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Mark Geragos speaks at St. James Church.

ATTORNEY MARK GERAGOS AT ST. JAMES

On Monday, May 6, the St. James Men's Club hosted America's go-to celebrity attorney, Mark Geragos, as he and co-author attorney Pat Harris embark on a nine city tour discussing their new book, "Mistrial," (an inside look at how the criminal justice system works ... and sometimes doesn't - Gotham Books) and raise funds for SOAR (Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief).

During the sold-out event, which included over 450 attendees, Mr. Geragos not only signed books to raise funds for orphaned Armenian children, he commented on some of the most compelling and sensational trials of the past 20 years and the cases he worked on involving celebrities such as Michael Jackson, Chris Brown, Winona Ryder and

Mike Tyson, and talked about his high profile television career as a regular legal analyst on CNN, Fox and ABC shows.

"Mark Geragos' appearance at the St. James Men's Club dinner reflects our commitment to providing quality speakers for the community and our collective interest in helping raise awareness and funds for causes that matter. We're continually seeking the best and the brightest from the Armenian American community to bring relevant topics to the forefront," said Bob Semonian, the Speakers' Committee Chairman.

"Mistrial" is based on Geragos' 30-plus year career working within the justice system where he tried approximately 300 cases focusing on criminal and civil trial work. He is the head of Geragos and

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SUNDAY, JUNE 9

ARMENIAN FESTIVAL



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A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to chairs Emily Bedrosian and Mark Yacubian Torre, to the countless volunteers, and to all who attended—all of whom helped make this year's St. James Armenian Festival a success! Thank you also to our sponsors!

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PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK

St. James Observes the Final Days of Christ's Earthly Ministry





Opposite page, top: Fr. Arakel Aljalian celebrates the Divine Liturgy on Easter Sunday. Bottom row, from left: Participants in the "Remembrance of the Ten Maidens" service on Holy Tuesday. The "Washing of the Feet" service on Holy Thursday.

This page, top: Participants in the "Washing of the Feet" service pose for a group photo. Bottom row, from left: Children take part in the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday. The "Washing of the Feet" service on Holy Thursday.



ACYOA JUNIORS HYE M'RT

Spring was a busy season for our ACYOA Juniors, as we participated in various events, including a Scavenger Hunt in Boston with the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors, and our annual Palm Sunday ACYOA Day Banquet. However, our crowning event by far arrived Memorial Day Weekend, as we hosted the 38th Annual Hye M'rtsoom Junior Sports Weekend.

A record-breaking 223 ACYOA Juniors from 15 parishes came together at St. James from May 24 to 27 for a weekend of exciting sports competitions, worship, fellowship, and service. St. James was strongly represented with 63 members participating, as we made memories to last a lifetime.

Saturday began with Morning Service and an "Insights" program by Diocesan Youth Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Morris, and a welcome by Youth Minister Maria Derderian. We then began our sports competitions, and we were honored to have a visit from our Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, in the afternoon.

This year's Hye M'rtsoom featured two outreach projects. The first was a sandwich-making project for the Pine Street

Inn, where an assembly line was set up in the kitchen as teens and parents made 130 sandwiches. The second project was a gift card drive, where participants donated gift cards to benefit the Home for Little Wanderers in Boston, which offers children and young adults behavioral health, special education, adoption, foster care, and other services. Later in the afternoon, participants had a chance to lead a discussion about everyday questions and struggles young people face in today's world.

On Sunday, May 26, all the participants filled the St. James sanctuary for the Divine Liturgy. After services, participants gathered to watch the intense sports finals. We cheered on our teams, as our boys basketball team won first place, and our co-ed volleyball team won second place! Congratulations to all other trophy winners as well!

The highlight of the weekend came on Sunday night, as we enjoyed a delicious dinner and boarded buses to head downtown for a cruise on the Spirit of Boston. We held our awards ceremony and dance on the cruise, as the St. James ACYOA members celebrated winning the Overall Trophy.



TSOOM SPORTS WEEKEND

Special congratulations also to Ari Kazanjian, recipient of the Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan Vision Award—one of three National Awards presented by the Central Council.

Sincere thanks are in order to all who volunteered, supported, and helped make this year's Hye M'rtsoom a great success. Much appreciation goes out to all the parents and St. James organizations, who so willingly took on responsibilities to make everything run so smoothly. We couldn't have done it without you!



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ACYOA SENIORS

General Assembly and Sports Weekend

The St. James ACYOA Seniors headed to Providence over Memorial Day weekend to participate in the 2013 General Assembly and Sports Weekend. St. James was well represented at the General Assembly with seven delegates: Alina Bazarian, Karina Bekelian, Liana Bekelian, Aaron Derderian, Raffi Kazanjian, Caiti Zeytoonian, and Peter Oundjian.

During Sports Weekend, our teams competed in all the sporting events on Saturday and Sunday. We were proud to be the volleyball champions, as well taking 3rd place in mens basketball. Our teams also brought home the Babayan Cup, awarded to the team with the most points overall! It was an exciting weekend, and we congratulate the Providence ACYOA on a job well done.

We had an exciting spring season, and we look forward to welcoming the 2013 high school graduates to the ACYOA Seniors in the fall!



Top: The volleyball team after winning the championship trophy in Providence.

