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LOOYS NEWSLETTER

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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

On Sunday, December 16, our parish gathered to celebrate the 87th Anniversary of our Parish at our annual Name Day banquet. On this occasion, our St. James parish honored our Pastor, Fr. Arakel Aljalian, on a momentous milestone in his ministry – the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Joining us on this day were His Eminence Abp. Nourhan Manougian, Patriarch of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and the Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church. Also present were the Dean and the Seminarians of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary and other distinguished guests from near and far.

Following Divine Liturgy, guests entered an exquisitely adorned Keljik Hall to enjoy a beautiful afternoon.

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The afternoon's banquet – filled to capacity at 500 people - began with the National Anthems, beautifully sung by young parishioner Alla Petrosyan, accompanied by Marlene Seferian. Master of Ceremonies Herman Purutyian opened the program, followed by toasts by Celebration Co-Chair Janice Kavjian and George Haroutiounian, childhood friend and former classmate of Fr. Arakel's from Jerusalem. A special element to the program was a joyous performance by the Belmont High School Madrigal Singers, wassailing and singing traditional Christmas songs enjoyed by all in attendance. Presentations followed to our outgoing Parish Council members, in appreciation for their devotion and service to our St. James parish.

The afternoon then turned to honor our Pastor on the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination. A short video highlighted moments from Fr. Arakel's Ordination Service at the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs on October 2 and 3, 1993. Speeches and remarks followed from friend and former classmate Dr. Hratch Tchilingirian, St. Nersess Seminary Dean Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Name Day Celebration Co-Chair Sandra Raphalian, and Rev. Fr. Sarkis Petoyan, alumnus of St. Nersess Seminary, representing the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church.

Raffi Yeghiayan made a presentation to Der Arakel on behalf of the Mr. & Mrs. Group. Nancy Kassabian and Robert Berberian presented Fr. Arakel with a beautiful, commissioned icon on behalf of the Women's Guild and Men's Club. Youth Minister Maria Derderian, together with ACYOA members (who also honored Der Arakel by serving the banquet meal in his honor), presented him with an apron inscribed with "Der Arakel – 25 Years of Fresh Pilaf" in recognition of his pilaf-making skills. Ari Kazanjian, Mark Giragosian, and Peter Babigian offered reflections on behalf of the St. James Deacons and Altar Servers, who presented Der Arakel with a gift. Parish Council Chair Gail Boroyan shared with all present that on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary, the parish was gifting Der Hayr a new set of clergy vestments.

A highlight of the afternoon was when Fr. Arakel and Yn. Natasha's son Gabriel offered a special presentation (which was a surprise to Fr. Arakel) entitled "10 Things You May Not

Know About My Dad." His presentation and accompanying video offered unique, humorous, and touching insights into our Pastor of almost 20 years, including sharing that Der Arakel is an iconographer, that he loves soccer, is honored to have grown up in the Holy Land of Jerusalem, and that he deeply loves serving our St. James parish as its Pastor.

Der Arakel acknowledged the work of and expressed his profound gratitude to the St. James parish and Parish Council, the Name Day Committee, the many volunteers and donors, and to all in attendance (and those who wanted to be present but couldn't because of space limitations) for their efforts toward the celebration and for the outpouring of expressions of love. Visibly moved, he recalled leaving his family and going to Jerusalem as a young boy, and also shared when he knew he was called to serve God and the Armenian Church. He shared that of his 25 years as an ordained priest, almost 20 have been serving our St. James parish. In this light, he stated that he has enjoyed working closely with St. James parishioners to do the work of God through the Armenian Church, such that this celebration was not a celebration of him, but a celebration of our St. James parish and our accomplishments together.

Our Diocesan Primate spoke of his time as Der Arakel's classmate at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, and Der Arakel's decades of service to the Armenian Church - at St. Nersess Seminary, in Bayside, and for almost 20 years in the St. James parish. Abp. Nourhan Manougian remembered Der Arakel as a clergyman who continues to serve the Patriarchate years after graduating from the Seminary in the Armenian Patriarchate by taking pilgrimage groups to the Holy Land and offering help and support to the Patriarchate whenever needed.

SPECIAL THANKS

to the Name Day Committee, chaired by Janice Kavjian and Sandy Raphalian, and to the many volunteers, donors and guests who made it a beautiful and memorable celebration for Der Arakel and in the life of our St. James parish.



THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners,

I express my deepest appreciation to our St. James Armenian Church parish for a beautiful and memorable Name Day celebration, and for honoring me on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of my Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. I am humbled by the outpouring of love and kind words, gestures, and wishes. The day was overwhelming, emotional, joyful, and memorable, and one I will never forget.

Almost 20 of my 25 years of ministry have been serving our St. James parish. As I said on Sunday, each of you inspires me to continue to serve our Lord with gladness. It is my deep honor, privilege, and joy to serve our St. James parish family and community, and to serve and work with each of you.

I extend my most sincere gratitude to the Name Day Committee, led by Janice Kavjian and Sandy Raphaelian, and to each of the many volunteers and church staff who worked tirelessly to prepare such an exquisite and beautiful celebration. I also thank all who were present on Sunday (and the many who wished to attend but couldn't due to space) for sharing in this day.

On behalf of Yeretgin Natasha, I extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to each of you. We love our St. James parish, and are so happy that Gabriel and Mary call this church their home.

With love and gratitude,

FR. ARAKEL

WITH GRATITUDE

We gratefully acknowledge a generous donation in loving memory of Edward Guleserian, from his wife NANCY GULESERIAN, daughter DR. KRISTIN GULESERIAN and son MICHAEL GULESERIAN, on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of Edward's passing. This donation will be used for the purchase of new liturgical items to be used at our Church altars. We express our deep gratitude to the Guleserian family for their generosity.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$20,000 from SONIA SHOOSHAN AND MICHAEL SHOOSHAN, which will be added to the permanent "Shooshan and Rustigian Endowment Fund" which was established in 2016.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$5,650 given by JACK AND AUDREY PILIBOSIAN, and a donation of \$5,000 given by JAMES NAJARIAN. These donations helped to underwrite a portion of our scholarship funds for the participation of six St. James ACYOA Seniors who participated in the 2018 Annual Diocesan Young Adult Pilgrimage to Jerusalem this past summer. We are grateful for their generosity in helping provide this unforgettable experience for our youth in the Holy Land.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$5,600 given to St. James by the FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF JACK AND LUCY MASEREJIAN, in lieu of gifts on the happy occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. \$1,500 of the total donation has been added to the George and Azniv Maserejian Endowment Fund. The remaining funds were designated as a generous donation to St. James.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$2,500 in loving memory of Sona Hovagimian, from her sisters ARPI AND EDNA HOVAGIMIAN. We express our deep gratitude to the Hovagimian family for their generosity. May the Lord illuminate Sona's soul in His eternal Kingdom.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$2,000 from CHARLES AND JOYCE GULESERIAN, towards the Watertown Library Fund. We are thankful to the Guleserian family for their generosity.



WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE

a donation of \$2,000 from EDWARD BREWSTER. This donation is in addition to an original \$10,000 gift which was given for two new hand-carved lecterns, made in Armenia. The lecterns were gifted in loving memory of Mary Kashian Brewster. One will be placed in our sanctuary, and the other will be used during our banquets and programs. We extend our sincere

appreciation to ZAVEN SAHAGIAN for beautifully staining and polishing both lecterns, and adding casters, upon their arrival from Armenia. We thank Mr. Brewster for his countless years of dedication and service to our parish in so many ways, and for this generous and thoughtful gift, which will serve the St. James parish and community for decades to come.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE OUTREACH

Thank you to all who so generously donated to our Giving Tree this year, which supports the massive effort of My Brother's Keeper, a Christian charity in South Easton - they delivered gifts to over 3,000 families this Christmas season. We had a tremendous response, and thanks to all of you, we were able to fulfill every tag on our Giving Tree this year.

In December, our ACYOA worked a shift at My Brother's Keeper, preparing and wrapping gifts which were delivered to families. The evening ended with a prayer and message from My Brother's Keeper co-founder Jim Orcutt, who so beautifully reminded everyone that "God answers prayers through people. The only hands He has are my hands and your hands."



HOMECOMING SUNDAY

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS





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ST. JAMES EREBUNI ARMENIAN SCHOOL

It was a busy and active fall season at the St. James Erebuni Armenian School! On September 29th, we enjoyed a visit from the Armenia Tree Project (ATP). They talked to the children about the trees they have helped plant in Armenia, clean air, and how to make our communities beautiful. Armine Sargsyan and Hripsime Mkrtchyan's classes raised enough money to have 5 trees planted for each class to honor the students' efforts.

On October 20th, the Watertown Fire Department visited our school and provided basic fire and life safety education to the students. The children were enthusiastic and asked many questions. They learned about fire prevention, climbed on the fire truck and learned about all the functions of the firefighter's uniform.

Another highlight of our fall season was our annual Halloween Party, which was a great success. The students were so excited to dress up and see their friends in costumes. The hall was transformed with festive decorations, while children and families enjoyed activities, games, music, and our traditional

costume parade. We thank our school parents for preparing the delicious homemade macaroni and cheese, pizza, salad and dessert. It was wonderful to see so many happy children dancing, jumping and having fun.

In November, we collaborated with Mad Science, as they paid a visit to our school. During their presentation, they guided the students in conducting a number of science experiments, including making slime and their own crystal bouncing ball. They learned about the science behind each experiment and asked lots of questions. It was a very hands-on, interactive activity for the students.

December and January brought festive Christmas and New Year celebrations! Our students read selections from Scripture in Church on January 5th - the Eve of the Feast of Theophany. Other activities included a visit from Santa Claus, and our annual Holiday Brunch on January 12th. Students, parents, and teachers enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by our volunteers. We look forward to a fun winter and spring!





CLASSROOM NEWS

Nelly Harutyunyan's class held an open class, inviting parents to join. The class was dedicated to the life and career of Hovhannes Tumanyan. Parents witnessed the students' knowledge and engagement during class.

Elen Gevorgyan's class analyzed the fairy tale, "Talking Fish," using various methods of interpretation including a wheel, drawings, venn diagram, comparisons and discussion.

Mariam Karapetyan's and Armine Sargsyan's class worked on fall themes. The children made artwork expressing their understanding of the weather changes, and using Armenian vocabulary words.

Naira Arsenyan's class studied Charles Aznavour and learned about his life, music and humanitarian deeds.

Hye Café

FOOD / FUN / FELLOWSHIP



Hye Café resumed after its summer vacation on September 21st with one of our largest Hye Café's to date, with over 350 friends filling Keljik Hall for delicious food, fellowship, and live music! Our November Hye Café featured a slideshow from our 2018 Parish Pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Hye Cafe kicked the New Year off on January 4th, with an Armenian Christmas theme celebration including live music.

HYE CAFÉ continues to be a success, thanks to our amazing volunteer team. Thank you to all volunteers and ACYOA members who give their time and talents to make this monthly gathering a success! New volunteers are always welcome! If you would like to join our Hye Café team please contact Linda Sahagian at hyelinda65@aol.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 2019 HYE CAFÉ DATES

MARCH 1, APRIL 5 (LENTEN), MAY 17,
SEPTEMBER 20, NOVEMBER 8

Reservations may be made for parties of 6 or more by calling the church office. Doors open at 6:15pm - Dinner is served at 6:30pm.



ST. JAMES 71ST ANNUAL BAZAAR

Congratulations to all of our St. James parishioners for an extremely successful 71st Annual St. James Bazaar, which took place on October 12th and 13th! Thank you to our St. James Parish Council, who chaired the 2018 Bazaar and the countless organizations and volunteers who worked together in enthusiastic support of our church to organize and plan a wonderful, enjoyable and exciting weekend!

This year's bazaar featured our traditional favorites, including the Apple Raffle, \$100 Raffle, Silent Auction, Sunday School Bake Sale Booth, and Attic Treasures.

This all could not have been possible without the dedication and devotion of all our parishioners, who lovingly came together for our church. We extend sincere thanks to all who volunteered and worked for months to prepare for

the bazaar! Thank you also to the St. James Church Office Staff and Facilities Staff.

Finally, thank you to all parishioners and friends for attending! It was a joy to see families and friends sitting together, talking and catching up while enjoying delicious Armenian food. Thank you to all and here's to next year!

