



MEMBERSHIP AT ST. JAMES

Over 80 years ago, previous generations of our families came to this country, escaping dire hardships and seeking a better life. They made it their priority to create a church around which they centered their lives, working tirelessly and offering all they had to build this church during the Great Depression. In those days, this church was the light, the hope, the promise of blessings to come. Their legacy continues today.

Throughout the years, St. James has been the foundation that offered hope, gave families strength, blessed children, and consecrated marriages. Our founders came to St. James for our Lord's blessing, and for love, comfort and fellowship. They all paved the way for us to come together and worship at St. James.

Because of this vision and commitment, St. James is here for us today.

Now is our time to continue this legacy, have the same vision to create our own legacy, and ensure the future of St. James for generations to come.

We often say that Watertown is the center of the Armenian community. So often I hear people say – with great honor:

"St. James is my church. It has given me so much."

"My kids were baptized in this church."

"My grandparents helped build this church."

"I was married at this church."

"I was an ACYOA member" or

"I graduated from Sunday School."

This pride is not easy to come by. St. James is a faith community that strives to bring parishioners closer to God through the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and seeks to propagate our Armenian culture, language and history. We are blessed with loving parishioners, a long and beautiful history, and a vibrant parish life.

With all that – why do we care about or keep mentioning membership?

For everyone who asks me *"why should I be a member?"* I ask *"Why not?"*

We become a part of a family when we are born, but our relationship with our family continues throughout our life. We take from our family and we give to our family.

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RECEPTION KICKS OFF NEW GROUP

Calling all those ages 25-45

On Friday, September 20th, over fifty people gathered at Nubar Restaurant in Cambridge for a kick-off reception to launch the start of a new group for all St. James community members ages 25-45. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres as they re-connected and shared ideas for new events and activities. A variety of ideas were discussed, including

programs for spiritual enrichment, social gatherings, and more. All those within the ages of 25-45 are encouraged to attend and join the group!

A General Meeting and Lunch is planned for Sunday, October 20th. If you know of anyone within this age range, please help us grow our mailing list by sending their contact information to mdrderian@stthagop.com.





YOUR CHURCH. OUR CHURCH. BECOME A MEMBER.

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The same is true for a church. Our baptism makes us a part of the body of the church. The apostle Paul reminds us when he says, “For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another.” (Romans 12: 4-5) However – our relationship with the church does not end there. There is much the church offers us, and much we should offer in return.

Membership is our public promise to St. James. It is each of us, standing up, and saying “St. James is my church. I believe in this church and all it stands for. I am a part of its life. I play a role in making decisions about its future.” In a world where there seems to be increasingly little commitment, loyalty, responsibility and compassion, membership is a commitment to St. James and to each of our fellow parishioners.

Our estimate is that approximately 2500 community members attend and participate in the life of St. James. In 2012, our membership increased to 642 members. This year, our goal is to increase that number even more.

Perhaps you’ve been attending events and participating in services at St. James for some time, and you already feel like you are part of the body here. That is wonderful! But if you’re a regular around St. James and haven’t made the kind of intentional commitment that Paul describes – each member belonging to all the others – it’s time to consider it. Become a full member of the body, be eligible to lead and teach in church ministries, and partner with us in setting future direction by voting on our major decisions.

St. James is your church. St. James is all of our church. Join us and your fellow parishioners in making an active commitment and continuing this legacy for years to come.

Your Church. Our Church. Become a Member.

Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor



MEMBERSHIP MEANS

- You are giving back because you have received
- St. James is your spiritual home
- You support the Church's outreach to the neediest
- You attend our rich and diverse services and community events
- You trust us as stewards of your time, treasure and talent
- You value the sense of community with others
- You encourage us to reach out to more individuals and families

BY BECOMING A MEMBER, YOU

- Make an active commitment to St. James
- Give back to the church
- Participate in the parish leadership and decision making annually in our Parish Assembly
- Support ministry and programs
- Receive member rates on sacraments and hall rentals



Your **MEMBERSHIP
MAKES A DIFFERENCE**



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A WELCOME SERVICE FOR THE
ARMENIAN PATRIARCH OF
JERUSALEM

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)

