

St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
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Parish Administrative Directory

Mission Statement

The mission of St. James Armenian Church is to glorify Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, to proclaim His Gospel of salvation, to maintain and promote the Apostolic Christian faith of the Armenian Church; to sustain and strengthen the unified Christian and Armenian identity in the faithful; to lead and guide parishioners to live in accord with the Christian faith; to provide spiritual, ethical and pastoral counsel and guidance; to provide fellowship; to assist parishioners whenever they may be in need; to take an active role within the community in accord with Christian teachings.

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Սբ. Յակոբ Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցւոյ առաքելութիւնն է՝ փառաւորել Մեր Տէրը եւ Փրկիչը՝ Յիսուս Քրիստոս եւ քարոզել Իր Սուրբ Աւետարանը, պահել եւ տարածել Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցւոյ քրիստոնէական հաւատքը. պահպանել հայկական ինքնութիւնը. ուղղութիւն տալ հաւատացեալներուն եւ առաջնորդել զանոնք որպէսզի ապրին քրիստոնէական հաւատքի համաձայն. մատակարարել հոգեւոր, բարոյական եւ հովուական խորհուրդներ եւ առաջնորդութիւն տալ անոնց. ծխականներու միջեւ քրիստոնէական կապը զօրացնել, օգտակար ըլլալ անոնց՝ երբ անոնք կարիքը ունենան, ծուխի ծիրէն դուրս մասնակցութիւն բերել ընկերութեան կեանքէն ներս ըստ քրիստոնէական վարդապետութեան:

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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Pastor's Message

"Where Was God?"



God is our refuge and strength . . . Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved. . . The Lord of hosts is with us. . . Come, behold the works of the Lord. "Be still, and know that I am God!" Psalm 46.

"Where was God?" "How could He have let this happen?" "Was God to blame?" "If God is all-powerful, why didn't He stop it?" We've heard these questions repeated in the news media throughout the past month in response to the tsunami which devastated millions in Asia and Africa. We have seen people doubt God, and even dare to blame Him, for this tragedy. It is a shame, for those who doubt and blame God do not truly understand the depth of His love for us.

Often, a great deal of suffering is endured by innocent people. We ask, why should they bear this kind of affliction? Why do people we love suffer? We will likely never find a sufficient explanation as to why innocents suffer. It is true that suffering is a type of mystery. It is our inability to understand "why" that often leads us to despair, doubt and loss of hope. Yet, suffering, while painful, often strengthens and educates us. We must surrender our suffering into the hands of God, who is healing and merciful and the Giver of peace and joy.

We do not know why the tsunami happened. What we do know is that God did not cause it. God never promises us that our lives will be perfect and that we will be protected from all harms. God does give us the promise of a better life, on earth and in heaven. God gives us a way to live our lives on this earth in preparation for the better life that awaits us.

Christ freely and lovingly united Himself with us on the cross, not only to redeem us from our sins, but to suffer with us, and for us. Our God is not vengeful. He is a God of justice, of righteousness, and of mercy. God allows suffering but He does not cause it. God is always present and participates in our anguish, our pain, and our loss. Through Christ, He suffers with us

and shares our sorrows. Yet, it is because of the knowledge of our loving and merciful God that we can "rejoice in our sufferings" (Romans 5:3-5), always with the promise of eternal glory and life through Christ.

We hear repeatedly of the unfortunate timing of this tragedy, which happened as Christians throughout the world celebrated Christmas. Let us pause, however, and ponder the timing. At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Is it possible that some good, however unimaginable, has come of this tragedy? We have seen the overwhelming global response to the victims. For the first time, it seems, in quite some time, the entire world has united in a common cause and has come together in outpourings of compassion and love. We must remember that God is indeed with us.

Instead of asking, "Why didn't God stop this?" we must ask: What can I do to help? What is my responsibility as a Christian? Christ's Great Commandment to us is to "Love One Another." Certainly, we must, in compassion "weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15). Yet, we as Christians are also called to live our faith. We are called to be like Christ: to be kind and compassionate; to share our gifts and our blessings cheerfully and lovingly and abundantly; to offer thanks to God for His blessings and mercy on us.

The one thing we know as Christians is that God loves us. He proved His unconditional love for us on the Cross. God brings good out of bad, He brings light into darkness. There will be a time when there is no tragedy, no sickness, no suffering, no death; a time when there will be true peace. In the meantime, let us remember that "God is with us."

Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor



Parish Council Chairman's Message

New Opportunities

As we begin the new year, we are focused on continuing and implementing our work of the past year and a half in planning for the future of our parish and the celebration of our 75th Anniversary. As we prepare to implement the goals we identify and establish, we must realize that stewardship must be a priority in our daily Christian living. This is our challenge and deserves real focus at this moment in the history of our parish. Further, this is necessary if our strategic planning is to become a reality.

This challenge seems especially necessary and fitting in order for us to preserve the gifts that have been given to us from all who have come before us. Christian stewardship is our commitment to our parish and its importance in our lives. In the end, stewardship is not merely about fundraising. Nor is stewardship about charity.

What, then, is stewardship? Stewardship is about taking care of the church. As we are members of the family of our church, it is our duty and honor to care for that family. We must acknowledge that everything in life is a gift from God: our family, our health, our loved ones. In return for our blessings, we are expected to give of ourselves — of our time, talent and treasure.

As a parish, we must promote an environment of teaching and forming parishioners in a spirituality of stewardship. We need all parishioners to commit lovingly and joyfully to our church, to share of the gifts and talents for the church, to return to the church in thanksgiving to God their treasure, all in support of our parish and our future.

Let's remember the words of Christ: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more" (Luke 12:48).

When you are called upon to serve, please take care of the church and share with St. James your time, talents and treasure.

Sincerely,
Paul Korian



*Honoring our Past...Celebrating our Present...
Planning our Future*

Faith Building Activities for Youth and Children

Child Care During Church Services and Events

Youth Mentoring

Transportation for the Elderly Parishioners in our Parish

St. James Website

Technology, Infrastructure and Capital Needs

Financial Planning and Seminars

Fiscal Stability of St. James

Programs and Pilgrimages to Armenia

Parish Welcoming Committee

WHICH PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF?

These are only a few of the many opportunities to serve our church.

Now is the time to offer your gifts, time and talents!

Be a part of the future of St. James – volunteer for these and other programs!

To volunteer, please call the church office or send an email to:

75thanniversary@stthagop.com.

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«Ճանապարհ Դէպի Փրկութիւն»

(Մատթէոս Ե. 3-11)

Մեր Տէր Յիսուս Քրիստոս մարդոց փրկութեան ճանապարհը քարոզեց Ինը երանիներու միջոցով, որոնք իւրապատուկ պատուիրաններ են եւ չունին Հին Օրէնքին բնորոշ հրամայական-հարկադրական ոճը, այլ յորդորաբար կը կոչեն մարդոց ներքին վերափոխութեան, սրբութեան եւ աստուածացման: Երանութիւն կը նշանակէ հոգեւոր բարիքներու ամբողջութիւն, ծայրագոյն երջանկութիւն եւ կատարեալ ուրախութիւն, այն ամէնը, որ բնորոշ է յաւիտենական կեանքին եւ երկնքի արքայութեան: Եւ կ'երանաւորուին անոնք, որոնք իրենց մէջ կը կրեն Աստուծոյ արքայութեան, այսինքն՝ ճշմարիտ հոգեւոր կեանքի կենդանի իրականութիւնը:

Ինը երանիներն էսպէս շարկապուած են իրար եւ կը ներկայացնեն հոգեւոր առաջընթացի աստիճանակարգերն ու սկզբունքները. իւրաքանչիւր երանին կատարելու համար անհրաժեշտ է իրազործել նախորդները: Ըստ հայրերու՝ ինը երանիները հոգեւոր կեանքի եւ կատարելութեան հասնելու խրատաշար են, որ իր մէջ կը խտացնէ քրիստոնէական կեանքի ամբողջական պատկերը:

Ա. «Երանի՛ հոգիով աղքատներուն, որովհետեւ անոնց է երկնքի արքայութիւնը»

Մեղքի պատճառով ինկած մարդկային բնութիւնը բռնադատուած է չարի կապանքներով. մարդու հոգին լեցուած է բազմաթիւ մեղքերով եւ կորսնցուցած է իր նախաստեղծ ազատութիւնը:

Յիսուս Քրիստոս կ'ուսուցանէ, որ ճշմարիտ հոգեւոր կեանքի հասնելու համար նախ եւ առաջ պէտք է աղքատանալ եւ թօթափուիլ մեղքերէն, հեռանալ եւ ազատուիլ չարի կապանքներէն, որպէսզի հոգին բացազատուի Աստուծոյ արքայար լոյսի առջեւ: Հոգիով աղքատութիւն կը նշանակէ հեռացում, օտարացում եւ հրաժարում մեղքի ոլորտէն, որոշակի ներքին դարձ առ Աստուած: Չարի մերժումը մարդու կամքի ազատութեան վկայութիւնն է: Ով կը պատրաստուի դառնալ երկնքի արքայութեան ժառանգորդ, ան պէտք է կամովի դառնայ առ Աստուած եւ հրաժարի իր մեղսահակ կամքէն: Հոգիով աղքատութիւնը եկեղեցւոյ հայրերու կողմէ կը կոչուի նաեւ կամաւոր խոնարհութիւն: Մեր փրկութեան համար Տէրը Ինքը կամովի խոնարհեցաւ եւ մտաւ մեր աղքատութեան մէջ, խոնարհեցաւ Իր աստուածային բարձրութենէն եւ ծառայի կերպարանք ստացաւ: Հետեւաբար՝ կամաւոր եւ ոչ հարկադրուած խոնարհութեամբ մարդու մէջ կը նորոգուի իր արարչադիր պատկերը, մարդը կը նմանի Յիսուս Քրիստոսին, որ ճշմարտապէս խոնարհեցաւ՝ մեզ ազատագրելու եւ աստուածացնելու համար: Խոնարհութիւնը հիմքն ու արմատն է բոլոր առաքինութիւններու, մայրն է բոլոր հոգեւոր բարիքներու: Խոնարհ մարդը գերծ կը մնայ չարի որոգայթներէն, կը յարգուի մարդոցմէ եւ կը մեծարուի Աստուծմէ: Խոնարհութիւն ձեռք բերելու համար պէտք է հեռանալ հպարտութենէն եւ սեփական եսը կերակրելու բոլոր առիթներէն. յատկապէս պէտք է խուսափիլ գովեստներէն: Երբ մէկը իրեն անարժան համարէ որեւէ բարիքի, սիրով կ'ընդունի յանդիմանութիւնը, միշտ պատրաստ է անշահախնդիր ծառայելու մարդոց, ամէն ինչի եւ ամենէն առաջ կը փնտրէ Աստուծոյ փառքը, այդպիսին մօտեցած է ճշմարիտ խոնարհութեան մատոյցներուն:

Բ. «Երանի՛ սգաւորներուն, որովհետեւ անոնք պիտի մխիթարուին»

Երբ մարդ կը հրաժարի մեղքերէն եւ դարձի կուգայ առ Աստուած, այնքամ աստուածային շնորհի յուսաւորութեամբ կ'սկսի խորապէս տեսնել իր մեղքերը, գիտակցիլ սեփական անարժանութիւնը եւ դառնապէս ողբայ, սգալ անոնց համար: Մարդն առաւել եւս կը սգայ, երբ կ'սկսի տեսնել եւ հասկնայ, որ մեղքի հետեւանքով ինքը կորսնցուցած է ամենագլխաւորը՝ Աստուծոյ հետ ըլլալու կատարեալ ուրախութիւնը: Ճշմարիտ հոգեւոր սուգը անբաժանելի ուղեկիցն է հոգեւոր առաջընթացի: Մարդ որքան կը խորամայ հոգեւոր կեանքի մէջ, այնքան աւելի կ'սկսի սգալ այն ամէնի համար, ինչ որ տրուած էր իրեն Աստուծմէ: Այս սուգը պէտք է չլիթել որեւէ աշխարհիկ սուգի հետ, որ շատ անգամ մարդոց կը տանի յուսահատութեան եւ հոգեւոր կործանման: Ի հակադրութիւն այս աշխարհիկ սուգի՝ հոգեւոր սուգը հայրերն կ'անուանեն ուրախարար սուգ, որովհետեւ այն ոչ թէ տրտմութեան եւ յուսահատութեան նշան է, այլ յաւիտենական կեանքի, յոյսի եւ ներքին ազատագրութեան բերկրանքի վկայութիւն: Անոր համար հայրերն իրենց աղօթքներուն մէջ շատ յաճախ արտասուք կը խնդրեն Տիրոջմէն, որուն մասին կ'ըսէր Անանիա Նարեկացին. «Արտասուքի շնորհը նշանակն է Քրիստոսի սիրոյ եւ անոր արքայութեան բաղձանքի»:

