

St. James Armenian Apostolic Church

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Parish Administrative Directory

Mission Statement

The mission of St. James Armenian Apostolic Church is to lead people to become faithful disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by proclaiming His Gospel of Salvation.

This mission is realized by living the Apostolic Orthodox faith in Christ through Worship, Witness, Education, Service, Fellowship and Stewardship within a Christian community as expressed in the distinctive faith-experience of the Armenian Church.

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Ար. Յակոբ Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցւոյ առաքելութիւնն է՝ առաջնորդութիւն տալ, որպէս զի ժողովուրդը դառնայ հաւատացեալ հետեւորդը մեր Տիրոջ եւ Փրկչին՝ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի, անոր փրկութեան անեսարանը քարոզելու միջոցաւ:

Այս առաքելութիւնը կ'իրագործուի ապրելով Առաքելական ուղղափառ հաւատքը ի Քրիստոս քրիստոնէական համայնքի մը մէջ՝ պաշտամունքի, վկայութեան, դաստիարակութեան, ծառայութեան, եղբայրութեան եւ տնտեսավարութեան միջոցաւ, աշխատելու ինչպէս որ կը բացայայտուի Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցւոյ յատուկ կենսափորձով:

WORSHIP HOURS

Sunday Morning Service	8:00 a.m.
Sunday Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	10:00 a.m.
Saturday Vespers Service	5:00 p.m.

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Կիրակի Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն	Ժամը 8:00-ին
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Alex Kalaydjian

Pastor's Message

What is your choice?



In a controversial book published almost 10 years ago, a Christian leader asks a simple question: why don't Christians look more like Christ? The author proposed that Christians, in fact, really behave no differently than the world around them. Is this true?

Too often, it seems that Christians treat faith as something that enhances the life they already live. But, a life lived in Christian faith must *replace* the worldly life. Christianity is not an extra, not something we do in our spare time or when we feel like it. Christ must be the center of our lives, of how we act, how we treat others, of all we do. St. Peter says "Now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God – who chose you to be His children is holy. For He Himself has said, 'You must be holy because I am holy.'" (1 Peter 1:16-17).

Some Christians live with the mistaken belief that because Christ died, they are given an automatic ticket to eternal salvation. It is not this simple. Yes, Christ came to this world, He suffered and died for us, so that we may have eternal life. It is true that God forgives our sins and loves us no matter what we do. We, however, have an active responsibility as Christians. Christ came to this world to change it. But, has the world changed?

Take a look at Christians. Do we really act any differently than someone who does not believe in Christ and His teachings? Do we treat others as Christ would? Do we really live Christ's teachings of love and compassion? Do we handle situations with humility, with grace, with forgiveness, and with compassion? Or, are we guided by anger, hatred, revenge, and bitterness?

President Bush said in his State of the Union address a few weeks ago, when talking about the American government, words that can apply equally to families, friendships, communities, and, yes, to our church:

"[T]here will always be differences and debate. But even tough debates can be conducted in a civil tone, and our differences cannot be allowed to harden into anger. To confront the great issues before us, we must act in a spirit of goodwill and respect for one another...." We must "replace resentment with hope ... and move this world toward peace.... There is a difference between

responsible criticism that aims for success, and defeatism that refuses to acknowledge anything but failure."

We must not rejoice in resentment, in anger, in retaliation, or in failure. That is not what Christ stood for. When we behave this way, when we cause others to suffer, when we live with hardened hearts rather than forgiving souls, then we must ask: what is Christ's suffering and death really worth to us? If we do this, as Christians, then what have we accomplished? More importantly, what has Christ really accomplished through His death? We owe Him much more.

Life is more important than what we think is important. Countless people in this world are dying, lonely, hungry, homeless, sick, and in despair. What are we doing to help? Christ told us that when we help others, we help Him, and God has blessed us all with gifts and talents. Are we doing all we can? Or, are we absorbed in our own lives and comforts, and our own viewpoints and ways of doing things?

As I've said before – we must all take a good, hard look in the mirror. A minister once said that one has to look him or herself in the mirror – not just a casual glance, but a deep look into ones own eyes – for 5 straight minutes to really see into his or her soul.

To really follow Christ, we need to be ready to change who we are. We cannot rejoice in evil and darkness. We need to truly transform ourselves through a life of prayer, fasting, repentance, simplicity, humility, self-control, and sacrifice. We need to change from who we are to who Christ wants us to be.

Picture Christ. Picture the Virgin Mary. They looked and behaved differently than everyone else around them. Do we look that way? Can we look that way, and set an example for those around us?

Christianity is a choice. We must choose to follow Christ. As we near the period of Great Lent and prepare ourselves for Easter, I pray that we all take the time to grow closer to the Lord, to reflect on how we live our lives, and to choose Christ.

Fr. Arakel Aljalian



Parish Council Chairman's Message

**"Where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."**

We are encouraged to become Disciples of Christ by placing God as the focus of our lives. We are called to use our time, talent and money and share them with God and other people. Parish Sacrificial Giving is both a symbolic expression of this attitude and one of its primary realizations.

Money is a very tangible reality for all of us. We would find it difficult to live in today's society without knowing how to properly manage our income. When making a commitment to give sacrificially, we must place our trust in God and not our wealth and material possessions.

Stewardship of treasure is the spiritually motivated way for us to share our financial resources and is based on the following principles:

Our gift should be *planned, proportionate, sacrificial*, and a *prayer of thanksgiving*. Our gift should include our parish and worthwhile charities of our choice.

The degree of planning that goes into our sacrificial giving reflects the importance of our commitment to give. The decision to give is just that — a decision. It

requires thought and time, and should be a careful, intentional gift and response to God's generosity.

Part of our planning ensures that we give the "first fruits" — those gifts given first and not only after other obligations have been satisfied. And they are proportionate to what God has given us, proportionate to our resources. What is important is that we continue to strive to take a step toward planned and proportionate giving.

God will never be outdone in His generosity. It is said, "the proportion of our gift becomes sacrificial when it comes from our substance rather than our abundance. When we give out of substance, we are changed in the process: we have given away something we thought we needed for ourselves, thus changing our lifestyle, and we have acted on our belief that our security lies not in our material resources but in God."

Stewardship is our way of thanking God for granting us with all of our gifts. I invite you to give consideration to and become a steward of St. James.

Paul Korian

Special Thanks To:

Leon and Marion Semonian

for a donation of \$1,000 to the Leslie Semonian Memorial Fund to benefit the Leslie Semonian Computer Center at the St. James Church Office.

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for a donation of \$200 to the Leslie Semonian Memorial Fund to benefit the Leslie Semonian Computer Center at St. James Church Office

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for a donation of \$300 to the St. James Building Fund.

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of blessed memory for his bequest of \$2,500 to St. James Armenian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaspar Ozcan

for the donation of a beautiful, handmade oriental rug to St. James in thanksgiving to God for His blessings and for returning their children to good health.



Celebrating 75 Years!

- ◆ St. James 75th Anniversary is underway! Parishioners are encouraged to take part in the Celebration Year activities and programs, create lasting memories, and celebrate together as one parish family.
- ◆ Our 75th Anniversary provides our church and our parishioners a wonderful opportunity to develop and improve our ministries, programs, services and facilities, and to meet the needs of all of our faithful.
- ◆ Our parishioners have worked for several years identifying the needs of our parish and creating solutions and a vision for our future.
- ◆ We now are at an exciting point in the life of our parish. Our dreams are becoming realities. Parishioners are committing to the Campaign sacrificially, lovingly, generously, and enthusiastically, to ensure that our parish Strategic Plan is realized.
- ◆ A DVD on the history of St. James, providing a wonderful overview of the history of our parish, and outlining and explaining in detail the goals and objectives of our Strategic Plan and Capital Campaign was shown on our Annual Name Day Celebration in December. The DVD will be shown at the meetings of parish organizations for those unable to attend the banquet.
- ◆ We welcome all parishioners to be part of this exciting time in the life of our parish and to commit to the future of our beloved St. James Armenian Church.



Celebrating 75 Years!

2006 CELEBRATION EVENTS

Masquerade Ball

Saturday, February 25, 2006

Children's and Youth Masquerade

Sunday, February 26, 2006

Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates Reunion

Saturday, April 29, 2006

Armenian Foods from Around the World

Saturday, May 20, 2006

In the Footsteps of Our Fathers: Pilgrimage to Armenia

August 8-20, 2006

St. James Reunion

Saturday, September 9, 2006

St. James Homecoming: Celebrating Our Youth!

Sunday, September 10, 2006

Heritage Presentation

Saturday, October 28, 2006

Forum: Contemporary Issues and Challenges

Saturday, November 11, 2006

75th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, December 16, 2006

75th Anniversary Champagne Brunch

Sunday, December 17, 2006



St. James 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Armenia

August 8, 2006 – August 20, 2006

(12 days, 11 nights)

\$2,350 per person (double occupancy) \$2,735 per person (single occupancy – subject to availability)

INCLUDES:

- ◆ Boston – Yerevan Round-Trip (includes all airport transfers, VAT taxes, and entrance fees)
- ◆ 11 nights at the 5-star Marriott Armenia Hotel
- ◆ Daily Breakfast at the Marriott Armenia Hotel
- ◆ Four Dinners
- ◆ Nine day trips/guided tours, including Lunches, to all major venues, including:
Holy Etchmiadzin, St. Gayane and St. Hripsime churches, Khor Virab, Lake Sevan, Matenadaran,
Tsitsernakaberd Monument and Museum, Erebuni, Oshagan, Karmaravor, Amberd Castle, Garni,
Geghard, Parajanov museum, Noravank, Alaverdi, Sanahin and Haghpat monasteries, Dilijan, and Gyumri
- ◆ Two major cultural events
- ◆ Two free days, which can be spent at the Vernisage market or sightseeing

ONLY 50 SPACES AVAILABLE

\$500 deposit is due on or before April 30, 2006.

Deposit is fully refundable until April 30, 2006. Remaining balance due May 1, 2006.

Payment may be made by credit card.

\$150 cancellation fee for cancellations made between May 1 and May 31, 2006.

No refunds for cancellations made on or after June 1, 2006.

Travel insurance will be available for purchase.

To indicate interest in the pilgrimage, to submit your deposit and to secure your space, or if you have any questions, please email armeniapilgrimage@stthagop.com or call the church office at (617) 923-8860.

(Please note: Limited space available. You are encouraged to respond quickly.)



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Celebrating 75 Years!

St. James 75th Anniversary Celebration Year

Armenian Foods From Around the World!

Saturday, May 20, 2006

Spend time with friends, listen to music, and
enjoy a sampling of Armenian foods from around the world!



USA * Armenia * France * Iran * Eastern Europe (Romania, Bulgaria) * Jerusalem *
Middle East (Syria, Lebanon, Egypt) * Turkey * South America * Russia * Greece

If you would like to be involved, please contact:

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«Ճանապարհ Դէպի Փրկութիւն»

(Մատթէոս Ե. 3-11)

Է. «Երանի՛ խաղաղարարներու որովհետեւ անոնք Աստուծոյ որդիները պիտի կոչուին»:

Այս երանին, որ թիւով եօթերորդն է, այլեւս չի խոստանար որեւէ պարգեւ, ինչպէս նախորդները, այլ կը հաստատէ, որ խաղաղարարները Աստուծոյ որդիներ պիտի կոչուին: Այս ինքնին կը վկայէ, որ այս երանին կը յայտնէ բարձրագոյն պարգեւի մը մասին, որ իր մէջ կ'ամբողջացնէ նախորդ երանիներու խոստումները, որովհետեւ մարդու համար չկայ աւելի մեծ կոչում, քան Աստուծոյ որդի ըլլալը:

Խաղաղութիւնը Ամենասուրբ Երրորդութեան Անձերու փոխյարաբերութեան եւ Աստուծոյ բնութեան էական յատկանիշն է Աստուածային խաղաղութիւնն ունէր նաեւ իր արտապատկերն արարչագործութեան մէջ, որ խախտեցաւ չարի խռովութեամբ նախ իմանալի աշխարհի մէջ, ապա ներմոծուեցաւ զգալի աշխարհ՝ մարդու կամքով: Մարդկային բնութիւնը կորսնցուց աստուածապարգեւ խաղաղութիւնը եւ լեցուեցաւ խռովութեամբ ու թշնամութեամբ: Քրիստոսով խաղաղութիւն կը հաստատուի երկինքի եւ երկրի միջեւ, մարդը ոչ միայն կը վերադառնայ կորսնցուցած խաղաղութիւնը, այլ նաեւ կը հաստատուի աստուածային խաղաղութեան մէջ, որ անհասանելի էր առաջին արարչութեան համար: Մեր Տէր Յիսուս Քրիստոս կ'ըսէ. «Խաղաղութիւն կը թողու՞մ ձեզ, իմ խաղաղութիւնը կուտամ ձեզ. Ես չեմ տար ձեզ այնպէս, ինչպէս այս աշխարհը կուտայ...» (Յովհ. ԺԴ 27-28): Այդ խաղաղութիւնը վեր է ամէն տեսակ մարդկային միտքէն եւ իմացումէն (Փլպ. Դ 7):

