



ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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LOOYS NEWSLETTER

APRIL - JUNE 2007

## 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign and Strategic Plan Update

*Thanks to the generosity St. James parishioners and friends,  
we have reached almost two-thirds of our \$3 million goal!*

Commitments to the Capital Campaign as of May 31, 2007 total **\$1,977,131**.

These commitments have been made by **270 families** (parishioners and friends) of St. James.

Our work continues! What more can we achieve? Consider the following:

- St. James has **725 individual dues-paid members** and over **2000 families** in our parish.
- Of these families, **270** have made an active commitment to date. We extend our gratitude to them for their generosity and support of the church and its mission.
- We encourage our remaining 1,730 families to make a meaningful gift to St. James! If you have not made a commitment, please join your fellow parishioners by making a pledge. St. James needs your commitment. This is the time—make a difference.

Our goal is to have 100% participation. Every pledge, of every size, matters and makes a real difference. Our Strategic Plan can be implemented only to the extent of the success of the Capital Campaign. Join us today!

### Strategic Plan Expenditures (as of May 31, 2007)

#### Child Care Center

Child Care Center (painting, carpet, furniture)	\$18,904.56
Child Care Staff	\$10,575.00

#### Renovation of Church Sanctuary

Painting, Restoration, and Woodwork	\$60,630.00
Carpeting	\$50,857.26
Furniture	\$14,550.00
Drapery Cleaning	\$ 5,020.00
Electrical	\$ 3,477.93
Miscellaneous (floor mats, water fountains, boiler)	\$ 1,896.65

#### Renovation of Church Exterior

Exterior Masonry Work	\$82,750.00
Flashing, Gutters, and Roofing	\$77,341.00
Lighting for Exterior Cross	\$ 5,248.00
Parking Lot	\$ 1,575.00

#### Rectory

Miscellaneous (oil tank, chimney, electrical work, boiler)	\$11,087.63
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#### Capital Campaign Expenses

Stewardship Associates - Professional Campaign Consultant	\$83,589.90
75th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet	\$11,260.00
75th Anniversary Capital Campaign Booklet	\$10,262.00
75th Anniversary Commemorative DVD	\$ 2,750.00
Phoneathon Expenses	\$ 1,245.43





## Parish Council

### Sitting:

Linda Sahagian, Secretary  
K. Vasken Babigian, Vice Chairman  
Fr. Arakel Aljalian, President/Pastor  
Scott Kapilian, Chairman  
John Musserian, Treasurer

### Standing:

Richard L. Cherkerzian, Jr., Asst. Treasurer  
Sandy Raphaelian, Council Member  
Carol Babikyan, Asst. Secretary  
Sharon Bazarian, Council Member  
Edward Orchanian, Jr., Council Member  
Ben Saraydarian, Council Member  
Edward K. Kazanjian, Council Member

## MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

# The Future Is Bright

We often hear the phrase "how will history judge." How will history judge the decisions our leaders make? How will history judge the effectiveness of our educational system? How will history judge the Boston Red Sox for paying \$150 million dollars for a starting pitcher from Japan? The phrase applies to just about any present day event or series of events. It also applies to our stewardship of the St. James Armenian Apostolic Church. How will history judge our stewardship of the legacy entrusted to us by the founders of our church? While we will know in a year or two if the Boston Red Sox made a wise investment, we may not know for another 75 years how history will judge our stewardship of the church; but if you look around our church, you can see all the signs of a bright future for St. James and I am confident that history will judge us as good stewards of the church.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the initial phases of our 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign have been a success, and while we have not yet reached our fundraising goals, we are off to a great start. The early success of our fundraising campaign can be seen in the repair and restoration of our church. It has been almost one year since Badarak was held in the Cultural Center while the church sanctuary was being renovated. New carpet and paint, including a breathtaking restoration of the murals over the altar, and the refinishing of the pews has truly transformed our church sanctuary. In addition to restoring the interior of the church, we have all seen the scaffolding erected around the exterior of the church. The much needed and long overdue re-pointing of the exterior masonry work, repairs to the roof, gutters and downspouts, and repairs to the heating system are all vital in order to insure that our church will continue to stand strong as it welcomes future generations to worship in the same place where their parents, grandparents and great grandparents once worshiped. In addition to the renovation of the church sanctuary and exterior, plans are also

underway for the creation of a gift shop in the lower level of the church and for the major renovation of the cultural center.