At right: St. James delegates pose for a photo at the 2013 General Assembly.

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, October 5

St. James Reunion Dance
hosted by the ACYOA Seniors
All are welcome!



NEW PROGRAMMING COMING THIS FALL

St. James is exploring new programming and events for those between the ages of 25 and 45.

Please send your name and contact information, and information of people you think might be interested, (and any ideas you may have!) to mderderian@stthagop.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION



Most of them arrived years ago. As kindergarteners they arrived from different communities, many not knowing each other, but they soon became friends and then family—St. James family. On Sunday, June 2, these now fifteen young adults culminated their formal Sunday School years and graduated from the St. James Sunday School.

The students assembled in church where they renewed their baptismal vows and received their diplomas, after which, Fr. Arakel asked each graduate to share with the parishioners one thing they learned and will take with them as they go out into the world. In his message Der Hayr also reminded the graduates that St. James is their spiritual home and family today and as they go forward.

A lovely reception prepared and hosted by the Sunday School parents was held in Keljik Hall, where graduates and guests were welcomed by Mrs. Marsha Alabachian, who

thanked the Sunday School staff for their love and dedication in helping to build the foundation for these young adults. To the graduates she said, “You have something that many of your friends wish they could have.”

Ms. Julie Cristello, teacher of the graduating class, told the story of the starfish, which was the basis of this year’s curriculum and then presented a slide show of the graduating class in service. Alexander Bresnee (Salutatorian) and Lucine Boloyan (Valedictorian) spoke eloquently of lessons learned, friendships made, and warm memories.

Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to: James Alperin, Gary Babigian, Matthew Banks, Andrew Bejian, Alexander Bresnee, Lucine Boloyan, Sophia Kapreilian, Daniel MacMillan, Haig Ozcan, Paul Pirundini, Jr., Jivan Purutyan, Erica Luniewicz, Adrena Santorsola, David Talanian, and Nina Zeytoonian.



Sunday School resumes on September 15.
Join us for HOMECOMING SUNDAY.



At left: Members of the graduating class in the sanctuary.

*Opposite page, top:
Fr. Arakel Aljalian teaches Sunday School students how to make “nushkhar.” Children assemble Easter baskets on “Service Sunday.”*



SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT

Graduating Class Visits Pine Street Inn

On April 21, the St. James Sunday School graduating class held a student vs. faculty volleyball game to raise money for the Pine Street Inn, a homeless shelter where they would be volunteering the following week. Over the past four decades Pine Street Inn has grown into New England's largest resource for homeless adults and serves over 1,600 individuals a day.

When I first introduced the idea of serving at the shelter to my class, many students expressed concerns. For some of them, not only would this be their first time confronting the homeless, it would be their first time participating in service. I knew that it was going to be a great experience and decided it would be wonderful to bring a gift to the Pine Street Inn to thank them for opening their doors to us.

The support we received during our fundraiser was remarkable. When I found out that we had raised \$885 to donate to the Inn, I was speechless. Furthermore, it was wonderful to be able to come together as a community in the same place that members of the FBI and police department resided only a few days before.

The following week we traveled to Pine Street Inn with a generous donation. The students and I put on our hairnets and aprons and served brunch to men and women at the shelter. As a teacher I was able to watch my students grow in their faith right in front of my eyes.

The experience that we had as a class at the Pine Street Inn was unforgettable and it would not have been possible without the kindness and generosity of the members of Saint James. Thank you!

– Julie Cristello, Graduating Class Teacher



It really made me open up my eyes and notice that something as little as putting food on a plate for someone to eat can really make a difference in someone's day.

– Nina Zeytoonian

I served food and everyone was smiling. It's the interactions between volunteers and the people in need that remind me that we're all really the same, and it made for such a rewarding experience.

– Sophia Kapreilian

I was affected by seeing all the homeless people. It makes me want to keep helping whenever I have the opportunity to because we are all equal and we have to do good in this life as Christians.

– David Talanian





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ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

We began our spring semester with the celebration of Easter. Students read from the Gospel in Armenian during Easter Eve Divine Liturgy, which was followed by a beautiful reception hosted by the staff and parents of the school.

This academic year was filled with commemorations. In school and church, we celebrated the 500th anniversary of the first Armenian printed book. We also celebrated the 1650th birthday of the founder of our alphabet Mesrob Mashdots—after whom our school is named. Students were introduced to the origins of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School in Watertown, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary. We prepared a special program to celebrate all these milestones, to honor our language and culture.

Our school year came to a close with the annual year-end program on Sunday, May 19. The highlight of the program was the commemoration of St. Mesrob Mashdots. The students emphasized the importance of the language through poetry, songs and their personal thoughts and essays.

Our post-graduate class prepared a special program which honored our rich heritage, with an introduction by teacher Mr. Alex Kalaydjian, who presented Mesrob Mashdots to the audience. The hall was filled with music through songs and recitations of musical numbers. Students then read their own essays of what it means to be an Armenian and how we have endured. Other program highlights included poetry, a pledge by our students to keep our rich language and heritage

alive, and a heroic dance performed by the students. The day concluded with seven kindergarten students receiving their diplomas and promotion to first grade.