Sincere thanks to our Sponsors and Donors for their generosity in supporting this year's Bazaar

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 children Daniel & Stephanie,
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 George Patrick Yeghyayan
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CHRISTMAS AT ST. JAMES

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and
Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ*







ACYOA NEWS

The fall season kicked off with our ACYOA Juniors Open House, where we welcomed many new members and got to know one another. In October, our Juniors traveled to the Albany area to participate in the October Junior Sports Weekend, hosted by St. Peter Church in Watervliet, NY. Accompanied by our Youth Minister Maria Derderian and ACYOA Seniors Allen Ackan, Tania Melkonian and Vinney Moushigian, who served as coaches and chaperones throughout the weekend, our youth enjoyed sports competitions and dances in the evening. Approximately over 200 youth from throughout the Diocese attended the weekend's events.

Congratulations to our trophy winners - Alex Hananian - 1st Place Beginner Chess, Colby Madden - 2nd Place Beginner Chess, Marianna Lilla - 2nd Place Advanced Tavloo, and Mary Cimen, who won the Girls Sportsmanship Award!

Our traditional Family Day Thanksgiving Dinner took place on November 19th – thank you to all who attended,

and to our talented chefs Stan Tagarelis and Aras Cinar for cooking the delicious meal! We enjoyed a Christmas party and fellowship in December, and serving a volunteer shift at My Brother's Keeper, to wrap and prepare presents for delivery to families in need! We look forward to the upcoming months, as we enjoy social outings, meetings, and Hye M'rtsoom preparations.

Our ACYOA Seniors have also been active this fall. In October, many of our members volunteered at our Annual Bazaar. In November, four of our members participated in the first ACYOA Seniors National Retreat in Contoocook, NH, organized by the ACYOA Central Council. We also hosted our traditional Game Night and Fellowship over Thanksgiving weekend, to welcome home our fellow members who were away at college.

New members are always welcome! For information about joining the ACYOA, please contact Youth Minister Maria Derderian at mderderian@stthagop.com.





STAY TUNED FOR HYE M'RTSOOM!

We look forward to hosting our ACYOA members from throughout the Diocese May 24th-27th for the 44th Annual Hye M'rtsoom ACYOA Junior Sports Weekend. We are grateful to our entire St. James family for supporting our efforts by volunteering as host families, with meal preparation, coaching, and in so many other ways! Stay tuned for more information in the coming months as we seek host families and volunteers once again this year.



SUMMER PROGRAM DATES

All youth are encouraged to participate in our Diocesan Summer Programs. Please contact Youth Minister Maria Derderian with any questions or for more information.

ST. VARTAN CAMP provides an environment for young Armenian-American Christians to grow and flourish as they learn about and develop a deeper understanding of their Armenian faith and culture, overlooking the scenic Catskill Mountains in Greenville, NY - Open to campers ages 8-15. CITs - ages 16 & 17. Staff, ages 18+. Registration is now open for campers. Applications for CITs & Staff are available to download.

Program Dates - Staff Training: June 26-29; Session A: June 30 - July 13; Session B: July 14 - 27; Session C: July 28 - August 10. Visit www.diocesansummercamps.org/stvartancamp for full details and to register online.

ST. NERSESS SUMMER CONFERENCES

Held at the St. Nersess campus in Armonk, NY. Opportunities for Adults, High School and college students to explore their faith and heritage in a safe, fun, unique environment. Find out more and register online at www.stnersess.edu. ***NEW* Adult Conference June 6-9, Deacons' Training: June 28 - July 7, High School: July 26 - August 4.** Save the Date for the College Winter Conference! January 2-6, 2020.



THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 18th was a day filled with family and thankful hearts at St. James, as we held our annual Sunday School Open House, Bible Sunday, and Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by our ACYOA. Thank you to all who attended our dinner, lovingly prepared by our longtime Thanksgiving chef Stan Tagarelis, assisted by Mark Jefferson, Michael Madden, and our ACYOA parents and volunteers. Our November Food Drive donations were also collected and donated to the Food Pantry at St. Patrick & Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Watertown.



WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

2018 ST. JAMES PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM

Last August, 54 pilgrims made their 12-day pilgrimage to Jerusalem—embarking on a spiritual journey to explore the foundations of their faith in the Holy Land. Led by Fr. Arakel, the pilgrims walked the lands of the Bible and discovered the Armenian Christian presence in the Holy Land. The pilgrims started each day by reflecting on scripture and reciting the Lord's Prayer. With Jerusalem as their base, they made day trips to visit holy sites central to their Armenian Christian faith.

"I feel blessed to have made this pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Seeing the actual places where Jesus lived walked makes my faith, spirituality and knowledge stronger. This was an amazing trip and I never realized how big the Armenian footprint is here in Jerusalem." - Flo Bejian

Over the course of 12 days, the pilgrims visited many special sites in Jerusalem. They spent some time exploring the Old City, and began their trip by participating in Divine Liturgy (Badarak) at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre - the site of Christ's Tomb. The group was overwhelmed at seeing the magnitude of the Armenian presence in the holy land - dating back to the 3rd century. V. Rev. Fr. Samuel Aghoyan, Dean of the Holy Sepulchre, provided an educational tour highlighting the Armenian chapels. Later that day, Mr. Kevork Hintlian, historian of the Armenian Patriarchate, offered an exciting and thorough history of the Armenians in the Holy Land.

"Jerusalem is the center of our Armenian Christian soul. It was thrilling to see that we are part of every major Christian holy site." - Nirva and Ed Kazanjian

Another memorable moment was at the traditional site of Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist, where Fr. Arakel performed the Blessing of the Water Service. The pilgrims read from the Scripture and reflected on their own baptisms as they entered the water. Later, they continued to follow in the footsteps of Christ's ministry to the Church of the Beatitudes, where He preached to the multitudes. The pilgrims also took a boat ride to the middle on the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus calmed the storm and walked on water. Here they read scriptures and meditated.

In one of the most moving experiences, the pilgrims rose at 3:30 a.m. to walk quietly through the Old City of Jerusalem to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of Christ's crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. It was especially touching for pilgrims to participate in the Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Fr. Arakel, and three St. James deacons serving at the altar.

"No words can describe the experience. I never realized the presence of Armenians here. They are so involved in the history." - Andrea Barber



The pilgrims visited the Armenian Patriarchate and were welcomed by His Beatitude Archbishop Nourhan Manougian, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, who spoke to them about the importance of preserving the Armenian presence in the Holy Land. The group was then privileged to visit the chapel of St. Toros within the Sts. James Monastery, to see where the Armenian manuscripts are kept. They had an opportunity to see a beautiful illuminated Gospel dating from the 13th century.

Later that evening, Abp. Manougian hosted the pilgrims for a special dinner at the Patriarchate. The pilgrims ended the memorable evening singing Armenian songs with clergy from the St. James brotherhood.

