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#### IN MEMORY OF YN. VARTENI BARSAMIAN

The Pastor, Parish Council, Diocesan Delegates, and all parishioners of St. James Church extend their sincere and heartfelt condolences to Fr. Arsen, Lucy, Steven, Raffi, and their families and loved ones. Yn. Varteni's passing is a great loss to our parish, and we will always treasure her legacy and our memories with her. She was a model of kindness, generosity, and faith. Wherever life took her, she touched the lives of the people around her with compassion and friendship. We pray that God rest her soul in the Light of His Heavenly Kingdom.

What follows is an excerpt from the eulogy delivered by Diana Kasarjian Topjian, a close friend of the Barsamian family.

What is a lady? A lady is defined as a woman who is refined, proper, polite and considerate to all regardless of social position or wealth. Yeretzgin exhibited all these qualities and more.

Yeretzgin was an outgoing person who loved to be with people. You could call her a 'social butterfly.' She was a lady in every sense of the word, but she had her own identity. When she believed in a cause, she voiced her opinion and stood her ground. In many ways, she was ahead of her time.

You could also define Yeretzgin as being generous. She made one feel as if they were the most important person in her



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#### NAME DAY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, December 16, St. James held its 81st Anniversary Name Day Celebration. His Eminence Abp. Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese, presided over the day's events.

On this occasion, St. James honored two longtime parishioners Edward Brewster and Karen Dederyan as the 2012 Parishioners of the Year. Edward and Karen have dedicated their services to our parish and Diocese for more than 30 years. Both have served as Sunday School teachers and Diocesan delegates, in addition to taking up other roles at the local and Diocesan levels.

Edward, who was married at St. James and went on to teach Sunday School for 39 years, has also served on the Parish Council and Diocesan Council. Not Armenian by birth, he said he has

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From left: Edward Brewster, Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, and Karen Dederyan pose for a group photo before the banquet.



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presence. In addition to being gracious and generous with people, she was generous with gifts. If you did a simple deed or showed a bit of kindness to her, she could not do enough to show her appreciation.

When you entered her home, she was always gracious and hospitable, offering you food or dessert. She was an excellent cook and baker, and she also had a green thumb. Everything she planted or re-potted flourished! Yeretzgin took pride in her home and each item seemed to have a history. She was sentimental and spoke of her dear mother lovingly, often quoting her.

Yeretzgin wanted to be as independent and selfsufficient as she could. Never did she want you to do anything to help her, such as getting in and out of a car with her walker. She would always say, "I can do it," and she did!

Yeretzgin and I would go to lunch and clothes shopping on occasion. One time we went to Gloucester. She loved to be near the ocean, which reminded her of Athens. As a matter of fact, Yeretzgin spoke several languages, but she was always eager to learn more. She would ask me to correct her English grammar if she spoke incorrectly. I think that happened only once because she had mastered the language quite well.

Her family was the most important thing in her life. Second to that was her St. James family and friends, whom she loved to see and socialize. Being homebound for more than a year, not participating in church activities and praying in church each Sunday was difficult and frustrating for her.

During the past years, Fr. Arsen and Yeretzgin Varteni had rather serious health issues. Lucy was the caring and devoted daughter who took care of her parents' needs lovingly. Though Steven and Raffi lived miles away, they visited their parents often. Yeretzgin loved all her children dearly. Truly, they are a devoted family who support one another.

When Yeretzgin was hospitalized with pneumonia, I was fortunate to have visited her at the hospital. When I visited her a second time, she managed to look at me and say, "Thank you for being my friend" in her weakened voice. Until the end, she was kind, gracious, giving and appreciative.

I feel, friendship is truly a blessing, and I was blessed to have Yeretzgin in my life. I feel friends are the family we choose for ourselves. Yeretzgin Varteni will remain in my heart always.