As you can imagine, such an undertaking requires careful planning in order to maximize the efficiency of such a renovation project while minimizing the disruption to the day to day operations of the church and the many programs which are housed in the cultural center. While you may not see construction activity going on at the cultural center just yet, you can be assured that the Capital Assets Planning Subcommittee is busy soliciting and reviewing proposals and will keep parishioners advised of when the cultural center renovations will commence. In addition to the repair and renovation of our buildings, the 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign is also committed to providing more robust and essential programming for all of our parishioners. Our Child Care Center, which has been open for several months on Sunday mornings, is a success. Parents with pre-school aged children now have the ability to attend Sunday services while their children are being cared for in a safe, loving, Christian environment by dedicated, professional staff. Plans are being considered to make the Child Care Center available during other church functions and events. Our senior transportation program is in the final stages of planning and we hope to implement the program soon. The Strategic Planning Committee also remains committed to strengthening and expanding our youth programming and ministry dedicated to helping and educating our youth to become good Christians and good stewards of the church.

We need to prepare our children to be good stewards of the church, and we do this by setting a good example ourselves. One cannot look to the future without also looking at the past. The pride that we feel when remembering our friends, relatives and loved ones who sacrificed and gave of their time, their talents and their treasure to build St. James and the cultural center should be the same pride that our great grandchildren feel when remembering us for taking such good care of these precious gifts. It is this pride that inspires us to do all we can do, in honor of those that came before us, and it is this same pride that will inspire future generations to pick up the torch and continue the St. James legacy for the next 75 years.

## A Special Thank You...

*I would like to thank all of you who, during my illness and stages of treatment, have sent flowers and cards, conveyed your thoughts, concerns, and especially your prayers for my recovery.*

*I thank you also for the love-filled food that many of you provided for me and my family. I truly felt God sustained me through all of you in your own special ways.*

*May we all always feel His blessing and care through whatever we are challenged to endure.*

*With love and thankfulness,  
Yn. Rosemarie Davidian*



# Sunday School

## Journey to Easter



The Sunday School's journey to Easter began on Poon Paregentan, Sunday, February 18, 2007. The theme of the traditional family fun day was an "Island Afternoon" complete with an island dinner, leis, music, dancing and games.

The journey progressed into Lent, a time of discipline, self reflection, penance, fasting, church attendance, prayer and giving. Each student received "Words to Live By", forty days of God's word through the Armenian Lectionary, In this selection of Bible passages to be read daily during Lent.

Our Sunday School participated in the Eastern Diocesan Lenten Drive which this year benefited both World Vision's Darfur Emergency Relief and The Fund for Armenian Relief's Project Smile. Children enthusiastically raised money in little "take out" containers, and in their enthusiasm to help "take out" pain and suffering in the lives of others, our students raised over \$2000! Thank you to all who supported our drive!

On Sunday, March 25, 2007, children from the Child Care Center and Kindergarten through 4th Grades assembled Easter Baskets for delivery to the Watertown Food Pantry located at St. Patrick's Church. This annual event is done in conjunction with the ACYOA Jrs. Students in Grades 5-11 prepared boxed lunches and personal care items for the residents of Fr. Bill's Place in Quincy, MA.

After the Lenten season, we arrived at Palm Sunday, and students in the 2nd and 3rd Grades carried palms in the morning procession around the sanctuary at the beginning of Badarak.

On Holy Tuesday evening, five young ladies from the fourth grade, accompanied by 5 young ladies from the upper grades, participated in the Service of the Handmaidens.

The Washing of the Feet (Vodunluva) Service was held on Holy Thursday evening. Twelve boys from the 4th Grade participated in this traditional ser-

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# ACYOA PALM SUNDAY BANQUET



On April 1, 2007 the ACYOA Seniors and Juniors once again hosted their annual Palm Sunday Youth Day Banquet. Over 300 parishioners gathered together for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. After a toast given by Crosby Goshgarian, the parish was treated to a delicious steak dinner wonderfully prepared by Stan Tagarelis and Aras Cinar. Our extreme gratitude to all

of the ACYOA members who served the afternoon's banquet.

The program was opened by remarks by the ACYOA Juniors Chairman Christine Hovsepien and the ACYOA Seniors Chairman Jennifer Tagarelis. After Mrs. Brenda Khederian, Youth Director, shared her remarks the guests, the speaker of the day, Yn. Natasha Aljalian, opened by sharing the activities of the ACYOA. She then spoke to both the parishioners and to the youth of St. James on how we must all work as a church family to support and uplift one another, and to always strive for more and seek to please God.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the ACYOA Alumni Award to Richard Tarvezian, Esq. A past ACYOA chairman, Richard has been extremely involved in all aspects of life at St. James, including serving as a Diocesan Delegate and as Sunday School Superintendent to one of the largest Sunday Schools in church history. Richard has been and continues to be an amazing role model for our youth today. The afternoon drew to a close with closing remarks by our Pastor Fr. Arakel Aljalian, who congratulated Richard, his wife Ann and daughter Talene.