Ոչ ոք կարող չէ փոխանցել խաղաղութիւնը ուրիշին, եթէ ինքը չունի այն: Եւ խաղաղարարները անոնք են, որոնք ոչ միայն հաղորդակից են այս բարձրագոյն աստուածային շնորհին, այլ նաեւ անոր կենդանի կրողներն ու բաշխողներն են: Այս սպիտակները կը կոչուին Աստուծոյ որդիներ, որովհետեւ անոնք դարձած են կենդանի մասնակիցները աստուածային

արարչագործութեան եւ մեր Տէր Յիսուս Քրիստոսի փրկագործութեան: Խաղաղարարը Քրիստոսի պատկերն ու ներկայութիւնն է այս աշխարհի մէջ, ան դարձած է աստուածաման եւ աստուածային իրականութեան փոխանցող: Նախ՝ անոր մէջ խաղաղութիւն է հաստատուած, այսինքն՝ ծառայական մարմինը կ'ենթարկուի իշխանական հոգիին, եւ հոգիի ցանկական եւ ցամառական ոլորտները կը կառավարուին բանականի կողմէ: Երկրորդ՝ անոր հետ շփման եւ հաղորդակցութեան ատեն մարդոց հոգիները կը խաղաղին մեղքերու խռովութենէն եւ կը համակուին հոգեւոր կեանքի բազմաբով, մարդիկ կը սկսին ներել ու սիրել միմեանց եւ այլ հոգեւոր բարիքներ գործել:

Քրիստոսի փրկագործութեամբ երկրի վրայ հաստատուած է Անոր թագաւորութիւնը՝ սուրբ Եկեղեցին: Ամէն օր եկեղեցիի մէջ կը բաշխուի Քրիստոսի խաղաղութիւնը. ահա թէ ինչու «Խաղաղութեան ողջոյն» ամենակիրառական ծիսական տարրն է եկեղեցական պաշտամունքի մէջ, երբ ծիսակատար հոգեւորականը խաչակնքելով կ'ազդարարէ. «Խաղաղութիւն բոլորին», որու ժողովուրդը պէտք է պատասխանէ. «Նաեւ քու հոգիիդ»: Ըստ հայերեւոյ՝ իւրաքանչիւր հոգեւորական կոչուած է խաղաղութիւն հաստատելու մարդոց հոգիներուն մէջ, բայց նախ ինքը պէտք է ունենայ այդ խաղաղութիւնն իր հոգիին մէջ: Իսկ ամէն մի քրիստոնեայ, որ եկեղեցի կը մտնէ, պէտք է բանայ իր հոգին այդ երկնային խաղաղութեան շնորհին առջեւ եւ նորոգուած դուրս գայ եկեղեցիէն, որպէսզի փրկութեան լոյսն ու աւետիար փոխանցէ մարդոց եւ արժանանայ կոչուելու Աստուծոյ որդի:

Վերջապէս, խաղաղարարներ են անոնք, որոնք կարող են խաղաղութիւն հաստատել երկիրներու, պետութիւններու, ընտանիքներու, եղբայրներու միջեւ եւ մանաւանդ այդ խաղաղութիւնը ծառայեցնել Աստուծոյ փառքին համար:

(Շարունակելի)

Do You Know



If Adam and Eve had two sons, Cain and Abel, how did the rest of humankind come to be? Did people exist before Adam and Eve? Were other people created at the same time or after Adam and Eve? If so, were they created in the “image and the likeness of God” just as Adam and Eve?

In the Holy Scriptures there is no specific indication that God created other human beings besides Adam and Eve. In genealogies that appear in Scripture, and in references to the beginning of the human race Adam is the earliest ancestor mentioned. We do not see names of others. In Gen 3:20 it is stated: “The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.” If there were others besides Eve, the latter would not have been designated as “the mother of all living.”

The creation of the first man and the first woman was a unique act in the history of the universe. Besides giving them life, God also gave our human ancestors the power of procreation (Gen 1:28). We do not know how man would have procreated in his/her sinless state in the Garden of Eden. Medieval theologians, including Armenian *vartabeds*, speculated about this. But one thing is clear, that after their fall and expulsion from the Garden of Eden, the ancestors of mankind were deprived of God’s blessings. It was in this state of sin that the procreation of the human race as we know it began —that is to say, through toil and painful childbirth. Mankind, whose relationship with the Creator was ruptured, had still not been given any laws.

The Holy Scriptures do not give us any specifics about how mankind, still unguided by God’s commands, multiplied during these earliest times. We learn that Adam and Eve had had other children after the birth of their first-born Cain and his younger brother Abel. From Genesis 4:14, where after the murder of Abel, Cain tells the Creator about his fear of being slain — “whoever finds me will slay me” — one gets the impression that there is an increase in the human population. How this took place is not mentioned.

A few verses below the above reference — Gen 4:17: “Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch” — the reader learns that Cain was married and that his wife had conceived a child. There is no indication as to whose daughter she is and from where she

came. A logical explanation about this matter would require one to conclude that either the relationship between Cain and his wife was an incestuous one or Cain was married to someone who was not of the line of Adam.

Neither one of these conclusions may be true. The story of the creation of man and the procreation of humanity is neither history or nor science. It somehow presents in primitive terms the mystery of the beginning of life and the procreation of mankind. Since the contents of the first book of the Bible consist of a complex synthesis of narratives based on different traditions, a strictly literal interpretation of the texts would be misleading. In conclusion and in short, we have no biblical reference telling us how the earliest generations of mankind multiplied. The marriage of men and women of these generations was deprived of God’s blessing. In our church this is indirectly emphasized when the priest in the main prayer of the Rite of Matrimony blesses the couple who are being married by citing the blessing of God in the marriage of certain ancestors. The list begins not with Adam and Eve or Noah and his wife, but with Abraham and Sarah, on whom God had indeed bestowed His blessings (Gen 17).

What is the Book of Life? In the funeral prayers of the Armenian Church, we pray for peoples’ names to be added to the Book of Life. What does that mean and why do we do this?

The expression “Book of Life” [*Keerk genats* or *Tubrootyoon genats* in Armenian] appears not only in the funeral prayers of the Armenian Church but also in our medieval literature, religious texts, votive inscriptions, colophons as well as historiography. Its origin is definitely biblical.

One first learns of a divine register from Exodus 32:31-33 — “Moses returned to the Lord and said, ‘I pray to you, O Lord, this people has sinned a great sin, and they have made for themselves golden gods. But now, if you will forgive their sin, forgive it; but if not, blot me out of your book in which you have written. And the Lord said to Moses, ‘If any one has sinned against me, I will blot him out of my book.’”

From the Book of Psalms, specifically Psalm 68:29 – [69:28 in the English version] – which reads: “Let them be blotted out of your book of life and let them not be written with your righteous.” – we learn that the register or the book of life contains the names of the righteous, namely the people of God (cf. Daniel 12:1).

The Old Testament idea about the Register of God also appears in the New Testament. In Luke 10, where there is an account of the seventy-two disciples returning and joyously declaring, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name” (Luke 10:17), Christ responds, “However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” (Luke 10:20).

As faithful followers of the Lord and as people carrying out diligently Christ’s command to preach in His meadow, the names of the seventy-two are registered as future “citizens” of heaven. This is, and/or should be, the goal and ambition of every Christian. St. Paul is adamant about this when he says: “But our citizenship is in heaven.” (Phil 3:20). The Holy Apostle includes among the future citizens of the kingdom of God all those “who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.” (Phil 4:3)

There are also several references to the Register or Book of Life in the Book of Revelation. (Revelation 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12; 20:15; 21:27).

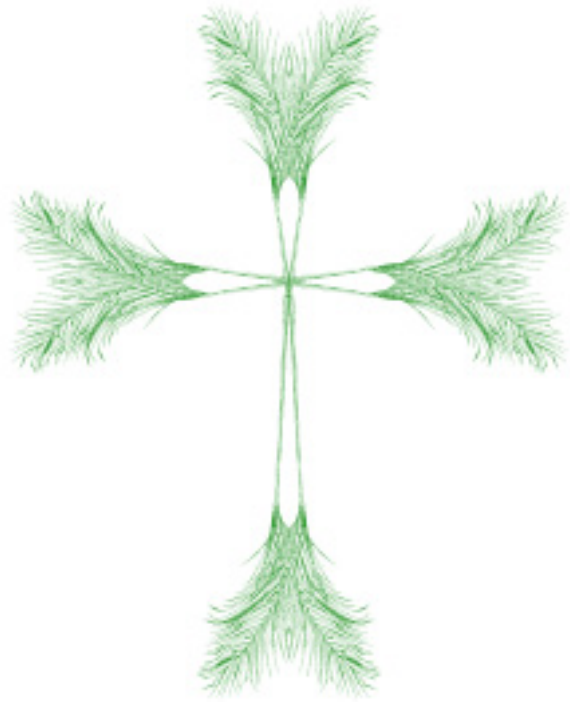
In our prayers we ask the Lord to reckon among the righteous both the living and those who are asleep in Christ. And a true Christian always aspires for righteousness, as reflected in St. Paul’s statement in 2 Timothy 8 – “Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”

According to what has been revealed to us in the above Scriptural citations, the names of the righteous are registered in the Book of Life. Begging God to register the name of someone in the Book of Life is clearly another way of asking the Lord to reckon a person among the righteous and the saints, since these are the people who will inherit the kingdom of heaven. **FKM**

If you have any questions related to the Armenian Church, spirituality, or religion in general that you would like answered in the “Do You Know...” section, please email them to Fr. Arakel at:

derarakel@stthagop.com.

If you wish to ask your question anonymously, please mail your question to St. James, Attn: Pastor.



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April 9, 2006

12:30 PM Keljik Hall
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Questions of the Day

How do we get to heaven?

I recently watched a 20/20 special called "Heaven. Where is it? How do we get there?" What are the Armenian Church's teachings on heaven? How do we get there?

The best place to look for signs of what Heaven will be like and what we must do to get there are found in Scripture. There are numerous references to heaven in the Bible. The first words Christ said to the people, which were the exact same words said by John the Baptist, were: "repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:2, 4:17). Christ also tells us that: "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but He who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" will enter His Kingdom. (Matthew 7:21). Those who will enter His kingdom include the "poor in spirit," the "meek," the "pure in heart," and those who are "persecuted" in His name. (Matthew 5).

Heaven on Earth

To be in heaven is to be with God. By leading a peaceful, humble, faith-filled life, free of sin and following and living the teachings of Christ, we may indeed, be with God and see heaven on earth. Christ said, "where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them." (Matthew 18:20). Faithful who gather in His name constitute the church, and the church, as the body of those who are summoned in His name, IS the kingdom of God on earth. In other words, heaven is not necessarily a place "up there" or where we go after we die. Wherever faithful gather who believe in Christ and are filled with the Holy Spirit are, there is the Kingdom of God (or heaven).

This new section of the Looy's is in response to requests and a desire from parishioners to learn the teachings of the Armenian Church on current and ethical issues. If there is a topic you would like to learn the Church's view on, please send your questions to derarakel@stthagop.com or send them to the church office.

Do you go to heaven when you die?

Despite common sayings or condolences, our souls do not go immediately to heaven when we die. When we die, our soul "rests" in an undefined place. We rest there, "eagerly awaiting" Christ. (Hebrews 9:27-28). The Bible does not give us many details on this waiting place, but the teachings of our church fathers, such as St. Nersess Shnorhali, indicate that the souls of the righteous are in a separate place than the souls of sinners.

What will heaven be like?

Entering heaven will be to experience the presence of God and the love of Christ. This love is described as a fire in Scripture. "The Son of Man will send His angels and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all evil doers ... there men will weep and gnash their teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father." (Matthew 13:41-43). God will not punish anyone. Instead, God will reveal Himself through the love of Christ. This glory will cause different reactions in people. For those who love God, Christ's presence will be joyful and they will "love His appearing." (2 Tim 4:8). For those who do not believe in God, who do evil, or despise His teachings, this presence will cause great pain, anguish and torment. It is said that "at the end of the ages God's glorious love [will be] revealed for all to behold in the Face of Christ. Man's eternal destiny – heaven or hell, salvation or damnation – [will depend] solely on his response to this love."

Will God punish those who do evil?

We read in Ezekiel (18:22) that God does not take "pleasure in the death of the wicked." God wants all humankind to love Him. He "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth." (1 Tim. 2:4). He has done all He could – including send-

St. James Name Day Banquet and Celebration

Our 2005 Name Day Banquet was another wonderful gathering of our parish family! With His Eminence Abp. Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese of America, present, our church honored two extremely deserving parishioners – Jack and Audrey Pilibosian – as our Parishioners of the Year. Jack and Audrey have served this church in many capacities. Jack has served as a St. James Diocesan Delegate for many years, and Audrey has served as Parish Council Chair and member. Jack and Audrey have also served and volunteered for



Audrey and Jack Pilibosian (seated) with their granddaughter Kaitlyn. Dr. Nishan and Mary Goudsouzian, Chairs of this year's Name Day Banquet (standing).

the church in many organizations and for countless events. They embody love and service, and are true Stewards of our church.

Our parish also honored outgoing Parish Council members K. Vasken Babigian and Sharon Bazarian for their faithful leadership of our parish, and outgoing superintendent of



Fr. Arakel Aljalian, His Eminence Abp. Khajag Barsamian, Primate, Audrey Pilibosian, Jack Pilibosian and Paul Korian, Parish Council Chairman.

the Armenian School Mayda Yetimian, for her dedication and loving service of our children.

