

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:

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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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Pastor's Message

They were up to the challenge. Are we?

"It is not enough for the Church simply to 'keep on keeping on.' We need to permit ourselves to dream, to surpass the status quo, and to ask what we could and should be doing."



Seventy five years ago, a group of farsighted leaders and parishioners had the vision to build a house of worship to glorify God and to build a place for us to come together in His name as one Armenian Church family. They worked hard, during the most difficult of times – the depression – not only to build themselves a sanctuary but to ensure that we could gather here today in the name of God. Their legacy is this church.

What are the founders of this church thinking right now? Are they proud of us? Are they disappointed in the way we are practicing our faith and continuing their legacy? They committed to God and the Armenian Church, at a time when they had absolutely nothing. Most importantly, they gave *sacrificially* – giving everything they possibly could.

This is sacrificial giving - giving to the point until it hurts. True Christianity is a total surrender to God of our lives – a willingness to give up everything we have, everything we believe, everything we do, and all of our wants, desires and interests. Indeed, God wants us to live our lives; Christ died so we would have life abundant. What, however, are we doing with our God-given lives and blessings? God does not care if we are successful. He only cares if we are faithful. Are each of us doing what we can? Are we, like our founders, concerned with our legacy?

We all talk lovingly of the founders of this church. 75 years later, people talk about them with great admiration, unlike any I've ever seen. Yet, they did not sacrifice during the hardest of times so that we could just use up what they created. They made this church their priority in every way possible. Is it our priority now? We live in a much more comfortable world than they did. So I ask you to wonder: what will be our legacy to the generations to come? How will they talk about us 75 years from now? Will they be grateful to us, as we are to the founders of this church?

Together, we can do better and we can do more. This parish has the potential to become and do and achieve great things.

What are we waiting for? To simply leave things as they are, to continue as we have been, to be happy with a Badarak on Sunday mornings, or to be content with the status quo - that is easy to do. It is not, however, doing the will of God. In an increasingly challenging world, we must ensure we are strong in our faith, and that we have the tools to arm our youth and children with Christian values and teachings and faith. To do this, we must support one another and work together in a common faith and mission and vision.

How is it wrong for a church celebrating its 75th Anniversary to plan for the next 75 years, to approach them with clarity and a purpose and a mission, and to raise funds toward that vision for the future? Our parish is at an exciting time. Few opportunities like this will ever exist. The time is now to realize and achieve our dreams. Do we as a church family really want to wait another 75 years to commit to Christ and to become involved?

For two years, the Parish Council, Steering Committee, and scores of volunteers have worked in a professional, deliberate manner to see that our 75th Anniversary be not only a celebration, but an opportunity to plan for our future. Now, two years later, we are finally embarking on the fundraising aspect of our planning. How are we to fix our spiritual home if we do not, now, finally arrive at the fundraising portion of our strategic plan? Money does not appear in the church magically. As I've said before many times, God has *already* provided - he has provided St. James parishioners many blessings and treasures and talents. He is now watching to see what each of us uses them for. So, it is not about whether God will provide - He already has. The question is: now that He has, will you?

Our church faces the same challenges others do: aging facilities, an increasingly challenging society, ongoing necessity for volunteers, need for increases in financial commitment, the list goes on. The reality is that our structure is falling apart, and the need for new programming is immense.

The 75th Anniversary of this church is an extraordinary,

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Parish Council Chairman's Message

Recently, I heard an explanation that I felt would be one that I would share, particularly as we come back from the summer and will be working together to meet the challenges this coming season.

"Watching a flock of Canada geese fly over in precise V-formation is an enthralling sight. How do you suppose they do that? Do they attend V-formation flying school when they are young? I can just see a older goose projecting a Powerpoint presentation against a birch tree and explaining to the younger birds that they must fly two feet to the outside wing of the goose in front of them, one foot behind and eighteen inches above its flight path so it will impress the humans below.

No, geese fly in a V-formation because flying in that exact spot allows them to fly in smoother air with less effort. If a goose falls out of position it immediately feels the added stress of flying on its own and moves back into position. Scientists estimate that by drafting on the wake of the goose in front of them the entire flock is able to fly 71% further than each of them could fly individually. To accomplish this incredible feat the stronger birds in the flock will rotate the lead position so that no one bird wears out. According to NASA, this allows a flock

of birds with differing abilities to fly at a constant speed with a common endurance.

The reason you never see a flock of sparrows fly in V-formation is because they are not going anywhere. They flit around the yard from tree to tree, but at the end of the day they are in the same area. They could try to learn to fly in a V-formation, but by the time they got the formation together they would already be to the next tree and not need it."

I believe the same is true about our fellowship. If Christian faith is only about rituals, and routines our fellowship will suffer. We can rearrange our groupings or try a number of novel small-group techniques, but they will be as awkward as sparrows trying to fly in formation.

However, as it's been said, "when our Christian Faith is a life of growing dependence on God through the joys and challenges of our circumstances, pooling our wisdom becomes a natural extension of that life for us as it is for geese to fly in formation. When God is more real to us than the weather and the events of our day, we will find him fulfilling and our conversations and fellowship will be immediate, powerful and alive."

Let's commit to work as team so that we will have the endurance and work in harmony as we take on the challenges ahead of us.

Paul Korian, Parish Council Chairman

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once in a lifetime, God-given opportunity. Our parish has undertaken a major initiative. We are in the process of rededication and renewal and growth. There is a team of many dedicated, faithful and caring parishioners who have committed to this process whole-heartedly, who are running this race that lies before us with great determination and confidence. I am extremely proud of their collaborative and thoughtful efforts and their devotion to St. James. I must ask, have you personally given thought to your commitment or involvement? Will you be part of this team, or will you attempt to be an obstacle to this mission of the Church? I would love to see every mem-

ber of this St. James parish, every single parishioner, become part of this effort and believe in the vision for our future.

We are indeed blessed at St. James to have a vibrant community, an array of programs and ministries, an inter-generational community from the very young to the very old. Yet, not a single one of us would be here were it not for the vision and commitment of our founders. We are beneficiaries of their sacrificial giving and their commitment to God.

It is now up to us. Let us "earnestly contend for the faith" (Jude 3), and work to be certain that we, like them, leave a legacy of which we, they, and God will be proud.



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

75th ANNIVERSARY

Share Your Photos of St. James History and Church Life with Us!

We invite parishioners to help us in “honoring our past, celebrating our present, and planning our future” by sharing with us your photographs of church events and church life to be used throughout the 75th Anniversary year! We are seeking photos capturing the history and life of our church, whether from decades ago or weeks ago.

Photos may be submitted to the Church Office – please place them in a sealed envelope and clearly indicate they are for the “75th Anniversary Public Relations.” We also ask that you include your name with the photographs so that they may be properly acknowledged and eventually returned to you. (We kindly request that you do not write on the back of the photographs.)

Digital photos may be submitted by emailing them, preferably in JPEG or TIFF format, to 75thanniversary@stthagop.com. Once again, all photos used will be acknowledged. We appreciate your contributions as we honor and celebrate the rich and vibrant life of St. James!

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Town Hall Fair!

Sunday, September 18, 2005

Our parish is filled with enthusiasm for the upcoming 75th Anniversary of the church. Parishioners are excited and are busy at work, even over the summer months, planning for the 75th celebration as well as the future programs and ministries of our parish.

For the past year, subcommittees have been researching and preparing proposals to inform the St. James Strategic Plan.

The following areas on which the subcommittees have focused came directly from the parish needs assessment: Youth, Participating in Parish Life (including Child Care, Transportation, and Satellite Programs), Social Services, Education, Welcoming, Programming, Capital Needs, and Public Relations. The 75th Anniversary celebration committee is also working to plan celebrations and events for 2006.

On Sunday, September 18, 2005, fellowship hour will be held in Keljik Hall. The subcommittees of the 75th Anniversary Strategic Planning Committee will be present to share with parishioners the research conducted and initial proposals for the future of the parish. These proposals will be evaluated and prioritized by the Strategic Planning Committee and given to the Parish Council for review and consideration.

We invite all parishioners to attend, to speak with the subcommittees, and share your ideas and suggestions for the future of our church.

The Time Is Now!

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Almanac

On the occasion of our 75th Anniversary, our church will be preparing a 75th Anniversary Almanac! The Almanac will feature family histories and parish involvement, and will include a photograph of each family/individual. Photographs will be taken beginning in the end of September. Sitzings will be held on Sundays following Divine Liturgy. Sundays will be assigned alphabetically according to last name. Please look for the detailed schedule so you may plan accordingly. This is a wonderful opportunity to memorialize and celebrate the members of this church and our St. James family. We encourage all our members to take part in this wonderful project.

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Interviews with Fr. Anthony Scott

During late June, Fr. Anthony Scott, the consultant working with our parish in creating a Strategic Plan for the future of our church, together with his associate Ken Johnson, sat down and spoke with 52 parishioners about the state of our parish and the future of our church. As it was impossible to invite everyone to participate in this process, interviewees were selected to represent a wide demographic range.

Despite the occasional perceived misconceptions, the interviews were not financial solicitations. Rather, they were honest conversations with parishioners to help us in assessing our present and planning our future. The interviews assisted us in gauging parishioner commitment and perceptions in finalizing the Strategic Plan for our church.

Our parishioners are overwhelmingly optimistic about the future of St. James. Interviewees cited the many strengths of the parish and were also asked to note challenges that our parish can work to improve upon. The vast majority indicated that the Statement of Need of our church, which came directly from the parish needs assessment, was valid and supported the project. The interviews also revealed that we, as a parish family, need to continue to work on developing and instituting the practice of sacrificial giving.

Fr. Scott's feedback regarding the interviews was positive and promising. The interviews confirmed that our parishioners love our parish and have a bright outlook for the future of this church. We thank all those who took the time to interview with Fr. Scott when asked. Your input has helped us as we move forward to finalize our strategic plan and, in order to make this plan a reality, embark in the coming months upon our capital campaign.

As Fr. Scott indicated, it is up to all of us, working together, to make our vision a reality. We invite all parishioners to become an active part of this future!

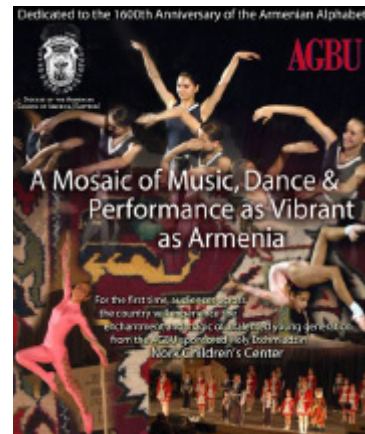
"This Is Your Church – Be Part of It!"

In the Footsteps of Christ and the Footsteps of our Fathers **St. James 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Jerusalem and Armenia.**

Tentative Dates, More details to follow

August 8-23, 2006

This two-week pilgrimage will take our faithful to Jerusalem and Armenia. The pilgrimage will take place mid- to late-August 2006. Parishioners will also have the option of participating in either the Jerusalem or Armenia portion of the trip or both. Dates and details are being finalized. Look for information in the coming weeks. We encourage our parishioners to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime experience!



A Mosaic of Music, Dance & Performance as Vibrant as Armenia

BOSTON PERFORMANCE:

Friday, October 21, 2005 at 7:30PM

Tickets: \$50 / \$25

Newly-renovated Watertown High School Auditorium.

Organized by AGBU-New England,
Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church,
and St. James Armenian Apostolic Church,
with the participation of local Armenian churches.

For tickets, please call Garo Salibian at (781) 439-2762,
Linda Abkarian at (781) 788-0107,
or Hrip Parsekian at (617) 926-6289.