Սեփական մեղքերու խոր ինքնագիտակցումը մարդուն կ'առաջնորդէ ապաշխարութեան, որն, ըստ եկեղեցական աւանդութեան եռակարգ է՝ զղջում սրտի, խոստովանութիւն բերանի եւ ապաշխարութիւն գործերու: Այսինքն՝ ապաշխարութեան համար անհրաժեշտ է, որ մարդ Աստուծոյ առաջ ծածկապէս զղջայ գործած մեղքերուն համար, ապա խոստովանի անոնք քահանայի առջեւ, որմէ յետոյ ապաշխարութեան գործեր կատարէ ըստ հոգեւորականի խորհուրդի: Մեղքի ինքնագիտակցումը քրիստոնէական կեանքի ամենաբնորոշ յատկանիշն է: Ով չի տեսնել իր մեղքերը, ան չի կրնար մօտենալ Աստուծոյ, - կ'ըսեն Եկեղեցւոյ հայրերը: Այս առումով քրիստոնէան այն մարդն է, որ հանապազ կը տեսնէ իր գործած չարիքները եւ կ'ողբայ

անոնց համար, ով ունի ապաշխարող սիրտ Տիրոջ առջեւ: Քրիստոնէան ան է, որ յանուն Աստուծոյ սգաւոր է, որ ոչ միայն կը սգայ իր մեղքերուն համար, այլ նաեւ վշտակից եւ ցաւակից է մերձաւորներուն եւ օտարներուն, որ ոչ միայն ստացած է Սուրբ Հոգիի մխիթարութիւնն ու ուրախութիւնը, այլ նաեւ կը բաշխէ բոլոր անոնց, որոնք վիշտերու, նեղութիւններու եւ տառապանքներու մէջ են:

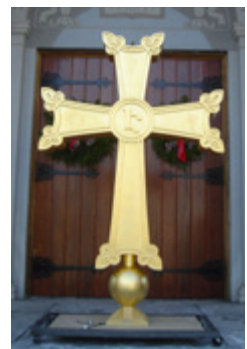
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Abp. Khajag Barsamian addresses the Massachusetts Council of Churches assembly. Pictured with him is Fr. Arakel Aljalian, and our own Paul Korian, Laura Purutyan, and Elaine Westermarck.

Armenian Church became the newest member of the Massachusetts Council of Churches on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, at the Annual Assembly of the MCC held at Christ Episcopal Church in Needham, MA. The Armenian delegation included His Eminence Abp. Khajag Barsamian, Primate, Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor and Member of the MCC Board and official representative of the Armenian Church, and other clergy and lay members of Massachusetts parishes.

The newly anointed
and blessed cross
just before it is
installed on the roof
of our church.



Do You Know



Questions on Fasting

Why is it important for Christians to fast? What is the religious significance of fasting?

In his *A Catechism of Christian Instruction* according to the Doctrine of the Armenian Church, which is the only “modern” Armenian catechism available in English, Archbishop Khoren Narbey defines “abstinence” as:

refraining, during the days appointed by the Church, from eating animal food. i.e., flesh, fish, eggs, or food prepared from milk; abstaining from intoxicating liquors, such as wine, spirits, etc.

The same author provides the following answer to the question “What is fasting?”

Not tasting water or food all day. We must on the day of receiving the Holy Communion fast until we have received that life-giving Body and Blood of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

In the above catechism, both abstinence and fasting are covered under the general heading of “Confession of Sins,” and follow the sub-section on penance. Fasting and abstinence are ways of doing penance. According to St. Krikor of Datev, “fasting is: grief and penance,” because we repent and mourn for our sins. Christians observe weekday fasts as days of abstention in atonement for the sins of the first man and woman, Wednesdays for Adam and Fridays for Eve. According to the same author, the remaining fasts are all for the atonement of our sins. As long as one fasts, he is doing penance.

Fasting and abstention are similar to physical exercise. The strain of movements on arms, legs and other parts of the body do not discourage the athlete from going on, and despite the pain, fatigue and stress he may experience, he continues to exercise with the expectation of improving his health. Abstinence from food, pleasures and worldly ways may not be a pleasant experience, but it is a constant and sure reminder to the faithful Christian to bring himself or herself in line with holiness.

Our Lord spoke about fasting as an accepted tradition for his followers. In his instructions to his disciples he made no reference to abolish the ancient practice known from the Old Testament. On the contrary, he told his followers the manner in which they should observe abstinence and fasting so that only God would know about their actions. He also indicated to them that God rewards the person who is fasting. This is evident in Christ’s statement in Matthew 6:16-17:

And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Why do we fast for 40 days? What is the theological significance of 40 days?

The forty-day fasting period that precedes Easter is in memory of the Lord’s fasting in the desert, as described in the Gospel according to Luke:1-4:

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’”

The ancient “Apostolic Instructions,” which form the first chapter of the Armenian Book of Canons, have the following to say about Lent:

“Before the day of the passion of our Savior they shall for forty days abstain from all wickedness, sins and food, and then celebrate the day of the passion, the pascch of the Lord and the day of the Savior’s Resurrection . . . because our Lord Himself also, the Lord of the annual feasts, fasted forty days and forty nights; and likewise because of fasting Moses spoke with God on Mount Sinai like a beloved friend, and being greatly honored by the celestial King, he came down to the people with an awe-inspiring countenance, bearing the royal commandments and canons. Likewise the zealous Elijah worked great miracles and wonders because of his fasting for forty

days, and then he ascended to heaven in a glorified state. Also, because of the cleansing [effect] of fasting the Three Children [Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed'nego] survived the death wrought by the king, as the angel of God descended in their midst . . . and they lived with their good reputation, becoming worthy of Christ's kingdom."

What are the traditions of the Armenian Church with respect to fasting? Why don't we simply "give something up" like others? Why are we not to eat meat or animal products during the forty days of Lent?

Meats, animal products, poultry and fish are considered to be rich foods that supply energy to the body. Abstinence from such foods and a strict dietary regimen over a period of time discipline us to cease from preoccupying ourselves with what pleases the palate or the body, and instead turn our thoughts to matters that concern our spiritual welfare.

Abstinence from animal products and fasting are the minimum requirements. In addition to foods with rich contents, one may choose to give up things that he/she likes. For example, before the health hazards of smoking were discovered and made public, many faithful Armenians who were smokers used to give up smoking during Lent.

There is a more severe way of fasting in the Armenian tradition, which is called *dzom*, whereby the faithful abstains from all kinds of food, and eats something light only once a day. Lent was originally observed in such a manner: the faithful ate a piece of bread dipped in salt. That is why the alternate name for Lent in Armenian is *Aghoohatsk*, *agh* ['salt'] *oo* ['and'] *hatsk* ['breads'].

Are we to fast on Saturdays and Sundays during Great Lent?

Yes. Unlike the Eastern Orthodox, during Lent the Armenian Christians are required to abstain from meat, animal products and rich foods made with oil on Saturdays and Sundays.

Is Holy Week considered a part of Lent? Are we to abstain from meat and animal products during Holy Week as well?

The Holy Week is not a part of the forty-day cycle we call Lent. Lent or *Quadragesima* ends on Saturday—which is the commemoration of the Resurrection of

Lazarus—preceding Palm Sunday. The faithful must abstain from meat, animal products, poultry and fish not only during the Lenten season, but also on Palm Sunday and throughout the Holy Week, until Saturday before Easter, when the Church allows the partaking of milk products and eggs, but no meats and no fish. In some of the parishes in our Diocese it has become customary to serve meat dishes at banquets on Palm Sunday. This is not right, since the official Calendar of the Holy See states in black and white that Palm Sunday is *BAHK*, a day of fasting. Palm Sunday is a feast from a liturgical, NOT from a dietary, perspective.

What should we do religiously during Lent? What are the benefits of Lent to us as Christians?

Abstinence from food should serve only as the tip of the iceberg. We must aim at abstaining from our sinful ways through meditation, prayer, good works, charity, forgiveness and so on. Unless we truly repent, all the fasting and the abstinence from food will not be of any use. Fasting and abstinence, unless accompanied by true contrition and repentance, will be reduced to a formality and not lead us anywhere. We must truly strive to change.

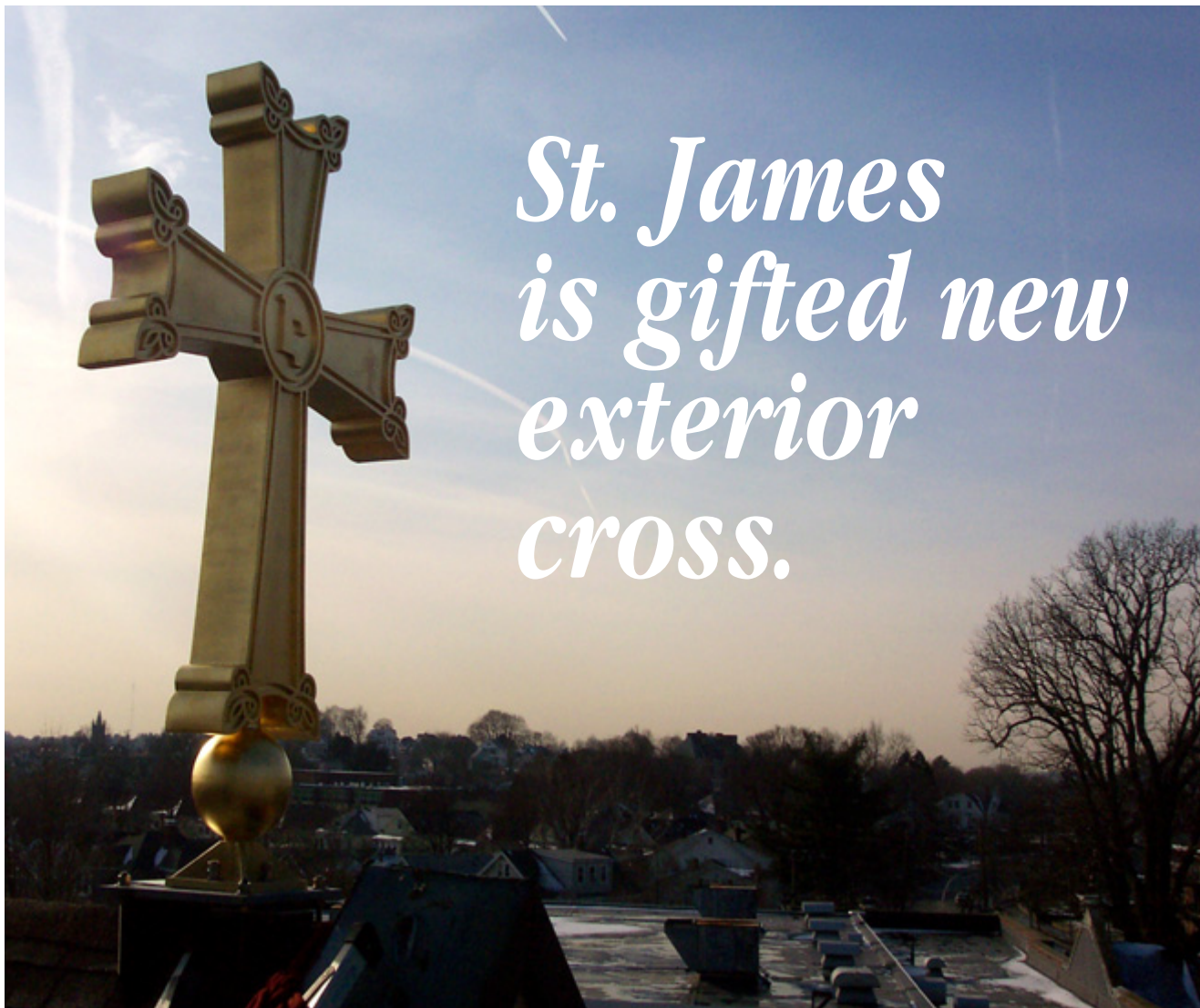
One must note that in our tradition *BAHK*, besides its dietary restrictions, also refers to abstinence from all kinds of sinful ways: idle garrulousness, lust for luxuries, arrogance, purposeless loitering, excessive personal grooming, acquisition of riches, possessions and clothing other than what is necessary, curiosity for gossip, desire for glory and position, anger, envy, vindictiveness, avarice, adulation, excessive rest, excessive sleep, excessive indulgence in pleasures, and so on. The list above is taken from a homily of an early medieval Armenian Church father, who suggests that the faithful resign from the above, repent and turn to prayer and good works.