The Name Day banquet marked the beginning of the 75th Anniversary Celebration Year. Guests present enjoyed a video showing a moving tribute to the history of this parish, celebrated our vibrant church life today, and looked forward to the great promise for the future of this parish. The children of our junior choir closed the performance with beautiful musical selections.

Congratulations and sincere appreciation to Nishan and Mary Goudsouzian, Chairs of this year's Name Day Banquet, and to their entire committee of volunteers, for preparing and organizing a beautiful banquet and afternoon.

A Warm Welcome To Our New Facilities Director, *Michael Mamishian!*

It is our pleasure to welcome Michael Mamishian as the new Facilities Director of St. James Armenian Church. Michael, a son of this parish, has been serving in this position since October of 2005 and has hit the ground running. The son of Mike and Rose Mamishian, Michael is returning to St. James to continue the work of his parents and grandparents as a devoted servant of St. James. He remains active at the Armenian Church of Our Saviour in Worcester, where he is completing his 6th year on the Parish Council. He is a second term Diocesan Delegate, teaches in the Sunday School and is the interim Youth Director and ACYOA Jrs. Advisor.



Michael's efforts to modernize our systems and make the operations of our church more efficient are already bearing fruit. We welcome Michael, a son of this parish, and look forward to working with him in the future!

Questions continued

ing Christ, His only begotten Son – to save us from our sinful lives and to give us eternal salvation. What more can God do? It is now up to all of us. God gives us free will – and He allows us to choose whether or not we live with God and His angels. We may choose to live in the eternal joy and salvation of God's Kingdom, in our Lord's presence, or we choose not to, and as such are deprived of eternal paradise.

It is also important to note that while some think that God will judge us at the second coming – it is Christ that will judge mankind. Christ – who came down to earth, lived as man, and emerged victorious over evil – will do the judging. He suffered, He was hungry and thirsty, He was lonely, He was wounded, He was crucified and, having been man, He understands what it is to be man and knows the depths of our hearts. He died for us, and was Resurrected, and is to come again to judge the living and the dead. □

Sunday School

Annual Halloween Party

Halloween at St. James Armenian Church took on a different personality this year, when the students of the Sunday school and the Armenian school came to a Halloween party with a theme. The theme was Biblical Figures. The students came in grand style, among them were the shepherds and the sheep, the three wise men, the Der Hayrs and a Hayr Soorp, the angels, queens, kings, Moses, Esther, St. Mary and St. Vartan, the bunnies and even a bumble bee.

Following church services on Sunday, October 30th, the students were treated to a wonderful lunch of home-made soup, grilled cheese sandwiches and chicken nuggets. The lunch was prepared and hosted by parents from the two schools.

After lunch, the costume parade began and the children marched two by two around the hall for all to see. As the next event - and we will call it an event — we had ALL the children come together for a group photo! What an exciting sight! There were games, pumpkins and goodie bags to decorate, and treats!.

Annual Nursing Home Visit

A Christmas season tradition and cherished activity of the St. James Sunday School is its annual visit to the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Jamaica Plain. Each year, on the first Sunday in December, the students in grades 4-7 arrive at the nursing home to visit the residents, decorate the Christmas trees, and sing Christmas carols. This year, the first snow storm of the season caused this activity to be postponed one week, but this did not dampen our students' spirits.

On Sunday December 11th, over 50 students with their teachers and parent chaperones arrived at the nursing home with a song in their hearts. Accompanied by Dr. Miriam Gargarian on the piano, the children sang Christmas carols, sharagans and the Hayr Mer. The Christmas season had officially started, and before their visit ended, the students were treated to refreshments by the Nursing Home staff.

St. James Hosts Archbishop's Regional Christmas Party

The call came in mid-August, would St. James like to host the Archbishop's Regional Christmas party? The answer was a resounding "yes!"

Letters of invitation and flyers were enthusiastically sent to ten New England parishes, inviting the children and youth to St. James for a Holy Communion Service, lunch and Christmas Party with Archbishop Khajag Barsamian.

On a beautiful morning, St. James' Junior Parish Trustees welcomed our guests from Holy Trinity, Cambridge; St. Mark, Springfield; Sts. Vartanantz, Chelmsford; and Sts. Sahag and Mesrob, Providence; as well as our own children and youth from St. James.





Sunday School Students Celebrate Christmas

Sunday, January 8th, the students of St. James brought the spirit of Christmas to life! Immediately following church services, families and friends filled Keljik Hall to capacity to see, hear and feel the love that makes people ask: "why can't every-day be like Christmas?"

The program began with all students singing AysorTone and Soorp Asdvadz, after which they joined Fr. Arakel in saying the Jashagetsook. A lovely luncheon was prepared by the parents and staff of the Sunday school, for guests to enjoy while watching the performance.

The Nursery had everyone clapping, while they "rocked around the Christmas tree" and the first graders tugged at heart strings when they told us why "I Can Plainly See." Kindergarten students told us about Christmas through the story bags and then joined forces with the Sixth grade as they sang "We three Kings." A Christmas Poem written by Mrs. Jayne Andonian, a member of the Sunday School staff, was recited by the Second Grade with the same love and enthusiasm as it was written!

Third Graders reminded us of the meaning of the "Twelve Days of Christmas," the Fourth Grade lovingly and reverently sang the Hayr Mer. "The Old Testament concealed, the New Testament revealed" was the basis of the dialogue between the teens in the 10th and 11th grades. As a special treat, Dzankhagner (Jingle Bells) was sung with glee by the students of the Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian School. Everyone was asked to join in when the Fifth Grade sang a beautiful rendition of the Beatle's classic "Let it Be." With readings, narrations and instruments, "Teach the Children the true meaning of Christmas," was the message that the Seventh Grade shared. On a lighter note, the Eighth grade gave us a glimpse of "Christmas in Paradise" island style, with a tropical rendition of "Mary's Boy Child." The Ninth Grade answered the question that is so often asked, "Why are We Celebrating Christmas Now?"

Our Annual Armenian Christmas Pageant ended with all the children singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth," a song so appropriate, filled with hope and sung with love. Sincere thanks to the Sunday school staff, the students and the parents who worked so diligently to make this Armenian Christmas a very special day!



Unfortunately, however, the mechanics of our Primate's plane did not cooperate and Archbishop Khajag Barsamian was unable to be with us for this occasion.

During the service, the Gospel was read in English by Alec Seferian, Deanna Minasian and Rebecca Minasian; and in Armenian by Simon Tacvorian, Raffi Kazanjian and Ari Kazanjian. Holy Communion was given by Fr. Arakel and Fr. Arsen, and Fr. Vasken Kouzouian of Holy Trinity. After church, each person received a wooden cross as a gift from Archbishop Khajag.

Immediately following the church service, a delicious luncheon of pasta and meatballs, was served in Keljik Hall. The luncheon was prepared and hosted by the staff and parents of the Sunday School and the Armenian School. Guests were entertained by the magic of Vincent Maiorana and no Christmas party would be complete without Santa! Yes, hearing the sounds of the children singing, Santa arrived, all rested from his Christmas Eve journey and happy to see the children one more time this Christmas season.



Sunday School Pageant





ST. JAMES

Bible Study

The Seven Deadly Sins.

We recite in penance every Sunday before receiving Communion: "I have sinned by the seven-fold transgressions of the deadly sins and all their forms, namely by pride, envy, anger, sloth, covetousness, gluttony and lust. I have sinned against God." Do we just say these words, or do we really think about them, take them to heart, and contemplate the ways in which we have committed the seven deadly sins.

No one is perfect. Only Christ is perfect. We, as humans, commit sins, knowingly or unknowingly. For the Orthodox churches, including the Armenian Church, here is no distinction between venial sins and mortal sins. Sins are sins. To "sin" means, literally, to "miss the mark" or the goal. For us, as Christians, the goal is to live a life as Christ did.

In this study, we will discuss each of the sins in-depth, read Biblical passages to provide guidance to us as Christians as we live our lives, and will discuss how we can grow in our personal relationship with God, to seek forgiveness and mercy, demonstrate true repentance, and live a God-pleasing life.

Pride

April 3, 2006

Envy

April 10, 2006

Anger

April 17, 2006

Sloth

(Laziness)

April 24, 2006

Covetousness

(Greed/Desire)

May 8, 2006

Gluttony

May 15, 2006

Lust

May 22, 2006

St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Saturday School

ANNUAL BANQUET

The St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School celebrated the auspicious 1600th anniversary of the Armenian alphabet at their annual banquet on November 6, 2005. Three lovely large panels depicting the Armenian alphabet along with an illustration depicting St. Mesrob seated in front of the Madenataran was unveiled. Artist Sossy Nercessian created this work of art, commissioned by the school especially for the anniversary of the alphabet. A lively musical presentation featuring the Kamancha and the Dumbeg was offered. Several Armenian school students sang a variety of Armenian songs, and the passionate and lively nursery class's rendition of the song "aip, pen, kim" was especially enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the banquet was the honoring of the school's former superintendent, Ms. Mayda Yetimian. Dr. Sarkis H. Soukiasian, Chairman of the Board of Directors spoke of Ms. Yetimian, as a knowledgeable and motivated force that propelled the Armenian school into the 21st century. "One of her goals during her administration was to encourage each child to learn to his/her best ability an appreciation and knowledge of our priceless Armenian language and history. Ms. Yetimian did this quite successfully having witnessed the graduation of several students from the Armenian school under her tutelage," stated Dr. Soukiasian. "We are grateful for her dedication and the commitment which she brought to the school." Ms. Yetimian continues on the school's board of directors.

Our newest superintendent, Mrs. Minasian was introduced to the audience and presented a most interesting history of the Armenian Alphabet. Mrs. Minasian stresses the importance of making the learning of the Armenian language as enjoyable and relatable as possible and has helped in the formulation of a child-centered curriculum currently in use at the school. Special recognition was also made of Mrs. Sylva Macmillan,



president of the school's PTO. Mrs. Macmillan worked tirelessly for several days before the banquet to help ensure its success.

Banquet chairperson, Mr. Jack



Maserejian, and the committee helped ensure that a warm and enjoyable environment prevailed and that this year proved to be the most successful banquet on record. Co-chair, Mr. Berge Ayvazian, along with the entire school community, thanks the many parent and student volunteers on hand that day, and to Mrs. Valentine Garabedian and her staff, for a most wonderful dinner.

New Staff Member

The beginning of November also brought a combination farewell and welcoming party to the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School. Ms. Tamar Melkonian, our computer-language center instructor, has worked very capably and conscientiously instructing the school's students how to utilize specific software and websites in order to help develop their Armenian language skills. Mrs. Melkonian departed St. Sahag and St. Mesrob with a sad heart but not before she helped the students and staff welcome her replacement, Alina Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan has just returned from Armenia where she worked for many months as a volunteer staff worker within an orphanage. Alina was also affiliated with St. Sahag and St. Mesrob many years ago as a third grade teacher. The entire school extends its thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Melkonian and warmly welcomes Ms. Sullivan.

Gaghan Baba is Rerouted this Year

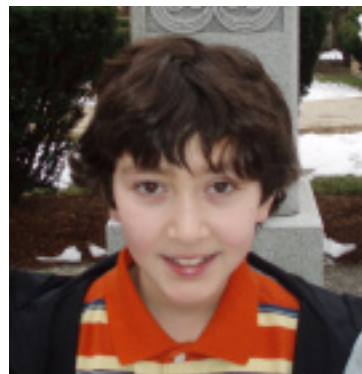
Every year at Christmas time, the entire St. Sahag and St. Mesrob community celebrates the holidays with a festive luncheon and visit by Gaghan Baba, always baring gifts for the students. However, this year the students of the St. Sahag and Merob Armenian School willingly forfeited their visit with Santa in order to share in their good fortune with their brothers and sisters at a school for the blind in Armenia. A beautiful handmade Christmas tree, made by Mrs. Sylva Macmillan held the names of over 40 blind children along with the one item the child wished for most at Christmas time. Our students excitedly looked through the names, often wanting to pick the name of a child close to their own age and donating money in order to purchase the item. Many students happily chose more than one name. We were all proud to learn that our St. Sahag and St. Mesrob School raised a truly substantial amount of money for the school for the blind. More importantly, we received word that each child received their requested item along with being able to have their own Christmas celebration, complete with very difficult to obtain fruits, such as oranges and bananas!



Volunteer Program

Do you have a family member (ages 12 and up) who is required to complete community service hours for a school course obligation? Please consider the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School as a possible way to complete volunteer requirements. You will have fun and, importantly, will learn Armenian in the process! The school is proud to currently have on board three Armenian school graduates as volunteers and two other alumni as school staff. Please see Mrs. Marina Minasian, Superintendent, if you are interested in this opportunity.

