

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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LOOYS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2008

Vacation Bible School

Christmas in July!

During the week of July 21-25, 2008, children and youth enthusiastically gathered once again at St. James for the 2008 Vacation Bible School, the fifth consecutive year St. James has been holding its summer VBS. This year's theme was "Christmas in July." Lessons focused on remembering the importance of Christ's birth and the peace and love He brought to the world not only at Christmas, but throughout the entire year. Children and youth engaged daily in prayer, large and small group discussions, Bible lessons, arts and crafts, games, sports, music, and other activities. The enthusiasm of the participants once again helped make this year's Vacation Bible School a wonderful success.

Special thanks to Yn. Natasha Aljalian, Marina Minasian, Jennifer Tagarelis, Zarouhi Suggs and Christa Bazarian, directors and teachers for the 2008 VBS. Special thanks also to the staff and staff assistants: Kevin Eskici, Ava Gurekian, Cynthia Hovsepian, Sandra Hovsepian, Deanna Minasian, Rebecca Minasian, Ani Moushigian, and Serena Seferian, for their invaluable assistance with this year's VBS program.

Mark your calendars! St. James 2009 Summer Vacation Bible School will be held from July 20-24, 2009!



St. James' Second Pilgrimage to Armenia



Over 30 participants took part in St. James' Second Pilgrimage to Armenia this summer. The participants enjoyed one another's company and fellowship as they experienced our motherland – Hayastan. The group was honored to visit Holy Etchmiadzin and have an audience with His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, who to the delight of the participants, spent a great deal of time with the group. The group also visited the Tsitsernakaberd Memorial and Museum, Sardarabad, Sts. Hripsime and Gayane, Oshagan, Keghard, Tsaghkadzor, Noravank Monastery, Garni and Keghart.

The participants also witnessed the good works of faithful from America when visiting the AGBU Hye Ortyatz Doon, the FAR Children's Center, the Armenia Tree Project (sponsored by St. James' Mirak Family), the FAR Music School, and the FAR Soup Kitchen (sponsored by St. James' Atinizian Family). Participants also enjoyed traditional Armenian experiences – dancing, music, shopping at the Vernisage outdoor market, and watching the making of lavash. This second pilgrimage was an outstanding success, and the participants returned home renewed in faith and spirit.

"This is a wonderful trip that every parishioner at St. James must experience!"



Would you like to opt out of receiving paper copies of the Looys?

The color version of the *Looys* is available on the church website as soon as it is ready for mailing. An email is sent out informing parishioners when the new *Looys* is available for viewing.

In consideration of the environment and the church's resources, those who wish to receive only an electronic copy of the *Looys* are asked to email aljalian@comcast.net, subject: *Looys Opt Out*. Thank you.

My Experiences in Armenia

by Ani Moushigian

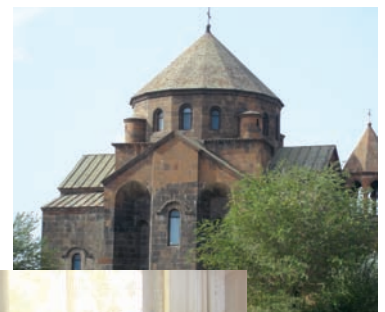
It is 9:00 AM on Thursday July 10th. I wake up and realize today is the day I begin my first adventure to my motherland, Armenia. I quickly get up and get ready, to anxiously wait to leave for the airport. After all my packing, loading the car, and pacing back and forth, it is finally time to head for the airport. We then patiently wait in line at the international terminal and one by one see familiar St James faces. My heart gets more excited with each passing minute, until its time to say goodbye and make our way to Armenia.

Finally – after waiting months and counting hours and minutes – we land at the Zvartnotz International airport in Armenia. Excited, we all get off the airplane, taking pictures, laughing, all of us with the same thought, “I can’t believe I’m here!” I remember how as soon as I got outside the airport, on true Armenian soil, I was so excited I took off my shoes and said “I’m finally on Armenian ground!”

After that it seemed like the rest of our visit flew by. We went to countless historical churches and memorials including: Etchmiadzin, St. Hripsime and St. Gayane, Oshagan, Keghart, the Mesrob Mashtots memorial and church, as well as a church called Noravank, but that was only the beginning. We felt the faith and spirit of St. Gregory in Khor Virab, as well as feeling the ice cold water of Lake Sevan on our skin. We felt our strong Armenian heritage when seeing Mt. Ararat in the clear blue sky. We felt proud when we attended the opening ceremony at Vanadzor city of the Armenia Tree Project, generously sponsored by St. James’s own Bob Mirak and his family. We felt our ancestors and felt their pride in being Armenian at Tsitsernakaberd. We felt joy as we were welcomed by and sat to talk with His Holiness in the Veharan at Holy Etchmiadzin. We felt both sadness and happiness at the same time by visiting the FAR Children’s Center and, in Gyumri, the FAR music school and soup kitchen.

Visiting Armenia, especially for the first time, changed my way of thinking. It showed me not only how strong our faith and culture is but it made me appreciate who I am, what I have, and most importantly, the loved ones that surround me in everyday life. The same people who give me the unconditional love that our ancestors have passed down to us. Everything seems to come together in Armenia. As I left the country I felt like there was more sense to the world.

The sound of the word “impossible” now makes me laugh, because many would say surviving in a dark pit for thirteen years, creating an alphabet from a dream, or carving an entire church from solid mountain rock is also impossible. My only response would be: “You should visit Armenia.”



