

Yn. Rosemarie Davidian ~ In Memory

The Pastors, Parish Council, Diocesan Delegates, and all parishioners of St. James Armenian Church extend their sincere and heartfelt condolences to Fr. Dajad, Ari, Susan, Raymond and their families and loved ones. Yn. Rosemarie's passing is a great loss to our parish, and we will always treasure her legacy and our memories with her. We pray that God rest her soul in the Light of His Heavenly Kingdom.

*Excerpts from the Eulogy of
Yn. Rosemarie Davidian,
delivered by her
daughter-in-law Seta Davidian*

On behalf of Der Hayr, Ari, Susan and her husband Joe, and Raymond, I would like to thank you all for coming today to celebrate Yeretzgin Rosemarie's life. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by so much love and support during this difficult time. We are so amazed and inspired by the crowd at the wake last night, and truly appreciate everyone waiting in line to express their love for Yeretzgin Rosemarie.

First impressions are powerful. 15 years ago, I first met Yeretzgin after Ray & I began dating. Even though I knew who Der Hayr was, being from the other church, I had no idea who Yeretzgin was or what she even looked like. As I drove up to the house, I became very nervous and filled with questions: What is she like? Who is she? Most importantly, is she nice? I wondered what I was getting myself into, dating the son of a Der Hayr, as I walked in the front door. Then, out of the kitchen came this woman, with a beautiful, glowing smile on her face. No trace of concern or judgment, just pure joy and radiance. After breathing a big sigh of relief, I knew right away that she and I would become great friends.

Over the years, through a wedding and 2 grandchildren, I have learned wonderful things about Yeretzgin that I would like to share with you today. Growing up in Union City, Yeretzgin's childhood was not one of a typical family during those times. Yet, from that experience, she learned how to be independent, confident, and compassionate. By turning negatives into positives, she became a strong, courageous woman who went to college, studied biology, and married a like-minded independent individual. Der Hayr & Yeretzgin loved each other very much. Because of her independence and self-confidence, she had the ability to let Der Hayr follow

his dream to help those in need in Armenia. And, when things got tough during the past few weeks, it was Der Hayr who provided her with emotional comfort she needed. Their favorite dance was the tamzara, and it symbolized how they worked together as a team to raise a family and be community leaders.

The front door was always open, a symbol of her welcoming arms for all types of people – whether it was someone who just moved to the area and needed help getting settled, someone who didn't have a place to go for dinner on Christmas, or if someone needed a place to stay. Several people last night described Yeretzgin as a mother to everyone, and it is so true. Her love of family and being together shined through day in and day out. She had special times with her family each summer at Lake Winnepesaukee, but I think just being together with her family relaxing meant more to her than the actual location.

She had a special love for all children. Yeretzgin enjoyed teaching kids to make nushkhar at Sunday School. An extra special smile would come on her face every time she saw a baby. Her love for her grandchildren was unconditional. The kids were her shining stars. There was nothing that she wouldn't do for them.

These are just a few examples, but I have had so many people tell me how Yeretzgin has touched their lives through her kindness, compassion, and willingness to help others. For me personally, she has helped me in so many ways. As a mother-in-law, she was always there to help in any way she could but never interfered, except when we would come home and occasionally find our living room furniture moved around. I believe that her close relationship with her own mother-in-law taught her so much, and I hope to have the same honor someday for my own children.

During her illness, there was never a complaint – either physical or emotional, never wondering "why me". She was determined to enjoy the time she had, spend as much time with her precious grandchildren, and to keep working as long as possible. She was an inspirational in her courage, her strength, dignity, and grace. Her greatest fear during her illness was to be a burden to her family, but it was nothing but a privilege to help her. For all the gifts that she has given us, we were honored to take care of her.

Der Hayr always says that life is a gift to us from God. What we do with our life is our gift to God. Today we are giving back that gift with thanksgiving and joy. Mom, you have touched the lives of so many around you. Your sweet beautiful smile will always warm our hearts. We love you, and we will miss you.



Yn. Rosemarie Davidian

MESSAGE from the PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

As you all know, our country, and indeed the world, is experiencing the worst financial decline since the Great Depression. We all remember stories from our parents and grandparents about how things used to be during those difficult times in the early 1930's. We've seen pictures of people standing in line for food, and unemployment lines which stretched around city blocks all over this country. The impact was felt by everyone, and it was felt everywhere.

Funny thing though about the Great Depression – St. James was “born” during this historically difficult time. When you look at pictures of the ground-breaking in August of 1931, you'd hardly guess there was a global financial crisis going on, let alone a stock market crash, massive unemployment or food shortages. The reason? It's quite simple actually and it's something I suspect many of us have discovered or perhaps re-discovered over this past year: there are truly only two things you can rely on and only two things that really matter in life – your family and your faith. The rest is just noise.