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«Ճանապարհ Դէպի Փրկութիւն»

(Մատթէոս Ե. 3-11)

Ե. «Երանի՛ ողորմածներուն, որովհետեւ անոնք ողորմութիւն պիտի գտնեն»:

Հոգեւոր կեանքի մէջ յատկապէս պէտք է զգուշանալ կեղծիքէն որ խառօրէն դատապարտուեցաւ Տիրոջ կողմէ: Մէկը կարող է իր անձնական կեանքի մէջ հասնիլ որոշակի մաքրութեան, շատ աղօթել, պահք պահել եւ այլն, սակայն ներքուստ կեղծիքի մէջ յայտնուիլ, հոգիի խորքին մէջ սեփական փառքը փնտրել եւ դատել մարդոց: Այս պիտի մարդուն «հոգեւոր յաջողութիւնները» որեւէ արժէք չունին Տիրոջ առջեւ: Առաքինութիւն մը կայ, որուն ճշմարիտ իրազործումը մարդուն գերծ կը պահէ հոգեւոր շեղումներէն: Այդ ողորմութիւնն է: Ողորմութիւնը ցոյց կուտայ, թէ մարդ ուր հասած է իր հոգեւոր կեանքին մէջ, որքան կը սիրէ մարդոց եւ որքան պատրաստ է ինքնագոհողութեան յանուն Քրիստոսի, որ իր անսահման մարդասիրութեամբ չարչարուեցաւ եւ խաչուեցաւ մեր մեղքերուն համար: Անոր համար կ'ըսէ Տէրը. «Ոչ թէ գոհ կը կամենամ, այլ ողորմութիւն» (Մատթէոս Թ. 13):

Ըստ Եկեղեցւոյ հայրերուն՝ որեւէ առաքինութիւն մեզ այնքան աստուածաման չզարմներ, որքան ողորմութիւնը: Տէրը Ինքը կ'ըսէ «Նմանեցէ՛ք ձեր երկնաւոր Հօրը, որ կը ծագեցնէ արեգակը չարերու ու բարիներու վրայ եւ անձրեւ կը բերէ արդարներու ու մեղաւորներու վրայ» (Մատթէոս Ե. 4??): Սուրբ Գիրքը շատ մը տեղեր Աստուծոյ կ'անուանէ ողորմած: Ուստի ողորմած մարդը Աստուծոյ պատկերն է երկրի վրայ, որուն համար մարդիկ կը փառաւորեն երկնաւոր Հօրը: Եւ երբ մարդ ողորմութիւն կ'ընէ, աստուծոյ կուտայ

«Որովհետեւ իմ այս փոքր եղբայրներէն մէկուն ըրիք, Ինձ ըրիք» (Մատթէոս. ԻԵ. 40):

Ողորմութիւն է ոչ միայն մարմնաւոր գոհողութիւնը՝ քաղցածներու կերակրելը, կարօտեալներու կարիքները հոգալը, հիւանդներուն խնամելը, գերեալներուն ազատելը եւ այլն, այլ նաեւ հոգեւոր ողորմութիւնը, քանզի հոգին շատ աւելի մեծ է, քան մարմինը: Հոգեւոր ողորմութիւն են՝ յանցաւորներու ներելը, մեղաւորներուն դարձի բերելը, ճմարտութիւնը ուսուցանելը, մարդոց համար աղօթելը, սեփական անձի դէմ գործուած անիրաւութիւններու համբերելը եւ այլն: Ողորմութիւնը կը ծնի սերէն, ողորմութեան գործերը սիրոյ գործեր են: Իսկ սիրոյ առաջին նշանը գոհողութեան հոգին է. երբ մէկը պատրաստ է իր ունեցած մարմնաւոր եւ հոգեւոր բարիքները գոհել յանուն դիմացինի՝ անոր մարմնաւոր կարիքները հոգալու եւ առաւել եւս անոր յաւիտենական փրկութեան համար: Ողորմութեան համար ամենակարեւորը սիրոյ եւ գոհողութեան ոգին է եւ ոչ թէ քանակը, ինչպէս ցոյց կուտայ այրի կնոջ լումայի պատմութիւնը: Այս պատմութիւնը նաեւ կը վկայէ այն մասին, որ ըրած ողորմութիւնդ պէտք է զգալի գոհողութիւն ըլլայ ունեցածիդ համեմատութեամբ, ոչ թէ աննշան նուէր մը որուն աւելի կամ պակաս ըլլալը քեզ համար որեւէ նշանակութիւն չունի:

Սակայն պէտք է զգուշութեամբ եւ ծածուկ կատարել ողորմութիւնը՝ ըստ Աւետարանի. ոչ թէ մարդոցմէ փառք որալու, գովեստներու արժանանալու եւ մեծարուելու, այլ աստուծոյ փառքի համար: Ով որ այս աշխարհի մէջ մարդոցմէ վարձք է ստացած ան վարձատրութիւն չ'ստանար տէրէն յաւիտենական կեանքի մէջ:

Do You Know



***What is a “born again” Christian?
People who claim to be “born again”
tell me I am not a true Christian and not
truly saved. How do I respond?***

It is difficult to deal with people who are convinced that salvation is possible only through their denomination or sect. In most cases, no matter how convincing an argument you present to them, they will not accept you as a true Christian unless you decide to accept their way. With such people – perhaps one of them may be a good friend or even a family member – it is best not to argue but be prepared to express yourself when they attack you and your faith. You should, however, do this with knowledge and conviction and not in an argumentative manner.

You should first acquaint yourself with our Lord’s words and the Armenian Church teachings about salvation, since salvation is the key to the premise that only the “born-again” are saved and one who is not a born-again is condemned.

Salvation is attained through a behavioral change or a public statement made in a religious ceremony. Salvation comes directly from God, since He alone decides who will be saved. Through faith and good works, which constitute the ingredients of a righteous life – namely a life that is in the right relationship with God – we can only aspire for salvation. If salvation were given to us in this life, there would be no need for the Last Judgment and no need for heaven. But we cannot attain salvation in this life because we are sinners and need to come to grips at all times with our sinful state and make the effort on our part to cleanse ourselves from sin, prayers and good works give us hope that God will be merciful to us at the Last Judgment and will ultimately give us salvation by accepting us in his heavenly kingdom.

As Christians we know that Christ can forgive our sins. His forgiveness here on this earth gives us the knowledge of salvation. Faith, revelation, good works, prayers, and the sacraments of the church make us eligible to receive Divine grace. God’s grace changes us and puts us on a righteous course, a path that leads to salvation. At the Last Judgment, God will decide whether we as individuals deserve to be saved or to die,

which we understand as condemned to exist forever without Him.

Secondly, one must listen carefully to the words of the Divine Liturgy, or read the text of the Liturgy attentively.

The fact is that those of us who are baptized and chrismated in the Armenian Church experience rebirth every time we participate in the Divine Liturgy and are united with Christ by receiving his precious blood and body. Thus rebirth for us is not once in a lifetime event but a weekly experience. The remission of sins in the name of Christ and the Holy Trinity reminds us of God’s promise for salvation. During the Divine Liturgy we also experience revelation as the choir and the people sing, “Christ is Revealed in our midst.” (Krisdos ee mech mer Haydnetsav). These words are not simply pious words but the expression of something we experience inside of us. And the wonderful thing about our tradition is that we experience Christ’s revelation not only as individuals but also as a group or a family of Christians. Christ is present in our family. He is the head of our family and we as a group and as individuals experience his presence in our midst and in us.

We should have no objections if others, children of other churches or denominations, find Christ in their own group. We do not claim our Church to be the ONLY way to Christ. The Armenian Church has never denied that members of other churches and denominations will be saved. But we cannot accept another denomination’s claim that their way is the only way. Christ said that HE is the Way and the Truth, and we believe that He is the Way and the Truth for all of us who say that we are His followers.

An Armenian Christian has no reason and should have no need to leave his or her church in order to find Christ and salvation in another denomination. We respect members of other denominations and encourage them to be firm in their faith, but we do not wish to part from Christ’s Armenian family, since we do feel His presence fully in a religio-cultural setting that is familiar to us and reminds us of our ancestors, many of whom were martyred in His name. And if many of us are not as well informed about our religion and the Bible as members of some Western denominations, that is mainly due to the fact that we are the progeny of a massacred people, still recovering from a horrendous genocide, and it is only in recent times that our church elders could

raise enough funds to publish books and pamphlets and establish Sunday Schools in order to educate our youth. We refrain from teaching our youth to make claims that our Church is better than others. We are open to suggestions, ideas, customs, traditions and publications from other denominations and try to instill in our youth the seeds of burgeoning faith, hoping that it will blossom in time and turn them into faithful Christians.

Excerpted from Frequently Asked Questions about the Armenian Church, written by the V. Rev. Fr. Krikor Maksoudian.

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:

derarakel@stthagop.com.

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

St. James Armenian Apostolic Church Sunday School Calendar

Sunday, September 11, 2005

HOMEcomingsunday FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-10:00 a.m. Sunday School Registration
10:00-10:20 a.m. Sunday School Worship Service
(all students and families)
10:20 a.m. Students to classes
10:20 a.m. Parents Assembly
12:00 noon Homecoming Breakfast/Keljik Hall

Sunday, October 30, 2005

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Hosted by Sunday School and
St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian
School/Keljik Hall
12:00 noon Immediately following Church Services

Sunday, November 20, 2005

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE FAMILY DAY/DINNER

St. James Armenian Apostolic Church

Sunday School Homecoming

Sunday, September 11th, 2005
70th Anniversary

Jesus said,
"Let the children
come to me."
(Mark 10:14)



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 this year on Sunday, September 11, at 9:45 a.m. in the cultural hall lobby.

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 Armenian Church. Students are welcome from Nursery school age (4 years old) through the 11th grade, which is the Sunday School graduation year.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the church office 617 923-8860 or call Mrs. Marsha Alabachian at 781-848-4726.

Annual Homecoming Breakfast

Sunday, September 11, 2005

Immediately following church services
Keljik Hall

Sunday School



SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION

Sunday, June 5, 2005, brought to fruition the combined graduation of St. James' two schools. Graduates of the Sunday School and St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School came together in one commencement ceremony. Years of preparation by the students and weeks of planning by the teachers and superintendents resulted in a day of happiness and tears, hugs and handshakes, love and laughter.

Upon entering the church, the nine students graduating from the Sunday School and the three Armenian School graduates all actively participated in the Divine Liturgy/Soorp Badarak by reading the Bible readings, passing the Kiss of Peace, leading the confession, collecting the offering and reading the requiem verse.

Following Holy Communion, Fr. Arakel and Mrs. Marsha Alabachian, Superintendent of the Sunday School, presented diplomas to Gareen Antreassian, Vasken Babikyan, John Garabedian, Jennifer Hagopian, Amanda Kavjian, Megan Kazizian, Steven Parigian, Gregory Pugh, and Danielle Tanner. Fr. Arakel and Ms. Mayda Yetimian, Superintendent of the Armenian School, presented diplomas to Serena Seferian, Deanna

Soukiasian, and Simon Tacvorian. At this time, five members of the Armenian School's kindergarten were also presented promotion diplomas, after which the graduates came together and reaffirmed their baptismal vows.

In his sermon, Fr. Arakel lovingly spoke to the graduates of their achievement in reaching this milestone – wishing them well, reminding them of decisions they will have to make, and telling them that their St. James family is always here for them.

Immediately following church services, a short program was held in Keljik Hall. The graduating students from the Sunday School collaborated in writing two essays which were read by Vartan Babikyan, Valedictorian, and Amanda Kavjian, Salutatorian. Danielle Tanner offered a very moving and inspirational song that nearly brought everyone to tears. Armenian School graduates each read essays they had written, while the graduating Kindergarten recited poems and sang songs.

An elegant reception honoring all the graduates was prepared and hosted by the Sunday School and Armenian School parents, with the entire parish invited to share in fellowship on this very special occasion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION ESSAY/SPEECH EXCERPTS



Vartan Babikyan

How do you sense God?

We, as the graduating class, feel you can sense God through events that occur in every day life. There may be times in life when we can not feel God around us, but we always know he is there. . . .

As children, we all accepted God as apart of our lives. The experiences he led us through and the choices he helped us make shaped us into who we are today. God started our journey through life, but left it to us to follow the right path. We face many forks along this path everyday, but those are the times in life when we need to trust that God is with us.

Our faith in God is strengthened every time we pray, and the more we pray the more we are able to sense God. If we do not make God a part of our every day lives we will be less aware that he is always around us. He made us each different for a reason; we are all here for a purpose, each one of us is unique and an individual. Along with our individuality, God blessed each one of us with a gift; he wanted us to use these to help not only ourselves, but others. Sometimes that means facing personal fears, or doing things we don't normally do, but we know that God is there helping us conquer those situations as we grow stronger and become better people.

The more you talk to God and incorporate him into your life, the more you can sense his guidance and presence. A little faith in God can go a long way.

How does my conscience impact my life?

We have come to the agreement that our conscience is influenced by two major factors. First comes God; he created us and has been with us throughout all of our decisions, whether we are aware he is there, or not. Second comes our parents and our environment. Since childhood our parents have preached the difference between right and wrong; those lessons are ones that have stayed with us and influenced our decisions during the hardest times. Gut feelings and unconscious reactions are both prime examples of God intervening in our lives to protect us. You make a decision not knowing why, or you avoid a situation because it "feels wrong." That is God talking in your heart. When we know in our minds a decision is wrong, that is our parents lessons guiding us through.

Our conscience helps us through every situation and decision we have to make. It guides us through family situations, relationships, school, work and financial problems. Our family is the most important part of our lives, we know they will always be there for us even when times are hard. It is important that we always respect our family and allow them into our lives. We rely on our conscience to help us tell the truth to our families, respect them, and trust that they are always doing what is best for us. Sometimes we may not agree with what our parents have to say, but our conscience reminds us that they love us and are doing what is best. . . .