Sincere thanks to all our teachers: Mrs. Svetlana Vehapetian, nursery; Mrs. Anna Kupelian, kindergarten; Mrs. Mary Demirdjian, first grade; Mrs. Rita Meneshian, third grade; Mrs. Annie Kalaydjian, fourth grade; Ms. Mayda Yetimian, sixth grade; Mrs. Yelena Hakobyan, music; Mr. Alex Kalaydjian, post-graduate; and volunteer dance instructors Mrs. Tina Kurkjian and Mrs. Lucine Baghsarian for doing an outstanding job with our students and school. Sincere appreciation also goes out to all the parents who donated their time, and volunteered to make the reception beautiful and abundant.

Pictured below: Students perform at the year-end program.

REGISTRATION for the 2013-2014 school year will begin in September.

Please contact Superintendent Marina Minasian at (978) 663-1755 for more information.



A Team Effort Hye Café

It has been a wonderful Hye Café season! May 31 was our last Hye Café before we break for the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone when we come back in September!

Hye Café is truly a team effort, as volunteers come together for two evenings beforehand to prepare. Our Wednesday evening crew cuts and marinates the meat, prepares the imam bayeldi and makes two kinds of khadaif. Our Thursday night crew skewers the meat, prepares the vegetables, makes the cheese boureg and sets up the hall while our office staff takes reservations throughout the week. Then Friday it all comes together with our kitchen and grill crew, ACYOA Juniors serving, our host, take out meal team, beverage team, register team and mezze/dessert team. Many hands make light work!

Congratulations to our monthly door prize winners Dave Hobbs, Arman Chitchian and Jack Medzorjian!

A heartfelt thank you to our Hye Café volunteer team and patrons! If you would like to join the Hye café team, please email Linda Sahagian at hyelinda65@aol.com. Wishing everyone a great summer!



Mark your calendar with the 2013 Hye Café dates:
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MEMBER

Carl and Rachel Boloyan



How long have you been parishioners of St. James Church?

When we moved to the area in 1994, we were asked to assist with the newly formed Childcare Center at St. James. It is then that we became parishioners of St. James.

Why did you decide to become dues-paid members?

We both grew up outside of Massachusetts, and had a strong Armenian upbringing centered on our family, heritage and religion. When we settled in Newton, it was only natural for us to gravitate to a church that could offer us what we were accustomed to, especially since our immediate families were not close by. We both were very familiar with St. James due to our ACYOA roots and the number of times we visited Watertown as members of our native churches. It seemed apparent for us to belong to St. James and raise our family in the same type of environment that we knew had a very positive influence on our lives. We wanted our children to be exposed to the unique qualities of being Armenian as it would form a strong foundation for them as they grew older.

Why do you believe it's important for parishioners in our parish family to become members?

Being Armenian is unique and the only way to fully experience it is to belong to an Armenian church where many families who have the same values in common come together to celebrate their religion, heritage, and oneness. We really believe that this type of environment is especially important to our children, because it reinforces all of the things they are taught at home. Being part of the St. James church family gives them constant exposure to the people and values that we believe to be the proper examples for them to follow as they mature.

R SPOTLIGHT

What does St. James mean to you?

St. James is a place of fellowship and service to one another, and it is all done in the interest of preserving as much of our rich Armenian cultural and religious history as possible. It is a place where our family can have fun with other families who are there for the same reasons we are. It is also a place where we have made numerous new friends with whom we interact regularly both at and outside of church. In a nutshell, St. James has given and continues to give us back much more than we put in.

What has the church offered you and your children?

The church has offered us many rewards, but the most important is that we are able to be together with other Armenian families to celebrate a common upbringing and a common desire to continue our heritage for the generations that follow. We want our children to follow in the footsteps of those who came before them and there is no better place to show them what this means and how it is done than in an environment like St. James.

What words would you offer to non-members in order to encourage them to become members?

God has given each of us unique abilities and talents. We encourage all prospective members to identify an area in St. James in which you can use your gifts. Start small and get comfortable. Through this service, you will experience fellowship and gain a sense of belonging. Your desire to serve your church community will only grow!

Herman and Laura Purutyany

How long have you been parishioners of St. James Church?

We joined the St. James parish in the fall of 1999.

Why did you decide to become dues-paid members?

We consider paying dues to be a minimum sign of our membership in the community of St. James. For us, dues is one important way to demonstrate our support and commitment.

Why do you believe it's important for parishioners in our parish family to become members?

For us, becoming a dues-paid member is important, because we want to be engaged in the life of the church, not only through financial support but also through our participation in collective decision-making at the Parish Assembly.

What does St. James mean to you?

St. James is our parish family and yet it's also a hub for the Greater Boston Armenian community. It's our anchor, keeping us connected to our Christian way of life and to the Armenian community around the world. St. James is our partner as we travel through life and face ups and downs. The deeper our roots in St. James, the closer we've become as a family.

What has the church offered you and your children?

The first and most important thing that St. James has offered us is relationships, to God, to our family and friends and to our Armenian Christian heritage. We draw inspiration and energy from our connections with fellow parishioners and from their faith, creativity, vision and resourcefulness. Lorig and Jivan consider church to be an extension of home, a familiar place of comfort where they can connect with other Christians. Worshipping with grandparents and cousins in the St. James sanctuary will provide life long memories. Fr. Arakel and Yeretzgin Natasha, and Fr. Arsen and Yeretzgin Varteni have been examples of wisdom, tireless care, service to others and prayerful living. Seeing their selfless giving has taught us to persevere in love and faith.

