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SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION

Remember when they came as toddlers with their older siblings or they came as the oldest of siblings, to pave the way? Some were scared, some were brave. Some came when they were older because they had heard... but they all came, and they built their faith, they built the foundation that would bring them to this day... and into the future...

Sunday, June 3, 18 young adults came together for the last time as students of the Sunday School. Our heartiest congratulations to our 2012 Graduates: Zachary Abdalian, Armen Andonian, Garni Aroyan, Christine Bahtarian, Matthew Bejian, John Bogosian, Aaron Campbell, Ani Chilingirian, Natalie Eskici, Matthew Kapilian, Amanda Luniewicz, Suzanne MacMillan, Rebecca Minasian, Vartkes Moushigian, Jonathan Raposo, Ari Shirinian, Lauren Trimble, and Chloe Zeytoonian.

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Sunday School graduates pose for a group photo in the sanctuary.



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ARMENIAN FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 10, 2012

Thank you to chairs Mark Torre and Emily Bedrosian, 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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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

On Sunday, June 17, 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. Over \$19,000 in scholarships was awarded to the young adults of St. James.

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PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK 2012

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



Clockwise from top left: Participants in the "Washing of the Feet" service on Holy Thursday. Young parishioners pose for a photo on Palm Sunday. ACYOA members on Palm Sunday meal. Children take part in the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday. Fr. Arakel Aljalian performs the "Washing of the Feet" service on Holy Thursday.



ACYOA JUNIORS HYE M'RTSOOM

Memorial Day Weekend brought almost 200 ACYOA Juniors together at St. James, as we hosted our 37th Annual Hye M'rtsoom Junior Sports Weekend! St. James was strongly represented with close to 50 members participating, and we were excited to bring in new elements to this year's schedule. Friday night, we celebrated "Hye Memories," showing slideshows of pictures from past ACYOA events, creating a wall of handprints, and our parents even displayed pictures from Hye M'rtsoom in the 80s!

After a long day of exciting sports competitions on Saturday, including a new 3-point shootout, we came together for a "Hye Lights" dance, with a neon theme. Sunday was the highlight of the weekend, as we attended Divine Liturgy together, had our Sports Finals, and then celebrated in a special way, with a "Hye Society" dinner-dance at top of the Cambridge Hyatt, overlooking the Charles River with a beautiful view of the Boston skyline!

In addition to these events, we added in an outreach element, hosting a supply drive for Cradles to Crayons and writing "well-wish notes" to go in the backpacks they will donate in August. We also had a discussion about issues we face as teens, organized by Lucine Boloyan. It was such an exciting weekend, and we thank all of our parents and the St. James organizations who volunteered their time and support!



*Clockwise from bottom:
Hye M'rtsoom
participants attend the
Divine Liturgy at
St. James Church.*

*St. James ACYOA
Juniors welcome
participants to Hye
M'rtsoom.*

*The St. James basketball
team with clergy.*

*Hye M'rtsoom
participants prepare for
a game.*





ACYOA JUNIORS OUTREACH

This has been a busy year for the ACYOA Juniors. We continued our outreach projects, visiting Cradles to Crayons in February and March. We also attended the Diocesan Regional Retreat in Contoocook, NH, and went Glow in the Dark Bowling. In April, we celebrated ACYOA Day with our annual Palm Sunday Banquet, and welcomed ACYOA Central Council member Adrienne Ashbahian as our guest. For more on the ACYOA Juniors, follow us on [Twitter](#) (@StJamesACYOAJrs) and [Facebook](#) (St. James ACYOA).



Fall Kick-Off Meeting & Elections Sunday, September 23 @ 12:30 p.m.

Youth ages 12-18 are welcome and encouraged to attend! For information, e-mail Youth Minister Maria Derderian at mderderian@stthagop.com, or call (617) 923-8990, ext. 19.

Top: ACYOA Juniors at a Lenten Retreat in New Hampshire.
Below: Volunteering at Cradles for Crayons.