2008 Annual Pledge/ Stewardship to St. James

❖ Where does the Church's money come from?
How does the Church cover its expenses?

St. James needs its parishioners to financially support the programs, schools and offerings of the church.

St. James total 2008 Operating Budget is **\$868,832**.

Our parishioners' Pledge/Stewardship donations last year totaled **\$55,407**, covering **only 6%** of our operating budget. Over **2400** families consider themselves parishioners of St. James; **only 141** of these families were stewards in 2007.

The operating budgets of many Catholic, Episcopalian and other non-Armenian Churches are covered solely by the pledges and donations of their parishioners. One example is Trinity Church Boston in Copley Square, whose Pledge/Stewardship donations covered **100%** of the operating costs of their ministries and programs, clergy and staff, and expenses. Trinity encourages parishioners to start by gifting 2% of their annual income to the church and to work toward increasing that pledge each year.

The remaining 94% of our operating budget is covered by other donations and income, much of which is variable and unpredictable from year to year, including:

- ❖ In Lieu of Flowers donations last year totaled \$96,349, or 11% of our operating budget.
- ❖ Requiem Service and Prayer Request donations last year totaled \$46,759, or 5% of our operating budget.
- ❖ Facilities Rentals totaled \$62,065, or 7% of our operating budget.
- ❖ Bingo totaled \$53,500, or 6% of our operating budget.
- ❖ Functions totaled \$94,519, or 11% of our operating budget.

While St. James' membership dues last year totaled \$74,875, almost \$70,000 of these moneys was paid in Diocesan dues in support of the programs and mission of the Diocese.

We ask our parishioners to give thoughtful consideration to their pledge and their support of St. James Armenian Church.

To those who have sent in their 2008 Pledge/ Stewardship Donation, we thank you! If you have not yet sent in your 2008 Pledge/ Stewardship Donation, we ask that you please do so! We encourage all of our parishioners to support our church!



2008 Armenians of the Year

St. James parishioner Nishan Atinizian, and his brother Kevork, were named by the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America as the "2008 Armenians of the Year." Nishan and Kevork received this honor at the 106th Diocesan Assembly Banquet on May 3, 2008.

Nishan Atinizian has been an active member both of St. James and of the Eastern Diocese. He has supported initiatives at the Diocese, the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, the Armenian Patriarchates at Jerusalem and Istanbul. Nishan and Margrit Atinizian are also supporters of the Fund for Armenian Relief, and they recently sponsored a soup kitchen for elderly in Gumri, which was dedicated last year. Nishan is the recipient of additional honors, including the St. Gregory the Illuminator Medal and Pontifical Encyclical, and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Our St. James parish extends sincere congratulations to Nishan Atinizian and Kevork Atinizian on being named the 2008 Armenians of the Year.



Fr. Arakel applying gold paint in the church sanctuary.

Sunday School

Schedule for Opening Day Sunday, September 14, 2008

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| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School New Registration
<i>Lobby Cultural Center</i> |
| 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School Worship Service
and Assembly
<i>Keljik Hall – All Students/Parents</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. | Students – To Classes |
| 11:15 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades K-3 Students dismissed to parents • Grades 4-11 Students to church w/class |
| 12:30 p.m. | Homecoming Breakfast
<i>Keljik Hall</i> |

St. James Armenian Apostolic Church Sunday School



Homecoming Sunday Sunday, September 14, 2008

Immediately following Divine Liturgy in Keljik Hall

The St. James Armenian Church offers a program of Religious Education for our children and youth in our Cultural and Youth Center on Sunday mornings. Registration and classes begin on Sunday, September 14, at 9:30 a.m.

There is no charge to families for this program, which is staffed by volunteers from our parish. All grades use the curriculum provided by the Diocese of the Armenia Church. Students are welcome from Kindergarten (5 years old) through the 11th grade, which is the Sunday School graduation year.

Please feel to contact the church office 617-923-8860 or call Mrs. Marsha Alabachian 781-848-4726 with any questions.

Sunday School Eighth Grade Was Outward Bound!

The students of Yn. Natasha's 8th Grade class once again, for a third consecutive year, took a full-day field trip to Thompson Island to participate in the Outward Bound program. The goals of the day are Scripture based: challenging one's self ("I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.") and working as a team ("In all things, uplift one another."). The students had a wonderful time, challenged themselves and one another, and supported and encouraged one another, building wonderful friendships and memories.



St. James Hye Tea

November 1, 2008

☞ Hostesses for tables are welcome.

☞ Please contact
Mary Goudsouzian
781-729-4645
or Carol Yeghiayan
781-862-4361
if you are interested.

St. James Three-Mile WALKATHON

to benefit



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

Following Divine Liturgy



2008 Sunday School Graduation

On Sunday, June 1, 2008, 12 young adults came together and attended church services for the last time as a Sunday school class to graduate from the St. James Armenian Church Sunday School. This year's graduates were: David Boroyan, Adrine Daldalian, Aaron Derderian, Matthew Hennessey, Christine Hovsepian, Mary Kavjian, Shane Madden, Andrew Malian, John Musserian, Patrick O'Sullivan, Alicia Raphalian and Anna Vedernikova.

The graduates took part in the Holy Badarak by reading the Bible 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 each graduate. After which the graduates came forward to reaffirm their Baptismal vows.



In his sermon, Fr. Arakel lovingly spoke to the graduates, not only wishing them well, but reminding them to make good choices, and to remember that their St. James family is always here for them.

Prior to a reception honoring the graduates, very moving and sincere addresses to their peers and the parishioners were given by Christine Hovsepian (Salutatorian) and Patrick O'Sullivan (Valedictorian).