What words would you offer to non-members in order to encourage them to become members?

For us, one of the major ways we experience God's massive love is in the church family. To anyone who calls St. James their spiritual home, enjoys the fellowship of many friends made possible by St. James, trusts their children to receive spiritual guidance from St. James Sunday School, celebrates life's joyous moments here and is comforted here when faced with life's challenges, we say take a stand and declare this to be your Church by becoming a member.



Opposite page: Carl and Rachel with their children Lucine, David and Anna.

At right: Herman and Laura with their children Lorig and Jivan.



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The Men's Club had an outstanding few months featuring three great speakers, record crowds, and a very successful golf tournament.

At the March 3 meeting, the speaker was author Margaret Ajemian Ahnert, who spoke about her book "The Knock at the Door," a very moving story of her mother's experience during the Genocide of 1915 and also the relationship between her and her mother in later years.

For the April 1 meeting, the speaker was artist Daniel Hekimian who spoke about his new design project, which will be a Genocide Memorial to be placed in front of the Lowell City Hall.

At our May meeting, we welcomed nationally renowned defense attorney Mark Geragos. This was truly an amazing event with a record 450 people in attendance, which is more than twice as many people as we have ever had at any of our monthly dinner meetings. Mark was one of the most charismatic speakers we have ever had. Middlesex Sheriff Peter Koutoujian served as MC for our event, and did an outstanding job. With the help of many volunteers from the

St. James community, we were able to make this huge event a complete success.

On May 13, we held our 14th Annual Golf Tournament. This year, the Golf Committee decided to split the venue between golf at the Oakley Country Club and dinner at St. James Cultural Hall. There were 125 golfers in attendance, which represents a 50 percent increase from last year. The committee also was able to increase income from raffles, sponsorships, and the auctions. With the help of new members on the Golf Committee, we were able to make this year's event a huge success. Thank you to all who volunteered and attended!

This page: Golf tournament participants pose for photos.

Opposite page: Volunteers sell raffle tickets at the Golf Tournament dinner.

Fr. Arakel Aljalian poses for a photo with the Golf Tournament Planning Committee.





HUNDREDS GATHER FOR GERAGOS TALK

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Geragos, a Los Angeles based law firm founded by his father Paul (Pops) Geragos, who instilled in him that the single most honorable thing a man can do is fight for those who have no one to fight for them.

When referring to his book, Geragos discussed some of the dramatic changes that have occurred in our judicial system that he believes has made the system heavily weighted toward the prosecution, and that this imbalance has resulted in overcrowded jails, judges who waver on the bench, D.A.'s who jail innocent people and prosecutors with Batman complexes.

Geragos stated, "I absolutely love being here with my Armenian friends in Watertown, which by the way, is the original Glendale (California), to raise funds for SOAR soon after the recent 98th commemoration of the Armenian Genocide that killed over 1.5 million Christian Armenians (seizing their property and land) at the hands of the Turkish government. My father wanted me to continue his life work, which was to make sure that the Armenian people always have someone to fight for them."

From top to bottom: (left to right) Dick Janjigian, SOAR Boston President Garo Arakelian, Mark Geragos, Bob Semonian, and Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian.

Mark Geragos signs copies of his book for attendees.

Hundreds of attendees gathered to listen to Mark Geragos.





SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

On Sunday, June 16, our community recognized the young adults of our parish who received scholarship awards from St. James Church. We extend our sincere gratitude to all those parishioners who have established scholarship funds to support and encourage the youth of our church in their academic endeavors. Close to \$20,000 in scholarships was awarded to the young adults of St. James.

Abdalian, Zach
 Aroyan, Garni
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 Bahtiarian, Christine
 Bazarian, Alina
 Bekelian, Karina
 Bekelian, Liana
 Bogosian-Trocchi, John
 Boroyan, David
 Cam, Arda
 Campbell, Aaron
 Cheney, Alexis
 Eskici, Kevin
 Gurekian, Aram
 Gurekian, Ava
 Kazanjian, Ari
 Kazanjian, Raffi
 Madden, Shane
 Moushigian, Ani
 Musserian, William
 Seferian, Alec
 Seferian, Serena
 Tacvorian, Simon
 Yeterian, Lori

Greg Janian Memorial Scholarship
 Gladys & Anna Najarian Medzorian Scholarship
 Madeline Kasabian Leone Scholarship
 Daniel Percy Hindlian Scholarship
 George & Rose Tashjian Memorial Scholarship
 Edward & Elaine Patapanian Scholarship
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 Armene Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship (GKT)
 Herach & Anne Kazanjian Memorial Scholarship
 Hovnan & Agnes Hovnanian Scholarship
 Veronica Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship (GKT)
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 Levon, Herant, Zarouhie & Raffi Hollisian Memorial Scholarship
 Martin Martinian Memorial Scholarship
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 Robert Movsessian Memorial Scholarship
 Edward & Joyce Berberian Memorial Scholarship
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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



ADAM ASSARIAN, son of Steven and Hilda Assarian, graduated from The Fessenden School in Newton, and will attend Middlesex School in Concord in the fall.