Congratulations to Aram Andonian



*Citizen of the Month for the Sixth Grade at
Bird Middle School in East Walpole, Massachusetts*

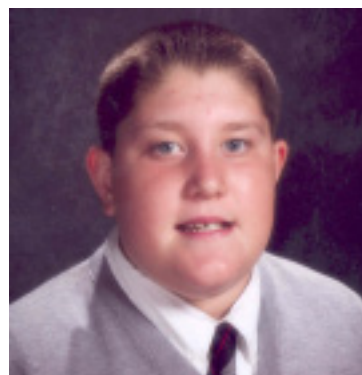
*The award is based on:
consideration for others, courtesy, responsibility,
respect for authority, cooperation, attendance, self-
improvement, respect for the school, community and
school spirit, and conscientiousness.*

*Aram is a student in our Armenian
and Sunday Schools,
and sets an excellent example for all of our
parishioners to follow.*

*We congratulate Aram and his proud parents,
Kaspar and Jayne Andonian!*



Congratulations to Aram Gurekian



*who took fourth place in the poetry reading
competition in a recent Boston speech tournament
with 200 participants earlier this month! Aram is a
seventh grader at Catholic Memorial in West
Roxbury, and is a student in our Sunday School!
Congratulations to Aram and his proud parents,
Vahan and Patti Gurekian!*



ACYOA Family Day Thanksgiving Dinner



CALENDAR WINNERS November/December 2005

NOVEMBER

- 1 Shirlee & Bill Purcell
- 2 C. Robert & Lillian Jingoian
- 3 Elaine D. Patapanian
- 4 Hripsime Parsekian
- 5 Elaine Jefferson
- 6 Arpine Hamamjian
- 7 Andy & Bea Ohannessian
- 8 Paul Pogharian
- 9 Rosemarie Davidian
- 10 Alex Yildiz
- 11 John & Lousie Toromanian
- 12 Edward Garabedian
- 13 Linda Panosian
- 14 Harry & Diane Adamian
- 15 Gregory Sahagian
- 16 Marcia Toromian
- 17 John Garabedian
- 18 Jack & Audrey Pilibosian
- 19 Donation
- 20 Sylvia Barmakian
- 21 Daniel Assarian
- 22 Jason Garabedian
- 23 Deran & Drtad Hazarvartian
- 24 Avedisian Family
- 25 Peter Lorensian
- 26 Gary Khederian
- 27 Oldham Family
- 28 Jeffrey J. Pugliese
- 29 Nancy & Michael Paloian
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. George Kaloostian

DECEMBER

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bazarian
- 2 Tana Onanian
- 3 Leon Kachadorian
- 4 Alexis Butler
- 5 C. Robert & Lillian Jingoian
- 6 Nadya Sherenian
- 7 Gregory Sahagian
- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Pilibosian
- 9 Isabella Guleserian
- 10 Deran & Drtad Hazarvartian
- 11 Marina Minasian
- 12 Leon Kachadorian
- 13 Shooshanian
- 14 C. Robert & Lillian Jingoian
- 15 Kornelia Pugliese
- 16 Garo Dalibian
- 17 Jeff Pilibosian
- 18 Jack & Audrey Pilibosian
- 19 Richard Koundakjian
- 20 Vartkes & Elissa Karaian
- 21 Kasper Pilibosian
- 22 Hilda Campbell
- 23 Matthew & Lauren Barsamian
- 24 Janet Mesrobian
- 25 Joseph Parise
- 26 Alice K. Mellian
- 27 Beverly Ohanian
- 28 Paul Sahagian
- 29 Hasmig Maserejian
- 30 Marilyn Papazian
- 31 Kasper Pilibosian

MESROB MASHDOTZ INSTITUTE



Following a very successful Fall 2005 semester, the Winter 2006 semester of adult Armenian classes started on January 16, 2006. The last class of this session will meet on April 10, 2006. We currently have 28 students attending.

Our Spring/Summer semester is scheduled to start on April 17, 2006 and will run for 10 weeks. If you are interested in attending and would like to learn more details, please call Annie Chekijian at 617-489-5984, or e-mail anniechekijian@msn.com.

It's never too late to learn!

Annie Chekijian, Coordinator

St. James Sunday School SPRING FLOWER SALE!

Spring is just around the corner...

Easter Lilies • Hyacinths • Tulips

St. James Sunday School Spring Flower Sale!

Yes! I would like to order the following flowers in support of our St. James Sunday School!

Easter Lilies:	Small (\$10) _____	Large (\$20) _____	=	\$ _____
Hyacinths:	Small (\$10) _____	Large (\$20) _____	=	\$ _____
Tulips:	Small (\$10) _____	Large (\$20) _____	=	\$ _____
			Total:	\$ _____

Pre-orders will be taken until April 2, 2006,
and must be picked up after church on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2006.
Flowers will also be available for sale on Palm Sunday (subject to availability).

Please make checks payable to the St. James Sunday School.

If you have questions or would like additional information,
please call Leslie Cristello at (617) 924-2055 or email jl-jb@comcast.net.



Armenian Christmas



Christmas at St. James



Simon Tacvorian serves as Godfather for the Blessing of the Water Service in Remembrance of Christ's Baptism.





ST. JAMES HYE CAFÉ

2006 HYE CAFÉ DATES!

Friday, April 7, 2006 (Lenten meal)

Friday, May 5, 2006

Friday, June 2, 2006

Friday, July 14, 2006

Friday, August 4, 2006

Friday, September 8, 2006

Friday, October 6, 2006

Friday, November 10, 2006

Please Note New Times!

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m.

Dinner served beginning at 6:30 p.m.

St. James Keljik Hall.

Reservations may be made for parties of six or more
by calling (617) 923-8860
no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before Hye Café.



Join us!

Please note: Reservations will be limited so we may accommodate more of our walk-in guests, so you are encouraged to make your reservations early.

Volunteers are welcome and invited to help with preparations and to volunteer at Hye Café. If you are able to volunteer, please call Linda Sahagian at (617) 407-6600 or email hyelinda65@aol.com.



New Vision

Winter 2006
newvision@sthaop.com

Christmas, Christmas, Christmas!

By Michael Bahtarian

On Sunday, December 4, New Vision kicked off the Christmas season by attending the classic show, "It's ChristmasTime," put on by the Regal Players; a local theatrical group from Waltham. Before the show a small luncheon was hosted by executive board member Karen Bejian and her husband Alex. No "Happy Holidays" at this event...it was Christmas, Christmas, Christmas. About forty parish families attended the show. Keep your eyes open for what New Vision has planned for the next Christmas season!

The following Sunday December 11, the Hye Café held its first Christmas party in Mirak Hall. It was an evening of great friends, family, food and much appreciation to all the parishioners who volunteer through out the year.

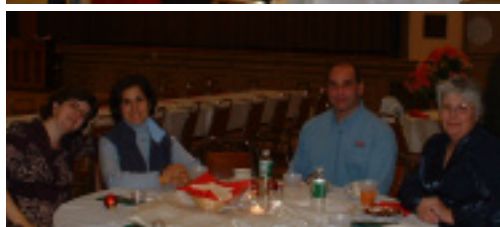
New Vision began the year with its first Armenian Christmas Hye Café. Approximately 400 people joined together to celebrate this special day. The second Hye Café for 2006, held in February, welcomed approximately 350 people.

New Vision has proudly volunteered once a month to help Bingo both on the floor and in the kitchen.

If you are interested in any future NewVision events, joining New Vision or volunteering for Hye Café, please e-mail Linda Sahagian at hyelinda65@aol.com.



HYE CAFÉ Christmas Party



Altar Servers and Senior Choir

Congratulations to Deacon Varoujan and Lilit Hachikian upon the birth of their son Krikor, and to his uncle, Deacon Zakar Hachikian.

We wish success to Shant Broukian and Vartan Babikyan, who have committed to and are regularly training with Fr. Arakel to eventually become ordained sub-deacons (and hopefully, someday, deacons) in the Armenian Church. Shant and Vartan are devoted and serve on the Holy Altar every Sunday. Vartan also sings in the Choir.

In addition to participating in the *Jrakalooys* and Epiphany, or Armenian Christmas, Divine Liturgies, the Altar Servers and Choir also participated in the Holy Communion and Worship Service on Saturday,

January 7, 2006 as part of the Primate's Annual Christmas Party for the children and teenagers of the New England Region.

The beautiful tradition of an annual tri-church Christmas dinner party was hosted this year on the evening of January 7 by the Clergy, Deacons, and Choir of St. Stephen's Armenian Church and enjoyed by their counterparts of the St. James and Holy Trinity Armenian Churches.

We welcome all who enjoy singing and would like to participate in the Divine Liturgy and other church services to join us in the Choir. Please speak to any choir member, or see our Director Artur Veranian, on any Sunday morning.

St. James Junior Choir / Chorale

We welcome new singers Lena Afeyan, Shant Arakelian, and Lilit DerKevorkian, and welcome once again Sophie Muradov, who took a year off and, as promised, returned this year with older brother Matthew.

On Sunday afternoon, December 18, 2005, the Junior Choir/Chorale provided the musical entertainment at the St. James Annual Name Day Dinner. Our new singers, along with Dziadzan Sahagian, Satenik Karapetyan, Christina Veranian, Krystal Doulbakian, Nara Agaronova, Stephanie Kagramanova, Melanie Joubanian, Rose and Lily Arslanian, and Maria Airapetian, who also sang a solo, presented a lively selection under the direction of Maestro Artur Veranian. Their joyful rendition was enhanced by Kegham Markarian who accompanied on the electronic keyboard. Mrs. Gulnar Sahagian together with her daughter Dziadzan graciously served a light lunch to the junior choir members before their performance, and treated them to dessert after the performance.

Several members together with Maestro participated in the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Dziadzan and Satenik sang "O Holy Night" accompanied by organist Nune Hakobyan.

Some of the members also participated in the *Jrakalooys* and Epiphany, or Armenian Christmas, Day Divine Liturgies.

On January 7, several members sang during the Holy Communion and Worship Service on the occasion of the Primate's Annual Armenian Christmas Party. As usual they enjoyed the camaraderie during lunch and the party. Dziadzan and Krystal even assisted the magician in one of his acts.

Junior Choir/Chorale rehearsals are held on most Saturdays in the Mirak Hall from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Youngsters ages 6 through the teens are welcome. For further information see Maestro or call Lucy Mardirosian at 781-938-8339 or Barbara Young at 617-484-1949.

Lucy Mardirosian

Update! Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry Finds Match!

Of approximately 150 bone marrow registrants in the Massachusetts and Rhode Island area, ABMDR has identified a successful match! Over 10,000 bone marrow donors have been registered worldwide.

If you have not yet registered, we urge you to consider it. More information is available by calling Marilyn Bazarian at (617) 484-1072 or visiting www.abmdr.am.

Become a donor ... Save a Life!

Mr. & Mrs. Group



Mr. and Mrs. Evening Out at Byblos Restaurant in Norwood, Massachusetts!

The St. James Mr. & Mrs. Group January 13, 2006 meeting was held at the BYBLOS Restaurant in Norwood, Mass. The January meeting is our usual celebration of Christmas and this year we celebrated it at the restaurant with very enjoyable types of mezza and dinner along with an Armenian band.

We had a group of more than forty members who

enjoyed a nice bus ride to and from the restaurant. Our tables were reserved so we all had a nice view of the entertainment and the orchestra.

Our next meeting was held on February 10, 2006. Guests are always WELCOME to attend.

Sam Zouranjian, Chairman

Women's Guild News

At our dinner meeting in November, we elected our 2006 officers. They are: Ruth Harutunian, Chair; Caroline Soultanian, Vice Chair; Anna Bedirian, Recording Secretary; Helen Nalchian, Corresponding Secretary; Norma Shooshan, Treasurer; Gladys Clinton, Assistant Treasurer; Advisors, Hrip Parsekian and Karen Hovsepian. The nominating committee members are: Sona Iskandarian, Lenore Karaian, and Alice Nakashian. Representing the St. James Women's Guild as our delegates are Louise Hatabian and Alice Seferian. Congratulations to all our elected officers.

The sounds of *I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas* and twinkling candles and lights greeted our Guild members as they entered Keljik Hall to celebrate the Christmas Season. All our guests and members had a great time singing, dancing, socializing and wishing one another a "Merry Christmas!" Our guest pianist added to the holiday cheer and invited everyone to join in the sing-a-long. All of our guests went home with a beautifully wrapped Christmas gift. Thank you to the Christmas Party committee: Caroline Soultanian, Hrip Parsekian, Alyce Gelenian, Zovig Guldalian, StellaTorrey, Aracse Kurkjian, Alice Mellian, and Hamest Atamian.

On a very cold and bitter night, our Guild members participated in a discussion on identity theft with 2 detectives from the Watertown Police Department. Detective Kelly and Detective MacNeal stressed the importance of being very careful when we use our credit cards, the disposal of personal papers, protecting ourselves in crowds and many other pertinent details.

Future plans include a February trip to Mohegan Sun, Women's Saints Day on March 18th being hosted this year by Holy Trinity, a Valentine's Day Luncheon on February 13th and a vospov kufteh dinner on March 20th.



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 and hope to their families.