"Well beyond belief and expectations. A beautiful trip with a great group. So proud of my Armenian heritage." - Peter G. Babigian

The focal point of the pilgrimage was to witness the celebration of the Feast of Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God. The pilgrims joined the Patriarch of Jerusalem, as well as clergy and seminarians in a procession to the church where Mary was buried at the Garden of Gethsemane. Everyone had the opportunity to offer personal prayers at the tomb of the Virgin Mary and ask for intercession.

On the last evening, the pilgrims gathered for a farewell dinner at the Notre Dame rooftop restaurant, overlooking the Holy City. New and old friends returned home fulfilled in their faith, having made new friends and lasting memories of their pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

"This has been an amazing, life changing experience. We're so glad we got to share it with Der Arakel and our friends." - Sal and Liz Falzone





SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School opened the year on September 16 with a wonderful Homecoming Sunday celebrating Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Following the opening day of our Sunday School and Sunday Sprouts a Homecoming Celebration sponsored by Manuk & Susanna Degirmenci Degirmenci, kicked off our school year. The celebration featured inflatable slides and jump houses and a delicious soujoukh & eggs breakfast. It also featured many smiles as students, families and teachers enjoyed seeing one another after the summer break.

This year we have introduced a new Youth Sunday format for our monthly youth Sundays. Our students participate in and attend church at the beginning of Divine Liturgy and are present for the Scripture readings, which are read each month by one of our Sunday School families. Fr. Arakel has introduced new, interactive youth sermons each month as well (some may recall the students searching for the three Crosses on the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross -- yes, there was a large swimming pool in the church!)

Our Sunday School once again helped set up the popular Sunday School Bake Sale table for the St. James Annual Bazaar. Our staff, teachers, parents and students came together to prepare a fun and beautiful table in support of our church.

On November 18, our Sunday School celebrated Thanksgiving together with our St. James family. The day started with our Sunday School Open House and Family Day. Our Sunday School families worked together to create a Thankful Tree, following which our Kindergarten and 4th Grade Students received their Bibles in church. Our families joined in the wonderful ACYOA Thanksgiving Dinner to give thanks for our blessings with our fellow parishioners.

On December 9th, our Sunday School students presented their annual Christmas Pageant. Our students brought to life the nativity story and filled the hall with Christmas carols and the spirit of the advent season. The pageant this year also highlighted some of our talented students playing musical instruments. The pageant was followed by a beautiful fellowship, including a hot cocoa station and a Christmas cookie decorating table.

On Christmas Eve, our Sunday School students served as acolytes and readers during the beautiful and joyous service, taking part in the popular service focusing our faithful on the birth of our Savior and the true meaning of Christmas.





ST. JAMES FAMILY EVENTS

On October 21, our Sunday School families and parishioners gathered at O'Connell Field for our St. James Field Day! Youth, parents, and parishioners joined in the fun, as we enjoyed games and relays in the sunny and chilly fall weather. Thank you to all who attended and participated, and to our volunteers!

On December 7, we held our St. James Christmas Family Movie Night! Children donning pajamas and in sleeping bags watched The Star - the story of the first Christmas - on the big screen under the light of the large Christmas tree. They enjoyed pizza, hot cocoa, popcorn and Christmas cookies!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SUNDAY, JULY 28, SECOND ANNUAL VARTAVAR CELEBRATION



SCHOLARSHIPS

St. James has a number of scholarships available each year for those enrolled in, or high school graduates who have been accepted to, a college or post-high school technical and vocational program. At least one parent of the student must be a dues-paid member of St. James for a period of more than one year, and, if an applicant is 18 years of age or over, the student applying for a scholarship must also be a dues-paid member of St. James. The applicant must be attending school or a training/vocational program full-time during the normal academic year. Award recipients must be present to accept their award on Sunday, June 16th. Candidates must write to the church to obtain an application form. Please send an e-mail requesting an application to info@stthagop.com. Completed applications must be received no later than May 1, 2019.



ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019

SNOW DATE SUNDAY, MARCH 3

All 2018 Dues-Paid Members are encouraged to attend.

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ST. JAMES 7TH PILGRIMAGE TO ARMENIA

JUNE 28 – JULY 10, 2019

SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER TODAY!

The per-person cost of \$3,150 covers round-trip airfare from Boston, double occupancy accommodations at the 5-star Marriott Armenia Hotel, daily breakfast, guided tours/sightseeing including lunches and entrance fees, and three group dinners. Single room supplement is \$600. \$500 deposit is due March 1. Balance due April 1.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
STJAMESWATERTOWN.ORG/ARMENIA

THIS COURSE WILL BE CO-LED BY OUR PASTOR, FR. ARAKEL AND
YN. NATASHA (M.BIOETHICS, J.D., LL.M. AND CURRENTLY A FELLOW AT THE HMS CENTER FOR BIOETHICS)



REAL LIFE.

REAL ISSUES.

FOUR SESSION BIOETHICS COURSE

We are excited to reestablish our education/Bible Study programs with a new course: "Real Life. Real Issues."

This interactive four-session course will discuss perspectives on real-life bioethical and ethical issues. These challenges often arise in life, and our faithful have often not considered and are not prepared to address them.

We will discuss these topics from the Armenian Church's faith and teachings, and from a greater bioethics perspective. The course will be held on Mondays in March at 7pm in the Parish Council Room.

BEGINNING OF LIFE – MARCH 4, 2019

Termination of Pregnancy/Abortion
Early Life Research, Genetic Testing

WHO DO WE BELONG TO? – MARCH 11, 2019

Organ Donation, Genetic Information

END OF LIFE – MARCH 18, 2019

Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Dying
Brain Death/Disorders of Consciousness

PERSONHOOD:

SUFFERING, MERCY, AND JUSTICE – MARCH 25, 2019

What causes Suffering?

What do Mercy and Justice require of us?

What are our obligations to others?

Is our view of "charity" correct?



GREAT LENT

Great Lent, which begins on Monday, March 4, is the time of preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ. It is the living symbol of our own life which is to be fulfilled in our resurrection from the dead with Christ. It is a time of renewed devotion – of prayer, fasting, and alms giving. It is a time

of renewal of our minds, hearts and deeds in Christ and his teachings. It is the time, most of all, for our return to the great commandments – to love God and our neighbors. We invite and encourage the faithful to take this opportunity to renew themselves with Christ.