GARNI AROYAN, daughter of Kourken and Nora Aroyan, graduated from Lexington High School. She will attend the University of Connecticut in the fall.

CHRISTINE BAHTIARIAN, daughter of Michael and Florence Bahtiarian, graduated from Bedford High School, and will attend Bentley University in the fall.

AARON CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL, son of Glenn and Hilda Campbell, graduated from Boston College High School with academic honors. He will attend Fairfield University in the fall, and plans to pursue pre-medical studies.

MARY ELIZABETH KAVJIAN, daughter of Andy and Janice Kavjian, graduated from the University of New Hampshire's Paul School of Business with a Bachelor of Science in marketing.

VARTKES MOUSHIGIAN, JR., son of Vartkes Sr. and Lucy Moushigian of Watertown, graduated from Watertown High School. He will attend the University of Massachusetts Boston in the fall, and will study communications.

AMY MCDERMOTT, daughter of Jim McDermott and Sharon Bazarian, graduated from Boston College with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in business and philosophy. Amy was recently hired as an F.A.O. Schwarz Fellow at the Jumpstart Organization in Boston.

ALICIA ELIZABETH RAPHALIAN, daughter of Bob and Sandy Raphalian, graduated from Wheelock College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in social work and juvenile justice. Alicia obtained a fulltime position in her chosen field and will begin graduate studies in June.

ALEC VASKEN SEFERIAN, son of Alan and Marlene Seferian, and proud grandson of Alice Seferian and Apkari & Arpie Potookian, graduated from Lexington High School. He will continue his studies in the Commonwealth Honors Program at the UMass Lowell School of Engineering.



Nancy Bazarian Kassabian (left) with other Women's Guild Central Council members at the Women's Guild Assembly in Boca Raton, FL. The women were recognized for serving on the council.

WOMEN'S GUILD ASSEMBLY

Nancy Bazarian Kassabian, Chair of St. James Women's Guild and also a member of Women's Guild Central Council, represented St. James as a delegate to the Women's Guild Assembly, which took place prior to the Diocesan Assembly in Boca Raton, Florida, from May 2-5, 2013. Parishioners Gail Boroyan and Aracse Kurkjian also served as St. James delegates. During the Assembly, roundtable discussions were held on the present and future of the Women's Guild, and Nancy presented and narrated her work, "Year in Review," a collection of Women's Guild activities throughout the Diocese. She also served as Assembly recording secretary. After the meetings, Nancy was presented with a certificate and recognized for her work on the Council, and has been elected to a second two-year term to serve as Vice-Chairperson for 2013 -2015.

FROM THE WOMEN'S GUILD

Dr. Susan Pattie, Executive Director of the Armenian Library and Museum in Watertown, was our guest speaker in February. Following a delicious Lenten dinner of *vosbov kheyma* prepared by our members, Dr. Pattie spoke on "Treasured Objects: The Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary Things" with a slide presentation and artifacts that she brought with her. Members truly enjoyed her engaging manner and style as she narrated her work as an anthropologist in her travels and integrated food and culture—a topic that drew in everyone there.

Our Easter Sunday Bake Sale was a success yet again, as we sold out of the famous bags of St. James choreg as well as packages of simit, bourma, paklava and traditional colored eggs. This was the result of many members contributing their talent and time at our choreg and baking sessions.

In April, we welcomed Nancy Kricorian, Watertown native and author of "All The Light There Was," her recently published novel on the Armenians and the Nazi Occupation of Paris, France. Nancy spoke on her extensive research for the novel and she read an excerpt to over 75 who were in attendance. She graciously signed the books that were bought that day and enjoyed her reunion with her Watertown friends and family.

Mezze Madness was the theme for our May business meeting, as members brought samples of appetizers to share and enjoy. We had a lively business meeting and brainstormed for next year.

Our last business meeting before the summer was held on June 17 with the theme (following Flag Day) of American barbecue and more! We worked together to plan the "Baking and Cooking" schedule for the summer to prepare our delicacies for Bazaar 2013! We also began plans for the 65th anniversary of St. James Women's Guild this fall! Stay tuned for more details.

Women's Guild never rests—we always have something to do, something to learn from each other. We welcome,

as always, new members any time to enjoy the friendship, service, educational activities, and worship with the Women's Guild.

Sincere thanks go out to all our members for the warmth, collaboration and the friendships they have provided to all of us. This is our "church family" and we are so blessed to have such a dedicated group of women who want to and do serve our church in their humble manner and in multiple capacities. Thank you so very much!

Nancy Kassabian, Chairperson

Below: Women's Guild members with Nancy Kricorian (center).

At bottom: Women's Guild members at Mezze Madness.



PARISHIONER MILESTONES



Left to right: Harold Partamian, Fr. Arakel Aljalian, and Dr. Nishan Goudsouzian pose for a photo at the April 6 event.