ACYOA SENIORS



SPORTS WEEKEND

The St. James ACYOA Seniors headed to the Windy City over Memorial Day weekend to participate in the 2012 General Assembly and Sports Weekend. St. James was well represented at the General Assembly with six delegates: Alina Bazarian, Karina Bekelian, Adrine Daldalian, Aaron Derderian, Raffi Kazanjian, and Caiti Zeytoonian. Fr. Arakel Aljalian was also present during the meetings.

During Sports Weekend, our teams competed in all the sporting events on Saturday and Sunday, and won second place in volleyball. The evening events were held at memorable venues in downtown Chicago, including the famous Knickerbocker Hotel and Alhambra Palace. The weekend was a great success, and we look forward to Sports Weekend 2013, hosted by our nearby ACYOA Seniors at Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Church in Providence.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

A dedicated group of volunteers, comprised mostly of St. James ACYOA Seniors, worked hard throughout the past year to establish a Boston-area Armenian Church Basketball League. Through their efforts, the season began in January, and continued for 10 weeks, concluding with playoffs and a “Championship Sunday” at the end of March.

Six teams participated in the league, including teams from St. James Church, St. Stephens Church, and Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Church in Providence. The Providence team took home the trophy this year.

The ACBL planning committee is planning for another season this winter. Thank you to all volunteers, players, and organizers who helped make this season possible.



St. James delegates at the ACYOA General Assembly.



The St. James Armenian Church Basketball League team.

congratulations GRADUATES

Tiana N. Babigian, daughter of Peter and Gloria Babigian and granddaughter of Joan and Gary Babigian, graduated cum laude from Stonehill College with a B.A. in health care administration.

Neal Edward Brewster graduated from Keene State College with a B.S. in architecture. Neal will continue his studies at the University of Philadelphia. He is the son of Chuck and Nancy Brewster of Billerica, and the grandson of Ed Brewster and the late Mary Kashian Brewster.

Tina Marie Brewster graduated from Billerica High School. Tina will be attending Merrimack College, where she will study athletic training. She is the daughter of Chuck and Nancy Brewster of Billerica, and the grandson of Ed Brewster and the late Mary Kashian Brewster.

Lauren Metjian graduated from Lasell College with a B. A. in fashion promotion and communication. Lauren was a Dean's List student at Lasell. She is the daughter of Charlie and Janice Metjian, and the granddaughter of Charlie and Dorothy Kasparian, all of Watertown.



Gregory Paul Mouradian graduated from Moses Brown School. He has been admitted to the 8-year B.A. / M.D. program in liberal medical education at Brown University. Greg is the son of Susan Brewster Mouradian and Paul Mouradian of Franklin, and the grandson of Ed Brewster and the late Mary Kashian Brewster.

Melissa Andrea Trimble graduated from Acton Boxborough Regional High School. She was a National Honor Society Member, a student ambassador, peer tutor and played lacrosse and soccer. She was an assistant Sunday School teacher last year. She will attend Lafayette College in Easton, PA in the fall. She is interested in international relations.

Summer Camp Visits



This summer Fr. Arakel Aljalian and Youth Minister Maria Derderian visited St. James campers at St. Vartan Camp at the Ararat Center in Greenville, NY. The camp ran from July 1 to August 11.

The St. James Men's Club held another successful golf tournament—the 13th annual—at the Marlborough Country Club on May 21. Under the leadership of golf committee co-chairs, Dick Janjigian and Ron Tashjian, together with all of the volunteers, the event

was a social and financial success. The committee co-chairs thank all of the members of the golf committee, golf participants, sponsors, donors, and volunteers who have made our golf tournament a recognized event to support St James!