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If you have any questions related to the Armenian Church, spirituality, or religion in general that you would like answered in the "Do You Know..." section, please email them to Fr. Arakel at:

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If you wish to ask your question anonymously, please mail your question to St. James, Attn: Pastor.



St. James is gifted new exterior cross.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on December 19, 2004, Abp. Khajag Barsamian, Primate, consecrated the parish's beautiful new exterior Armenian Cross. Peter Babigian, Thomas Babigian, and K. Vasken Babigian, who donated the new cross to St. James together with their wives Gloria, Linda, and Christina, were the Godfathers of the new cross during the traditional Armenian service of blessing. Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor of St. James, first cleansed the cross by wiping it with water and then wine. Abp. Barsamian then consecrated the cross with Holy Oil (Muron). The day was an exciting, historical, and emotional one for the parishioners of the church.

Godfathers of the Cross, from left to right, Thomas Babigian, K. Vasken Babigian, and Peter Babigian.



The new cross in its formative stages.



The Primate anoints the new cross with Holy Muron.



St. James Celebrates a Memorable Name Day

WATERTOWN, MA – The St. James Armenian Church parish family celebrated a most wonderful day on December 19, 2004, the annual parish name day. The day began with Divine Liturgy, which was celebrated by His Eminence Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church. The sanctuary was filled to the brim during Badarak with parishioners and the children of the Sunday School. Abp. Barsamian addressed his sermon to the children of the church. He engaged in conversation with the children, emphasizing and sharing with them the true meaning of Christmas.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Abp. Barsamian consecrated the parish's beautiful new exterior Armenian Cross, which now graces the roof of the church. Following the Divine Liturgy, St. James parishioners and friends gathered for the Annual Name Day Banquet as the parish celebrated its 73rd Anniversary. Jacob and Audrey Pilibosian, Co-Chairs of this year's celebration banquet, together with their committee, prepared a beautiful banquet for all to enjoy.

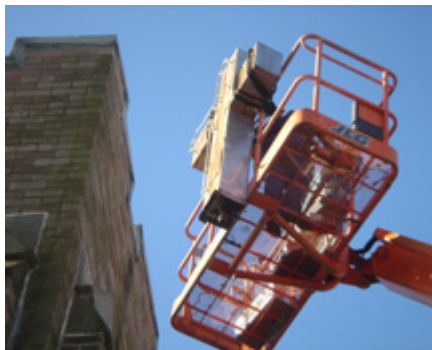
The Name Day banquet featured the wonderful talent of one of the parish's daughters, Talene Tarvezian, who sang the United States and Armenian National Anthems accompanied by Anna Soukiassian. Anna Soukiassian and Jeffrey Howard, who together serve as co-Directors of the Komitas Music School, presented beautiful musical selections for guests to enjoy. The parish also honored outgoing Parish Council members Audrey Pilibosian and Grace Takvorian for their years of service and dedication to St. James.

The highlight of the Name Day banquet was honoring the 2004 St. James Parishioner of the Year, Harry G. Adamian, for his commitment, devotion, and unwavering service to St. James. Wendy Adamian Avedisian, Denise Adamian Oldham, and the former pastor of St. James Fr. Dajad Davidian, reflected on Harry Adamian's life in loving service of his parish. A wonderful pictorial tribute to Harry Adamian followed. Dr. Gregory H. Adamian offered moving remarks about his brother and his commitment to his family, his Armenian heritage, and the Armenian Church. All present gave Harry Adamian moving applause in appreciation for his dedication and, likewise, shared their appreciation with his wife Diana for her continued love, support and encouragement.

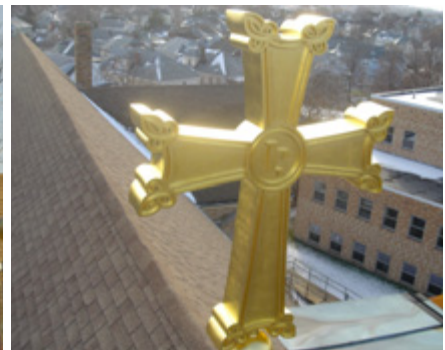


Harry Adamian expressed his deep gratitude for the honor bestowed upon him. He shared memories of his years at St. James and what the church has meant to him and his family. Fr. Arakel Aljalian said in his remarks to Harry Adamian, "You are a role model for all generations to follow. You are a true example of Christian stewardship and of what it means to serve God." Abp. Barsamian, Primate, closed the day's event, congratulating Harry Adamian for his service to St. James, congratulating St. James on its celebration of its 73rd Anniversary, and commending St. James parishioners for the vibrant and active life of the parish.

Removal of the former cross.



The new cross being installed on top of the church. The new cross graces the roof of our church.





ACYOYA FAMILY DAY THANKSGIVING DINNER

St. James ACYOYA once again hosted the popular Family Day Dinner on the Sunday before Thanksgiving for the parish. The day, which has become a wonderful tradition in our parish, is enjoyed by all. The ACYOYA, as always, served the dinner with smiles on their faces and with love. Our gratitude to Brenda Khederian, Youth Director, and to Stan Tagarelis and all those who once again prepared the meal.

Family Day was the culmination of the annual ACYOYA and Sunday School Thanksgiving Food Drive. During the Thanksgiving Day Dinner, all of the donated food was blessed by Fr. Arakel and was then delivered to local food pantries for our neighbors in need. The proceeds of the Family Day dinner will once again benefit our sister parish in Armenia.

FALL CALENDAR WINNERS

October

1. Aram Gurekian 44
2. Nancy Madamian Reppucci 470
3. Lucy Barsamian 469
4. Brenda Soghamonian 291
5. Gail Hagopian 97
6. M/M Fardi Jaber 261
7. Laurie Bejoian 333
8. Arthur Kostikian 144
9. Vartkes Karaian 23
10. Lucy Jelladian 91
11. Jason Garabedian 182
12. Taline Saulnier 113
13. Melissa Grable 132
14. June Carlon 67
15. Andrew Reppucci 465
16. Arthur Kostikian 144
17. Leon Kachadorian 61
18. Marien Samuelian 169
19. Lousie Toromanian 214
20. Kasper Pilibosian 254
21. June Carlon 67
22. David Goldman 323
23. Adrina Kletjian 610
24. Shirley Onanian 197

25. Michael Sao Pedro 305
26. Nicki Sao Pedro 303
27. Harry DerMinasian 7
28. Tom Duplessis 282
29. Priscilla DerAnanian 345
30. Rose Ciampa 315
31. Adrina Kletjian 610

November

1. Raffi & Christine Yardemian 267
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3. Anne Tarvezian 69
4. Kasper Pilibosian 254
5. Julie Mesrobian 223
6. Leon Kachadorian 60
7. Norma Shooshan 103
8. Rose Ciampa 315
9. Natasha Aljalian 75
10. Naomi & Carl Zeytoonian 268
11. Mark Gechijian 186
12. Natasha Aljalian 75
13. Melissa Grable 132
14. Leon Kachadorian 60
15. Jeff Pilibosian 18
16. Denise Sao Pedro 302
17. Nadia Milazzo 137

18. Alyssa Fallen 337
19. Rose Mamishian 73
20. Dr. Albert Kalustian 174
21. 196
22. Tom Duplessis 279
23. Jeniffer Carson 8
24. Kornelia Pugliese 297
25. Karen Demerjian 108
26. Jean Sarkissian 296
27. Garot Sarfie Ostayan 168
28. Natasha Aljalian 75
29. John Garabedian 165
30. David Governo 326

December

1. Diane Aspuru 74
2. Linda Sahagian 10
3. Adrenna Antreasian 349
4. Paula Duplessis
c/o Tom Duplessis 277
5. Lousie Hatabian 3
6. Michael M. Samuelian 158
7. Gloria Babigian 11
8. Monique Measures 140
9. Seana Duplessis 275
10. Brenda Soghomonian 291
11. Mr Eordekian 341
12. Mari Kostikian 162

13. Gail Hagopian 97
14. Alice K Mellian 47
15. M/M Don Boghosian 90
16. Herman & Laura Purutyan 317
17. Beth Richards 222
18. Gary Sarkissian 139
19. Haig Deranian 343
20. Ben Saraydarian 83
21. Ben Saraydarian 82
22. Ben Saraydarian 85
23. Adrina Kletjian 610
24. Elaine D Patapanian 201
25. David Governo 326
26. Jessica Kotany 79
27. Sonya Shooshan 102
28. Oldham Family 196
29. Rose Z Karibian 98
30. Jessica Kotany 79
31. The Babayan Family 183

WE THANK ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS AND WISH YOU ALL THE BEST OF LUCK IN 2005!!

2005 Calendars are still available
in the St. James Youth Office
or by calling (617) 923-8860 ext. 19.

St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Saturday School

Annual Banquet: The Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian School hosted a successful Annual Fundraising Banquet on November 7, 2004. With nearly three quarters of a century of commitment to educating the youth of our Church in our rich culture, unique language and proud history, this year's banquet was especially momentous because of the recognition of one of our teachers, Mrs. Nazely Sanentz, for her 50 years of teaching excellence.

Dr. Sarkis Soukiasian, Chairman of the Armenian School Board of Directors and Mayda Yetimian, Superintendent of the Armenian School, introduced Mrs. Sanentz and thanked her for her long time commitment to teaching our youth. The strong and long-term impact she has had on her students was reflected by the attendance of numerous alumni. Dr. Soukiasian and Ms. Yetimian had the privilege of presenting to Mrs. Sanentz a congratulatory letter and plaque from His Eminence Abp. Khajag Barsamian, Primate. Dr. Sona Tacvorian next presented a beautiful Plaque Clock to Mrs. Sanentz and Deanna Soukiasian presented a beautiful bouquet on behalf of the students and teachers of the Armenian School.

The guests enjoyed poem recitations, songs, and musical and dance performances by the students. An additional treat was the beautiful art exhibit by Armenian School art teacher, Sossy Nercessian. Dr. Soukiasian concluded by thanking and acknowledging the over 220 guests and supporters for their generous time, efforts and financial support.



Mr. and Mrs. Sanentz



reading stories of notable Armenian heroes and learning new Armenian songs. This culminated on October 30th with a cultural program offered by the students for their parents, grandparents and friends. Rev. Avedis Boynerian, from the Armenian Memorial Congregational Church, spoke to the students, offering encouragement and stressing that learning the Armenian language is an especially important way in which to continue our legacy.

A wonderful program was presented by our students, including poetic recitations and the singing of lovely Armenian songs, with Maestro Arthur Veranian accompanying them on the piano. The preschool class stole the show with their loud and passionate rendition of the song, "Aip, pen, kim," and made us all proud that they were well on the journey of learning the Armenian alphabet and obviously loving every minute of it! A bountiful and festive luncheon, sponsored by the school's PTO, followed.

Cultural Month:

The students of the Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian School had an especially busy month during October, the month in which learning about our rich Armenian culture is at the forefront of their education. In addition to their weekly curriculum of reading, writing, history, art and music, the students participated in learning poems,



MESROB MASHDOTZ INSTITUTE



The Fall 2004 classes of the Mesrob Mashdotz Institute ended on December 6, 2004 with a Christmas social held after classes.

In addition to learning our Armenian language, our students truly enjoy being in class with one another on Monday or Wednesday nights, and have formed a group that genuinely values one other's friendship.

The Winter semester is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 10, 2005.

Interested persons please e-mail Annie Chekijian at anniechekijian@msn.com or call me at (617) 489-5984.

It's never too late to learn!