Our future is influenced by the decisions we make every day. . . .When we are faced with reality and the peer pressure that surrounds us in every situation, we have to look deep inside to make the right decisions. As teenagers we are exposed to the harsh world of drinking and drugs, but we must have enough respect for ourselves and our bodies, to hold back from the temptation.

Our conscience is the driving force behind every decision we make. Whether it is God or our parents who are guiding us through the hard times, we need to be aware and make the decisions that are beneficial to ourselves and everyone around us.



Amanda Kavjian



THIRD TIME NEVER FAILS!

Tradition at St. James states that on Mother's Day of your Fourth Grade year in Sunday School, you will receive your very own Bible. This year was no exception, except that ... yes, there were no Bibles!

Ms. Celine, Ms. Celine and Mrs. Marsha had to let the fourth graders and their parents know that May 8, 2005, Mothers' Day there would be no Bibles. We would have to move Bible Sunday to May 22, it would not be a problem, except that...yes, there were still no Bibles!

Ms. Celine, Ms. Celine and Mrs. Marsha had to let the fourth graders and their parents know that Bible Sunday, May 22, there would be no Bibles. We would have to move Bible Sunday to June

12, it would not be a problem, and ...yes, WE HAD THE BIBLES!

On Sunday, June 12th, Fr. Arakel presented Bibles to 31 of the most kind and loving (and understanding!) students, who worked hard and waited patiently for Bible Sunday. Recipients were: Zachary Abdalian, Andreas Aghamian, Armen Andonian, Andre Antreassian, Garni Aroyan, Christine Bahtirian, Matthew Bejian, Eva Berberian, Aaron Campbell, Matthew Cherkerzian, Ani Chilingirian, Andrew Della Volpe, Natalie Eskici, Arden Fereshetian, Julia Herosian, Cynthia Hovsepian, Sandra Hovsepian, Matthew Kapilian, Amanda Luniewicz, MaryRose Malian, Rebecca Minasian, Vartkes Moushigian, Johnathan Raposo, Courtney Sheridan, Ari Shirinian, Amanda Smith, Lauren Trimble, John Trocchi, Chloe Zeytoonian, Alexis Cheney and Kevin Eskici.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FIFTH GRADE RECOGNITION

Becoming a fifth grader in the St. James Sunday School brings excitement and new challenges to our students. It is the year when our students actively begin participating in the Divine Liturgy and church services. Having received their Bibles just months earlier, these students have the distinct privilege of reading the English translation of the requiem reading during Hokehankist/Requiem Services each Sunday in church.

The other privilege these students have is becoming an acolyte. Acolyte training has become a major component of the Sunday School's fifth grade curriculum. With leadership and guidance of Sub-Deacon Peter Babigian and Mr. Robert Jingoian, the students learn the basic floor plan, the relevant 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 chil-



dren, acknowledges their presence, and confirms that they are important members of our church family.

On Sunday, June 12, 2005 Fr. Arakel and Sub-Deacon Peter Babigian awarded Certificates of Recognition and Acolyte pins to: Allen Ackan, Aram Andonian, Alexia Cheney, Berj Chilingirian, Setrak Kapreilian, Kevin Eskici, Ari Kazanjian, Nicholas Kazizian, Deanna Minasian, William Musserian, Siobhan O'Sullivan, Lorig Purutyan, Alec Seferian, Leanne Santorsola, Aram Soukiasian, Simon Tacvorian, and Melissa Trimble.

St. James VBS 2005! An Adventure Indeed!

St. James 2005 Vacation Bible School was once again filled to capacity as children and youth gathered for a Holy Land Adventure. Children learned about God and the Armenian Church through worship, songs, crafts, activities, games, and more! This year's program was a wonderful and fun learning experience for all who participated.

Our sincere thanks to Yn. Natasha Aljalian and Marina Minasian, Co-Directors of the VBS program, to instructors Jennifer Tagarelis, Laura Purutyan, Rosalyn Minassian, and Leda Arakelian, and to all of our assistant instructors, volunteers and staff assistants. We also extend our gratitude to Gary and Elaine Westermark for their support of our VBS program. Finally, our thanks to the parents of our youth who committed a week during the summer to bring their children closer to God!

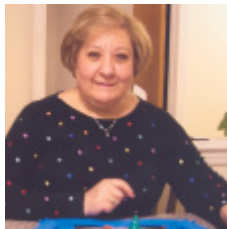
We are enthusiastically awaiting VBS 2006, scheduled tentatively for July 17-21, 2006.



St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Saturday School

NEW CHANGES IN THE ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN SCHOOL!

As the summer comes to an end and the new school year is about to begin, the Saint Sahag and Saint Mesrob Armenian Saturday School at St. James Armenian Church continues to evolve with the needs of our community by embarking on a new curriculum and announcing several important happenings within the school.



First and foremost, our esteemed superintendent, Ms. Mayda Yetimian, is passing on her torch of leadership to the school's new superintendent, Mrs. Marina Minasian. Mayda was responsible for leading our school into the 21st century. Her personal belief was that each child can learn, irregardless of their past Armenian language experiences, thus guaranteeing each student of reaching their own personal best! Ms. Yetimian will continue to be active in the school by moving forward and becoming a member of the Board of Directors.



Mrs. Marina Minasian, an active member of the St. James community, a St. James Sunday School teacher, and an educator in an independent community school, is courageously taking the torch of leadership. She brings a personal philosophy that a child-centered, "user" and "child friendly" approach to teaching is compatible with the new direction our school. With three of her own children in the school, Marina has firsthand insight into the day-to-day activities of the school. She is busy fine-tuning a new curriculum and hands-on activities that are bound to excite all our children. Anyone who has participated in St. James Vacation Bible School can see Marina's contributions to that program and methods, and can witness the effect of a creative and fun environment. We warmly welcome Mrs. Minasian! She can be reached by emailing mminasian@sthagop.com.

In line with the 75th Anniversary of our church and with the recognition that a new generation of children within our community are approaching Armenian language acquisition as "Armenian as a second language," the Board of Directors has developed a new curriculum committee comprised of two past school principals, our newest principal and other experienced educators whose main goal has been to develop a program with very current and novel methods of Armenian language instruction especially relevant for this type of student.

Fruits of everyone's collective hard labor will be visible during this new school year. Now with the availability of the state of the art Atinizian Media Center, emphasis will also be placed on utilizing electronic media to complement our children's education under the careful supervision of a fully-dedicated media center director. Direct teacher instruction, ample personal attention and the provision of a warm and secure learning environment that have always been hallmarks of our school will continue to be developed and flourish.

With nearly a 75 year proud history of educating the youth our community in the Armenian language, culture and history, the entire St. Sahag and St. Mesrob "family" invite you to join us in celebrating the start of another school year and welcoming our new superintendent, Mrs. Marina Minasian, at our annual registration breakfast to be held in Mirak Hall on Saturday, September 10th at 9:00 a.m. Please attend, meet our parents, children and staff! You and your family will be proud to be a part of such a dynamic, dedicated and warm group of teachers and parents! For additional information please contact the Church office at (617) 923-8860. We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Sarkis H. Soukiasian, M.D.

Chairman, Board of Directors
St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School

ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2005-2006

COME JOIN OUR FAMILY! Children 4 to 13 are welcome! Children have an enjoyable and memorable experience while learning our treasured Armenian language, culture, and history. Following is the Fall 2005 portion of the Calendar of Events for the 2005-2006 year:

Saturday, September 10th - Registration and first day of School

October - Armenian Cultural month. Activities to be announced, to include Speaker and Book review.

Sunday, November 6th - St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School Annual Banquet immediately after church services. Save the date! Advance tickets only.

Saturday, December 17th - Armenian School Christmas Party

To be announced - Trip To Kimball Farm

Highlights from our School for the 2004-2005 school year

The 2004-2005 school year was one of our most successful years. We accomplished a great deal and we feel we are on the right path for the future of our children. Our students are wiser and culturally richer thanks to all the dedicated teachers and parents that make St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School such a wonderful community.

Here are some highlights from our School for the 2004-2005 school year:

- ◆ The Media Lab so graciously donated by the Atinikian Family is up and running full speed with full participation from our students.
- ◆ Our Annual November Banquet honored Digin Nazeli Sanentz, our graduating class teacher, for her 50 years of teaching and dedication to Armenian education.
- ◆ Our students read in Armenian from the Holy Scriptures during services for Soorp Zadig and Soorp Dznount. They did a marvelous job considering how difficult and advanced the texts are.
- ◆ Der Arakel taught the students how to make Nushkhar.
- ◆ They baked choreg and made telbanir (and of course they ate it too!).
- ◆ Much fun is always had at our Christmas Parties, and our trips to Kimball Farm or ALMA.
- ◆ In the month of October, which is the cultural month, we sponsored coffee hour at the church. We also sponsored communion breakfast and Poon Parighentan Parties together with the Sunday School.

The list is endless... At the end of a long and fun filled year, the school recognized its three graduates: Deanna Soukiasian, Serena Seferian and Simon Tacvorian. In their essays, they reflected upon their commitment to the Armenian School, and their Armenian knowledge and strength. The essays, which are in this issue of this Loosy, impressed all who heard them and confirmed that the Armenian spirit and faith will continue well into the future. There is, without a doubt, a young generation carrying our torch into the future.

Dr. Sona Tacvorian, Public Relations

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Սր. Սահակ եւ Սր. Մեսրոպ Շարաթօրեայ վարժարանի եւ Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոցի ամալերջի հանդէսը տեղի ունեցաւ Կիրակի, Ծ Յունիսի յետմիջօրէին: Նկատի ունենալով որ այս տարի Հայոց գիրերու գիւտին 1600-րդ ամեակն է, հանդէսը նուիրուած էր այս կարեւոր իրադարձութեան Զոյգ դպրոցներու աշակերտ-աշակերտուհիները երգով, արտասանութիւններով եւ ճառերով ներկայացուցին Հայոց գիրերու գիւտին կարեւորութիւնը մեր ազգի պատմութեան մէջ:

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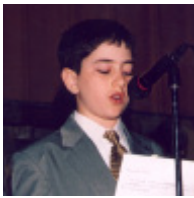
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Այս տարի, հայութիւնը՝ աշխարհի չորս ծագերուն, համագգային շուքով եւ գերազոյն հպարտութեամբ կը օտնէ Հայոց Այբուբենի 1600-ամեակը, տարի մը ամբողջ մենք փորձեցինք մեր աշակերտութեան փոխանձել իմաստը այս շատ կարեւոր իրադարձութեան, շեշտելով կարեւորութիւնը մայրենի լեզուին, անոր լեզուական գեղեցկութեան եւ ճկունութեան, բացատրեցինք թէ ինչպէս քաջակորով 36 այս մարտիկները, 16 դարերու ընթացքին մեզ Հայ են պահած, սքանչելի գրականութիւն է ստեղծած եւ մեզ փրկած օտարացումէ: Փառք ու պատիւ զայն ստեղծողներուն Սր. Սահակին եւ Սր. Մեսրոպին եւ ուժ ու կարողութիւն եւ յարատեւ կամք մեզի այսօրուաններուս, կարենալ շարունակելու մեր գործը՝ ի փառս Աստուծոյ եւ մեր սիրելի Հայ ազգին: Այստեղ կը փափաքեմ յայտնել իմ խորին շնորհակալութիւնը՝ նախ մեր շատ սիրելի Տէր Առաքելին՝ մեր դպրոցին հանդէպ ցուցաբերած իր գուրգուրանքին համար, Տէր Առաքելը մեզի թեւ ու թիկունք կանգնեցաւ միշտ եւ իր անսակարկ աջակցութիւնը տուաւ մեզի:

Շնորհակալութիւն ուսուցչական եւ Մտող-Ուսուցչական կազմին իրենց տարած սքանչելի աշխատանքին համար:

Ստորեւ, կարգաւ կը ներկայացնենք Սր. Սահակ եւ Սր. Մեսրոպ Շարաթօրեայ վարժարանի այս տարուայ երեք շրջանաւարտներու ուղերձները:-

Արժանապատիւ Հայրեր, Յարգելի ուսուցչուհիներ, շատ սիրելի Մտողներ, եւ հանդիսականներ, Ես 11 տարեկան եմ, ութը տարի այս Շարաթօրեայ դպրոցը յաճախած եմ: Շատ կը փափաքէի շարաթօրեայ վարժարան գալ եւ հայերէն սորվիլ, սերտել Հայոց պատմութիւնն ու հայ մշակոյթը, մասնաւորապէս լսել մեր հայ թագաւորներու եւ հերոսներու մասին:



