



ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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LOOYS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2007

Rev. Fr. Hovnan Demerjian Ordained



Rev. Fr. Hovnan Demerjian, formerly Dn. Jason, was ordained to the Order of the Holy Priesthood at St. James on June 16 and 17, 2007. The ordination was a special occasion for all in our parish, to witness a son of St. James dedicating his life to serving the Armenian Church and its faithful. Following his period of seclusion, Fr.

Hovnan celebrated Divine Liturgy at St. James on Sunday, July 29, 2007. He has been assigned to the St. Hagop Armenian Church in St. Petersburg, Florida. We pray that God guide and bless Der Hovnan and Yn. Anna, and that He give them strength as they begin their new ministry.



2007 Vacation Bible School

Participants in the 2007 St. James Vacation Bible School gathered the week of July 16-21 to Run the Good Race with God! Children from the ages of 5 to 10 gathered at St. James for another wonderful summer-week filled with fun, sports, crafts, singing, dancing, activities, and new friendships! The energy and excitement filled the church, as the children came to VBS with abundant smiles, open hearts and wonderful spirits!

The theme of this year's VBS was "Running the Good Race!" Children learned about God and the Armenian Church, made Christian and Armenian religious crafts, and learned to make *nushkhar* with Fr. Arakel, the Pastor of St. James. They also learned English and Armenian songs and enthusiastically participated in sports and activities.

At the end of the week the children once again put on a presentation for their parents. The children's enthusiasm and laughter was a delightful end to a wonderful week.

Yn. Natasha Aljalian, Marina Minasian and Jennifer Tagarelis planned this year's VBS programming. Special gratitude is due to Marina Minasian, who directed the VBS program each day, to Melissa Diranian and Christa Bazarian who — together with Marina — served as VBS

instructors, and to the enthusiastic young adults of St. James who volunteered their time to assist and spend time with the youth. Special thanks also to Leslie Cristello who assisted Der Arakel in teaching the children how to make *nushkhar*.

Save the dates and plan for the 2008 Vacation Bible School, which will once again be held the third week of July — July 14-18, 2008!



Parishioners Generously Sponsor FAR Gyumri Soup Kitchen

Nishan and Margrit Atinizian assumed full financial responsibility for the FAR Gyumri Soup Kitchen project, which provides a warm and safe environment, meals, and fellowship to the 200 seniors who depend on the soup kitchen and senior center. The Atinizians hope to expand the facilities at the soup kitchen in the future, to provide a more modern kitchen and increased room for socializing and other programs.

The Primate, Der Arakel, the Atinizians, together with other Diocesan Council and FAR Board members, visited the center with others from the Eastern Diocese this summer as part of a joint visit by the FAR Board of Directors and the Diocesan Council members to tour FAR's projects in Armenia.



Nishan and Margrit Atinizian at the dedication of the FAR Soup Kitchen in Gyumri this July, pictured with Eastern Diocesan Primate Abp. Khajag Barsamian and St. James Pastor Fr. Arakel Aljalian.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Did you know?

FOR YEARS, LIKE MANY OF US I SUSPECT, I would come to church on Sundays to worship, and then attend a few functions at the cultural center throughout the year, all without giving much thought as to the actual monetary cost involved in operating the church. Over the years, I had come to simply expect that the church would always be there for us. The problem is that the church and cultural center don't just miraculously exist. They exist only due to the generosity, commitment and vision of parishioners, past and present. This group of dedicated parishioners is unfortunately a small percentage of our parish. Many of our parishioners really don't understand what is involved in the day-to-day operations of the church and its facilities. I am constantly being asked why the church always seems to be asking for money. How much money does the church really need?

Did you know that the annual operating budget for the Church, the Cultural Center, the rectory, and the parking lot across from the church for calendar year 2007 is in excess of \$850,000? This figure does NOT include any capital improvements or other building renovations. It costs in excess of \$850,000 each year just to operate and maintain our facilities, purchase building insurance, pay utilities, purchase supplies, pay salaries and pay our annual dues to the Diocese and other routine expenses.