GOLF TOURNAMENT



MEET OUR PARISH COUNCIL

Front row (left to right): Treasurer Bob Bejoian, Chair Gail Boroyan, Pastor Rev. Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Vice Chair Tom Gengozian, Assistant Secretary Carol Babikyan. Back row (left to right) Edward Kazanjian, Scott Kapilian, Garo Yavshayan, Sharon Bazarian, Linda Sahagian, Toros Yeterian, Aracse Kurkjian

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ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN SCHOOL

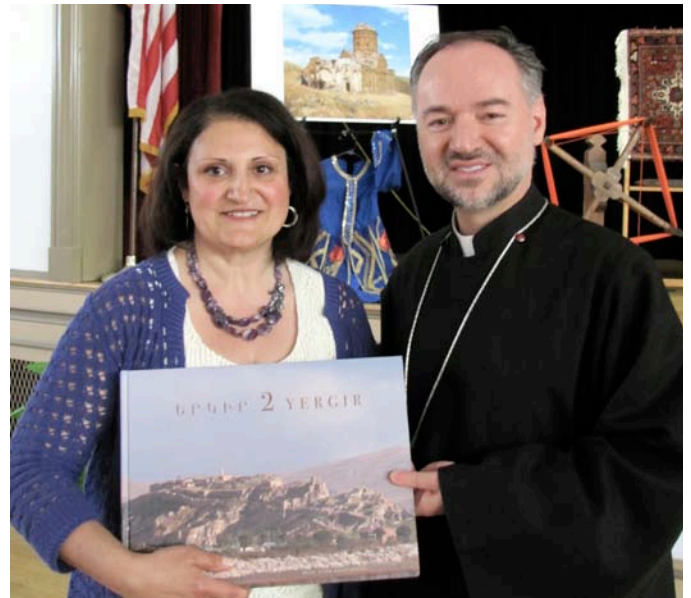
It has been a successful academic year for Armenian School. It was enhanced by our rich traditions, history, and culture. There was a lot of enthusiasm and interest among the students, which was obvious during each performance.

The highlight of this year's program was the launch of a new curriculum, which includes the advanced research and presentation of a specific topic. This year's topic was the celebration of the 1050th anniversary of the city of Ani. The students in this class worked with the guidance of Alex Kalaydjian to study the history and importance of Ani. At the year-end awards presentation and program, each student presented a reading or a song and a piece of artwork (which were displayed for viewing) to commemorate the anniversary.

The year-end program included the graduation of kindergarteners Ava Hayward, Nairi Davidian, Garabed Kalajian, Alex Kurkjian, and Alex Alvandyan, and the promotion to the next grade of 30 students. The program consisted of vignettes of typical village trades such as winemaking, rug weaving, butter churning, breadmaking, and yarn spinning, and closed with the celebration of a very traditional Armenian wedding.

This would not have been such a success without the dedicated service of the staff: Alex Kalaydjian, Annie Kalaydjian, Mary Demirjian, Mayda Yetimian, Rita Meneshian, Anna Kupelian, Svetlanna Vehapetian, Yelena Hagopian, and volunteers Tina Kurkjian and Lucine Baghsarian for the dances they taught throughout the year. We are also grateful to the parents for their continued support and commitment to the school.

Registration for the 2012-13 school year will begin in September. Please contact Marina Minasian at (978) 663-1755 for more information.



SAVE THE DATE

Classes will resume on Saturday, September 15.

New this year is an Advanced Research Program for students ages 13-17.

To register your child, call (978) 663-1755.

Top: Superintendent Marina Minasian with Fr. Arakel Aljalian. Ms. Minasian was honored for her five years of service to the school. Above and on opposite page: Students in traditional costumes imagine scenes from village life during the school's year-end program. Opposite page, bottom: Staff and volunteers pose for a group photo.





MEMBERSHIP

“What can I do for the Lord for all He has given me?”

Psalm 116

EVERYTHING COMES FROM GOD. All we have is from God, and we must use it in a way that reflects GOD’s character, not just our own. In returning to Him and His work the gifts He has given us, we are blessed. All giving should be done joyfully and in recognition of God’s blessings in our life.

The best example of this are the founders of this St. James church. In economic times harder than ours today, during the darkest days of the Great Depression, they made it their priority to create a church around which they centered their lives. Their commitment, and their work for God and returning to Him their gifts, is the legacy that continues until today.