#### A NOTE OF THANKS

Fr. Arsen Barsamian and his children, Lucy Ann and her husband George, Steven and his wife Dorian, and Raffi and his wife Lilit, and Fr. Arsen's grandchildren, Lucine and Drew, express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to all who, in various ways, helped them during the illness of their dear wife, mother, and grandmother, Yeretzgin Varteni Barsamian, and the bereavement period following her death. The prayers and well-wishes of all during the difficult days of her illness and condolences following her death comforted them in the difficult period of reconciling their lives in living without her loving and caring presence.









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# NAME DAY CELEBRATION

#### Edward Brewster and Karen Dederyan Honored for Years of Service

developed a deep attachment to the Armenian Church. "I was not born in Armenia, but Armenian was born in me," he said, paraphrasing a quote from His Holiness Karekin I, the late Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

Born and raised in Watertown, Karen has been a lifelong member of St. James. Throughout her decades of service, she has been active in the church's ACYOA chapter, Sunday School, and parish council. Fr. Arakel noted Karen's constant presence in church on Sunday mornings, and her willingness to serve the community.

Following Divine Liturgy, Abp. Barsamian took a moment to bless a new dedication plaque, installed in the lobby of the Charles Mosesian Cultural and Youth Center. Mr. Crosby Goshgarian, who served as Chair of the Cultural Center Building Committee and saw the building project through to its completion, was also present during the blessing, joined by his daughters.

During the banquet program, former Sunday School students Levon Kurkjian and Alicia Antreasian offered warm memories of the influence Edward and Karen have had in their lives. Sunday School Superintendent Marsha Alabachian also made remarks. Subdeacon Mark Giragosian, cousin of Karen Dederyan, served as master of ceremonies.

Archbishop Barsamian expressed his appreciation to Mr. Brewster and Ms. Dederyan for their commitment to the Armenian Church. "You are an example to the young generation of parishioners at St. James Church," he said. "May the Lord continue to bless you and to guide you in your service."

St. James congratulates both Edward and Karen on this important accomplishment and honor.

Clockwise from top left: Karen Dederyan and her family pose for a photo following the banquet. Parish Council Chair Gail Boroyan presents plaques to the honorees. Edward Brewster with his family following the banquet. Mr. Crosby Goshgarian with his daughters, Archbishop Barsamian, and Fr. Arakel.

# **ACYOA JUNIORS**

#### Spreading Christmas Cheer

Thank you to all who participated in our Giving Tree Project this year! Your generosity helped My Brother's Keeper provide thousands of needy families with Christmas gifts. On December 12, a group of ACYOA Juniors delivered our gifts to "Santa's Workshop" at My Brother's Keeper, and spent a few hours preparing gift packages. They sorted, wrapped, and filled out gift tags with special notes. The night ended with a touching group prayer, and a quick dinner outing for our volunteers. It was a wonderful experience, and we thank you all for your support!

#### New England Regional Retreat

Last month, a group of 26 ACYOA Juniors traveled to New Hampshire to participate in the New England Regional Retreat, led by Diocesan Youth Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Morris. Close to 50 teens from throughout New England participated in the retreat, which focused on shining the light of Christ in our daily lives. During the closing session, four graduating seniors reflected on past retreats, including three St. James members: Johnny Bogosian-Trocchi, Aaron Campbell, and Vinney Moushigian.

"I enjoyed all the years that I've been able to spend at the retreats, growing in my faith and meeting so many new people," Johnny said. "I'm really going to miss it next year."















Clockwise from top: ACYOA Juniors pose for a group photo at the New England Regional Retreat in New Hampshire.

Retreat participans enjoy a hike through the woods.

St. James ACYOA Juniors at the retreat.

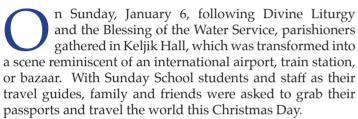
Volunteers wrap gifts at "Santa's Workshop."

A young volunteer wraps a gift.

ACYOA Juniors pose for a group photo at My Brother's Keeper.

# PASSPORT TO CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY SCHOOL'S JOURNEY
ACROSS THE GLOBE



We journeyed to Spain, where our guides were eleventh and first graders. Here we learned that shoes filled with water, straw and barley were left outside for the camels. Then the Three Wise Men would fill the shoes with gifts. Guests visiting Spain were treated to Gazpacho and other Spanish treats.