A reception honoring our graduates was held in Keljik Hall, where the entire parish was invited to share in fellowship.

Fifth Grade Acolyte Recognition

Becoming a fifth grader in the St. James Sunday School brings excitement to our students. Having received their Bibles just months before, it is the year when our students actively begin participating in the Divine Liturgy. These students have the distinct privilege of reading the English Bible Reading during Requiem Services each Sunday. The students also have the privilege of becoming acolytes. In fact, our Acolyte training has become a major component of the Sunday School's 5th grade curriculum.



With leadership and guidance of Mr. Robert Jingoian and Mr. Mark Kavonian, the students learned the basic floor plan, vocabulary (both English and Armenian), the articles used in the sanctuary and on the altar, the ranks of the clergy, as well as the duties of an acolyte.

The enthusiasm that this program has brought is seen each Sunday when these young boys and girls serve on the altar with dignity, grace and reverence. This program embraces our children, acknowledges their presence, and confirms that they are important members of our church family.

On Sunday, June 8th, 2008 Fr. Arakel awarded Certificates of Recognition and Acolyte pins to this year's Acolytes: Adam Assarian, Taylor Assarian, Alyssa Bogosian, David Bolyan, Amanda Dodd, Liam Foley, John Jingoian, Emma Kaloostian, Alexander Medzorian, Nicolas Minasian, and Nicholas Ohannesian.

Last Day of Sunday School & Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday was held on June 8th, 2008. Students in Kindergarten through the 10th grades assembled in Keljik Hall for worship service and the year end promotion ceremony. Following the assembly, all students and families attended Divine Liturgy.

As has become tradition on the last day of Sunday School, the children asked Fr. Arakel questions. Needless to say, the questions ranged from thoughtful to humorous. With that, Sunday school and church services gave way to a fun filled St. James Festival and the start of summer vacations!

ACYOA Juniors

Message from ACYOA Jrs. Chair

The ACYOA Juniors are very excited for the year to come, with many ideas and plans in place. We have a large group of kids in our organization, and would always like to welcome more!

Being in ACYOA has changed my life. It connects you with your faith, you can serve your church, and you gain friendships that will last a lifetime. I think that every youth member of the church should be involved in the group because of the rewarding experience everyone who participates feels. If you have any questions feel free to contact me or our Youth Coordinator Jennifer Tagarelis by calling 617-923-8860 x.19.

— Aaron M. Derderian
Chairman, ACOYA Juniors

Summer 2008



Participants in Session A of St. Vartan Camp with Fr. Arakel and Yn. Natasha.

38 young adults and children from St. James attended St. Vartan Camp this year, and another 10 attended the St. Nersess Summer Conferences.

This summer I experienced my first St. Nersess Summer Conference. St. Nersess is a one of a kind place. It is a place of faith, fun, fellowship and learning. The days are easy-going starting with morning chapel service and breakfast, followed by a lecture. After lunch, participants help clean-up the seminary, which is followed by an afternoon of free time. Bible Study is followed by dinner, by the singing Armenian folk songs and then an evening discussion on various topics relevant to youth. The day ends with chapel service and then lights out. Throughout the week, we took two day trips: one was to the Jersey Shore for an afternoon at the beach after attending Divine Liturgy in Elberon, NJ, and the other was a visit to the Armenian Nursing home in Emerson, NJ. Whether it is discussing a topic in Bible Study, playing tavloo with some friends, or just sitting outside taking it all in, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary is a place that every young adult should visit over their summer. The experiences that you gain from the Summer Conferences are unique and unforgettable and should not be missed.

— Aaron Derderian

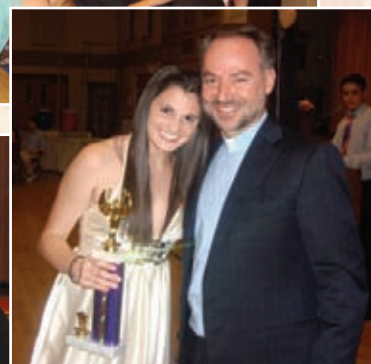
Once again, I spent my fifth year in a row at St. Vartan Camp in upstate New York this summer for two weeks. I returned as a second year CIT (counselor in training) and it just made my summer that much better. I had to watch over the 8-10 year old girls and they were great. From scavenger hunts all the way to talent shows the kids had a great time participating in everything. I hope to return next summer for my sixth year as a counselor.

— Christine Hovsepan



ACYOA Juniors

2008 Hye M'rtsoom



Our St. James parish and the ACYOA Juniors extend their sincere appreciation to Brenda Khederian, who retired in June after 10 years of service as the Youth Director of our parish. We thank Brenda for her love for St. James and the youth of our parish.

2008-2009 ACYOA Jrs. Executive Board

- Chair* – Aaron Derderian
- Vice Chair* – Christine Hovsepan
- Treasurer* – Ani Moushigian
- Recording Secretary* – Alina Bazarian
- Corresponding Secretary* – Lindsey Diranian

St. James Book Club

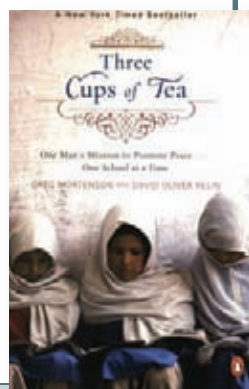
St. James completed the first year of the St. James Book Club. The Book Club reads books of all genres. Selections this year have included: *The Secret Life of Bees*, *eat pray love*, *Interpreter of Maladies*, and *My Sister's Keeper*. Book Club participants include women and men of all ages and of varied backgrounds, experiences, and interests, providing for lively, thoughtful, and meaningful discussions.