Over the years, our parishioners have sacrificed profoundly, worked tirelessly, and offered all that they had to build this church. They gave because the church was that important to them, and, today, to all of us.

Like them, let us play our part and fulfill our responsibility with pride, with joy, with faith, and with love. It’s our turn to carry the torch, and create our own legacy, by making an active commitment to our St. James parish—by giving of our time and skills, and by becoming a member and a steward of this parish.

Parishioners have received Membership/Stewardship cards in the mail. We ask you to consider your gift to God, to give joyfully to this church that is at the center of our lives and our most memorable occasions, and the cornerstone of our faith.

If you have questions, please contact info@stthagop.com, or call the church office, and a member of the Membership Committee will be most happy to call you.



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Their legacy...



... continues today

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Commit to St. James.
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For information on church membership, please
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MEMBER

Jeniffer and Steve Carson



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

STEVE: I have been a parishioner of St. James for over 13 years. I made a commitment to marry in and raise our family in the St. James' community.

JENIFFER: I have been a member of St. James from birth, 38 years ago. I was baptized, graduated Sunday School (as valedictorian), and have been a member and vice chair of ACYOA Juniors, chair of ACYOA Srs., a Parish Council member, assistant Sunday School teacher, 75th Anniversary Strategic Planning Committee member, and co-chair of the Breakfast with Santa.

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

STEVE: The decision to embrace and surround myself with the traditions, culture, community and teachings of the church both for myself, my wife and my children was not one that I took lightly. Frankly speaking, I often feel that we do not do enough. Paying our annual dues is (at the very least), our attempt to give back for all that St. James means and gives to us. Since making that commitment 13 years ago, I have always felt that paying our dues was a way of honoring that commitment, a commitment that goes both ways.

Although I am not Armenian, I was not raised in a way that would allow me to feel comfortable without committing at least the bare minimum to the church.

JENIFFER: St. James has given and continues to give my family so much. We recognize that in order for the church to continue to serve its parish, certain financial needs must be met—building upkeep, staff salaries, heating, electricity, programming, charitable outreach, etc. For what essentially amounts to a nice dinner out, a round of golf, or a pair of

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designer shoes, we can contribute to the overall long term survival of the church we love. We realize during these trying economic times that money is tight. For us, St. James is a priority and paying dues is the very least we can and should do for the church community that made us who we are and will shape who our children will be.

What does St. James mean to you?

STEVE: To have St. James as resource for my family is invaluable. While we certainly are not able to take advantage of all that is offered at the church, to just know that it's there, means a great deal. To see my children educated in the church, to learn about their faith and the traditions of this part of their history, is vitally important to me. When I take my daughter to Sunday School, or attend a baptism or funeral, it reinforces how important a commitment it is.

JENIFFER: St. James is an integral part of my family's past, present, and future. I often credit St. James for my successes, personal and professional, because what I learned and gained from St. James underlies every part of who I am. My family's commitment to the St. James parish began generations ago. St. James took care of my grandmother and her three children in ways that only a church can do. My grandmother always remained thankful to St. James and she gave back as often as she could. This became the example her children and grandchildren follow. My mother and father were also two extraordinary role models who dedicated much of their life to St. James, and they made church a priority in my and my brother's lives. St. James was and is our second home. Now we have two beautiful daughters, Adrienne who is 6, and Vanessa who is 2. Adrienne just finished her first year of Sunday School. It is my hope that we do as good a job raising them in St. James as my parents and grandmother did. It is hard with today's hectic pace of life to participate the way my parents did. But we have made it a priority because it is important that our children learn faith, community, and responsibility the way I did.

Pam Talanian

How long have you been a parishioner at St. James?

PAM: I have been a parishioner since enrolling my children in kindergarten at St. James Sunday School 15 years ago!

What does St. James mean to you?

PAM: St James means home to me; it is my spiritual home—a place where I can renew my faith in God and appreciate my heritage.

What has the church offered you and your children?