Eve Akillian

November 11, 2005

Richard D. Akillian
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Assarian
Rose M. Avadanian
John and Alice Bournazian
Crosby and Marge Goshgarian
Victoria and Jacob Hagopian
Charles and Adrine Hamparian
Margaret Janikian
Nora Kalajian
Anahid Keshishian
Ralph and Sharon Leaman
Rose Mamishian and Family
Harry and Betty Mardirosian
George Nalchian
Helen Nalchian
David and Dorothy Nasuti
Henry L. Ouellette
Gregory and Linda Takvorian
Peter, Isabel and Joyce Talanian
Greg and Shirley Yergatian
Total: \$645

Arshag Merguerian

November 11, 2005

Barbara J. Merguerian
Gayane Karen Merguerian and Family
Elaine T. Merguerian and Family
Peter J. Abidian
Hamest Atamian
Carol, Jim and Tom Bjartmas
Berj and Annie Chekijian
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Chooljian
Arthur and Chris Spilios
Diana Der Hovanessian
Steven Gauthier
Dr. and Mrs. Nishan Goudsouzian
Rose Hagopian and Family
Mrs. Vahan Hintlian and Family
Robert A. Kaloosdian
Susan Lind-Sinanian
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew G. Matteosian
Mr. and Mrs. Mihran Minassian
Robert Mirak

Mrs. Harry Nahigian
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Nahigian
Virginia Nahigian
K. George Najarian
Odabashian Family
Jacob and Audrey Pilibosian
Harry Senanian
Robert S. Sturgis
Danila Terpanjian
Total: \$2,055

Lillian Kurkjian

November 22, 2005

John and Marguerite Kurkjian
Charles and Rose Margosian
Joan and Greg Bergstrom
Craig and Victoria Bergstrom
Jack and Miriam Boyajian
Johann and Jack Boyajian
Eric, Amy and Susan Brown
Dean and Maritza Brown
Robert Chooljian
Lucille and John Demirjian
Haig DerManuelian
Dick and Linda Dooley
Barbara Gironda
Fredrick and Mary Gollash
James and Louise Hekimian
Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Mimi Kalustian
James M. Kalustian
Susy Karadzian
Rose Z. Karibian, Alice Mellian
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Khederian
Aracse Kurkjian and Family
Patricia Montemurno
Helen Mosesian
Charles and Peggy Nigohsian
Richard and Betty (Zartarian) Norton
Deborah L. Paul
Edward and Marlene Paul
Grant and Eleanor Paul
Mr. and Mrs. John Rachwal
Richard and Barbara Surabian
The Kasson Family
John and Gloria Voce
Thomas and Nancy Yurco
Total: \$2,545

Vida Vartouhi Kaloustian

November 23, 2005

Estepan and Annie Anteryassian
Harout and Mary Arabian
Arakel and Elizabeth Arakelian
Carolyn and Margrit Atiniazian
Moses and Rita Avakian
Zadik Ay
Boyadjian Family
Sako Boyajian
Mr. and Mrs. Berj and Annie Chekijian
Nerses and Araxi Ghazarian
Mr. and Mrs. Hrair Hagopian
Zevart M. Hollisian
Hagop and Lillian Iknaian
Mrs. Marie Jilian, Ms. Seta Jilian
Mary Kazizian
Jaqueline Ketchajian
Paul and Ann Korian
Nevart Kouyoumjian
Aracse Kurkjian and Family
George Manjikian
Satenik Manjikian
Samuel Maserejian
Marilyn and Ted McSweeney
Anahid and Peter Mondolfi
Shahe and Zovig Nalbandian

Azadouhi Ohanessian
Agavni Ozcan
Harry and Judith Papazian and Family
Jack and Audrey Pilibosian
John and Nina Sahagian
Sarkis Santourian
Garbis Sepetjian
Arawalious and Vivian Soghomonian
Mr. and Mrs. Koko Stepanian
Shahan and Salpi Stepanian
Varjini A. Tazian
Alice Tutunjian and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Ara and Sossy Yogurtian
and Family
Total: \$1,300

Peroz Kayayan

December 15, 2005

Alice Tutunjian and Family
Ed and Nancy Tutunjian
Total: \$300

Helen Maghakian

December 23, 2005

Leo Maghakian
Daria S. Maghakian
Michael and Krista Rahill
Marisa and Alec Vittum
Lucy Alexander
Drs. Paul and Joyce Barsam
Victoria Basmajian
Grace Boyajian
Henry Hagopian
Helena H. Herring
Paul and Tamar Kazanjian
David and Maria Kazanjian
Mary Ann Kazanjian
Benjamin Kelerjian
Charles Keljikian
Nancy Kolligian
Diane Matevosian
Rose Tufankjian, John and Karen
Aharonian, Alyssa and Kirk
Marcia Poretsky
Scott and Nancy Sahagian
Rose Tashjian
Henry and Susan Toomajian
Mary Yacubian
Total: \$2,990

Lucy Gulian

December 28, 2005

Malcolm and Jeanne Atamian
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Atamian
Mrs. Joseph P. Botindari
Demirjian Family
Richard G. and Eileen C. Furth
Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hagopian
Stephen and Lois Kunian
Sonia and James Reeves
Total: \$475

January 2006

Pauline Topjian

January 3, 2006

George D. Kasparian
Total: \$50

Mary Najarian

January 4, 2006

Ms. Paula C. Mendell
Michael Najarian

Mary and Sarah Agabian
Mimi Bahtarian
Harvey and Barbara Bazarian
Jack and Judy Bichajian
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Derderian
Laura and Steve Derderian
Mr. and Mrs. George Dilbarian
Roger and Patty Dilbarian
Richard V. Dilbarian
Alson S. and Joan Drevins
Michael and Jean Hutchison
Arshad and Sona Jelalian
Bob and Lora Khederian
Marion Malkasian
Marino and Eva Martini
Nello and Melina Massarotti
Ms. Gloria McDonough
Larry and Vanessa Ovian
Helen Rusz
Charles Sharigian, Jr.
Charles Sharigian, Sr.
Mary D. Tateosian
Arthur and Varna Terlemejian
Total: \$2,220

Varsenig Kedadjian

January 12, 2006

Claude & Seta Kedadjian & Family
Peter and Gladys Abidian
Mr. and Mrs. Garabed Babigian
The James Bejoian Family
Avedis Stepan and Houry Boyamian
Mr. and Mrs. A. Derian
Mr. and Mrs. Sarkis Gennetian
Krikor Gennetian
Nishan and Mary Goudsouzian
Michael and Janet Lee
Ms. Debra A. Marr, Mr. M. E. "Skip" Keltgen
Gregg & Arpie Najarian
Germaine Messett
Veronica Mzrakian
Etna Natalie
George K. Sarkisian
Matthews Torigian
Total: \$1240

Armenag Iskenderian

January 17, 2006

Mr. and Mrs. Manuk Akmezikyan
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Assarian
Edward and Mary Brewster
Margrit and Kapriyel Chavushian
Mr. and Mrs. Arman Derian
Armen Dermesropian
Migirdic Kavak
Harry and Hripsime Parsekian
Ardashes and Shake Shelemian
Total: \$550

Jack Bodourian

January 21, 2006

Ghazaros and Hasmig Ghazarian
Total: \$300

Vartkes Yavshayan

January 23, 2006

Garos and Arsalus Abalian
Nora and Armen Adourian
Manuk Akmezikyan
Kaya Amar
Sarkis and Silva Antreassian
Avo and Esther Asdourian
Stephen and Nektar Ashchian
Krikor Askhan

Hamest Atamian
Nigoghos Atinizian
Zadik Ay
Garbiz Baba
Avo and Carmen Barmakian
Eva and Rupen Baymus
Jack and Rita Bejakian
Margrit and Kapriyel Chavushian
Mr. and Mrs. Krikor Chitchian
and Family
Vartuhi Cholakian
Avedis Cinar
Yetvart and Armen Citcioglu
Dr. and Mrs. Garo Damla
Vatche and Maral Der Torossian
Ara and Janet Dermovsesian
Filyane Dilanian and Family
Arman and Alis Duhanyan
Vartuhi Erdinc
Jan O. Eskici
Jak H. Eskici
Dr. Shahe V. and Marlene Fereshetian
Shake Gabriel
Varujan and Elizabeth Ganjian
Valentine Garabedian
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gennetian
Mr. and Mrs. Sarkis Gennetian
Mr. and Mrs. Istapan Gigiyen
Arman Halajian
John & Karen Hovsepian
Mari Imirzian
Nubar and Manus Ipek
Ohan and Sonia Iradian
Alex and Annie Kalaydjian
Sarkis Kayo
Apkar Aziz Kostikian
Susan and Naz Kupelian
Aracse Kurkjian & Family
Berj & Meline Manoukian
Kirkor Masrof
Anayit Minasyan
Edward Orchanian, Jr.
Agavni Ozcan
Rober and Silva Ozcan
Sarkis Sahan
Samuel & Hasmig Salibian
Herika Sarafian
Krikor Shaboian
Ardashes and Sake Shelemian
Mr. and Mrs. Simpat Sirinoglu
Apet Torossian
Hagop and Nadia Ucuzyan
Mr. and Mrs. Hrach Ucuzyan
Mr. & Mrs. Garo Vosgerichian
Dr. George Vosgerichian
Mayda Yetimian
Mr. and Mrs. Kalust Yildizyan
Setrek Yuzlek
Total: \$2,255

Additional In Lieu

Rose Hovannesian
April 25, 2005

Mary Hartunian
New Total: \$4,000

Ruben Gheridian, MD
August 17, 2005

Suzanne Rieke
New Total: \$2,790

Mary Hekimian
August 26, 2005

Rose and Charles Margosian
New Total: \$6,170

The Family Corner

Eating meals: Too often, families eat dinner in front of the television, and often not even in the same room. It may be difficult given people's busy schedules, but try, as often as possible, to sit together around the dinner table. Say a prayer, taking time to give thanks to God. Light a candle, remembering Christ's presence. Talk to one another.

Reading the Bible: Take time to read the Bible yourselves, and together with your children. Talk about the stories, and try to relate them to real life experiences in your children's life. Children's Bibles are helpful to use to make the stories understandable.

Create a family prayer corner: Create a small corner in your home, preferably a spot facing the East. Place a small piece of carpet or cushion on the floor for kneeling or sitting. Set up a small table covered with a white cloth. Place your Bibles (adult Bible and children's Bible) on the table. Place a candle on the table. A cross and an icon can be placed on the table or hung on the wall. Though our schedules may make this challenging, visit the prayer corner as a family before your children go to bed at night, and in the morning when they wake up. Teach your children this is a place where they can sit or kneel and talk to God.

Pray using incense: Use incense in your home. The smell of the incense will be familiar to children from church, and they will understand God's presence in your home. Walk room to room with the incense, asking God to bless each room and those who dwell there. This smell will also help children when they are in church, reminding them of the comfort and safety of their own home and relating that to God's home.

Have your home blessed: Children seeing a priest praying in their house will understand the importance of praying both at church and at home. Children can share with the priest their prayer practice in their home – the family prayer corner, the Bibles they read, and the incense used, and the prayers offered.

Reflection

Cushion of Love

A cushion of love surrounds your soul. Each act of peace, healing, friendship, generosity, forgiveness, restraint, anything pleasing to God, whether given or received, your cushion is strengthened.

When evil approaches you, it is repulsed immediately and dissipated by your cushion of love, bringing the peace of God into your heart instead, and the devil will avoid you too.

Henry Hagopian, St. James parishioner

January 8, 2006

(Reflection on 2 Peter 1:3-7)

Sacraments



Baptisms & Chrismations

You have been Baptised in Christ.

Alleluia

December 2005

Milla Shirikyan

December 11, 2005

Daughter of Arman and Kristina Shirikyan
Godparents: Arcady and Kellie Tandilyan

Vardui Izabell Tenekedzhyan

December 11, 2005

Daughter of Vardan and Siranush Tenekedzhyan
Godparents: Mihran and Vardui Tenekedzhyan

January 2006

Mia Nadine Klian

January 15, 2006

Daughter of Aykaz and Janice Klian
Godparents: Paulo Rocha and Virginia Altomari

February 2006

Jason Christopher Forbes

February 5, 2006

Son of James and Julie Forbes
Godparents: Charles Forbes and Pricilla O'Connor

Arika Madeline Staab

February 12, 2006

Daughter of Anthony and Talene Staab
Godparents: Jeffrey and Tamar Hagopian



Weddings



And the two shall become one.

December 2005

Donnarose Russian and John Anthony Agri

December 31, 2005

Best Man: Michael Agri

Maid of Honor: Jazmin Russian

February 2006

***Alina Zaven Khudaverdyan and
Vahram Galust Vehapetyan***

February 18, 2006

Best Man: Vahe Vehapetian

Maid of Honor: Svetlana Vehapetyan



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.*

November

Vida Vartouhi Kaloustian—November 22, 2005

December

Ojenie "Ginny" Alyanakian—December 3, 2005

Srbui Milian—December 7, 2005

Perouz Kayayan—December 15, 2005

Helen Maghakian—December 23, 2005

Lucy Gulian—December 28, 2005

January 2006

Pauline Topjian—January 3, 2006

Mary Najarian—January 4, 2006

Varsenig Kebabdjian—January 12, 2006

Armenag Iskenderian—January 17, 2006

Jack Bodourian—January 21, 2006

Vartkes Yavshayan—January 23, 2006

ՅԻՇԱՏԱԿ ԱՊՐԻԼԵԱՆ ՆԱՀԱՏԱԿԱՅՆ ՄԵՐՈՑ

Երկուշաբթի, ԱՊՐԻԼ 24, 2006

Ժամերգություն Առաւօտեան 8:00

Սուրբ Պատարագ Առաւօտեան 9:30

Հոգեհանգստեան Պաշտօն Նահատակաց Յուշարձանին առջեւ եւ Մատաղօրհնություն:

Commemoration of Armenian Martyrs' Day

Monday, April 24, 2006

Morning Service 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Followed by Requiem Service (*Hokehankist*) and Blessing of *Madagh*
at Martyrs' Monument for those who perished in the 1915 Armenian Genocide.