The Book Club meets approximately once every two months. The first gathering of the fall is September 4, 2008. The selection is: *Three Cups of Tea*. For more information, please call the St. James Church Office at (617) 923-8860 or email aljalian@comcast.net.

St. James Book Club

Thursday, September 4, 2008 ~ 7:30 pm

St. James Armene and Veronica Tarvezian Hall



Our next Book Club selection is

Three Cups of Tea

by Greg Mortenson
and David Oliver Relin

All are welcome!
Light refreshments
will be served.

ACYOA Juniors

Interim Youth Transition Team

St. James has been actively working to plan an interesting and exciting calendar of events for the ACYOA Juniors. The church has also been working to attract new members to its ACYOA Juniors, and to plan programming for the "tweens" (10 – 12-year-olds) of the church.

While St. James continues its search for a full-time Youth Minister, which was identified as a need and a goal during the 75th Anniversary Needs Assessment, an interim team – formed by and with the approval of the Pastor and Parish Council – has been working to plan social and faith programming for the youth of the church. The calendar for September 2008 to January 2009 is in place.

The interim team, working to plan programming for the upcoming year, is headed by our Pastor Fr. Arakel. Working with him are Yn. Natasha Aljalian and Parish Council Members Sandy Raphaelian and Ben Saraydarian.

The church has also hired Jennifer Tagarelis, a life-long St. James parishioner who has grown through the ranks of the ACYOA Juniors and is now an ACYOA Senior, as a part-time Youth Coordinator to assist and support the interim team and work with the youth during this transition period, while the church continues its search for a full-time Youth Minister. Jennifer is currently a special education kindergarten teacher in the Waltham Public Schools System. She has served as the ACYOA Juniors chair, chair of the ACYOA Juniors Hye M'tsoom committee, the ACYOA Seniors chair, and chair of the 2006 Archbishop's Tournament committee. Jennifer has also been very involved on a Diocesan level, attending Leadership Conferences and General Assemblies for several years, and has been newly-elected to the ACYOA Central Council. We thank Jennifer for accepting this position and assisting the church during this transition time.

Youth Calendar

Sunday, October 19, 2008

First Gathering of Young Adult Book Club
(10-14 year olds)

Friday, November 7, 2008

10 – 12-Year-Old Movie Night

Calendar of Events 2008

September

Friday	September 12	Serve at Hye Café
Sunday	September 14	Homecoming Sunday/Breakfast ACYOA Juniors Executive Meeting
Wednesday	September 17	Welcome Back and New Member Barbeque ACYOA Juniors General Meeting Parents' Meeting
Sunday	September 21	Scavenger Hunt in Boston
Wednesday	September 24	Boys' Basketball Practice & Girls' Basketball Practice
Thursday	September 25	Volleyball Practice
Saturday	September 27	Trip to Canobie Lake
Sunday	September 28	Participate in St. James Habitat for Humanity Armenia Walk-a-Thon ACYOA Jrs. Executive Meeting

October

Wednesday	October 1	Boys' Basketball Practice
Thursday	October 2	Girls' Basketball Practice
Sunday	October 5	Volleyball Scrimmage (against ACYOA Srs) & Volleyball Practice
Wednesday	October 8	Boys' Basketball Practice & Girls' Basketball Practice
Thursday	October 9	Volleyball Practice
Fri.–Mon.	October 10-13	ACYOA Juniors' Weekend (hosted by Providence)
Wednesday	October 15	ACYOA Bazaar Decorating and Pizza (after-school)
Fri. & Sat.	October 17 & 18	Serve at St. James Bazaar (Game Room and Clean up Cultural Center)
Sunday	October 19	ACYOA Juniors Executive Meeting
Fri. & Sat.	October 24-25	St. James Lock In Retreat & Hay Ride/Apple Picking (Jennifer Morris from Diocese has been asked to lead retreat)

November

Sunday	November 2	ACYOA Juniors General Meeting
Saturday	November 8	St. James ACYOA Jrs. Event (TBD)
Friday	November 14	Serve at Hye Café
Sunday	November 16	Regional Basketball Tournament ACYOA Juniors Executive Meeting
Sunday	November 23	Serve at Family Day Dinner
Friday	November 28	Community service project
Sunday	November 30	Christmas Decorating & Lunch (following Divine Liturgy)

December

Wednesday	December 3	Glow in the Dark mini-golf
Saturday	December 6	Serve at Santa Brunch Attend Providence Christmas (Aravod) Dance
Sunday	December 7	ACYOA Juniors General Meeting
Friday	December 19	Christmas Dinner Party (Fire and Ice, Cambridge)
Sunday	December 21	Christmas Caroling and Pizza
Sunday	December 28	ACYOA Juniors Executive Meeting

2009

Friday	January 9	Serve at Hye Café
Saturday	January 10	Ice Skating in Boston (w/ other New England area churches)
(Date TBD)	Mid-January	Visit to Armenian Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center
Saturday	January 24	Snowtubing

ACYOA Seniors

The ACYOA Seniors are back in full force at Saint James and are looking to grow and flourish! Since the spring, the group has already started to show signs of life and has been extremely active!

The ACYOA Seniors would like to once more thank Brenda Khederian, who retired in June, for all the time and love she has given the ACYOA and St. James. We all appreciate her help and she will always be special to the ACYOA Seniors members.



Elections and a look ahead...