Only approximately \$70,000 of this amount comes from annual membership dues. Our subsidiary organizations did an outstanding job in 2006 by raising more than \$63,000 combined, while our Bingo volunteers raised an additional \$69,000 in 2006. Events like the

bazaar and picnic account for more than \$80,000 of the annual budget thanks to dozens of dedicated volunteers who make these events a huge success every year. We should be proud of what our volunteers are able to achieve and one might think that these events should be sufficient to sustain any church. The reality is that it costs so much more.

Did you know that in 2006, the total cost for electricity was just over \$39,000, while gas and oil for the same period was more than \$43,000, which is a total of more than \$6,750 each and every month, just for these essential utilities? By comparison, the average monthly Sunday plate offering in 2006 was just under \$4,600, which by any standard is extraordinarily generous, but by the same token, it's not enough to even pay for the lights, heat and air conditioning on a daily basis. Unlike many local churches, our church sanctuary is open every day so our parishioners can worship. Our Cultural Center is alive with activity all week long, from Bingo to Armenian language classes for adults, to Bible Study, to sports and other youth activities, and Armenian school on Saturdays, to our Sunday School, which remains tuition free for all parishioners as a commitment to instilling and developing faith in our youth.

Did you know that the Looy's is mailed to approximately 2400 households on the church's general mailing list? Did you know that if each *household* receiving a Looy's pledged just \$1 a day plus an extra \$3 on Christmas and Easter, the entire budget for the year would be covered? Now you know.

75th Anniversary Capital Campaign and Strategic Plan Update

St. James has **725 individual dues-paid members** and over **2000 families** in our parish. Of these families, **only 270** have made an active commitment to date. We extend our gratitude to them for their generosity and support of the church and its mission.

• **75th Anniversary Capital Campaign Goal** **\$3,000,000.00**

• **Commitments to the Capital Campaign as of August 15, 2007** **\$1,977,231.00**

We have accomplished much as a result of our Capital Campaign. Our church sanctuary has been renovated; masonry, roofing and other improvements have been made to the exterior of our church; and our Child Care Center is celebrating its first anniversary!

Monies received by St. James **\$ 1,026,439.93**

Expenditures to Date **\$ 453,000.00**

Remaining cash on hand **\$ 573,439.93**

Planned Expenditures (2008-2010)

Capital Improvements \$ 1,387,000.00

Programming \$ 1,110,000.00

Support/Overhead \$ 40,000.00

Additional pledges needed to fully achieve Strategic Plan **\$ 1,022,769.00**

Additional monies which must be received/collected to fully achieve Strategic Plan **\$ 1,973,560.07**

Our Strategic Plan can be implemented only to the extent of the success of the Capital Campaign. We all will benefit from these improvements to our church. If you have not made a commitment, please join your fellow parishioners by making a meaningful pledge. Our goal is to have 100% participation. Every pledge, of every size, matters and makes a real difference.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Expenditures to Date **\$ 314,000**
(Planned Expenditures 2008-2010) **\$ 1,387,000**

Includes:

Cultural Center – Roof \$ 120,000

Cultural Center – HVAC \$ 1,000,000

Keljik Hall/Mirak Hall –
Replacement of Floor \$ 177,000

Gift and Bookshop \$ 100,000

TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: **\$ 1,700,000**

Note – The Cultural Center has neared the end of its life. While a worn building indicates an active and vibrant parish, there are much needed additional expenditures: the renovation of classrooms, restrooms, lobby area. These numbers are not included in these figures, which only include the minimum repairs only.

PROGRAMMING

Expenditures to Date **\$ 29,000**
(Planned Expenditures 2008-2010) **\$ 1,100,000**

Includes:

Youth Minister and Programming,
Elder Transportation, Child Care Center,
Armenia Outreach/Service/Education,
Social Services, Welcoming Program,
and Educational Programs.