Annie Chekijian, Administrator

HYE CAFÉ

ST. JAMES HYE CAFÉ

Future Dates:
(First Friday of Every Month)
March 4, 2005 (Lenten Meal)
April 1, 2005
May 6, 2005
June 3, 2005

Dinner Served from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Keljik Hall

Join us for fun, friendship, fellowship,
and delicious Armenian food!
Reservations accepted for parties of six or more by
calling (617) 923-8860.



Join us! Hye Café is a wonderful blend of parishioners working together for the good of our church and to provide a monthly evening of fellowship, fun, and delicious Armenian food for our parish family and friends.

We welcome volunteers and everyone who would like to help the church and join in the fun. To volunteer, please call Linda Sahagian at (617) 407-6600 or email hyecafe@stthap.com.



New Vision

Coming Events

Saturday February 27, 2005:

**New Vision and friends visit
to Armenian Nursing Home**

Sunday April 17, 2005:

**Martyrs' Day Commemoration
and Reception**

New Vision will once again coordinate the
reception which will follow the commemoration.

ST. JAMES AVAKS PROGRAM!

St. James began its long-awaited Avaks program
for our senior parishioners.

Drop-in hours are on

**Thursday afternoons from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
in Mirak Hall.**

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Bring your own lunch.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our parishioners to
come together in friendship and fellowship.

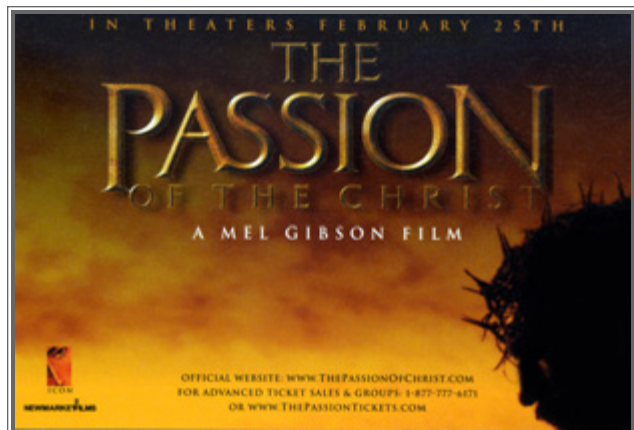
For more information, please call the church office.
(617) 923-8860

ANNOUNCEMENT MID-LENTEN *KOOFTA*

The St. James Women's Guild will
prepare a limited amount of mid-Lenten
koofta for this Lenten season.

The *koofta* will be sold in 1/2 dozen
containers at \$12 per dozen.

Orders (maximum two dozen) may be placed
by calling Ruth Harutunian at (617) 923-1558,
by February 18, 2005. Experience this
wonderful Lenten delicacy!



**New Vision invites you to
the Second Movie Night**

The Passion Revisited

Featuring

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Friday, March 18, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Movie will begin
promptly at 7:30 p.m.

As Lent draws to a close
and we prepare for Holy Week,
join us to view this powerful
and moving film.

A discussion of the movie will follow.

Free admission.

All are welcome* and invited to attend.

St. James Keljik Hall
465 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02472

*Please note: this film is rated R and
contains sensitive and emotional
subject matter.

Questions of the Day

Stem Cell Research and Cloning

When does life begin?

God is the Source of Life. Life is a gift, given by our God of love. As we recite in the Nicene Creed, or Havadamk, "We believe in one God, maker of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible." God specifically chooses to whom to grant life, and ultimately grants those with life the ability to take part in the eternal Kingdom with the Risen Christ. God creates man in His image and likeness. Simply put, life is sacred from the moment of conception. We must cherish, preserve, and protect it.

As is commonly said, an embryo is not a potential life. It is a life with potential. It is a life which begins with the embryo and extends beyond our physical death into eternal life with our Lord. Orthodox Christianity believes that personhood begins at the moment of conception. Life is given by God and is not determined by physiological development, societal norms, or medical research. It is written in the Psalm 99[100]:3 "Know that the Lord is God! It is He who made us, and not we ourselves." We read likewise in the book of Jeremiah, "Before I formed you, I knew you..."

Human life is becoming devoid of value and meaning. We must remember that "from conception human life is a sacred gift, one called at every stage of its existence to grow toward eternal participation in the life of God."

This new section of the Looy's is in response to requests and a desire from parishioners to learn the teachings of the Armenian Church on current and ethical issues. If there is a topic you would like to learn the Church's view on, please send your questions to derarakel@stthago.com or send them to the church office.

How should we feel about Embryonic Stem Cell Research?

It should be noted that the Armenian Church has not taken a specific position on issues like stem cell research, cloning, and the like. Given the similarity of our faiths, however, the Armenian Church's position would likely comport with that of the Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox Churches. Given the modern nature of these questions, there are no writings by our Church Fathers or councils which specifically address these issues and such other scientific practices.

There are no doubt countless biomedical advancements which benefit humans. The church does not oppose therapeutic advancements in research and medicine. Certain uses of adult stem cells, for example, may be acceptable as they do not involve the manipulation of embryos or the taking of life. One must draw the line, however, when such research is at the expense of human life.

Some argue: "The embryos will be destroyed anyway. Why not put them to good use?" This, however, is a direct example of the complete devaluation of human life. Some say: "Embryonic stem cell research will save lives." Yet, embryonic stem cell research has not saved any lives nor demonstrated any therapeutic benefit. Researchers agree it will be many years before treatments resulting from embryonic stem cell research become even a possibility, much less a reality. Conversely, the benefits of research using adult stem cells and stem cells from umbilical cords, neither of which involve the taking of innocent human life, have helped thousands upon thousands of patients.

As Orthodox Christianity believes that life begins at the moment of conception, extracting cells from embryos, which results in the willful taking of an innocent human life, is considered morally and ethically wrong. The manipulation of human embryos is viewed as immoral and a violation of human life. Creating and

God
is the
Source of Life.
Life is a gift,
given by our
God of
love.

using embryos simply as a means to an end reduces human life to an instrument of research. Once we begin down the road of destroying millions of embryos in an attempt to produce or improve life, we are living in a utilitarian way, a life in which the ends justify the means.

What is our view as Christians on human cloning? Isn't it true that if God did not want humans to do certain things, He would not have given them the intelligence or ability to do them?

Cloning has been in the spotlight in recent years. It is obvious that our early Church Fathers could not address the issue of cloning as they likely could not even have imagined such a thing. Our faith however,

which is based on the Holy Scriptures, guides us and instructs us that human cloning is unacceptable.

Simply because we have the knowledge and ability to do something does not automatically mean that we are to do them. At some point, we must realize that we cannot play God, for He is the Creator of Life.

Of additional concern is: What happens to the soul of a cloned individual? God grants a soul to each human life He creates. That soul becomes the person's existence, both on this earth and for eternity. Cloned individuals may become identical genetically or physically, yet what happens to the soul? Since the cloned being does not have a God-given soul, would this clone even be recognizable to God?

Any manipulation or tampering with human embryos is immoral. As it has been said, "once we start down the road to creating life, there is no bright line that separates the permissible from the unthinkable."

First Gathering of Hearts of Hope Bereavement Ministry



On Saturday, November 13, 2004, St. James held its initial meeting of the Hearts of Hope Bereavement Ministry. As the first snowfall of the year fell upon us, parishioners gathered in the Armen and Veronica Tarvezian Hall together with Brother Andre Mathieu, C.P.

Brother Andre began the morning with reflection and mediation, bringing the parishioners present together in a common spirit. During the discussion of grief and loss, Brother Andre compassionately emphasized that death is a normal part of life and to be human is to grieve. Brother Andre explained that grieving is not only a normal and natural process, but it is a very personal one which is unique to each individual. Brother Andre reassured those gathered that there is no time-table for grief as it takes time to express our pain, accept our loss, and to adjust to our new life.

Brother Andre and parishioners discussed the importance of sharing our memories and stories of our loved ones. Most important is our relationship with God, who is with us in our grief and strengthens us with His compassion and love. Those gathered then discussed the Scripture passage after which our bereavement ministry is named (1 Thess. 4:13-14), when St. Paul says, "Our friends, we want you to know the truth about those who have died, so that you will not grieve, as are those who have no hope. Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep." Brother Andre encouraged those present to choose to survive, to feel and experience emotions, to share our experiences, and to stay connected to God and others. The morning concluded with parishioners enjoying refreshments while continuing private discussions with one another and conversations with Brother Andre.

Future gatherings of the Hearts of Hope ministry are being planned for early 2005. If you have a specific need or topic you would like us to spend time on, please call Yn. Natasha at (617) 923-8860, or email her at aljalian@comcast.net.

**Next Hearts of Hope gathering:
Saturday, March 19, 2005 at 9:30 am.
All are welcome.**

Tsunami Relief Efforts Thank You!

Our sincere thanks to all of our St. James parishioners for your outpouring of love and compassion in our recent efforts for the Tsunami Relief Efforts.

Our parish has come together to raise \$2,800, which will go directly to the relief efforts. May God bless you and reward you for your kindness and generosity.

Those wishing to make donations may still forward contributions to St. James or may make secure, online contributions at www.far.org.



St. James was happy to welcome former Pastor Fr. Arten Ashjian (pictured here with acolytes Patrick Hovsepian and Brian Cristello), and Yn. Mary Ashjian to St. James. Der Arten celebrated Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 12, 2004.

Sunday School



Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor, and Mrs. Marsha Alabachian, Superintendent, with Mrs. Irene Sarkisian (far right).

Honoring Mrs. Irene Sarkisian

Following church services on Sunday, November 28, 2004, family and friends, students and staff, gathered in Keljik Hall to celebrate and thank Mrs. Irene Sarkisian for her 37 years of loving and faithful service teaching the children of our parish. Mrs. Marsha Alabachian, Sunday School Superintendent, spoke of how the name and the lady, "Mrs. Sarkisian," had become synonymous with St. James Sunday School. Ms. Sarkisian, in her dedicated and fruitful journey has touched so many lives, and has even come to teach children of her former students. In the 37 years, Irene never wavered or waned in the teaching of our children.

All who know Mrs. Sarkisian know of her faith, spirituality, dignity and commitment. Prayer, the Badarak, and church etiquette were always of the utmost importance to her. Fr. Arakel thanked Irene for her devotion and commended her for teaching our children about the Armenian Church and faith and leading our children to God. On behalf of the Sunday School, Mrs. Marsha presented Mrs. Sarkisian with a beautiful afghan and a book filled with bible quotations and notes from the students of the Sunday School. □



Harry and Irene Sarkisian, together with their children and grandchildren, at the special fellowship honoring Mrs. Sarkisian for her years of loving service to St. James.

A Hauntingly Good Time

The children of St. James parish came together on Sunday, October 31, 2005, for a good time. Keljik Hall was the place to be for the Annual St. James Halloween party. Immediately following Divine Liturgy, the traditional Halloween luncheon of grilled cheese sandwiches and a fabulous homemade chicken noodle soup was served.

The afternoon's festivities began with the costume parade led by Grand Marshall, Mrs. Adrenna Antreasian. Princesses and puppies, firemen and policemen, pirates and pumpkins, and so many others rounded the hall with



*I want to thank
Superintendent Marsha Alabachian,
the Sunday School Staff, parents and students,
Der Arakel and Der Arsen,
for the beautiful reception to recognize my years
of service to the St. James Sunday School.
Teaching has been an
important part of my life.
It was wonderful to be surrounded by so
many former students and friends.
Praying for God's blessings and love to all.
Irene Sarkisian*



giggles and laughter converging upon the stage for a memorable group photo.

A new feature at this year's party was the "Decorated Pumpkin Contest." Contestants were asked to decorate a real pumpkin at home and bring it in for judging. Any medium for decorating could be used and prizes were given in six age categories including one for parents!

There were hanging scarecrows to be made and pumpkins to be colored. There were frames to be decorated, to carry home the special photo taken of each child in his/her costume. "Donuts on the string" proved to be an event that brought intense excitement not only to the participants but to those cheering them on. The party concluded with a rollicking game of "musical pumpkin."

Yes, it was a fantastically good time for all. My sincere thanks to our Sunday School parents for their time, talents and generosity, in making this tradition the success that it is. □

Sixth Annual Armenian Christmas Pageant

Long, long, ago, in a manger in a stable, a baby was born. They came bearing gifts, for the Christ child.