Elections were held at the ACYOA's annual "Parking Lot Cookout" in June. The newly-elected Executive Board is: Mark Giragosian, Chairman; Sarven Ipek, Vice Chairman; Shant Broukian, Treasurer; Alexa Diranian, Recording Secretary; and Marc Khederian, Corresponding Secretary. The newly-elected executive committee has met over the summer and is enthusiastic about the year ahead for the ACYOA Seniors. Many great events are already in planning for the fall and winter months. We invite anyone interested to join our organization.

The first
**General Membership
Meeting of 2008-2009**

will be on

September 18th at 7:30 pm

We will be discussing more about events in the fall and would like to urge all to attend! We look forward to seeing lots of new and old faces!

For more information

e-mail Mark at Mark.Giragosian@gmail.com
or Sarven at Sarven.Ipek@gmail.com

Participation in Diocesan Summer Programs

Over the course of the summer, we are proud that members of the ACYOA Seniors have been active in several Diocesan programs. Paul Kurkjian spent over 6 weeks serving as staff at St. Vartan Camp, and Mark Giragosian participated in the ACYOA's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in June, and others participated as staff and participants at St. Nersess Conferences. We are very proud to have our members active both in the life of St. James and the Diocese.



ACYOA's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

St. Vartan Camp



2008 General Assembly & Sports Weekend



Over Memorial Day Weekend, over 20 ACYOA Seniors from St. James went to Washington DC to participate in the ACYOA General Assembly & National Sports Weekend. We are proud that St. James was represented well not only on the athletic courts but also at the General Assembly. Brian Ansbikian, Mark Giragosian, Sarven Ipek and Jennifer Tagarelis, together with Der Arakel, represented St. James at the annual meetings. During the meetings, the ACYOA conducted their annual business and discussed relevant issues concerning the youth of the diocese & the Armenian Church. St. James was well received at this year's Assembly and was chosen to host the 2010 General Assembly and Sports weekend! Also, St. James's Jennifer Tagarelis was elected to the ACYOA Central Council for a 2 year term. All in all a very successful General Assembly for St. James! Watertown was also greatly represented on the athletic courts as well!

After 2 grueling days of competition Watertown finished strong, placing 2nd in Co-Ed Volleyball & 3rd in Men's Basketball. The evenings were filled with dancing and fellowship and a great time was had by all!

ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN SCHOOL

SPRING NEWS

The Armenian School at St. James Armenian Church had another successful academic year, concluding on May 18th, 2008 with a wonderful graduation program. This year the school had five graduates – Armen Andonian, Suzanne MacMillan, Rebecca Minasian, Arvan Sahakian and Vinny Moushigian – who graduated with honors under the guidance of teacher Mayda Yetimian. The kindergarten class was also successful this year, producing 4 graduates – Alex Ayanian, Gevork Karapetyan, Nicholas Saraf and Isabelle Suggs, under the guidance of Mrs. Anna Kupelian. Graduation Sunday began with a special performance by the students filled with Armenian songs, taught by Yelena Hakobyan (music instructor), followed by a dance performance by Elise Madenjian, Alexanadra Minasian, Olivia Saraf and Serena Seferian under the guidance of Mary Demirdjian. This was followed by poetry recitals led by Rita Meneshian and Svetlanna Vehapetian. The academic year came to end with a special movie and pizza party for all of the students and an appreciation luncheon honoring all the teachers.

Current alumni were filled with mixed emotions about leaving the school behind. The school is working on a special program to encourage all alumni to be actively involved in the school. Special thanks to alumni Satenik Karapetyan and Ani Keshishian who worked at the school, and will be moving on to pursue their college educations. Special thanks to parents for organizing and hosting the beautiful receptions that follow our programs.

Our school has an innovative curriculum which incorporates today's technology in the classroom. If you are interested in enrolling your child in Armenian school please call me at (978) 663-1755 or email me at amindra@wmconnect.com.

– Marina Minasian, Superintendent

GRADUATION ~ 2008



MESROB MASHDOTZ INSTITUTE

CELEBRATING OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

We will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Mesrob Mashdotz Institute! Since 1982, hundreds of students have taken classes and learned the Armenian language. In order to contact all our alumni, all those who were students in the year 2000 and before are asked to please send Annie Chekijian their name and current address, email and phone number as soon as possible (via e-mail at anniechekijian@msn.com or by calling 617-489-5984). We thank you in advance!

MESROB MASHDOTZ INSTITUTE

The Fall 2008 semester at Mesrob Mashdotz Institute
will start on

Monday, September 15, 2008

and will run for twelve weeks. The last class of the semester will be on
Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

It's never too late to learn!

If you are interested in learning the Armenian language and improving
your Armenian, or have any questions regarding the classes,
please call Annie Chekijian at (617) 489-5984.

Annie Chekijian
Administrator, Mesrob Mashdotz Institute

St. James Armenian Church Annual Bazaar

Join
Us!

Friday & Saturday ♦ October 17-18, 2008

10 am – 9 pm

St. James Youth & Cultural Center ♦ 465 Mt. Auburn Street ♦ Watertown MA

Lunch and Dinner Served

11 am – 9 pm Friday

11 am – 7:30 pm Saturday

Delicious Armenian food including shish, chicken & losh kebab and kheyima

Armenian pastries, manti, tourshi, and yalanchi!

Attic Treasures!

Country Store!

Silent Auction!

Raffles! \$2 Raffles and \$100 Raffle with
\$5,000 Grand Prize (only 350 tickets sold)

Vendor Booths!