We invite parishioners to join us every Wednesday during Lent for our weekly Lenten Vigil Service, which begins at 7pm. The services will take place on the following dates:

MARCH 6, MARCH 13, MARCH 20, MARCH 27, APRIL 3, APRIL 10



MESROB MASHDOTZ INSTITUTE

The St. James Mesrob Mashdotz Institute has offered Western Armenian classes to adults since the Fall of 1982 and has been going strong since its inception.

We had a very successful fall semester with 24 students – both Armenian and non-Armenian. Students were divided into five different groups; Beginner I, Intermediate, Advanced and two ‘Conversation Only’ classes.

Our Winter 2019 semester started on Monday, January 14, 2019 and will run for 12 weeks, meeting either Monday or Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm.

No matter what your Armenian language level is, we will make sure that you will be in a group where you will feel very comfortable to learn & improve your language skills.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

about the program and curriculum,
contact Annie Chekijian at
anniechekijian@msn.com
or call 617-489-5984.

ST. JAMES MEN'S CLUB



The Saint James Men's Club meets the first Monday evening of every month except July and August. At each meeting, we have an outstanding speaker and a complete dinner, consisting of full mezza, losh kebab, kheyima, pilaf, salad and dessert. Ladies are also welcome.

At our October meeting, our guest speaker was Alex Cohen, Marketing representative for Costco in Waltham. In November, we welcomed Lucine Kasbarian - Writer, Editor, Political Cartoonist, and Book Publisher. Lucine discussed the origins of political cartoons; the use of humor or sarcasm to diffuse difficult topics; how hot-button issues have been/ are being raised by Armenian and non-Armenian cartoonists; and why she began cartooning. She also presented illustrated excerpts of her works.

The guest speaker for the December meeting of the Men's Club was Gregory Vartanian, Esq., Boston based Immigration Attorney, who spoke about “Current Hot Immigration Topics.” In January, we welcomed Jeanmarie Papelian, Executive Director of the Armenia Tree Project (ATP), who spoke about their work in our homeland.

Our next Men's Club meeting will be held on Monday, March 4th. Our guest speaker will be Dick Flavin, Poet Laureate and Senior Ambassador of the Boston Red Sox.

We welcome new members. For more information please contact mensclub@stthago.com.



THIS YEAR IN WATERTOWN!

117TH ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE AND DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

As you have heard, our parish is excited to host the 117th Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly this Spring. The week will begin with the Annual Clergy Conference and retreat for Eastern Diocesan clergy from April 29 – May 2, which will be held at the Babson Executive Conference Center. Then, from May 2-May 4, Diocesan Delegates will join the clergy for the annual Diocesan Assembly. The Assembly includes diocesan business meetings and workshops. The Eastern Diocesan Women’s Guild General Assembly will also convene from May 1 – May 4 at the Burlington Marriott. Our Diocesan Primate the V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan will preside over the week-long events.

St. James parishioners are welcome at several of the week’s events, including:

- Friday evening, May 3: Diocesan Assembly Gala Banquet
- Saturday, May 4: Women’s Guild WOW (Women of Wonder) Luncheon, honoring St. James parishioners Hrip Parsekian and Ruth Harutunian.
- Sunday, May 5: Special Fellowship welcoming Delegates to St. James following Divine Liturgy

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We welcome parishioners be a part of this wonderful event. There are many opportunities to be a part of this weekend. We welcome volunteers for events, to assist with hospitality, registration, the commemorative booklet, and many more opportunities. Please email info@stthagop.com if you can join us in planning this exciting Diocesan event!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- FEBRUARY 24: Parish Assembly
- MARCH 1: Hye Café
- MARCH 3: Poon Paregentan Celebration
- MARCH 4: First Day of Great Lent
- APRIL 5: Hye Café (Lenten)
- APRIL 14: Palm Sunday / ACYOA Youth Day Banquet
- APRIL 16 – APRIL 20: Holy Week Services
- APRIL 20: Children’s Easter Communion Breakfast

IMPORTANT DATES

- APRIL 21: Easter, Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- APRIL 29 – MAY 4: St. James Hosts the 117th Annual Diocesan Assembly & Clergy Conference
- MAY 17: Hye Café
- MAY 24 - MAY 27: ACYOA Jrs. host Hye M’rtsoom
- JUNE 2: Sunday School Graduation
- JUNE 9: St. James Armenian Festival - Annual Picnic
- JUNE 28 – JULY 10: Pilgrimage to Armenia



WOMEN'S GUILD

St. James Women's Guild had a busy fall with our Bazaar. We baked and baked and cooked our hearts out! All for a very successful bakery and foods table lovingly made by many, many members! In December, we held our annual Season of Giving Christmas Party to benefit Boston Children's Hospital in honor of Gabriel's Day of Kindness. After a fabulous Chinese Buffet and tons of fun with our Christmas Sweater Stroll and Contest (big hooray to Elaine Jefferson and Karen Bejian for winning first prizes!! and 15 other "runners-up") we had a visit from our good-sport Santa Claus - Dr Alex Bejian. Hundreds of bags of toys were delivered to Boston Children's Hospital by Nancy Kassabian and Yn Natasha Aljalian, on behalf of the more than 50 women who put them together. Happily received, happily donated!

April will bring our participation in Sainly Women's Day. Details for all events will be posted in the Sunday Bulletin and in our parish e-newsletter. We are also participating in the Assembly planning for May!

We are a busy group of talented women who seek to spread our joy, fellowship, knowledge and talents. Please join our Guild where you will make lifelong friends who share our Armenian Church traditions and more! Everyone is welcome!

