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 Purutyan 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 Raphalian, 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 Yeretzgin 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
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 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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ST. JAMES 71 ST ANNUAL BAZAAR

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CHRISTMAS AT ST. JAMES

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and
Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ
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@sthagop.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.

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


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.
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
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@sthagop.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.

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
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

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?

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)
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.

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, loush kebab, kheyma, 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@sthagop.com.
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
- 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@sthagop.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 Paregantan 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 Saintly 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.

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Talin Agopyan
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Manuk Akmezkyan
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Irina P. Amirbekyan
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Der Arsen Barsamian & Family in memory of Yeretsgin Varteni Barsamian
Iva & Rupen Baymus
Marilynn R. Bazarian
Anna & Lucy Bedirian
Hatun K. Berberian
Mary Guleserian Bergoudian
Sunny Boghosian
Debra Boyajian
Tanya & Douglas Chakmakanian
Raffi & Maria Chapian
Andrew, Talene & Theodore Choly
Karen Dederyan
Khachik Degirmenci
John Derderian
Maria Derderian
Philiane Dilan & Family
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Roxanne & Nerses Ermekjian
Liz & Sal Falzone
Grace Fereshtian
Anne Garabedian
Sonia Garabedian
Eddie & Ann Garabedian
Mitchell Garabedian
Rose Gargarian
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Haroutunian-Avery
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Susan Hennessey
Kurt & Diane Herosian
Carol Hoyen
Sonia A. Janikian
Mary Janjian
Leon Kachadorian
Lenore Karaian
Janice & Andrew Kavjian
Edward K. & Nirva Kazanjian & Family
Angele Keshian
Marlin R. Keshishian
Queenie & Jack Keumurian
Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Keumurian
Arshalous Q. Kezerian & Family
John & Brenda Khederian
Sahnik Knarian
Lois Kolgian
Jennie Koumjian
Marie Kouyoumjian
James & Pauline Madenjian in memory of Marguerite Madenjian
JoAnn & Ronald Manoogian
Josephina Manoukian
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Maranian
Vivian Masrof
Krikor Masrof
James E. McDermott & Sharon
Bazarian
Pamela McGrath
Glady's & Anna Medzorian
Diana Minasian
Herepimse Moranian
Marilynn Mozian
Anne Nahabedian
Eleanor & Gloria Najarian
Charles & Margaret Ngohosian
Daniel & Hillary O’Connor in memory of Flora O’Connor
Emma A. Oganova
Armand Paboojian
Lori Ajamian Parurry
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Edward & Marlene Paul
Jacob & Audrey Pilibosian
Valentine Poghiarian & Hilda
Hevesian
Apkar & Arpie Potookian
Diane & Tom J. Prendergast
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Toumayan-Miller Family
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John & Gloria Voce
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Gayle M. Yapchaian
Natalie A. Zakarian
Gladys & Nick Zeytoonian

Sonia Gulbankian and Reidar Gresseth $100
(in memory of Marie Tavitian Gulbankian)
Edward and Jacqueline Orchanian $100
Mary Avedisian $25
Alice Gelenian $25
Louisa Kheremian $25
Rose C Ananian $25

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

ARAWALOS (AREV)
SOGHOMONIAN
August 9, 2018
Stephan & Nektar Ashchian
Hagop & Arpie Ashjian & Family
Sara Helen Ayanian
Mary Guleserian Bergoudian
Raffi & Maria Chapian
Sarkis & Rita Chekijian
Chitchian Family
Manuel & Vilma Cimienian
Dr. & Mrs. Nishan Goudsouzian
Linda & Joseph Jr. Guignon
Tad Guleserian & Family
Melanie Metz
Anne Hangopian
Arman & Alice Halajian
Rozette Helvadjian
Hagop & Solar Kaya
Anahid Kenbelian
Lois Kolgian
Aracse Kurkjian
George H. Manijkian
Alisha Martin
Sirvart A. Mellian
Mardiros Merdian
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Jack & Audrey Pillosian
Dr. Akbar & Arpie Potokian
Sarkis Santourian
Seta Takvoryan
Jamey & Aylin Tumburri
The Guleserians - Nancy, Dr. Kris & Michael
Tinkjian Family
Edward & Nancy Tutunjian
Albert & Deborah Vaughn
Total: $2,265