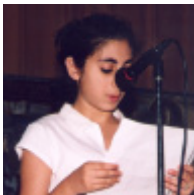
Սիրելի ուսուցչուհիներ եւ ծնողք, այսօր շրջանաւարտ պիտի ըլլամ. ուրախ եմ որ այդ ութը տարիներու ընթացքին շատ տեղեկութիւններ հաւաքեցի մեր անցեալի մասին, բայց միեւնոյն ատեն տխուր եմ որ պիտի բաժնուիմ իմ ընկերներէս եւ յարգելի ուսուցիչներէս որոնք բոլոր

միջոցներով եւ նուիրումով մեզ դաստիարակեցին:

Հայոց պատմութեան մէջ սորվեցանք որ Սբ. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ հիմնեց առաջին եկեղեցին Սբ. Էջմիածինի մէջ, Սբ. Մեսրոպ Մաշտոց հայ այբուբէնը ստեղծեց, Վարդան Մամիկոնեան գոհուեցաւ քրիստոնէութիւնը պահպանելու համար: Այս երեքը մեծ դեր ունեցան մեր գոյութիւնը պահպանելու մէջ:

Այս առիթով կ'ուզեմ շնորհակալութիւն յայտնել իմ բոլոր ուսուցչուհիներուս, մասնաւորապէս տիկին Սաննեցին որ մեր քայլերը ուղղեց դէպի մեր մայրենի լեզուն եւ գրականութիւն: Մենք միշտ երախտապարտ պիտի մնանք ձեր բոլորին:

Սիմոն Թագւորեան

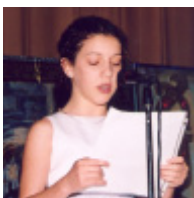


Առաջին ուսուցչուհիս շատ համբերող էր, ինչպէս բոլոր միւս ուսուցչուհիներս: Կը յիշեմ բոլոր դաշտագնացութիւնները որ ունեցանք դպրոցով: Երախտապարտ եմ որ լաւ ուսուցչուհիներ ունեցայ: Անոնք համբերութեամբ սորվեցուցին մայրենի

լեզուն կարդալ, գրել եւ խօսիլ:

Երախտապարտ եմ նաեւ ծնողքիս որ զիս շաբաթօրեայ վարժարան առաջնորդեցին: Շատ լաւ ընկերներ ունեցայ եւ լաւ յիշատակներ ունիմ հայկական շաբաթօրեայ վարժարանէս: Ուրախ եմ որ այսօր շրջանաւարտ պիտի ըլլամ:

Տիանա Սուքիասեան



Փոքր տարիքէս եղած եմ Ծիծեռնակաբոյնի եւ Սուրբ Ստեփանոս վարժարաններու մէջ: Երկու տարիէ կը յաճախեմ Սուրբ Սահակ եւ Սուրբ Մեսրոպ Վարժարանը: Այսօր շրջանաւարտ պիտի ըլլամ: Շատ ուրախ եմ եւ նոյն ատեն տխուր եմ որ պիտի բաժնուիմ ընկերներէս:

Ես բախտաւոր եղայ որ շատ լաւ ուսուցչուհիներ ունեցայ որոնք ջանք չինացեցին որպէսզի լաւ սորվիմ իմ մայրենի լեզուն խօսիլ, կարդալ եւ գրել: Տիկին Սաննեցը սորվեցուց մեզի Հայոց Պատմութիւնը, մեր մշակոյթն ու գրականութիւնը:

Մեր լաւագոյնը ըրինք: Խիստ էր բաց գիտեմ որ շատ կը սիրէր մեզ: Շատ բան սորվեցանք իրմէ եւ երբէք պիտի չմոռնանք ու միշտ պիտի յիշենք զինք Յեղապանութեան 90-ամեակը ըլլալուն, այս տարին բացառիկ տարի մը եղաւ մեզի համար: Տիկին Սաննեց մեզի սորվեցուց որ յիշենք եւ չմոռնանք զայն, որպէսզի չկրկնուի այդ եղեւնը:

Սերինա Սեֆէրեան



Congratulations to our Graduates!

John Anteryassian graduated from Northeastern University with a major in Computer Science. He is currently working for Lockheed Martin.

Alicia Antreasian, daughter of Richard and Adrenna Antreasian, graduated from Waltham High School on June 12, 2005. She will be attending Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, Massachusetts in September 2005. Alicia was awarded three scholarships from the Waltham community and was the recipient of the Boston Globe Scholastic Art award Silver Key for her video project produced in the Teen to Screen Program. The video project, sponsored by the DeCordova Museum and Waltham High School, can be viewed on the DeCordova web site.

Armen Babikyan, son of Jirayr and Carol Babikyan, received his Master of Science degree in Computer Science from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst on May 21, 2005.

Emily Bedrosian, daughter of Larry and Melanie, graduated from Belmont High School this spring. This fall, Emily will be attending Bentley College.

Alexa Diranian, daughter of Richard and Karen Diranian, graduated with honors from Arlington High School in June 2005. Alexa will be attending Providence College and will be majoring in psychology and pre-med.

Michelle L. Farrell, daughter of Kevin and Sandra Farrell of North Billerica, has graduated from Georgetown University Graduate School with a Masters of Science in Spanish. Michelle will continue at Georgetown this fall in a doctoral program to pursue her Ph.D. in Spanish.

Brittany Henry, daughter of Elizabeth Kurkjian-Henry and John W. Henry and granddaughter of Rosella and the late Anooshavan Kurkjian, graduated from Winchester High School. While at Winchester High School she was a captain of the Girls Varsity Lacrosse Team and a captain of the A Cappella group "The Octets," which performed in Prague, Czechoslovakia last December. Brittany will attend Syracuse University in September where she will major in Communications.

Sarven Ipek, son of Nubar and Manus Ipek, graduated with honors from Northeastern University in May 2005, with a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Levon Kurkjian, son of Aracse Kurkjian and the late John Kurkjian, husband of Tina Kurkjian, and father of John L. Kurkjian, graduated from the MBA program at Boston College's Carroll School of Management with a dual concentration in Marketing and Strategy. Levon has recently started his second professional career at Strategic Pricing Group (a marketing strategy consulting firm) in Waltham, MA, as an Associate Consultant.

Alexa K. Magarian graduated from Swampscott High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Magarian. Alexa will be attending Mary Mount Manhattan College in New York City this fall, majoring in Journalism.

Julie McDermott, a St. James Sunday School teacher and graduate, graduated this past June from Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. Julie graduated with honors and was awarded the Dance Prize in recognition of outstanding four year achievement. Julie was inducted into the Varsity club, was captain of the varsity tennis team, on which she played for four seasons. She also played varsity field hockey, and basketball, and was captain of the dance team. She will join her sister, Sarah, at Boston College this fall.

Jacqueline Metjian, daughter of Charlie and Janice Metjian, graduated from Watertown High School in June. She will attend Simmons College in Boston in the fall, where she plans to major in Nursing. Jacqueline is the granddaughter of Charlie and Dorothy Kasparian of Watertown, and Charlie Metjian, of Florida and New Jersey.

Stephen Tagarelis, son of Stanley and Lori Tagarelis, graduated from Waltham High School in June 2005. Stephen will be attending Curry College this fall and majoring in Communications / Broadcasting.



ACYOYA SENIORS

The St. James ACYOYA Seniors have been busy as usual. Once again, on March 20, 2005, along with the ACYOYA Juniors we hosted a very successful Youth Day Palm Sunday Banquet for the parishioners of the church. At this year's banquet, our parish honored all of the ACYOYA Juniors and Seniors for their hard work and dedication to our church.

The ACYOYA Seniors also had a large presence at the General Assembly and Sports Weekend in Cleveland, Ohio this past Memorial Day weekend. Executive Committee members Jbid Ipek and Anais Hachikian represented St. James during the General Assembly. St. James also participated in many sporting events including boys basketball, co-ed volleyball, and co-ed dodge ball, among other individual sports. St. James came in second place in both boys basketball and co-ed dodge ball. While some of the ACYOYA Seniors were in O-Hye-O, many others stayed back at home to help their younger ACYOYA Juniors counterparts with their 30th Annual Hye M'rtsoom Weekend.

ACYOYA JUNIORS

The 30th Anniversary Hye M'rtsoom Celebration was a spectacular event enjoyed by 165 ACYOYA Juniors from the Eastern Diocese. The participants enjoyed a weekend of sports and fellowship culminating in a "Black & White Ball" where they danced by candlelight, feasted at food stations and satiated their sweet tooth at the chocolate dessert fountain.

Thank you to all the host families who opened their homes to our guests and the St. James Men's Club, Women's Guild, Mr. & Mrs. Group, Bingo Committee and New Visions Group for their support with meal preparations and kitchen help. A special thank you to our Pastors, our Youth Director Brenda Khederian, ACYOYA Seniors advisors, and the "best parents" in the world for all their help and guidance. We couldn't have done it without you!

CALENDAR WINNERS—May to July

MAY

1. David Arakelian
2. Marina Minasian
3. Tina Kurkjian
4. Eleonor Arakelian
5. Arthur Kostikian
6. Daniel Assarian
7. Kasper Pilibosian
8. John Garabedian
9. M/M Haig Avedisian
10. Lillian Garbouchian267
11. Mara Bazarian
12. Shirley A. Geraci
13. Alex Yildez
14. Yn. Rosemarie Davidian
15. Garo Salibian
16. Anoush Balian
17. Mary J. Hovnanian
18. Ora Margosian
19. John & Lousie Toromanian
20. David Arakelian
21. Mary Agabian
22. DONATION
23. Mena Bekeria
24. Alice Nakash
25. Claire Musserian
26. Abdalian
27. Andrew Reppucci
28. Paul Kurkjian
29. Gale Krikorian
30. Beverly Onanian
31. Brenda Khederian

JUNE

1. Alexis Butler
2. Peter & Kristen Korian
3. Alice Nakash
4. Michael Reppucci
5. Alex Measures
6. Ellen Tufankjian
7. Jack & Audrey Pilibosian
8. Nareg Kalaydjian
9. Arline Baumeister
10. Debbie & John Giragosian
11. Sonya Shooshan
12. Dr. & Mrs. Dikran Babayan
13. Linda Panosian
14. Monique Measures
15. DONATION
16. Isabella Guleserian
17. Dana & Evan Clark
18. Nirva Kazanjian
19. Kim Boroyan
20. Jayne & Kasper Andonian
21. Arthur Panosian
22. Michael Guleserian
23. Carol Yeghiayan
24. Kasper Pilibosian
25. Jennifer Kavar
26. Sandy Raphaelian
27. Michael Shooshan
28. Madeleine (Hertigian) DeSesa
29. Brian & Jessica Cherry
30. Samantha Guleserian

JULY

1. Andrew Malian
2. Sean Murray
3. Lousie Zouranjian
4. DONATION
5. Kenny Diranian
6. Deanna Seymourian
7. Richard Koundakjian
8. Hazel Papazian
9. Matthew & Lauren Barsamian
10. Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
11. Dan & Sunny Boghosian
12. Der Dajad Davidian
13. Harry Tugurian
14. Gregory Sahagian
15. Elbis Andonian
16. Arpine Hamamjian
17. Governo Law Firm
18. Haig Deranian
19. Alex Yildez
20. Adam Assarian
21. Sandra Missakian
22. Susan DeLuca
23. Rachel Boloyan
24. Sandy Raphaelian
25. Nora Pamboukian
26. Kimberly Kamboria
27. Julie Mesrobian
28. Stefanie Madanian
29. Hasmig Maserejian
30. Mary J. Hovnanian
31. Derenik Kostikian



HYE CAFÉ

ST. JAMES HYE CAFÉ

Future Dates:
(First Friday of Every Month)

Sept. 9, 2005

Oct. 7, 2005

Nov. 18, 2005

Dinner Served from 6 p.m. to 8:30 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 no later than 5 p.m.
on the day before (Thursday) Hye Café.



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@sthagop.com.



New Vision

Summer/Fall 2005
newvision@stthagop.com

Sunday in the Park

By Lucine Bahtarian

On May 15, 2005, families from the church gathered in Arsenal Park for a pleasurable and social afternoon gathering. Each family brought their own picnic lunch and enjoyed the wonderful park scenery with their fellow parishioners. Michael Bahtarian, a member of New Vision, planned an entertaining afternoon for the children. Children participated in games and relay races such as a game of kickball, a spoon and egg race, a bat spin race, sponge toss, tug-of-war, and last but not least, to top it off, a water balloon toss. The weather cooperated as we played our games and shared in wonderful fellowship. I would like to thank New Vision for a memorable afternoon in Arsenal Park. We hope to do another afternoon like this and welcome others to join us! Hope to see you there!



