

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

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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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Pastor's Message

"We say we don't need Him, yet we always cry for Him."



The recent movie *Superman Returns* has been a summer blockbuster. Many of us went to see it, if for no other reason, than to see a good movie and to see how the new Superman would be as compared to Christopher Reeves. I, like many others watching the film, however, started to notice several very obvious references to Christ when watching the movie. The more the film went on, the more I looked for and found these references and Christian symbolism. Since then, much has been written in Christian circles regarding the parallels. Many non-Christians have been offended by these symbols. What are they?

Some of the symbols are very obvious, such as when Superman is shown descending with his arms outstretched as were Christ's on the Cross. Clark Kent, or Superman, parallels our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When Superman and those around him speak of his father, there are many blatant Christian references, including a line (paraphrased) where Superman is told, "The father becomes the son, and the son becomes the father." Superman, at one point, recalls his father telling him that to help mankind see and become good, he sent his only son to earth. This is a clear reference to one of the best known Scripture passages, John 3:16, "For God so love the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever shall believe in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." Even Superman's father's name, "Jor-El," reminds us, as one pastor has noted, of the Hebrew word *Elohim*, which references God, the Almighty. Superman was even, as was Christ, resurrected from the dead to save the world.

The entire movie is based on the plot that Superman leaves this earth, an earth where he has done much good, to go to his home planet – his homeland, and the world awaits his return. During this absence, however, people, including Lois Lane, question whether the world needs Superman (Lois Lane even writes an article "Why The World Doesn't Need Superman." When Superman returns from his absence and sees this article, he is saddened and disappointed that those who believed in and needed him no longer did. This was not the welcome

Superman was expecting.

Does this not parallel the life of Christ? Christ came to this earth, sent by His Father, to do good and to teach God's word. Christ left to go home, to be with His Father. Like Superman, Christ will return one day.

During His absence from this world, now that He is gone, do people – even Christians – doubt His ways, His teachings, and wonder whether we really need Christ in our lives? We think that we are self sufficient, can do anything, and are invincible. We think that we do not need Christ, and the Hope and Salvation His Resurrection promises us. If we don't need Him, then why do we cry out for Him in our times of sorrow, of pain, of fear, of loneliness?

The fact of the matter is, the world does need a Savior. Superman says in the movie, "You say the world doesn't need a Savior but I hear the world crying out for one." This is what Christ tells us everyday. The world did need a Savior, which is why God sent Christ – our Superman – to save us. What better Superman is there – one who does good, performs miracles, one who gave His life for us, one came back from the dead, and is to return again?

The main message of *Superman Returns* is that the world needs a Savior. What the film and the world must realize, is that we already have a Savior – our Lord Jesus Christ, who was sent by God to bring light into darkness, to save all humankind from evil, and to promise us eternal life. While there may be some comparisons between the Superman figure and Christ, these only go so far. While Superman, does good, it is true, he helps people only specific situations. Christ not only helps in specific situations, but He challenges us to become better people, to do good always. He seeks to bring us closer to God, to become compassionate, loving, and forgiving. Christ came to make the entire world a better place, one filled with light and goodness. Christ came to save not just a few people, but to save all humankind, and to promise us life eternal. Christ is, after all, the real Superman.

Fr. Arakel Aljalian



Parish Council Chairman's Message

"Each of us—individually and collectively will make the difference."

Each of us at St. James has been blessed with tremendous resources and opportunities. As a result, much is expected of us. In this 75th Anniversary of St. James we are called upon to give back to our church, community, and ensure the future of our children and grandchildren. Many think that the Armenian Church in America is at a crossroads, but it is certain that our individual and collective involvement will be key in determining its future.

Each plaque on the walls of our church and the Cultural Center represents dedicated parishioners, who were moved to give of themselves for the sake of others. It is now up to all of us to do the same.

The 75th Anniversary Steering Committee has been hard at work for the past three years, with this work culminating in a Strategic Plan to serve our parishioners with ministries and programs, as well as to meet the infrastructure needs necessary in the coming years. The Parish Council took the unprecedented step of seeking the help of professional consultant Fr. Anthony Scott, an Orthodox priest who has devoted the past fifteen years in helping churches and religious institutions with fundraising, including the Eastern Diocese and St. Nersess Seminary. With Fr. Scott, many have worked to meet the financial challenges ahead of us and in fulfilling the goals of our Strategic Plan.

The Capital Campaign Committee, is headed by Honorary co-chairs and parishioners of St. James, Dr. Bob Mirak and Dr. Gregory Adamian. Sam Kaprielian, chair of the committee, has worked with them and the rest of the committee to ensure success in raising funds needed to fulfill our mission.

Many parishioners have stepped up over the past few years to contribute to the planning of this 75th Anniversary year at St. James, connecting the legacy of our past and our hope for the future. We have listened to our parishioners and laid the foundation; now it will be up to all of us to determine its size and its strength. It is time to accept the full weight of responsibility that comes with our privileged positions. I know working together we can fulfill this call.

Ours is a mission of caring and nurturing, educating and discipleship, growth and planning, security and vision. This is our parish and it will be what we all give to it and for it, and what we all make of it together.

Each of us—individually and collectively will make the difference. The Capital Campaign Committee has prepared extensive information to illustrate our goals, and our financial needs to meet our obligations. Be informed and be involved. Together we can make a difference for the future of St. James.

Paul Korian

Thank You

The family of Arthur Davidian would like to thank all who have expressed their sympathy, whether it was flowers, cards or memorial donations to the St. James Armenian Church, the Shentil Foundation or a favorite charity.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and support.

*Der Dajad & Rosemarie and Family
Raymond and Family
Albert & Patti and Family*



PARISH COUNCIL (Seated, L to R): John Musserian, John Hovsepian, Rev. Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Paul Korian, Stefanie Madanian. **(Standing, L to R):** Sharon Bazarian, Ed Orchanian, Edward K. Kazanjian, Linda Sahagian, Scott Kapilian, Richard L. Cherkerzian. Ben Saraydarian, missing from photo.

St. James 75th Anniversary **Reunion Dance**

September 9, 2006

8 pm - 1 am

**St. James Armenian Church
Keljik Hall
465 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02472**

Featuring

**Roger Krikorian (Dumbeg & Vocals), Joe Kouyoumjian (Oud),
Leon Janikian (Clarinet), Harry Bedrossian (Keyboard & Vocals),
Ken Kalajian (Guitar & Vocals)**

*Tickets: \$20
Cash Bar and
Mezze Available*

*For more information or tickets, please
call Melanie Khederian at 617-923-1165
or Susan Giragosian at 617-926-0455
Tickets are also available in the church office.*

All Are Welcome

Tables Of 10 May Be Purchased



Celebrating 75 Years!



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Why A Capital Campaign?

Seventy five years ago, committed and faithful individuals gave sacrificially to build St. James. Their legacy continues until today.

Now, it is our turn. We must do our part to secure the future of our church, and to ensure that St. James meets the spiritual, educational, cultural, social and personal needs of each of its parishioners, today and for years to come.

Current contribution through pledges, dues, stewardship only support annual operation of the church, including salaries, utilities, facilities maintenance, etc. The goal of the capital campaign is to meet the needs of the parishioners defined through the needs assessment process, that go beyond sustaining our annual operational budget.

GOALS OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

1. Raise funds for Program Development.
2. Raise funds for Capital Improvements.

To fulfill the Purpose of the Capital Campaign, and to glorify God, we must:

1. Commit more deeply to our Armenian Apostolic Orthodox faith.
2. Practice the privilege of Sacrificial Giving.
3. Exercise good Stewardship of our church .

Accomplishments To Date

- ◆ To date, parishioners have pledged over \$1,000,000. This total is from 25 gifts and commitments.
- ◆ The church sanctuary will be renovated in the month of August.
- ◆ We have started the implementation phase of our **Child Care Center**. The Child Care Center will be funded by the Capital Campaign. The Child Care Center is scheduled to open during the Fall of 2006.
- ◆ Also as a direct result of our needs assessment and our Strategic Planning, we will begin our **Satellite Programming** in more distant communities in the Fall of 2006.
- ◆ Parishioners are working to finalize planning and to draw closer to the implementation of the **Transportation Program** for our elder parishioners. The present goal is to initiate the Transportation Program in late 2006/early 2007.
- ◆ Other ministries and programming, including **Youth Ministry, Social Services, and other new ministries and programming**, are in the detailed planning stages.



Capital Campaign Projected Expenditures*

Celebrating 75 Years!

Approximately 60% of what is eventually raised will be allocated to needed capital improvements and 40% towards ministries and programming. The aim of the capital campaign is to sustain and support these proposed programs and improvements, including human resources. Below are some of the projected capital improvements, ministries and programs within each of the Strategic Plan categories.

PROGRAMMING*

1. **Participate in Parish Life (PPL)**

Child Care Center, Director and Support Staff; Community Outreach Programming; and Elder Transportation. **\$400,000**

2. **Youth Ministry**

Youth Minister, Youth and Children's Ministries, Youth Worker Training & Development, Mentor Program, Spiritual Retreats and Programming, Sports and Sports Seminars and Camps; Scouting. **\$600,000**

3. **Faith-based Programming**

Men's, Women's, and Family Ministries, Retreats, Programs, and Workshops. **\$50,000**

4. **Welcoming**

Host/Greeter Program, Church Directory, Welcome Brochure, Welcome Package **\$30,000**

5. **Social Services**

Licensed Social Worker; Social Services Center. **\$100,000**

6. **Armenia**

Sister parish; exchange programs. **\$50,000**

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«Ճանապարհ Դէպի Փրկութիւն»

(Մատթէոս Ե. 3-11)

Ը. «Երանի՛ անոնց, որոնք կը հալածուին արդարութեան համար, որովհետեւ անոնցն է երկինքի արքայութիւնը»

Այս երանին չի խօսիր նոր աստիճանի մասին, քանզի չկայ աւելի բարձր պարգեւ, քան Աստուծոյ որդի կոչուիլը: Այս կը վկայէ նաեւ ութերորդ եւ առաջին երանիներու խոստացած պարգեւներու նոյնութիւնը, ինչպէս նաեւ մէկ եւ ութ թիւերու խորհրդարանութիւնը եւ այլն: Սա կը վկայէ նաեւ այն մասին, որ երկինքի արքայութիւնը բազմաստիճան եւ բազմանշանակ խոստում է, եւ մարդկային մտքի համար անհասանելի է այն, ինչ պատրաստած է Աստուած գինք սիրողներուն համար:

Անոնք որոնք մեղքէն հեռանալով, ապաշխարելով, ճգնութիւններով, առաքինասիրութեամբ, բարեգործութեամբ, սրտի սրբութեամբ հասած են խաղաղութեան աստիճանին, անոնք պէտք է պատրաստ ըլլան փորձութիւններու եւ հալածանքներու: Հոգեւոր կեանքի մէջ կարեւորագոյն պահ է հաւատքի վկայութիւնը, եւ ճիշդ այդ հալածանքներու մէջ կը փորձուի մարդու հաւատքի զօրութիւնը: Նախ հալածանքներու ենթարկուեցաւ Ինքը մեր Տէրը՝ լսելով. «Եթէ Ինձ հալածեցին, ապա եւ ձեզ պիտի հալածեն» (Յովհ. ԺԵ 20:) Անոնք որոնք դարձած են Աստուծոյ որդիներ՝ ըստ չնորհի, անոնք պէտք է մասնակից դառնան Միաբնակ Որդիի մարդեղութեան խորհուրդին՝ նախ եւ առաջ կցորդ ըլլալով այն հալածանքներուն ու վիշտերուն, որ Ան կրեց մեր մեղքերուն համար: Բոլոր առաքեալները, նահատակները եւ սուրբերը մեծագոյն պատիւ կը համարէին մեր Տիրոջ պէս հալածանքներու ենթարկուիլը:

Հայրերն կ'ըսեն որ ճշմարիտ առաքինութիւնը ոչ թէ ինքնին բարիք գործելն է, այլ համբերելը այն փորձութիւններուն, որոնք կը յաջորդեն բարեգործութեան: Հաւատքի համար հալածանքներու մէջ ի յայտ կու գայ հոգեւոր կեանքի խորութիւնը եւ կը թրծուի հաւատքի ամրութիւնը, եւ անոնք որոնք կը փախչին վիշտերէն անոնք կը փախչին Աստուծոմէ: Հայրերը կը վկայեն որ վիշտերու ու նեղութիւններու մէջ կայ երկնային ուրախութիւն եւ երանութիւն, որուն կը հասնին բոլոր աստուածահաճոյ սուրբերը եւ վկաները:

Թ. «Երանի՛ է ձեզ, երբ ձեզ նախատեն ու հալածեն եւ իմ պատճառով ձեր մասին ամէն չար խօսք ստելով ըսեն: Ցնծացէ՛ք եւ ուրախացէ՛ք, որովհետեւ երկինքի մէջ ձեր վարձքը շատ է, որովհետեւ այդպէս հալածեցին մարդարէներուն, որ ձեզմէ առաջ էին»

Այս իններորդ՝ եզրափակիչ երանին, կը բացայայտէ հաւատքի փորձութեան բուն իմաստը եւ նպատակակէտը: Այստեղ արդէն արդարութեան համար հալածուելէն անց կը կատարուի դէպի մարդուն համար ամենաճանր փորձութիւնը, որ համբերելն է նախատիքներու, հայհոյանքներու, բամբասանքներու եւ չարախօսութիւններու: Ըստ հայրերու

մարմնաւոր տառապանքներու եւ վիշտերու համար կան զանազան միխթարութիւններ՝ սպեղանիներով, մարմնական ճիւղերով եւ այլն, սակայն նախատիքներու եւ բամբասանքներու համար չկան միխթարութեան միջոցներ: Այս երանին յատկապէս կը շեշտադրէ՝ Իմ պատճառով, որպէսզի ցոյց տայ, որ խօսքը ոչ թէ ինչ-որ արժանիքներու, առաքինութիւններու, դիրքի կամ օժտութեան համար բամբաստելու եւ չարախօսելու մասին է, այլ սուտ խօսքերու, որոնք կ'ըսուին յատկապէս այն պատճառով, որ այդ քրիստոնեայ է՝ Քրիստոսի հետեւորդ: Այդպիսի նախատիքներու ենթարկուեցան առաքեալները եւ սուրբերը. անոնց կ'անուանէին կախարդներ, մոլորեցուցիչներ, ժանտագործներ եւ այլն, երբ կը տեսնէին անոնց գործած նշանները եւ հրաշքները:

Այս երանին ոչ թէ կը պատուիրէ սոսկ համբերել, այլ ցնծալ եւ ուրախանալ այն բաներուն համար, որոնք ամենէն շատ մարդկային հոգիին տրտմութիւն կը պատճառեն: Քրիստոնեան պէտք է ցնծութեամբ եւ ուրախութեամբ ըմպէ անարդանքներու եւ չարախօսութիւններու դառնութեան բաժակը՝ որպէս հոգեւոր նորոգութեան գլխաւոր դեղամիջոց: Եթէ բարիք կը գործես, մի՛ սպասեր հատուցման, այլ անարդանքի, եթէ կ'աւետարանես, մի՛ սպասեր մեծարման, այլ արհամարհանքի. եթէ կ'օրհնես մի՛ սպասեր երախտագիտութեան, այլ անէծքի եւ այլն: Այսպէս պէտք է վերցնել խաչը եւ հետեւիլ մեր Տիրոջը՝ մինչեւ վերջ նմանելով Անոր եւ աստուածասէր սուրբերուն, որոնց համար գերագոյն ուրախութիւն՝ յանուն Քրիստոսի անարդուն էր: Անոնք որոնք չարախօսից եւ խաչակից եղան Քրիստոսին, անոնք նաեւ անկակից են Անոր յարութեանը եւ կ'ապրին յարութեան կեանքով: Այսպիսիներուն կը սպասեն բազում պարգեւներ երկինքի մէջ: Բոլոր երանիները կը խօսին որոշակի պարգեւներու մասին, իսկ այստեղ կ'ըսուի որ անոնք շատ են երկինքի մէջ ցոյց տալով նախ անարդանքները ուրախութեամբ ընդունելու մեծութիւնը եւ ապա անոր սպասուող վարձատրութեան անձառելիութիւնը: Իսկ մարդարէներու յիշատակումով ներածում է Իր Երկրորդ Գալստեան սպասումի մէջ երբ պիտի ըլլան համբողջանալու Յարութիւնը եւ Դատաստանը, եւ դէմ յանդիման պիտի տեսնենք այն բարիքները, որ Աստուած պատրաստած է Իրեն սիրողներու համար:

Ինը երանիներով Տէրը ցոյց կուտայ հոգեւոր վերնթացի ճանապարհը, հոգեւոր կեանքի աստիճանները եւ պտուղները: Սկիզբը մեղքէն հրաժարումն ու խոնարհութիւնն է, իսկ լրումը՝ երբ մէկը ցնծութեամբ եւ ուրախութեամբ կ'ընդունի անարդանքներն ու չարախօսութիւնները: Ինչ որ Տէրն ուսուցանեց «Լեւան քարոզին» Ինքն ալ իրագործեց Իր երկրաւոր կեանքին մէջ. խոնարհութեամբ ու հեղութեամբ անցաւ մեր կեանքի տրտմութիւններու մէջէն, բայց չնորհեց մեզ մեղքէն ազատագրուելու ուրախութիւնը. ծաղուեցաւ, հայհոյուեցաւ եւ չարախօսուեցաւ, բայց Իր զօրութեամբ փրկեց մեզ բանասրկուի ծառայութենէն եւ խաւարային ուժերէն. չարախօսուեցաւ եւ խաչուեցաւ, բայց խաչի վրայ աղօթեց գինք խաչողներու համար. մահուան խաւարին մէջ մտաւ, բայց Իր հրաշափառ յարութեամբ մեզ յաւիտեական կեանք եւ փրկութիւն պարգեւեց:

Do You Know



What is reincarnation? What is the view of our Armenian Apostolic faith concerning reincarnation? Why do we not accept reincarnation or believe we come back to this world in a different life?

Reincarnation literally means “to be made flesh again.” It is the belief that the soul of a person who has died is reborn in a new body. The process is repeated until the soul is completely purified. This is a fundamental belief in Indian religions, but it also exists in other religions. Certain ancient and modern Western Christian thinkers have also adhered to this teaching. The doctrine of reincarnation was officially condemned by the Roman Catholic Church during the Middle Ages.

The Armenian Church, to my knowledge, has not had any reason to express an official view against this doctrine, since it never became an issue in Armenian circles. Nevertheless, reincarnation contradicts some of the fundamental teachings of the Universal Christian Church, which believes that the dead shall be raised, both body and soul at the Second Coming of Christ when the Last Judgment will take place. On this issue St. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 15:51ff., informs us as follows:

Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality.

How God will bring together the disintegrated body parts of a person and his/her soul is not revealed to us through the Holy Scriptures and the Holy Tradition, and is therefore a mystery. Yet, the fact that such a thing can be done by God is revealed to us by the prophet Ezekiel, who states:

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me round among them; and behold, there were very many upon the valley; and lo, they were very dry. And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

And I answered, “O Lord GOD, thou knowest.” Again he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.” So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And as I looked, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great host. Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you home into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.

The doctrine of reincarnation also runs counter to another fundamental Christian teaching. If the soul is ultimately purified here on earth by migrating from one body to the next, what then would be the need for Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Divine Redeemer, to take on human body and go through the torments of crucifixion and death in order to rise from the dead and thereby save mankind from perdition? **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:

derarake1@sthapog.com.

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

Questions of the Day

What is the Armenian Church's teaching on Cremation?

Cremation was widely practiced throughout the Roman Empire until the 5th Century, until Christians and Christian influence led to its abolition. The Armenian Church, like other Orthodox churches, has always practiced burial rather than cremation.

This practice follows the example of Christ. In Hebrew tradition, a burial honored the body. When Christ died, His body was buried according to Jewish custom and was venerated and anointed with expensive myrrh and herbs. As Christ was buried, and rose from the dead, so too are we buried with the promise of resurrection. St. Paul specifically says that we are "co-buried" with Christ during our baptism when describing our death as we descend into the water, and our spiritual rebirth with Christ when we emerge from the water. (Rom 6:4, Col 2:12). We also believe that we await bodily resurrection when we ultimately join with Christ in His kingdom.

Likewise, many cite the example of Lazarus. Christ commanded Lazarus to rise from the dead, which Lazarus did. Had Lazarus's body been cremated, however, he would not have been able to do so. According to Fr. John Breck, the "fact that Lazarus was raised bodily from a tomb foreshadows both Jesus' own resurrection and the general resurrection of the dead (John 5:28f)."

During the 18th century, during the period of the "Enlightenment," cremation was actually practiced by atheists, secularists, and enemies of the church who opposed Christianity. This was done to blatantly demonstrate that they rejected and did not believe in Christ's Glorious Resurrection. Many Christians around the world thus believe that cremation attacks and insults the most important and central teaching of the Christian church.

While there are no canons or dogma specifically prohibiting cremation, our Orthodox teachings strongly oppose cremation and traditionally tell us that to cremate the body is to dishonor the body created by God in His own image and likeness. We believe that the body is a tem-

ple of the Holy Spirit, created by God, in His image and His likeness. Thus, we are to honor our bodies, which God created as Supreme Creator of all. We, humans, are of soul and body, of flesh, mind and spirit. (1 Cor. 6:19). Orthodox scholar Rev. Stanley Harakas explains that "the Church considers cremation to be the deliberate desecration and destruction of what God has made and ordained for us."

Man is the highest of God's creation. As we live in Christ's image, we are buried like Him, and live in the hope of Resurrection from death to eternal life. The practice of burial fulfills the God's judgment over Adam: "For out of earth were we mortals made, and unto the earth shall we return again." (Genesis, 3:12).

What is the church's position on burial of those who have passed onto eternal rest?