From Spain we went on to Brazil, where our guides were seventh and fourth graders. We learned the rooster's role at the time Christ was born. It is believed that the rooster announced that Christ was born, and that the animals could talk to one another. Guests visiting Brazil were treated to fruit salad, as fruits and nuts are an important tradition.

Then on to Ireland, where our guides were the ninth and second graders. In Ireland, we learned that a number

of Irish traditions center around the candle, a welcoming light for Mary and Joseph on Christmas Eve. Guests visiting Ireland enjoyed Irish soda bread.

Next on the itinerary was Italy. Our travel guides were the sixth and fifth graders. Here we learned about the "presepio," first built in Italy by St. Francis of Assisi. Guests were treated to delicious Italian cookies and cannolis.

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In Bethlehem our guides were children from the Child Care Center, Kindergarten and tenth grade. Then to Armenia, were the eighth and second grades greeted us.

After our worldly tour, we were treated to a luncheon prepared and hosted by the Sunday School parents. During the luncheon our tour guides presented us with songs, recitations, and Christmas stories from around the world.

Sincere thanks to the Sunday School staff and students for their vision and enthusiasm, to Maria Derderian for the passports, and Cheryl Keane for the photography, and to the Sunday School parents for the luncheon. Thank you to all our travelers for attending!



This page: Sunday School students sing Christmas songs.

Opposite page: Sunday School students present the Christmas traditions of various cultures around the globe.





Last fall, the 9th and 11th grade Sunday School classes, along with their teachers Laura Purutyan and Julie Cristello, joined forces for a Church Campus Clean-up Day. The students and teachers spent the morning raking leaves and sprucing up the St. James grounds.

The theme for the graduating class this year is "I Am St. James." For many months now we have been discussing a great deal about service. In order to put these two aspects of our learning into action, we raked the church and cultural center yards during class one Sunday in the fall with the 9th grade. Rain or shine we were going to do it, and we raked until the grass was perfectly clean.

"This experience showed us that you should be willing to serve under any circumstances, even if that means the weather is bad or you have to get down and do 'dirty work,'" said Lucine Boloyan.

"Ithoughtit was a very good thing we were doing. It's important for a holy place to look presentable! Also, I really like to help my community, and so I was glad to help my church," added Matthew Banks.



### **FALL SERVICE SUNDAY**

I really like to help my community. I was glad to help my church.



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ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB

# ARMENIAN SCHOOL

hank you to all the guests, supporters, parents, students, teachers and volunteers of the Armenian School who made our November banquet successful! Our Christmas celebrations began on December 22 with a visit from Gaghant Baba. He was greeted by a chorus of Armenian Christmas songs, and he surprised the students by speaking to them in Armenian! A pot-luck luncheon was served afterwards, prepared by the parents. It was a fun filled afternoon for all.

After a week's Christmas break, the school reconvened to get ready for the celebration of Armenian Christmas. On January 5, 11 students did a wonderful job reading from the Gospel before Divine Liturgy. The school staff and parents hosted a fellowship following the evening's services, preparing traditional Armenian desserts to commemorate the birth and baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.

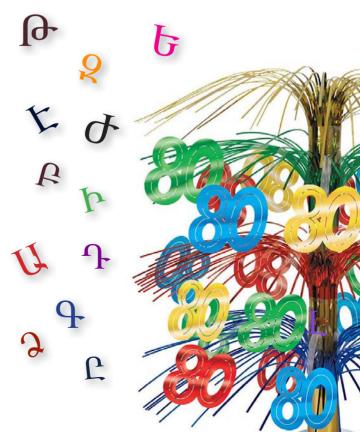
On February 3, the school hosted the annual Vartanantz celebration, serving a traditional meal of harissa along with other delicacies. A special program prepared by the students followed the luncheon, featuring songs, dances, and poems to commemorate the Feast of Sts. Vartanantz.