TOTAL PROGRAMMING **\$ 1,139,000**

OVERHEAD

Expenditures to Date **\$ 1,100,000**
(Planned Expenditures 2008-2010) **\$ 40,000**

TOTAL SUPPORT/OVERHEAD **\$ 150,000**

TOTAL STRATEGIC PLAN **\$ 3,000,000**

Please note: Allocated spending is 60% towards Capital Improvements, 40% towards Programming (of total collected income after paying overhead costs.)
Expenditures to date were outlined in the last issue of the Loos.

The Fall 2007 Issue of the Loos
will acknowledge with gratitude all St. James parishioners and friends
who have committed to the Capital Campaign to date!

Sunday School

Please mark your calendars – The 2007-2008 Sunday School year begins on September 16, 2007!

Promotion Sunday

St. James Sunday School Promotion Sunday was held on June 10, 2007. Students from grades Kindergarten through 10th Grade assembled in Keljik Hall for worship service and the year-end promotion ceremony. Certificates of promotion to next year's class and attendance pins were awarded by teachers. Following this assembly, all students and families attended Divine Liturgy. Fifth grade students who served on the altar as acolytes, under the direction and guidance of Sub-Deacon Peter Babigian and Mr. Robert Jingoian, were acknowledged with acolyte pins and certificates of appreciation.



On this last day of Sunday School, and in a change from his normal children's sermon where Der Arakel asks them questions, the children asked him questions. Needless to say, the questions ranged from thoughtful to insightful to humorous. With that, Sunday school and church services gave way to a fun filled St. James Picnic and the start of summer vacation!

HOMEcoming SUNDAY – Calendar for First Day of Sunday School Classes

Sunday, September 16, 2007

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School New Registration (Lobby, Cultural Center)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Worship Service and Opening Day Assembly (Keljik Hall-All Students/Parents)
- 10:30 a.m. Students- To Classes
- 11:15 a.m. Grades K-3 Students dismissed to parents
Grades 4-11 Students to church w/class
- 12:30 p.m. **Homecoming Breakfast** (Keljik Hall)
Immediately following Divine Liturgy
Enjoy family, friends, fellowship, and a delicious breakfast prepared by our Sunday School parents. Adults \$7
Children and Sunday School Students: Complimentary

Welcome
home
everyone!

Sunday School Graduation

On Sunday, June 3, 2007, 11 young adults came together and attended church services for the final time as a Sunday school class, preparing to graduate from the St. James Armenian Church Sunday School. This year's Sunday School graduates were: Alexander Abdalian, Darren Ansbikian, Tiana Babigian, Christa Bazarian, Edward Berberian, Julie Cristello, Jessica Karevicius, Erin Kazizian, Amy McDermott, Lauren Metjian, and Rachel Pugh.

The graduates took part in the Divine Liturgy by reading the Scripture readings, passing the Kiss of Peace, and leading the Confession. Following Holy Communion, Fr.

Arakel began the Graduation ceremony by awarding the diplomas and certificates to the graduates, after which the graduates came forward to reaffirm their Baptismal vows.

In his sermon, Fr. Arakel lovingly spoke to the graduates. He wished them well, reminding them to use what they have learned in their Sunday School classes to help them make good decisions, and that, no matter where life may take them, their St. James family is always here for them.

A reception honoring our 2007 graduates was held in Keljik Hall where the entire parish was invited to share in fellowship. Prior to the reception, the graduating class performed a



series of three skits depicting Christian values in today's world. Very moving and sincere addresses were given by Darren Ansbikian (Salutatorian) and Erin Kazizian (Valedictorian) to their peers and the parishioners.

St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School Celebrates Graduation and Begins Preparations for September

The St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School celebrated the graduation of five students on May 20th. Aram Andonian, Nicholas Kazizian, Deanna Minasian, Alec Seferian and Aram Soukiasian have shown dedication and commitment toward their language and cultural studies, attending school each Saturday morning over the course of many years. Ms. Mayda Yetimian guided each graduating student through a challenging graduation year program requirements. In addition to their diplomas, Der Arakel, Pastor of St. James, and Mrs. Marina Minasian, the Superintendent of the Saturday School, presented each graduate with a graduation photo album and book. Graduation day was a joyful culmination to the end of this phase of their studies.