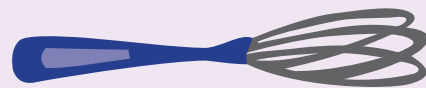
Children's Games and Activities!

And More!

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



WOMEN'S GUILD



RECIPES FROM AN ARMENIAN TABLE



COOKING
DEMONSTRATION CLASSES



Satellite Program

St. James held its first Satellite Program, a program identified as a goal of the 75th Anniversary Strategic Plan, where small groups of St. James parishioners gather in the homes of parishioners to spend time in fellowship with one another. Sincere thanks to Herman and Laura Purutyan, who graciously hosted the first Satellite Program for Concord-area parishioners. Additional Satellite gathering are planned for the Fall of 2008.



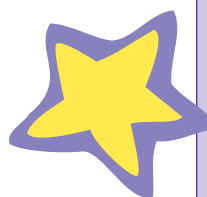
St. James Annual Picnic Armenian Festival

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Chairman Ben Saraydarian
and to the many volunteers who helped make this year's
Armenian Festival such a success!



Sunday
June 8
2008



SPECIAL THANKS

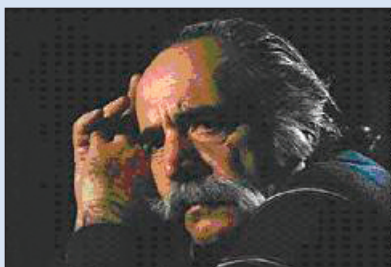
also to the following donors
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St. James New Vision
and the Cultural Committee proudly present,
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WILLIAM SAROYAN THE MAN THE WRITER



An outstanding documentary film on the life and works of the internationally-renowned Armenian-American Writer, Playwright, and Humanitarian

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008 • 7:30 P.M.

St. James Armenian Apostolic Church, Keljik Hall
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\$25 per person

Armenian Mezze & Cocktail Reception to follow

For reservations call the church office at 617-923-8860
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New Vision

Throughout the summer New Vision has been busy working on many projects. In June New Vision began preparing and organizing the Silent Auction, as it does every year for the St. James Annual Bazaar. New Vision has been obtaining interesting art and items from Armenia and our local area for the auction.

New Vision is also making final plans for the October 3, 2008 showing of the documentary *William Saroyan, The Man The Writer*, to be followed by a reception with the filmmakers. New Vision's own Dr. Suzie Kalinian produced the film while her father Paul Kalinian wrote and directed the film. Mr. Kalinian has also photographed Saroyan for the famous US/USSR stamp and has donated such photographs for previous Silent Auctions. The documentary is narrated by Mike Connors and is an outstanding documentary film on the life and works of internationally renowned Armenian-American writer, playwright and humanitarian.

Hye Café will return on Friday September 12th. We look forward to seeing everyone back from summer vacations at that time!

HYE CAFÉ

2008 HYE CAFES!

Save the Dates:

- September 12, 2008
- November 14, 2008

Mr. & Mrs. Group

The Mr. & Mrs. Group met on April 11th and enjoyed a delicious losh kebab dinner. A tasty chicken dinner was enjoyed on May 9th. We concluded a successful 2007-2008 year with our traditional Steak Dinner and Election Meeting on June 13th. Elected were Ed Mesrobian and Paul Khederian, Co-Chairmen; Vartkes Karian, Vice-Chairman; Arthur Aznavorian, Treasurer; Peggy Nighosian, Recording Secretary; and Sonny Boghosian, Corresponding Secretary.

We are looking forward to the 2008-2009 year, which will be our 41st year! All are welcome. Our first meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2008 in Mirak Hall.

SAVE THE DATE!



Breakfast with Santa!

Saturday, December 6, 2008

Santa Claus will be visiting St. James! The morning will include professional photographs with Santa, a delicious breakfast, story telling, Christmas carols, and gifts for the children! Rather than braving the lines at the mall, join us to welcome Santa to St. James! Additional details will follow – ***mark your calendars and save the date!***



St. James 2008 Scholarship Awards

Scholarship awards were once again presented on Father's Day following the Divine Liturgy. This year, St. James awarded \$20,518.54 in scholarships to deserving recipients.

Alexander Marcus Abdalian	Jocko Ananian Memorial & Phyllis Ananian Scholarship
Brian David Ansbikian	Veronica Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship – GKT
Tiana Nicole Babigian	Daniel Percy Hindlian Memorial Scholarship
Vartan Thomas Babikyan	Edward & Elaine Patapanian Scholarship
Edrina Gail Boroyan	Michael & Ovsanna Hovannesian Memorial Scholarship
Christa Marie Bazarian	Virginia Bedrosian Memorial Scholarship
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Amanda Ann Kavjian	Jocko Ananian Memorial & Phyllis Ananian Scholarship
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Christina Rose Kenney	Edward & Joyce Berberian Memorial Scholarship
Lauren Marie Metjian	Gladys & Anna Najarian Medzorian Scholarship
Angelraven Anooshelee Tevan	Alice Kaprielian Memorial & Ann O. Kaprielian Scholarship
Kevork Garabed Tenkerian	Martin Martinian Memorial Scholarship
Hasmik Sargsyan	Terjenian & Thomas Families Memorial Scholarship

We extend our sincere gratitude, once again, to all those parishioners who have established scholarship funds to support and encourage the youth of our church in their academic studies and endeavors. May God bless each of you for your generosity and kindness.

2008 Graduates

Alex Abdalian, son of Paul and Susan Abdalian, graduated from Needham High School. Alex will be attending Syracuse University in the fall.