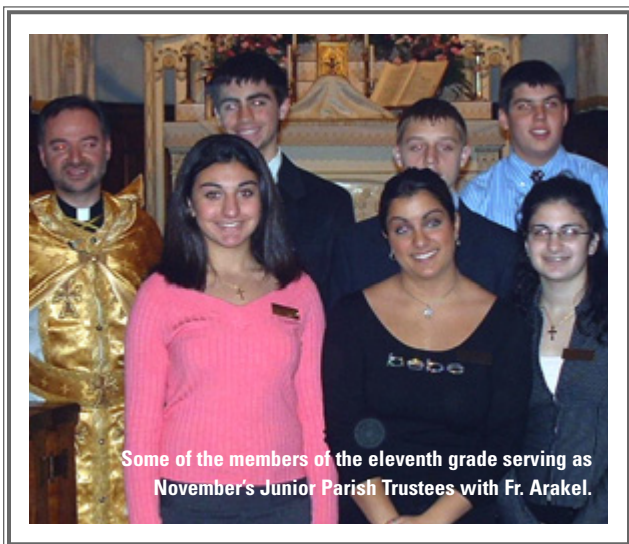
Today they, the children, came, dressed as angels, shepherds, kings, sisters, brothers, friends and grandmas. They came bearing gifts, songs, poems, music, bells, candles, and love, for the Christ child. On Sunday, January 9, 2005, the students of the St. James Sunday School gave their 6th Annual Armenian Christmas Pageant. In a hall filled to capacity, the children of the Nursery class began the program with the "Baby Jesus Poem" written by their teacher, Mrs. Jayne Andonian. The Kindergarden went on "A Special Christmas Journey," knocking on doors, looking for room. The ninth and sixth grades brought Bible readings to life with beautiful instrumentals, followed by the second grade students who sang a resounding rendition of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas!"

"Grandma's Christmas Story," a play written by Noelle Hagopian, was enacted by the tenth grade, and asked and answered the question of why Armenians have two Christmases. Following the play, in what has become a St. James tradition, the angels of the first grade recited poems. The third grade sang Christmas carols with their readings and the fourth grade brought "Joy to the World" and to all those present!

Fifth graders brought new light to the Christmas tree and the seventh grade shared the "Gifts of Christmas" in a tableau. "Where is the Love?" was asked many times in a modern setting by the eighth grade. The Graduating Class then explored our faith and shared what and why "We Believe." The pageant concluded with the Sunday School staff, together with students, together leading everyone in singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Yes, in this Christmas program we were able to see, hear, and feel the excitement and enthusiasm that Christmas brings out in children. We were able to see, hear and feel the love that is often lost.

It is with sincere thanks that we acknowledge the Sunday School Superintendent and staff for producing this program, the Sunday School parents for the wonderful luncheon, and the Sunday School students for their loving presentations. We also thank Mr. David Medzorian, audio; Ms. Anna Yeshilian and Ms. Valerie Becker, pianists; Peter Lorensian, lights, and Mrs. Cheryl Keane, photography. □



Some of the members of the eleventh grade serving as November's Junior Parish Trustees with Fr. Arakel.



Christmas at



Ari Kazanjian,
this year's
Godfather
of the blessing
of the water
service.



St. James



Fr. Arakel performs the traditional blessing of the water service in remembrance of Christ's baptism on January 6, 2005.



Women's Guild News

The Women's Guild members held their elections in November 2004. Elected to office were: Ruth Harutunian, Chairperson; Caroline Soultanian, Vice Chairperson; Anna Bedirian, Recording Secretary; Katherine Siranosian, Corresponding Secretary; Norma Shooshan, Treasurer; and Gladys Clinton, Assistant Treasurer. Advisors are Hrip Parsekian and Karen Hovsepian. The Nominating Committee will be chaired by Alyce Gelenian with members Eleanor Arakelian and Alice Avakian. Sona Iskanderian and Aracse Kurkjian will continue to be our delegates. Our congratulations to all.

2005 promises to be an exciting year. On January 17, 2005 the Guild will recognize fifty, twenty-five and ten year members. Fifty year members are: Angel Boghossian, Virginia Harotunian, Lucy Jelladian, Miriam Jerahian, Ann Kalajian, Nora Kalajian, Helen Kashgegian, Anne Kazanjian, Elaine Patapanian, Alice Seferian and Mary Surabian. Twenty-five year members include: Elbis Andonian, Elizabeth Dilsizian, Rose Gozbekian, and Shirley Onanian. Leona Boyajian and Marie Tavitian will be recognized for their ten years of membership. Thank you for your belief and love for the Guild. Also, the officers for the 2005 will be installed.

We are planning to introduce "The Art of Baking Choreg in Large Quantities" one evening in the month of January. We will prepare and roll out the dough and bake 25 dozen of choreg. Look for further details and join us for this cooking class. On February 14, 2005, Guild members will have their Valentine Luncheon/Meeting.

The St. James Guild is pleased to be hosting the Diocesan Women's Saints Day on March 5, 2005. Preparations are being completed to make this day one of spiritual renewal and pleasant companionship with Guild members from our surrounding parishes.

Our mid-Lenten koofta sale will be held on March 6th. We are attempting to revitalize and encourage our church members to experience this delicacy. We will be taking orders for the koofta in 1/2 dozen containers (limit 2 dozen per order). Koofta may also be purchased at the Hye Café on March 4th.

Of course, our Traditional Egg cracking and Easter Pastry Sale will take place on Easter Sunday, March 29th. To make the mahogany colored eggs, we would like help from the entire parish. As you prepare meals, PLEASE SAVE your onion skins so we may use them to color our Easter eggs, which are dyed with natural food coloring — onion skins!

All are invited and welcome to join Guild members for all these activities.

Members of the new Women's Guild Executive Board.



"Women's Guild Christmas Clambake"



Saintly Women's Day

Hosted by the St. James Women's Guild

Saturday, March 5, 2005

Honoring
Tsuveeg

(a 5th Century Pious Woman)

Coffee and Registration 10 a.m.

Armene and Veronica Tarvezian Hall
Church Service - 11 a.m.

Lenten luncheon to follow in Keljik Hall.
\$25 per person.

Guest Speaker: Valerie Goekjian Zahirsky

Christmas and New Year's Greetings

Sarah and Mary Agabian: *Christmas Wishes*

Rev. Fr. Arakel and Yn. Natasha Aljalian

Berdjouhi, Armand and Helen Andreassian: *Good Health and Happiness in the New Year*

Eleanor C. Arakelian: *Happy Holidays to my Family*

Arthur and Rose Arakelian

Rev. Fr. Arten and Yn. Mary Ashjian: *Christmas Greetings*

Dr. Jake and Ruby Baboian

Sylvia and Vahan Barmakian

Lillian and Diran Barmakian

Rev. Fr. Arsen and Yn. Varteni Barsamian and Family

Mrs. Rose Bejoian and Family: *Peace On Earth, Good Will and Health to All*

Don and Sunny Boghosian

Clover Oil Company

Rev. Fr. Dajad and Yn. Rosemarie Davidian and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Harry and Anita Der Minasian of Boca Raton, Florida

Arra and Alice Derderian

Lillian and Vartan Garbouchian: *Peace and Good Will to All*

Edward K. and Nancy Guleserian and Family

Margaret and Mary Hovnanian

Margaret Janikian

Harry and Margarite Jurjuran: *Happy Holidays*

Nevart Kaderian: *Rejoice in our Savior and trust Him always*

Ann O. Kaprielian

Rose Z. Karibian

Anne Kazanjian

Edward K. and Nirva Kazanjian and Family

Edward and Jeanette M. Keljik

Paul and Ann Korian: *We wish you the Merriest of Christmases*

Rose Mamishian and Family

Jim, Sharon, Sarah, Julie and Amy McDermott: *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

Alice K. Mellian

Louise and Sandra Missakian: *We Wish You All a Blessed Christmas*

Mr. and Mrs. Deran J. Muckjian: *Happy Holidays*

Andy and Bea Ohannessian

Arthur and Mary Papazian and Family: *Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year*

Edward, Elaine D. and Jay Patapanian: *Blessed Christmas and Healthy New Year*

Jack and Audrey Pilibosian: *May the Season's Blessing be with you always*

Harry and Irene Sarkisian and Family: *Christmas Greetings*

Norma, Sonya and Michael Shooshan: *Happy Holidays to All*

Mrs. Robert (Kay) Surabian

Richard, Ann and Talene Tarvezian: *May the Joy and Spirit of Christmas Be With Us Always*

Mari and Margaret Tavitian:

Wishing a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends

John and Diana Topjian: *Happy Holidays and Healthy, Peaceful 2005*

Richard and June Yacubian: *We send you the very best wishes*

George, Helen, Michael and Gayle Yapchaian



St. James parishioners and friends gathered in Keljik Hall on Friday, December 31, 2004, to bid farewell to 2004 and to welcome the new year. The more than 200 guests reveled in a wonderful evening of fellowship, enjoyed a delightful dinner, and danced the night away to the sounds of the Aravod Ensemble of Philadelphia as well as American music ranging from big band to disco. At the countdown to midnight, the live, big-screen Times Square ball drop was accompanied by champagne toasts and the lights and sounds of party favors, as guests enthusiastically welcomed the new year. Following more dancing and merry-making, guests who had once again worked up an appetite enjoyed a delicious breakfast buffet, which included traditional Armenian pasterma and eggs. The evening was memorable and enjoyed by all!

Christmas Yughakin

Anonymous
 Arsalus Abalian
 Sarkis Abrahamian
 Mary Agabian
 Armen, Cynthia and Andreas Aghamianz
 John and Margaret Ahigian
 Leo and Eve Akillian
 Alice Albertian
 Ms. Sarah M. Alexander
 Rev. Fr. Arakel and Yn. Natasha Aljalian
 Harry and Azniv Amiralian
 Helen Andreassian
 David C. and Nancy Ansbighian
 Richard and Adrenna Antreasian
 Mimi and Fred Apsokardos
 Gregory and Lenore Arabian
 Violeta Avanesova
 Mr. and Mrs. Haig Avedisian
 Mary Avedisian
 Steven, Janice and Marie Avery
 Mr. and Mrs. Garabed Babigian
 Judy Babikian
 Michael and Florence Bahtirian
 Elizabeth Balgochian
 Yervant and Anoush Balian
 Beatrice Barber
 Rev. Fr. Arsen and Yn. Varteni Barsamian
 and Family
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*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 and
hope to their families.*

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October 15, 2004

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St. James Women's Guild
Zepure Yazijian

Total: \$815

John Jamoozian

October 18, 2004

Elizabeth DeLucia
Simon and Mary Jamoozian
Barry and Janice Sykes
Mary Toumajian

Total: \$125

Arika Esserian

October 20, 2004

Mr. and Mrs. William Ajemian
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Total: \$2,595

Elmaz Nshanyan

October 29, 2004

Mr. and Mrs. Grigor Bagramian
Ashkhen Bagramian
Mr. and Mrs. Ishkhan Bazarian
Marie Bazarian
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beurklian
Nartuhi Ghecidian
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Aghavni Ozcan
Ed and Lucy Sahagian
Serkiz Sahan
Charles Sarkisian
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sheytanian
Kevork Tertzagian

Total: \$355

Mark B. Tashjian

November 17, 2004

Robert and Marilyn Bagdasarian
Drew Bagdasarian
Bruce Bagdasarian and Lisa Terrizzi
Armene Chorbajian
Leone Dekermenjian
Andrew Gower
Jeffrey and Belinda Gower
Robert and Eleanor Gower
Alice Guleserian and Lisa Mandis
Kenneth and Diane Samuelian
Marien Samuelian
Michael Samuelian
Lucy A. Tashjian
Craig and Nancy Tashjian
Richard Yirikian

Total: \$675

Krikor Torossian

November 29, 2004

Sarkis and Silva Antreassian
Yervant Balian
Iva and Ropin Baymus
Avedis and Silva Bedrossian
Mr. and Mrs. Raffi Festekjian
Janet and Mari Imirze
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Total: \$475

Virginia Kouyoumjian

December 13, 2004

Don and Sunny Boghosian
Harold and Sharon Koumjian
John, Jeanne, Adriana
and Erika Talatinian
Elizabeth Talatinian
George and Kristen Talatinian and
Shelley Barger
Laura, Alexander, and Benjamin
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Debra Boyajian
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Arthur and Eve Talatinian
Richard, Ann and Talene Tarvezian
Maryann Tutunjian
Zepure Yazijian
Nerses and Dorothy Zeytoonian
Nick and Gladys Zeytoonian

Total: \$1,870

Casper M. Goshgarian

December 27, 2004

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Helen Mosesian
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Richard and Irene Samourian
Dr. and Mrs. Leslie L. Seigle
Richard, Ann and Talene Tarvezian
Carolyn L. Tompkins
Bert and Sandy Wikstrom
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Total: \$1,720

Margaret Wyner

December 30, 2004

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Gayle M. Yapchaian
George and Helen Yapchaian
Michael G. Yapchaian

Total: \$1,795

ADDITIONAL IN LIEU DONATIONS:

Mary Krikorian

May 17, 2004
Linda Keljik
New Total: \$6,660

Anooshavan "Flash" Kurkjian

September 4, 2004
Rose Goshgarian
Bert and Sandy Wikstrom
New Total: \$2,230

Kayane Jelal

September 8, 2004
Mr. and Mrs. Roderick J. Higgins
S. Frances Weisberg
New Total: \$ 1,000

Kathryn Karapetyan

September 15, 2004
Dianne Babikian
New Total: \$290



Congratulations to the newly-elected 2005 Men's Club Officers!