PAM: St James has offered us a home in which we can nurture our Christian beliefs. Since I was not raised at St. James, I have had the privilege of watching my children grow up in the church. Having them participate in activities, such as candle holding, Gospel reading, and volunteering at charity and youth events, has strengthened the core of our faith as a family. Our family has made lifelong friends through participating in all that St. James has to offer. My children have forged strong friendships. I, as a member of the New Vision group, was afforded the opportunity to meet other parents who shared the same ideals and moral philosophy as myself.

Why did you decide to become a dues paid member?

PAM: I decided to become a dues paid member first and foremost to give back to the church. St. James has been very good to me, my children, and my entire family, especially during times of crisis. At times where I wanted to turn inward, Der Arakel, Der Arsen and my entire St. James family were there to provide constant support and compassion. Sitting in church each Sunday, I feel blessed. I want to preserve St. James for future generations, in the hopes that others will be able to get as much out of the church as I have.

Why is it important for others to become dues paying members?

PAM: If others feel St. James is their spiritual home, where they celebrate all major life events, they need to commit to the St. James family to share in the ideals and beliefs, to foster their own faith and curiosity, and to help to ensure a future for the generations yet to come.



Opposite page: Jeniffer and Steve Casron with their daughters Adrienne and Vanessa. Above: Pam Talanian with her mother Lucy, and her children Caroline and Olivia.



*Two Pilgrimages Offer St. James Parishioners
Opportunities for Discovery*

FROM THE HOLY LAND TO THE HOMELAND

2012 Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

A Reflection by Alicia Antreassian

I have heard so many times throughout my life that Armenians are a strong people, and I've always known that it was because of our faith that we've been blessed with such strength. We witness it through our family members and have learned by the stories of our genocide survivors. I've always been proud of being Armenian, knowing that though we're not an imposing force, we will never be considered weak. It wasn't until I was given the opportunity to go on the pilgrimage to Jerusalem that I felt my pride was validated.

We know that throughout the world, the Armenians have been the victims of conquest and genocide countless times; that surrounding cultures have repeatedly stolen Armenian land and tried to take away our history, culture, and our faith. But it is in our faith that we have resilience and have persevered. In Jerusalem, the Armenians are a people that have fought to keep their place and claim. They've dedicated their lives to caring for places that have been around for several hundred years. These places are monuments to our endurance. They're monuments to our abilities and traditions. These churches and holy sites embody our language and our artistry. They're assemblages of found objects that were brought in and left behind over time to make up such stunningly beautiful expressions of love and worship. In each place is carved stone, mosaic, paintings, and tapestry that would take years to describe. Even then you could never really explain the damp coolness of the churches or the smell of burnt candles and incense that make you forget whatever unpleasantness is outside their walls.

Since coming home, I've been asked "Was it all that you expected?" Well, I never went into it expecting anything. I let Jerusalem unfold before me and I took in whatever I could. I didn't accept the opportunity under the perception of it being a vacation. Jerusalem for me was not a ten-day excursion of tourist attractions and souvenir shops. I encountered a sensory understanding, to be in the places Jesus and his disciples walked, feeling the sun and heat, the long days, the



walking, the stones and dirt. It's hard to describe in words the feeling that you get when you're in these places and you finally force yourself to think that Jesus was born here, He taught the people here, He prayed and fasted here. He suffered for us and was crucified in this very place. When you get to that realization, the feeling is overwhelming. You redevelop an appreciation for His teachings. You consider everything you've been taught by your church, friends and family, parents and grandparents. I redeveloped an appreciation for loving other people because, in my opinion, that's the greatest way of honoring Jesus' sacrifice. It's that love that is the foundation of our church, and is inherent in Armenian communities. It was this commonality among all of us pilgrims that made this journey so beautiful. We read from the Gospels together and held discussions. We expressed our love and appreciations, our fears and struggles. We supported each other and offered solutions and solace. We celebrated the engagement of two of the pilgrims and we mourned the loss of a fellow pilgrim's family member. We became so close that outsiders to our group thought we had all known each other for years. We became a family. But that's the way Armenians are raised. It's not unique to just our group of thirty some odd young adults—it's the Armenian church itself. We're taught that each one of us is connected through Chrismation, that every single member of the Armenian church in every country around the world has been blessed with the same holy muron.