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## Journey to Easter



vice which is symbolic of Christ washing the feet of His Disciples. Immediately following this service, the 10th Grade class held its 32nd Annual Passover Meal. This tradition is an arrangement of the Passover meal and the Last Supper as a historical drama.

The Annual Children's Easter Holy Communion was held on Saturday, April 7, 2007. Breakfast hosted by the Sunday School and the Armenian School immediately followed the service. Children were treated to a karate presentation with an inspirational Christian message following the breakfast.

We arrived at Easter Sunday, with our students gathering together in church and in class to celebrate Christ's Resurrection. And so the journey to Easter Sunday was complete. The preparation, the reflection, the prayers, and readings, the giving and the service – all gathering and rejoicing in Holy Easter!



# St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian School



On February 10th our students dressed as Katchen Vartan and his warriors and performed at the school's Annual Vartanantz Program. A highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of our own Der Arsen's life-long work called "From Haig to Armen." We commend the past parents and friends of the Armenian School who came together to prepare a wonderful luncheon for the event; the main dish of course being the legendary harrissa.

On April 7, 2007, the Armenian School, in conjunction with the Sunday school participated in Annual Children's Communion and breakfast. The morning was filled with joy and fellowship and our students participated in the fun-filled event. There was a lively, interactive martial arts demonstration, a traditional Easter egg-cracking contest among the attendees and a Easter egg decorating contest (the winners of which were Katya Maserejian, Nareg Kalaydjian and Deanna Minasian.)

As is tradition at St. James, the Armenian School students read passages from the Holy Gospels in Armenian before and during *Badarak*. Following *Badarak*, Der Arakel performed a Home Blessing, or *Doonorhnek*, service, following which the Armenian School teachers and parents offered parishioners a beautiful and bountiful table filled with traditional Armenian pastries and delicacies.

The Armenian school is currently registering students for 2007-2008 academic year. It is a wonderful environment to learn Armenian and keep our language, culture, and heritage alive.

Marina Minasian, Principal



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Սբ. Պատարագի Խորհուրդին խմատը լաւ հասկնալու համար հետեւեալ երկու հարցումներուն յատակ պատասխաններ պէտք է տալ: Նախ՝ թէ մեր Եկեղեցւոյ կատարած Պատարագը ի՞նչ միտքով ըմբռնելու է. եւ երկրորդ՝ թէ ի՞նչպէս հասկնալու է Քրիստոսի Մարմնոյ եւ Արեան ճաշակումը Սբ. Հաղորդութեան մէջ:

Վերեւ տեսանք որ Քրիստոսէ առաջ եղած բոլոր զոհերն ու պատարագները ըստ ինքեանց իրականութիւն կամ իսկութիւն չունէին. անոնք լոկ ստուեր եւ նախատիպ օրինակ էին Խաչի միակ պատարագին, եւ միայն Քրիստոսի զոհին ակնարկելով եւ անոր տիպն ըլլալով Աստուծոյ հաճելի էին: Քրիստոսի կատարած փրկութեան մեծ պատարագէն յետոյ բոլոր ուրիշ զոհեր ու պատարագներ, թէ՛ Մովսիսական եւ թէ՛ հեթանոսական, անգոր եւ ապարդիւն կը մնան, քանզի «ստուերն ի լոյս ճշմարտեցաւ»: Խաչի պատարագէն դուրս որեւէ ուրիշ պատարագ ոչ օգտակար կրնայ ըլլալ եւ ոչ ալ ընդունելի է Աստուծոյ:

Ապա, կը հարցուի, ի՞նչ է այդ որ քրիստոնեայ Եկեղեցիներ միշտ կը կատարեն Պատարագ անունով: Քրիստոնեաներու Պատարագը ուրիշ բան չէ եթէ ոչ Խաչի պատարագի ընծայումն ու յիշատակութիւնը, Քրիստոսի փրկագործութեան արդեանց իւրացումը, զոր Փրկիչն ինքը հաստատեց Իր չարչարանքէն անմիջապէս առաջ, ըսելով. «Զայս արաճիք առ իմոյ յիշատակի», որ կը նշանակէ. «Ասիկա (այսինքն հացն ու գինին օրհնէին ու նուիրելը) մատուցէք իբրեւ պատարագ եւ այդու իմ չարչարանաց եւ մահուան յիշատակը բրէք առաջի Աստուծոյ»: Այսինքն երբոր ուղիղ դիտաւորութեամբ կրկնենք այս Խորհուրդի հաստատութեան ատեն Քրիստոսի արտաանան խօսքերը (Առէք, կերէք. արբէք ի սմանէ) այն ատեն հրաշալի եւ գերբնական եւ հետեւաբար անբացատրելի կերպով՝ հացն ու գինին Քրիստոսի փառաւորեալ Մարմինն ու Արիւնը կը լինին, այսինքն այն Մարմինը՝ զոր Քրիստոս միանգամ ընդմիշտ մատուց Խաչին վրայ եւ այժմ երկինքի մէջ իբրեւ մշտնջենաւոր քահանայապետ շարունակաբար կը մատուցանէ մինչեւ յաւիտեանս ժամանակաց:

Եւ յետոյ, այս հրաշալի կերպով սրբագործուած եւ Քրիստոսի Մարմնոյն եւ Արեան փոխակերպուած հացն ու գինին մատուցանելով առ Աստուած՝ մենք եւս կը միանանք մեր աստուածային քահանայական պատարագին, որպէսզի մենք եւս գործով եւ մասնակցութեամբ ցոյց տանք թէ իրօք փափաքող ենք Քրիստոսի փրկագործութեան արդիւնքը վայելելու եւ միանգամայն զոհութիւն տանք այն մեծ պատարագին համար՝ որով մենք փրկուեցանք: Այս է պատճառը որ Յունաց մօտ միշտ եւ մեր մօտ երբեմն այս Սբ. Խորհուրդը Գոհութիւն (Եւխարիստիա) կը կոչուի:

Այս Խորհուրդին հիմն է Քրիստոսի խօսքերը թէ «Այս է Մարմին իմ, այս է Արիւն իմ»: Հերիք է որ հաւատանք թէ յետ սրբագործութեան այդ հացը եւ գինին կ'ըլլան գերբնական զօրութեամբ եւ աննկարագրելի կերպով, Տիրոջ խոստումին համաձայն, իրական Մարմին եւ Արիւն Քրիստոսի, եւ արժանաւորաբար ճաշակողներ ուրիշ բան ճաշակած չեն ըլլալ եթէ ոչ Տիրոջ Մարմինն ու Արիւնը: (Շարունակելի)

(\*) Արտասուցուած է Երուսաղէմի Սբ. Յակոբեանց վանքի 1960 տարւոյ օրացոյցէն:



# Holy Week at St. James





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**Martyrs' Day  
& Annual  
Genocide  
Commemoration**

APRIL 2007



Daniel MacMillan, son of William & Silva MacMillan, earned the St. Gregory Award – the Cub Scout religious medal – in conjunction with the Diocese of the Armenian Church.



**FUND FOR ARMENIAN RELIEF**

### CHILDREN'S RECEPTION & ORIENTATION CENTER

April 5, 2007

To: Ms Nancy Kasabian, St James Church of MA

Dear Ms. Kasabian,

Children's Reception and Orientation Centre of Fund for Armenian Relief expresses its thankfulness to you for 12 boxes of clothes donated. Unfortunately there is an increasing level of poverty in Armenia and lots of families and children are not able to fulfill their primary needs such as clothes, food, toys, etc. And such donations as you and other FAR donors did, help us to satisfy their needs.

Probably you are informed that FAR CROC programs and services such as Shelter and Crisis Intervention, Child Protection "Hotline and Helpline", Child Protection Network, Child Protection Public Forum as well as "Foster care" help us to be aware of the families and children at high risk within the whole Republic. These families and children are not satisfied even with simple vital things: clothes and food.

Here, in CROC we are trying to combine with two important components, both the professional support of the Centre and other packages of resources (clothes, foods, involvement in necessary services, finding job, etc) in order to help them to ease the possible further risks. Thanks to such donations and our professional support we are trying to help the children and families at high risks to overcome the "underclass" situation.

We assure you that all the clothes will be directed to the satisfaction of needs of children and families of Republic of Armenia who are in difficult situations and at high risks. Thank you once again for your support in realizing the goal of our project.

With deepest regards

M. Antonyan, CROC Director



The ladies of St. James making *mas*, continuing the fine tradition of Helen Yapchaian of blessed memory, who led the preparation of *mas* at St. James for years. May God bless Helen's soul, and may He bless those who carry on and continue the tradition and service to St. James.