Fr. Krikor Maksoudian explains this quite well:

"The Church's position is clear about burial. When an Armenian Christian dies, the Church provides three services, the first is at the house of the deceased—presently done in the funeral home—the second is done inside the sanctuary and the third in the cemetery. Cremation is not acceptable for the following reason: the first man whom God had "formed... of dust from the ground" (Genesis 2:7), brought upon himself and his generations the Creator's curse as a result of his transgression. The Divine ordinance was, and is: "In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3: 19)

In her present practice, the Armenian Church, specifically in our Diocese, insists that the body of the deceased is brought to the sanctuary for the church service. If the family of the deceased wish to have the body cremated, they may do so after the church service and the removal of the coffin from the church premises. Under no circumstance does the church allow the ashes to be brought to the church.

For Christians who die in wars, massacres, fires and are buried without a Christian burial, requiem services can be held. According to this principle, requiem services can also be held for people who are cremated or for those who donate their corpses to hospitals or scientific institutions."

This 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.

Sunday School

Celebrating Holy Week



In keeping with tradition, Mrs. Susan Hennessey, and Ms. Jennifer Tagarelis', third grade class, and Mr. Charlie Metjian and Mr. John Garabedian's second grade class arrived at St. James early Palm Sunday morning, to participate in the morning's procession, preceding Fr. Arakel and the altar servers around the sanctuary and carrying palms.

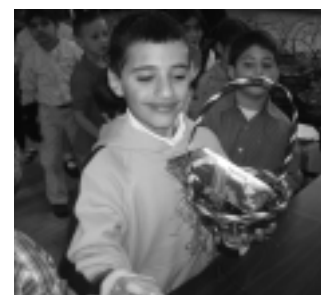
The students then took their places, and remained in church for a time before returning to their classrooms.

On Holy Tuesday evening, the girls from Ms. Celine Abkar's fourth grade participated in the Service of the Ten Maidens. This vesper service is a symbolic re-enactment of the parable of the wise and foolish maidens, which is found in the Gospel of Matthew. The maidens were: Lucine Bolyan, Erica Jingoian, Sophia Kapreilian, Erica Luniewicz, Adrena Santorsola, Nina Zeytoonian and Ms. Celine. Joining the fourth graders were Jessica Campbell, Natalie Kazazian and Suzanne MacMillan from the fifth grade.

On Holy Thursday evening, the fourth grade boys participated in the Vodunlava (Washing of the Feet) Service. This traditional service is symbolic of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples before the feast of the Passover. Participants were: Matthew Banks, Alexander Bresnee, Andrew Bejian, Daniel MacMillan, Haig Ozcan, Jivan Purutyan, and David Talanian. Also participating were Aram Andonian, Armen Andonian, Arden Fereshetian, Jonathan Raposo and Ari Shirinian.

Following the Vodunlava service, Mr. Edward Brewster and Ms. Flora Keurmurian's tenth grade class participated in the annual Seder Supper. Following the program, Fr. Arakel spoke of the Passover Meal and its relation to our own Badarak. Class members were: Alex Abdalian, Darren Ansbikian, Christa Bazarian, Edward Berberian, Julie Cristello, Jessica Karevicius, Erin Kazizian, and Amy McDermott.

Children's Easter Holy Communion and Breakfast was held on Saturday morning, April 15th. Following Holy Communion, a wonderful breakfast was served in Keljik Hall to the children of the parish, the Sunday School and the Armenian School. The third annual Decorated Easter Egg Contest was held, with participants bringing in unique and colorful eggs which were judged by a panel of impartial judges. The story of the Princess and the Dragon performed by the Pumpnickel Puppets, kept children and adults alike, spell bound.



Poon Paregentan Events and Easter Baskets



Easter Baskets



Making Nushkhar



Bible Sunday



Acolytes

Outward Bound

On Sunday, April 30, 2006, the 8th grade Sunday school class went to Thompson Island in Boston. With our teachers Yn. Natasha Aljalian and Amanda Kavjian, we boarded a boat to participate in the Outward Bound program and began our journey. As we made our way to our activity area, we were introduced to our group leaders. Our group leaders were there to help us learn, help build certain traits and look after our safety. Our leaders began our adventure by playing games with us that would help us to learn more about each other and trust and be more comfortable with the people we were with.

Going to Outward Bound taught us many key characteristics to succeeding in life as well as a Christian life. We learned how to work together when we were asked to stand on an island and use only a rope, and our shoes and sweaters, to get all of our classmates to the other island. Another strength we gained on this trip was trust building skills. We lifted our classmates up a 15 ft wall. We had to trust the people below us to keep us from falling and get us to our goal. Together, we were able to take our classmates up one by one and leave the activity with more trust in people.

Finally, we ended the day with the most physical and tiring activity. We had to climb a 40 foot rope and wood ladder with a partner. In this activity, we built teamwork skills. Pulling up one another and waiting under your partner was ready to proceed was key to achieving this activity. Over all, Outward Bound taught us things that we would have never discovered in our every day lives. This is a great activity for people who want to know each other and most of all its FUN!

By Raffi Kazanjian



We went on a fun filled day of team building, courage and believing in yourself and in God. We started off the day bright and early on a Sunday morning in front of the church. We did not trust each other and were not sure what to expect and what courage God had given us. We arrived at Thompson Island around 8:30 a.m. and met our instructors who gave us team building activities. To start the day off we had to put ourselves in order of birthdays without speaking and then we headed off to the woods and started more challenging and trust activities.

Once we were in the woods we used ropes to get from one point to another using only a rope, and carrying a bucket of water. This was an exercise where without teamwork we would fail as individuals but by using teamwork we would succeed as a team. This was followed by climbing over a high wall. You had to trust yourself God and especially your classmates and teachers in order to help on another achieve the goal of reaching the other side.

Following lunch we headed to the Giants ladder. This activity was an exercise in partnership between yourself and your partner and having God on your side to guide you through it. What a fun filled day we had blessed with wonderful weather and the guidance of God. Thank you to Yeretzgin Natasha and our wonderful assistant teacher Amanda Kavjian.

By Tamar Aroyan



2006 ACYOA JUNIORS HYE M'RTSOOM WEEKEND



Over Memorial Day weekend, our ACYOA Juniors hosted the 31st Hye M'rtsoom weekend. The weekend was fun, successful and memorable for all! Congratulations to our ACYOA Juniors for taking first place in Volleyball and Girls Basketball, and for winning the overall trophy based on points from team and individual competitions. Our sincere gratitude to our Youth Director Brenda Khederian, to our ACYOA parents, ACYOA juniors, host families, and parishioners for coming together to host another wonderful weekend! Thank you all!



Mr. and Mrs. group members helping with Hye M'rtsoom weekend.

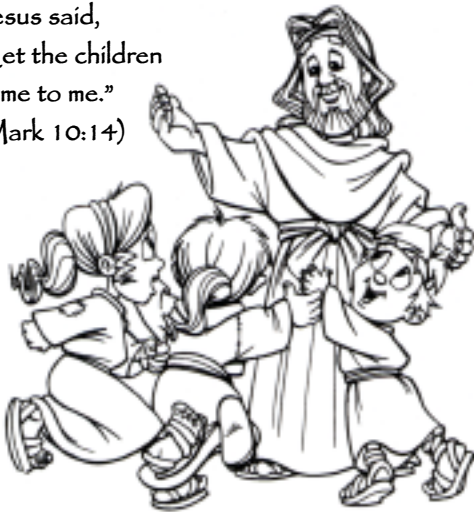


St. James Armenian Apostolic Church

Sunday School Homecoming

Sunday, September 10th, 2006

Jesus said,
"Let the children
come to me."
(Mark 10:14)



Special Sunday School Homecoming in Honor of St. James' 75th Anniversary

The St. James Armenian Church offers a program of Religious Education for our children and youth in our Cultural and Youth Center on Sunday mornings. Registration and classes begin this year on Sunday, September 10, at 9:30 a.m.

There is no charge to families for this program, which is staffed by volunteers from our parish. All grades use the curriculum provided by the Diocese of the Armenian Church. Students are welcome from Nursery school age (4 years old) through the 11th grade, which is the Sunday School graduation year.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the church office 617 923-8860 or call Mrs. Marsha Alabachian at 781-848-4726.

Annual Homecoming Breakfast Sunday, September 10, 2006

Immediately following church services—Keljik Hall

ST. JAMES

Bible Study

The Apocalypse: The Study of End Times

One of the most fascinating and intriguing books of the Bible is the Book of The Revelation to John (The Apocalypse). While to many this book is interesting because of the sensationalism it has attracted, the Apocalypse is often widely misunderstood.

The Book of Revelation is a part of Scripture, without which our understanding of the Christian faith would be incomplete. In order to understand the Apocalypse, however, faithful need to read and understand Old Testament prophecies as well as the New Testament to have the necessary framework within which to study the Apocalypse and its full vision and mystery, which have not yet been fully revealed.

Monday, September 18, 2006

Old Testament Background And Prophecies

Monday, September 25, 2006

The Letters To The Seven Churches

Monday, October 2, 2006

The Scroll And The Lamb

Monday October 9, 2006

Seven Seals And Seven Trumpets

Monday, October 16, 2006

The Woman And The Dragon

Monday, October 23, 2006

The Number Of The Beast (666)

Monday, October 30, 2006

The Marriage Supper Of The Lamb And The Rider On The White Horse

Monday, November 6, 2006

The Defeat Of Satan And The Universal Judgment

Monday, November 13, 2006

The New Jerusalem/The Second Coming Of Christ

St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School

The St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School had a very productive and enjoyable spring session beginning with the Easter holidays. Several older students worked diligently in school and at home to prepare for their annual participation in the Easter holiday service at St. James church. The students read several long Bible passages, in Armenian, for evening services. The school PTO hosted a lavish Doon Orhnenk reception for the entire parish, immediately following Badarak. The Arts and Crafts teacher, Mrs. Jayne Andonian, and parent volunteer, Mrs. Seda Mateossian, have helped the students learn about and express their knowledge of Easter through various crafts projects. These are on display throughout the cultural center.

The school began its first annual History Research Project. The students, working in teams and assisted by our computer teacher, Ms. Alina Sullivan, have researched various current and ancient aspects of Armenian culture, utilizing a variety of books and the internet. The Nursery and Kindergarten classes, under the guidance of their teachers, Svetlana Vehapetyan and Anna Kupelian, created two-dimensional popular animals in Armenia. The first graders, under the supervision of Aida Sarkissian, created a large poster board highlighting important Armenian monuments. The second graders, under the supervision of Mrs. Rita Meneshian learned, through recitation, about poetry by the notable poet Silva Gaboudigian.

The third graders, under the guidance of Ms. Mayda Yetimian, learned about significant historical events, such as the creation of the Armenian alphabet and the beginnings of Christianity in Armenia. The fourth graders,

led by their teacher Mary Demirdjian, concentrated on ancient and current cultural traditions in Armenia, specifically through dance and musical instruments. Finally, the fifth grade students, under the direction of Ms. Celine Abkar, researched current industrial and geopolitical issues within current day Armenia.

The results of a long year of efforts and enthusiastic learning were displayed on the evening of Friday, June 2, 2006, during Hye Café.

In line with the students' exploration of Armenian history, culture and traditions, instrumentalist and music teacher Mr. Robert Raphalian visited the Saturday school and presented to the students a lecture about various instruments such as the oud, violin, cello and fiddle, and their place in Armenian music. Mr. Raphalian demonstrated how each instrument is played and demonstrated the range of sounds made by each instrument. The students enthusiastically asked Mr. Raphalian questions, and were thrilled to try their hand at playing the instruments.

