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ARMENIAN PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM VISITS NEW ENGLAND

On Sunday, November 3, the Armenian community of greater Boston had the opportunity to learn more about the centuries-long Armenian presence in Jerusalem, when His Beatitude Archbishop Nourhan Manougian, the Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem, visited the area. Close to 300 people gathered at St. James to welcome Patriarch Manougian to Boston.

The evening began with a hrashapar service of welcome in the church sanctuary, followed by a reception in the church hall. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) and the Very Rev. Fr. Norayr Kazazyan, principal of the Sts. Tarkmanchatz School at the Armenian Patriarchate also took part in the service, along with several New England area clergy and deacons. Representatives from the Massachusetts Council of Churches were also present, including Executive Director Rev. Laura Everett.

Parishioner Berj Chekijian served as master of ceremonies. Mr. Chekijian once had Patriarch Manougian and Archbishop Barsamian as students at the Armenian Seminary in Jerusalem.

During his address, Patriarch Manougian expressed his gratitude to the Boston community for their warm welcome.

He spoke about Jerusalem's historic role in the Armenian Church, and the need for ongoing support of the Patriarchate's ministries. He also discussed challenges facing the Armenians in Jerusalem, including the need of clergy and financial assistance. "We are asking people of all professions to come and help us with their knowledge, experience, and financial support," he said. "The Patriarchate is a treasure of the Armenian Church, and it is our duty to protect and preserve it."

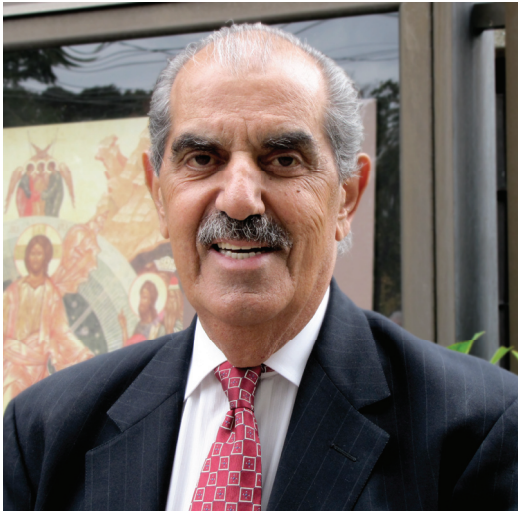
Aaron Derderian, ACYOA Seniors Co-Chair, and Danielle Malconian, a member of the ACYOA of Holy Trinity Church in Cambridge, offered reflections on the 2013 Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. A video highlighting the pilgrimage program was also shown. Ms. Malconian presented a check to the Patriarch in the amount of \$500, which was fundraised by the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors.

Patriarch Manougian also visited St. Vartan Cathedral in New York and Holy Trinity Church in Cambridge. On Sunday, November 10th, St. James once again had the honor of welcoming His Beatitude, as V. Rev. Fr. Norayr Kazazian celebrated Divine Liturgy and Patriarch Manougian delivered the sermons of the day.



*The Pastors and Parish Council of St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
cordially invite parishioners and friends to the*

ST. JAMES 82ND ANNIVERSARY NAME DAY BANQUET & CELEBRATION



HAIG KREKOR DERANIAN



CHARLES SHAHE GULESERIAN

ARCHBISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN

Primate of the Eastern Diocese

Presiding

Honoring

**HAIG KREKOR DERANIAN &
CHARLES SHAHE GULESERIAN**

St. James Parishioners of the Year

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013

10 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Name Day Banquet to follow in Keljik Hall
Charles Mosesian Cultural and Youth Center

\$40 adults; \$10 children 12 and under

Advanced reservations required

Tickets will not be available at the door

R.S.V.P. by December 9



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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2013

Musical Prelude — 6:30 P.M.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (in English)—7:00 P.M.
Reception to follow. All are welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 5, 2014

Morning Service — 10:00 A.M.
*Sunday School Christmas program to
follow Morning Service*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2014

**EVE OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY AND BAPTISM OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (Jrakalooyts)**
Evening Service and Reading of
Scriptures (in Armenian)—6:00 P.M.
(Readings by St. Sahag and
St. Mesrob Armenian School students)
Divine Liturgy—7:00 P.M.
Home Blessing and Reception to follow

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014

**FEAST OF THE NATIVITY AND BAPTISM OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
Morning Service — 8:30 A.M.
Divine Liturgy — 10:00 A.M.
*Service of the Blessing of Water in
remembrance of Our Lord's Baptism*

Please Note: In accordance with church canons,
Requiem Service (Hokehankisd) will not be held on
January 6. Requests for Requiem Service
may be made for Sunday, January 12, 2014.