**St. James parish
veterans and younger
parishioners
participating in the
Watertown Memorial
Day parade.**



2005 St. James ARMENIAN



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Questions of the Day

God v. Science: Creation v. Evolution

Evolution is once again in the spotlight and on the news. The debate over whether Creation should be taught, or at a minimum the disagreements about evolution and Creation acknowledged, in our schools' teaching of evolution continues. In recent weeks, President Bush's comments during a White House press interview refueled this discussion, when he stated that he "felt both sides ought to be properly taught . . . so that people can understand what the debate is about."

What is evolution?

In order to gain a proper understanding, one must decide what is meant by "evolution," as many definitions or theories exist. Many understand evolution one-dimensionally and equate it with Charles Darwin's nineteenth century theory of natural selection or "survival of the fittest." This, however, is incorrect, as this is not the only theory. Others believe that given life's complexities and its "intricate" nature that "only a powerful guiding force, or Intelligent Designer, could have created it," though further natural development within this scheme may have taken place. This "Intelligent Designer" is thought by many to mean God's divine creation of the universe and all contained within it.

What are the teachings of the Armenian Church on evolution?

The Orthodox Church, including the Armenian Orthodox Church, does not have an official position or official teachings on evolution. What can be said, unequivocally, is that Charles Darwin's theory of evolution

is alien to the teachings of our church

Further, any theory or position which does not account, or leave room, for God's role as the Creator of all is unacceptable to the Orthodox Church. We believe that "in the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1), and that "God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31). We believe that God existed prior to the creation of the world. He created something out of nothing, or more accurately "being" from "non-being." "God created the world by His thought, by His will, by His word or command. *For He spoke, and they came to be; He commanded and they were created.*" (Psalm 148:5). Further still, we believe in the participation of all three Persons of the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – in the Creation. This is reflected in the Nicene Creed, or Havadamk, which we recite each time we celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

Many scholars have stated that the Orthodox churches do not take a literal approach to the Biblical account of Creation in the Book of Genesis. According to Orthodox scholar Fr. Stanley Harakas: "While humans may have evolved physically under the direction and guidance and plan of the Creator, their souls could not have evolved any more than the powers of reasoning, speaking, or the ability to act creatively could have simply evolved. . . . The Creator intervened by breathing His Spirit into man and giving him life, as stated in Genesis. Such thinking, while admitting the possibility that the Creator guided a process of physical evolution, is not identical with the theories of Charles Darwin."

*For He spoke,
and they came
to be;
He commanded
and they were
created."*

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@stthagop.com or send them to the church office.

Despite certain allegations, the Roman Catholic Church, like the Orthodox Churches, has been firm in its view of evolution: "An unguided evolutionary process—one that falls outside the bounds of divine providence" such as that suggested by Darwin, "simply cannot exist." The Catholic Church's bottom line

comports with that of our faith. We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "We believe that God created the world according to His wisdom. It is not the product of any necessity whatever, nor of blind fate or chance." To believe creation is the result of a random, meaningless process is atheism and blasphemy.

What did President Bush mean by "intelligent design"?

Intelligent design was created primarily in opposition to the theory of evolution. It does not oppose the notion of the existence of a "directed, intelligent creation." It acknowledges that someone or thing, argued by most to be God, directs the design of the world and all within it. Supporters of intelligent design argue that one must allow and consider both natural as well as supernatural explanations of the world. President Bush made clear that "part of education is to expose people to different schools of thought [and] to different ideas." While some argue that evolution is the foundation of scientific theory, there is room, as President Bush argued, for discussion of alternate schools of thought in the social context of a science, or any, classroom. Most efforts seek to "teach the controversy" between evolution and Creation, acknowledging the existence of the debate.

Why are people troubled by schools presenting and teaching children different theories of evolution?

Some feel that while Creationism may be taught in classrooms, the science classroom is not the place to teach it. Yet, while Darwinian theory was once touted by schools, it is by no means enthusiastically accepted among scientific theorists. In fact, "many scientists are experiencing recriminations for breaking with Darwin." "Orthodoxy has no problem with non-Darwinian evolution as a scientific theory, only with theories of evolution eliminating the need for, or role of, God as Creator of all."

What role does the Creation have in our relationship with God?

"Our faith firmly believes that God is the Creator of all things and that human beings, created in the image and likeness of God, are unique among all created beings." Humans are distinct from other created

beings. We have God-given souls. We, humans, for example, are not descendants of monkeys. We, humankind, are raised above all other creation, and are the "highest creation of God on earth," sometimes referred to as the "Crown of Creation." This is because God created us, humans, in His image and likeness. (Genesis 1:26-27). This is the basis of our relationship with God. All that we have we are given by Him. In our relationship with Him, he is Lord, God, Father, Creator of all. Our purpose on this world is to glorify God, to perfect ourselves and become like Christ. We are not animals; rather we are granted dominion over them by God. "O Lord, how wonderful is Thy name in all the earth! . . . What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? ... *Thou has made him a little lower than the angels, with glory and honor Thou has crowned him, and Thou hast set him over the works of Thy hands.*" (Psalm 8:1-8)

Through a prayer relationship, creation is connected to the Creator. Prayer is an acknowledgment of God as Creator, and mankind as created. This is indeed the reason that God created the world, "so that other beings glorifying Him, might be participants of His Goodness."

What to teach our children:

"The Orthodox Church firmly believes that God is the Creator and Author of all things, that He is actively engaged with His Creation, and that He desires to restore His Creation to full communion with Himself through the saving death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ." Our God is "all-knowing and all-powerful." "We are creatures, God is our Creator. It is He who made us." "It is by faith that we understand that the universe was created by God's word, so that what can be seen was what was made out of what cannot be seen." (Hebrews 11:3).



2005 St. James Scholarship Recipients

St. James Armenian Church, as has become a tradition, granted \$12,960 in scholarships to youth of the church on Father's Day, June 19, 2005. The scholarships were created by generous parishioners seeking to encourage and support the youth of the St. James parish. Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor of St. James, thanked all of the parishioners who established scholarship funds for their support of the youth and the future leaders of the St. James parish, as they pursue their higher education and their personal endeavors.

Hovnan and Agnes Hovnanian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Andrea Zeytoonjian**

Vernon H. Assarian Memorial Scholarship

Recipients: **Edward Tacvorian**
Julie Giragosian

Edward and Elaine Patapanian Scholarship

Recipients: **Jbid Ipek**
Jacqueline Metjian
David Amirbekyan

Herant, Zaroubi and Raffi Hollisian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Mark Giragosian**

George and Rose Tashjian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Gregory Deranian**

Armene Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship (GKT)

Recipient: **Shant Broukian**

Robert Mousessian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Eric Egavian**

Simon Der Simonian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Lauren Maranian**

Daniel Percy Hindlian Scholarship

Recipient: **Jennifer Deranian**

Jocko Ananian Memorial and Phyllis Ananian Scholarship

Recipient: **Stephen Tagarelis**

Gladys and Anna Najarian Medzorian Scholarship

Recipients: **Jennifer Tagarelis**
Julie McDermott

Martin Martinian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Aram Babikyan**

Veronica Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship (GKT)

Recipient: **Alexa Diranian**

Alice Kaprielian Memorial and Ann Kaprielian Scholarship

Recipient: **Lauren Egavian**

Herach Kazanjian Memorial and Anne Kazanjian Scholarship

Recipient: **Sarah McDermott**

Edward and Joyce Berberian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Haig Babikyan**

John Kurkjian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Dana Malcolm Clark**

Madeline Kasabian Leone Scholarship

Recipient: **Lauren Hagopian**

Michael and Ovsanna Hovannesian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Marc Khederian**



Men's Club 6th Annual Golf Tournament



With God's blessings in providing us with decent weather conditions, the Sixth Annual St. James Open Golf Tournament got off to a tremendous start at the Marlborough Country Club on Monday, May 2, 2005.

After a continental breakfast, a near maximum field of golfers teed off at 10:00 a.m. using a scramble format. Lunch was offered during play with the golf competition ending at approximately 4:00 p.m. A cocktail reception was provided followed by dinner. Upon completion of the dinner, a prize ceremony and a raffle and silent auction concluded the fine day of friendship and camaraderie.

Thanks again to an outstanding tournament committee, to all of the dedicated volunteers, and to all who contributed and participated to help make this year's St. James Open Golf Tournament the huge success that it was socially and financially.

Harold R. Partamian
Golf Tournament Chairman



Women's Guild News

"By the sea, by the sea, by the beautiful sea!"



"By the sea, by the sea, by the beautiful sea" was the theme of the Women's Guild June luncheon meeting. Not only did our members wear their best summer hats for our picnic lunch, but Der Arakel and Der Arsen were presented with authentic Red Sox caps. A beautifully decorated box lunch consisting of sandwiches, salads, specialty cookies and grapes added to the ambiance of being by the sea. Bunny Nahabedian, chairman, with the assistance of Florence Aharonian, Hazel Papazian, and Alice Kaljian, were our hostesses for this lovely luncheon. To cap the exciting day, a hand made beach chair was presented as a door prize. The luncheon and door prize were donated by Elaine Patapanian in memory of the second-year memorial of her mother, Helen Zona. Thank you Elaine. Also, Kenneth Janjigian, author of *Trapped Doors*, gave us some insight into the publishing world and read a few passages from his book.

Hrip Parsekian and Caroline Soultanian hosted our May meeting. They prepared a delicious roast lamb dinner with bulgur pilaf, salad, and cookies and ice cream for dessert. Annette Hannon, from *As Tyme Goes By*, was our guest speaker. Members brought in a myriad of objects and jewelry for Annette to appraise. Comments such as, "I have one like that." "What's the value?" and "How do I know I'm getting a fair deal?" sparked the discussion.

During the month of May our members were very active in preparing lunches for our ACYOA Juniors Sports Weekend and helping with the Church Picnic.

After a summer of relaxation, the marathon baking schedule begins for the Bazaar. Members will be looking forward to the traditional Welcome Back Dinner, hosted by Bea Ohannessian and team. October is our relaxing luncheon meeting after two months of cooking and baking, we enjoy a quiet lunch and reflect on the bazaar. November will be a dinner meeting. This is the time we will elect new officers and, this year, will present awards to our members for their years of service.



Women's Ministry: 2005-2006

Women of God

This year, our Women's Ministry will focus on the kind of woman God wants us to be. These are traits and gifts we can all bring to our everyday lives - to our family, our friends, our workplace. These are also talents and virtues we can all share with our St. James family and are highlighted by the efforts and vision of our 75th Anniversary work and planning. Again, we will highlight Women of the Bible who embody these traits and serve as true and timeless role models.

The Confident Woman

October 22, 2005

The Prayerful Woman

January 21, 2006

The Sacrificial Woman

March 18, 2006

The Joyful Woman

May 6, 2006

Second St. James Hye Tea

Saturday, October 29, 2005

*St. James Armenian Church is most pleased
to be hosting its Second Hye Tea on
Saturday, October 29, 2005!*

Hye Tea is an elegant afternoon

*filled with lovely conversation,
delightful fellowship.*

*The delicious teas
are only outdone by the beauty
of the tables prepared and decorated
by our hostesses.*

*The excitement of the first St. James Hye Tea
a few years ago, and its financial success
for the benefit of our church,
have everyone enthusiastically anticipating
the second occasion of this wonderful event.*

*Proceeds will benefit our parish and
will be used toward the purchase
of much-needed new robes for our deacons
and altar servers.*

*If you are interested in hosting a table
for the Hye Tea, please contact
Mary Goudsouzian by calling (781) 729-4645
or Carol Yeghiayan by calling (781) 862-4361.
Tables are limited, so we encourage interested
hostesses to call as soon as possible.*

MESROB MASHDOTZ INSTITUTE

Our **Fall 2005 semester for Armenian Language** will start on **Monday, September 19, 2005**, and will run for twelve weeks. Classes will be held on Monday or Wednesday nights. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Annie Chekijian at (617) 489-5984. All are most welcome and are encouraged to learn our treasured Armenian language.

It's never too late to learn!

Annie Chekijian, Administrator

ST. JAMES JUNIOR CHOIR/CHORALE ALTAR SERVERS AND SENIOR CHOIR

Choir/Chorale, Altar Servers and Senior Choir

A warm welcome to Vartan Babikyan, son of choir member Carole Babikyan, who came to sing the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, April 23 commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Genocide. Vartan has continued to participate in the choir every Sunday following his graduation from Sunday School.

We are fortunate to have several Junior Choir members join us on occasion: Satenik Karapetyan, Dziadzan Sahagian, Christine Shalian, and Cristina Veranian. They are our present and future!

The Choir also participated in the Divine Liturgy on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 5th.

Come join the choir. Be with us on Homecoming Sunday, September 11, 2005, and participate by singing the hymns of the Divine Liturgy. Talk with our Choir Director, Artur Veranian any Sunday following services.