Cordially Invites the Faithful of the New England Region to a

HRASHAPAR SERVICE OF WELCOME

Honoring the Visit to the Boston Area of
HIS BEATITUDE ARCHBISHOP NOURHAN MANOUGIAN
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*With the Participation of the
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 7:30 PM

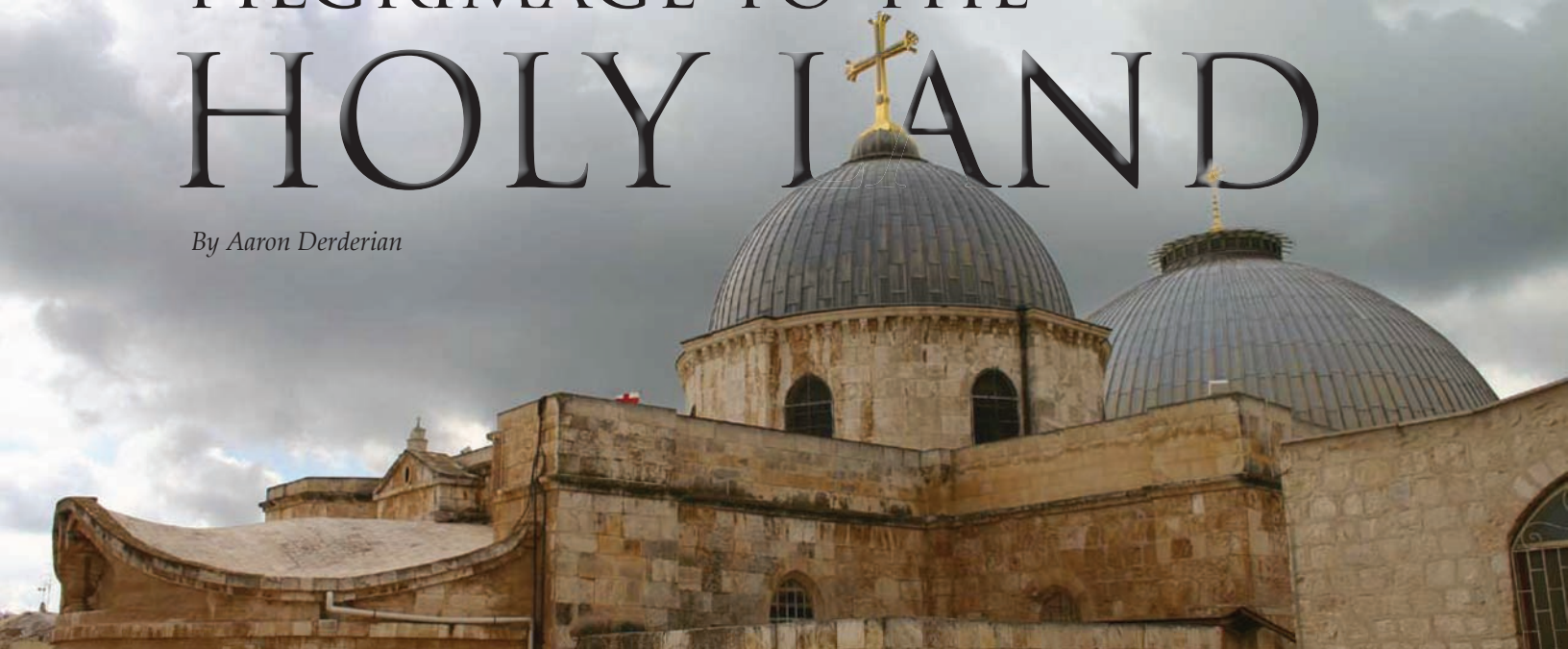
St. James Armenian Church
465 Mount Auburn Street, Watertown, Mass.

*Reception and Program to follow in the
St. James Armenian Church, Charles Mosesian Cultural and Youth Center, Keljik Hall*

For more information call (617) 923-8860

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

By Aaron Derderian



This past June, I had the privilege of representing St. James on a 10-day pilgrimage to Jerusalem, joining 26 other youth from throughout the Diocese, led by our Primate Abp. Khajag Barsamian and Fr. Mardiros Chevian. I wasn't sure what to expect when I arrived in Israel, but come to find out, it would be one of the most amazing experiences of my life.