*Yours in Fellowship and Faith,
Nancy Kassabian, Chair*



It is customary in the Armenian Church to provide “Yughakin” especially around the feasts of Christmas and Easter. This practice dates as far back as the time of Moses in the Old Testament. Yughakin in Armenian means “price of oil” – “Yugh” meaning oil and “kin” meaning price. Each local church community would donate money specially earmarked towards the purchase of oil, which in return would keep the lanterns burning and ultimately the doors open of the church. With gratitude to those who made donations to St. James during the Christmas season



CHRISTMAS YUGHAKIN

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Talin Agopyan
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Der Arsen Barsamian & Family
in memory of Yeretsgin Varteni Barsamian
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Marilyn R. Bazarian
Anna & Lucy Bedirian
Hatun K. Berberian
Mary Guleserian Bergoudian
Sunny Boghosian
Debra Boyajian
Tanya & Douglas Chakmakian
Raffi & Maria Chapien
Andrew, Talene & Theodore Choly
Karen Dederyan
Khachik Degirmenci

John Derderian
Maria Derderian
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Boroyan Edrina, David & Gail
Roxanne & Nerses Etmekjian
Liz & Sal Falzone
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Anne Garabedian
Sonia Garabedian
Eddie & Ann Garabedian
Mitchell Garabedian
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Nancy J. Guleserian
Mary-Ann Hagopian
Gail Haroutunian
Steven, Janice & Marie
Haroutunian-Avery
Barbara Hayward
Susan Hennessey
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Carol Hoyen
Sonia A. Janikian
Mary Janjanian
Leon Kachadorian
Lenore Karaian
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Edward K. & Nirva Kazanjian & Family
Angele Keshian
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Marie Kouyoumjian
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Josephina Manoukian
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Krikor Masrof
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Lori Ajamian Pariury
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Edward & Marlene Paul
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The following donations have been received with appreciation by St. James Armenian Apostolic Church.
May God bless the souls of our dearly departed and give comfort to their families.

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GARABEDIAN

July 5, 2018

Mal & Jean Keljikian & Family

Total: \$100

HELEN (KARAKASHIAN)

PABOOJIAN

July 6, 2018

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Total: \$1,260

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July 9, 2018

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Hagop & Arpie Ashjian & Family

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Total: \$725

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July 20, 2018

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Edward & Nancy Barsamian & Family

Family

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Richard & Marilyn Bazarian

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Paul Bedrosian

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Gail Guzelian & Ronald Iverson, Jr.

Astor & Lucy Guzelian

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Ben Kelerjian

David & Maria Kazanjian

Christopher Hajian

George W. Haroutunian

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Doris A. Hazerjian

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Kurt & Diane Herosian

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Doris Jafferian

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Barkev & Seta Kaligian

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 Angele & James Keshian
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 Dr. Karen Koumjian
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 Diane Krikorian & Family
 Armen & Anoush Knarian & Family
 Mary Kupjian
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 Elizabeth Levin
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 George & Aramene Sarkisian
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 Daniel Shadbegian
 Diane Shadbegian
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 Dean V. Shahinian
 Karen & Richard Shahtanian
 Michael & Sonya Shooshan
 Nova Najarian Silver
 Charles & Nicole Simmons & Family
 Hermine Sislian & Family
 Kent & Sina Skates
 Gonca Sonmez-Poole
 St. James Choir
 St. James Junior Choir
 St. James Sunday School
 St. James Womens' Guild
 Craig Stockmal
 Rick & Keri (Sarajian) Stratton
 Stanley & Lori Tagarelis
 Mae Takoushian
 Denise Takvorian
 Greg & Linda Takvorian & Family
 Talamas Family
 Lucy Talanian
 Richard & Ann Tarvezian
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 Tarvezian Choly
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 Mr. & Mrs. Raffi & Carol Yeghiayan
 David Yerganian
 Ani Yessailian
 Melkon & Arpi Yessaillian
 Gary & Lina Yessaillian
 Toros Yeterian
 Berc & Ani Yildirim
 Arlene Young & Family
 Rose M. Chacran Zartarian
 Mr. & Mrs. Garbis Zerdelian
 Michael & Lisa Zeytoonian
 Nerses & Gladys Zeytoonian
 Henry & Carol Zeytoonjian
 Bernard Zulalian
 Total: \$32,098

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August 4, 2018

Patapanian Family
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 Anonymous
 Eleanor Arakelian
 Mrs. Mary Avedisian
 Jirair & Carol Babikyan
 Marion Barsam
 Richard & Marilyn Bazarian
 Carol & Ronald Beattie
 Paul Bedrosian
 Vahan & Beverly Berberian
 Gerald Boghosian
 Ruth Boghosian
 Paul Boghosian
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Consolmagno
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 Michael & Heidi Dostoomian & Family
 Alyce Gelenian
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 Cynthia Gonzalez Jurjorian
 Vartkes & Elissa Karaian
 John & Alice Karnikyan
 Nadia Ann Karnikyan
 Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian
 Arlene Kasarjian & Dean Soultanian
 Richard M. & Cynthia Kazanjian
 Jeanette Keljik

Ed & Sabine Keljik
 John & Brenda Khederian
 Lois Kolgian
 Vahan Kouyoumjian
 Aracse Kurkjian
 Robert Mirak
 Lynne & Tom Nolan
 Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
 Jack & Audrey Pilibosian
 Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
 Marien Samuelian
 Edward Shooshanian
 Esther Stepanian
 Peter & Isabel Talanian
 Mrs. Nevert Talanian
 Richard & Ann Tarvezian
 Gene & Carol Theoharous
 Total: \$12,362

ARAWALOUS (AREV) SOGHOMONIAN
August 9, 2018

Stephen & Nektar Ashchian
 Hagop & Arpie Ashjian & Family
 Sara Helen Ayanian
 Mary Guleserian Bergoudian
 Raffi & Maria Chapian
 Sarkis & Rita Chekijian
 Chitchian Family
 Manuel & Vilma Cimenian
 Dr. & Mrs. Nishan Goudsouzian
 Linda & Joseph Jr. Guigno
 Tad Guleserian & Family
 Melanie Metz
 Anne Hagopian
 Arman & Alice Halajian
 Rozette Helvadjian
 Hagop & Solair Kaya
 Anahid Kenbelian
 Lois Kolgian
 Aracse Kurkjian
 George H. Manjikian
 Alisha Martin
 Sirvart A. Mellian
 Mardiros Merdianian
 Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
 Jack & Audrey Pilibosian
 Dn. Abkar & Arpie Potookian
 Sarkis Santourian
 Seta Takvoryan
 Jamie & Aylin Tamburrini
 The Guleserians - Nancy, Dr. Kris & Michael
 Tinkjian Family
 Edward & Nancy Tutunjian
 Albert & Deborah Vaughn
 Total: \$2,265

MARY SHADBEGIAN
August 31, 2018

Daniel Shadbegian
 Diane Shadbegian
 Constant Law Group,P.C.
 Karen Dederyan
 Deborah Jackson
 Kelliher & Callaghan
 Alice M. McElhinney
 Brian Dudley
 Total: \$535

**ALICE (TOORONJIAN)
SANGSTER**
September 10, 2018

Knarig Aboyan
Deborah A. Johnson
Virginia Mardirosian
Mary T. McDaniel
Harry Parsekian