Junior Choir/Chorale

Frequently, various members of the Junior Choir join the Senior Choir in singing the Divine Liturgy. One of those happy occasions was on Saturday, April 23, when Melanie Joubanian participated in the special Badarak in commemoration of the 90th Anniversary of the Genocide. Melanie brought not only a brightness into the chancel on a rainy and dreary day, but also a hopeful sign that our Church Choir will perpetuate.

Members Nara Agaranova, Maria Airapetian, Kyrstal Doulbakian, Stephanie Kagramanova, Satenik Karapetyan, Dziadzan Sahagian, Christine Shalian, Cristina Veranian, and Zareh Deirmendjian, under the direction of Maestro Artur Veranian sang at the Erebuni Armenian Chorus' Spring Concert on May 15, 2005. Satenik and Cristina sang their solos with beautiful voice and poise. Dziadzan, Satenik and Cristina also sang with the entire Erebuni Chorus.

Rehearsals will resume Saturday September 10, 2005, at 1:00 pm in Mirak Hall of the Cultural and Youth Center. Young singers ages 4 through teens are welcome. The ability to speak Armenian or read music is not necessary because the Badarak and the Armenian songs are transliterated and the music is taught by vocalization and actual singing.

Those who will be attending the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School in the morning may bring their lunch. Coordinators Barbara Young or Lucy Mardirosian will be present in the lunch room and will then escort the youth to rehearsal.

Lucy Mardirosian and Barbara Young

NEW PROGRAM Deacons, Subdeacons and Altar Servers Training

This new Training Program at St. James is designed to train young men in the Armenian Church for service to God as ordained Acolytes, Subdeacons and Deacons.

Fr. Arakel will be teaching the sessions, and is excited to begin this program, much needed and anticipated in our church.

The Deacons and Altar Servers Trainings
will begin in

October of 2005

on the following days:*

Subdeacons' Training

First and Third Thursdays of the Months
(7:00 p.m.)

Deacons' Training

Second and Fourth Thursdays of the Month
(7:00 p.m.)

Advanced Acolytes' Training

Second and Fourth Sundays of the Month
(1:30 p.m.)

(Prerequisite: completion of the St. James 5th Grade Sunday School Acolyte program)

**Note: The schedule will be modified during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.*

Registrants will be informed of such changes during the training sessions.

If you have any questions,
please call Fr. Arakel at (617) 923-8860
or email him at derarakel@stthago.com.
If you would like to obtain a registration form,
please call or email Fr. Arakel or
contact the church office.

Bible Study

Monday Evenings

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

This new Bible Study program enhances and revitalizes the Bible Study we had in place at the church. Faithful will come together to study and learn God's Word.

The Bible Studies will be led by Fr. Arakel. The concentration of our Bible Studies during the Fall of 2005 will be **The Lord's Prayer**. We always say the Lord's Prayer, the *Hayr Mer*, as taught to us by Christ in His Sermon on the Mount.

Yet, do we know what we are praying? Many of us say the words of the Lord's Prayer, or the *Hayr Mer*, whether in Armenian or English, yet do not at all understand the true meaning of what we are praying. For example, do we know that Christ teaches that God will only forgive us to the extent we forgive others? Do we understand what "daily bread" is?

In this nine-week session, we will study the Lord's Prayer as found in the Gospels, particularly Matthew 6:9-13, and will study other verses and books of the Bible to comprehend the true meaning of the Lord's Prayer.

In one-hour a week, you will find a deeper understanding of the *Hayr Mer*. We invite you to join us, participate, learn and grow deeper in faith!

The Lord's Prayer

Week 1: *Our Father Who Art in Heaven*

September 26, 2005

Praise and Affirmation of God in Prayer

Week 2: *Hallowed be Thy Name*

October 3, 2005

Keeping Sacred the Holiness of God

Week 3: *Thy Kingdom Come*

October 10, 2005

Christ will Return Again!

Week 4: *Thy Will be Done On Earth as it is in Heaven*

October 17, 2005

Daily Living of God's Will on this Earth

Week 5: *Give us this Day our Daily Bread*

October 24, 2005

What Do We Really Need in our Lives?

Week 6: *Forgive us our Trespasses as we Forgive Those who Trespass Against Us.*

October 31, 2005

Can We Ask God for Forgiveness if We Don't Forgive Others?

Week 7: *Lead us not into Temptation*

November 7, 2005

Staying Steadfast and Strong in Faith

Week 8: *Deliver us from Evil*

November 14, 2005

Good versus Evil

Week 9: *For Thine is the Kingdom and Power and Glory forever. Amen.*

November 21, 2005

Eternal Life in God and Living the Lord's Prayer



In Lieu of Flowers

*The following donations
have been received with
appreciation by St. James
Armenian Apostolic Church. May
God bless the souls of our dearly
departed and give comfort and
hope to their families.*

APRIL

Lucy Zampell

April 15, 2005

Mary and Sarah Agabian
Aunt "Bobby" Goshgarian
Crosby and Marge Goshgarian
Florence and Marjorie Keljook
Jasper and Christine Kezerian
Tom and Arshalous Kezerian
Charles and Donna Kouyoumjian
Marie and Jack Murray
Richard and Irene Samourian
Lodge 1580 Sons of Italy /
Torry Sacare
Total: \$310.00

Rose Hovannesian

April 25, 2005

Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Abidian
John and Madeline Abidian
Gregory and Deborah Adamian
Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Alexander
and Family
Dr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Baboian
Mary Balyosian
Jane Barrett
Paul and Joyce Barsam
Joanne and Ted Benton
David Berman and Margaret Bell
Suzanne and DeVallon Bolles
Michael and Ida Boodakian
Charles L. Burke
Marie Cannava
Arthur and Jewel Cook
William G. and Anne Marie Countie, Jr.
Noubar and Anahis Derkrikorian
Datevik Derkrikorian
MaryEllen, Terry, Molly
and Jack Dugan
Marylou and David Edman

Richard and Lucy Gagnon
Janet L. Gormley
Norma Gormley
Edward and Nancy Guleserian
Charles and Joyce Guleserian
George W. Haroutunian
Albert Hovannesian
Edward and Agnes Hovsepian
Richard and Lucy Jelladian
John K. Baronian Family
Nora Kalajian
Sarop and Veronica Kaprielian
Dr. Parnag and Nancy Kasarajian
and Steven and Linda
Rose P. Kasarjian
Arlene Kasarjian and Family
and Dean Soultanian
Alice Keljikian
Sara Kelly and Anne Marie Countie
June and David Klein
Sydna and John Kroll
Eugene Leonard
Margaret MacMillan
Arthur A. Maranian, Sr.
Priscilla Martignette
Norman Maserian
and Marguerite Maserian
Alice K. Mellian and Rose Z. Karibian
Louise D. Missakian
and Sandra L. Missakian
Lillian Moranian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Panjian
Jack and Audrey Pilibosian
Marien, Michael, Kenneth, Diane,
Julia, Michael Samuelian Family
Alice and Anthony Seferian
The Eli Kharajian Family
Evelyn M. Callahan, Exec. Director
The Gables at Winchester
John and Diana Topjian
Union of Aintab Boston
Winchester Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc.
Anahid Zerdalian
Total: \$3,915.00

Anahid Menendian

April 25, 2005

Dr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Baboian
Lillian Garbouchian
Michael G. Yapchaian
Gayle M. Yapchaian
George and Helen Yapchaian
Total: \$85.00

MAY

Husnuzar Abrahamian

May 10, 2005

Armenian Women's Welfare
Association
Nishan and Margrit Atinizian
Zadik Ay and Nuris Zekiyian
Mrs. Paul and Zaven Bogosian
Astgik and Raphael Broukian
Kapriyel and Margrit Chavushian
Chitchian Family
Leonardo Contardo
Mr. and Mrs. James Derderian
Serge N. Dibart
Filyani Dilanian and Family
Mari Essayan

Elizabeth and Varoujan
John Garabedian
Krikor J. Gennetian
Mr. and Mrs. Sarkis Gennetian
Mary George
Istapan and Suzy Gigiyan
Hanzatian Family
Juna and Roxie M. Hedison
Mari Imirsyan
Janet Imirze
Jane and Paul Jamgotchian
Wayne and Shakeh Johnson
Kavak Family
Arpi Kazanjian and Family
Arpinee Kazanjian and Family
Charles and Azaduhi Loosian
Meryem Magzalcioglu
Berj and Meline Manoukian
Alice and David Martin
Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Onanian
Agavni Ozcan
Hilda Ozcan
Guagr Ozen
Sanentz Family
Herika Sarafian
Eliz Selian
The Prendergast Family
James Hannon, Director of
The School of Fashion Design
The Winterhalter Family
Joanne Hankard, Mgr.44,
The Eastern Regional Sales Team
June Tirinkian
Apet Torosian
Mr. and Mrs. Himayak Torosian
Kaspar and Grace Torosian
Nancy Toumayan
Mary Vartanian
KM Villa
Yavshayan Family
Laurie Ann Zastrow
Total: \$2,220.00

JUNE

Edward Keljik

June 2, 2005

Jeanette Keljik and Family
A Friend
Jack Ackmakjian
Dr. and Mrs. Gregory H. Adamian
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adamian
Mary and Sarah Agabian
Stephen and Liz Ahern
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Akeke
Gregory and Lenore Arabian
Arthur and Rose Arakelian
Armenian Women's Welfare
Association
Aron J. Aronian
Mr. and Mrs. Ara Barmakian
Gadar Barsam
Mr. Louis and Ms. Marion Barsam
Edward V. Barsamian
Sara and James Bejoian
Richard and Christine Berberian
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boghosian
Ed and Mary Brewster
R. Curtis Chapin
and August A. Guatemala
Mr. and Mrs. John J. Chevalier

Marcia J. Coffin and Joe Kalinowski
Allan and Linda Conrad
Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Cortas
and Family
Arlene A. Davidian
Karen Dederyan
Crosby and Marge Goshgarian
Charles and Joyce Guleserian
Edward and Nancy Guleserian and Family
Ruth Harutunian
Gloria B. Head
Kurt and Diane Herosian
Holy Trinity Church Golf Committee
Margaret and Mary Hovnanian
Dr. Parnag and Nancy Kasarjian
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keljik and Family
Steve and Cheri Konetchy
Eric and Kristen Kulahlian
V. Mardrosian
Jean E. Martinian
Edwad and Julie Mesrobian
Louise Missakian and Sandra Missakian
Sahag and Vartoochie Nahabedian
Carole and Stefan Nathanson and Louise
Allen, Paul and M. Allen
Ernest and Grace Nauss
Ruth and Tom O'Leary Geoffrey
Harold and Gladys Partamian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward
and Elaine Patapanian
Jacob and Audrey Pilibosian
Joyce M. Sandler
Harry and Irene Sarkisian
Alice and Anthony Seferian
Leon and Marion Semonian
Bob Semonian
Suren and Carole Semonian
Norma and Michael Shooshan
St. James Women's Guild
Donna Stanton Karen Berube
Richard, Ann and Talene Tarvezian
Artur and Roxie Tashjian
Edward and Dorothy Tierney
Diane Woodside
Michael G. Yapchaian
Zepure Yazijian
Total: \$4,800.00

Charles Arthur Mirak

June 9, 2005

Ara and Pam Gechijian
Dr. and Mrs. Nishan Goudsouzian
Taylor and Julia Mirak Kew
Daylin and Jennifer Mirak Leach
and Family
Diana and Alex Mandrafino
Arthur A. Maranian, Sr.
Father Oshagan Minassian
Robert Mirak
Edward and Susan Mirak and Family
Joseph, Harold and James Mirakian
Helen Sarkisian
Michael and Muriel Mirak Weissback
Total: \$1,505.00

Berge Avadanian

June 10, 2005

Rose Avadanian, daughter Sandra
and Philip Starck and their children
Nicole and Aram, and son
Paul Avadanian.