PLEASE NOTE: This year, the Feast of the Nativity
falls on a Monday, and the Eve of the Feast falls on a
Sunday. Because of this occurrence, Divine Liturgy on
Sunday, January 5th will be celebrated in the evening,
with only Morning Service on Sunday morning. The
canons of the Armenian Church forbid celebrating more
than one Liturgy on the same altar in the same church,
in the course of the same day. Armenian Church fathers
provide this explanation: there is one Christ, who was
crucified on one cross — the symbol of which is the holy
altar. Also, the celebrant of the Liturgy represents one
Christ, head of the Church.



FROM OUR ARCHIVES...

Our founders came to St. James for our Lord's blessing, and for love, comfort and fellowship.
They all paved the way for us to come together and worship at St. James.
Because of this vision and commitment,
St. James is here for us today.

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

We encourage all those who are involved in the life of our parish to become dues-paid members. Our estimate is that approximately 2500 community members attend and participate in the life of St. James. In 2012, our

membership increased to 642 members. This year, our goal is to increase that number even more. All dues must be paid by December 31st.

In this historic photo Crosby Goshgarian, Chair of the Cultural Center Committee, takes in the scene during construction.

THEIR LEGACY...CONTINUES TODAY
THEIR CHURCH ♦ OUR CHURCH ♦ COMMIT TO ST. JAMES



MEMBERSHIP MEANS

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

BY BECOMING A MEMBER, YOU

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



Top left: Fourth-grade Sunday School students receive Bibles on Bible Sunday in 2004.

At left: 1985 Parish Council. In the front row, from left are: Harry Sarkisian, Michael Yapchaian, Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian, Charles Shahe Guleserian, Karen Dederyan. Back row, from left: Malcolm Barsamian, Joseph Ananian, Andy Ohannessian, Edward Brewster, Nerses Bergoudian, Edward Kazanjian.

Below: St. James Cultural Center Dedication Banquet, 1967.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Sam and Lucine Kapreilian



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

Sam: I grew up in Newton, just minutes away from St. James. My parents, Sam and Bea, were active members and instilled in us the importance of our faith and our Armenian heritage from a very early age. I was baptized at St. James, attended Sunday School, was an ACYOA member and an acolyte. My parents were married here, as were Lucine and I, and our siblings. Early in our marriage, we made a decision that we would bring up our own children the same way we both grew up. Faith, Church and family would be central in our lives, and naturally St. James was a big part of each of those cornerstones. I also served as co-chair of 75th Anniversary Fundraising Committee.

Lucine: My family's roots are here. We have a very long history at St. James. My grandparents, Rose and Joe Zeytoonian, lived in Watertown and were active members until their retirement to South Florida. St. James was their 2nd home, and they were involved in clubs, singing in the choir, etc. My parents, Nerses and Gladys, were married at St. James. My father and his two brothers, Carl and Joe, grew up attending St. James and marrying here. The Church and Armenian community played a significant role in all of their lives, and therefore in their children's lives. Although my family moved far away from St. James when I was young, I always envisioned coming back to raise my family here. Our two oldest children, Setrak and Sophia have graduated from St. James Sunday School, and are members of ACYOA. Our youngest, Stepan, is following in their footsteps.

Why did you decide to become a dues paid member?