The reason why the people in the pictures from church functions in the 1930's look unaffected is because they realized that as long as they had their families, each other, and their church, they could endure anything. After all, many of the Armenians living in this country during the Great Depression were survivors of the Armenian Genocide. What was a little global economic crisis compared to that horror? Our church not only survived during these difficult times, it flourished. I suspect the first Annual Bazaar held in 1934 was not a success because of corporate sponsors or benefactors. It was successful because parishioners realized what was important. They came together and gave of their time to ensure the Bazaar was a success.

The Parish Council realizes these are difficult times for all of us, which is why I'm not going to ask you for money. I trust that all of us will continue to give what we can, when we can. What I am going to ask you to do is give the church some of your time. More important than money, without the many volunteers who give of their time, we could never put on an Annual Bazaar, the Annual Picnic/Armenian Festival, our monthly Hye Café, or any of the other fellowship events that take place at our church. Without volunteers willing to do the work so these special events can continue to take place, all the money in the world couldn't make St. James the place it is today. Sadly, it is becoming more and more difficult finding volunteers to give of their time and help.

As we all get consumed by the self-imposed complexities of our lives, we forget that our church is not simply a structure of brick, mortar, wood and glass, but a dynamic expression of our faith in God made up of our collective family histories and our hopes for the future. Our church is not simply maintained by brick masons and carpenters, it is maintained by the personal sacrifice of its faithful. There is no substitute for this sacrifice. It must be made and made continuously. We cannot rest on the sacrifices made by our grandparents and parents. The sacrifices they made were made so we could have the honor of making the same sacrifices in the name of our church. The sacrifices we in turn make, we make in order to ensure that the St. James Armenian Church will be here for our children and grandchildren, so they too may enjoy the honor of making the same sacrifices that were made by the generations who came before them.



2009 Parish Council

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Secretary Linda Sahagian, Treasurer Sandy Raphaelian, Pastor Rev. Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Chairman Scott Kapilian, Gail Boroyan

Standing (L to R):

Assistant Treasurer Robert Bejoian, Shant Broukian, Assistant Secretary Carol Babikyan, Sharon Bazarian, Aracse Kurkjian, Toros Yeterian, Vice Chairman Tom Gengozian

Unfortunately, it has become all too easy to forget the lessons learned from our parents and grandparents. We ignore the example set by our predecessors. We expect others to take up the cause. We find the convenient excuse as to why we can't chair a committee, help out in the kitchen, help plan an event, get involved in one of the subsidiary organizations, or run for any number of church offices. The excuses are many: I'm busy at work, I travel for my job, I'm involved in several other charities, my kids are too young, my kids are too old, I don't like working in the kitchen, I only like working in the kitchen, I don't like asking people for money (nobody does!), and the grand-daddy of them all ... if I can't give 100%, I don't want to say yes. If three people each gave 33% and co-chaired an event, we'd be all set.

Seriously though, would you be able to find a couple of hours each month to volunteer at the church if I told you that the future of St. James Armenian Church depended on your willingness to volunteer a couple of hours each month? Well...it does.

The plain, hard truth is that we dishonor the personal sacrifice of those that came before us when we refuse to serve. It's time we get back to the basics, which created this church during one of the most difficult times in our country's history. Please don't wait for someone else to do the work. It may not get done. And if you're waiting to be asked...consider yourself asked. Speak with your Pastor or any Parish Council member about how you can help.

– Scott H. Kapilian, Parish Council Chair

Armenian Festival ~ Annual Picnic



Thank You!

Thank you to Chair Ben Saraydarian and to the many, many volunteers who helped make St. James Annual Picnic/Armenian Festival a success. We thank you for your efforts in the days leading up to the Festival and during the Festival. We pray that God reward you for your dedication and service to the church.

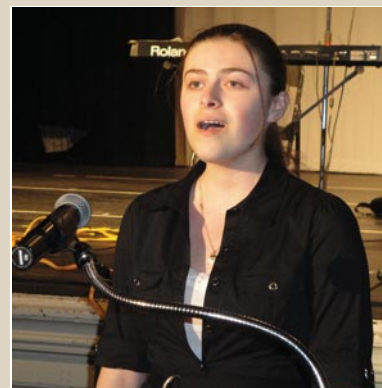


UPDATE: BUILDING RENOVATIONS

With the assistance of Richard D. Kimball Company, Inc., our Project Design Engineers, Parish Council has received bids for the heating, air conditioning and electrical renovation upgrades for the Cultural Center, and have selected the contractors to complete the work. The House Committee met with the contractors and project managers in mid-June and the renovations have been scheduled to commence shortly after the Annual Picnic/Festival. The renovations have been planned to have minimal impact on the day-to-day operations at the Cultural Center and the Church Office will remain open during construction. Construction activity is expected to continue throughout the summer and early fall.

— Scott H. Kapilian, Parish Council Chair

ANNUAL GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION



2009 Membership & Stewardship

Recently, faithful were mailed 2009 Membership & Stewardship cards. We humbly ask and remind parishioners to please send in their dues and stewardship pledges. We thank you for your continued commitment to St. James and your support of your parish.