2nd Annual

### ST. JAMES REUNION DANCE

Saturday, September 8, 2007 • 8pm

Cash Bar

St. James Keljik Hall, 465 Mt. Auburn Street  
Watertown, MA

Featuring: Roger Krikorian (Dumbeg);  
Joe Kouyoumjian (Oud); Leon Janikian (Clarinet);  
Harry Bedrossian (Keyboard);  
and Ken Kalajian (Guitar)

For more information please contact:  
Melanie Khederian at (617) 923-1165  
mkhederian@gmail.com

### Mr. & Mrs. Group

The Mr. & Mrs. Group had a dinner meeting in February and April. The March meeting was cancelled because of winter vacations.

Tickets for the annual Franks & Beans Supper were sent to all members of the group. Anyone wishing to buy a ticket is asked to please contact Raffi Yeghiayan at (781) 862-4361. With only 300 tickets available and 9 cash prizes awarded, the odds are quite good! Thank you.

### Save the Date...

### Pontifical Visit of His Holiness Karekin II Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians

to the Eastern Diocese of the  
Armenian Church of America

Dates of Boston Visit:  
October 5-9, 2007





# Sacraments



## Baptisms & Chrismations

*You have been Baptised in Christ. Alleluia*

APRIL 2007

**Garabed Sarkis Kalajian**—April 14, 2007  
Son of Edward and Lena Kalajian  
Godparents: Arthur Kalajian and Sailwa Karahbit

**George Haig Chapian**—April 15, 2007  
Son of Raffi and Maria Chapian  
Godparents: John Anteryassian and Izabel Chapian

**Zachary Joseph Kefeyan**—April 28, 2007  
Son of John and Tamara Kefeyan  
Godparents: Arra and Amy Zeytoonian

MAY 2007

**Adriana Ohanyan Melo**—May 5, 2007  
Daughter of Luis and Hermine Melo  
Godparents: Stepan and Anahit Tokatlyan

**Adrienne Cherkerzian Giancola**—May 13, 2007  
Daughter of Christopher and Tanya Cherkerzian Giancola  
Godparents: Richard Cherkerzian Jr. and Diane (Cherkerzian) Lyons

**Dana Jeanne Wallis**—May 13, 2007  
Daughter of Charles E. Wallis and Anita J. Cronin (Adult)  
Godmother: Karin Cinar

**Theodore Addison Bida**—May 20, 2007  
Son of Todd and Lisa Mellian Bida  
Godparents: Craig Bida and Aimee Bida Arredondo

**Isabel Benoit Bida**—May 20, 2007  
Daughter of Todd and Lisa Mellian Bida  
Godparents: Craig Bida and Aimee Bida Arredondo

**Sara Marianne Kazanjian**—May 26, 2007  
Daughter of David and Maria Kazanjian  
Godparents: Paul Kazanjian and Theresa Zheleznyakov

Please note the following correction:

**Conor Edward O'Leary**—November 4, 2006  
Son of Francis X. and Amanda O'Leary  
Godparents: Joseph O'Leary and Emily Young



## Weddings



*And the two shall become one.*

MAY 2007

**Vaughan Harry Totovian and Lily Shoushan Tossounian**  
May 26 2007

Best Men: James Totovian and Mark Totovian;  
Maid of Honor: Taleen Chouljian

**Jason Deranian and Kari Manni**  
Sunday May 27, 2007

Best Man: Gregory Deranian  
Maids of Honor: Melissa Manni and Erica Manni  
The Wedding was held at St. Pius Catholic Church, Manchester, NH



## Funerals

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

MARCH

**Col. Joseph Matthew Bazarian**  
March 6, 2007

**Helen T. Yapchaian**  
March 9, 2007

**Leonid Grigoryan**  
March 22, 2007

**Kohar Hagopian**  
March 23, 2007

**Helen M. (Garabedian) Kulesza**  
March 29, 2007

APRIL

**George Yapchaian**  
April 4, 2007

**Richard Hagopian**  
April 18, 2007

**Louis Papazian**  
April 20, 2007

**Charles Matthew Gulbankian**  
April 23, 2007

**Sonia Mnazakanian**  
April 24, 2007

**Ann Selian**  
April 28, 2007

MAY

**Ann (Dickie) Tashjian**  
May 8, 2007

**Rebecca Ann "Peggy" Papazian**  
May 8, 2007

**Zartar Minassian**  
May 11, 2007

**Sahag Nahabedian**  
May 22, 2007

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**December 21, 2006**

Zabel Janini  
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**January 2, 2007**

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**January 12, 2007**

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**January 13, 2007**

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Կիրակի Սուրբ Պատարագ Ժամը 10:00-ին

Չորեքշաբթի Աղօթածողով Ժամը 10:00-ին

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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 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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