Darren Ansbikian, son of David and Nancy Ansbikian, graduated from Stoneham High School. He will be attending Norwich University in the Corps of Cadets program, majoring in Criminal Justice, in the fall.

Tiana Babigian, daughter of Peter and Gloria Babigian, and granddaughter of Gary and Joan Babigian, graduated from Waltham High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society. Tiana will attend Stonehill College and continue her studies in Business in the fall.

Christa Bazarian, daughter of Ishkan and Anahid Bazarian, graduated from Watertown High School. Christa will continue her studies at Suffolk University in the fall.

Julie Veronica Cristello, daughter of James and Leslie Cristello, graduated from Watertown High School. Julie will continue her studies at St. Anselm College majoring in psychology/premed.

Jbid Ipek, son of Manus and the late Nubar Ipek, graduated from the Massachusetts School of Pharmacy. Jbid will start employment with Lahey Clinic in the fall.

Sarven Ipek, son of Manus and the late Nubar Ipek, graduated from Northeastern University with a Master of Science with a concentration in Communication Systems and Signal Processing. Sarven aims for employment in a design-related position.

Michael Kashgegian, son of Glen and Diane Kashgegian, and grandson of Margaret and the late Van Maksabedian and Helen and the late Edward Kashgegian, graduated from the University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth on the Dean's List with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a Minor and Crime and Justice Studies. Michael will continue his studies at the Massachusetts School of Law in the fall.

Lauren Metjian, daughter of Charlie and Janice (Kasparian) Metjian graduated from Watertown High School, where she was an active member on the Yearbook Committee and the School Newspaper. Lauren will be attending Lasell College, majoring in Fashion Retail and Merchandising, in the fall.

St. James Golf Tournament

Ninth Annual St. James Open Golf Tournament

The St. James Open Golf Tournament got underway by enduring nearly freezing conditions and highly gusty winds on Monday, May 12, 2008 at the beautiful Oakley Country Club in Watertown, MA. A maximum field of 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 Arakel Aljalian, Pastor of St. James, greeted the overflow attendees and thanked them for their support as well as thanking tournament director, Harold Partamian, and the golf committee for their continued commitment and hard work before rendering the invocation.

Committee members, K. 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.

Once again, a heartfelt thanks to all who participated in making this ninth annual golf tournament a social and financial success.

Harold R. Partamian
Tournament Director



THANK YOU!

St. James extends its gratitude to **Harold Partamian** for chairing the Golf Tournament for the 9th straight year. Special thanks also to the Golf Tournament Committee for their hard work and for once again making the tournament such a success!



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Special Thanks to...

- ❧ To Edward and Nancy Guleserian for a donation of \$50,000 and to Mary Bergoudian for a donation of \$50,000 to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF), with annual interest to benefit the St. James Capital Campaign for the first five years, and thereafter to benefit the St. James General Fund.
- ❧ To Charles Sarkisian and the Charles Sarkisian Fund for a donation of \$1,500 to the St. James Building Fund.



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.

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Marlene and Alan Seferian
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Norma and Michael Shooshan
Wilfred and Ruth Swisher
George Thomasian
Leon and Ginger Thomasian
Isabella, James, Vaughan and
Lilly Totovian Family
Antonio Tramotozzi
John Vartanian
Mayda Yetimian

Total \$ 2,420

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George Demirjian
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Stephen C. Demirjian and Family
Gregory Adamian
Elizabeth and Helen Baronian
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John Moroney
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Marcia and Arthur Murphy
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Shooshan
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Thomas and Julia Stephanian
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Gayle M. Yapchaian
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Bernard Zulalian

Total \$ 4,160

EDWARD K. MAZMANIAN **May 21, 2008**

Edward Z. and Evelyn C. Mazmanian
Armand and Helene Andreassian
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Total \$ 630

DIANNA M. GOSTANIAN **May 28, 2008**

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and Family
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Carol A. Zeytoonjian

Total \$1,640

MARION (KHEDERIAN) **ECONOMAKOS** **May 31, 2008**

John and Brenda Khederian
and Family
Rose Mamishian and Family

Total \$ 75

HARRY H. SARKISIAN **June 19, 2008**

Irene Sarkisian
Stephen, Lisa, Samantha and
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Christine Sarkisian
Adrienne, Catherine and
Rosie Kenney
Edwin and Hermine Adamian
Gregory and Deborah Adamian
Diana Adamian and Family
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Arra and Alice Derderian
George Elanjian
Lillian Etmekjian

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Mrs. Rose Gargarian
Arshag Gechijian
Tom Gengozian
John and Debbie Giragosian
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Susan Hennessey and Family
Charles and Adeline Hennigar
Arpi Hovagimian
Mary and Margaret Hovnanian
Leon Janikian
Margaret Janikian
Elaine and Mark Jefferson
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HIGUHY IRENE ATAMIAN **June 2, 2008**

Zabelle (Atamian) Bonjokian
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Andrew and Sophia and
Mariah Bonjokian
Leon and Marge and Noel Atamian
and Douglas & Seta;
Wesley & Mish
Dianne Babikian
June (Berberian) Carlon
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Areka, Gregory and Edward
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Grace Manoogian
Helen Nalchian
Charles Parsekian
James and Sonia Reeves
Francis E. and Patricia Smith
Richard, Ann, Talene Tarvezian

Total \$ 1,310

MARY MARANIAN **June 5, 2008**

Robert, Sr. Maranian
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Paul and Agatha Maranian
Kenneth and Sonique Visser
Marianian
Harry and Mary Avakian
Queenie Aykanian
John and Lucy Balian
Roland and Jane Dunn
Dr. and Mrs. Varant and
Ruth Hagopian
Nadia Ann Karnik
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Total \$ 1,520