#### **CELEBRATING 80 YEARS**

**CALLING ALUMNI & FORMER STAFF** 

This May, St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School will be celebrating its 80th anniversary. We are looking for alumni of the school, past teachers, and superintendents. If you know of anyone or are a graduate, teacher, or superintendent, please e-mail the school Superintendent Marina Minasian at amindra@wmconnect.com.



Armenian School students.

#### **NEW FEATURES!**

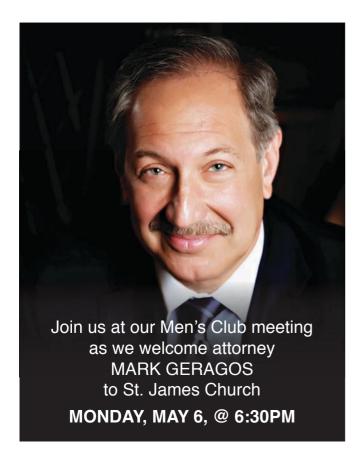
Return to St. James after golf for cocktails, great appetizers and an authentic lamb shish-kebab dinner with all the trimmings! M.C. and Entertainment by Tony V., Boston's Funniest Comedian!

Registrations fill rapidly, so act as soon as possible, as the first 140 registered golfers will be confirmed to participate. Registration forms will be available in the church office or by e-mailing info@sthagop.com.

For further information, please contact Tournament Directors Ronald Tashjian at 508-209-0118 or Dick Janjigian at 781-329-4398.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013 OAKLEY COUNTRY CLUB WATERTOWN, MA

# ST. JAMES OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT





## NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S GUILD

Group Looks Forward to Book Signing in April

The St. James Women's Guild had a very busy fall schedule. Following our successful participation in the Annual Bazaar with baking galore, a "Bling, Beauty and Buys" evening was held in November featuring Robert and Elizabeth Berberian and company, Nancy Simmons, an Emmy award-winning fashion and make-up artist, and vendors of jewelry, fashion scarves, and home items. One hundred fifty women had a fabulous time with makeovers, manicures, facials, and some sported new hairdos done by Robert and Elizabeth who worked so hard all evening!

The Women's Guild Recipe Calendar, including fourteen of St. James finest recipes, developed by Krikor and Nancy Kassabian, is still on sale (copies are available in the church office). In early December, St. James hosted the quarterly meeting of the Women's Guild Central Council with a breakfast and question and answer session. We also hosted our December Christmas party where over 75 members gathered, bringing in hundreds of toiletries to put together over 250 gift bags for homeless shelters and food pantries.

February's dinner meeting featured a *vosbov kheyma* dinner and a talk by Dr. Susan Pattie, new director of the Armenian Library and Museum, on "Treasured Objects: the Extraordinary lives of Ordinary Things." We are also preparing *choreg* and pastries for our Easter sale.

We are looking forward to welcoming Nancy Kricorian, author of "All the Light There Was" (to be released in March) for a book signing and presentation on April 7 at 3:00 p.m. in Keljik Hall.

The mission of the Women's Guild of the St. James Church is to live and share the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ through worship, education, witness, service, and fellowship, as expressed in the distinctive faith-experience of the Armenian people. All women of the Armenian Church are called to participate fully in this mission. New members are always welcome. Contact Nancy Kassabian at nkass@comcast.net, or 781-322-0029, for more information.









# CHRISTMAS AT ST. JAMES

The Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ













Opposite page, clockwise from top: The popular Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at St. James Church on December 24. Vicken Meneshian served as the godfather of the cross on January 6. Altar servers chant passages from the Book of the Prophet Daniel during Christmas Eve Services.

This page, clockwise from top: The Blessing of the Water Service on January 6. Fr. Arakel Aljalian lights a candle during the December 24 service. Sunday School Students pose for a group photo after Christmas Eve services.

## **Armenian Christmas**

# Hye Gafé

St. James' Hye Cafe began its ninth year on January 4 with our annual Christmas Hye Café. Some 300 people filled Keljik Hall to celebrate Christmas and join in fellowship.

