Richard Takvorian
Alice Takvorian
Greg and Linda Takvorian and
Family
Dawn Wagner and Merle Wagner
Total: \$665

Lia (Moughamian) Hovsepian

Date of Funeral: August 15, 2009
Sara Ayanian
Valentine Garabedian
Aracse Kurkjian and Family
Louise Missakian Sandra
Missakian
Aghavni Ozcan
Total: \$145

Helen (Bozkourdian) Mirakian

Date of Funeral: August 23, 2009
Edwin and Hermine Adamian
Mary Avedisian
Sue Boyajian
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Emerjian
Paul and Setrak DerBoghosian
James A. Durkey
Gloucester Traditional Karate
Assoc.
Arpi Hovagimian
Francis Hriadil
Angeline Jamjamian
Rose Z. Karibian and Alice K.
Mellian
Marlin R. Keshishian
Daniel Nakash
Dorothy Piranian
Richard Scott
Grace Takvorian and Family
Total: \$1,065

Alfred Margosian

Date of Funeral: September 23, 2009
Diana Adamian
Lauaren and Ken Alperin
Gregory and Lenore Arabian
Dr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Baboian
Natalie Barmakian
Mary Bergoudian
Hal Clark and Karen Hays
Charlie and Helen Dagavarian

Michael Dasho
Paul and Setrak Der Boghosian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garabedian
Crosby and Maline Goshgarian
Nishan and Mary Goudsouzian
Patricia Gray
Edward and Nancy Guleserian
Kurt and Diane Herosian
The Jurigian Family
Leon W. Kachadorian
Mr. and Mrs. Vartkes and Elissa
Karaian
Paul and Gloria Khederian
Ora Margosian
Mary Ellen Margosian
Mrs. Arthur Margosian
George and Rose Mazmanian
Edward and Julie Mesrobian
Mildred Nahabedian
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ohannessian
Marilyn Papazian
Harold and Gladys Partamian
Jack and Audrey Pilibosian
Leo and Mae Takoushian
Mr. and Mrs. Raffi P. Yeghiayan
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Zouranjan
Total: \$2,380

Leona Boyajian

Date of Funeral: September 25, 2009
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory H. Adamian
Lucy Aroian
Alice and Susan Atamian
Mary Avedisian
Dr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Baboian
Rosemarie Bagdasarian
Wayne and Karen Barnes
Mary Guleserian Bergoudian
Michael and Ida Boodakian
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyajian
June Berberian Carlon
Bernadette Castellanos
Leslie and Jim Cristello and
Family
Charlie and Helen Dagavarian
Areka, Gregory and Edward Der
Kazarian
Anne Dorian
Mary and Joseph Gendrolis
Edward and Nancy Guleserian
Margaret and Mary Hovnanian
Charles and Laura Janikian
Sonia A. Janikian
Margaret Janikian
Leon Janikian
Gail Kaprielian, Jere Babst and
A. John Kaprielian
Sarop and Veronica Kaprielian
Anne Kaprielian
Rose Kasarjian
Dr. Parnag and Nancy Kasarjian
Leona Kevorkian
Stefanie Madanian
Alice Mallumian
Ora Margosian
Jean E. Martinian
Alice K. Mellian and Rose Z.
Karibian
Louise D. Missakian
Sandra L. Missakian
Catherine J. Nicolazzo
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ohannessian
Shirley Onanian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Panjian
Jack and Audrey Pilibosian
Kenneth and Diane Samuelian
Marien Samuelian
Norma and Michael Shooshan
Lucy Shooshanian
Katherine Siranosian
St. James Bingo
St. James Women's Guild
Gregory and Linda Takvorian
Walter Tennant
Diana Topjian
Total: \$1,830

Haig Haroutunian

Date of Funeral: September 26, 2009
Gail Haroutunian
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Avery
and Marie Louise
Helen Chilian
Richard and Elaine Denning
Suren Der Avedisian
Pamela DiBella
Janet Fee
Janice Fields
The Keane Family
Robert Haroutunian
David, Melanie and Vanessa
Haroutunian
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kinnally
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kourafalos
Alice Mallumian
Suzanne Pereira
Hratch and Hermine Sarkesian
Deborah Surabian
Kay (Mrs. Robert) Surabian
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Surabian
Family
Valerie Tersakian
Total: \$680

Additional In Lieu of Flowers Donations

Mary Sarajian

Date of Funeral: March 21, 2009
Dianne Babikian
New Total \$4,565

Stephen S. Tavekelian

Date of Funeral: April 10, 2009
Stephen and Nannette
Tavekelian, Jr.
New Total \$ 1,580

Sarah (Sally) Keljik

Date of Funeral: April 21, 2009
Ruth Chobanian
Jeanette M. Keljik
New Total \$ 5,150

Alexander Movsessian

Date of Funeral: May 2, 2009
Frank and Linda Keljik
Lori Lyn Meece
Carole Yacubian Torrey
New Total \$ 1,765

Paul Jigarjian

Date of Funeral: May 14, 2009
James Christopherson
New Total \$ 420

Parent Kazanjian Sanentz

Date of Funeral: May 27, 2009
Maria Tamvakolios
Anna A. Yeshilian
New Total \$ 515

Khoren Safarian

Date of Funeral: May 28, 2009
Lutfya Bako
Lumturi Bardhi
Cousins from Germany
Olga Druito
Louise Essayan Mihovan
Frank S. Gerry
Stanley and Rita Karey
Aracse Kurkjian and Family
Hrair and Brit Missirlian
Roseanne T. Timmerman
New Total \$ 2,040



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

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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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