(Left to Right): David Yerganian,
Corresponding Secretary;
Thomas Babigian, Vice Chairman;
Robert Berberian, Chairman;
and Edward Barsamian, Treasurer.
Missing from picture:
Recording Secretary –
John Baronian.



2005 SUMMER PROGRAMS

2005 ST. JAMES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — July 18 – July 22, 2005

Children ages 5-12



Holy Land Adventure! This summer, children will take a journey with Jesus through Jerusalem! They will learn about Christ's love for each of us. The five days' topics are: Jesus is King, Jesus Showed God's Love, Jesus Loves Us, Jesus Died For Us, and Jesus Lives! Children will again enjoy arts and crafts projects, music, theater, games, activities, and more! Additional details to follow. For more information, please call Yn. Natasha at (617) 923-8860 or email her at aljalian@comcast.net.

ST. VARTAN CAMP

Session A: June 26-July 9
Session B: July 10-July 23
Session C: July 24-August 6

Session A1: June 26-July 2
Session B1: July 10-July 16
Session C1: July 24-July 30

Applications will be available by the end of January. Online registration will also be available on the diocesan website or www.stvartancamp.org.

ST. NERSESS SEMINARY SUMMER CONFERENCES

Young Adults' Weekend	June 10-12, 2005
Post-High School A Conference	June 14-18, 2005
Deacons' Training Program	June 27-July 5, 2005
High School A Youth Conference	July 5-12, 2005
High School B Youth Conference	July 15-23, 2005
High School C Youth Conference	July 26-August 3, 2005
Junior High School Conference	August 6-10, 2005
Post High School B Conference	August 13-19, 2005

For more information, call St. Nersess at (914) 636-2003.

2005 ARMENIA SERVICE PROGRAM — June 21 to July 14, 2005.

Cost \$1,980.00. Open to young adults ages 18-28. Participants will work as counselors, instructors and mentors for the children of Camp Siranoosh, a camp sponsored by Fund for Armenia Relief (FAR) and the Diocese of Siunik. In addition, the trip will include travel to historical and cultural sites and hands-on instruction in Armenian language, history, culture and religion. For more information, contact ACYOA Executive Secretary Nancy Basmajian at 212-686-0710, or email ACYOA@armeniandiocese.org. The deadline for submitting an original application and accompanying materials is Thursday, March 31, 2005.

ACYOA ARMENIA STUDY TOUR — July 12-28, 2005.

Cost: \$2,000. Open to young adults ages 18-28. The trip will include travel to historical and cultural sites and hands-on instruction in Armenian language, history, culture and religion. For more information, contact ACYOA Executive Secretary Nancy Basmajian at 212-686-0710, or email ACYOA@armeniandiocese.org. The deadline for submitting an original application and accompanying materials is Thursday, March 31, 2005.

Scholarships for all Summer Programs are available to the children of dues-paid members of St. James. For more information, please call Karen Hovsepian in the church office at (617) 923-8860.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SUMMER 2006 – LAST TWO WEEKS OF JUNE

St. James 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage! A Once in a Lifetime Journey!

Week 1: In the Footsteps of Christ - Jerusalem **Week 2:** In the Footsteps of our Fathers - Armenia

Special Thanks To:

The **Cinar family** for their donation of \$8,000 for the new tile floor in the Armene and Veronica Tarvezian Hall, in memory of their father Hagop Cinar, mother Mariam Cinar and brother Kapriel Cinar.

Charles Mosesian for his donation of \$5,000 to St. James.

George and Helen Nalchian, Vee Agahigian and Gary Agahigian for their donation of \$3,000 for the purchase of the new silver chalice for our church.

Mary Bergoudian for a donation of \$2,500 to be added to the Nerses and Gary Drtad Bergoudian Memorial Fund.

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Don and Sunny Boghosian and Harold and Sharon Koumjian for a donation of \$1,000 for the establishment of a new Memorial Fund in memory of George and Virginia Kouyoumjian.

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Helen T. Yapchaian for the generous donation of a freezer to our church to be used to store our mas and nushkhar.

George and Helen T. Yapchaian and family for donating a refrigerator to our church in loving memory of Vahan H. and Mariam Ananian.

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Sacraments



Baptisms & Chrismations

You have been Baptised in Christ.

Alleluia

November 2004 - January 2005

November

John Levon Kurkjian – November 27, 2004

Son of Levon and Tina Kurkjian
Godparents: Gazaros and Helda Shirinian

Rustam Arzunyan – November 29, 2004

Son of Ishkhan and Gayane Abrahamyan
Godfather: Marat Hunanyan

December 2004

Sarah Nicole Shehadeh – December 26, 2004

Daughter of Sami Shehadeh and Marale Shehadeh Kotchounian
Godparents: Ohannes Kotchounian and Sylva Kotchounian

Natasha Anne Simmons – December 26, 2004

Daughter of Charles Albert Simmons, Jr.
and Nicole Atesian Simmons
Godparents: Kevin Schack, Kyle Schack and Kristina Arsenault

January 2005

Harry Parnag Chakmakian – January 15, 2005

Son of Douglas and Tanya Chakmakian
Godparents: Ronald Chakmakian and Lauren Arakelian

Sofia Lucyne Berejik – January 16, 2005

Daughter of Philip Michael Berejik and Danielle McKay
Godparents: Gregory and Mary Amato



Weddings

And the two shall become one.

November 2004 – January 2005

Sevan Topjian and Keri Dawn Khachadoorian

November 27, 2004

Best Man: Haiig Topjian

Maid of Honor: Kristin Khachadoorian

James C. Lyons and Diane Margaret Cherkerzian

December 30, 2004

Best Man: Stephan Lyons

Maid of Honor: Tanya Cherkerzian-Giancola



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.*

October 2004 - December 2004

October 2004

Elmaz Nshanyan – October 29, 2004

November 2004

Mark B. Tashjian – November 17, 2004

Krikor Torossian – November 29, 2004

December 2004

Virginia Kouyoumjian – December 13, 2004

Amalya Petrosyan – December 21, 2004

Antik Petrosyan – December 21, 2004

Casper M. Goshgarian – December 27, 2004

Margaret Wyner – December 30, 2004

January 2005

Dicranouhie (Dee) Mahserejian – January 8, 2005

Berdjouhi Andreassian – January 10, 2005

**ՅԻՇԱՏԱԿ ԱՊՐԻԼԵԱՆ ՆԱՀԱՏԱԿԱՑՆ ՄԵՐՈՑ
ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ԱՊՐԻԼ 24, 2005**

Ժամերգություն Առաւօտեան 8:00

Սուրբ Պատարագ Առաւօտեան 10:00

Հոգեհանգստեան Պաշտօն Նահատակաց Յուշարձանին առջեւ եւ Մատաղօրհնություն:

**Commemoration of Armenian Martyrs' Day
Sunday, April 24, 2005**

Morning Service 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Followed by Requiem Service (*Hokehankist*) and Blessing of *Madagh*
at Martyrs' Monument for those who perished in the 1915 Armenian Genocide.

**THE 90th
ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ARMENIAN
GENOCIDE**

*Remembrance and Commemoration
through Armenian Culture and Music*

Sponsored by

St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
for the Armenian Community of Greater Boston

Sunday, April 17, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

*Featuring: Sayat Nova Dance Company
Zulal Armenian A Cappella Folk Trio
and other commemorative performances*

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

Reception to Follow

Organized by St. James New Vision
Complimentary Admission

**ՅԻՇԱՏԱԿՈՒՄ
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90-րդ Ամեակ Մեծ Եղեռնի

Յայտագիր ի Յիշատակ Ապրիլեան
Նահատակաց

**Կիրակի, Ապրիլ 17, 2005
Երեկոյեան ժամը 5:00-ին**

Մասնակցութեամբ՝

Սայաթ Նովայ պարախումբի Զուլալ Հայկական
եւ այլ կազմակերպություններու

Կազմակերպուած “New Vision”-ի կողմէ
Պոթոնի Հայ Համայնքին համար

Սբ. Յակոբ Եկեղեցւոյ Քէլճիք Սրահին մէջ:
Ազատ Մուտք

6TH Annual St. James Open Golf Tournament

Hosted by

THE MEN'S CLUB OF ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH

Watertown, MA

Marlborough Country Club

Monday, May 2nd, 2005

Once Again St. James is offering its annual Open Golf Tournament.

We are requesting your assistance in making this undertaking a social and financial success. The St. James Open Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, May 2, 2005 at the beautiful Marlborough Country Club in Marlborough, MA.

We are offering business as well as personal sponsorships and gift opportunities in raising funds for this annual tournament. If interested in participating in this endeavor, please contact any of the following Golf Committee members listed below. Thank you for your favorable response in helping to make this tournament a huge success.

Every year has been a sellout so don't hesitate and mail your registration promptly!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Rain or Shine

Both men & women are welcome

Registration starting at 8:30 am

Shotgun start at 10:00 am

Scramble Format—both men and women welcome

First 144 paid registrations will be confirmed to play

Continental Breakfast will be provided. Lunch will be provided

Cocktails following golf

Dinner Banquet — Dinner only — \$40.00 per person

GREENS FEE

Early registration by April 15, 2005 \$150.00 p/p

Payment received after April 15, 2005 \$175.00 p/p

Registration fee includes:

18 holes of golf, cart, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner

Your donation to this golf tournament is tax deductible.

ATTIRE

Proper golf attire is require—Collared shirts.

No t-shirts, jeans of any kind, cut-offs or short-shorts.

Soft spikes required.

For further information please contact:

Harold Partamian at (781) 641-0002 or **Dick Janjigian** at (781) 329-4398. Order Form, over→

6TH Annual St. James Open Golf Tournament

Major Gift Opportunities

I/We would like to support the St. James Golf Tournament with this contribution/donation to be recognized and to underwrite the cost of:

<input type="checkbox"/> Tournament Sponsor	\$3,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Sponsor	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Banquet Sponsor	\$2,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Sponsor	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Cocktail Reception Sponsor	\$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Yard Marker Sponsor	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Sponsor	\$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Hole Sponsor	\$100
		<input type="checkbox"/> Program Sponsor	\$100
		<input type="checkbox"/> "In Memory of"	\$100
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other Donations / Contributions	\$100

(Entitled to one complimentary foursome)

I would like my sign/ad for acknowledgment to read:

My Check for \$_____ is enclosed.

Prize or Raffle Gift Opportunities

I/We would like to donate an auction, raffle or golf prize for The Fifth Annual St. James Golf tournament

Name/Company _____

Prize donated: _____ Value: \$ _____

Please provide us with the following information to ensure correct recognition and acknowledgement.

Name/Company: _____ Address: _____

Your Name: _____ Tel: _____

Player Registration Form (Please fill out completely)

1. Name: _____ Address: _____

Tel: _____

2. Name: _____ Address: _____

Tel: _____

3. Name: _____ Address: _____

Tel: _____

4. Name: _____ Address: _____

Tel: _____

I have enclosed a check \$_____ for #_____ players at \$150 per player.