DR. NISHAN GOUDSOUZIAN AND HAROLD PARTAMIAN HONORED

On April 6, parishioners Dr. Nishan Goudsouzian and Harold Partamian received special honors at an event jointly hosted by the Armenian American Pharmacists Association and the Armenian American Medical Association. Dr. Goudsouzian, an active member of the Armenian community, is a highly respected pediatric anesthesiologist, who has done extensive research in his field and published more than 150 articles, as well as two books. Most recently, he was honored with the

Robert M. Smith award from the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Harold Partamian, founder of the Armenian American Pharmacists Association, began his career as a pharmacist in 1957. Since then, has worked in all areas of the pharmacy field, including owning his own pharmacy, serving on the Board of Registration, and joining the faculty at Northeastern University. We congratulate both parishioners on this distinct honor.



CROSBY GOSHGARIAN JOINS HONOR FLIGHT NEW ENGLAND

On Sunday, May 19, lifelong parishioner Crosby Goshgarian took part in Honor Flight New England, a nonprofit organization which takes local World War II veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials that honor them for their sacrifices. Accompanied by granddaughter Lisa Kletjian and 60 other veterans, Crosby traveled to our nation's capital and was able to see the WWII Memorial for the first time. He stared up at the vast, airy structures of the Air

Force Memorial (Crosby was an Electrical Troubleshooter on B-29s and B-17s), and took part in the ceremony honoring him and his fellow veterans. Former senator Bob Dole, 89, who was wounded in the war, made an appearance with his wife, Elizabeth, at the World War II Memorial to meet the Honor Flight participants. We thank Mr. Goshgarian for his years of service to our country, as well as to our St. James parish.



*Top left: Crosby Goshgarian poses for a photo with his family.
Bottom left: Crosby spends a moment with Senator Bob Dole.*

PARISHIONER MILESTONES CONTINUED



Jack and Audrey Pilibosian.

PILIBOSIANS CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Earlier this month, longtime parishioners Jack and Audrey Pilibosian celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, as family and friends planned a surprise gathering in their honor. In lieu of gifts, the family asked that contributions be made to the Jack and Audrey Pilibosian Permanent Fund at

St. James. \$3,700 has been raised to date, and the amount continues to increase. We thank all who made contributions to our parish in their name. We join family and friends in congratulating Jack and Audrey on this milestone, and we wish them many more years together in health and happiness.



Hagop and Nadia Ucuzian.

UCUZIANS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

This May, parishioners Hagop and Nadia Ucuzian celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. On Mother's Day, family and friends, both local and from out of town, gathered for a surprise party in their honor. To mark this happy occasion, Hagop

and Nadia recently made a donation of \$1,000 to St. James. We thank them for their generosity and ongoing support of our parish, and we wish them health and happiness in the future.

ST. JAMES ANNUAL BAZAAR 2013 October 18 and 19

ARMENIAN FOOD, DELICACIES & PASTRIES

Shish Kebab, Chicken Kebab, Losh Kebab, Kheyma and Eetch, Boereg, Manti, Yalanchi, Porov Kufteh, Tourshi, Choereg, Cream and Nut Khadaif, Bourma, Baklava and more!

BOOTHS & VENDORS

Including the Farmer's Market, Silent Auction, Armenian Items, the popular Attic Treasures, vendor booths.

RAFFLES & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

SPONSORSHIP & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in supporting our Annual Bazaar, please contact Nancy Kassabian at (781) 322-0029 or nkass@comcast.net or gailboroyan@yahoo.com or sandyraphalian@verizon.net.

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.



KARLEN GEVORGYAN **March 7, 2013**

Beurekjian Family
A. Sahakian
Mabel & Damien Stefanidis
Jean & Surpig Stepanian
Mary Vassel

Total: \$385

AZADOUHI BOYAMIAN **March 9, 2013**

Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Boyamian
Derian Family
Dr. and Mrs. Nishan & Mary Goudsouzian
Diana Adamian
Edwin & Hermine Adamian
Mr. & Mrs. Yervand Aftandilian
Zarouhi & Sossi Aroyan
Kourken & Nora Aroyan & Family
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Mary Bergoudian
Paul T. Boghosian
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Charles & Joyce Guleserian
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Sona & Setrak Iskandarian
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Gloria Khederian
Lois Kolgian
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Nancy R. Kolligian
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Arto & Ani Kurkjian
Aracse Kurkjian & Family
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Krikor & Mary Maserejian
Zareh & Hasmig Maserejian
Edward & Julie Mesrobian
Sonia Mikaelian
Mary Minasian
Martha Minassian
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Mildred Nahabedian
Beatrice Ohannessian
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Marilyn Papazian
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Harold & Gladys Partamian
Jacob & Audrey Pilibosian
Dorothy Piranian
Irene C. Sarkisian
Arshalouys Sarkissian
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Hagop & Nadia Ucuzian
Alice Vosgerichian
Mr. & Mrs. Raffi P. Yeghiayan
Houry Youssoufian
Dzovig Lilly Zerdelian
Sonia Zorian

Total: \$6,125

JAMES GARABEDIAN **March 9, 2013**

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Jirair & Carol Babikyan
Hagop & Stella Bekarian
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Gayle M. Yapchaian
Michael G. Yapchaian
Anna Araxy Yeshilian
Barbara Young
N. G. & Mr. Zantos