Also taking place this morning was the graduation of our kindergartners: Gina Herosian, Katya Maserejian, Viken Meneshian, Christopher Gigian, Sarah Kaprielian, and Adrena Seferian. On this special day, students and the staff prepared a special program which emphasized who we truly are as

Armenians, including Armenian language, the music, and literature. A delicious buffet luncheon organized by the Armenian school staff, PTO, and parents of the graduates followed. Thank you to all who made this day special and memorable especially for the graduates.

REGISTRATION for the upcoming school year will be held on
Saturday, September 15 at 9:00 am, Mirak Hall

For further information please contact St. James office at 617-923-8860 or
Superintendent Ms. Marina Minasian at 978-663-1755.
Additional information can also be obtained at www.sthagop.com/ArmenianSchool.

ACYOA Juniors

St. James was host to 150 ACYOA Juniors from twelve parishes throughout our Diocese for Hye M'rtsoom Weekend over Memorial Day. The festivities began with Opening Ceremonies on Friday Night. Saturday morning began with morning service followed by an insights program presented by Jennifer Morris, Diocese Youth Outreach Coordinator, who spoke about the challenges of being a Christian youth in today's society. Saturday also saw exciting sports competitions in basketball, volleyball and individual sports. After dinner with their host families, the participants returned for an evening of dancing, with our own DJ Ara providing the music.

Participants attended Divine Liturgy at St. James on Sunday morning before the thrilling sports finals. The highlight of the weekend was the Sunday "Hye Society" Awards Ball. The Bob Raphaelian Ensemble had participants dancing through the night and chefs Stan Tagarelis and Paul Abdalian presented a delicious and grand buffet dinner.

The true highlight of the evening was when the St. James ACYOA Juniors received ACYOA Central Council's 2007 ACYOA



Junior Chapter "A" Award. This award is given "to an ACYOA Chapter organization that has done its best to create an atmosphere conducive to Christian love, education, and service."

The memorable weekend ended with Chef Steve Derderian's outstanding breakfast buffet on Monday morning, and an invitation to all participants return to St. James in October for the Youth Gathering with His Holiness Karekin II.

Picnic fun at St. James



Picnic Raffle WINNERS

Leon Kachadorian.....\$1000
Patricia McCoy\$500
Doris Hazerjian\$100
Michael Manion\$100
Edward K. Keljik Jr.....\$100



ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH 60th Annual Bazaar!

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
OCTOBER 12 & 13, 2007**

Delicious Ethnic Armenian Food & Pastries!

\$100 Raffle • \$5,000 Grand Prize!
(Only 375 Tickets Sold)

Silent Auction • \$2 Raffle

*We look forward to seeing you
at this year's Bazaar!*

St. James Cultural and Youth Center
465 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown, MA

Call the church office at 617-923-8860 for details.

WOMEN'S GUILD

THE ST. JAMES WOMEN'S GUILD has had an active spring season. From March through June, we were very busy enjoying delicious meals, being entertained and fundraising.

It all began in March with our traditional Lenten Dinner, prepared by our perennial chefs Margaret Janikian, Shake Gabriel, and Agavni Ozcan.

April was one of our busiest months. Beginning with the Holy Thursday Communion Breakfast, in memory of Helen Yapchaian and donated by Shakeh Gabriel.

Our April activities included the preparation and carry through of our Easter Bake Sale. Dozens of choreg and colored eggs, cream khadayif were prepared and sold to our parishioners. We thank everyone for assisting us especially Anna and Lucy Bedirian. This was the best sale ever! The preparation and distribution of Madagh for Armenian Martyrs Day concluded our April activities.

The Guild continued their assistance to the Church and various organizations in May, Guild members assisted the ACYOA Sports Weekend by preparing and donating 160 sandwiches for our youth.