The St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School ends this year by extending wholehearted thanks to Lauren Metjian, Deanna Soukiasian and Simon Tacvorian, who have spent precious volunteer hours assisting our students. Middle and high school students who

would like to complete community service hours assisting the Saturday School are always welcome.

The St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School Annual Banquet will be held on Sunday, November 5th, 2006. This year's banquet, in honor of the special 75th anniversary year of our church, will be to honor all school alumni from 1936 through 2005. Be a part of this special honor and reunion!





ACYOA Seniors



Over Memorial Day Weekend, over twenty St. James ACYOA Seniors attended the Annual General Assembly and Sports Weekend, hosted this year by the Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church in Providence, Rhode Island.

The weekend started off on Friday morning where our parish had a good presence sending three delegates, Alexa Diranian, Melanie Khederian, and Jennifer Tagarelis, to represent the chapter. Our Pastor, Fr. Arakel Aljalian, was also present. While at the meeting, the ACYOA Seniors once again volunteered to extend our St. James welcome and to host the Archbishop's Tournament in October, a tournament our chapter revived four years ago.

The following days were filled with sports competitions and fel-

lowship. Our sports teams did us proud: St. James sent two Men's basketball teams, one Co-ed Volleyball team, and two Soccer teams. Members also participated in many individual sports such as tavloo, tennis, chess, and a three-point shooting contest. Our St. James team took second place in co-ed volleyball! An additional honor, a member of our chapter, Jennifer Tagarelis, was awarded the Charles Yaghoobian Sportsmanship Award.

A highlight of the weekend was the remembrance video that was shown during the Sunday night banquet, in honor of the 60th Anniversary of the ACYOA. The video included numerous photographs of past and present ACYOA members, many of which were of St. James parishioners.



Graduates

St. James Pastors, Parish Council, and parishioners extend their sincere congratulations to the following on their wonderful accomplishments. We are very proud of our graduates, and pray that God bless them in their future endeavors.

Brian Ansbikian, son of David and Nancy Ansbikian, graduated from Stoneham High School. He will be attending Bentley College in the fall, majoring in Finance.

Kelsey Aroian, daughter of Richard and Laurel Aroian, and granddaughter of Lucy Aroian, graduated from Northborough Regional High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society and Captain of the Swim Team. She will be attending the University of Vermont with majors in Political Science and Communications.

Carolyn Atinizian, daughter of Nishan and Margrit Atinizian of Winchester, MA, graduated with a *Juris Doctorate* degree from Suffolk Law School. Carolyn was named to the Dean's List for two consecutive years and actively participated in numerous clubs and organizations while in law school. She will be working in the legal department of Vast Capital Management Inc., a property management firm in Cambridge, MA.

Gregory A. Deranian, son of Haig Deranian, graduated from Northeastern University with a Masters Degree in Business Administration.

Jennifer A. Deranian, daughter of Haig Deranian, graduated from Assumption College in Worcester, MA with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Julie Ann Giragosian graduated *Cum Laude* from Tufts University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. She attends to pursue her career in economics working as a researcher for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in Washington, D.C. Julie is the daughter of Jack and Susan Giragosian, and the proud granddaughter of the late John and Alice Giragosian and the late Edward and Elizabeth Nahabedian.

Mark J. Giragosian graduated *Cum Laude* from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Sciences in Communications. He will be pursuing his major field of study working as a tape associate director at television station NESN, the home of the Boston Red Sox. Mark is the son of Jack and Susan Giragosian, and the proud grandson of the late Edward and Elizabeth Nahabedian and the late John and Alice Giragosian.

Lauren Rose Hagopian, daughter of Bruce and Gail Hagopian, graduated from Suffolk University's Sawyer School of Management with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, specializing in Finance and Accounting. She is currently employed by CB Richard Ellis in Boston as a Property Accountant.

Kristin Kashgegian, daughter of Glen and Diane Kashgegian, granddaughter of Helen Kashgegian, graduated from Belmont High School. She will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall.

Nancy Nairi Maserejian, ScD, daughter of Zareh and Hasmig Maserejian of Belmont, received her Doctoral Degree in Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health. She also graduates from Harvard School of Dental Medicine with a certificate in Oral and Dental Public Health Epidemiology.

Dziadzan Talar Sahagian, daughter of David and Gulnar Sahagian, graduated from Needham High School. She will be attending Simmons College in the fall, majoring in Education. Dziadzan is an active member of our church choir.

Luder Tavit Sahagian, son of David and Gulnar Sahagian, received his Masters Degree in Political Science and International Relations from Humbolt University in Berlin, Germany.

Jennifer Rose Tagarelis, daughter of Stanley and Lori Tagarelis, and granddaughter of Andy and Beatrice Ohannessian, graduated *Cum Laude* from Regis College with a B.A. in History and a concentration in Elementary Education. Jennifer was a member of the Dance Company and the *Pi Gamma Mu* Honor Society for Social Sciences. She will begin her graduate studies at Regis College, pursuing her Master of Arts in Teaching and Interdisciplinary Studies, in September of this year.

Adriana Jeanne Talatinian, daughter of John and Jeanne Talatinian of Hudson and granddaughter of Don and Sunny Boghosian, graduated from Babson College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. She will be working with Hannaford, Inc. in New Hampshire.

Erika Danielle Talatinian, daughter of John and Jeanne Talatinian of Hudson and granddaughter of Don and Sunny Boghosian, graduated from Hudson High School with honors. She has been accepted to Wake Forrest University in North Carolina.

Catherine Ann Sullivan of Framingham, daughter of Elizabeth Boyajian and Robert Sullivan, and granddaughter of Chester and Queenie Boyajian of Belmont, graduated *Cum Laude* from Boston College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. She will be working as a Clinical Research Assistant at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Special Accomplishments

Elise Magarian, daughter of James and Cynthia Magarian and granddaughter of Anthony and Alice Seferian, has been awarded a highly competitive research grant from the Boston University Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program. Elise's research will focus on the "Morphological responses of Convict Cichlid Fish to Conspecific Injury Released Olfactory Cues."

2006 Scholarship Recipients

Herant, Zarouhi & Raffi Hollisian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Brian David Ansbikian**

Terjenian & Thomas Families Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Gregory Hapet Berberian**

Jocko Ananian Memorial & Phyllis Ananian Scholarship

Recipient: **Shant Onnik Broukian**

Alice Kaprielian Memorial & Ann Kaprielian Scholarship

Recipient: **Dana Malcolm Clark**

Vernon H. Assarian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Alexa Melanie Diranian**

Alice Khederian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Eric G. Egavian**

Edward & Elaine Patapanian Scholarship

Recipient: **Jbid Vartuhi Ipek**

Edward & Elaine Patapanian Scholarship

Recipient: **Sarven Ipek**

Virginia Bedrosian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Amanda Ann Kavjian**

Armene Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship- GKT

Recipient: **Marc Neshan Khederian**

Martin Martinian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Lauren Lee Maranian**

Hovnan & Agnes Hovnanian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Julie Marie McDermott**

Simon Der Simonian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Sarah Caitlin McDermott**

Herach Kazanjian Memorial & Anne Kazanjian Scholarship

Recipient: **Dziadzan Talar Sahagian**

Michael & Ovsana Hovannesian Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: **Stephen Craig Tagarelis**

Veronica Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship- GKT

Recipient: **Julie Anne Yerganian**

Gladys & Anna Najarian Medzorian Scholarship

Recipient: **Andrea Armen Zeytoonjian**



**Sunday School
Graduation**



Thank you!

In May 2006 our 5th Grade class at St Stephen's Armenian Elementary School went on an exciting trip to Armenia. It was an incredible experience and we had a great time. We visited Echmiadzin, Khor Virab, Armenian Genocide Monument, Lake Sevan, Temple of Garni, Gehard church, Kharabagh and many other places. We would like to thank Der Arakel Aljalian, the St James Parish Council, all parishioners and friends for their support and participation in our fundraising events which made this trip come true. It is our hope and wish that all Armenian children in the Diaspora have the opportunity to visit our homeland. Thank you again.

Varteni Jamakorjian and Ari Vasken Kazanjian



MESROB MASHDOTZ INSTITUTE

The Mesrob Mashdotz Adult Language Institute completed its Winter 2006 semester on April 12, 2006.

The Spring/Summer 2006 semester started Tuesday, April 25, 2006 with 21 students attending.

The semester, which runs for ten weeks, will end on Wednesday, June 28, 2006.

The Fall 2006 semester is scheduled to start on Monday, September 18, 2006.

For additional information or if you have any questions regarding our current or upcoming semesters, please call **Annie Chekijian**, Administrator of the Mesrob Mashdotz Institute, at (617) 489-5984 or e-mail anniechekijian@msn.com.

It's never too late to learn!

Holy Week



at St. James





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.

ST. JAMES HYE CAFÉ

2006 HYE CAFÉ DATES!

Friday, September 15, 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.



New Vision

Summer 2006
newvision@stthagop.com

Hye Café has had an extremely successful six months. In March and April, a Lenten menu was offered. Even without the traditional meat kebab menu, our parishioners and friends from the community filled Keljik hall for a night of *vosbov kufte* and vegetarian *dolma*. In May and June, Hye Café was back to its traditional menu, and guests were in store for special treats. In May, the students of the Armenian Sister's Academy entertained those present. In June, our St. James St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School students drew their year to a close by sharing a short hantes with Hye Café attendees during the later hour of the Café.

As in the past three years, New Vision once again organized the **Annual Genocide Remembrance and Commemoration**. Over 700 people joined together to remember our beloved martyrs, and to celebrate the strong and ever-vibrant Armenian spirit. This annual commemoration through culture and music is widely anticipated and well-received by the greater Boston community. This year's feature performance was the Shushi Dance Ensemble of New York. Also performing were violinist Sami Meridian and soloist Solange Merdinian. New Vision once again hosted the reception following the commemoration.

New Vision continues and seeks to be extremely active in the life of

our church. Our members are actively participating in the 75th Anniversary celebrations, strategic planning, and capital campaign. New Vision is also currently busy preparing for **Silent Auction** to be held during the **St. James Annual Bazaar**. A Silent Auction committee has been formed, chaired by Michael Bahtirian and Pam McGrath. The committee is looking for both volunteers to help and for your donations of goods, services and collectables.

We invite everyone to join us for the New Vision evening at the Medieval Manor Dinner Theater on September 30, 2006. The show will begin at 5:00 p.m., with pre-show festivities beginning at 4:15 p.m. The price of \$45 per person (includes dinner, beverages, and show). We encouraged those interested to RSVP as soon as possible, as space is limited. If you would like to attend or for information, please contact Linda Sahagian at (617) 407-6600 or email hyelinda65@aol.com.

Other events in the planning include a visit to the **Armenian Nursing Home** and another theatrical production to ring in and celebrate the Christmas season. All are welcome to our events.

For more information, please call Linda Sahagian at (617) 407-6600 or email hyelinda65@aol.com.