While some guests dined on delicious kebab, kheyma, falafel, imam bayeldi and baked haddock, others danced to the wonderful music being played by David and Brian Ansbigian, Leon Janikian, Leo Sarkisian, and Armen Janigian. Thank you for playing again this year and becoming a tradition and a treat at the Christmas Hye Café!

Congratulations to our monthly door prize winners. We have also added baked haddock to our menu and will have specials throughout the year.

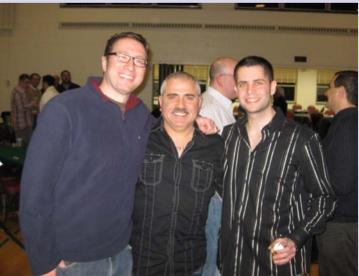
Thank you to our ACYOA Juniors for serving every month and all our volunteers who prepare for and work at Hye Café. We would also like to thank our patrons for their continued support! If you would like to volunteer for Hye Café, please email Linda Sahagian at hyelinda65@aol.com. We would love you to join our team!

Mark your calendar with the 2013 Hye Café dates:
April 5, May 3, May 31, September 27 and November 8









ACYOA SENIORS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT

# St. James Armenian Church armenian festival







# Sunday

June 9, 2013



Up. Յակոր Հայաստանեայց Առաքելական Եկեղեցի St. James Armenian Apostolic Church 465 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown, Massachusetts (617) 923-8860 www.sthagop.com info@sthagop.com Delicious Armenian Food!

Armenian Music!
Featuring Jay Baronian,
Leon Janikian, Ken Kalajian and
Bob Raphalian!

Children's Games and Contests!

Raffle!

On the St. James' grounds. Rain or Shine!

# annual picnic

## CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!



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# **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### MARCH 24 PALM SUNDAY - YOUTH DAY

Morning Service - 8:00 A.M.

Opening of Sanctuary Curtain (Turnpatzek) — 9:30 A.M.

Divine Liturgy — 10:00 A.M.

Youth Day Palm Sunday Banquet — 12:30 P.M.

#### MARCH 26 GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY

REMEMBRANCE OF THE TEN MAIDENS

Vespers Service (Sunday School Students) − 7:00 P.M.

#### **MARCH 28 GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY**

REMEMBRANCE OF THE LAST SUPPER

Morning Service — 8:30 A.M.

Divine Liturgy, Women's Guild Holy Communion and Breakfast - 9:30 A.M.

#### Washing of Feet Service (Voduniuva)

(Sunday School Students) - 6:30 P.M.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (*Khavaroom*) — 9:00 P.M.

#### **MARCH 29 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY**

REMEMBRANCE OF THE CRUCIFIXION OF

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST — 1:00 PM

REMEMBRANCE OF THE BURIAL OF

Our Lord Jesus Christ — 7:00 P.M.

#### MARCH 30 GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

Children's Holy Communion and Breakfast — 9:00 A.M.

Reading of Holy Scriptures

(Armenian School Students) — 6:00 P.M.

**Easter Eve Divine Liturgy** (*Jurakalooytz*) — 7:00 P.M.

The Junior Choir will be joining the Senior Choir in singing the Divine Liturgy. Home Blessing and Reception to follow.

#### **MARCH 31 HOLY EASTER SUNDAY**

Morning Service — 8:00 A.M.

Blessing of the Four Corners of the World (Antasdan) Divine Liturgy — 10:00 A.M.

Please Note: In accordance with church canons, requiem service (Hokehankisd) will not be held on Easter Sunday. Requests for requiem service may be made for Sunday, April 7, 2013.

EASTER OFFERING - YUGHAKIN: Remember your Church during this holy season. Your Easter offering demonstrates your faith and serves the needs of the House of God. With your help, the church will continue to grow and serve our faithful.

### ST. JAMES BINGO NEEDS YOUR HELP

Bingo provides a crucial source of funds for our St. James parish and a night of entertainment for our bingo players.