THE 91st ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

*Remembrance and Commemoration
through Armenian Culture and Music*

Sponsored by
St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
for the Armenian Community of Greater Boston

Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

*Featuring: Shushi Armenian Dance Ensemble of
St. Vartan Cathedral and other performances*

St. James Cultural and Youth Center, Keljik Hall
465 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown, MA

Reception to Follow
Organized by St. James New Vision
Complimentary Admission

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91-րդ Ամեակ Մեծ եղեռնի

Յայտագիր ի Յիշատակ Ապրիլեան
Նահատակաց

Կիրակի, Ապրիլ 23, 2006

Երեկոյեան ժամը 3:00-ին

Մասնակցութեամբ՝
ՇուՇի Պարախումբի
եւ այլ կազմակերպություններու

Կազմակերպուած “New Vision”-ի կողմէ
Պոթոնի Հայ Համայնքին համար

Ար. Յակոբ Եկեղեցւոյ Քէլճիք Սրահին մէջ:
Ազատ Մուտք



2005 Pledge List

Jack Achmakjian
 Mary Agabian
 Sarah Agabian
 Armen and Cynthia Aghamian
 Mr. Leo Akillian
 Rev. Fr. Arakel and Yn. Natasha Aljalian
 Harry and Azniv Amiralian
 Phyllis Ananian
 Judith Ananian Sarno
 David and Nancy Ansbikian
 David and Maureen Arakelian
 Lucy Aroian
 Michael and Anita Assarian
 Steven H. and Hilda Assarian
 Hamest Atamian
 Raymond and Alice Atamian
 George and Mariam Avakian
 Violetta Avanesova
 Arthur and Susan Aznavorian
 Garabed and Joan Babigian
 June Ann Baboian
 Robert and Marilyn Bagdasarian
 Michael and Florence Bahtirian
 Yervant and Anoush Balian
 Jerry and Annie Balikian
 Charlotte Ballard
 Julie Bardizian
 Rose Barsamian
 Diana Bechakian
 Paul Bedrosian
 Harry and Susan Berejik
 Mary Bergoudian
 Donabed and Sunny Boghosian
 Paul Boghosian
 Victoria Boghosian
 Angele Boghossian
 Sarkis Bogosian
 Robert A. Brackett
 and Stephanie Tsoumas Brackett
 Raffi and Maria Chapian
 David Chinian
 Jack and Louise A. Chinian
 Krikor and Azadouhi Chitchian
 Armen and Ann Chopourian
 Gladys Clinton
 Karen Dederyan
 Dr. Alan Der Kazarian
 Susan Deranian
 Arra and Alice Derderian
 Steven and Laura Derderian
 Myron Dilanian
 John and Aurora Dillon
 Nazaret and Kathleen Dirinian
 Hovanes and Hermine Donabedian
 Armen Esserian
 Lillian Etmekjian

Ruth Eynatian
 John Falletti
 and Ruth Medzorian-Falletti
 Kevin and Sandra K. Farrell
 Arlene S Felt
 Shake Gabriel
 Anoush Garabedian
 Edward R. and Ann Garabedian
 Lillian Garbouchian
 Marjorie Garjian
 Arshag Gechijian
 Mary George
 Nishan and Mary Goudsouzian
 Edward and Nancy Guleserian
 Tad and Kelley Guleserian
 Marguerite Gurekian
 Mr. and Mrs. Vahan Gurekian
 Anita Hadjian
 Helen Hagopian
 Henry Hagopian
 Arman and Alice Halajian
 Robin Hasekian
 Louise and James Hekimian
 Mary Jane Hindlian Flower
 and David Flower
 Marilyn Hollisian
 Margaret and Mary Hovnanian
 Pauline Hovsepian
 Richard Hovsepian
 Sirarpi Jamakorzian
 Dick and JoAnn Janjigian
 Dr. C. Robert and Lillian Jingoian
 Nerses Joubanian
 and Roxanne Etmekjian
 Harry and Margarite Jurjuran
 Eliza Kachadorian
 Harry and Priscilla Kachadorian
 Leon Kachadorian
 Harry Kachagian
 Michael and Seta Kalajian
 George and Gladys Kaloostian
 David and Gina Kapilian
 Ann O. Kaprielian
 Kenneth and Nancy Kaprielian
 Jacqueline Karaaslanian
 Vartkes and Elissa Karaian
 Rose Z. Karibian
 Rose Kasabian
 Richard and Lucille Kashian
 Charles and Dorothy Kasparian
 Siran Kassabian
 Anne Kazanjan
 Edward and Mary Ann Kazanjan
 Mary-Ann Kazanjan
 Angele Keshian
 James and Elaine Keshian

George H. Kevorkian
 Eli and Arpine Kharajian
 Paul and Gloria Khederian
 Arpeny Kolgian
 Harry and Madeline Koumjian
 Diane Kouyoumjian
 Arakel and Sheila Krikorian
 John Melkon
 and Marguerite Kurkjian
 Rosella Kurkjian
 Silva Lorensian
 Richard P. Madanjan
 Leo Maghakian
 Alice Mallumian
 Rose Mamishian
 Madeline Maranian
 Ronald and Anastasia Maranian
 Robert Maranian Jr.
 and Linda Maranian
 Robert E. Maranian Sr.
 and Mary Maranian
 Lucy Mardirosian
 Milton Mardirosian
 Ora Margosian
 Zareh and Hasmig Maserejian
 Harold and Jeanette Mattson
 Gladys and Anna Medzorian
 Jack and Eva Medzorian
 Alice K. Mellian
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mesrobian
 and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metjian
 and Family
 Minas and Michelle Minasian
 Helen Mosesian
 Arman and Helena Movsesian
 Mildred Nahabedian
 Berj Najarian
 James Najarian
 George Nalchian
 Helen Nalchian
 Jennie Niblett
 Charles and Margaret Nigohsian
 Violet Ohanasian
 Azadouhi Ohanessian
 Virginia Ohanian
 Angelo and Beatrice Ohannessian
 Helen Onanian
 Shirley Onanian
 Mary Orchanian Hinds
 Agavni Ozcan
 Sarkis Paboojian
 Arthur and Louise Panosian
 Arthur and Mary Papazian
 Hazel Papazian
 Marilyn Papazian

Harry and Hripsime Parsekian
 Harold R. and Gladys Partamian
 Edward S. and Marlene Paul
 Jacob and Audrey Pilibosian
 Kasper Pilibosian
 Paul Pogharian
 and Karen Timmermans-Pogharian
 Thomas and Diane Prendergast
 Robert and Sandy Raphalian
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Reppucci and Family
 John and Donnarose Agri
 Kenneth and Diane Samuelian
 Robert Sanasarian
 Charles Saraf Jr. and Kathryn Saraf
 Harry and Irene Sarkisian
 Milton Savas
 Anthony and Alice Seferian
 John and Alice Seferian
 Edward Seffilian
 Yelena Sennik and Family
 Daniel Shadbegian
 Norma Shooshan
 Charles and Dorothy Surabian
 Joanne Surabian
 Kay Surabian
 Mary Surabian
 Alice Takvorian
 Gregory Takvorian and Family
 Adrienne V. Tashjian
 Gloria Tatarian
 Amy A. Tekeian
 Jirayer and Silva Tekeian
 John and Diana Topjian
 James Totovian
 Earle Tutunjan
 Maryann Tutunjan
 Todd Wyner
 Gayle M. Yapchaian
 George and Helen Yapchaian
 Michael Yapchaian
 Raffi and Carol Yeghiayan
 Anna Yeshilian
 Richard Yirikian
 Natalie Zakarian
 William and Lucy Zampell
 Chake Zarougian
 Anahid Zerdelian
 Arra and Amy Zeytoonian
 Samuel and Louise Zouranjan

 Pledge Total: \$61,203

2005 Christmas Offering / Yughakin

Sarkis and Nadia Abrahamian
 Mary and Sarah Agabian
 Cynthia Aghamian
 Margaret and John Ahigian
 Lori Ajamian
 Leo W. Akillian
 Sarah M. Alexander
 Rev. Fr. Arakel and Yn. Natasha Aljalian
 Harry and Azniv Amiralian
 David C. Ansbikian
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Apsokardos
 Eleanor C. Arakelian
 Michael H. and Leda Arakelian
 Kaspar and Varoujan Askan
 Haig and Siroon Avedisian
 Steve, Janice and Marie Louise Avery
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Babigian
 Joan and Gary Babigian
 Judy Babikian
 Jirair and Carol Babikyan
 Jacob and Ruby Baboian
 Anoush and Yervant Balian
 Charlotte M. Ballard
 Julie M. Bardizian
 Rev. Fr. Arsen and Yn. Varteni Barsamian
 Anahit and Ishkhan Bazarian
 Harvey A. and Barbara Bazarian
 Marilyn Bazarian
 Anna and Lucy Bedirian
 Margaret Bejian
 Harry P. and Susan M. Berejik
 Mary Bergoudian
 Don and Sunny Boghosian
 Jack and Miriam Boyajian
 Charles and Queenie Boyajian
 Mrs. Bertha Hoyen and Carol Hoyen
 Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Chickering
 Louise Chinian
 Karen Dederyan
 Ken and Susan Deranian
 Takuhi DerMugrditchian
 Rogers Dhikusooka
 Yvonne N. Dibenedetto
 Myron E. Dilanian
 Mr. and Mrs. John Dillon
 Jack and Eliz Dilsizian
 Nazaret and Kathleen Diranian
 Elmas Tashjian El Gabri
 Harry and Charlotte Eordekian
 Ann and Ken Esperian
 Kevin and Sandra Farrell
 Jean A. Fattal
 Arlene S. Felt
 Anoush Garabedian
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garabedian
 Lillian Garbouchian
 Marjorie Garjian
 Arshag Gechijian
 Mary A. George
 Rose Gozbekian
 Donald and Marie Gulbankian
 Tad Guleserian and Family
 Marguerite Gurekian

Helen Hagopian
 Henry Hagopian
 Adrienne Halajian
 Janet Hanzatian
 Gail Haroutunian
 Dorothy C. Hartman
 Marilyn Hollisian
 Zevart Hollisian
 Mary and Margaret Hovnanian
 Pauline Hovsepian
 Richard Hovsepian
 Margaret Janikian
 Mary and Eleanor Janjanian
 Sona and William Johnston
 Harry and Margarite Jurjuran
 Leon W. Kachadorian
 Harry and Priscilla Kachadorian
 Harry Kalajian Jr
 Emmanuel and Gloria Kapalis
 Leonore Karaian
 Rose Kasabian
 Kenneth K. Kasabian
 Evelyn Kashgagian
 Siran Kassabian
 Anne Kazanjian
 Paul and Tamar Kazanjian
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Kazanjian
 Ara and Gladys Kazarian
 Marlin R. Keshishian
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keumurian
 Michael J. Allen and Koharik Gumusyan
 Joan E. Kolligian
 Hermine Kotchounian
 Jennie Koumjian
 Arakel and Sheila Krikorian
 Seroun Krikorian
 Rosella and Elizabeth Kurkjian
 John and Sandra Lewis
 Richard P. Madanjian
 Gail and Arthur Madenjian
 Rose Magarian
 Alice Mallumian
 Madeline Maranian
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Maranian
 Lucy Mardirosian
 Ora Margosian
 Varoujan and Vivian Masrof
 Gladys and Anna Medzorian
 Stephanie M. Mesrobian
 Louise Mihovan
 Edward and Diana Minasian
 Mark Minasian
 H. Frances Montgomery
 George Moranian
 Helen Mosesian
 John and Claire Musserian
 Sahag Nahabedian
 Louise Najarian
 Gloria and Eleanor Najarian
 Richard and Lillian Najarian
 James Najarian
 Helen Nalchian
 Roxanne Etmekjian and Nerses Joubanian

Jennie Niblett
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nigohsian
 Bedros Nishan
 Azad Ohanessian
 Helen and Shirley Onanian
 Agavni Ozcan
 Garo and Jaklin Ozcan
 Lucille Paroonagian
 Harry and Hrip Parsekian
 Edward and Marlene Paul
 Jacob and Audrey Pilibosian
 Val and Hilda Pogharian
 Apkar and Arpie Potookian
 Shirlee and Bill Purcell
 Laura Purutyan
 Lucy and Edward Sahagian
 Siran Salibian
 Thomas Gengozian and Sally Vanerian
 Richard Samourian
 Robert Sanasarian
 Kathryn and Charles Saraf, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sarkisian
 Helen Sarkisian
 Archalouys Sarkissian
 Edward Sefilian
 Araxy and Krikor Shaboian
 Daniel Shadbegian
 Diane Shadbegian
 Yeprad and Mary Shadbegian
 Alma and Paul Shagoury
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shahlamian
 Kay Surabian
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Surabian
 Stanley and Lori Tagarelis
 Mae Takoushian
 Sara, Vahey and Denise Takvorian
 Hratch and Sara Tashjian
 Adrienne Tashjian
 Amy Tekeian
 Valerie Tersakian
 The Kavjian Family
 The Moraites Family
 The Prendergasts
 The Zeytoonian Family
 John and Diana Topjian
 Maryann Tutunjian
 Wendell and Lillian Wilson
 John and Zara Yalenezian
 George and Helen Yapchaian
 Gayle M. Yapchaian
 Michael Yapchaian
 Arlene Young
 Natalie A. Zakarian
 Mr. and Mrs. Garabed Zartarian
 Nuris and Agop Zekiyan
 Anahid Zerdelian
 Robert C. Zeytoonian
 Louise and Samuel Zouranjian