St. James Hosts Third Genocide Remembrance and Commemoration

Almost 700 people gathered on April 23, 2006, for the third Remembrance and Commemoration hosted by St. James Armenian Church for the greater Boston community. Fr. Arakel, Pastor of St. James, opened the afternoon's commemoration with a Requiem Service for our beloved Armenian martyrs. Lalg Musserian, MC, and Susan Ekisian shared with the audience their own perspectives of the Armenian Genocide and the spirit of the Armenian people.

This year, we were honored to have in our midst Henry Morgenthau III, who addressed the audience and shared his recollections. St. James also honored, with great respect and pride, survivors of the Armenian Genocide who were present at the commemoration. Those present then witnessed, with great enthusiasm and emotion, the strong faith and indomitable spirit of the Armenian people, as they watched with excitement the talented Shushi Dance Ensemble of New York, under the direction of Shushi's creator and choreographer Seta Paskalian-Kantardjian. The audience also enjoyed performances by violinist Sami Merdinian and mezzo-soprano Solange Merdinian. An elegant reception hosted by St. James New Vision once again followed the commemoration.

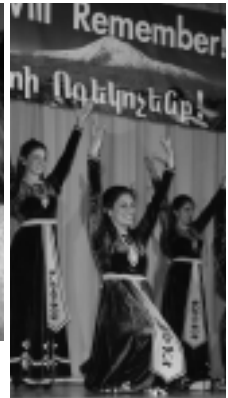
We extend our sincere gratitude to Jeanette M. Keljik, Yervant and Anoush Balian, Arshag Gechijian, Nishan and Mary Goudsouzian, and Albert Hovannessian for their generous support of the commemoration. We also extend our sincere gratitude to Lalg Musserian, Linda Sahagian, Marina Minasian, and St. James New Vision for planning and organizing the commemoration, and to all parishioners who supported and attended this event.



Henry Morgenthau III being thanked by Lalg Musserian.



Seta Paskalian-Kantardjian with Lalg Musserian.



Some of Our Genocide Survivors



Altar Servers and Senior Choir

A warm welcome to Cristina Aspuru Corwin who recently joined the Choir. Congratulations to choir member Nicole Simmons and her husband upon the birth of their third child, a son, Charles Albert, III.

On St. Vartanantz Feast Day, Thursday morning February 23, the Choir and Altar servers celebrated Divine Liturgy with the special variables of the day. During Lent, the Choir and Altar servers participated in the Arevakal (Sunrise) Service. The Divine Liturgy during Lent ends with the singing of Bahaban Amenayee (Christ the Guardian of All), a majestic hymn, incorporating the prayer of St. Nersess Shnorhali, composed by St. James' first organist, the late composer Alan Hovhannes. The choir also participated in Holy Week services.

As anticipated each year, the Easter Badarak is especially joyful

when Deacon Zakar Hachikian rhythmically strikes the cymbals during the singing of Kovya Yeroosaghem Uz Der, (Praise the Lord O Jerusalem). Following the end of Badarak, the Choir and all form a procession while singing Aysor Haryav, (Today is Risen), and descend to the Armene and Veronica Tarvezian Hall for the traditional House Blessing Service.

Armenian Martyrs' Day was commemorated with the participation of Altar Servers and Choir in the Divine Liturgy, Requiem Service, and the Blessing of the Madagh Service on Monday Morning, April 24.

All are welcome to participate in the Divine Liturgy by singing in the St. James Choir. Feel free to speak to our Director, Artur Veranian, or any of the choir members at any time.

St. James Junior Choir / Chorale

The Junior Choir/Chorale welcomes new singer Nareg Kalaydjian. One of our late deacons used to say to us "You sang like a "sokhag" (nightingale) today". It is still true today, whenever we hear the voices of the Junior Choir/Chorale singers. Easter Jrakalooytz Divine Liturgy was enhanced by the voices of Dziadzan Sahagian, Satenik Karapetyan, Melanie Joubanian, Cristina Veranian, Nara Agaronova, and Maria Airapetian. Dziadzan and Satenik often sang in the Choir during lent, on St. Vartanantz Feast Day, Armenian Martyrs' Day and other Sundays.

In addition to learning the Badarak and secular music, voices and poise are developed, personal skills are discovered in guiding

younger members, and friendships are formed.

The Junior Choir is often the foundation of service in the Armenian Apostolic Church. For example, today Shant Broukian, a "charter" member of the Junior Choir/Chorale, is training with Fr. Arakel towards becoming a sub-deacon. Likewise, Vartan Babikyan, a member of our Senior Choir, trains with Der Arakel towards ultimate ordination.

The first fall rehearsal of the Junior Choir will be held on September 16, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in Mirak Hall of the St. James Cultural and Youth Center. We hope to see you!

Lucy Mardirosian

Mr. & Mrs. Group



The Mr. & Mrs. Group met on Friday, May 12, 2006, and had a delightful losh kebab dinner prepared by one of our hard working committees. As the gathering was held the Friday before Mother's Day, all the Mothers were given a very nice floating candle gift. The group was also happy to welcome Fr. Dajad Davidian to our gathering. All were entertained with a video featuring an entertaining celebrity impersonation by one of our members, Harold Partamian. (The video was one of the past hilarious shows put on by our group and filmed in the year 1987.)

The Mr. & Mrs. Group held their annual frank and bean supper on Friday, June 16, 2006. All who purchased raffle tickets in support of this annual fundraiser received a complimentary meal. Nine prizes totaling \$850 were granted.

All parishioners are welcome to gatherings of the Mr. and Mrs. Group for fellowship and fun. Join us!

Sam Zouranian



Area Armenian Clergy pictured with the Most Reverend Sean Patrick O'Malley, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston.

St. James Blood Drive with Mount Auburn Hospital

Thursday, October 19, 2006
10:00 - 2:00 — Mirak Hall



*Call the church office to make
an appointment.
All blood stays within
the community!*

The members of the Women's Guild have been very active this past winter. Our February luncheon was preceded by a winter storm. Yet, over 70 members attended the luncheon to participate in our Valentine's Day celebration. Our guests were entertained by Ed DerKazarian for his presentation assessing and describing members' individual personalities.

Of course, during the next seven weeks, we prepared for our Easter Bake Sale and the mid-Lenten kufta. Over 90 dozen eggs were colored, and choreg and trays of bourma were baked. Our loyal parishioners purchased over 80 dozen of our Lenten kufta. This year we expanded our pastry selection by preparing "fast foods." We prepared small trays of frozen, unbaked cream khadayif ready to pop in the oven, which could be baked at the last minute for a home-made treat.

The Guild is not all work and no play. A visit to Mohegan Sun brightened the cold winter months and the trip to the Blithewood Mansion reminded us that spring was right around the corner.

Women's Guild News

Future Dates:

September 18, 2006	Welcome Back Dinner
October 16, 2006	"Post Bazaar Luncheon" <i>with guest speaker Susan Hazarvartian</i>
November	Elections and Awards Night
December	Trip to Mt. Washington and Christmas Party





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.

FEBRUARY

Agnes Astourian February 2, 2006

Peter, Gladys and Chris Abidian
John, Elizabeth and Adrienne Kefeyan
Joseph and Brenda Tavitian
Total: \$150

Evelyn J. Mazmanian February 3, 2006

Edward K. Mazmanian and Family
Armand and Helen Andreassian
Arthur and Rose Arakelian
Louis and Marion Barsam
Elliot Corman
May DeMilo
Seda and George Dennis
Alice Gazarian
Mr. C. S. Gazarian
Mr. Anthony and Kathleen Giragosian
Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin
The John Family
George and Gladys Kaloostian
Anne Kazanjian
Arpi Kazanjian
Robert Kazarian
Marlin R. Keshishian
Helen Marderosian and Family
Charles Sahagian
Sylvia Sarkisian
Richard and Robert Serabian
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Takesian
Alice, Nancy, Barbara and Mary Veznaian
Total: \$1,570

Zepure Yazjian February 7, 2006

Charles Yazjian
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Abidian
Harry and Diana Adamian
Vee Agahigian
Florence Aharonian

Eleanor C. Arakelian
Diane Aspuru
Hamest Atamian
Mary Avedisian
Mr. and Mrs. Garabed Babigian
Alan Basmajian
Sara and James Bejoian
Mary Bergoudian
Angele Boghossian
Michael and Ida Boodakian
Mr. and Mrs. Avedis Boyadjian
Queenie and Chet Boyajian
Margaret K. Boyajian
Leona Boyajian
Montha Chom
Areka Der Kazarian
Arman and Sossy Derian
Shake Gabriel
Mary George
Jeff and Virginia Gosdanian
Crosby and Marge Goshgarian
Dr. and Mrs. Nishan Goudsouzian
Edward and Nancy Guleserian
Charles and Joyce Guleserian
Hall, Vasil and Dowd
Dorothy Hartmann
Ruth Harutunian
Louise Hatabian
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Hatzis, Sr.
Doris and Stephen Hazerjian
Juna and Roxie Hedison
Annie Hintlian
Tarvis Hintlian
Margaret and Mary Hovnanian
Roxie Hovsepian
Margaret Janikian
Sonia A. Janikian
Elaine and Mark Jefferson
Gabriel and Miriam Jerahian
Nora Kalajian
George and Gladys Kaloostian
Mr. and Mrs. Mimi and Martin Kalustian
Vartkes and Elissa Karaian
Nadia Ann Karnik
Helen Kashgegian
Anne Kazanjian
Sally and Frank Keljik
Linda Keljik
Kathy and Elliott Morss
Jeanette M. Keljik and Family
Leona Kevorkian
Tom and Arshalous Kezerian
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Khederian
Kallianr S. Khim
Sophea Khinn
Paul and Ann Korian
Harry and Gale Krikorian
Aracse Kurkjian
Peter and Virginia S. Kyvelos
Leanne D. Lahar
Marion Malkasian
Rose Mamishian and Family
Arthur A. Maranian, Sr.
Ora Margosian
Jean E. Martinian
Matthew and Ardemis Matteosian
Eva Medzorian
Edward and Julie Mesrobian
Alice Millian
Alice K. Mellian and Rose Z. Karibian
Louise and Sandra Missakian
Esther Moomjian and Family
Dr. and Mrs. John Musserian
Sahag, V. and Kirk Nahabedian
Mildred Nahabedian

Irene and Violet Nalbandian
Peter W. Nalbandian
Helen Nalchian
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ohannessian
Agavni Ozcan
Hazel Papazian
Gloria Parechian and Family
Jack and Audrey Pilbosian
Thomas and Diane Prendergast
Raymond Roun
Rosemary Roun
Richard and Irene Samourian
Marien Samuelian
Henika Sarafian
Shaunt and Arpi Sarian
Harry and Irene Sarkisian
Judith Ananian Sarno
Alice and Anthony Seferian
Norma Shoshan and Michael Shoshan
Katherine Siranosian
St. James Women's Guild
Richard and Ann Tarvezian
Makrouhi Terzian
Michael Yapchaian
George and Helen Yapchaian
Arnold A. Yazjian
Mr. and Mrs. Raffi Yeghiayan
Total: \$3,444

Robert W. Najarian February 15, 2006

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Aharonian
Doris Boghosian
Kurt and Diane Herosian
Total: \$75