Since its inception in 1993, Bingo has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to help offset operating expenses at St. James. We have also established a reputation for having one of the best bingo games in this area. We have a core group of volunteers, but they are in need of additional help. Please join us as a volunteer.

Please volunteer just one Tuesday—a few hours—a month. That's all it would take to put over \$100,000 a year

into the parish budget. That's a very good return on your few-hour investment in our church each week.

Working Bingo is easy and fun. You'll be volunteering with parishioners who have the same interest as you do—supporting our church so together we can make St. James a better place for our children and our families to learn and worship. The only requirements are you must be 18 or older, have a friendly smile and love to welcome people.

If you are able to volunteer, e-mail info@sthagop.com, or call the church office at (617) 923-8860.







## A PERPETUAL MEMORIAL

for remembrance of our loved ones

The St. James Perpetual Memorial is located in the foyer of the Church on both sides of the entrance to the sanctuary. The archway and modules of the Memorial Plaques were installed in 1991. The archway depicts symbols of the Armenian Church, with the name of our church, St. James Armenian Apostolic Church, at the top of the door. Three sets of wooden modules that hold the Memorial Plaques are on either side of the door. They are made of red oak and enhance and complement the interior of the church sanctuary.

Each Memorial Plaque is  $2'' \times 10''$  in size. Each plaque bears the name of the departed loved one being memorialized in both Armenian and English, and also bears an inscription of years of birth and passing. Plaques are installed on the Perpetual Memorial at the requested area. Only one person may be remembered on each plaque.

The contribution for each Memorial Plaque is \$1,000. The majority of this donation is placed in the St. James Permanent Fund, where it will generate continuing income for our

parish. Families or individuals wanting to reserve Memorial Plaques in advance may do so, and may also select the area of the Perpetual Memorial on which their plaque(s) will be placed, by making full payment in advance.

The Perpetual Memorial is a way to honor our departed loved ones and to remember them as we enter our church sanctuary to worship. For more information, please contact Haig Deranian the Memorial Plaque Chairman at (617) 489-9465 or the church office at (617) 923-8860.



# In Lieu of Flowers

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#### **BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS**

You have been baptized in Christ. Alleluia.

Keira Marie Avidzba
December 1, 2012
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Mary Grace Aljalian
February 17, 2013
Daughter of Rev. Fr. Arakel and
Yn. Natasha Aljalian
Godparents: Harry Tugurian and Tania Chouljian



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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.

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December 18, 2012

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January 17, 2013

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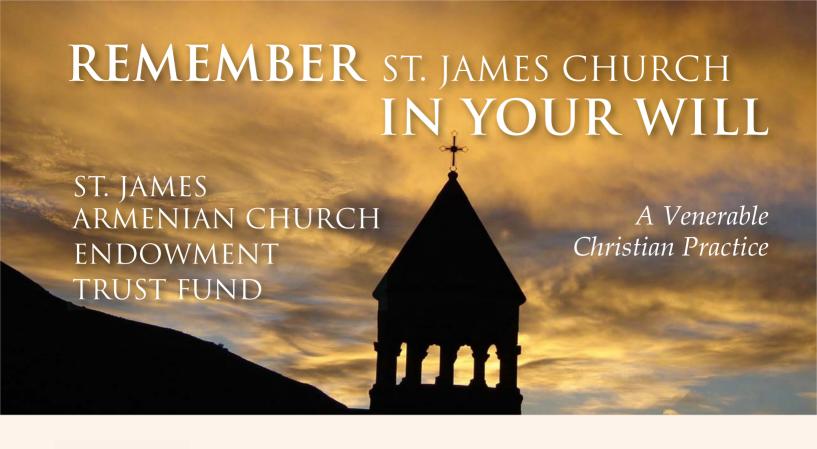
Barsamian *February 6, 2013* 

Mary George February 15, 2013

Karlen Gevorgyan *March* 7, 2013

Azadouhi Boyamian *March* 9, 2013

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#### **WEDDINGS**

And the two shall become one.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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