The church is more than just our parishes here: it reaches out beyond our immediate and extended families, past our friends and the familiar faces that we see each week. We all have an extended family that many of us will never know, but we all owe it to our ancestors and our descendants to carry on our traditions and faith. We owe it to those who gave their lives and have struggled to survive, while still showing us how to be loving, kind, and forgiving. We need



to maintain our place in Jerusalem and support those that live day in and day out protecting it, because in many cases, we built those walls. God gave us this strength, but it's up to us to utilize it. Our culture is built upon amazing examples of unwavering faith. We must strive to be the same exemplification in our faith in order to maintain our culture's strength as both Armenians and Christians, and to never lose our identity.

Opposite page: Pilgrims outside the Church of the Nativity of Christ in Bethlehem. Top: Alicia Antreassian (foreground) during the Divine Liturgy at the Church of the Nativity.

St. James Pilgrimage to Armenia

On June 26, a group of 19 people began their journey to Yerevan on the St. James Fourth Pilgrimage to Armenia. After two long flights, the group arrived in our homeland excited to see everything we had heard about. Over the course of 10 days, we traveled through various regions of Armenia, saw breathtaking landscapes, and experienced the faith of our ancestors. We saw many ancient monasteries and beautiful architecture which has withstood the test of time. We visited museums and other landmarks, such as the Armenian Genocide Memorial, which was a powerful experience. In the evenings, we explored the vibrant Yerevan nightlife, enjoying time in the outdoor cafes near the Opera House, seeing shows, and our favorite: watching the fountains set to music in Republic Square every night. We began the trip as strangers, but by the end of the trip we were all like family. Armenia has touched each of us in a special way, and many of us are already excited to go back and visit again.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

The Lenten season is the time we use to prepare ourselves for Holy Easter. The preparation for Easter is great, but the rewards are greater. Lent is a time of fasting, self denial and self-discipline.

A time of reflecting, meditating, praying, sharing, learning, teaching and giving. This Lenten season, the Sunday School teachers and staff worked diligently to prepare our students for their spiritual journey through Lent and Holy Week.

During the annual Sunday School Lenten Drive, which is carried out in conjunction with the Diocese, students collected coins in their "Dunkin' Donuts" mite boxes, and raised \$2,162.97. This year's Lenten drive will be divided equally to benefit the Nor Hajn Soup Kitchen in Armenia's Kotayk Province and Feeding America—the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief organization.

Each student in the Sunday School received a beautiful Lenten calendar from the Diocese's Department of Youth and Education. This colorful tool was used in the classrooms and at home to bring Lent "to life" and to make it a part of everyday, not just Sundays.

No Lenten season would be complete without the Sunday School's "Service Sunday." On Sunday, March 18, with all hands on deck, we were rocking! The students from grades K-4 assembled Easter baskets. Working in assembly-line

fashion, our youngsters, eager and smiling, filled 72 Easter baskets with bunnies, goodies and toys. The baskets were delivered to the Watertown food pantry for distribution to less fortunate children. Simultaneously, students in grade 5 portioned shampoo; grade 6 portioned bath soap; grade 7 rolled and tied new underwear; grade 9 baked cookies; grade 11 made sandwiches; and grades 8 and 10 assembled box lunches—all to be delivered to Fr. Bill's Homeless shelter in Quincy, MA.

On Palm Sunday morning, grades K-3 eagerly arrived at church to carry palms and participate in the morning's procession. In addition to carrying palms, the children carried festively-decorated Easter tapers, which were graciously prepared and donated by Mr. and Mrs. Panos and Tamara

To all the St. James Sunday School students and families who participated in our Lenten Drive:

A BIG THANK YOU

With your kindness and generosity we will make a difference in the lives of Americans who rely on assistance from Feeding America and residents in Armenia who rely on the Nor Hajn Soup Kitchen.