Charles Ogasapian February 16, 2006

George and Sally Goolkasian
Kenneth Hintlian
Margaret and Mary Hovnanian
Ernest Jones
Anna Kaloostian
Frank and Sally Keljik
Linda Keljik
Vahan Kouyoumjian
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lopez
Michael and Adrienne Lovell
Elliott and Kathy Morss
Sahag and V. Nahabedian
Berj and Diana Tashjian and Roxann
Tashjian
Total: \$675

Arthur Margosian February 17, 2006

Mary, Philip and Carol Margosian
Ora Margosian
Florence Aharonian
Lucy Alexander
Greg and Lenore E. Arabian
Elizabeth Arakelian
Lucy Aroian
Diane Aspuru
Mr. Louis Barsam
Ms. Marion Barsam
Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Barsamian
Rose Barsamian
Marion Bedrosian and Paul Bedrosian
Paul Berberian
Leona Boyajian
A. Richard Carlson
Jean and Dana Clark
Deric and Cristina Corwin

Ed and Ann Danielson
Armenag and Janet David
Charles E. Diccico
Marguerite Donnelly
Mr. and Mrs. Khacher Dostoomian
Shake Gabriel
Crosby and Marge Goshgarian
Jeanne Griffin
Edward and Nancy Guleserian
Charles and Joyce Guleserian
Harvard Law School Financial Office
Louise Hatabian
Hilda Hevesian and Valentine Pogharian
Margaret and Mary Hovnanian
Isabel L. Jankelson
Mark and Elaine Jefferson
Leon W. Kachadorian
Mike and Seta Kalajian
Nadia Ann Karnik
Elaine A. Kasparian and Robert J. Watson
The Kolgian Family
Rose Mamishian
Arthur A. Maranian, Sr.
Alfred and Mary Margosian
Alice K. Mellian and Rose Z. Karibian
Rebecca and Alfred Merullo
Liberty A. Miller
Louise Missakian
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ohannessian
Shirley and Helen Onanian
Aghavni Ozcan
George M. Packard
Jack and Audrey Pilbosian
Stephen T. Russian
Marien Samuelian
Armine Sarges
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Seferian
Norma, Sonya and Michael Shoshan
Bob and Corinne Simonelli
Katherine Siranosian
Marion and Paul Snow
John and Barbara Solakian
St. James Bingo Group
Hrach and Varna Terlemejian
The Tagarelian Family
Marguerite Thompson
Gary and Elaine Westermarck
Mrs. Ann Yacoubian
Michael G. Yapchaian
George and Helen Yapchaian
Gayle M. Yapchaian
Total: \$2,790

John Francis Dillon February 17, 2006

Aurora Dillon
Mr. and Mrs. George Barrett and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garabedian
Robert Garabedian
Mary Bergoudian
Ruth DerGarabedian
Daniel and Linda DerGarabedian
Arman and Sossy Derian
Mr. and Mrs. George Duyon
Dr. and Mrs. Nishan Goudsouzian
Zevart M. Hollisian
Phyllis and Alise Hovenanian
Vartkes K. Karaian
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Khederian
Zareh and Hasmig Maserejian
Edward and Julie Mesrobian
Mrs. Frances Montgomery
Edgar and Doris Nahigian
Mr. and Mrs. Raffi P. Yeghiayan and Family
Total: \$1,380

MARCH

Anne Der Vartanian March 10, 2006

Deron and Ardemis Hazian
Knaian and Krikorian Family
Aracse Kurkjian
Anahid Ann Najarian
Dolores Norigian
Ardashes Ouzounian and Family
Sunny Sahagian
Richard and Ann Tarvezian
MaryAnn Tutunjian
Myron Tutunjian and Earle Tutunjian
Total: \$395

Ara Levon Barmakian March 24, 2006

Mr. and Mrs. Diran Barmakian
Mr. and Mrs. Vahan Barmakian
Gregory H. and Deborah M. Adamian
Arthur and Rose Arakelian
David and Maureen Arakelian
Steven and Hilda Assarian
Suren and Sharon Avedisian
Mimi Khederian Bahtarian
Frank and Norma Barmakian
Sam Barnes
John K. Baronian
Rose Barsamian
Judith Basmajian
Sara and James Bejoian and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Boghigian
Ruth Boghossian
Charlotte Calfaian
Rev. and Mrs. Dajad Davidian
Karen Demerjian
Paul and Setrak DerBoghossian
Richard and Patricia Dixon
Barbara Dorian
Armen Esserian and Family
Excellent Facets, Inc.
Linda Flaherty and Family
Andrea Garabedian-Barrett
Crosby and Marge Goshgarian
Crosby, Jr. and Flo Goshgarian and Greg,
Kenny and Alison
Kurt and Diane Herosian
James and Melanie Jandl
Dr. C. Robert and Lillian Jingoizian
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kachadorian
Frank Kaminiski, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Sarop Kaprielian
Nadia Ann Karnik
John and Alice Karnikyan
Dr. Parnag and Nancy Kasarjian and Family
Kenneth Kazanjian
Charlie and Dawn Keller
Mr. and Mrs. George and Diane Keverian
Harry Koumjian
Aracse Kurkjian
Nancy Madanian Reppucci and Michael
Reppucci
Donna, Richard, and Philip Madanian
and Family
Ron and Lois Malconian
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Manoogian and Family
Arthur A. Maranian, Sr.
Jean Martinian
Joanne Morris
Evelyn Muckjian and Daly Families
Kevork and Teny Nahabedian
Gloria and Eleanor Najarian
Varujan and Hilda Ozcan

Charles and Mary Parnagian
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Pilbosian
Esther and Sam Rosenzweig
John and Nina Sahagian
Jaques and Reine Sayegh
Mark and Gloria Segel
Sirvart Soumilian
St. James Women's Guild
Mr. and Mrs. Vartkess Tarbassian
Richard and Ann Tarvezian
Elizabeth and Margaret Tavakalian
Rosalie and Haig Tekeyan
John and Diana Topjian
Maryann Tutunjian
Roberta Tutunjian
William Yameen, Butcher Boy Market
Stephan and Anahid Zerdelian
Total: \$5,120

APRIL

Norman B. Semerjian

April 17, 2006

Judi & Jack Holzmnn & Family
Sarah Semerjian
Norman & Ruth Semerjian & Chenda
Ronald & Ruth Semerjian & Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Ahigian
James & Doreen Ahigian & Family
Kaspar & Jayne Andonian & Family
Sharon M. Daniels
Azard Ehamjian and Katherine Meranian
Ruben Ehamjian and Family
Anne Kazanjian
Agnes Margossian
Kenneth & Ann Margossian & Family
Charles & Barbara Margossian & Family
Skon & Rose Semerjian
St. James Women's Guild
Gregory & Linda Takvorian
Marguerite Topalian
Total: \$860

Arthur Davidian

April 19, 2006

Rev. Fr. Dajad and Yn. Rosemarie Davidian
Raymond Davidian
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adamian
Mary and Sarah Agabian
Vee Agahigian
Florence Aharonian
Harry and Azniv Amiralian
Phyllis Ananian
Fred and Mimi Apsokardos
Arthur and Rose Arakelian
George Arakelian
Lucy Aroian
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Asadoorian and Sons
Diane Aspuru
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Assarian
Hamest Atamian
Leon and Marge Atamian
George and Mariam Avakian
Suren and Sharon Avedisian
Mrs. A. and Rose Aznavorian
Mr. and Mrs. Garabed Babigian
Armen H. Baghdoyan
Anoush and Yervant Balian
Mary Balyosian
Chakeh Baran
David and Andrea Barber
John Baronian
John K. Baronian
Richard and Marilyn Bazarian
Mary Bergoudian

Victoria Boghosian
George and Betty Bolle
Astrid Bozkurtian
Ed and Mary Brewster
Deric and Cristina Corwin
Mr. and Mrs. Sahag Davagian
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis
Karen Dederyan
Kenneth and Karen Demerjian
Dr. and Mrs. Zareh Demirjian
Harry and Pam Der Harootunian
Areka Der Kazarian
Peter and Pam Der Kazarian
Dr. and Mrs. Alan K. Der Kazarian
Marion and Alma Der Kazarian
Haig and Donna Deranian
Harry and Charlotte Eordekian
Robert Ford
Shake Gabriel
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garabedian
Krikor Gennetian
Steve and Margie Glikas (Kalajian)
Crosby and Marge Goshgarian
Charles and Joyce Guleserian
Elizabeth Hagopian
Henry Hagopian
Rose and Elise Harrison
Ruth Harutunian
Susan and Kim Hazarvartian
Doris Hazerjian
Kurt and Diane Herosian
Marion and Marsha Hovenesian
Margaret and Mary Hovnanian
Mari Imirzian
Mrs. Margaret Janikian
Sonia Janikian
Elaine and Mark Jefferson
Jeannette John
Leon W. Kachadorian
Nora Kalajian
Ann O. Kaprielian
Rose Z. Karibian and Alice K. Mellian
Helen Kashgegian
Glen, Diane, Michael and Kristin Kashgegian
Alan and Ninfa Kasparian
Glenn and Janis Kasparian
Siranoosh Kassabian
Anne Kazanjian
Mary-Ann Kazanjian
Keane Family
John, Elizabeth and Adrienne Kefeyan
Rev. Fr. Yeprem and Yn. Judy Kelegian
Benjamin Kelerjian
Paul Khederian
Paul and Ann Korian
Charles Krikorian
Seroun Krikorian
Mary Kupjian
Aracse Kurkjian
Leo's Vac-Center
Rose Mamishian and Family
Ora Margosian
Varujan Masrof
Edward and Julie Mesrobian
Edward and Diana Minasian
Louise D. Missakian
and Sandra L. Missakian
Helen Mosesian
Dr. John and Claire Musserian
Mildred Nahabedian
George Nalchian
Helen Nalchian
Charles and Margaret Nigohsian
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ohannessian
Koren K. and Linda C. Ovoian

Aghavni Ozcan
Sarkis and Armand Paboojian
Arthur and Louise Panosian
Hazel Papazian
Marilyn Papazian
Arthur, Victoria, Christi and Marc Papazian
Lucille Paroonagian
Harry and Hripsime Parsekian
Gladys and Harold Partamian
Edward and Elaine D. Patapanian
Jack and Audrey Pilbosian
Herman and Laura Purutyan
Mr. and Mrs. John and Donnarose Russian-Agr
Robert H. Sanasarian
Barbara Santojan Tomasian
Herika Sarafian
Rebecca Sarkisian
Anthony and Alice Seferian
Leon and Marion Semonian
Daniel Shadbegian
Diane Shadbegian
Yeprad and Mary Shadbegian
Norma, Sonya and Michael Shooshan
Mr. Harry G. Sogigian
St. James Women's Guild
Gregory and Linda Takvorian
Sara, Denise, and Vahey Takvorian
Richard, Ann and Talene Tarvezian
Haig and Rosalie Tekeyan
George Thomasian
John and Diana Topjian
Apet Torosian
The Totovian Family
Maryann Tutunjian
Mary Vartanian
Gary and Elaine Westermark
Blanche Yacubian; Carol and Mark Torrey
Gayle M. Yapchaian
Michael G. Yapchaian
Mr. and Dr. Garo Yavshayan
Mr. and Mrs. Raffi P. Yeghiayan
Total: \$5,470