*"So let each one give as he
purposes in his heart,
not grudgingly or of necessity;
for God loves a cheerful giver."*
2 Corinthians 9:7

Bingo Volunteers Appreciation Dinner

The Pastors and Parish Council held an Appreciation Dinner to extend sincere appreciation and gratitude to **Andy Ohannessian** for his decades of dedicated service to St. James Bingo, and to extend thanks and appreciation to all of our Bingo volunteers for their time and commitment to our parish.



Andy Ohannessian with his family



Fr. Arakel
with Andy
and Bea
Ohannessian



Meet our new Youth Minister

During the parish's needs assessment, parishioners identified youth programming as a priority for our parish. As part of the 75th Anniversary Strategic Plan, our parish planned to hire a full-time Youth Minister to build upon our current programming and meet the needs of our youth and young adults.

As was announced at the Palm Sunday Banquet, we are happy that this vision has become a reality. Maria Derderian will begin as our parish Youth Minister in August of 2009.

Maria began her involvement in the church as an ACYOA Junior in her home parish, St. Sahag & St. Mesrob in Wynnewood, PA, where she also graduated from Sunday School. While in college, Maria moved on to her parish's ACYOA Seniors chapter, served on several Sports Weekend Committees, and was elected to the ACYOA Central Council for five years, serving as Chairperson in 2005. Outside of the ACYOA, Maria has attended and staffed countless St. Nersess Summer and Winter Conferences, and has been a counselor at St. Vartan Camp.

Maria has also felt a strong connection to Armenia, traveling there for the first time in 1997 with the Canadian Youth Mission to Armenia (CYMA), and returning in 2002 and 2004 as Assistant to the Group Leader on the ACYOA ASP trip.

Maria also has represented the Eastern Diocese in Pan-North American ACYO Meetings, International ACYO gatherings in Armenia, and serves on the Standing Committee for Oriental Orthodox Youth in America as a delegate for the Eastern Diocese to the National Council of Churches General Assembly.

In May 2007, Maria graduated from St. Nersess Seminary with a certificate in Armenian Studies, and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary, receiving an M.A. in General Theological Studies with a concentration in Youth Ministry. She is currently completing her position at the Diocesan Center in New York, serving as the Church and Home Coordinator.

We are very excited that Maria will be joining us as our full-time Youth Minister. Please join us in welcoming her and working with her.

Maria Derderian

A Snapshot of our new Youth Minister

How long have you been involved in the Armenian Church?

I grew up in the Armenian Church. My mom has served as a Youth Minister in the past, and I was in Junior Choir, day camp, ACYOA Juniors, ACYOA Seniors, you name it. We were at Church several nights a week, and it was a common sight to have priests at our dinner table. So it might be better to say that when I was young, the Armenian Church was involved with me!

What made you decide to study at St. Nersess Seminary?

I went to my first St. Nersess Summer Conference in 1997, and never stopped. I went from being a participant to being a staff member, and loved it there. I was also serving on the ACYOA Central Council at the time, and I found myself wanting to learn more about our faith on a formal level, so I could be better equipped to serve in the Church. My mom and uncle are graduates of St. Nersess, so I followed the family lead.

What made you decide to work with youth?

I loved being a staff member at the St. Nersess Conferences – and I would think "This would be a great thing to do full-time." I love the inquisitive nature that comes with youth, especially as young people try to answer the question, "Who Am I?" The ultimate answer to that question lies in our faith, and I want to help young people see that in themselves.

What role does God and your Armenian Orthodox faith play in your life?

The biggest role is in giving me my identity. In this world, we can have countless identities, and sometimes the search can be overwhelming. But above all else, the identity I have as an Armenian Christian is the greatest guiding force and comfort for me.

How do you feel about your new position as St. James Youth Minister? What are you most excited about?

I am extremely excited, a little bit nervous, and very grateful for the opportunity to work directly with youth full-time. I am looking forward to many things in this position, but above all I am most excited about forming relationships with the youth at St. James, and being with them as they explore and grow in their faith. *I love.... maps. I dislike... horror movies.*

Are you a Phillies or Red Sox fan?

Let's just say that I plan to add a Red Sox baseball cap to go next to my Phillies one.



Are you a Patriots or Eagles fan?

It's going to be VERY obvious in a few months!

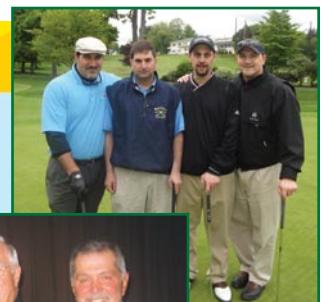


10th Annual St. James Open Golf Tournament

THE MEN'S CLUB OF ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH



Thank you to Harold Partamian, the Golf Tournament Committee, and volunteers for another successful golf tournament.



ACYOA Juniors

This past Memorial Day Weekend, the ACYOA Juniors once again hosted their annual Hye M'rtsoom Weekend. Over 170 youth from as far as Florida came to participate in an always memorable weekend. The weekend started off Friday evening with old friends reuniting, and new friends being made.