Total: \$300

ROSE KAZANJIAN
September 17, 2018

Mark & Elaine Jefferson
Gladys Kaloostian
Virginia Saboonjian

Total: \$100

MKRTYCH MKRTCHYAN
September 24, 2018

Emma Mkrtchyan & Family
Karine & Russell Hoogasian
Ani Apelian
Shoghig & Vasken Basmajian
John & Hasmig Chaglassian
Virginia Deranian
Gasparian Family
Aliz N. Hoogasian
Seth Hoogasian
Hagop & Sossy Nercessian
Zarouhi Sarkisian
Hagop & Nadia Ucuzian

Total: \$1,625

AYSER ASKAN
September 26, 2018

Stephen & Nektar Ashchian
Garbiz Baba
Nazer DerStepanyan
Anahid Erol
Jan Eskici
Suzy Gigiyian
Garo & Jaklin Ozcan
Kohar Ozcan
Silva Ozcan
Zadik Ozcan
Sofia Shahverdian
Gazaros & Helda Shirinian
Berc & Ani Yildirim
Setrek & Gulbiz Yuzlek
Nuris Zekiyian

Total: \$615

HOPE K. MOORE
October 19, 2018

Marion Barsam
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Kasabian Family
Bill & Rita Kirchner
Carol O'Neill
Linda C. Ovoian & Family
Diana Topjian
Sean, Melissa & Casey Walsh

Total: \$530

VIKTORYA AGOPYAN
October 23, 2018

Talin Agopyan
Arshalous Abalian
Nadia & Sarkis Abrahamian
Stephen & Nektar Ashchian
Anahid Erol
Suzy Gigiyian
Sahnik & Alber Knarian
Sirvart A. Mellian
Sonya Merian

Total: \$405

HAYKANUS TACVORIAN
October 27, 2018

Tacvorian Family
Levon & Emma Balian
Mary & Arsen Bayandrian
Alex Michael Bejian, DMD
Madeline & Alek Dogramacian
Thomas Gengozian & Sally Vanerian
Arto & Ani Kurkjian
Mr. & Mrs. Nazar Nalbandian
Herman & Laura Purutyian
Armenouhi & Anouche Tacorian
Errol & Arpine Tashjian
Alice Zacarian & Andrew Guzelian

Total: \$890

JACK ACHMAKJIAN
November 7, 2018

Jennie Koumjian
Laura Bresnee & Family
Lori & Robert Koumjian
Michael Koumjian
Deborah M. Adamian
Carolyn & George Bairlein
Paul Boghosian
Sophie & Jack Eordekian
Robert & Ruth Bilazarian Haddon
Rudy Kather
Jack & Eva Medzorian
Alice K. Mellian
Jack & Audrey Pilibosian
Jean & John Sexton
Richard & Ann Tarvezian
Robert P. Turnan
Nancy Vogel

Total: \$965

LARIK MARGARIAN
November 13, 2018

Marine Kavlakian
Anonymous
Sarkis & Silva Antreassian
Dr. & Mrs. Levon Bastajian & Family
Hagop & Stella Bekarian
Yevgine Gharibian
Martin & Juliette Hatzadourian
Marcel & Annie Karian
Zara Kazelian & Meri Demirjian
The Kendall School
Ann O'Donnell
Garo & Aida Yavshayan
Mr. & Mrs. Hagop & Sossy Nercessian

Total: \$990

ROSEMARIE BAGDASARIAN
November 30, 2018

Jean B. Anjoorian
Bob & Marilyn Bagdasarian
Melanie Bedrosian
Mary Guleserian Bergoudian
Susan Hazarvartian
Sunny Boghosian
Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Gennetian
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kashian
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Jean E. Martinian
Louise D. Missakian
Sandra L. Missakian
Arpie Gennetian Najarian
Gregg Najarian
Ruth Nelson
Harold & Gladys Partamian
Lisa Pierce
Jack & Audrey Pilibosian
Marien Samuelian
Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
Armine Sarges
Joyce Sulahian
Richard & Ann Tarvezian
John & Gloria Voce

Total: \$1,170

ELIZ VANERIAN DILSIZIAN
December 12, 2018

Hovig & Hourj Ajemian
Anonymous
Sona Ashjian
Linda E. Atamian
Alice Avanian
Dr. & Mrs. Jirayer & Annie Balikian
Dr. & Mrs. Levon & Deanna Bastajian
Zadour Bedoyan
Mihran & Natalie Chopkarian
Dr. Shahe & Marlene Fereshetian
Thomas Gengozian & Sally Vanerian
Hermine Getzoyan
Dr. & Mrs. Nishan Goudsouzian
Vahan & Patti Gurekian
George & Cara Haleblan
Nancy & Krikor Kassabian
Louise Kassabian
Kamer & Maria Kaya
Zareh & Hasmig Maserejian
George & Azniv Maserejian
Jack & Lucy Maserejian
William & Deborah Matthews
Edward & Ossan Mekjkian
Vahik & Odette Melikian
Steve & Alin Merjkian
Sahag & Margaret Michaelian
Mary Moumjian
Carl Narsasian
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Dn. Abkar & Arpie Potookian
Lily Sarkissian
Alan & Marlene Seferian
Ari & Lena Stamatou-Sanentz
Nazely Sanentz
Ashken Vanerian
Garo & Aida Yavshayan

Total: \$2,146

JULIETA KARAPETYAN
December 19, 2018

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Livshin
Total: \$100

**ADDITIONAL IN LIEU
DONATIONS**
As of January 7, 2019

MARTHA MINASSIAN
June 2018

Minassian Family
Sosy, Shahan, Tara & Alex Minassian
Sarkis Kipikian
Agop & Alice Nercessian
Queenie Keumurian
Aracse Kurkjian & Family
Raffi & Carla Shahinian
New Total: \$1,710

KACHIK PIRANOSIAN
June 5, 2018

Aracse Kurkjian & Family
New Total: \$150

ALICE C. KALJIAN
June 11, 2018

Helen Nalchian
New Total: \$1,110

HAROUTIOUN MINASIAN
June 14, 2018

Aracse Kurkjian
New Total: \$565

VAHAN LEVON BARMAKIAN
June 22, 2018

Kenneth & Karen Demerjian
Anna Demurjian
Helen Dooley
Crosby, Jr. & Flo Goshgarian & Family
John & Jean (Tutelian) Harr
Jeannette Keljik
Ed & Sabine Keljik
Diane Krikorian & Family
Aracse Kurkjian
Dr. & Mrs. Harry Papazian
New Total: \$3,105



Օրհնեցէք զՏէր յերկինս: Ալէլուիա:
Օրհնեցէք զնա ի բարձունս: Ալէլուիա:

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS

You have been baptized in Christ. Alleluia.