Total: \$1,710

MARY "MARGO" AGABIAN **March 30, 2013**

Sarah Agabian
Merritt & Sylvia Agabian
Diana Adamian
Elbis Andonian
Michael & Anita Assarian
Steven & Hilda Assarian
Paula Bechakian
Sarah Bejoyian & Family
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Mr. & Mrs. Azarig Kooloian & Family
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Margaret Koshgarian
Miriam Krikorian
Aracse Kurkjian
Sal Locicero
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Alice K. Mellian
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The Weston Family
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Gayle M. Yapchaian
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Total: \$2,945

GEORGE KALOOSTIAN **April 13, 2013**

Gladys Kaloostian
Joan & Mike Gallivan & Family
Ken & April Kaloostian & Family
Elizabeth Donabed
Diana Adamian
Harry & Azniv Amiralian
Fred & Mimi Apsokardos
Eleanor C. Arakelian
Rose Arakelian
David & Maureen Arakelian
John & Lisa Arakelian
Mike & Anita Assarian
Mary Avedisian
Arthur & Susan Aznavorian

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Carol & Jirair Babikyan
 Rosemarie Bagdasarian
 Virginia Bard
 John Baronian
 Marion Barsam
 Rose D. Barsamian
 Sharon Bazarian & Jim McDermott
 Marie Bedrosian
 Judith & Richard Bedrosian
 Paul Bedrosian
 Robert & Rose Bejoian
 Sara Bejoian & Family
 Mary Bergoudian
 Gail Boroyan
 Joseph & Bertha Breare
 Edward Brewster
 Sandra Burt
 Edward & Rose Canniff
 Annie & Berj Chekjian
 Helen & Richard Cherkerzian
 Zarty & Arthur Chilingirian
 Leslie & Jim Cristello & Family
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 Helen Dagavarian
 Karen Dederyan
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 Charles & Joyce Guleserian
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 Stephen Hazerjian
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 Cynthia & Lisa Kasparian
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 Richard & June Yacubian

Michael & Gayle Yapchaian
 Mr. & Mrs. Raffi P. Yeghiayan
 Sam & Louise Zouranjian
 Amy, Arra, Chloe & Nina
 Zeytoonian

Total: \$7,340

HERMINE (DIMIDJIAN) KOTCHOUNIAN

April 29, 2013

Aljanal Family
 Nektar Ashchian
 Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Bagdasarian
 Mary Bergoudian
 Moses Beurklian
 Sossi Bogharian
 Armene Chorbajian
 Vicken & Kathryn
 Dekermendjian
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Gower
 Janet, Levon & Denise
 Hanzatian
 Gail Haroutunian
 Mari Imirzeyan
 Vartuhi Ishkhanian
 Osana & Shavarsh Kantarjian
 Armine Karakozian
 Siranoush Kassabian
 Anahid Kenbelian
 Queenie Keumurian
 Nevart Kouyoumjian
 Aracse Kurkjian
 Alice Martin
 Silva Massoyan
 Kamer & Chake Minassian
 Nareg & Gassia Minassian
 Agavni Ozcan
 Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
 Mark & Anna Robertson
 Herika Sarafian
 Michel, Nayla, J.P., & Kelly Shami
 Shirinian Family
 Lucy A. Tashjian
 Richard Yirikian
 Setrak & Gulkiz Yuzlek

Total: \$1,885

CHARLES HASEKIAN *May 9, 2013*

Robin & John Haddon
 Debra & Robert Wodogaza
 Patty Allen
 Eleanor C. Arakelian
 John & Lisa Arakelian
 David & Maureen Arakelian
 Rose Arakelian
 Charles & Sona Aslanian
 Vahan, Sylvia & Lillian
 Barmakian
 Sara Bejoian & Family
 Hagop & Stella Bekarian
 John & Rose Bezjian
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bogosian
 Mrs. Henry Boornazian

Marilyn Ceder
 Cubby Oil Company
 Kenneth & Karen Demerjian
 Anne Dorian
 Harry & Charlotte Eordekian
 Claire & Thom Freeman
 Edward & Nancy Guleserian
 Miriam Jerahian
 Nadia Ann Karnik
 John & Alice Karnikyan
 Richard & Lucille Kashian
 Mimi Khederian-Bahtiarian
 Lois Kolgian
 Sheila Krikorian
 Aracse Kurkjian
 Christopher & Susan Lambe
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 Brian & Sharon (Jerahian)
 McElroy & Family
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 Robert Nahabedian & Claudine
 Louis
 Sam Paboojian
 Harold & Gladys Partamian
 Jack & Audrey Pilibosian
 Shirlee & Bill Purcell
 Joanne Reagan
 John & Nina Sahagian
 George & Mary Sbordone
 Stephen & Esther Stepanian
 Julia Stephanian

Total: \$2,600

AREKA (JANIKIAN) DERKAZARIAN *May 24, 2013*

Alan K & Isabelle DerKazarian
 Gregory DerKazarian
 Edward DerKazarian
 Alan H. & Kathleen DerKazarian
 Michael Malone & Susan
 DerKazarian
 Mark & Jennifer DerKazarian
 Harry & Azniv Amiralian
 Dianne Babikian & Family
 Marion Barsam
 Carol & Ronald Beattie
 Stephanie Bracket
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 Kenneth & Karen Demerjian
 Alma & Charles DerKazarian
 Peter & Pam DerKazarian
 Alfred M. DeVito
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 Dr. Vartan & Mr. Armen
 Ghugasian
 Edward & Nancy Guleserian