Come Saturday, the focus turned to sports. Participants competed in co-ed volleyball, boys and girls basketball and many individual games. Sports gave way to an "Under the Sea" themed dance on Saturday evening, where the participants danced away in an "underwater" Keljik Hall.

Sunday morning began with Badarak, where all of the participants received the newly published Armenian Bibles as a gift from our Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian. The sports finals began Sunday afternoon, and by the end St. James had won second place in girls basketball, first place in co-ed volleyball, and the overall championship trophy. Sunday evening the kids took to the high seas aboard the Spirit of Boston, where they danced all around Boston harbor, before coming back to church for eggs, waffles, and an all night lock-in. Monday morning came quickly, and it was time to say goodbye to old friends and new.



ACYOA Seniors

Soujouk & Eggs Breakfast

On Sunday May 3rd the seniors hosted a Soujouk & Eggs breakfast after Badarak. Back by popular demand, Chef Aras Cinar prepared a scrumptious plate of Soujouk and Eggs for all in attendance. The event was a great turnout and the meal was enjoyed by everyone! The Seniors thank all the parishioners for their support. Without the love and support of our parishioners, events like this could never be successful. Thank you also to volunteers Valentine Garabedian, Susan Giragosian, Brenda Khederian, Karen Diranian and Melanie Khederian for their help and support during the event.



2009 General Assembly & National Sports Weekend

The Dolce IBM Palisades Conference Center in New York was the destination of 14 St. James ACYOA Seniors over Memorial Day weekend for the ACYOA General Assembly & National Sports Weekend. The weekend drew over 250 participants over the four days. The annual weekend gives participants the chance to compete, worship and socialize under the umbrella of the ACYOA and the Armenian Church. Sarven Ipek, Shant Broukian and Mark Giragosian represented St. James as delegates at the General Assembly on Thursday and Friday, where important issues and the annual business of the ACYOA were discussed. The weekend sporting competitions were conducted during the day on Saturday and Sunday. St. James won 1st place in Volleyball and proudly accepted the trophy at the Sunday Banquet! The evenings were filled with social events. The weekend was a great success and a good time was had by all the participants. Participants from all over the diocese left with great anticipation and excitement for the 2010 Sports Weekend, which will be hosted by St. James!



A Look Ahead

The Seniors have a very exciting and busy year ahead! We are continuing our efforts to fundraise and plan for the 2010 General Assembly & National Sports Weekend. The fall will be highlighted with the 2nd St. James Reunion and Kef on October 3rd. We look forward to welcoming all of our parishioners to Keljik Hall that evening and are excited for what promises to be a very memorable night. The seniors are extremely excited about hosting the 2010 Sports Weekend and hope to share that excitement and enthusiasm with everyone in the parish over the next year!



ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN SCHOOL

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Charles Mosesian Receives Encyclical & the Medal of St. Gregory the Illuminator From His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians

On April 1, 2009, His Eminence Abp. Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern) presented Charles Mosesian, a dedicated philanthropist and life-long parishioner of St. James Armenian Church of Watertown, Massachusetts with an Encyclical and the Medal of St. Gregory the Illuminator from His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.



Mr. Mosesian committed a gift of \$1 million to the St. James Armenian Church of Watertown, Massachusetts, and its 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign and has already fulfilled more than half of this gift. In honor of Mr. Mosesian's magnanimous contribution, the St. James Cultural and Youth Center was renamed and will be dedicated as the Charles Mosesian Youth and Cultural Center with a ceremony this year.

In presenting the award, Abp. Barsamian stated: "We know you to be a man of strong character and an extremely hard working individual. You have worked hard, loved your family, and have always helped others, including the Armenian Church and the community. I know that St. James Armenian Church in Watertown is your parish and is important in your life, and that you have been involved with the parish for years. In recognition of your generosity it is my honor to present to you this Encyclical and the Medal of St. Gregory the Illuminator, which is the highest honor that is bestowed in the Armenian Church."

His Eminence Abp. Khajag Barsamian, Primate (L) and Rev. Fr. Arakel Ajalian, Pastor of St. James (R), with Charles Mosesian (seated) and the Mosesian family.





Holy Week



Easter Eve Readings



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Handmaidens' Service



Washing of the Feet Service (Vodunluva)



Washing of the Feet Service (Vodunluva)



Holy Thursday Agape Meal



Holy Thursday Agape Meal



Palm Sunday



Washing of the Feet Service (Vodunluva)



Divine Liturgy



*Celebration of Divine Liturgy
with the Diocesan 40th Anniversary
Chalice on Easter Sunday.*



Washing of the Feet Service (Vodunluva)



Washing of the Feet Service (Vodunluva)

Sunday School

Holy Easter

This Lenten Season, the Sunday School teachers and staff worked diligently to prepare our students for their spiritual journey through Lent and Holy Week to Easter. The Annual Sunday School Lenten Drive which is done in conjunction with the Diocese started at the beginning of Lent and went through to Palm Sunday. Students collected coins in their ice cream container boxes, and raised \$1,450. This year's Lenten drive will be divided equally to benefit Project Smile in Armenia and the United Nations Anti-Malaria Bed Nets project.