Lucine: Early on in our marriage, we knew that we wanted our family and our children to be an active part of a community, and have a spiritual place they could call home. St. James was a natural choice not only because of proximity, but because of our long time family connections. At minimum, St. James is for many of us, where we go to celebrate holidays, remember loved ones who have passed, celebrate happy occasions such as baptisms and where we go when we are vulnerable and in need of renewal. We need our church, and our church needs us. We rely on those doors to be open when we knock. Sam and I feel that those occasions alone warrant a commitment from us as parishioners.

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

Whether a parishioner attends church 5 times per year, or weekly, we believe it's important to be committed dues paying members of the parish. The reality is, the survival of our spiritual home is at risk if we don't pay our dues and support the church. We can't depend on our fellow parishioners or neighbors to carry the church. If everyone thought this, the church would not survive.

What does St. James mean to you?

Whether we are actively attending, or because life has us moving in many directions and we attend in spurts for a while, we know St. James will always be there. Especially in this day and age when there is so much pulling us away from family and church, our faith and spiritual home is that much more important.

What has the church offered you and your children?

Even after raising our children, we still believe the church will continue to feed our souls and will always be there for our children when they return home from college or wherever their education and careers take them. This community has inspired them and instilled in them the desire to seek more knowledge about their history, their heritage/homeland and their faith. There is no doubt in my mind that this would not be the case if we didn't set the example and provide this opportunity for them. Now it has become an integral part of who THEY are, and we believe that they too will make their faith, church and family their priority as they enter adulthood and grow their own families.

Above: Sam and Lucine with their children Setrak, Sophia, and Stepan.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Levon and Tina Kurkjian



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

Levon: St. James has been my parish my entire life – 38 years. I was baptized and married at St. James.

Tina: I have been a parishioner since I moved from Dallas to Boston 16 years ago.

Why did you decide to become a dues paid member?

Levon: Growing up I always equated attending church and all of the organizations' events and activities with membership. I never worried about how all of those incredible moments magically came together, and having the freedom to totally immerse myself in them was a valuable part of my early years. Formalizing my membership by paying dues helps me pay forward this value to the generations that follow.

Tina: By becoming a dues paid member of the church, I am officially committing to St. James. This is my church, one that I support and belong to and at the same time am giving back to my church.

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

Levon: Beyond the financial support that is so critically important for maintaining all of the services and life moments that we all cherish, becoming a member allows parishioners to more actively contribute to the growth and perseverance of our community. Specifically, it allows parishioners to share their ideas and vote on important

issues at the annual assembly. Participation in the assembly, in my opinion, is even more important than fulfilling our civic duty of voting for public officials – this is our second home and our extended family.

Tina: We all have an obligation to support our church. Becoming a dues paid member is one of those ways. Again, I believe it is an important way to show our commitment to our church.

What does St. James mean to you?

Levon: St. James, as a community, played a significant role in shaping me as an individual. I learned Christian values that have helped me make good decisions throughout my life. I learned leadership skills and teamwork, I learned the Armenian language and about our rich history, and I learned the true definition of community. St. James will always be central to my life and my family's life.

Tina: I became a member of St. James as I was starting a new and exciting time of my life. I came from a small Armenian community in Dallas that didn't have a church to call home until 1991. The parishioners of St. James were all very welcoming and this church immediately became my second home. It was a place I came to worship and learn about my faith. I enrolled in Armenian language classes at night, taught Sunday school for 7 years, and was a member of the ACYOA Srs. from which I take away some great friendships and memories. I am extremely grateful to be part of the St. James community and am blessed that my children will have opportunities that I didn't have at their age.

What has the church offered you and your children?

Levon: Our children participate in Armenian School and Sunday School. The teachers and programs of both schools have helped them develop confidences that they would not have otherwise developed at this age, such as public speaking. They have also made wonderful friends.

Tina: Our children are still at a young age, and have already gained invaluable experiences at St. James. They are learning about their faith, culture, language, traditions and history while forging lifelong friendships. I look forward to seeing them take part in so many of the activities and events that our church has to offer as they grow older.

Above: Levon and Tina with their children John and Alex.