This year we raised \$ 2,162.97!



Takajian. The students remained in church for a time before returning to their classrooms.

On Holy Tuesday evening, the fourth grade girls participated in the "Service of the Maidens." This vesper service is a re-enactment of the parable of the wise and foolish maidens, which is found in the Gospel of Luke. Unlike other years, this year the girls were joined by their mothers! There was giggling and excitement in the air as our pastor announced that this year the mothers would have the parts of the foolish maidens.

On Holy Thursday evening, the fourth grade boys participated in the "Washing of the Feet" service. This service is symbolic of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples before the feast of the Passover. Following the service, students of

the tenth grade participated in their annual "Agape Meal." The meal is a remembrance of the Last Supper and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Children's "Easter Holy Communion and Breakfast" was held on Holy Saturday morning. Following Holy Communion, children and adults filled Keljik Hall, where a wonderful breakfast was prepared and hosted by the Sunday School and the Armenian School. The children were treated to a wonderful program of critters and creatures.

Opposite page: Children assemble Easter baskets on "Service Sunday." Fr. Arakel Aljalian teaches Sunday School students how to make "nushkhar."

This page: Students make sandwiches for the needy (top). Sunday School children pose with Easter baskets.



**SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16
HOMECOMING SUNDAY
INDOOR FIELD DAY**

GRADUATION continued from page 1

On Graduation Sunday, students participated in Badarak, gave the Kiss of Peace, and read the confession. Following Holy Communion, Fr. Arakel Aljalian awarded the diplomas, and the students renewed their baptismal vows. In his sermon, Der Hayr sincerely and lovingly spoke to the graduates, reminding them that St. James was their spiritual home and family, to make good choices, and to always remember three things: pray, go to church, and love God.

A lovely reception, prepared and hosted by Sunday school parents, followed in Keljik Hall, where Garni Aroyan and Rebecca Minasian gave their salutatorian addresses, and Aaron Campbell gave the valedictorian address. Garni, Rebecca and Aaron spoke of memories, family, teachers, classmates, choices, faith and the future. They expressed their appreciation and thanks, and they challenged their classmates to continue to do good and to make good choices.

Yn. Natasha Aljalian shared memories of this class, seeing them as toddlers, watching them grow and being their teacher not once, but twice. Yeretzgin also took the

opportunity to remind the graduates to remember what they had learned, to apply that to their everyday lives, and to remember that she, Der Hayr and this church are their family and are always here for them.



Fr. Arakel Aljalian addresses Sunday School graduates.

2012 ST. JAMES ANNUAL BAZAAR October 12 and 13



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

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ՀԱՅ ՏՊԱԳՐՈՒԹԵԱՆ 500-ԱՄԵԱԿ

The 500th Anniversary of Armenian Printing

An exhibition commemorating the 500th anniversary of the first printed Armenian book at St. James Armenian Church

2012 marks the 500th anniversary of the printing of the first Armenian book, in 1512 in Venice by Hagop Meghabard (the Sinful). On this occasion, our Cultural Committee is organizing an exhibition of rare Armenian printed books to be held on October 21, 2012.

2012 also marks the 1650th birth anniversary of St. Mesrob Mashtots, the inventor of the Armenian alphabet. In 405 he invented the Armenian alphabet and helped establish Armenia's golden age of literature. Our Saturday School is named after this great Armenian saint, and since this year marks the 80th anniversary of the school, plans are underway at the school to mark both occasions.