Total: \$7,410

SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK SERVICES - 2006

April 9	PALM SUNDAY - ACYOA-YOUTH DAY	
	Morning Service	8:00 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	ACYOA -YOUTH DAY: Dinner and Program	12:30 pm
	Opening of Sanctuary Curtain (<i>Turnpatzek</i>)	4:00 pm
April 11	HOLY TUESDAY - Remembrance of the Ten Maidens	
	Vespers Service of the Ten Maidens (Sunday School Students)	7:30 pm
April 12	HOLY WEDNESDAY	
	Morning Service	10:00 am
April 13	HOLY THURSDAY - Remembrance of the Last Supper	
	Morning Service	8:00 am
	Divine Liturgy - Holy Communion and Breakfast for Women's Guild	9:30 am
	Washing of Feet Ceremony (<i>Vodunluva</i>) (Sunday School Students)	6:30 pm
	Remembrance of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ (<i>Khavaroom</i>)	9:00 pm
April 14	HOLY FRIDAY	
	Remembrance of the Crucifixion of Our Lord Jesus Christ	1:00 pm
	Remembrance of the Burial of Our Lord Jesus Christ	7:30 pm
April 15	HOLY SATURDAY	
	Holy Communion and Breakfast for Children	9:00 am
	Reading of Holy Scriptures (Armenian School Students)	6:00 pm
	Easter Eve Divine Liturgy (<i>Jurakalooytz</i>)	7:00 pm
April 16	EASTER SUNDAY	
	Morning Service and Blessing of Four Corners of the Earth (<i>Antasdan</i>)	8:00 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am

Please Note: Requiem Services are not offered during Holy Week or on Easter Sunday.

Requests for Requiem (*Hokehankisd*) will be accepted for Sunday, April 23, 2006

EASTER OFFERING - YUGHAKIN

Remember your Church during this holy season with a generous gift. Your Easter offering demonstrates your faith and serves the needs of the House of God. With your help the church will continue to grow and serve as a fortress of our faith.

FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER NEEDED

Altar flowers are needed for the Holy Week and Easter. Parishioners who wish to donate flowers for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, please call the church office (617) 923-8860

ԺԱՄԱՆԱԿԱՑՈՅՑ ԱՒԱԳ ՇԱԲԹՈՒԱՆ - 2006

ԱՊՐԻԼ 9 ԾԱՂԿԱԶԱՐԴ - ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԴԱՑ ՕՐ

Ժամերգություն	Առաւօտեան	8:00
Սուրբ Պատարագ	Առաւօտեան	10:00
Երիտասարդաց Օրուայ Ճաշ եւ Յայտագիր	Կէսօրուայ	12:30
Դոնքացեքի Արարողություն	Երեկոյեան	4:00

ԱՊՐԻԼ 11 ԱՒԱԳ ԵՐԵՔՇԱԲԹԻ - Յիշատակ Տասն Կուսանաց

Ժամերգություն - Յայտագիր Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարանի կողմէ	Երեկոյեան	7:30
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ԱՊՐԻԼ 12 ԱՒԱԳ ԶՈՐԵՔՇԱԲԹԻ

Ժամերգություն	Առաւօտեան	10:00
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ԱՊՐԻԼ 13 ԱՒԱԳ ՀԻՆԳՇԱԲԹԻ - Յիշատակ Ընթերցաց Տեառն մերոյ Յիսուսի Քրիստոսի

Ժամերգություն	Առաւօտեան	8:00
Սուրբ Պատարագ - Հաղորդություն եւ Նախաճաշ Կանանց Կազմակերպութեանց	Առաւօտեան	9:30
Կարգ Ողնկուայի	Երեկոյեան	6:30
Կարգ Խաւարման	Երեկոյեան	9:00

ԱՊՐԻԼ 14 ԱՒԱԳ ՈՒՐԲԱԹ - Յիշատակ Զարչարանաց եւ Խաչելութեան Տեառն մերոյ Յիսուսի Քրիստոսի

Կարգ Խաչելութեան	Կէսօրուայ	1:00
Կարգ Թաղման	Երեկոյեան	7:30

ԱՊՐԻԼ 15 ԱՒԱԳ ՇԱԲԱԹ - ԺՐԱԳԱԼՈՅՑ ՍԲ. ԶԱՏԿԻ

Հաղորդություն եւ ճախաճաշ մանուկներու	Առաւօտեան	9:00
Սուրբ Գրոց Ընթերցում (Շաբաթօրեայ Դպրոցի Աշակերտներուն կողմէ)	Երեկոյեան	6:00
Ծրագալոյցի (Խթման) Սուրբ Պատարագ	Երեկոյեան	7:00

ԱՊՐԻԼ 16 ՍՈՒՐԲ ԶԱՏԻԿ - Տօն Յարութեան Տեառն մերոյ Յիսուսի Քրիստոսի

Ժամերգություն եւ Անդաստան	Առաւօտեան	8:00
Սուրբ Պատարագ	Առաւօտեան	10:00

Ծանօթություն: Հոգեհանգստեան Պաշտօն չի՝ կատարուիր Աւագ Շաբթուան ընթացքին.

Բոլոր հոգեհանգիստները պիտի կատարուին Կիրակի Ապրիլ 23-ին:

ՍԲ. ԶԱՏԻԿԻ ԻՒՂԱԳԻՆ

Տօնական օրերու այս ուրախ առիթով, յիշեցէք Ձեր Եկեղեցին եւ սրտաբուխ նուէրներով կանգուն պահեցէք Ձեր հաւատքի տունը:

ԾԱՂԻԿՆԵՐ ԱՒԱԳ ՇԱԲԹՈՒԱՑ ԵՒ ՍԲ. ԶԱՏԿՈՒԱՅ

Անոնք որոնք կը փափաքին ծաղիկներ նուիրել Ծաղկազարդի, Աւագ Ուրբաթի եւ Զատիկուայ օրերուն համար, թող բարեհաճին եկեղեցւոյ գրասենեակը հեռաձայնել (617) 923-8860:

Great Lenten Service Schedule

The Great Lent is the time of preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ. It is the living symbol of our own life which is to be fulfilled in our resurrection from the dead with Christ. It is a time of renewed devotion — of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time of renewal of our minds, hearts and deeds in Christ and his teachings. It is the time, most of all, for our return to the great commandments - to love God and our neighbors.

We invite and encourage the faithful to take this opportunity to renew themselves with Christ.

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Մեծ Պահքը այն շրջանն է երբ մենք կը պատրաստուինք դիմաորելու Քրիստոսի հրաշափառ Յարութեան տօնը: Մենք հոգեպէս կը վերանորոգուինք աղօթքով եւ ծոմապահութեամբ: Մեծ Պահքը զոչումի շրջանն է, երբ մենք մեր մտքով, արտով եւ գործերով իրագործած եւ հետեւած կ'ըլլանք Քրիստոսի ուսուցումներուն: Վերջապէս, այս այն շրջանն է երբ մենք կը վերադառնանք մեր Տիրոջ պատուիրաններուն՝ սիրելու Աստուած եւ մեր դրացին:

Կը հրաւիրենք եւ կը քաջալերենք հաւատացեալները որպէսզի այս առիթով վերանորոգեն իրենց անձը Քրիստոսով:

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

First Week of Great Lent

Gospel Reading - Matthew 6:1-21

Lenten Vigil Service 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Week of the Sunday of the Expulsion

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:17-48

Lenten Vigil Service 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Week of the Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Gospel Reading - Luke 15:1-32

Lenten Vigil Service 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Week of the Sunday of the Steward

Gospel Reading - Luke 16:1-31

Lenten Vigil Service 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Week of the Sunday of the Judge

Gospel Reading - Luke 17:20-18:14

Lenten Vigil Service 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Week of the Sunday of the Advent

Gospel Reading - Matthew 22:34-23:39

Lenten Vigil Service 7:30 pm

Չորեքշաբթի, Մարտ 1, 2006

Մեծ Պահքի Առաջին Շաբաթը

Աւետարանի Ընթերցում - Մատթէոս Զ:1-21

Հսկում ժամը 7:30-ին

Չորեքշաբթի, Մարտ 8, 2006

Արտաքսման Կիրակիի շաբաթը

Աւետարանի Ընթերցում - Մատթէոս Ե:17-48

Հսկում ժամը 7:30-ին

Չորեքշաբթի, Մարտ 15, 2006

Անառակի Կիրակիի շաբաթը

Աւետարանի Ընթերցում - Ղուկաս ԺԵ:1-32

Հսկում ժամը 7:30-ին

Չորեքշաբթի, Մարտ 22, 2006

Տնտեսի Կիրակիի շաբաթը

Աւետարանի Ընթերցում - Ղուկաս ԺԶ:1-31

Հսկում ժամը 7:30-ին

Չորեքշաբթի, Մարտ 29, 2006

Դատաւորի Կիրակիի շաբաթը

Աւետարանի Ընթերցում - Ղուկաս ԺԷ:20-ԺԸ:14

Հսկում ժամը 7:30-ին

Չորեքշաբթի, Ապրիլ 5, 2006

Գալստեան Կիրակիի շաբաթը

Աւետարանի Ընթերցում - Մատթէոս ԻԲ:34-ԻԳ:39

Հսկում ժամը 7:30-ին

ST. JAMES ANNUAL PICNIC ARMENIAN FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 11, 2006 at Noon

**ՍՈՒՐԲ ՅԱԿՈԲ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ
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Կիրակի, 11 Յունիս 2006

Կէսօրուան ժամը 12:00-ին

Annual Picnic will once again be held on the grounds of St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, MA
Children's Games and Contests Enjoy delicious food and dance to the sounds of
Roger Krikorian, Harry Minassian, Leon Janikian and Ken Kalajian.

Rain or Shine!

Raffles Prizes are as follows:

1st PRIZE \$1,000 2nd PRIZE \$500 3rd, 4th & 5th PRIZES \$100

Winners need not be present.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

We look forward to seeing everyone on June 11th!

Call 617-923-8860 for additional information

St. James 2006 Vacation Bible School!

July 17-21, 2006

PARADISE  SLAND



Limited Space is Available for Three Programs:

Program A – Children ages 5-6 Program B – Children ages 7-8 Program C – Children ages 9-12

(Please note: This year's programs will be completely independent of one another. As such, children will be required to participate in their age-appropriate program.)

Priority registration for St. James parishioners will be held until May 15, 2006. Registration will open to the community after May 15, 2006.

\$65 per child for St. James dues-paid members (\$60 per child for families with more than one child.)

\$75 per child for non-St. James dues paid members

For additional information, please email aljalian@comcast.net.

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(բացի լայտարարում չփոփոխության պարագային)

ԵՐԿՈՒՇԱԲԹԻ - Առաւօտեան ժամը 9:30-ին՝
Ծնողա - մանկական ժամադրավար - խաղարան

ԵՐԵՔՇԱԲԹԻ - Երեկոյեան ժամը 5:00-ին, Պինկո

ՉՈՐԵՔՇԱԲԹԻ - Առաւօտեան ժամը 10:00-ին,
Աղօթածողով եւ Սուրբ Գրոց Սերտողութիւն
(Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ-Հայերէնով):

ՇԱԲԱԹ - Առաւօտեան ժամը 9:15-ին՝
Սբ. Սահակ եւ Սբ. Մեսրոպ Ծաղաթօրեայ Հայ Դպրոց:
Կէսօրէ ետք ժամը 1:00-ին՝ Երկսեռ Մանկանց
Երգչախումբի փորձ (6-էն մինչեւ պատանեկան տարիք):

Every Week Except as Announced

Monday

9:30 a.m. – Mom/Dad and Toddler Playgroup

Tuesday

5:00 p.m. – Bingo (Early Bird: 6:45 p.m.)

Saturday

9:15 a.m. – St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian School

1:00 p.m. – Junior Choir/Chorale Rehearsal

Sunday

10:00 a.m. – St. James Sunday School

MISSING



Karlen Goukassian,
23, has been missing since Sunday,
November 27, 2005. If you have seen him
or have any information on his
whereabouts, please call
Newton police at (617) 796-2104
or (617) 480-3890.