ACYOA JUNIORS

TRAVEL TO PHILADELPHIA

The St. James ACYOA is ready for another year of fellowship and fun! We held elections in September, and the results of our new Executive Board are as follows: Emma Kaloostian, *Chairman*; Anais Astarjian, *Vice-chairman*; Lucine Boloyan, *Recording Secretary*; Isabelle Gyulakian, *Corresponding Secretary*; Talar Kaya, *Treasurer*; and Tania Melkonian, *Program Coordinator*.

The fall season kicked off with October Sports Weekend, hosted by the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob ACYOA Juniors of Wynnewood, PA. We had a wonderful time in Philly, participating in team and individual sports, and attending the dances at night! Upon coming back, we helped prepare for the Bazaar,

and organized carnival games for kids to play. We also have enjoyed serving at Hye Café, and '3 Lounge', where we get together once a month to hang out and spend time together.

Upcoming events include the Family Day Thanksgiving Dinner and our Christmas 'Giving Tree,' held in conjunction with the Sunday School, which benefits My Brother's Keeper. We will also make a service trip to their 'Santa's Workshop' to deliver the gifts and wrap presents! We look forward to these and more upcoming events. New members are always welcome!

- Emma Kaloostian, *Chairperson*





ACYOA SENIORS

Build Leadership Skills for Tomorrow

The St. James ACYOA Seniors have been very busy for the past few months, and we have many upcoming events on our calendar. Our annual Reunion Dance in October was a great success! Thank you to our parishioners, families, and friends for their unconditional support and for making the dance a night to remember.

Many of our ACYOA members had the opportunity to attend the Annual Leadership Conference in New York, sponsored by the ACYOA Central Council in early November. Throughout the weekend we were able to come together on a national level and come up with new ideas not only to benefit our individual ACYOA chapters and parishes, but also ourselves. It was a fulfilling experience for all who attended, and we made strong connections with one another as young leaders in the Armenian Church.

We are looking forward to the next few months, as we plan service projects, meetings and discussions in conjunction with other ACYOA Seniors chapters, and more. Our 5th Annual Poker Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, January 25th, 2013. Keep your eyes open for more updates!

- Karina Bekelian



Top (left to right): Allen Ackan, Karina Bekelian, Shane Madden, John Bogosian-Trocchi, Vinney Moushigian at the Leadership Conference.

Above: Parishioners and ACYOA members enjoying the music at the Reunion Dance.

Hye Café

Food, Fun, and Fellowship

Hye Café began its tenth season on September 27 to a full house of almost 300 guests!

Musical entertainment was provided by David Ansbikian, Brian Ansbikian, Bob Raphaelian and Joe Sarkisian, great food, many new faces and fellowship filled Keljik Hall. Congratulations to our September door prize winner Arthur Aznavorian! We enjoyed another full house on November 8 – thank you to all who continue to support Hye Café – both by volunteering and attending.

Volunteers always welcome! Please contact Linda Sahagian at hyelinda65@aol.com or call the church office.



Join us for our popular
Christmas Hye Café on January 10th!



halloween

Comes to St. James

It is said, if you invite them, they will come. They were invited and they came! Princesses, bumble bees, butterflies, sharks, skeletons, pumpkins, rainbows, super heroes and heroines, even the bacon. The children of St. James' Sunday school and St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School arrived after Badarak on Sunday, October 27th, in costume, to enjoy a Halloween celebration.

Following a child friendly luncheon of nuggets and tater tots, the party started with the traditional costume parade. Mrs. Shirley Hudson, grand marshal of the Halloween Costume Parade, lead the children around

Keljik Hall, while parents and grandparents captured the moments on camera. The games, as always, were a big hit, as children played 'Pass the Squash' and 'Donuts on the String.' But the most fun was without a doubt, was the "mummy wrap" game where the children divided into two teams to "wrap their mummy". Special thanks to Peter Lorensian and Drtad Hazarvartian who, with their good nature, volunteered to be the mummies, and be wrapped with rolls of crepe paper!

Many thanks to the schools' parents, past and present, for preparing and serving lunch; and for hosting a safe and fun party for our children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1-15, 2013

Annual Gift Drive and Giving Tree, in conjunction with the ACYOA, to benefit My Brother's Keeper in Easton, MA.