Each student in the Sunday School received a wonderful brochure from the Department of Youth and Education on Great Lent in the Armenian Church. This colorful tool was used in the classrooms as well as at home to bring Lent to life and make it a part of everyday, not just Sunday.

No Lenten Season would be complete without the Sunday School's Service Sunday. Sunday March 29th, with all hands on deck, we were rocking! Children from the Child Care Center joined the students from grades K-4 to assemble 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 sorted and rolled bath towels; grade 10 baked cookies; grade 11 made sandwiches; and grades 8 and 9 assembled box lunches, all to be delivered to Fr. Bill's Homeless shelter in Quincy, MA. This year, Fr. Arakel, Mr. Ed Brewster and students from his tenth grade class accompanied us to Fr. Bill's. After delivering the boxes of toiletries, towels and lunches, we were given a tour of the facility.

Palm Sunday morning 2nd and 3rd graders eagerly arrived at church to carry palms and participate in the morning's procession, preceding Fr. Arakel and the altar servers around the sanctuary. On Holy Tuesday evening, the 4th 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.

On Holy Thursday evening, the 4th grade boys participated in the Voudlava (Washing of the Feet) Service. This traditional service is symbolic of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples before the feast of the Passover. Following the Washing of the Feet Service, students of the tenth grade participated in their Agape Meal. The Agape 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 were a wonderful breakfast was prepared and hosted by the Sunday School and the Armenian School.

Sunday School Homecoming

Sunday, September 13th, 2009

9:30 a.m. Registration and first day of classes.

HOMEcoming BREAKFAST
immediately following church services

Sunday School Graduates Fourteen

At St. James, the first Sunday in June is always a highly anticipated Sunday, and Sunday, June 7th, 2009, was no different! For fourteen young adults, their formal religious education classes came to an end. After nearly thirteen years of Sunday school for most of the students, they assembled in church to renew their baptismal vows and graduate. Prior to receiving their diplomas/certificates, Fr. Arakel held a dialogue with the graduates, asking each what one thing have you learned and will take with you from Sunday school? Each student offered a valuable response which set the foundation of Fr. Arakel's heartfelt message.

Following church services, the graduation program continued in Keljik Hall, where Tamar Aroyan (Salutatorian) and Ani Moushigian (Valedictorian) spoke of warm memories and challenged their classmates to be good role models, give back and make good choices.

Our heartiest congratulations to the Class of 2009: Kenneth Alperin, Tamar Aroyan, Cayla Babigian, Karina Bekelian, Alexandra Berberian, Lindsey Diranian, Shaunt Fereshetian, Adelina Grigoryan, Patrick Hovsepian, Raffi Kazanjian, Raffi Kazanjian, Ani Moushigian, Serena Seferian, and Deanna Soukiasian.

St. James Award Scholarships

St. James awarded over \$12,000 in scholarships to youth of the church on Sunday, June 14, 2009. The scholarships were created by generous parishioners seeking to encourage and support the youth of the St. James parish. Rev. Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor of St. James, thanked all of the parishioners who established scholarship funds for their support of the youth and the future leaders of the St. James parish, as they pursue their higher education and their personal endeavors.

Scholarships were awarded to the following young adults of the St. James parish this year: **Alex Abdalian** (Jocko Ananian Memorial & Phyllis Ananian Scholarship); **Tiana Nicole Babigian** (Edward & Joyce Berberian Memorial Scholarship); **Vartan Thomas Babikyan** (Levoun, Herant, Zarouhi & Raffi Hollisian Memorial Scholarship); **Christa Marie Bazarian** (Armene Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship – GKT and the George & Rose Tashjian Memorial Scholarship); **Edward Robert Berberian** (John Kurkjian Memorial Scholarship); **Gregory Hapet Berberian** (Herach & Anne Kazanjian Memorial Scholarship); **Edrina Gail Boroyan** (Martin Martinian Memorial Scholarship); **Shant Broukian** (Edward & Elaine Patapanian Scholarship); **Julie Veronica Cristello** (Hovnan & Agnes Hovnanian Memorial Scholarship); **Aaron Derderian** (Vernon H. Assarian Memorial Scholarship); **Melissa Melanie Diranian** (Veronica Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship – GKT); **Noelle Grace Hagopian** (Gladys & Anna Najarian Medzorian Scholarship); **Christine Hovsepian** (Yervant Artin Balian Memorial Scholarship); **Amanda Ann Kavjian** (Edward & Elaine Patapanian Scholarship); **Mary Kavjian** (Robert Movsessian Scholarship); **John Musserian** (Alice Kaprielian Memorial & Ann O. Kaprielian Scholarship) and **Alicia Raphaelian** (Michael Ovsanna Hovannesian Memorial Scholarship).



Valedictorian Speech

Ever since I could remember I have been a part of St. James. My grandparents and parents both attended church here, my parents were married here and it is where I was baptized. Church and Sunday school has molded me as a person. Not only the teachings had we learned in class but the people, kids and teachers all have directly or indirectly taught me a valuable lesson of which I will always carry with me and will continue to mold me into the adult I am slowly but surely becoming. "Make good choices," probably being the most obvious, but most meaningful and important lesson I've learned here....