Layla Rose Diloyan

July 21, 2018

Daughter of Haik and Emily Diloyan
Godparents: Ara and Jackie Diloyan

Alex Eduard Grigoryan

August 11, 2018

Son of Eduard and Gayane Grigoryan
Godparents: Hovhannes Shahbazyan and Seda Hunanyan

Adeline Kohar Byron

August 11, 2018

Daughter of Vincent James and Lisa Adrina Byron
Godparents: Christopher and Stephanie Bordonaro

Olivia Rose Duhanyan

September 15, 2018

Daughter of Sarkis and Kimberly Duhanyan
Godparents: Zachary and Alin Bouthiette

Brianna Ashley Maranian

September 22, 2018

Daughter of Jeffrey and Tara Maranian
Godparents: Robert Kousoulos and Jamie Creahan

Alina Lynn Babikyan

September 29, 2018

Daughter of Haig and Amy Babikyan
Godparents: Aram Babikyan and Mary Glorighian

Hagop Howard Babikyan

September 29, 2018

Son of Vartan and Kalyn Babikyan
Godparents: Aram Babikyan and Mary Glorighian

Allen Manuk Ozcan

October 14, 2018

Son of Ohan and Aleena Ozcan
Godparents: Michael and Laura Arazian

Vittoria Juliet Keuchkarian-Beck

November 10, 2018

Daughter of Brandon Beck and Nicole Keuchkarian – Beck
Godparents: Edward LaVache and Danielle Keuchkarian

Sebastian Krekor Deranian

November 10, 2018

Son of Jason and Jennifer Deranian
Godparents: Greg Deranian and Jennifer Deranian

Archer Charles Krikorian

November 17, 2018

Son of David Krikorian and Shannyn DeArman
Godparents: Ben and Renee Krikorian

Sarkis Hamlet Shahanian

December 21, 2018

Son of Herman I. Sahan and Elinar Mkrtchyan-Shahanian
Godparents: Manuk and Susanna Degirmencian

Hovhannes Khacheryan

January 12, 2019

Son of Gevorg and Hnazand Khacheryan
Godparents: Robert and Anna Elmezian



WEDDINGS

And the two shall become one.

Hovanes John Gavlakian and Lucine Galaian

August 18, 2018

Best man: Narek Gavlakian
Maid of Honor: Ojeny Kavlakian

Gregory Bedros Norigian and Nairi Mary Aprahamian

September 22, 2018

Best man: Zaven Norigian
Maid of Honor: Talin Fish

Vitaliy Khachiyan and Kristin Ciappina

October 7, 2018

John Robert Woofter, III and Mariana Galstian

October 8, 2018

Best man: Brett W. Woofter
Maid of Honor: Meri Galstian

Azad Nazareth Kupelian and Ashley Lauren Pereira

October 21, 2018

Best man: Nazareth A. Kupelian
Maid of Honor: Valerie Sandora

Henrik Malkhasyan and Ani Yeghishyan

January 4, 2019

Best man: Avetis Marashlian
Maid of Honor: Gayane Malkhasyan

BLESSING OF THE RINGS

Stefan Hogle and Margaret Boben of Chicago

November 17, 2018

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.*

Rose Kazanjian
September 17, 2018

Misak Kulbashian
October 19, 2018

Jack Achmakjian
November 8, 2018

Jeanette Hedges
December 15, 2018

Mary Kazizian
January 18, 2019

Mkrtych Mkrtchyan
September 24, 2018

Hope K. Moore
October 19, 2018

Larik Margarian
November 13, 2018

Julieta Karapetyan
December 19, 2018

Ashkhen Raphaelian
January 23, 2019

Ayser Askan
September 26, 2018

Viktorya Agopyan
October 23, 2018

Rosemarie Bagdasarian
November 30, 2018

Charles Hovasapian
January 3, 2019

Lucy Goshgarian
January 30, 2019

Jacob Avak Garabedian
October 5, 2018

Haykanus Tacvorian
October 27, 2018

Eliz Vanerian Dilsizian
December 12, 2018

Elliot Vanetzian
January 17, 2019

Jirair Babikyan
January 31, 2019



PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTORY

WORSHIP HOURS

Sunday Morning Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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Կիրակի Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն - 8:30
Կիրակի Սուրբ Պատարագ - 10:00

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PASTORAL CARE: HOME AND HOSPITAL CLERGY VISITS

The clergy are always available and would like to visit homebound and hospitalized parishioners. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized and would like to be visited, please call the church office at (617) 923-8860. Please note: when asked about your religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as "Armenian Orthodox" or "Armenian" not "other."

REQUIEM SERVICE/HOKEHANKISD

Arrangements for Requiem Service, Altar Flowers and Candles should be made through the church office by Thursday at noon. In accordance with the canons of the Armenian Church, Requiem Services may not be performed on the five major feast days: Armenian Christmas, Easter, The Feast of the Transfiguration, The Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God, and The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

All baptisms must be scheduled at least two months in advance by calling the church office. According to the Armenian Church canons, a Baptism may only be performed once in a person's lifetime, provided such Baptism has been performed in a Christian Church and in the name of the Holy Trinity.

At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church.

WEDDINGS

Parishioners should contact the church office at least eight months in advance. A couple must contact St. James to confirm the availability of the Pastor and sanctuary prior to making any other arrangements.

All weddings must follow the Canons of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In accordance with Diocesan discipline mandated by the Primate, all Sacraments must be performed in the church sanctuary.

The couple must meet with the Pastor at least once for pre-marital preparation and counseling. Weddings cannot be performed during Great Lent or Holy Week, or on the five major feast days: Armenian Christmas, Holy Easter, The Feast of the Transfiguration, The Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God, and The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

FUNERALS

Families should make arrangements with the funeral director of their choice, who will contact the church office to arrange the funeral service. Generally, St. James coordinates funerals with Bedrosian Funeral Home and Giragosian Funeral Home; both are located in Watertown and are familiar with our Church traditions.

Funerals may not be performed on religious holidays, major feast days, Saturdays after 3:00 p.m., or on Sundays.

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