Richard and Marilyn Bazarian
and their daughters Lisa and Scott
Hayward and Mara Bazarian
Edwin and Hermine Adamian
Gregory and Deborah Adamian
Vee, Gary and Beverly Thomas Agahigian
Florence Aharonian
Arthur P. Alexander
Harry and Azniv Amiralian
Queenie and Joseph Antonucci
Arthur and Rose Arakelian
Lucy Aroian
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Atamian
Mariam and George Avakian
Mary Avedisian
Nicholas and Grace Aznoian
Joan and Gary Babigian
Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Baboian
John Baronian
Alan Barron and Family
Mary A. Barss
Catherine Bazarian
Sara and James Bejoian
Virginia Bethany
Don and Sunny Boghosian
Tanya and Doug Chakmakian
Helen Chilian
Lucille, John, and George Demirjian
George and Alice Dilbarian
Albert Donigian
Charlie and Cathy Egrous
Armen J. Esserian and Marie Burch
Mary George
Steve and Margie (Kalajian) Glikas
Crosby and Marge Goshgarian
Edward and Nancy Guleserian
Harry Haborian
George W. Haroutunian
and Shirley Spencer
Ruth Harutunian
Louise Hatabian
Margaret and Mary Hovnanian
John and Elsie Jamgochian
Richard and Lucy Jelladian
Harry and Margarite Jurjorian
John and Kathy Kachichian
Mary Kachichian
Aram and Marianne Kaloosdian
George and Gladys Kaloostian
Rose Z. Karibian and Alice K. Mellian
Nadia Ann Karnik
Dr. Parnag and Nancy Kasarjian
Krikor and Nancy Kassabian
Richard and Maureen Keane
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keljik
Anahid Keshishian
Tom and Arshalous Kezerian
Michael J. Koshgarian
Robert and Eileen Koshgarian
Charles and Donna Daniels Kouyoumjian
Helen and John Lennon
Nancy Madanian and Michael Reppucci
B. Manoukian
Arthur A. Maranian, Sr.
Robert and Madeline Mardirosian
Ora Margosian
Jean E. Martinian
John E. McIntosh
Louise Missakian and Sandra Missakian
Sahag and Vartiohie Nahabedian
George Nalchian

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ohannessian
Harold and Gladys Partamian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Elaine Patapanian
Jack and Audrey Pilibosian
Sonia and James Reeves
Mehran M. Sabounjian
Marien Samuelian
Alice and Anthony Seferian
Bob Semonian
Michael and Norma A. Shooshan
Katherine Siranosian
John and Barbara Solakian
St. James Women's Guild
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stepanian
Joe and Mary Ellen Sullivan
Mr. and Mrs. Vahey Takvorian
Alice Takvorian
Lucy and Ralph Talanian
Richard, Ann and Talene Tarvezian
Stephen S. Tavekelian
Haig and Rosalie Tekeyan
Mr. and Mrs. Hrach Terlemezian
Maryann Tutunjian
Zepure Yazijian
Anahid Zerdelian
Nick and Dorothy Zeytoonian
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Zouranian
Total: \$3,245.00

Maria Boyajian

June 17, 2005

Nicholas H. Chengelis

Total: \$40.00

JULY

Ramela Diluzio

July 1, 2005

Hugh and Teresa Holley

Arthur and Gretchen Digeronimo

Total: \$75.00

Charles Garabedian

July 6, 2005

George and Gladys Balekjian

Ardemis De Giacomo

De Milo Family

Shake Gabriel

Anoush Garabedian

Anne Garabedian

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kloongian

David and Alice Martin

Paul, Virginia, Lisa, Kimberly Mulcahy

Senarian Family

Helen, Michael and Valerie Serijan

Gayle M. Yapchaian

George and Helen Yapchaian

Total: \$1,220.00

Additional In Lieu Donations:

Lillian Chilingerian

February 28, 2005

Janet and Jack Shemligan

New Total: \$1,355.00



Special Thanks To:

The John H. Hagopian Fund at The Boston Foundation

for a donation of \$2,000 to St. James Armenian
Church to be used for general church support in
memory of John H. Hagopian.

George and Helen Yapchaian

for a donation of \$600 to the St. James
Permanent Fund to be added to the George and
Helen Yapchaian Personal Fund.



Pledge / Stewardship

Have you made your 2005 Stewardship Pledge?

We thank all parishioners who are current with their 2005 Stewardship Pledge for your support of our church. If you have not yet done so, we ask that you make and fulfill your 2005 Stewardship Pledge to St. James Armenian Church.

St. James has made a difference in each of our lives.

A Stewardship Pledge is our sacrifice and our active commitment to the work of St. James. It is an offering to God from the depths of our hearts. Let us work together to return to God the gifts He has given us so that our church may continue to do His Work and serve our faithful.

Summer 2005



St. Vartan Camp: This year, 32 youth and children from St. James attended the St. Vartan Camp held at the Diocesan Ararat Center.



St. James welcomed the American Red Cross, who used our Armene and Veronica Tarvezian Hall for a recent blood drive.



St. Nersess Summer Conferences: Five of our youth attended the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary Summer Conferences in New Rochelle, New York.

Sacraments



Weddings



And the two shall become one.

May

Laura Bresnee and Robert Roland Smyth

May 28, 2005

Best Men: Robert Smyth, Jr. and John Smyth

Maid of Honor: Lori Koumjian

Jennifer Marie Kazizian and William Glen Watson

May 28, 2005

Best Man: Chris Watson

Maid of Honor: Elsie El Daya

June

Diana Shakaryan and Myhailo Mikaelyan

June 5, 2005

Best Man: Vadim Mkrtichev

Maid of Honor: Elina Shakaryan

Cristina Carmen Aspuru and Frederic William Corwin, III

June 18, 2005

Best Man: William Huang

Maids of Honor: Elaine Westermarck and Jannelle Parent

Lee Garabedian and Samuel Thomas Benigno

June 18, 2005

Best Man: Thomas Chaff

Maid of Honor: Jennifer Valcourt

Linda Anne Gonzalez and Kenny Cheng Wu

June 25, 2005

Best Man: Bing Wu

Maid of Honor: Andrea Pasanissi

July

Yana Fandunyan and Vilen Martirosyan

July 9, 2005

Best Man: Erik Gazaryan

Maid of Honor: Nana Gazaryan

Frehiwet Yohannes and Aklilu Bahibla

July 30, 2005

Best Man: Moses Mahari

Maid of Honor: Eden Haile

August

Taline S. Akmezikyan and Edinson Natanael Diaz

August 6, 2005

Best Man: Edwin Mejia

Maid of Honor: Tanya Akmezikyan

Nona Geghamyan and Serop R. Nakashian

August 13, 2005

Best Man: Avo Nakashian

Maid of Honor: Lucy Nakashian

Kristine Mary Greene and Michael Scott Dunton

August 13, 2005

Best Men: Timothy Dunton and Brian Dunton

Maids of Honor: Michelle L. Greene and Heather A. Menard

Nickolas Regas and Maral Jeknavorian

August 13, 2005

Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church, Chelmsford, MA

Best Man: Ara Jeknavorian

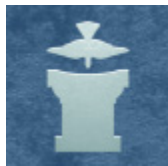
Maid of Honor: Tamar Jeknavorian

Mireille Ohannessian and Nicholas John Pugsley

August 20, 2005

Best Man: Richard Pugsley, Jr.

Maid of Honor: Laena Ohannessian



Baptisms & Chrismations

You have been Baptised in Christ.

Alleluia

May

Diana Shakaryan and Elina Shakaryan

May 7, 2005

Daughters of Mikhail and Kameliya Shakaryan

Kameliya Shakaryan

May 7, 2005

Daughter of Artavag and Amaliya Grigoryan

Michael Joseph Nuzzi

May 14, 2005

Son of David and Joyce Nuzzi
Godparents: Scott and Nancy Tobin

Ara Kevork Naroian

May 15, 2005

Son of Jeffrey and Suzy Naroian
Godparents: Jack and Lucy Maserejian

Kenny Wu

May 16, 2005

Son of Tsung Hsien and Shwuing Wu

Yana Fandunyan

May 21, 2005

Daughter of Oleg and Zhanna Fandunyan

William Glen Watson

May 27, 2005

Son of William and Betsy Watson

Lucas Paul Farhat

May 28, 2005

Son of Khalil and Cheryl Farhat
Godparents: Barakat Farhat and Deborah Paul

June

Myhailo Mikaelyan

June 2, 2005

Son of Sergei and Svetlana Mikaelian

Jason John Diradourian

June 4, 2005

Son of John and Rita Diradourian
Godparents: Garo and Talin Masrof

Samantha Anastasia Sipowicz

June 18, 2005

Daughter of Edward and Robin Sipowicz
Godparents: Scott M. Marderosian and Laura M. Joslyn

Justin Erik Delorey

June 19, 2005

Son of Erik and Kristina Delorey
Godparents: Levon Demurchian and Inessa Gevorkyan

Lauren Beth Kingsley

June 20, 2005

Daughter of Alec and Elpidia Kingsley
Godparents: Lawrence and Lucy O'Brien

July

Natalie Maryam Shepherd

July 9, 2005

Daughter of Steven and Anush Shepherd
Godparents: Tim Mouradian and Rippa Gasparian

Levon Gukasyan

July 10, 2005

Son of Art and Ilona Gukasyan
Godparents: Richard and Karina Marino

Zachary Paul Barsamian

July 16, 2005

Son of Paul and Jennifer Barsamian
Godparents: Mark D. Barsamian and Miriam Gargarian

Hayden Sophie Barsamian

July 16, 2005

Daughter of Paul and Jennifer Barsamian
Godparents: George Gargarian Coffin and Margaret Ann Gargarian

Cooper Logan Barsamian

July 16, 2005

Son of Paul and Jennifer Barsamian
Godparents: Tim McInerney and Miriam Gargarian and Margaret Ann Gargarian

Erica Nicole Barsamian

July 16, 2005

Daughter of Mark and Deborah Barsamian
Godparents: Paul Barsamian and Miriam Gargarian and Margaret Ann Gargarian

Carina Terrizzi Bagdasarian

July 27, 2005

Daughter of Bruce and Lisa Terrizzi Bagdasarian

Godparents: Anthony Michael Joseph Terrizzi
and Lori Terrizzi

Lilit Malina Kevorkian

July 30, 2005

Daughter of Edward and Mary-Jo Kevorkian

Godparents: George Kevorkian and Jeanne Boyle

Diana Madeline Kevorkian

July 30, 2005

Daughter of Edward and Mary-Jo Kevorkian

Godparents: Stephen Kevorkian and Marguerite
Kevorkian-Birkner

Raphael Ionnes de Jong

July 31, 2005

Son of Joost and Sona de Jong

Godparents: Krikor Tutunjian and Svetlana Mkhoyan

August

Aren Cimenian

August 21, 2005

Son of Manuel and Vilma Cimenian

Godparents: Nahabet and Loren Cimenian



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.*

May

Husnuzar Abrahamian—May 10, 2005

Boris Shakhverdov—May 14, 2005

June

Edward Keljik—June 2, 2005

Charles Arthur Mirak—June 9, 2005

Berge Avadanian—June 10, 2005

Maria Boyajian—June 17, 2005

July

Ramela Diluzio—July 1, 2005

Mary Darakgian—July 6, 2005

Charles Garabedian—July 6, 2005

Noubar Meldonian—July 16, 2005

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St. James Armenian Church

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\$100 Raffle
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Parishioners and Friends!!

We need your help and support to make this year's bazaar another successful one! Your time, help, ideas and presence are needed. Please contact the church office if you are able to volunteer your time. We thank you in advance and look forward to seeing you at this year's bazaar!

For more information please call:

(617) 923-8860

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

The following is intended to address countless questions asked by our faithful and to help our parish family together create a sacred and respectful sanctuary in which to worship the Lord our God:

Appropriate Clothing for Worship

Of course, it goes without saying that God loves us no matter what we wear. That said, though God accepts us however we are, we must present ourselves to him in a humble, respectful and dignified manner. This does not mean that our sanctuary should become a fashion show or that we must spend great wealth on our clothing. Rather, respectful, appropriate attire is a sign of our praise and honor for the Lord God our Creator.

Females may cover their heads when entering the church sanctuary. Men should remove headwear prior to entering the church sanctuary. (The reason for the difference you may ask? A woman's hair is considered her crown jewel; covering her hair or head is a sign of humility before God.) Women should refrain from wearing excessive makeup, particularly lipstick when receiving Holy Communion. Shoulders should be covered at all times. Spaghetti straps, tank tops, strapless dresses, bare midriffs, low-cut tops, short skirts, shorts, clothing that is too tight, blatant brand names, visible undergarments, "flip-flop" sandals, and the like are not acceptable attire for worship. Jeans and sneakers should be avoided where possible.

The most important item to wear to church is a cloak of humility and respect. Again, God indeed loves us no matter what we wear. Nevertheless, it is our duty (and privilege) to show Him how much we love Him by dressing respectfully and with dignity.

Crossing in Front of the Altar

At times, we are required to cross the center aisle or in front of the Holy Altar, to take a seat in an empty pew, to cross from one side of the sanctuary to the other, etc. We must remember to cross ourselves when passing in front of the Holy Altar as a sign of respect and in acknowledgement of God who is present on the altar.

Personal Conversations and Cell Phones

Personal conversations of any kind should not take place in the church sanctuary. Ideally, this would be both during Divine Liturgy and at other times. To have a conversation in the sanctuary, particularly during Badarak, is the equivalent of saying to God (who is invisibly enthroned on the Holy Altar during Divine Liturgy) that He is less important than whatever it is we have to say to the person sitting next to us.