I have been in Sunday school for even longer than I can remember going to church services. At first as young children we went to church because we were suppose to, according to our parents. But I found as I grew older that I wasn't going for them anymore or because I was suppose to, but more for myself. Something about being in church and in Sunday school, being surrounded by the people here, was comforting to me. It is something I looked forward to then and still do each and every week....

This is where it all began and this is where it all will end. It is where we began our lives as young children and is where we will grow up to get married and start our lives once more. Here is where we will bring up our children and watch them repeat what we have done and what our parents did before us. And I wouldn't want it any other way.

I look forward to staying a part of this church and to continue to see my fellow graduates hopefully more than just on Sundays. Congratulations everyone, and don't forget to make good choices.

— Excerpts from Valedictorian Ani Moushigian's remarks



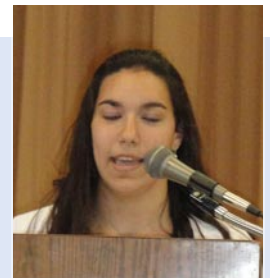
Above: Graduating Class
(L): Graduating Class Teacher Paul Abdalian.

Salutatorian Speech

Throughout the years I have changed, physically and emotionally, but one thing that has remained constant has been my beliefs in God, and our Armenian heritage. God has given me the power and strength to move on after hard instances in my life. Although many think that a sixteen year old girl has not faced any problems, the problems that we face are unique and have become harder to deal with over time. In times of trouble, I have turned to God for guidance and helping me make the right decisions. Peer pressure is a daily part of our lives that most of the time goes unacknowledged, but without my belief of God in my heart, I think I would not be able to get through.

As we move on towards the next steps, whether it be college or the work force, we will all be taking a piece of this church with us. In the upcoming years we will be serving our church in many different ways whether it be teaching, working in the office, singing in the choir, or serving on the alter, we will be giving back to our home away from home. As we leave our homes and go on to college we should never forget that our Armenian church is our haven whether it be St. James or one of our other sister churches we will always have a home within the Armenian church. We will never forget what this church has done for us and as we get older and have careers, we need to focus on how to give back to the church that has supported us all these years.

— Excerpt from Salutatorian Tamar Aroyan's remarks



Class of 2009 Project

The graduating class of St. James Sunday School was able to raise over \$600 for the hungry in Armenia through our bake sales. Considering it costs about \$1.00 per person to feed our less fortunate brothers and sisters, through these generous donations, we will be able to provide over 600 meals to those in need in Armenia. We can feel good about what we have done and in helping those less fortunate.

Thank you to all those that assisted with the fundraiser, either by baking or purchasing goods during coffee hour. A special thank you to our teacher Mr. Abdalian who allowed us the opportunity to do this service project so that we could make a contributions to those in need in Armenia.

— Tamar Aroyan
On behalf of the Graduating Class

WOMEN'S GUILD

The beautiful summer weather is finally here. Looking back, the Women's Guild had a very busy winter and spring despite the cold weather. In February the Guild prepared sandwiches for the Annual Parish Assembly. A break in the wintry weather allowed members to enjoy a delicious soup luncheon prepared by Ruth Harutunian at the end of February.

The beginning of Lent ushered in thoughts of spring as well as a "Recipes from An Armenian Table" class featuring vospov kufra, following which, we began the preparations for the annual Easter Pastry and Egg Sale. A much needed thank you to everyone that baked choereg, bourma and colored 120 dozen Easter eggs to make the sale a success. I think we set a new record for how quickly we sold out! Thanks to Nancy Kassabian for organizing the smooth sale. The Women's Guild also offered frozen cream khadaif trays for Easter. Given the success, we hope to offer that again this coming year.

The Women's Communion Breakfast on April 9th was an opportunity for both worship and fellowship. April ended with the relaxation of Spa Night. Thanks to our parishioners Elizabeth and Robert Berberian of Robert's Salon, who worked their magic in transforming the look of many at the event.

In May we held a monthly meeting with the installation of new officers: Lyn Kapilian, Chair; Ruth Harutunian, Vice Chair; Carol Babikyan, Recording Secretary; Nancy Kassabian, Corresponding Secretary; Janice Kavjian, Treasurer, and Yn Natasha Aljalian, Advisor. The guild's task of the month was to prepare sandwiches for the Hye M'tsloom sports weekend.

As with anything in life, we like to try new things as well as keep with the traditions that help to identify us. Whether it be selling choereg at Hye Café or having monthly meetings, we are always looking for ways to evolve as a group and are thankful for member support. That being said, we are already underway in planning the baking schedule for the Annual Bazaar in October. I know what you are thinking ... already? Yes, it takes many hands and a lot of time to ensure the event is a success. I hope that everyone will be able to participate in the preparation. Look for a detailed schedule to follow in the coming weeks.