Calendar of Events 2005-2006

(All events at St. James unless otherwise specified)

March

Friday, March 3

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm , St. James Hye Café

Monday, March 6

7:15 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Social Hour), Men's Club Meeting

Friday, March 10

7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Social Hour), Mr. & Mrs. Group Meeting

Monday, March 20

6:30 p.m - Women's Guild Dinner Meeting

April

Monday, April 3

7:15 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Social Hour), Men's Club Meeting

Friday, April 7

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, St. James Hye Café

Friday, April 7

7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Social Hour), Mr. & Mrs. Group

Sunday, April 23

4:00 p.m. - Armenian Genocide Commemoration program

Monday, April 24

Armenian Martyrs' Day (91st Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide)

Saturday, April 29

St. James 75th Anniversary Celebration:
Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates Reunion

May

May 1-7

Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly in New Jersey

Friday, May 5

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, St. James Hye Café

Monday, May 8

St. James Golf Tournament at Oakley Country Club, Belmont, MA

Friday, May 12

7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Social Hour), Mr. & Mrs. Group Meeting

Monday, May 15

Women's Guild Meeting

Saturday, May 20

St. James 75th Anniversary Celebration:
Armenian Foods from Around the World

May 26-29

ACYOA Jr. Hye Mrt'soom Weekend at St. James and ACYOA Sr. Sports
Weekend and General Assembly in Providence, RI

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Կիրակի, Մարտ 5 - Արտաքսման Կիրակի:
 Կիրակի, Մարտ 12 - Անառակի Կիրակի:
 Կիրակի, Մարտ 19 - Տնտեսի Կիրակի:
 Չորեքշաբթի, Մարտ 22 - Միջինք Մեծ Պահքի:
 Ծաբաթ, Մարտ 25 - Քառասուն Մանկունք Սեբաստիոյ:
 Կիրակի, Մարտ 26 - Դատաւորի Կիրակի:

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Ծաբաթ, Ապրիլ 1 - Սուրբ Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ -
 (ստակալի չարշարանացն եւ մուտն ի Վիրապն):
 Կիրակի, Ապրիլ 2 - Գալստեան Կիրակի:
 Ուրբաթ, Ապրիլ 7 - Աւետումն Սբ. Կուսին Մարիամո
 Ծաբաթ, Ապրիլ 8 - Յիշատակ Յարութեան Ղազարո:
 Կիրակի, Ապրիլ 9 - ԾԱՂԿԱԶԱՐԻ: ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԳԱՅ ՕՐ
 Դոնքացեքի Արարողութիւն Երեկոյեան 4:00
 ԱւագԵրեքշաբթի, Ապրիլ 11 - Յիշատակ Տաւն
 Կուսանաց:
 Ժամերգութիւն (Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարան) 7:30
 Հինգշաբթի, Ապրիլ 13 - Աւագ Հինգշաբթի
 Ժամերգութիւն Առաւօտեան 8:00
 Սուրբ Պատարագ Առաւօտեան 9:30
 Կարգ Ոտնլուայի Երեկոյեան 6:30
 Կարգ Խաւարման Երեկոյեան 9:00
 Ուրբաթ, Ապրիլ 14 - Աւագ Ուրբաթ
 Կարգ Խաչելութեան Կէսօրուան 1:00
 Կարգ Թաղման Երեկոյեան 7:30
 Ծաբաթ, Ապրիլ 15 - Աւագ Ծաբաթ:
 Հաղորդութիւն եւ նախանշ մանուկներու 9:00
 Սուրբ Գրոց Ընթերցում Երեկոյեան 6:00
 (Ծաբաթօրեայ Դպրոցի Աշակերտներուն կողմէ)
 Ծրագալոյցի Սբ. Պատարագ Երեկոյեան 7:00
 Կիրակի, Ապրիլ 16 - ՍՈՒՐԲ ԶԱՏԻԿ:
 Տօն Յարութեան Տեառն մերոյ Յիսուսի Քրիստոսի:
 Երկուշաբթի, Ապրիլ 24 - Հայ Նահատակաց Օր
 (91-րդ Տարեկից Հայկական Յեղասպանութեան)
 Ժամերգութիւն Առաւօտեան 8:00
 Սուրբ Պատարագ Առաւօտեան 9:30
 Հոգեհանգստեան Պաշտօն Նահատակաց
 Յուշարձանին առջեւ եւ Մատաղօրհնութիւն:

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Հինգշաբթի, Մայիս 25 - Տօն Համբարձման Տեառն
 մերոյ Յիսուսի Քրիստոսի:
 Ժամերգութիւն Առաւօտեան 8:00
 Սուրբ Պատարագ Առաւօտեան 9:30

CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS 2006

March

March 5, Sunday – Sunday of the Expulsion
March 12, Sunday – Sunday of the Prodigal Son
March 19, Sunday – Sunday of the Steward
March 22, Wednesday – Median Day of Lent, "Meechink"
March 25, Saturday – Forty Martyrs of Sebastia
March 26, Sunday – Sunday of the Judge

April


April 1, Saturday – St. Gregory the Enlightener
 (Commitment to the pit)
April 2, Sunday – Sunday of the Advent
April 7, Friday – Annunciation to the Virgin Mary
April 8, Saturday – Remembrance of the Raising of Lazarus
April 9, Sunday – Palm Sunday - ACYOA-YOUTH DAY
April 11, Holy Tuesday – Remembrance of the Ten Maidens
 7:30 p.m. – Service of the Ten Maidens (Sunday School)
April 13, Thursday – Holy Thursday
 8:00 a.m. – Morning Service (Matins)
 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
 6:30 p.m. – Washing of the Feet (Vodunluva)
 9:00 p.m. – Memorial of the Passion of Christ (Khavaroom)
April 14, Friday – Holy Friday
 1:00 p.m. Memorial of the Crucifixion
 7:30 p.m. Memorial of the Burial of Christ
April 15, Saturday – Holy Saturday
 9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion and Breakfast for children
 6:00 p.m. – Reading of Sacred Prophecies
 by St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School students.
 7:00 p.m. – Easter Eve Divine Liturgy (Jurakalooytz)
April 16, Sunday – Easter Sunday
Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
April 24, Monday – Armenian Martyrs' Day
(91th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide)
 8:00 a.m. – Morning Service (Matins)
 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
 Followed by Requiem Service (Hokehankist) and
 Blessing of Madagh.

May

May 25, Thursday – Feast of the Ascension of our Lord
Jesus Christ
 8:00 a.m. – Morning Service (Matins)
 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

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Սբ. Յակոբ Հայաստանեայց Առաքելական Եկեղեցին
Ձեր Կտակին Մէջ**

Are you receiving St. James News and Event Email Updates?

Over 600 people now receive regular updates on St. James news and events through our email updates! If you are not receiving these updates, please send your email address to info@stthagop.com.

With all of the new spam blockers, those receiving updates are encouraged to add stjamesnews@stthagop.com to your address book or your trusted senders lists to ensure you continue to receive our updates.

St. James Now Accepts Credit Cards

Donations, annual contributions, parish dues, and other payments to the church may be made using a major credit card.

Parishioners may make pledge contributions, and may have automatic deductions/charges made monthly.

Donations for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and requiem services, and pledges and membership dues, can all be charged. You may use MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover, or a debit card. The program is ready and in place for use - just call the church! For more information, please feel free to call the church office.

Thank You

Donations for "Looys"

We thank the following for their generosity and their support of St. James and the publication of the *Looys* quarterly:

Rev. Shahe and Mary Altounian	\$ 30
Leo Akillian and daughters,	\$ 200
Audrey Kelly and Arienne Hammsley, <i>In memory of wife and mother, Eve Akillian</i>	
Anonymous	\$ 200
Mary Avedisian	\$ 20
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Barsamian of Farmington Hills, MI	\$ 30
John & Bertha Demirjian	\$ 25
Alyce Gelenian	\$ 25
Marilyn E. Glover	\$ 25
Janet Hanzatian	\$ 20
Rose Harrison	\$ 20
The Kefeyan Family	\$ 25
<i>With every good wish for celebrating 75 years and a Healthy, Happy, Peaceful New Year to all</i>	
Lucy Mardirosian	\$ 25
Vivian F. Mosgofian	\$ 25
Herika Sarafian	\$ 20
Araxie & Anne Toomajian	\$ 25
Sarkis & Emma Toomajian	\$ 25
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Rose Yakobian	\$ 25
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Zepure Yazijian, of blessed memory <i>In memory of her husband Harvey Yazijian.</i>	\$ 100



PLEASE NOTE: There is an expense of approximately \$3,000 for publishing and mailing each issue of the *Looys*. Any contributions sent to defray part of this cost are greatly appreciated. Please use the form below to send your donation for this purpose.

St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
465 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown, MA 02472

Donation for *Looys* in the Amount of \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please list occasion if any: _____

7th Annual St. James Open Golf Tournament

Hosted by

THE MEN'S CLUB OF ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH

Oakley Country Club

Watertown, MA

Monday, May 8th, 2006

Once Again St. James is offering its annual Open Golf Tournament.

We are requesting your assistance in making this undertaking a social and financial success. The St. James Open Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, May 8, 2006 at the beautiful Oakley Country Club in Watertown, MA.

We are offering business as well as personal sponsorships and gift opportunities in raising funds for this annual tournament. If interested in participating in this endeavor, please contact any of the Golf Committee members. Thank you for your favorable response in helping to make this tournament a success.

Every year has been a sellout so don't hesitate and mail your registration promptly!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Rain or Shine

Both men & women are welcome

Registration starting at 8:00 am

Shotgun start at 9:30 am

Scramble Format—both men and women welcome

First 144 paid registrations will be confirmed to play

Continental Breakfast will be provided. Lunch will be provided

Cocktails following golf

Dinner Banquet — Dinner only — \$40.00 per person

GREENS FEE

Early registration by April 28, 2006 \$175.00 p/p

Payment received after April 28, 2006 \$200.00 p/p

Registration fee includes:

18 holes of golf, cart, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner

Your donation to this golf tournament is tax deductible.

ATTIRE

Proper golf attire is required—Collared shirts.

No t-shirts, jeans of any kind, cut-offs or short-shorts.

Soft spikes required.

For further information please contact: **Harold Partamian** at (781) 641-0002

Order Form, over →

7th Annual St. James Open Golf Tournament

Major Gift Opportunities

I/We would like to support the St. James Golf Tournament with this contribution/donation to be recognized and to underwrite the cost of:

<input type="checkbox"/> Tournament Sponsor	\$3,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Sponsor	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Banquet Sponsor	\$2,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Sponsor	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Cocktail Reception Sponsor	\$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Yard Marker Sponsor	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Sponsor	\$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Hole Sponsor	\$100
		<input type="checkbox"/> Program Sponsor	\$100
		<input type="checkbox"/> "In Memory of"	\$100
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other Donations / Contributions	\$100

(Entitled to one complimentary foursome)

I would like my sign/ad for acknowledgment to read:

My Check for \$_____ is enclosed.

Prize or Raffle Gift Opportunities

I/We would like to donate an auction, raffle or prize for The 7th Annual St. James Golf tournament

Name/Company _____

Prize donated: _____ Value: \$ _____

Please provide us with the following information to ensure correct recognition and acknowledgement.

Name/Company: _____ Address: _____

Your Name: _____ Tel: _____

Player Registration Form (Please fill out completely)

1. Name: _____ Address: _____

Tel: _____

2. Name: _____ Address: _____

Tel: _____

3. Name: _____ Address: _____

Tel: _____

4. Name: _____ Address: _____

Tel: _____

I have enclosed a check \$_____ for #_____ players at \$175 per player.

I am bringing a guest(s) for the dinner banquet and have enclosed \$40.00 per person to cover the cost.

Please print the name of the guest(s)

Please make check payable to St. James Armenian Church and mail to:
Harold Partamian at 6 Apache Trail, Arlington, MA 02474-1802 (781) 641-0002

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Pastoral Care: Home and Hospital Clergy Visits

The clergy are always available 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" but certainly not "other."

Requiem Service/Hokehankisd

Arrangements for Requiem Service, Altar Flowers and Candles should be made through the church office by Thursday at noon. Please note that 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 Holy Mary the Mother of God, and The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Requiem Service requests are announced in the Sunday Bulletin.

Special Prayers

The celebrant/priest prays for all the faithful during the Sunday Divine Liturgy. The Pastor will offer prayers for specific intentions (recovery from illness, etc.) upon your request. Special prayer requests are announced in the Sunday Bulletin. Please call the Pastor's office if you would like special prayers offered.

Sunday Fellowship Hour

Each Sunday following church services, parishioners enjoy a fellowship hour. It is a custom in the Armenian Church to host a fellowship in memory of loved ones. We also encourage our faithful to host a fellowship hour in celebration of a special event. Please call the church office to make arrangements and for more information.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SACRAMENTS

Parishioners should contact the church office to make arrangements for weddings, baptisms or funerals to ensure the Pastor's and church's availability. All services must follow the Canons of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church. In accordance with Diocesan discipline mandated by the Primate, all Sacraments must be administered in the church sanctuary which has been consecrated for the celebration of these sacred rites. All arrangements for guest clergy to participate in sacraments, according to protocol, must be initiated and made through the Pastor's office after consultation with the Pastor.

Baptisms and Chrismations

All baptisms must be scheduled at least two months in advance by calling the church office. The office will provide the parents additional details and forms at that time. 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 Orthodox Church.

Weddings

Parishioners should contact the church office at least eight months prior to the date of a wedding. A couple must contact St. James to confirm the availability of the Pastor and sanctuary prior to making or confirming any other wedding arrangements. All weddings are to follow the Canons of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church and the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The couple must meet with the Pastor at least once before the wedding date for pre-marital preparation. The church office will make all necessary arrangements for the deacon, organist and soloist, and will provide the couple with additional details and forms. Weddings may not take place on Sunday mornings, 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 Holy Mary 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. The funeral director will contact the church office to arrange the date and the time of the funeral service. Generally, St. James Armenian Church 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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