Of course, we celebrated Mother's Day at our May meeting. A delicious dinner was prepared and donated by Hrip Parsikian and Valentine Garabedian. Our guest entertainers, William Musserian, Janet Khalarian, Mary Bazarian and Stephanie Hagopian emphasized the value of Motherhood. And Alice Seferian had an 80th birthday surprise!



The year ended with a "Bang". The first Derby Race was produced by the Guild. A catered luncheon by Vickie Lee's preceded the festivities. And then we were "Off to the Races" Our jockeys, Swifty Clinton, Annie Oakely Garaedian, Arak Kurkjian, Galloping Mimi Samuelian, Betty Ohanian, and Rookie Avedisian made every effort to win. Thank you to Elaine Patapanian who donated this luncheon in memory of her mother Helen Zona.

We would like to thank our "friends" of the Guild that helped us throughout out the Spring. These friends include Kenneth and Michael Samuelian, Mark Kavonian, Arsen Minasian and Charlie Dagavarian.

Preparations for the Annual Bazaar are underway.

The Guild is an active group, assisting the church, and the church community with love and entertainment. Join us!

Mr. & Mrs. Group

The Mr. & Mrs. Group met in April and May with each month's committee serving delicious dinners, followed by brief business meetings.

On June 15th we had our meeting in conjunction with our Annual Franks and Beans Supper and Raffle. The Raffle was again successful and was chaired by Raffi Yeghiayan.

After the Raffle, elections were held and the same slate was re-elected unanimously.

*New members
are always welcome!*



2007 PONTIFICAL VISIT
to the
Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern) of
HIS HOLINESS KAREKIN II
Supreme Patriarch and
Catholicos of All Armenians

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A PASTORAL JOURNEY: BRINGING FAITH HOME
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New England Visit
October 5 - October 8, 2007

Save the Dates! Events to Include:

Friday, October 5, 2007
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS &
COLLEGE-AGED STUDENTS GATHERING 7:30 p.m.
International Place, Boston, MA

Saturday, October 6, 2007
CHILDREN'S BREAKFAST & SERVICE 9:00 a.m.
YOUTH/TEEN GATHERING 12 noon
St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
465 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown, MA

Saturday Evening, October 6, 2007
WELCOME BANQUET
IN HONOR OF HIS HOLINESS 6 p.m.
Fairmont Copley Ballroom
138 St. James Avenue, Boston, MA

Sunday Morning, October 7, 2007
PONTIFICAL DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.
Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church
145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA

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Fairmont Copley Ballroom
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St. James Three-Mile WALKATHON

to benefit



The Catholicos Karekin II "Build On Faith" Habitat for Humanity Project

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

1 p.m. (Following Divine Liturgy)
Rain or Shine

Last year, our parish surpassed our goal by raising enough money to sponsor more than one house.

2007: Our Challenge
St. James has pledged to
sponsor 3 houses!



Registration Fee \$15 (includes lunch)

Join us as we come together as a parish in a common cause, to walk beside and help our brothers and sisters in Armenia. We encourage all parishioners to participate and walk, and/or to sponsor a walker.

Sponsorship forms are available in the church office and youth office.

For information:
please call Sharon Bazarian at 617-923-0142
or e-mail sbazarian@rcn.com

St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
465 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02472

Summer 2007

St. Vartan Camp * St. Nersess Summer Programs





Graduations

Shant Onnik Broukian, son of Raphael and Astgik Broukian, graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. He was a member of the Psi Chi National Honor Society for Psychology and on the Dean's List. He will continue his studies pursuing a Master of Arts in Medical Sciences at Boston University School of Medicine in the Fall of 2007.

Melissa Diranian, daughter of Richard and Karen Diranian, graduated from Arlington High School. She will attend Babson College in the Fall of 2007.