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Jacqueline Hacinli
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Total \$ 2,480

ARSALUS SABOUGLU July 3, 2008

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Akmezikyan
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Arto and Ani Kurkjian
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Hagop and Nadia Ucuzian
Garo and Alice Vosgerichian

Total \$ 715

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Cathy and Thomas Mailan
and Family
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Donna Balian
Sylvia and Vahan Barmakian
Rick and Arline Baumeister
Hagop and Stella Bekarian
Mary Guleserian Bergoudian
Gerald Boghosian
Gail Boroyan
Henry J. Boroyan
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Tom and Arshalous Kezerian
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Total \$ 10,925

NERSES ARABIAN July 7, 2008

Anonymous
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Ani and Sako Kassabian
Vartan Keshishian and Family

Total \$ 200

LOUIS B. BARSAM July 8, 2008

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Anita Hadjian
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Grace Kaloostian
Sarop Kaprielian
Hope Kasabian Moore
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Arpi Kazanjian and Family
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Barry and Lois Kolgian
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Alice Mallumian
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Hazel Papazian
Jack and Audrey Pilibosian
Kasper Pilibosian
George Pizzoni
Robert P. Proodian
Fred Sansevero
Robert Semonian
Allan and Annabelle Tait
Diana Topjian
Grace Zartarian

Total \$ 2,860

MARY ABRAHAMIAN July 9, 2008

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Anteryassian
Nishan and Margrit Atinjian
Mr. and Mrs. Moses Avakian
Dr. Jerry and Annie Balikian
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Sacraments



Baptisms & Chrismations

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Jake Ryan Manoog Gobbi – June 7, 2008

Son of Richard and Adrina Gobbi
Godparents: Dana Parelo Jr., Eddie Tirone and Debra Spisso

Jacques Paul Martayan – June 8, 2008

Son of Samuel and Ani Martayan
Godparents: Bedros Martayan and Nirva Tomasian

Matthew Gregory Janian – June 21, 2008

Son of Gregory and Kelly Janian
Godparents: Mark Janian and Cheryl Jackson

Carly Beth Sipowicz – June 21, 2008

Daughter of Edward and Robin Sipowicz
Godparents: Kenneth H. Mardirosian and Stacey Mathews

Claire Rose Avakian – June 28, 2008

Daughter of Ara and Audra Avakian
Godparents: Arlen and Anita Avakian

Jirair Hakobyan – June 28, 2008

Son of Fr. Martiros and Yn. Hasmik Hakobyan
Godfather: James M. Kalustian

Nicholas Tyler Santoro – June 29, 2008

Son of James and Christine Santoro
Godfather: Edward Orchanian Jr.

Ani Sona Belorian – July 6, 2008

Daughter of Hovig and Margart Belorian
Godparents: Nelson and Ani Stepanian

Ishkhan Samuel Ishkhanian – July 27, 2008

Son of Vartan and Syuzanna Ishkhanian
Godparents: Avedis and Vilda Cimen

LeeAnna Rose Alabachian – August 9, 2008

Daughter of Alexander Alabachian and Holly Lee Hall
Godparents: Gregory Alabachian and Kelly Kenny

Karen Hovsepian – August 9, 2008 (Adult)

Godparents: Vartan and Galina Avakian

Shant Keshishian – August 9, 2008

Son of Andre and Maggie Keshishian
Godparents: Vaheh and Kadrineh Keshishian

Abel Keshishian – August 9, 2008

Son of Andre and Maggie Keshishian
Godparents: Aris Keshishian and Suzy Ohannessian

Sehbu Sarkis Parsekian – August 10, 2008

Son of Robert Parsekian and Kristin Asadourian
Godparents: Peter Asadourian and Lisa Asadourian

Alexis Karin Lohnes – August 10, 2008

Daughter of Michael Glenn and Sevan Lohnes
Godparents: Ugur Tavut Cinar and Melissa Olga

Natalia Maria Demir – August 17, 2008

Daughter of Nazar and Gina Demir



Weddings

And the two shall become one

July 5, 2008

Aram Bedros Cholanians and Mariana Perebeyevea

Best Man: Kasra Meydani
Maid of Honor: Victoria Karnaukhova

August 16, 2008

Pedro Fontes and Elina Sedov

Best Man: Miguel Fontes, Jr.
Maid of Honor: Quiana Hobson



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.

Mary (Devletian) Margosian	April 26, 2008
Antranik Babikyan	April 28, 2008
Haig S. Soukiasian	May 3, 2008
John G. Demirjian	May 16, 2008
Edward K. Mazmanian	May 21, 2008
Dianna M. Gostanian	May 28, 2008
Marion (Khederian) Economakos	May 31, 2008
Higuhi Irene Atamian	June 2, 2008
Mary (Avakian) Maranian	June 5, 2008
Mikhyail Israelyan	June 11, 2008
Harry H. Sarkisian	June 19, 2008
Virginia Kozelian	June 30, 2008
Arsalus Sabooglu	July 3, 2008
Nerses Arabian	July 7, 2008
Louis B. Barsam	July 8, 2008
Mary Abrahamian	July 9, 2008
Arthur C. Arakelian	July 16, 2008
Nuart Liz Seron Nui	August 15, 2008
Knarik Yegiazarian	August 19, 2008
James Bejoian	August 26, 2008

Parish Administrative Directory

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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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