George Moranian

April 24, 2006

Arthur A. Maranian, Sr.
Aram and Louise Maranian
Jack and Alma Maranian
Arthur and Karen Maranian
Robert and Mary Maranian
John and Lucy Balian
Ann Kalajian
Arthur and Deborah Kalajian
Ed Kalajian
Vartkis and Dorothy Parsikian
Madeline Maranian
Anastasia and Ronald Maranian
Robert and Linda Maranian
Scott Maranian
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Maranian and Family
Michael and Joanne Maranian, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Levon Daglian
and Eugenie Kochian
Sarah M. Alexander
David and Maureen Arakelian
John and Mary Ayvazian
John and Kristin Balian and Family
Mr. and Mrs. George Bedigian
Susan and Stephen Berberian
Rosemarie and Michael Cannistraro
Paul and Bev Demoorjian
Marguerite Dinjian
John J. Dunn
Robert F. Dunn and Toni Connelly

Lillian M. Dunn
Crosby and Marge Goshgarian
Charles and Joyce Guleserian
Robert J. Gustavsen
Varant Hagopian, MD
George W. Haroutunian and Shirley Spencer
Irene and Michael Hicks
Elaine and Mark Jefferson
Marie Jilian
Priscilla and Harry Kachadorian
Leon W. Kachadorian
Silva and Hasmig Karahbit
Mr. and Mrs. George Karapetian and Kristen and Michael
John and Alice Karnikyan
Nadia Ann Karnikyan
Mr. and Mrs. Hagop Kochian and Family
Mary Langone and Lisa Vladimarua
Burlington Macy's Cosmetic Dept.
George and Seta Manjikian
James and Denise Molloy
Suzanne Moranian Bolles, Devallon Bolles
Lillian Moranian Bolles
Berj and Virginia Najarian
Alice Papazian
Harold and Gladys Partamian
Anna Pietz
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sahagen and Family
Agnes B. Sahagian
Richard and Ann Tarvezian
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Tashjian
The Tarabelsi Family
Rose and Nish Tikjian
Marguerite Topalian
Edward and Nancy Tutunjian
Alice Tutunjian and Family
Alyssa and Domenic Urdi
Total: \$4,130

Krikor Hachikian

April 29, 2006

Jilda Hachikian
Hagop, Ruzanna and Mane Hachikian
Zakar and Gayane Hachikian
Varoujan, Lilit and Krikor Hachikian
Albert and Linda Abkarian
Shoshigh Amirkan
Anonymous
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Asadoorian and Sons
Armen Asik
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Assarian
Hamest Atamian
Garbiz Baba
Carol and Jirair Babikyan
Mrs. Victoria Boghosian
Avedis Cinar
Ray Davidian
Marion, Alma and Charles DerKazarian
Filyane Dilanian and Family
Jak Eskici
Friends at Grubb and Ellis Office-
Massachusetts
Friends at Grubb and Ellis Office - New York
Shake Gabriel
Varujan and Elizabeth Ganjian
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gennetian
Krikor Gennetian
Dr. Vartan and Armen Ghugasian
Mari Imirzian
Violet Karamanian
Siranoush Kassabian
Jack Keumurian and Family
Vartan Krikorian
Berj and Meline Manoukian
Mr. Krekor Mardirosian

and Miss Lucy Mardirosian
Martha Martents, MD
Gahaneh and Edwad Moor
Nubar, Janet, Mihran and
Kevork Ozbalik
Aghavni Ozcan
Harry and Hripsime Parsekian
Robert Sanasarian
Herika Sarafian
Mr. and Mrs. Ardashes Shelemian
Ann Simon
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Spinneit
St. James Armenian Church Choir
Etien Uzis
Veranian Family
Michael G. Yapchaian
Gayle M. Yapchaian
George and Helen Yapchaian
Mari and Raffi Zargarian and
Haykanus Yakubian
Arsalays Zerukyan
Total: \$3,125

Yeprouhie Ohannessian

May 26, 2006

Nadine Aprahamian
Margrit Atinjian
Arsham B. Bedrossian and
Leira V. Bedrossian
Richard L. Cherkerzian, Jr.
Robert Christophi and Victoria
Lillian Garbouchian
Rita Hallajian
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Halliday
Denis Hamboyan
Mrs. Juliette Hamboyan
Mari Imirzian
Siran Kassabian
Anne and Krikor Keikian
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Knight
Azadouhi Ohannessian
Kevork and Sona Ourfalian
Agavni Ozcan
Harry and Hripsime Parsekian
Dr. Alain and Maguy Pollak
Herika Sarafian
Vehanoosh Sarkissian and daughters
Mary Vartanian
Veranian Family
George and Helen Yapchaian
Garo and Aida Yavshayan
Mary and Clyde Younger
Total: \$950

ADDITIONAL IN LIEU

Eve Akillian

November 11, 2005

Krikor and Nancy Kassabian
New Total: \$695

Lillian Kurkjian

November 22, 2005

Joyce Janjigian
New Total: \$2,570

Mary Najarian

January 4, 2006

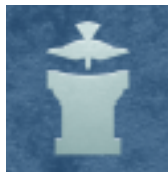
Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Agabian
New Total: \$2,270

Vartkes Yavshayan

January 23, 2006

Mary Bergoudian
New Total: \$2,280

Sacraments



Baptisms & Chrismations

You have been Baptised in Christ.

Alleluia

April

Rylee Joanne Mitchell

April 1, 2006

Daughter of Michael and Kimberly Mitchell

Godparents: Eric and Tracy Travers

James Hovagim Najarian

April 6, 2006

Alexandra Lena Inzodda

April 30, 2006

Daughter of Alexander and Sara Inzodda

Godparents: Frank Loulourgias and Emily Young

Sienna Araxi Soghomonian

April 30, 2006

Daughter of Minas and Brenda Soghomonian

Godparents: Vasken Shalian and Dawn Thambash

May

Max Russell Moraites

May 20, 2006

Son of Michael and Lynn Moraites

Godparents: Ara Armen Arslanian and Paulette Cook

Ava Riley Arslanian

May 20, 2006

Daughter of Ara and Erika Arslanian

Godparents: Michael and Lynn Moraites

Kalysta Rose Cataloni

May 20, 2006

Daughter of Neil and Christine Cataloni

Godparents: Richard Cataloni and Rosemary Z. Foley

Tigran Anthony Chekmeyan

May 21, 2006

Son of Gevork and Syuzanna Chekmeyan

Godparents: Sarkis Ayrapetyan and Zara Melkonian

Karen Maral Guler

May 21, 2006

Daughter of Salim and Satenig Guler

Godparents: Jan and Ugur Eskici

June

Christian Jerry Rivera

June 11, 2006

Son of Jerry Rivera and Zaruhi Kazelian

Godparents: Levon and Lorraine Kazelyan

Ella Ohanna Perkins

June 17, 2006

Daughter of Michael and Allison Perkins

Godparents: George and Pamela Adamian

Nicole Erica Babayan

June 25, 2006

Daughter of Yuriy and Inna Babayan

Godparents: Erick and Gayane Babayan



Weddings



And the two shall become one.

May

Mary-Ann Kazanjian and Henry Hagopian

May 7, 2006

Best Man: Richard Hagopian

Maid of Honor: Anna Bedirian

Nancy Nairi Maserejian and Steve Marcel Chagnon

May 27, 2006

Best Men: Gary Vago and Steven Delisle

Maid of Honor: Melanie Gerard

June

Alin Duhanyan and Zachary Bouthiette

June 3, 2006

Best Man: Patrick Quirk

Maid of Honor: Sevan Lohnes

Irina Badayan and Mark LeBlanc

June 10, 2006

Best Man: Kostantin Arakelov

Maid of Honor: Narine Arustamyan



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.*

February

Agnes Astourian

February 2, 2006

Evelyn J. Mazmanian

February 3, 2006

Zepure Yazijian

February 7, 2006

Robert W. Najarian

February 15, 2006

Charles J. Ogasapian

February 16, 2006

Arthur Margosian

February 17, 2006

John Francis Dillon

February 17, 2006

Volodia Galstian

February 25, 2006

March

Anne Der Vartanian

March 10, 2006

Ara Levon Barmakian

March 24, 2006

April

Norman B. Semerjian

April 17, 2006

Arthur Davidian

April 19, 2006

George Moranian

April 24, 2006

Krikor Hachikian

April 29, 2006

May

Ernest J. Jaffarian, Sr.

May 5, 2006

Ivan Balbasyan

May 10, 2006

Yeprouhie Ohannessian

May 26, 2006

June

Hripsima Ahigian

June 1, 2006

Ardemis Paboojian

June 3, 2006

Nubar Ipek

June 20, 2006

St. James Armenian Church 59th Annual Bazaar

Friday & Saturday, October 13 & 14, 2006

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

Live Auction and Silent Auction

Delicious ethnic food: shish kebab, chicken kebab, losh kebab, pilaf, kheyima, eetch, salad

Parishioners and Friends!!

We need your help and support to make this year's bazaar another successful one! Your time, help, ideas and presence are needed. Please contact the church office if you are able to volunteer your time.

We thank you in advance and look forward to seeing you at this year's bazaar!

For more information please call: (617) 923-8860

\$100 Raffle

\$7500 Grand prize
(only 375 tickets sold)



75th Anniversary Celebration Parish Council Reunion



75th Anniversary Celebration **Masquerade Ball**



75th Anniversary Celebration **Armenian Foods**



ST. JAMES ANNUAL PICNIC ARMENIAN FESTIVAL

This year's Armenian Festival was held on Sunday, June 11, 2006. With the sun shining down upon us, our parishioners gathered on a lovely spring afternoon to enjoy delicious Armenian foods, superb Armenian music, entertaining children's activities and games, and wonderful fellowship and fun!

A special and heartfelt thank you to Ben Saraydarian, a member of the St. James Parish Council who, for many years now, has lovingly and willingly assumed the leadership and responsibility for organizing our Annual Picnic. This year's festival was a tremendous success, and we thank Ben for all of his selfless efforts and commitment.

We also extend our gratitude and appreciation to all of our parishioners for their hard work in making this year's Annual Festival another wonderful success. May God bless you all, and may He continue to bless St. James.



7th Annual St. James Open Golf Tournament

St. James Armenian Church extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Harold Partamian, the entire golf tournament committee, and all of the volunteers, for their dedication and hard work in planning another successful golf tournament. We appreciate your commitment to and support of this church, and thank you for planning a day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

On Monday, May 8, 2006, the 7th Annual St. James Open Golf Tournament got underway under ideal weather conditions at its new venue at the beautiful Oakley Country Club in Watertown, Massachusetts.

A maximum field of 148 golfers registered to compete and enjoyed a wonderful, full day of golf and camaraderie. Following a continental breakfast, the field teed off at 10:00 a.m. Lunch was provided on the golf course.

Before a delicious dinner was served, Der Arakel Aljalian greeted the overflow attendees and thanked them for their support. He also extended his gratitude and appreciation to Harold Partamian and the entire golf committee for their continued commitment and hard work.