The trip was an eye-opening and inspirational journey through Christ's footsteps. Seeing the sites of Christ's birth, where he preached His ministry, and where He was crucified truly brought everything that I have learned in the Armenian Church full-circle. At each site we visited, we read Bible passages, reminding us to exactly what happened. To be standing in the places where our Lord walked himself was an indescribable feeling. Places we visited, among many others, included Bethlehem, the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, Golgotha, the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Mount of Ascension, Jericho and the Dead Sea.

During our pilgrimage, our group had the rare opportunity to witness the enthronement of Archbishop Nourhan Manougian, the new Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Spending several days at the Armenian Patriarchate with the clergy and the local Armenians of Jerusalem gave me a sense of pride for my heritage that could not be experienced anywhere else.

Another highlight of the trip was having the ability to celebrate the Feast of Ascension at the actual spot where Christ rose into heaven after giving His disciples the Great Commission. The service was celebrated simultaneously at the Chapel of the Ascension alongside members of the Coptic and Assyrian Churches.

I am so grateful to Mr. Aso Tavitian of New York who makes this trip possible for several years through his support and financial sponsorship; to Abp. Khajag and Fr. Mardiros for leading an amazing trip; and of course to Fr. Arakel and Maria Derderian for the confidence they bestowed upon me in selecting me to represent St. James on this unforgettable journey.

Top: The dome of the Holy Sepulchre. Bottom, from left: Pilgrimage participants outside the St. James Armenian Convent. Aaron serves at the altar at the Tomb of Christ.





Over 30 St. James youth participated in various Diocesan Summer Youth Programs this summer, including St. Vartan Camp in Greenville, NY, and St. Nersess Summer Conference in New Rochelle, NY. These programs benefit our youth by providing opportunities to meet Armenian youth from other parishes, grow together in faith, and have fun. We encourage all our youth to participate in these wonderful programs.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

ACYOA

Since 1946, the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America has brought together Armenian Christian youth in fellowship, forming bonds of faith and friendship within the Armenian Church. Programming is based on the Five Circles of the Cross, balancing: Worship, Witness, Fellowship, Education, and Service. All events and programs work to put faith into action, showing teens and young adults how to make their faith an integral part of day to day life. The goal of the ACYOA is to create responsible, faithful young Armenian Christians who are active within the life of the Church.

Through the ACYOA, youth have the opportunity to:

- Participate in faith-based discussions with peers
- Attend service projects, volunteer with local charities
- Learn more about the Armenian Christian faith
- Enjoy social outings with other Armenian youth
- Participate in national ACYOA events, retreats, Sports Weekends, and more!

ACYOA Juniors is open to youth ages 12-18, and ACYOA Seniors is open to youth ages 18 and up. Members can join at any time, and are always welcome!

For more information, please contact Youth Minister Maria Derderian at mderderian@stthagop.com or 617.923.8860.

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ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School provides an environment where students have the opportunity to learn our beautiful language, rich history and culture. Our academic year starts in September and ends in May. Children ages 2.9 to 12 years old are eligible to attend. Two years ago we launched a new program for post graduate students ages 13 to 18, who study and research history, literature and current events on Armenia. This class also meets on Saturday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the founding of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian school. We are looking for the teachers, principals and alumni who have served and attended the school to join us on November 3, 2013. Please contact me at the address below.

Registration is open for this upcoming academic year. All interested parties please contact Marina Minasian at 978-663-1755 or amindra@comcast.net.



LANGUAGE, HISTORY & CULTURE

Establish a love for the Armenian heritage from an early age

Classes provide academic and social interaction to encourage conversational Armenian

Participation in special celebrations and three productions throughout the school year

Academic curriculum designed by the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church

**REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR
THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY**



WHY SUNDAY SCHOOL?

WELCOMING › CARING › LOVING

Since 1936, the St. James Sunday School has strived to awaken and nurture in our students a personal commitment of lifetime discipleship to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We teach Scripture and the faith of the Armenian Church so that they will provide a relevant foundation for daily life and all the moral choices that our children face. There is no registration fee or tuition to families for this program, which is staffed by wonderful and committed volunteers from the parish.