We encourage, and in fact are pleased, to see our parish family in fellowship and conversation. Such conversations, however,

er, should be reserved for after church during fellowship hour or outside the church sanctuary. Not only are our comments or conversations inappropriate (sometimes) for a church sanctuary, but they, intentionally or unintentionally, disturb and distract those who are worshipping near us.

As we have shared with parishioners for years, cell phones in church are unacceptable at all times, no exceptions.

Participation in Divine Liturgy

Parishioners are, as always, encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy by singing the hymns or sharagans of the Badarak and participating in a prayerful and reverent manner. Parishioners are requested to refrain from reciting or chanting the prayers of the Celebrant or Priest. Not only do other parishioners indicate this is distracting, but often the Priest, ordained through the Sacrament of the Ordination to the Holy Priesthood, is praying to God, as the Shepherd or Pastor of the parish, on behalf of the faithful. Likewise, prayers are said when blessing the communion, as bread and wine are mysteriously transformed to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. These prayers are properly reserved for the clergy and Celebrant of the Badarak who has been ordained and given the right to bless the Holy Eucharist.

Approaching to Receive Holy Communion

We must bear in mind what is taking place prior to receiving Holy Communion. We have just knelt, before the priest and before God, confessing our sins, asking God to make us worthy of forgiveness and His Kingdom. When we rise from confession, we must remain in a contemplative, self-reflective and prayerful spirit as we approach to receive the greatest of all sacraments, Holy Communion, the life-giving Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This must be all that is in our minds as we approach to receive the Eucharist.

Likewise, to facilitate this sacred moment for communicants, parishioners who are not receiving Holy Communion must refrain from any and all conversation. It is appropriate to stand during Holy Communion as this is a Sacrament of the Church. This is an appropriate time for all to take time in self-reflection and prayer.

The End of Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy has not ended until the final blessing from the priest – "Let us depart in peace, and may the Lord be with us all, Amen." Faithful should not collect their personal belongings during the final hymn, "Orhnehtzook uz Der." This hymn does not translate to: "It is time to collect your belongings and leave." Rather, it is a prayer of praise heralding that at all times we will praise God, and that words of praise will be on our lips! Further still, this is distracting to fellow worshippers.

Let us remain patient and wait the extra 30 seconds to conclude the Divine Liturgy as a family, receiving the blessings of God and proclaiming together, as a church family, as well as in our own lives, "we will praise Him always!"



Special Thanks to our *Looy's* volunteers who lovingly work to be sure the *Looy's* reaches the homes of our parishioners and friends!

***"The new email updates are terrific!
Thanks for keeping us up to date on all that is
happening at St. James."***

Are you currently one of the many parishioners receiving St. James News and Events updates?
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@sthagop.com.

IT'S NOW EASIER THAN EVER TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH!

St. James is pleased to announce that donations, annual contributions, parish dues, and other payments to the church may be made using a major credit card. There is much excitement in the community about this new method of paying, which will allow parishioners greater ease and convenience.

Parishioners may make pledge contributions, and may have automatic deductions/charges made monthly. One-time payments may also be made. Parishioners have been requesting this convenience for years because of the personal benefits it affords: it's quick, it's easy, and it gives you a permanent record. (And, in addition to the most important rewards you will receive from God for supporting and caring for your church, you can also receive earthly rewards like airline miles, cash back, etc.)

You may use MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover, or a debit card. The program is ready and in place for use - just call the church!

Donations for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and requiem services, and pledges and membership dues, can all be charged. As one parishioner said that, "Charging \$40 a month on their credit card is so easy I plan to now pledge \$480 a year. Thank God I don't have to be reminded - it's so simple and easy!" For more information, please feel free to call the church office.

Thank You

Donations for "Looy's"

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

Anonymous	\$ 200
Chad & Alin D'Arrigo <i>In honor of the birth of their daughter Adrina Sima D'Arrigo</i>	\$ 100
Adrienne Halajian	\$ 25
George & Gladys Kaloostian	\$ 25
Rose Kasabian	\$ 25
Jennie Koumjian	\$ 25
Papken, Jill, and Armen Maksoudian of Cleveland, OH	\$ 50
Bette Ohanian <i>In memory of my father Seroup P. Basmajian</i>	\$ 20
Dr. & Mrs. Ara Papazian of Pittsburgh, PA	\$ 20
Richard H. Roomian of Ontario, NY	\$ 35
Alice T. Sangster	\$ 25
Herika Sarafian	\$ 20
Marguerite C. Topalian	\$ 100
Yervant & Anoush Balian <i>In honor of being blessed with the birth of their granddaughter, Grace Anoush Jorjorian</i>	\$ 100

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St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
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ԵՐԿՈՒՇԱԲԹԻ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 5

Աշխատանքներու Օր - Եկեղեցւոյ գրասենեակը փակ է:

ՈՒՐԲԱԹ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 9

Հայ Գաֆէ - Հայկական ճաշի երեկոյ, ժամը 6-8:30:

ՈՒՐԲԱԹ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 9

Արանց եւ Տիկնանց ճաշաժողով ժամը 6:30-ին:

ՇԱԲԱԹ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 10

Արձանագրութիւն եւ սկիզբ Ար. Սահակ եւ Ար. Մեսրոպ Շաբաթօրեայ Վարժարանի 2005-2006 տարեշրջանի - առաւօտեան ժամը 9-ին:

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 11

Առաւօտեան ժամը 9:30-ին արձանագրութիւն

Ար. Յակոբ Կիրակնօրեայ վարժարանի եւ նախաճաշ:

ԵՐԿՈՒՇԱԲԹԻ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 12

Ժամը 6:30-ին արձանագրութիւն եւ սկիզբ

Ար. Մեսրոպ Մաշթոց հայերէն լեզուի վարժարանի:

Ժամը 6:30-ին Տիկնանց Յանձնախումբի Ճաշաժողով:

ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ

ԵՐԿՈՒՇԱԲԹԻ, ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ 3

Արանց Յանձնախումբի Ճաշաժողով, ժամը 6:30-ին:

ՈՒՐԲԱԹ, ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ 7

Հայ Գաֆէ - Հայկական ճաշի երեկոյ, ժամը 6-8:30:

ՈՒՐԲԱԹ, ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ 10

Արանց եւ Տիկնանց Յանձնախումբի Ճաշաժողով, ժամը 6:30-ին:

ՈՒՐԲԱԹ - ՇԱԲԱԹ, ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ 14-15

Ար. Յակոբ Եկեղեցւոյ Պապար:

ԵՐԿՈՒՇԱԲԹԻ, ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ 27

Տիկնանց Յանձնախումբի ճաշաժողով, ժամը 6:30-ին:

ՇԱԲԱԹ, ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ 29 Հայ Թէի երեկոյ, ժամը

ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ 6

Ժամը 12:30-ին Ար. Սահակ եւ Ար. Մեսրոպ Շաբաթօրեայ Վարժարանի Տարեկան Ճաշկերոյթ եւ յայտագիր:

ՈՒՐԲԱԹ, ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ 11

Արանց եւ Տիկնանց Յանձնախումբի Ճաշաժողով, ժամը 6:30-ին:

ՈՒՐԲԱԹ, ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ 18

Հայ Գաֆէ - Հայկական ճաշի երեկոյ, ժամը 6-8:30:

ԵՐԿՈՒՇԱԲԹԻ, ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ 21

Տիկնանց Յանձնախումբի Ճաշաժողով, ժամը 6:30-ին:

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ 20

Գոհաբանական Օրուայ Ընտանեկան Տարեկան Ճաշկերոյթ, ժամը 12:30-ին:

ՀԻՆԳՇԱԲԹԻ, ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ 24

Գոհաբանութեան Օր - Եկեղեցւոյ գրասենեակը փակ է:

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ՀԻՆԳՇԱԲԹԻ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 8

Տօն Սուրբ Աստուածածնի Ծննդեան ի յԱննայէ

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 11

Տօն Վերացման Սուրբ Խաչի (Խաչվերաց)

ՇԱԲԱԹ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 24

Տօն Սուրբ Գէորգայ Զօրավարին

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 25

Տօն Վարագայ Սուրբ Խաչին

ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ

ՇԱԲԱԹ, ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ 8

Սուրբ Թարգմանիչներ՝ Մեսրոպ, Եղիշէ, Մովսէս Քերթով, Դաւիթ Անյաղթ Փիլիսոփայ, Գրիգոր Նարեկացի եւ Ներսէս Շնորհալի:

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ 23

Գիւտ Խաչ (Տօն Սուրբ Խաչին գտնուելուն)

ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ

ՇԱԲԱԹ, ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ 5

Սուրբ Հրեշտակապետներ Գաբրիէլ եւ Միքայէլ

ԵՐԿՈՒՇԱԲԹԻ, ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ 12

Ընծայումն Սուրբ Աստուածածնի

ՇԱԲԱԹ, ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ 26

Սուրբ Գրիգոր Աբանչեղագործ Հայրապետին

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(բացի յայտարարուած փոփոխութեան պարագային)

ԵՐԿՈՒՇԱԲԹԻ - Առաւօտեան ժամը 9:30-ին՝

Ծնողա - մանկական ժամադրավար - խաղարան

ԵՐԵՔՇԱԲԹԻ - Երեկոյեան ժամը 5:00-ին, Պինկօ

ԶՈՐԵՔՇԱԲԹԻ - Առաւօտեան ժամը 10:00-ին,

Աղօթաժողով եւ Սուրբ Գրոց Սերտողութիւն

(Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ-Հայերէնով):

ՇԱԲԱԹ - Առաւօտեան ժամը 9:15-ին՝

Ար. Սահակ եւ Ար. Մեսրոպ Ծաբաթօրեայ Հայ Դպրոց:

Կէսօրէ ետք ժամը 1:00-ին՝ Երկսեռ Մանկանց

Երգչախումբի փորձ (6-էն մինչեւ պատանեկան տարիք):

Calendar of Events 2005

(All events at St. James unless otherwise specified)

September

Monday, September 5 Labor Day Office Closed

Friday, September 9 6:00 p.m. - St. James Hye Café

Friday, September 9 7:00 p.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Group Meeting

Saturday, September 10

9:00 a.m. - Registration and first class of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School

1:00 p.m. - Junior Choir/Chorale registration and first rehearsal.

Sunday, September 11

9:30 a.m. - Registration and first class of the St. James Sunday School.

12:00 p.m. - Sunday School Homecoming immediately following Divine Liturgy

Monday, September 12

7:15 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Social Hour) Men's Club Joint Meeting with Holy Trinity at Holy Trinity

Monday, September 19 6:30 p.m. - Women's Guild Dinner Meeting

October

Monday, October 3

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

Friday, October 7 6:00 p.m. - St. James Hye Café

October 14-15 St. James Annual Bazaar

Monday, October 17 12:30 pm - Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting

Friday, October 21

Boston Performance of Mosaic of Music, Dance & Performance by the Nork Children's Center. Co-sponsored by the Eastern Diocese and AGBU, and co-sponsored locally by St. James Armenian Church.

Saturday, October 29 St. James Hye Tea

November

Monday, November 7

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

Friday, November 11 7:00 p.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Group Meeting

Friday, November 18 6:00 p.m. - St. James Hye Café

Sunday, November 20 Family Day Dinner immediately following Divine Liturgy

Monday, November 21

6:00 pm - Women's Guild Dinner Meeting, Awards, and Elections

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day

November 24-25 Office Closed

Every Week Except as Announced

Monday

9:30 a.m. - Mom/Dad and Toddler Playgroup

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

CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS 2005

September

Thursday, September 8

Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Mother of God

Sunday, September 11

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 24

St. George the Warrior

Sunday, September 25

Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

October

Saturday, October 8

Holy Translators Mesrob, Yeghishe, Moses the Poet, David the Philosopher, Gregory of Narek and Nersess the Graceful

Sunday, October 23

Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross

November

Saturday, November 5

Holy Archangels Gabriel and Michael

Monday, November 21

Presentation of the Holy Mother of God to the Temple

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day

Saturday, November 26 St. Gregory the Wonderworker

VENDORS!

Bazaar Booths Available

**Friday & Saturday,
October 14 & 15 2005**

Applications are being accepted for booths at the 2005 St. James Annual Bazaar. More than 2,000 people attend the St. James bazaar every year. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your talents with the church and allow the community to learn about your business and good!

We encourage and welcome vendors of various goods, crafts, and items. Booths are available for a non-refundable fee; all booth proceeds will remain with the vendor. Applications will be considered and granted on a first-come, first-served basis. The church will make any and all determinations regarding the granting, and the location, of booths. For more information or to obtain a vendor application, please call the church office.

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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