Last, but certainly not least, the Women's Guild is responsible for coffee hour the month of July. We are in need of a couple of volunteers for each Sunday. We will contact you, but please contact me if you can assist for details. Thank you in advance.

There are many opportunities for everyone to be part of the St. James Women's Guild. I still remember the first time I came to help the Women's Guild make cream khadaif for the Annual Bazaar seven years ago. Yn. Rosemarie, sensing my apprehension, welcomed me and found a place for me in the assembly line. I am thankful that I conquered my fear and made the first step in choosing to be a part of such a wonderful organization and to her for making that a reality. I encourage everyone to come and experience the traditions of the Guild and be a part of shaping its future.

— Lyn Kapilian, Chair



Senior Choir and Altar Servers

It's a first: For the first time in our 55 years of experience in the Choir, an entire family has joined the Choir. Father Dn. Toros Yeterian is a tenor, mother Salpy is an alto, son Mesrob a bass, daughter Lorig a soprano, and son Haig is learning the badarak in the soprano section as his voice matures.

We invite all 2009 Sunday School graduates, parents of Sunday School students and parishioners to join the Choir. Feel free to talk with our Choir Director Artur Veranian on any Sunday after service.

— Lucy Mardirosian



2009 Graduates

Aaron Derderian, son of Steve and Laura Derderian, graduated from Westwood High School on June 7, 2009. Aaron will be attending Bentley University in the fall.

Brittany Elizabeth Henry, daughter of John W. Henry and Elizabeth Kurkjian-Henry and the granddaughter of the late Anoosh Kurkjian and Rosella Kurkjian, graduated from Syracuse University in May 2009. Britt was a Political Science major and a member of the sorority, Delta Delta Delta.

Christopher George Keane, son of William and Cheryl Keane, graduated from the Wentworth Institute of Technology receiving a degree in Construction Management in August 2008. Christopher will work as Superintendent for J.K. Blackstone.

Timothy William Keane, son of William and Cheryl Keane, graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, with a degree in Criminal Justice in June 2009.

Amy S. McDermott, daughter of Jim McDermott and Sharon Bazarian, graduated from Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. She was on the honor roll all four years while at NCDS, and High Honors Senior year. She was captain of the Dance Team and Golf Team. She will be attending Boston College in the fall.

Julie M. McDermott, daughter of Jim McDermott and Sharon Bazarian, graduated from Boston College with a degree in nursing. She was president of the Boston College Dance Organization and inducted into the Nursing Honor Society at Boston College.

Jacqueline Metjian, daughter of Charlie and Janice (Kasparian) Metjian, graduated from Simmons College in Boston. Jacqueline received her Bachelor's degree in Nursing. While at Simmons, Jacqueline was a member of the ALANA Nursing Executive Board and a Dean's List student. She hopes to pursue her working career at the Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge where she recently worked as a Patient Care Associate.

Garren Salibian graduated from University High School on June 17, 2009. Garren will be attending Orange Coast College in the fall, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He will also work part-time as Coach for Skyhawks – a sports program for children.

Stephen Tagarelis, son of Stanley and Lori Tagarelis and grandson of Angelo and Beatrice Ohannessian, graduated from Curry College in Milton, MA with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications on May 17, 2009. Stephen interned at WEEI radio during his last semester.

Mr. & Mrs. Group

The **Mr. & Mrs. Group** met on April 17th, welcoming back all the "snowbirds" and serving a tasty pork tenderloin dinner. On May 8, we met for a losh kebab dinner. On June 12 the theme was "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" with a "Fenway" franks and beans meal, followed by fun and games and the election of a new Executive Committee for 2009-2010. All are welcome to join the Mr. and Mrs Group!

NEW VISION & HYE CAFÉ

Hye Café has become a gathering spot for fellowship and delicious food on the first Friday of the month. We have had a busy four months! In each of March and April we served over 200 people featuring our Lenten menu of vosbov kufteh, zeytov dolma, imam bayeldi falafel and lasagna. Then in May and June we served our traditional kebab menu. June was an incredible month selling out to well over 300 attendees!

Children's activities have included stain glass painting, foam crosses and bead stringing. Our young recycling team has continued collecting hundreds of cans. We encourage everyone to join in with our efforts to be green.

We would like to thank all our volunteers and those who come and support Hye Café for an incredible season! Join us on September 18th and November 13th for our fall Hye Cafes! Have a wonderful summer!

For more information of upcoming New Vision events, Hye Café or joining the team for any of our events, please contact Linda Sahagian at hyelinda65@aol.com.