I am bringing a guest(s) for the dinner banquet and have enclosed \$40.00 per person to cover the cost.

Please print the name of the guest(s)

Please make check payable to St. James Armenian Church and mail to:
Dick Janjigian, 244 Dover Road, Westwood, MA 02090 (781) 329-4398

Great Lenten Service Schedule

The Great Lent is the time of preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ. It is the living symbol of our own life which is to be fulfilled in our resurrection from the dead with Christ. It is a time of renewed devotion — of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time of renewal of our minds, hearts and deeds in Christ and his teachings. It is the time, most of all, for our return to the great commandments - to love God and our neighbors.

We invite and encourage the faithful to take this opportunity to renew themselves with Christ.

ԺԱՄԱՆԱԿԱՑՈՅՑ ՄԵԾ ՊԱՀՔԻ ՀՍԿՈՒՄՆԵՐՈՒ

Մեծ Պահքը այն շրջանն է երբ մենք կը պատրաստուինք դիմաորելու Քրիստոսի հրաշափառ Յարութեան տօնը: Մենք հոգեպէս կը վերանորոգուինք աղօթքով եւ ծոմապահութեամբ: Մեծ Պահքը զոյգումի շրջանն է, երբ մենք մեր մտքով, սրտով եւ գործերով իրագործած եւ հետեւած կ'ըլլանք Քրիստոսի ուսուցումներուն: Վերջապէս, այս այն շրջանն է երբ մենք կը վերադառնանք մեր Տիրոջ պատուիրաններուն՝ սիրելու Աստուած եւ մեր դրացին:

Կը հրաւիրենք եւ կը քաջալերենք հաւատացեալները որպէսզի այս առիթով վերանորոգեն իրենց անձը Քրիստոսով:

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

First Week of Great Lent

Gospel Reading - Matthew 6:1-21

Lenten Dinner 6:30 pm

Lenten Vigil Service 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

Sunday of the Expulsion Week

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:17-48

Lenten Dinner 6:30 pm

Lenten Vigil Service 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

Sunday of the Prodigal Son Week

Gospel Reading - Luke 15:1-32

Lenten Dinner 6:30 pm

Lenten Vigil Service 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Sunday of the Steward Week

Gospel Reading - Luke 16:1-31

Lenten Dinner 6:30 pm

Lenten Vigil Service 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

Sunday of the Judge Week

Gospel Reading - Luke 17:20-18:14

Lenten Dinner 6:30 pm

Lenten Vigil Service 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

Sunday of the Advent Week

Gospel Reading - Matthew 22:34-23:39

Lenten Dinner 6:30 pm

Lenten Vigil Service 7:30 pm

Չորեքշաբթի, Փետրուար 9, 2005

Մեծ Պահքի Առաջին Շաբաթը

Աւետարանի Ընթերցում - Մատթէոս Զ:1-21

Պահքի Ընթրիք ժամը 6:30-ին

Հսկում ժամը 7:30-ին

Չորեքշաբթի, Փետրուար 16, 2005

Արտաքսման Կիրակիի շաբաթը

Աւետարանի Ընթերցում - Մատթէոս Ե:17-48

Պահքի Ընթրիք ժամը 6:30-ին

Հսկում ժամը 7:30-ին

Չորեքշաբթի, Փետրուար 23, 2005

Անառակի Կիրակիի շաբաթը

Աւետարանի Ընթերցում - Ղուկաս ԺԵ:1-32

Պահքի Ընթրիք ժամը 6:30-ին

Հսկում ժամը 7:30-ին

Չորեքշաբթի, Մարտ 2, 2005

Տնտեսի Կիրակիի շաբաթը

Աւետարանի Ընթերցում - Ղուկաս ԺԶ:1-31

Պահքի Ընթրիք ժամը 6:30-ին

Հսկում ժամը 7:30-ին

Չորեքշաբթի, Մարտ 9, 2005

Գատաւորի Կիրակիի շաբաթը

Աւետարանի Ընթերցում - Ղուկաս ԺԷ:20-ԺԸ:14

Պահքի Ընթրիք ժամը 6:30-ին

Հսկում ժամը 7:30-ին

Չորեքշաբթի, Մարտ 16, 2005

Գալստեան Կիրակիի շաբաթը

Աւետարանի Ընթերցում - Մատթէոս ԻԲ:34-ԻԳ:39

Պահքի Ընթրիք ժամը 6:30-ին

Հսկում ժամը 7:30-ին

ԺԱՄԱՆԱԿԱՑՈՅՑ ԱՒԱԳ ՇԱԲԹՈՒԱՆ - 2005

ՄԱՐՏ 20 ԾԱՂԿԱԶԱՐԴ - ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԴԱՅ ՕՐ

Ժամերգություն	Առաւօտեան	8:00
Սուրբ Պատարագ	Առաւօտեան	10:00
Երիտասարդաց Օրուայ Ճաշ եւ Յայտագիր	Կէսօրուայ	12:30
Դոնքացեքի Արարողություն	Երեկոյեան	4:00

ՄԱՐՏ 22 ԱՒԱԳ ԵՐԵՔՇԱԲԹԻ - Յիշատակ Տասն Կուսանաց

Ժամերգություն - Յայտագիր Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարանի կողմէ	Երեկոյեան	7:30
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ՄԱՐՏ 23 ԱՒԱԳ ՉՈՐԵՔՇԱԲԹԻ

Ժամերգություն	Առաւօտեան	10:00
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ՄԱՐՏ 24 ԱՒԱԳ ՀԻՆԳՇԱԲԹԻ - Յիշատակ Ընթերցաց Տեառն մերոյ Յիսուսի Քրիստոսի

Ժամերգություն	Առաւօտեան	8:00
Սուրբ Պատարագ - Հաղորդություն եւ Նախաճաշ Կանանց Կազմակերպութեանց	Առաւօտեան	9:30
Կարգ Ողնկուայի	Երեկոյեան	6:30
Կարգ Խաւարման	Երեկոյեան	9:00

ՄԱՐՏ 25 ԱՒԱԳ ՈՒՐԲԱԹ - Յիշատակ Չարչարանաց եւ Խաչելութեան Տեառն մերոյ Յիսուսի Քրիստոսի

Կարգ Խաչելութեան	Կէսօրուայ	1:00
Կարգ Թաղման	Երեկոյեան	7:30

ՄԱՐՏ 26 ԱՒԱԳ ՇԱԲԱԹ - ԺՐԱԳԱՆՈՅՑ ՍԲ. ԶԱՏԿԻ

Հաղորդություն եւ Նախաճաշ մանուկներու	Առաւօտեան	9:00
Սուրբ Գրոց Ընթերցում (Շաբաթօրեայ Դպրոցի Աշակերտներուն կողմէ)	Երեկոյեան	6:00
Ճրագալոյցի (Խթման) Սուրբ Պատարագ	Երեկոյեան	7:00

ՄԱՐՏ 27 ՍՈՒՐԲ ԶԱՏԻԿ - Տօն Յարութեան Տեառն մերոյ Յիսուսի Քրիստոսի

Ժամերգություն եւ Անդաստան	Առաւօտեան	8:00
Սուրբ Պատարագ	Առաւօտեան	10:00

Ծանօթություն: Հոգեհանգստեան Պաշտօն չի՝ կատարուիր Աւագ Շաբթուան ընթացքին.

Բոլոր հոգեհանգիստները պիտի կատարուին Կիրակի Ապրիլ 3-ին:

ՍԲ. ԶԱՏԻԿԻ ԻՒՂԱԳԻՆ

Տօնական օրերու այս ուրախ առիթով, յիշեցէք Ձեր Եկեղեցին եւ սրտաբախ անդամներով կանգուն պահեցէք Ձեր հաւատքի տունը:

ԾԱՂԻԿՆԵՐ ԱՒԱԳ ՇԱԲԹՈՒԱՅ ԵՒ ՍԲ. ԶԱՏԿՈՒԱՅ

Անոնք որոնք կը փափաքին ծաղիկներ նուիրել Ծաղկազարդի, Աւագ Ուրբաթի եւ Զատիկուայ օրերուն համար, թող բարեհաճին եկեղեցւոյ գրասենեակը հեռաձայնել (617) 923-8860:

SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK SERVICES - 2005

March 20 PALM SUNDAY - YOUTH DAY

Morning Service	8:00 am
Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
ACYOA -YOUTH DAY: Dinner and Program	12:30 pm
Opening of Sanctuary Curtain (<i>Turnpatzek</i>)	4:00 pm

March 22 HOLY TUESDAY - Remembrance of the Ten Maidens

Vespers Service of the Ten Maidens (Sunday School Students)	7:30 pm
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March 23 HOLY WEDNESDAY

Morning Service	10:00 am
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March 24 HOLY THURSDAY - Remembrance of the Last Supper

Morning Service	8:00 am
Divine Liturgy - Holy Communion and Breakfast for Women's Guild	9:30 am
Washing of Feet Ceremony (<i>Vodunluva</i>) (Sunday School Students)	6:30 pm
Remembrance of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ (<i>Khavaroom</i>)	9:00 pm

March 25 HOLY FRIDAY

Remembrance of the Crucifixion of Our Lord Jesus Christ	1:00 pm
Remembrance of the Burial of Our Lord Jesus Christ	7:30 pm

March 26 HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Communion and Breakfast for Children	9:00 am
Reading of Holy Scriptures (Armenian School Students)	6:00 pm
Easter Eve Divine Liturgy (<i>Jurakalooytz</i>)	7:00 pm

March 27 EASTER SUNDAY

Morning Service and Blessing of Four Corners of the Earth (<i>Antasdan</i>)	8:00 am
Divine Liturgy	10:00 am

Please Note: Requiem Services are not offered during Holy Week or on Easter Sunday.

Requests for Requiem (*Hokehankisd*) will be accepted for Sunday, April 3, 2005

EASTER OFFERING - YUGHAKIN

Remember your Church during this holy season with a generous gift. Your Easter offering demonstrates your faith and serves the needs of the House of God. With your help the church will continue to grow and serve as a fortress of our faith.

FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Altar flowers are needed for the Holy Week and Easter. Parishioners who wish to donate flowers for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, please call the church office (617) 923-8860

ՕՐԱՑՈՅՑ 2005

ՄԱՐՏ

Ուրբաթ, Մարտ 4

Երեկոյեան ժամը 6-9 «Հայ Քաֆէ».
6 հոգիւնոց սեղաններ կրնաք ապահովել հետաձայնելով
եկեղեցւոյ գրասենեակը՝ 617-923-8860:

Ծաբաթ, Մարտ 5

Սրբոհիներու Օր - Մեծարում Ջոիկ-ի, 5-րդ դարու սրբակենցաղ
հայոհին: Հիւրընկալութեամբ մեր՝ Սբ. Յակոբ եկեղեցւոյ:

Երկուշաբթի, Մարտ 7

Երեկոյեան ժամը 6:30-ին Արանց Յանձնախումբի ճաշածոյով:

Ուրբաթ, Մարտ 11

Երեկոյեան ժամը 6:30-ին Արանց եւ Տիկնանց ճաշածոյով:

Կիրակի, Մարտ 20

Ծաղկազարդ եւ Երիտասարդաց Օր: Ծաշ եւ Յայտագիր:

Երկուշաբթի, Մարտ 21 - Ծաբաթ, Մարտ 26 Աւագ Ծաբաթ:

Աւագ Հինգշաբթի, Մարտ 24

Յիշատակ Վերջին Ընթրեաց
Ժամերգութիւն առաւօտեան 8:00-ին
Սբ. Պատարագ ժամը 9:30-ին:
Հաղորդութիւն եւ Նախաճաշ Կանանց Յանձնաժողովի:

Ծաբաթ, Մարտ 26

Առաւօտեան ժամը 9:00-ին
Մանուկներու հաղորդութիւն

Կիրակի, Մարտ 27

Սուրբ Զատիկ - Տօն Հրաշափառ Յարութեան Տեսն Մերոյ:

ԱՊՐԻԼ

Ուրբաթ, Ապրիլ 1

Երեկոյեան ժամը 6-9 «Հայ Քաֆէ».
6 հոգիւնոց սեղաններ կրնաք ապահովել հետաձայնելով
եկեղեցւոյ գրասենեակը՝ 617-923-8860:

Երկուշաբթի, Ապրիլ 4

Երեկոյեան ժամը 6:30-ին Արանց Յանձնախումբի ճաշածոյով:

Ուրբաթ, Ապրիլ 8

Երեկոյեան ժամը 6:30-ին Արանց եւ Տիկնանց ճաշածոյով:

Կիրակի, Ապրիլ 17

Երեկոյեան ժամը Ծ:00-ին, Մեծ Եղեռնի 90-ամեակի ոգեկոչում,
Քէլճիք սրահ:

Երկուշաբթի, Ապրիլ 18

Երեկոյեան ժամը 7:00-ին Տիկնանց Յանձնախումբի ժողով:

Կիրակի, Ապրիլ 24

90-րդ Տարեդարձ Ապրիլեան Մեծ Եղեռնի:
Առաւօտեան ժամը 8:00-ին ժամերգութիւն, ժամը 10:00-ին Սբ.
Պատարագ, ապա Հոգեհանգիստ եւ Մատաղօրհներ՝
Նահատակաց Յուշարձանին առջեւ:

Կիրակի, Ապրիլ 25 - Կիրակի, Մայիս 1

Թեմիս Հոգեւորականներու Տարեկան Ժողով եւ Տարեկան
Համագումար, հիւրընկալութեամբ Պէյսայտի (Նիւ Եորք) Սրբոց
Նահատակաց Եկեղեցւոյ:

Calendar of Events 2005

(All events at St. James unless otherwise specified)

March

Friday, March 4

6:00 to 9:00 p.m. St. James Hye Café
Reservations may be made for parties of 6 or more by
calling the church office at 617-923-8860

Saturday, March 5

Women's Saints Day - "Saintly Women's Day" -
Honoring Tsuveeg, a 5th century pious woman. This
years host parish for the New England parishes will be
our St. James Armenian Church

Monday, March 7

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

Friday, March 11

7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Social Hour)
Mr. and Mrs. Group Dinner Meeting

Saturday, March 19

9:30 a.m. Next Hearts of Hope gathering. All are welcome.

Sunday, March 20

PALM SUNDAY - Youth Day Banquet, hosted by ACYOA

Monday, March 21 – Saturday, March 26

HOLY WEEK: FOR COMPLETE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
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Holy Thursday, March 24 - Remembrance of the Last Supper
Morning Service 8:00 am
Divine Liturgy - Holy Communion and Breakfast for Women's
Guild 9:30 am

Saturday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Children's Communion Service
9:45 a.m. St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School and
St. James Sunday School Communion Breakfast

Sunday, March 27

EASTER
Women's Guild Bake Sale

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(բացի յայտարարուած փոփոխութեան պարագային)

ԵՐԿՈՒԾԱԲԹԻ - Երեկոյեան 7:30-ին,
Սուրբ Գրոց Սերտողութիւն (Անգլերէնով)

ԵՐԵՔԾԱԲԹԻ - Երեկոյեան ժամը 5:00-ին, Պինկօ

ՉՈՐԵՔԾԱԲԹԻ - Առաւօտեան ժամը 10:00-ին,
Աղօթածոյով եւ Սուրբ Գրոց Սերտողութիւն
(Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ-Հայերէնով):

ԾԱԲԱԹ - Առաւօտեան ժամը 9:15-ին՝

Սբ. Սահակ եւ Սբ. Մեսրոպ Ծաբաթօրեայ Հայ Դպրոց:
Կէսօրէ ետք ժամը 1:00-ին՝ Երկսեռ Մանկանց
Երգչախումբի փորձ (6-էն մինչեւ պատանեկան տարիք):

April

Friday, April 1

6:00 to 9:00 p.m. St. James Hye Café
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Monday, April 4

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

Friday, April 8

7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Social Hour)
Mr. and Mrs. Group Dinner Meeting

Sunday, April 17

5:00 p.m. - 90th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, Remembrance and Commemoration. Keljik Hall.

Monday, April 18

7:00 p.m. Women's Guild Meeting

Sunday, April 24

ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY COMMEMORATION

8:00 a.m. - Morning Service (Matins)

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Requiem Service and Blessing of Madagh (Memorial Meal) at the Martyrs' Monument

April 25- May 1

Diocesan Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly hosted by Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs Bayside, NY.

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If you would like to receive reminders and updates of what is happening at our church (or know someone who would) please send your email address(es) to:
stjamesnews@stthagop.com.

Every Week Except as Announced

Monday

9:30 a.m. - Mom/Dad and Toddler Play Group
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study (in English)

Tuesday

5:00 p.m. - Bingo (Early Bird: 6:45 p.m.)

Saturday

9:15 a.m. - St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian School
1:00 p.m. - Junior Choir/Chorale Rehearsal

Sunday

10:00 a.m. - St. James Sunday School

Thank You

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Երկուշաբթի, Փետրուար 7 - Առաջին օր Մեծ Պահքի:
 Կիրակի, Փետրուար 13 - Արտաքսման Կիրակի:
 Երկուշաբթի, Փետրուար 14 - Տեառնընդառաջ:
 Կիրակի, Փետրուար 20 - Անառակի Կիրակի:
 Կիրակի, Փետրուար 27 - Տնտեսի Կիրակի:

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Չորեքշաբթի, Մարտ 2 - Միջինք Մեծ Պահքի:
 Ծաբաթ, Մարտ 5 - Քառասուն Մանկունք Սեբաստիոյ:
 Սրբոհաններու Օր - Մեծարում Զուհի-ի, 5-րդ դարու
 սրբակենցաղ հայուհին: Հիւրընկալութեամբ մեր՝
 Սբ. Յակոբ եկեղեցւոյ:
 Կիրակի, Մարտ 6 - Դատաւորի Կիրակի:
 Ծաբաթ, Մարտ 12 - Սուրբ Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ -
 (սոսկալի չարչարանացն եւ մուտն ի Վիրապն):
 Կիրակի, Մարտ 13 - Գալստեան Կիրակի:
 Ծաբաթ, Մարտ 19 - Յիշատակ Յարութեան Ղազարու:
 Կիրակի, Մարտ 20 - ԾԱՂԱՅԱՐԱՐ: ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԴԱՅ ՕՐ,
 Ճաշ եւ Յայտագիր:
 Դոնքացեքի Արարողութիւն Երեկոյեան 4:00
 Երկուշաբթի, Մարտ 22 - Յիշատակ Տասն Կուսանաց:
 Ժամերգութիւն (Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարան) 7:30
 Հինգշաբթի, Մարտ 24 - Աւագ Հինգշաբթի
 Ժամերգութիւն Առաւօտեան 8:00
 Սուրբ Պատարագ Առաւօտեան 9:30
 Կարգ Ոտնլուայի Երեկոյեան 6:30
 Կարգ Խաւարման Երեկոյեան 9:00
 Ուրբաթ, Մարտ 25 - Աւագ Ուրբաթ
 Կարգ Խաչելութեան Կէսօրուան 1:00
 Կարգ Թաղման Երեկոյեան 7:30
 Ծաբաթ, Մարտ 26 - Աւագ Ծաբաթ:
 Հաղորդութիւն եւ նախաճաշ մանուկներու 9:00
 Սուրբ Գրոց Ընթերցում Երեկոյեան 6:00
 (Ծաբաթօրեայ Դպրոցի Աշակերտներուն կողմէ)
 Ճրագալոյցի Սբ. Պատարագ Երեկոյեան 7:00
 Կիրակի, Մարտ 27 - ՍՈՒՐԲ ԶԱՏԻՎ:
 Տօն Յարութեան Տեառն մերոյ Յիսուսի Քրիստոսի:

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Հինգշաբթի, Ապրիլ 7 - Աւետումն Սբ. Կուսին Մարիամու
 Կիրակի, Ապրիլ 24 - Հայ Նահատակաց Օր
 (90-րդ Տարեդարձ Ապրիլեան Մեծ Եղեռնի)
 Ժամերգութիւն Առաւօտեան 8:00
 Սուրբ Պատարագ Առաւօտեան 10:00
 Հոգեհանգստեան Պաշտօն Նահատակաց
 Յուշարձանին առջեւ եւ Մատաղ օրհնութիւն:
 Տօն Երեւման Սուրբ Խաչի:

CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS 2005

February

February 7, Monday – First day of Lent
February 13, Sunday – Sunday of the Expulsion
February 14, Monday – Presentation of the Lord to the Temple
February 20, Sunday – Sunday of the Prodigal Son
February 27, Sunday – Sunday of the Steward

March

March 2, Wednesday – Median Day of Lent, "Meechink"
March 5, Saturday – Forty Martyrs of Sebastia
 Women's Saints Day "Saintly Women's Day" –
 Honoring Tsuveeg a 5th century pious woman. This years
 host parish for the New England parishes will be our
 St. James Armenian Church.
March 6, Sunday – Sunday of the Judge
March 12, Saturday – St. Gregory the Enlightener
 (Commitment to the pit)
March 13, Sunday – Sunday of the Advent
March 19, Saturday – Remembrance of the Raising of Lazarus
March 20, Sunday – Palm Sunday
March 22, Tuesday – Remembrance of the Ten Maidens
 7:30 p.m. – Service of the Ten Maidens (Sunday School)
March 24, Thursday – Holy Thursday
 8:00 a.m. – Morning Service (Matins)
 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
 6:30 p.m. – Washing of the Feet (Vodunluva)
 9:00 p.m. – Memorial of the Passion of Christ (Khavaroom)
March 25, Friday – Holy Friday
 1:00 p.m. Memorial of the Crucifixion
 7:30 p.m. Memorial of the Burial of Christ
March 26, Saturday – Holy Saturday
 9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion and Breakfast for children
 6:00 p.m. – Reading of Sacred Prophecies
 by St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School students.
 7:00 p.m. – Easter Eve Divine Liturgy (Jurakalooytz)
March 27, Sunday – Easter Sunday
 Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

April

April 7, Thursday – Annunciation to the Virgin Mary
April 24, Sunday – Armenian Martyrs' Day
 (90th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide)
 8:00 a.m. – Morning Service (Matins)
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
 Followed by Requiem Service (Hokehankist) and
 Blessing of Madagh.
 Feast of Apparition of the Holy Cross.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Pastoral Care: Home and Hospital Clergy Visits

The clergy are always available 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" but certainly not "other."

Requiem Service/Hokehankisd

Arrangements for Requiem Service, Altar Flowers and Candles should be made through the church office by Thursday at noon. Please note that 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 Holy Mary the Mother of God, and The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Requiem Service requests are announced in the Sunday Bulletin.

Special Prayers

The celebrant/priest prays for all the faithful during the Sunday Divine Liturgy. The Pastor will offer prayers for specific intentions (recovery from illness, etc.) upon your request. Special prayer requests are announced in the Sunday Bulletin. Please call the Pastor's office if you would like special prayers offered.

Sunday Fellowship Hour

Each Sunday following church services, parishioners enjoy a fellowship hour. It is a custom in the Armenian Church to host a fellowship in memory of loved ones. We also encourage our faithful to host a fellowship hour in celebration of a special event. Please call the church office to make arrangements and for more information.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SACRAMENTS

Parishioners should contact the church office to make arrangements for weddings, baptisms or funerals to ensure the Pastor's and church's availability. All services must follow the Canons of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church. In accordance with Diocesan discipline mandated by the Primate, all Sacraments must be administered in the church sanctuary which has been consecrated for the celebration of these sacred rites. All arrangements for guest clergy to participate in sacraments, according to protocol, must be initiated and made through the Pastor's office after consultation with the Pastor.

Baptisms and Chrismations

All baptisms must be scheduled at least two months in advance by calling the church office. The office will provide the parents additional details and forms at that time. 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 Orthodox Church.

Weddings

Parishioners should contact the church office at least eight months prior to the date of a wedding. A couple must contact St. James to confirm the availability of the Pastor and sanctuary prior to making or confirming any other wedding arrangements. All weddings are to follow the Canons of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church and the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The couple must meet with the Pastor at least once before the wedding date for pre-marital preparation. The church office will make all necessary arrangements for the deacon, organist and soloist, and will provide the couple with additional details and forms. Weddings may not take place on Sunday mornings, 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 Holy Mary 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. The funeral director will contact the church office to arrange the date and the time of the funeral service. Generally, St. James Armenian Church 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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