Sunday, December 1, 2013

Sunday School Annual Visit to Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Home, Jamaica Plain. Students, grades 4-7 begin the Christmas season with a visit to the home, where they will decorate the Christmas trees, and bring gifts of song and good cheer.

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

Christmas Eve Service at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of Christmas music, carols, readings by Sunday School students and fellowship.

Sunday, January 5, 2014

Sunday School Christmas Celebration (immediately following the Divine Liturgy in Keljik Hall). We will be traveling around the world, grab your passports and join us as we travel to six destinations.





St. James 66th Annual Bazaar

Sincere gratitude and congratulations to our Bazaar co-chairs Nancy Kassabian and Sandy Raphaelian for their dedication and leadership in organizing this year's bazaar. Thank you also to our sponsors and donors, and all who attended and supported the 2013 Annual Bazaar. We thank you all for your commitment to and hard work for St. James, and for your selfless and enthusiastic devotion to our parish.

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THANK YOU We thank the sponsors who donated so generously, the volunteers who selflessly gave their time at the bazaar, St. James Church organizations who worked diligently to have the best tables ever, St. James Parish Council for their support, the vendors who attracted the many guests, and everyone who attended the Bazaar this year. Your generosity of spirit and dedication to St. James helped make this event the most successful ever! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making this bazaar a true church community event! Looking forward to next year!

-Nancy Kassabian and Sandy Raphaelian

WITH GRATITUDE Many thanks to the members and friends of St. James Church for your generous contributions to our "Attic Treasures" Booth. We are indeed grateful for your enthusiastic support, which helped make our booth a success.

-Mary Avedisian and Committee

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Soft Drinks \$ 1
Water \$ 1
\$ 3
\$ 3



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ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN SCHOOL

THE FOUNDING OF ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN SCHOOL

St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School was founded in 1923 by "Digin Nazar," who was the only teacher at the time. She used her own pocket change to make sure the students had the proper supplies and books to read. Digin Nazar did not have an established location for the school, so she would conduct classes in various places, including the old fire station, the bakery and the Hosmer School. During the cold winter months, she could not afford to pay for both heat and rent, no matter how cold it got. She was able to pay for rent only, since she was funding the school with her own money. This took place during the Great Depression, which made it even harder to pay for school and support a family of her own, which consisted of her husband and four children. While classes continued during the cold winter months,

the students had a tough time concentrating, since their focus was on staying warm.

Digin Nazar accepted children between ages 10-17. Even though she was a strict teacher, Digin Nazar took the children in with love and care. She was a believer in good, strong education for all children without considering their background and ability. Digin Nazar would do her best to give the students the greatest Armenian education she could.

Through her dedication and self-sacrifice, the St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian School has taught many children the Armenian language, literature, history and culture since 1923, and will continue for the students of generations to come.

-Alexandra Minasian



CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

We are proud to say that we celebrated the 80th Anniversary of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School on Sunday, November 3rd with an anniversary banquet and program. The day was organized to recognize and acknowledge all teachers, past and present, who have served, and are still serving the school. The afternoon was filled with joy, festivities and good food prepared with love by alumni parents. The hall was filled with parents, patrons and friends of the school who showed their tremendous support.

This year's program highlighted songs performed by the student body. The students from the 7th grade and post-graduate class performed the play "Gigos' Death" written by Hovannes Toumanian. Another highlight of the afternoon was the celebration of Aram Khachaturian's 110th birthday, during which Mr. Alex Kalaydjian and his post-graduate students performed "Genatz Yerk." It was wonderful to see the guests raise their glasses and sing along with them.

The afternoon closed with a successful silent auction. We are pleased to say that it is through the generosity, support, encouragement and kindness of our parish, parents, clergy and the Diocese that our school continues to succeed and thrive. We do hope that this will continue for generations to come.

-Marina Minasian, Superintendent





HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Clockwise from top: Parish Council members prepare the sweet basil for blessing. The Antasdan (Blessing of the Four Corners) Service. Acolytes Zabelle Simmons and Molly Zeytoonian on Homecoming Sunday. The sanctuary, filled with parishioners and Sunday School students, during the Divine Liturgy.



SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS CONTINUES OUTREACH

On Sunday, November 3rd, the Sunday School graduating class was able to put their faith into action at More than Words in Waltham. More than Words is a bookstore and café that empowers youth who are in foster care, homeless, court involved, or out of school to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business.

The graduating students were split up into three groups. The first group scanned book donations and sorted through books that would be accepted or rejected, the second group organized CDs by genre, and the last group made envelopes

with pictures from books that were unable to sell. The class worked directly with teens who are of similar age.

In addition to volunteering, the class donated almost 800 books to More than Words. On behalf of all of the Sunday School graduates, we would like to thank everyone who donated or contributed in any way. Your generous support is what continuously allows us to serve the community in such a positive and influential way.

-Julie Cristello, Graduating Class Teacher



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More than Words taught me that there are kids just like us on a different path of life. I know to take nothing for granted now and be thankful for all my blessings.

- Emma Kaloostian

I thought it was a great opportunity to reach out to people our own age who are in need. The idea behind the program is really inspiring, and the atmosphere there was really warm and welcoming.

-Alyssa Bogosian

Going to more than words really made me understand how lucky I am, and I enjoyed experiencing what they do there. It was very eye opening.

- Isabelle Gyulakian

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CONGRATULATIONS

The Graduating Class, under the leadership of teacher Julie Cristello, is participating in Generation On, an organization which is affiliated with Boston Cares and provides resources to help empower teens to make an impact in the world. Most recently, the Boston Cares November newsletter featured the Class as ‘Club of the Month’, publishing a picture and article about their service. We congratulate Julie and the graduating class for their efforts to reach out to those in need.

WOMEN'S GUILD LOOKS TO FUTURE

The St. James Women's Guild worked very diligently over the summer, cooking and baking to get ready for the Annual Bazaar. From the famous St. James choeregs, boeregs, paklava, apricot squares, tahin bread and khadeifs to the exquisite manti, porov kufte and toorshi our tables were a huge success.

Many thanks and appreciation go to the many people who came faithfully on "bakers" Thursdays from July on to help prepare the items. And, more importantly, they formed a community within the church community bonding, sharing stores, and all for the benefit for our church! From teenagers to our seniors their dedication and love were present in every bite! Special thanks to Ruth Haratunian, Hripsime Parsekian, Leslie Cristello, Val Garabedian, Mark Kavonian, Mary Kouyoumjian, Gail Boroyan, Sandy Raphaelian and our resident cook/baker, Koko Kassabian, for "leading" the many, many members who pinched, rolled and made the Women's Guild Pastry and Food Table the most successful ever!

On Sunday, November 10th, we celebrated Women's Guild Day with attendance at Badarak, a Hokehankist for the faithful departed members, and a wonderful luncheon following services. The theme was "Remembering Our Past and Looking Forward to the Future" as members celebrated the 85th Anniversary of the Senior Ladies and 65th Anniversary of the Women's Guild, and shared stories of their experiences.

The women were honored with a visit from His Beatitude Archbishop Nourhan Manougian and V. Rev. Fr. Norayr Kazazian. Chair Nancy Kassabian presented a \$1,000 check raised by the women that day for the Sts Tarkmanchatz School in honor of Fr. Arakel, who had been a student at that school. We look forward to the next "65" and more!!

The new officers for 2014, led by Chairperson Nancy Kassabian include Lyn Kapilian, Gail Boroyan, Janice Kavjian, Carol Babikyan, Denise Takvorian and Lori Tagarelis. The Women's Guild is an integral part of St. James, not just for the baking and cooking, but offering service in so many ways to our church community and beyond. May the Women's Guild continue to serve with their dedicated and committed members and grow with the addition of new members who are always warmly welcomed!

-Nancy Kassabian



Top and middle: Women's Guild members prepare for the Annual Bazaar.

Above: Archbishop Nourhan Manougian addresses the Women's Guild.

SAVE THE DATE

December 9: Christmas Party and making of gift bags for shelters

PARISHIONER MILESTONES



Nishan and Margrit Atinizian pose for a photo with President Serge Sargsyan.