• *Participation in classes, Church services, Gospel reading, field trips and service projects*

• *Open to all children and youth from K (must be 5 by December) to 11th grade (Graduation year)*

• *Classes meet from 10:00am to noon*

• *Curriculum provided by the Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern)*

Sunday school starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. Students in grades K-3 attend Worship Service in Mirak Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Following Worship Service students are accompanied by their teachers to their classrooms where they have class until 11:15 a.m.; at which time they will be dismissed to their parents. Fourth through eleventh grade students

attend class from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; after which they attend church services. Attendance in church is a very important part of Christian Education in the Armenian Church. Attending and participating in church services reinforces the lessons in faith the children are learning.

If you have any questions about the St. James Sunday School program, please contact Marsha Alabachian at 781-848-4726, or via e-mail at mrsmarsha@verizon.net, or stop by the Sunday school office on Sunday mornings.

NURTURING THE SPIRIT

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." – Matthew 19:14

BENEFITS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- ✓ Children become familiar with the teachings of the Holy Scriptures
- ✓ Developing a regular habit of Church involvement, which will carry children through adolescence and adulthood
- ✓ Children develop a true connection with their peers by learning about their faith together
- ✓ Surround children in a positive, spiritual environment where Christian role models help to reinforce the importance of having a lasting relationship with God.



Hye Café

BEGINS ITS TENTH SEASON

Hye Cafe, our monthly cafe night designed to bring our parishioners together in fellowship, began its tenth season on Friday, September 27th with a full house of over 200 guests! Musical entertainment was provided by David and Brian Ansbikian, Bob Raphalian and Joe Sarkisian while guests dined on delicious Armenian food.

Thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers for all your efforts! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Linda Sahagian at hyelinda65@aol.com.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE!

SUNDAY SPROUS

ages 2-5



Fun
Games
Snacks
Arts & Crafts
First Look Programming

The Sunday Sprouts program fosters an environment reflecting and exemplifying our church's teachings and values. Children will learn about God through Bible stories, music, and arts and crafts, and will receive a strong foundation early in their lives for faith and spiritual growth. Parents will receive resources to reinforce these lessons at home.

- Ages 2-5 (pre Sunday school)
- First Look Children's Programming
- Arts & Crafts, Games, Snack, Free Play

Who Can Attend Sunday Sprouts?

Sunday Sprouts is open to children of St. James. This service will allow parents of young children participate in the spiritual life of St. James while providing a strong spiritual foundation for their children.

What Age Must Children be to Attend Sunday Sprouts?


The Child Care Center will serve children from the ages of 2 to children who turn 5 after September 30th. This serves as an excellent foundation for children to enter our Sunday School at 5 years of age.

Registration weekly in the childcare center. For more information email jennifer.ostayan@gmail.com or call the church office.

Typical Day in Sunday Sprouts!

9:45-10:15	Drop-Off and Free Play
10:15-10:30	Circle Time
10:30-10:45	Weekly Story and Lesson
10:45-11:15	Activity/Craft
11:15-11:30	Snack
11:30-12:00	Free Play
12:00-12:15	Pick-Up

A Home of Faith,
Love, Fun, & Friendship



STUDY OF THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST

During his earthly ministry, Jesus Christ touched and transformed countless lives. Join us as we study the Miracles of Christ within the framework of the Holy Scriptures, discussing how these Miracles relate to us personally.

The studies will be held at 7:30 pm in the Parish Council Room. All sessions will be conducted in English and led by Fr. Arakel. All are welcome.

- September 23 – Jesus turns Water into Wine (John 2:1-11)
- September 30 – Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son (John 4:46-54)
- Jesus Raises Jarius' Daughter to Life (Matthew 9:18-26)
- October 7 – Jesus Heals the Paralytic – at Bethesda (John 5:1-15)
- Jesus Heals the Paralytic (Mark 2:1-12)
- October 14 – Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand (John 6:5-14)
- October 21 – Jesus Heals the Blind Man (John 9:1-38)
- October 28 – no study
- November 4 – The Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45)
- November 11 – Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)
- November 18 – Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant (Matthew 8:5-13)



ST. JAMES ANNUAL BAZAAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

DELICIOUS ARMENIAN FOOD

(Served from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Shish, Chicken and Losh Kebab, Kheyma and
Etch, Boereg, Manti, Yalanchi, Porov Kufte,
Tourshi & more

FABULOUS DELICACIES & PASTRIES

Choereg, Cream & Nut Khadaif, Baklava, Tahin
Hatz, Simit & more

BOOTHS AND VENDORS

Including the Farmer's Market, Silent Auction,
Attic Treasures, Jewelry, Armenian Handcrafts,
& more