Այս տարուայ ընթացքին, հայութիւնը ամէնուրեք – ըլլայ Հայաստան կամ Արտասահման, համազգային շուքով կը տօնեն քանի մը նշանաւոր եւ յոյժ կարեւոր տարեդարձներ: Անոնցմէ առաջինը հայ առաջին գիրքի տպագրութեան 500-ամեակն է: Արդարեւ, 1512-ին Վենետիկի մէջ, Յակոբ Մեղապարտ տպեց հայերէն առաջին գիրքը՝ Ուրբաթագիրքը, եւ այդպէս սկիզբ դրաւ հայ տպագրութեան, որ անընդմիջաբար կը շարունակուի մինչեւ այսօր: Մեր եկեղեցւոյ Մշակութային Յանձնախումբը արդէն սկսած է պատրաստութիւններ տեսնել հայ հնատիպ գիրքերու ցուցահանդէսի մը, որ տեղի պիտի ունենայ Հոկտեմբեր 21, 2012-ին:

Երկրորդը՝ մեր այբուբենի հնարիչ Սբ. Մեսրոպ Մաշտոցի ծննդեան 1650-ամեակն է: Տարօնի Հացեկաց գիւղին մէջ ծնած այս հայը, վարդապետը եւ սուրբը իր այս ծակատագրական նշանակութիւն ունեցող գիտով մեր ազգը փրկեց ոչնչացումէ եւ ձուլումէ եւ հիմը դրաւ Ոսկեդարեան մեր գրականութեան:

Sunday, October 21, 2012

1 p.m. reception to follow

Կիրակի, Հոկտեմբեր 21, 2012

Հիւրասիրութիւն ժամը 1

Ցուցահանդէս նուիրուած հայ տպագրութեան 500-ամեակի առթիւ Սբ. Յակոբ եկեղեցւոյ մէջ

Սբ. Յակոբ Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցիի Մշակութային Յանձնախումբը եւ
Ամարաս Արուեստի Միութիւնը հպարտութեամբ կը ներկայացնեն

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երաժշտութիւն եւ երգեր

Տեղի կ'ունենայ **Շաբաթ, Սեպտեմբեր 22, 2012, ժամը
7:00-ին** Եկեղեցոյ Չարլզ Մոսէսեան Մշակութային
Համալիրի Քէլճիկ սրահին մէջ

Համերգի ասարտին տեղի պիտի ունենայ հիւրասիրութիւն
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SACRAMENTS



BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS

You have been baptized in Christ. Alleluia.

Karolyna Seta Arazian
April 7, 2012
Daughter of Cesar and
Nouvart Arazian
Godparents: Manuk and Lerna Ozcan

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Godparents: Jeffrey Gonzalez and
Andrea Von Oeyen

Leo Nishan Goudsouzian
April 15, 2012
Son of Aram and
Chrystal Goudsouzian
Godparents: Steve and Lara
Goudsouzian

Noelle Faith Benigno
April 28, 2012
Daughter of Samuel and Lee Benigno
Godparents: Gary Aram and
Cheryl Lee Garabedian

Nairi Violet Yacubian
April 28, 2012
Daughter of Arakel and
Nanik Yacubian
Godparents: Mark Yacubian Torre and
Lori Narinian

Lucy Emily Ishkhanian
May 6, 2012
Daughter of Vartan and
Syuzanna Ishkhanian
Godparents: Avedis and Vilda Cimen

Tessa Andrews
June 23, 2012
Daughter of Anthony and
Marisa Andrews
Godparents: Louis Remigio and
Samira Kulch

Cameron Barker Stratton
July 28, 2012
Son of Frederick Prescott Stratton III
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Godparents: Larry Der Hagopian and
Margaret Stratton Norman



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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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March 19, 2012

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July 30, 2012



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And the two shall become one.

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Best Man: Saeed Yaqub

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Best Man: Liam Dennigan
Maid of Honor: Lisa Cherkerzian

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June 23, 2012
Best Man: Kenneth Harry Deranian
Maid of Honor: Mari Palian

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July 8, 2012
Best Man: Manuk Ozcan
Maid of Honor: Lerna Ozcan

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Best Man: Levon Kurkjian
Maid of Honor: Tina Kurkjian



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July 30, 2012

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ANGELE (Avedikian) BOGHOSSIAN
December 21, 2011

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January 17, 2012

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Antreasian and Family
Lisa Surmeian

New Total: \$3,295

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" x 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.



PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTORY

WORSHIP HOURS

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

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Կիրակի Սուրբ Պատարագ - 10:00

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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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