John Delanjian Hennessey, son of John and Susan Hennessey, graduated from the Thayer Academy in Braintree. John was a member of the Varsity Hockey Team, received the Valicenti Award, and the ISL Council All League Award, and was also a member of the Varsity Baseball Team. He plans to attend St. Anselm College in New Hampshire beginning in the Fall of 2007, where he will study criminal justice.

John William Henry III ("Jake"), son of John W. Henry and Elizabeth Kurkjian-Henry of Winchester and the grandson of the late Anoosh and Rosella Kurkjian, graduated with distinction in his field of study from Connecticut College with a degree in Classics. Jake was a member of the Camels Men's Hockey Team, a tri-captain, and the 2007 recipient of the Anita DeFrantz Award for outstanding senior male athlete at Connecticut College.

Andrea Zeytoonjian, daughter of Henry and Carol (Tashjian) Zeytoonjian and the granddaughter of Lucine Tashjian and the late Souren Tashjian, and the late Edward and Armen Zeytoonjian, graduated from Tufts University with a Bachelor of Science in both Clinical Psychology and Community Health. Andrea was a Dean's List student, member of the Armenian Club, chair of Tufts' chapter of Chi Omega Fraternity, and an active member of the community outreach and service organizations. She also interned at Children's Hospital Boston/Dana Farber Cancer Institute, where she worked to develop a psychosocial support program for siblings of pediatric cancer patients. This summer, she began work as a research associate for a Boston-based pharmaceutical consulting group.

Eight Annual St. James Open Golf Tournament



The 8th annual St. James Open Golf Tournament got under way under ideal weather conditions, on Monday, May 14, 2007 at the beautiful Oakley Country Club in Watertown, Massachusetts.

A maximum field of 148 golfers registered to compete and enjoy a wonderful, full day of golf and camaraderie. Following a continental breakfast, the field teed off at 10:00 a.m. Lunch was provided on the golf course.

Before a delicious dinner was served, Der Arsen Barsamian, Associate Pastor of St. James greeted the overflow attendees and thanked them for their support as well as thanking the golf committee for their continued commitment and hard work before rendering the invocation.

Committee members Vasken Babigian and Dick Janjigian conducted the raffle and Silent Auction respectively.

Tournament Director Harold Partamian took the opportunity to thank all the donors and sponsors who participated in any manner for their continued support prior to presenting and awarding team and individual golfing prizes. He also praised his outstanding committee and the volunteers who helped on tournament day without whom the successful day could not have been achieved.

A special thank to Mardi Balgochian Scalese and Leslie Cristello who volunteered to be the official tournament photographers.

Once again, a heartfelt thanks to all who participated in making this Eight Annual Golf Tournament a social and financial success.

— *Harold R. Partamian,*
Tournament Director

*Men's Club presenting a check,
representing the proceeds of the
Golf Tournament, to St. James
Pastor Fr. Arakel Aljalian.*



Sacraments



Baptisms & Chrismations

You have been Baptised in Christ. Alleluia

JUNE 2007

Alexander Sarkis Riley – June 2, 2007

Son of Thomas W. and Mariam E. (Grigorian) Riley, Jr.
Godparents: Hakop Jack Grigorian and Sandra Castro

Siranush Helen Tolmoyan – June 2, 2007

Daughter of Hagip Tolmoyan and Hranush T. Davtayan
Godparents: Grigor and Haykanush Tngryan

Beckett Asadoor Stratton – June 9, 2007

Son of Frederick P. and Keri L. (Sarajian) Stratton
Godparents: Gregory A. Norman and Kimberly A. Sarajian

Andranik Paul Melkonian – June 10, 2007

Son of Arman and Zardar Melkonian
Godparents: Karapet and Alice Ayanian

JULY 2007

Mae Alexander Tumas – July 14, 2007

Daughter of Erik and Laura Tumas
Godparents: Saro Philip Iskenderian and Susan Kerri Moore

Karina Alison Boyadjian – July 14, 2007

Daughter of Sebouh and Maral Boyadjian
Godparents: Raffi and Sandy Boyadjian

George Alexander Tatarouns – July 15, 2007

Son of Peter Tatarouns and Lauren Keane Tatarouns
Godparents: Christopher Keane, Timothy Keane
and Suzanne Tucker