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Win a MacBook Air, iPads, iTouches

\$100 RAFFLE

\$5,000, \$1,000, \$750, and three \$500 prizes.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Clowns, Games, and Prizes

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465 Mt. Auburn St.
Watertown, MA 02472
(617) 923-8860
info@stthagop.com



In Lieu of Flowers



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

LOUISE MIHOVIAN

June 17, 2013

Mari, Armen & Kate Essayan Family
Sam & Bea Kapreilian
Marion Barsam
Karen Dederyan
Lucille Demirjian
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Agnes B. Sahagian
Stephanie Seferian
Sophie Tolajian
Joseph Yasaian

Total: \$2,215

LEON GHAZARIAN

June 20, 2013

Jan Eskici
Mihran & Esin Guler
Manus Ipek & Family
Antonio Rotondi
Berj Yildirim

Total: \$500

RICHARD M. ANTREASIAN

July 9, 2013

Robert & Genevieve Babaian
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Carol & Jirair Babikyan
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Samir & Janette Patel

Herman & Laura Purutyan

Robert H. Sanasarian

Marlene Seferian

St. James Sunday School

Richard, Ann & Talene Tarvezian

Deanna G. Vessenmeyer

Natalie A. Zakarian

Total: \$1,790

MARY ELLIOT

July 31, 2013

Richard Millian
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Murphy
Mr. & Mrs. Edward O'Brien

Total: \$245

ANNA CINAR

August 2, 2013

Anonymous
Seta Arazian
Mayda & Nazar Aroyan
Mr. & Mrs. K. Ascan
Stephen & Nektar Ashchian
Zadik Ay
Garbis Baba
Rupen Baymus
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Kirkor Cinar

Yasar & Janet Cinar

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Avedis Cinar

Kaya Cinar & Family

Misak Dikranian

Filyani Dilan & Family

Jak Eskici

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Sarkis & Armine Frounjan &

Family

Harout & Mayda Gigian

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Apet Torosian

Mr. & Mrs. Kaspar Torosian &

Family

Sert Yildiz

Setrak Yuzlek

Nuris Zekiyany

Total: \$2,732

ANAIDA (THOMASIAN)

SARKISIAN

August 3, 2013

Amirbekyan Family

Total: \$500

ARTHUR JOHN

August 23, 2013

Armand & Helene Andreassian
Charles S. Gazarian
Diane Kouyoumjian
Elsie S. Jamgochian
Harry & Charlotte Eordekian
John & Nina Sahagian
Joyce Watts
Richard & Lucille Kashian

Total: \$425

REBECCA (THOMASIAN)

SARKISIAN

August 28, 2013

George W Haroutunian
Sam & Armand Paboojian
Sara & Hratch Tashjian

Total: \$90

ADDITIONAL IN LIEU DONATIONS

ALICE HASEKIAN

January 31, 2013

Edward & Sabine Keljik, Jr.

New Total: \$4,470

YN. VARTENI BARSAMIAN

February 6, 2013

Edward and Sabine Keljik, Jr.
Mrs. Angele Keshian
Anna Mikaelian & Family

New Total: \$16,410

GEORGE KALOOSTIAN

April 13, 2013

Paula Bechakian
Edward and Sabine Keljik, Jr.

New Total: \$7,515

CHARLES HASEKIAN

May 9, 2013

Haig & Donna Deranian
Richard, Ann & Talene Tarvezian
New Total: \$2,645

AREKA DERKAZARIAN

May 24, 2013

Mary Bergoudian
Gail Haroutunian
Nora Kalajian
John, Elizabeth and Adrienne Kefeyan Family
Lucy Mardirosian
Michael Reppucci
Phyllis Salust & Family
Richard, Ann and Talene Tarvezian
Barbara Young

New Total: \$3,460

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Օրհնեցէք զնա ի բարձունս: Ալէլուիա:

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS

You have been baptized in Christ. Alleluia.