Tournament Director Harold Partamian, as Master of Ceremonies, conducted a raffle and a silent auction in addition to awarding team and individual golfing rewards. He also took the opportunity to thank all of the donors and sponsors who participated for their continued support. He praised all the volunteers who helped on tournament day, as well as giving special thanks to an outstanding golf tournament committee, without whom the successful day would not have been possible.

Special thanks to Paul T. Boghosian who volunteered to be the official tournament photographer. In addition to the photos below, photos of the day can be seen at who provided the pictures which can be seen on the St. James website at <http://www.sthagop.com/golf1.html>.



2006 Easter Yughakin

Paul Abdalian and Family
Hagop Abkarian
Mary and Sarah Agabian
Mr. and Mrs. John Agri
Margaret Ahigian
Leo W. Akillian
Roseann Akopov
Hagop and Marsha Alabachian
and Family
Gregory and Sarah M. Alexander
Rev. Fr. Arakel and
Yn. Natasha Aljalian
Harry and Azniv Amiralian
Anonymous
Nancy Ansbikian
Richard and Adrenna Antreassian
Fred and Miriam Apso kardos
Sarah Arabian
A. Marietta Arzumanyan
Adele Asdourian
Stephen and Nektar Ashchian
Hamest Atamian
Violeta Avanesova
Haig Avedisian
Steve, Janice and Marie Avery
Rose Babaian
Mr. and Mrs. Garabed B. Babigian
Judy Babikian
Mr. and Mrs. Yervant and
Anoush Balian
Rev. Fr. Arsen and
Yn. Varteni Barsamian
Rose D. Barsamian
Mr. and Mrs. Ishkan Bazarian
Marion Bedrosian
Paul Bedrosian
Margaret Bejian
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bejian and Family
Mr. and Mrs. George Berejik
Mary Bergoudian
Don and Sunny Boghosian
Gail Boroyan and Family
Sebouh and Maral Boyadjian
Jack and Miriam Boyajian
Leona Boyajian
Edward and Mary Brewster
Mr. and Mrs. Raffi Chapian
Mrs. Zaven Chickering,
For My Beloved Husband
Louise A. Chinian
Michael Dasho
Karen J. Dederyan
Suren Der Avedisian
Susan J. Deranian
Arthur and Takuhi Dermugrditchian
Pam DiBella
Yvonne N. Dibenedetto
Myron E. Dilanian
Aurora Dillon
Eliz Dilsizian

Nazaret and Kathleen Diranian
Gene and Mary Elliott
Harry and Charlotte Eordekian
Arlene S. Felt
Mary Jane Hindlian Flower
Victor and Nancy Ganjian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garabedian
Anne Garabedian
Marjorie Garjian
Arshag Gechijian
Thomas Gengozian and Sally Vanerian
Mary A. George
Taleen Tamar Ghazarian
Margerite Gurekian
Henry Hagopian
Helen Hagopian
Jacob and Mary Hagopian
Adrienne Halajian
Gail Haroutunian
Rose Harrison
Louise Hekimian
Kurt and Diane Herosian
Zevart M. Hollisian
Marilyn Hollisian
Mary and Margaret Hovnanian
Pauline Hovsepian
Richard and Nancy Hovsepian
Bertha Hoyen
Michael and Jean Hutchison
Mari Imirzian
Sirarpi Jamakorzian
Margaret Janikian
Mary and Eleanor Janjanian
Harry and Margarite Jurjuran
Leon W. Kachadorian
Harry and Priscilla Kachadorian
Harry A. Kalajian
Perkia Kalandjian
Grace Kaloostian
George and Gladys Kaloostian
Alice G. Kaloustian
Violeta Karamanian
Rose Z. Karibian
Rose Kasabian
George and Sandra Kasabian-Hoffman
Evelyn Kashgagian, In memory of
Linda Kashgagian Movsessian and
Arthur Kashgagian
Helen Kashgegian
Krikor and Nancy Kassabian
Siran Kassabian
Paul and Tamar Kazanjian
Mary-Ann Kazanjian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Kazanjian
and Family
Ara and Gladys Kazarian
Jeanette Keljik
Marlin R. Keshishian
George H. Kevorkian
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kezerian

Istephan Knarian
Arpeny Kolgian and Family
Joan E. Kolligian
Jennie Koumjian
Mr. and Mrs. John Kurkjian
Silva and William Macmillan
Richard P. Madanjian
Arthur and Gail Madenjian
Rose Magarian
Alice Mallumian
Aram Maranian
Ronald and Anastasia Maranian
Lucy Mardirosian
Ora Margosian
Mr. and Mrs. Varujan H. Masrof
Gladys and Anna Medzorjian
Alice K. Mellian
Michael and Jo Ann Menendian
Frank Millian
Edward and Diana Minasian
Ann Monserrat
Helen Mosesian
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mouradian
Arman and Helena Movsesian
Dr. John and Claire Musserian
Mr. and Mrs. Sahag K. Nahabedian
Ann Nahabedian
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Najarian
In memory of Alice and Harry Hasekian
Helen Nalchian
Charles and Margaret Nigohosian
Vartuhi Ohan
Virginia and Robert Ohanian
Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Ohannessian
Mr. & Mrs. Peter and
Charleen Onanian
Helen and Shirley Onanian
Edward Orchanian, Jr.
Garo and Sarpie Ostayan
Mr. and Mrs. Garo Ozcan
Agavni Ozcan
Varoujan and Hilda Ozcan
Harry and Hrip Parsekian
Harold and Gladys Partamian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Paul
Val Pogharian and Hilda Hevesian
Apar and Arpie Potookian
Thomas and Diane Prendergast
Shirlee and Bill Purcell
Mr. and Mrs. Kalost Purut
Herman and Laura Purutyan
Linda Sahagian
Siran Salibian
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Samourian
Kenneth and Diane Samuelian
Robert Sanasarian
Katheryn and Charles Saraf
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sarkisian
Helen Sarkisian
Archalouys Sarkissian

John and Alice Seferian
Leon and Marian Semonian
Seroun Krikorian
Aida Shabanova
Yepard and Mary Shadbegian
Daniel Shadbegian
Diane Shadbegian
Alma Shagoury
Norma Shooshan
Mr. & Mrs. Jean Soghomonian
Haig S. Soukiasian
Kay Surabian
Deborah M. Surabian
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Surabian
Mac and Leo Takoushian
Pam Talanian McGrath
and Family
Aylin Tamburrini
Richard Tarvezian
Hratch and Sara Tashjian
Adrienne Tashjian
Ronald S. Tashjian
Amy Tekeian
Rosalie Tekeyan
Valerie Tersakian
John and Diana Topjian
Maryann Tutunjian
Angin Vardanyan
Wendell and Lillian Wilson
Richard and June Yacubian
John and Zara Yalenezian
Michael Yapchaian
George and Helen Yapchaian
Gayle M. Yapchaian
Sesag Yerganian
Ervant Zaccarian
Natalie A. Zakarian
Garabed and Rose Zartarian
Stephan and Anahid Zerdelian
Dorothy Zeytoonian
Amy and Arra Zeytoonian
Samuel and Louise Zouranjian

Total: \$8,630



Additional Stewardship Pledges
St. James extends sincere gratitude
to the following stewards of our church:

**Lucy and Anna Bedirian
Adrienne Halajian**

Heritage Collection Presentation

Save the Date!
Saturday
October 29, 2006
St. James Keljik Hall



Celebrating 75 Years!



Special Thanks

*St. James Armenian Church extends sincere
gratitude and appreciation to:*

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and Luke; Joy and Michael Foley and son,
Liam; and Melanie J. Guleserian** for a
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Hovannesian Memorial Fund.

Nadia Ann Karnik for the donation of Easter
eggs in memory of her parents, Harry and
Anahid Karnik.

The Kolgian Family for a donation of \$20 to be
added to the Walter A. Guleserian Memorial
Fund.

Setrak Yuzlek and family for the donation of
Easter eggs in memory of his father, Hayrabeth
Yuzlek.

Arthur and Victoria Papazian for a donation of
\$50 to be added to the Walter A. Guleserian
Memorial Fund.

Kay Takvorian, of blessed memory, for a
bequest of \$5,000 to St. James Armenian
Church.

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(բացի յայտարարուած փոփոխութեան պարագային)

ԵՐԿՈՒՇԱԲԹԻ - Առաւօտեան ժամը 9:30-ին՝
Ծնողա - մանկական ժամադրավար - խաղարան
ԵՐԵՔՇԱԲԹԻ - Երեկոյեան ժամը 5:00-ին, Պինկո
ԶՈՐԵՔՇԱԲԹԻ - Առաւօտեան ժամը 10:00-ին,
Աղօթածողով եւ Սուրբ Գրոց Սերտողութիւն
(Եկեղեցոյ մէջ-Հայերէնով):

ՇԱԲԱԹ - Առաւօտեան ժամը 9:15-ին՝
Սր. Սահակ եւ Սր. Մեսրոպ Ծաբաթօրեայ 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

2006 Calendar of Events

(All events at St. James unless otherwise specified)

August

August 8 to August 20
St. James Pilgrimage to Armenia

September

Saturday, September 9
9:00 a.m. - Registration and first class of
St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School

Saturday, September 9
St. James 75th Anniversary
Reunion Dance - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 10
Sunday School Homecoming
9:30 a.m. - Registration and first day
of Sunday School Classes

Friday, September 15
St. James Hye Café - 6:15 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday, September 16
St. James Jr. Choir/Chorale
First Fall Rehearsal - 1:00 pm

Monday, September 18
Women's Guild Meeting and
Welcome Back Dinner

Calendar of Feast Days

September

Wednesday, September 8
Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Mother-of-God

Sunday, September 17
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

October

Sunday, October 1
Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

Saturday, October 14
Feast of the Holy Translators

Sunday, October 29
Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross

Saturday, October 28
75th Anniversary Armenian Heritage
Presentation

Saturday, December 16
75th Anniversary Gala

Sunday, December 17
75th Anniversary Champagne Brunch

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ՇԱԲԱԹ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 9
Արձանագրություն եւ սկիզբ
Շաբաթօրեայ Վարժարանի
2004-2005 տարեշրջանի -
առաւօտեան ժամը 9-ին.

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 10
Առաւօտեան ժամը 9:30-ին
արձանագրություն Կիրակնօրեայ
վարժարանի եւ նախաճաշ.

ՈՒՐԲԱԹ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 15
Հայ Գաֆէ -երեկոյեան
ժամը 6:30-ին.

ՇԱԲԱԹ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 16
Կեսօրէ ետք ժամը 1:00-ին
արձանագրություն եւ առաջին
փորձ Ար. Յակոբի կրտսերներու
երգչախումբի.

ԵՐԿՈՒՇԱԲԹԻ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 18
Տիկնանց Յանձնախումբի ժաշտողով,
ժամը 6:30-ին.

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ՉՈՐԵՔՇԱԲԹԻ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 8
Տօն Սուրբ Աստուածածնի
Ծննդեան շԱՆՃԱՅԷ

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 17
Տօն Վերացման Սուրբ Խաչի
(Խաչվերաց)

ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ 1
Տօն Վարագայ Սուրբ Խաչին.

ՇԱԲԱԹ, ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ 14
Սրբոց Թարգմանչաց
Վարդապետացն մերոց.

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՀՈԿՏԵՄԲԵՐ 29
Գիտ Խաչ.

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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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