– Linda Sahagian, Chair

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Jack and Audrey Pilibosian
Nancy Styles, Jr.
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Total: \$930

ALICE GENOVA

March 12, 2009

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Arthur and Maureen Barnes
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Steven Genova
Richard and Carla Genova and Sandra
Robert and Patrice Genova and Matthew
Leon W. Kachadorian
Krekor Mardirosian
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Yepard and Mary Shadbegian
Charlie and Nicole Simmons
St. James Church Choir
St. James Women's Guild
Shirley, Harold, Paul and Lauren Stokes
Rose Yakoobian
Manoog and Barbara Young and Family

Total: \$380

LOUSATSIN DEMIRTCHIAN

March 13, 2009

Mari Imirziyan
Grigor and Anahit Mesrobian

Total: \$60

MARY SARAJIAN

March 21, 2009

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Total: \$4,545

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April 6, 2009

Vartkis and Dorothy Parsikian
Nora Kalajian and Margie Glikas

Total: \$125

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April 10, 2009

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Arthur Avakian
Patricia and William Cameron
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Chris and Ethel Doyle
Harry F. and Dorothy Hamparian
William and Dana Martins Hanify
Jack and Eva Medzorian
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Vicki O'Hara
Robert Sanasarian

Total: \$1530

SARAH (SALLY) KELJIK

April 21, 2009

Frank Keljik
Linda Keljik
Kathy and Elliott Morss
Diana Adamian
Joseph and Sally Ann Ananian
Jean Anjoorian and Family
Fred and Mimi Apsokardos
Aram Bedrosian Funeral Home
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Gloria Paretchianian
Angela K. Parnagian
Anthony V. and Christine Parnagian Esposito
Harold and Gladys Partamian
Edward and Elaine Patapanian
Prendergast Family
Kim Sarajian
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sarajian
Robert and Judith Sarno (Ananian)
Barbara Anne Sousa

Total: \$1,315

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May 2, 2009

Alan and Pamela Movsessian
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Diane and David Shipe
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Total: \$1,590

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May 14, 2009

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Edward and Nancy Guleserian
Carmella Kletjian
Sylvia Markarian

St. James Women's Guild
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Stan, Lori, Jennifer and Stephen Tagarelis
Nevart Talanian
Richard and Ann Tarvezian
Edna Weatherbee
Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Weisberg
June H. Yacubian
Harvey Z. Yazijian

Total: \$ 4,800

ROSE NEVART HATCHIGIAN

April 27, 2009

Dr. Edward Hatchigian
Deborah J. Ashjian
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Bariatric Surgery Program, Timothy Lynch
Hannah Boulton
Karen Dederyan
Armena Light
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Papazian
Ed and Lucy Sahagian
Ann Marie White

Flory and Louise McCarthy
Paulette Otto
Charles Parsekian
Gladys Shyne
Michael Yapchaian

Total: \$390

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May 27, 2009

Harry and Azniv Amiralian
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Sonia A. Janikian
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Manouk Keushgerian
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Nevart Kouyoumjian
Gail and Arthur Madenjian
Naomi Singer
Maria Tamvokologos
Garo and Alice Vosgerichian
Anna Yeshilyan

Total: \$515

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May 28, 2009

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Isabel Nahabedian – April 6, 2009
Stephen S. Tavekelian, Sr. – April 10, 2009
Sarah Sally Keljik – April 21, 2009
Rose Nevart Hatchigian – April 27, 2009
Alexander Movsessian – May 2, 2009
Paul Stepanian – May 13, 2009
Paul Jigarjian – May 14, 2009
Paren Kazanjian Sanentz – May 27, 2009
Khoren Safarian – May 28, 2009
Helen (Der Garabedian) Chickering – June 9, 2009
Robert Rustigian – June 12, 2009
Yn. Rosemarie Davidian – June 17, 2009



Baptisms & Chrismations

You have been Baptized in Christ. Alleluia.

Carina Elise Maserejian Chagnon – April 11, 2009
Luciné Rose Maserejian Chagnon – April 11, 2009
 Daughters of Steven Chagnon and Nancy Maserejian Chagnon
 Godparents: James and Lynn Maserejian
Gabriel Simon Aljalian – April 25, 2009
 Son of Rev. Fr. Arakel and Yn. Natasha Aljalian
 Godparents: Harry Tugurian and Tania Chouljian
Zabel Marium Klian – April 26, 2009
 Daughter of Haigaz and Janice Klian
 Godparents: Paulo Rocha and Virginia Altomari
Kaylee Brooke Benigno – May 9, 2009
 Daughter of Samuel Thomas and Lee Garabedian Benigno
 Godparents: Ed Parlin and Joann Benigno
Josephine Snow Shapazian – June 6, 2009
 Daughter of Richard and Tobi Torrance Shapazian
 Godparents: Neil and Kristin McClain
Kolton Sarkis Cataloni – June 13, 2009
 Son of Neil M. and Christine Foley Cataloni
 Godparents: Charles Thomas Cataloni and Jeanette Gouljian



Weddings

And the two shall become one.

April 19, 2009
Russell Edward Hoogasian and Karine Mkrtchyan
 Best Man: Seth Hoogasian
 Maid of Honor: Gohar Mkrtchyan
 June 20, 2009
Gregory Hapet Berberian and Jennifer Helaine Flynn
 Best Men: Richard Quincy and Jeffrey Raider
 Maid of Honor: Carolyn J. Flynn

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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 Massachusetts. In accordance with Diocesan discipline mandated by the Primate, all Sacraments must be administered 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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