Narek Alexander Demerjian
June 22, 2013
Son of Fr. Hovhnan and Yn. Anna Demerjian
Godparents: George and Lorraine Marootian

Ani Shahbazyan
July 6, 2013
Daughter of Hovhannes and Seda Shahbazyan
Godparents: Markos and Hripsime Shahbazyan

Gyanna Shahbazyan
July 6, 2013
Daughter of Hovhannes and Seda Shahbazyan
Godparents: Markos and Hripsime Shahbazyan

Emily Aleksandra Avakova
July 27, 2013
Daughter of Aleksandr Avakov and Olga Kulakova
Godparents: Valeriy and Karine Grigoryan

Juliya Lakhanko
August 7, 2013
Daughter of Leonid and Ludmila Lakhanko
Godparents: Armen and Lana

Ani Sophia Ostayan
August 17, 2013
Daughter of Jirair and Jennifer Ostayan
Godparents: Karnig and Linda Ostayan



WEDDINGS

And the two shall become one.

Matthew Scott Manosky and Angela Marie Barsamian
July 18, 2013
Best Man: Matthew Barsamian

Jason Haig Deranian and Jennifer Lynd Bengtson
July 20, 2013
Best Man: Greg Deranian
Maid of Honor: Michelle Abboud

Kirk Varjian and Amy Armine Tekeian
July 20, 2013
Best Man: Craig Varjian
Maid of Honor: Katherine Ginnis

Arthur Abgar Kostikian and Jbid Vartuhi Ipek
July 27, 2013
Best Man: Derenig Kostikian
Maid of Honor: Anais Hachikian

Alex Garbis Ashchian and Liliana Kate Lawson
August 4, 2013
Best Man: Michael Stepan Ashchian
Maid of Honor: Allicia Lawson

Jeffrey Robert Maranian and Tara Ashley Jones
August 16, 2013
Best Man: Chuck Rodrigues
Maid of Honor: Sayde Nazario



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.*

Louise Mihovian
June 17, 2013

Leon Ghazarian
June 20, 2013

Richard M. Antreasian
July 9, 2013

Mary Elliot
July 31, 2013

Anna Cinar
August 2, 2013

Anaida (Garibova) Amirbekyan
August 3, 2013

Arthur John
August 23, 2013

Rebecca (Thomasian) Sarkisian
August 28, 2013

Nelya Antonyan
September 3, 2013

Jay Jerahian
September 5, 2013

George Hurant Kevorkian
September 7, 2013

Aramayis Pashyan
September 14, 2013

REMEMBER ST. JAMES CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

ST. JAMES
ARMENIAN CHURCH
ENDOWMENT
TRUST FUND

*A Venerable
Christian Practice*

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St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
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Donation for *Looy's* in the amount of \$ _____

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

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PASTORAL CARE: HOME AND HOSPITAL CLERGY VISITS

The clergy are always available and would like to visit homebound and hospitalized parishioners. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized and would like to be visited, please call the church office at (617) 923-8860. Please note: when asked about your religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as "Armenian Orthodox" or "Armenian" not "other."

REQUIEM SERVICE/HOKEHANKISD

Arrangements for Requiem Service, Altar Flowers and Candles should be made through the church office by Thursday at noon. In accordance with the canons of the Armenian Church, Requiem Services may not be performed on the five major feast days: Armenian Christmas, Easter, The Feast of the Transfiguration, The Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God, and The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

All baptisms must be scheduled at least two months in advance by calling the church office. According to the Armenian Church canons, a Baptism may only be performed once in a person's lifetime, provided such Baptism has been performed in a Christian Church and in the name of the Holy Trinity.

At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church.

WEDDINGS

Parishioners should contact the church office at least eight months in advance. A couple must contact St. James to confirm the availability of the Pastor and sanctuary prior to making any other arrangements.

All weddings must follow the Canons of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In accordance with Diocesan discipline mandated by the Primate, all Sacraments must be performed in the church sanctuary.

The couple must meet with the Pastor at least once for pre-marital preparation and counseling. Weddings cannot be performed during Great Lent or Holy Week, or on the five major feast days: Armenian Christmas, Holy Easter, The Feast of the Transfiguration, The Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God, and The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

FUNERALS

Families should make arrangements with the funeral director of their choice, who will contact the church office to arrange the funeral service. Generally, St. James coordinates funerals with Bedrosian Funeral Home and Giragosian Funeral Home; both are located in Watertown and are familiar with our Church traditions.

Funerals may not be performed on religious holidays, major feast days, Saturdays after 3:00 p.m., or on Sundays.

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