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Nadia Ann Karnikyan
Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian
John & Ida Kolligian
Arto & Ani Kurkjian
Mr. & Mrs. Zohrab Orchanian
& Family
Gloria Paretchianian
Jack & Audrey Pilibosian
Larry Pione
Val Pogharian
Ruth S. Pratt
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Mark Takvorian

Greg, Linda, Mark & Ereka
Takvorian
Alice Takvorian
Marianne Torrisi
Vaughan & Lily Totovian
Total: \$3,070

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

MARY DER BOGHOSIAN
July 30, 2012

Wayne Hatzakorgian, DDS

New Total: \$1,110

RICHARD AHIGIAN
January 3, 2013

Anonymous

New Total: \$ 4,000

ALICE HASEKIAN
January 31, 2013

Ruth Hopper
David Nahabedian

Paul Sahagian
Tanya (Sahagian) Hobson
Janice (Sahagian) Skarzenski

New Total: \$4,370

**YERETZGIN VARTENI
(MIKIRDITSIAN)
BARSAMIAN**
February 6, 2013

Sally Ann & Joe Ananian Sarno
Anonymous
Adrinna & Richard Antreasian
Fred & Mimi Apsokardos
Armenian Church at Hye
Pointe
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Diane Babikian
Rosemarie Bagdasarian
Edik & Asia Baghdasarian
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Family
Gary & Nancy Seabrook
Dean Shahinian
The Stuart Burton Family
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Vahradian
Barbara Young

New Total: \$ 16,110

MARY GEORGE
February 15, 2013


Aracse Kurkjian
The Morris Family

New Total: \$3,355



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SACRAMENTS



BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS

You have been baptized in Christ. Alleluia.

Miles Christopher Ohannessian
April 7, 2013
Son of Joanna Ohannessian
Godparents: Mitchell Evans and Karrie Knight

Bianca Talin Atanasov
April 27, 2013
Daughter of George K. and Talin Atanasov
Godparents: Ryan Powers and Arpi Arukian

Armen Bagdassarian
April 28, 2013
Son of Raffi and Anush Bagdassarian
Godparents: Dr. Zaven and Christiane Jouhourian

Arsen Bagdassarian
April 28, 2013
Son of Raffi and Anush Bagdassarian
Godparents: Dr. Zaven and Christiane Jouhourian

Aram John Parnagian
May 12, 2013
Son of Steven and Aida Bagdasaryan
Godparents: Harout Gasparyan and Ruzan Bagdasaryan

Nicole Vartanoush Parnagian
May 12, 2013
Daughter of Steven and Aida Bagdasaryan
Godparents: Harout Gasparyan and Ruzan Bagdasaryan

Alianna Queenie Austin
May 19, 2013
Daughter of Jason and Christina Austin
Godparents: Matthew Hennessey and Stephanie Austin

Kira Avanesava
June 1, 2013
Daughter of Aliaksei and Inna Avanesovi
Godparent: Oleh Hrunko

Bianca Marie Degirmenci
June 16, 2013
Daughter of Arda and Deniece Degirmenci
Godparents: Manuk and Susanna Degirmenci



WEDDINGS

And the two shall become one.

Narek Oganyan and Ani Shakikyan
April 6, 2013
Best Man: Luis Melo
Maid of Honor: Hermine Ohanyan Melo

Jennifer Alexis Deranian and
Maurice Joseph Granfield III
May 26, 2013
Best Man: Joe Assad
Maid of Honor: Stephanie Kane

ENGAGEMENT

Arthur Atinizian and Karin Cemcem
May 25, 2013

Oliver Kaspar Ozcan and Laura Ann Abkarian
June 2, 2013
Took place at Holy Trinity Church,
Cambridge, MA
Best Man: Vahram Dolukhanyan
Matron of Honor: Lisa Hovnanian

Vrej Nigoghos Abrahamian and
Natalie Rita Agcaian
June 22, 2013
Took place at the Armenian Church of the
Holy Martyrs, Bayside, New York
Best Man: Arthur Atinizian
Maid of Honor: Carolyn Nevrouzian



FUNERALS

*May Christ our God shed His Eternal Light upon the souls of our dearly departed.
May God bless the souls of the deceased and comfort the members of their families.*

Mary "Margo" Agabian
March 30, 2013

George Kaloostian
April 13, 2013

Hermine (Dimidjian) Kotchounian
April 29, 2013

Charles Hasekian
May 9, 2013

Areka DerKazarian
May 24, 2013

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<i>In memory of Minas Hazerjian 25th Year</i>	
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Mary Ann and Edward Kazanjian	\$25.00
Lillian Etmekjian	\$25.00
Vivian Masrof	\$20.00
Rose Chacran Zartarian	\$50.00
<i>In memory of Major Robert Z. Zartarian</i>	



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Կիրակի Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն - 8:30
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E-mail: info@stthagop.com
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The clergy are always available and would like to visit homebound and hospitalized parishioners. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized and would like to be visited, please call the church office at (617) 923-8860. Please note: when asked about your religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as "Armenian Orthodox" or "Armenian" not "other."

REQUIEM SERVICE/HOKEHANKISD

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

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

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

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

WEDDINGS

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

All weddings must follow the Canons of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church and the laws of 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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