David Ruben Mikaelyan – July 15, 2007

Son of Myhailo and Diana Mikaelyan
Godparents: Eric and Nana Gazaryan

George Alexander Tatarouns – July 15, 2007

Son of Peter Tatarouns and Lauren Keane Tatarouns
Godparents: Christopher Keane, Timothy Keane
and Suzanne Tucker

Petros Shahbazyan – July 28, 2007

Son of Hovhannes and Seta Shahbazyan
Godparents: Markos and Hripsime Shahbazyan

Gabriel Freitas Cinar – July 29, 2007

Son of Murat and Daniela F. Cinar
Godparents: David Golisano and Patricia Freitas Santos

Julia Jbid Frangul – July 29, 2007

Daughter of Ufuk Frangul and Eva Gondelen
Godparents: Varujan and Hilda Ozcan



Weddings

And the two shall become one

JUNE 2007

Tavit Cinar and Dana Jeanine Wallis

June 3, 2007

Best Man: Michael Lohnes
Maid of Honor: Sevan Lohnes

Jason E. Hill and Lisa Cherkerzian

June 9, 2007

Best Man: Antonio Puleo
Maid of Honor: Sara Cherkerzian

JULY 2007

Hagop Meroujan Kirichian and Melissa Joi Bradshaw

July 7, 2007

Best Man: Hratch Emirkhanian
Maid of Honor: Stephanie Levesane

George Andrew Talatinian and Shelley Marie Barger

July 7, 2007

Best Man: John Talatinian
Maid of Honor: Elizabeth Talatinian

Sarkis Hagop Boyajian and Maro Zakaryan

July 22, 2007

Best Man: Hagop Kouyoumjian
Maid of Honor: Lena Kouyoumjian



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.*

JUNE 2007

Van "Max" Maksabedian – June 6, 2007

Arpeny "Penny" Kolgian – June 12, 2007

Karlen Goukassian – June 20, 2007

Aramais Gukasovich Asaturov – June 28, 2007

JULY 2007

John E. Williams – July 2, 2007

Grace Masoian – July 2, 2007

Varujan Agopyan – July 5, 2007

Beverly Ann (Yacobian) Martini – July 7, 2007

Helen Onanian – July 13, 2007

Sayad Yegiazarian – July 30, 2007



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Ramela Carman
Bragy Kolgian
George and Luanne Malkasian
Edward and Cheryl Panjian
Arthur and Louise Panosian and Family
Arthur, Christi and Marc Papazian
Sara, Denise and Vahey Takvorian
Total \$880

Sonia Mnazakanian April 24, 2007

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Ann Selian April 28, 2007

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Total \$200

Zartar Minassian May 11, 2007

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Ellie and Steve Shaer
Patricia M. Tavitian
Total \$300

Sahag Nahabedian May 22, 2007

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Total \$2,330

Van "Max" Maksabedian June 6, 2007

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Mike, Sona, Talin and Thomas Afarian
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Gar and Talin Masrof
Krikor Masrof
Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Murphy
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Helen Nalchian
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Alice and Anthony Seferian
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Arpeny 'Penny' Kolgian January 8, 2007

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Donna Antonios
Arthur and Rose Arakelian
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Candy Feliz
Beulah Franklin
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Nishan and Mary Goudsouzian
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Edward and Nancy Guleserian and Family
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Lalig Koundakjian
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Anthony and Natalie Massarotti
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Total \$6,910

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January 8, 2007
Dina and Charles Simonian and Family
New Total: \$1,233

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February 5, 2007
Maryann Tutunjan
New Total: \$475

Alice Kevorkian

February 7, 2007
Janette and Robert Nason
New Total: \$2,020

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February 21, 2007
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New Total: \$1,000

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March 6, 2007
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New Total: \$3,090

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NEW!