ATINIZIAN MEDIA CENTER

The Atinizian Media Center at St. James, which was established in 2004 to help provide our students with the latest technology to help advance their studies, recently received a major upgrade, thanks to the Atinizian family. New computers, both Mac and PC, were installed to help keep up with the latest technology. Sincere appreciation is extended to the entire Atinizian Family for their continuous generosity, support for our youth, and devotion to St. James and the Armenian Church.

NISHAN ATINIZIAN RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL AWARD IN ARMENIA

A few months ago in Armenia, parishioner Nishan Atinizian received a distinguished honor as he was awarded the Anania Shiragtsi Medal by President Serge Sargsyan during the celebration of the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Ministry of Diaspora. The President hands out awards annually during Armenia's independence celebrations to honor individuals who have contributed to improving our homeland. Mr. Atinizian, co-owner of the Armenia Marriott Hotel, has spearheaded numerous investments and supported countless orphanages, schools, and projects in Armenia. Most recently, he helped develop residential areas to revitalize the city center in Gyumri, a city in northern Armenia

that was heavily damaged by the earthquake in 1988. Mr. Atinizian is a well-known leader in the Armenian American community, having been involved in numerous organizations, including the Armenian Sisters' Academy, Fund for Armenian Relief, Armenian Library and Museum of America and more. Mr. Atinizian has also shown a deep commitment to his faith, being involved in our parish as a former Parish Council member, and supporting initiatives and projects both on the parish and Diocesan level. As a result of this commitment, he received the St. Gregory the Illuminator Medal and Pontifical Encyclical from His Holiness Karekin II for his dedication and service. We congratulate Mr. Atinizian on his most recent honor.



MATTHEW BARSAMIAN RECEIVES JURIS DOCTORATE DEGREE

Matthew E. Barsamian, son of Ed and Nancy Barsamian of Arlington, grandson of Rose Barsamian and the late Malcolm Barsamian, received his Juris Doctorate Degree with Honors from Georgetown University Law School.

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.

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You have been baptized in Christ. Alleluia.

Selena Amelia Sahatjian
September 8, 2013
*Daughter of Roky Hoffman and
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Godparents: Ryan Hoffman and
Aimee Hoffman*

Jack Camden Hovhannessian
September 28, 2013
*Son of Vardan Mamikonyan and
Talene Elizabeth Hovhannessian
Godparents: Christopher
Haroutioun Hovhannessian and
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September 29, 2013
*Son of Aram Belorian and Araksia
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Godparents: Raffi Beloryan and
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October 5, 2013
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Godparents: Arthur and Jbid
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Simon Francis Sullivan
October 6, 2013
*Son of Christopher and Beatrice
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Godparents: Michael Shaw and
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Godparents: Michael Beattie and
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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2013

Musical Prelude 6:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service 7:00 p.m. (In English)

Reception to Follow
ALL ARE WELCOME

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday, February 9, 2014

Snow date Sunday, February 16

PLEASE NOTE: According to the Diocesan bylaws, dues-paid members of a parish must pay their annual dues by December 31 of a given year in order to be able to vote at the Annual Parish Assembly. We kindly ask their 2013 Membership Dues to become current by December 31, 2013.

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Կիրակի, Փետրուար 9, 2014

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WEDDINGS

And the two shall become one.

Alex Garbis Ashcian and Liliana Kate Lawson

August 4, 2013

Best Man: Michael Stepan Ashchian

Maid of Honor: Allicia Lawson

Michael Zadik Arazian and

Laura Emily Albinowski

September 1, 2013

Best Man: Cesar Arazian

Maids of Honor: Tanya Albinowski and Yvonne Albinowski

Mark James Giragosian and

Melissa Krikorian

November 30, 2013

God Father: Mark Yacubian Torre

God Mother: Danielle Krikorian Cahill

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Zaven Norigian and Shawn Kearns

October 19, 2013



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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.

Alice (Mulkigian) Melkonian

September 26, 2013

Edward Nubar Guleserian

October 10, 2013

Helen Dagavarian

October 17, 2013

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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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