Book Club



In response to popular demand, and the love of our parishioners for reading, we will be starting a St. James Book Club! We will likely read one book every 1-2 months (depending on length and difficulty of the book). While some books we read will be Christian books, there are Christian and moral teachings and lessons to be found in most any book or story. This will provide us an opportunity to come together in fellowship, discuss a literary work, and have a fruitful and interesting discussion.

Please provide information to Yn. Natasha at aljalian@comcast.net (Subject line: Book Club) as to your reading preferences, and what types of books you'd like to read:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Novels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> War and Peace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Short Stories | |

What types of books do you usually read?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Books or Spirituality | <input type="checkbox"/> Classic Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Help | <input type="checkbox"/> "Chick Lit" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance Novels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New York Times Bestsellers | <input type="checkbox"/> "Summer Reading" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pulitzer Prize Winners | <input type="checkbox"/> History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographies/Autobiographies | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries | |

Do you require any special considerations?

- ☐ Audio Books
- ☐ Large Print
- ☐ Other _____

How many books do you read per month?

- ☐ 0-1
- ☐ 1-5
- ☐ 5 or more

How many books would you like to read a year?

- ☐ 4 (Book Club would meet once every 3 months)
- ☐ 6 (Book Club would meet once every 2 months)
- ☐ 12 (Book Club would meet monthly)

BIBLE STUDY

The Seven Sacraments of the Armenian Church

The seven sacraments in the Armenian Church are called the "holy mysteries." The Armenian word for sacrament is *khoroort* or "mystery." This implies that the sacraments are received mysteriously. The seven formal sacraments of the Armenian Church correspond to the different states and situations of a person's life. Each Bible Study will take a closer look at each of the sacraments, examining and reflecting on their sources in Christ and the Holy Scriptures.

This Bible Study is open to all parishioners and faithful and is held on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (see detailed schedule below) in the Parish Council Room. The Bible Study will include reflection on Holy Scripture, application to life today, and an opportunity for discussion.

Baptism – Monday, September 17, 2007

Christmation – Monday, September 24, 2007

Holy Communion – Monday, October 1, 2007

Marriage – Monday, October 15, 2007

Penance – Monday, October 22, 2007

Holy Unction – Monday, October 29, 2007

Holy Orders – Monday, November 5, 2007

Calendar of Events

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

September

Friday, September 14

7:00 p.m. — (6:30 p.m. Social Hour) Mr. & Mrs. Group Dinner meeting

Saturday, September 15

9:00 a.m. — Registration and First Day of Classes of
St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School

Sunday, September 16

Sunday School Homecoming

9:30 a.m. — Registration and First Day of Classes of Sunday School

Monday, September 17

6:30 p.m. — Women's Guild

Welcome Back Dinner and Meeting

Sunday, September 30

2nd Habitat for Humanity Armenia Walkathon

October

Monday, October 1

7:15 p.m. — (6:30 p.m. Social Hour) Men's Club Dinner Meeting

October 5-8

Pontifical Visit of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch
and Catholicos of All Armenians, to Boston.

Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13

St. James Annual Church Bazaar

Monday, October 15

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

Friday, October 19

7:00 p.m. — (6:30 p.m. Social Hour) Mr. & Mrs. Group Dinner meeting

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Congratulations to Parish Council Member Richard Cherkerzian, who has been given an outstanding career opportunity, and will be relocating to London and continuing his work with Bank of America. Richard has served this parish as a Parish Council member with dedication, commitment and enthusiasm. He will be missed at St. James and we wish him well in this new, exciting endeavor!

Replacing Richard Cherkerzian on the Parish Council will be Gail Boroyan, who was elected an alternate to the Parish Council at the last Parish Assembly.

Parish Administrative Directory

WORSHIP HOURS

Sunday Morning Service	8:00 a.m.
Sunday Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	10:00 a.m.
Saturday Vespers Service	5:00 p.m.

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Կիրակի Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն	Ժամը 8:00-ին
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Չորեքշաբթի Աղօթաժողով	Ժամը 10:00-ին
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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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