MARY SHADBEKIAN
August 31, 2018
Daniel Shadbejian
Diane Shadbejian
Constant Law Group, P.C.
Karen Dederyan
Deborah Jackson
Kelliher & Callaghan
Alice M. McElhinney
Brian Dudley
Total: $535
ALICE (TOOROONJIAN) SANGSTER
September 10, 2018
Knarig Aboyan
Deborah A. Johnson
Virginia Mandrosian
Mary T. McDaniel
Harry Parsekian
Total: $300

ROSE KAZANJIAN
September 17, 2018
Mark & Elaine Jefferson
Gladys Kaloostian
Virginia Saboonjian
Total: $100

MKRTYCH MKRHTCHYAN
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 & Stella Bekarian
Dr. & Mrs. Levon Bastajian & Family
Sarkis Kipikian
Agop & Alice Nercessian
Queenie Keumurian
Aracse Kurkjian & Family
Raffi & Carla Shahinian
New Total: $1,710

AYSER ASKAN
September 26, 2018
Stephen & Nektar Ashchian
Garibz Baba
Nazer DerS Stephanie
Anahid Erol
Jan Eskici
Suzy Gigiyan
Garo & Jaklin Ozcan
Kohar Ozcan
Silva Ozcan
Zadik Ozcan
Sofia Shalveradian
Gazaros & Helda Shirinian
Berc & Ani Yildirim
Setrek & Gulsib Yuzlek
Nuris Zekiyan
Total: $615

HOPE K. MOORE
October 19, 2018
Marion Barsam
Clare & Lettie Carswell
Richard & Irene Gallagher
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Horseopian
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
Stephan & Nektar Ashchian
Anahid Erol
Suzy Gigiyan
Sahak & Albut Knarian
Sirvat 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 Tacvorian
Errol & Arpine Tashjian
Alice Zacarian & Andrew Guzelian
Total: $890

JACK ACHMAKJIAN
November 7, 2018
Jennie Kourmjian
Laura Bresee & Family
Lori & Robert Kourmjian
Michael Kourmjian
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 Pilbosian
Jean & John Sexton
Richard & Ann Tarvezian
Robert P. Turmezian
Nancy Vogel
Total: $965

LARIK MARGARIAN
November 13, 2018
Marine Kavkakian
Anonymous
Sarkis & Silva Antreasian
Dr. & Mrs. Levon Bastajian & Family
Hagop & Stella Bekarian
Yevgine Gharibian
Martin & Juliette Hatczadourian
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. Anjouorian
Bob & Marilyn Bagdassarian
Melanie Bedrosian
Mary Guleserian Bergoudian
Susan Hazarvartian
Sunny Boghosian
Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Gennetian
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kashian
Lois Koljian
Jean E. Martinian
Louise E. Missakian
Sandra L. Missakian
Arpie Gennetian Najarian
Gregg Najarian
Ruth Nelson
Harald & Gladys Partamian
Lisa Pierce
Jack & Audrey Pilbosian
Marian Samuelian
Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
Armine Sarghoyan
Joyce Sulahian
Richard & Ann Tarvezian
John & Gloria Voce
Total: $1,170

ELIZ VANERIAN DILSZIAK
December 12, 2018
Hovig & Houri Ajemian
Anonymous
Sona Ashjian
Linda E. Atamian
Alice Avanian
Dr. & Mrs. Jirayer & Annie Balikian
Dr. & Mrs. Levon & Deanna Bastajian
Zadour Bedoyan
Mihran & Natalie Chopkarian
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Hermine Getzoyan
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George & Cara Halebian
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Louise Kasabian
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George & Azniv Maserejian
Jack & Lucy Maserejian
William & Deborah Matthews
Edward & Nisan Mekjian
Vahik & Odette Melikian
Steve & Alin Merjian
Sahag & Margaret Michaelian
Mary Mounjiam
Carl Narsasian
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Dn. Abkar & Arpie Pootookian
Lily Sarkissian
Alan & Marlene Sefarian
Art & Lena Stamatiou-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: $1,110

KACHIK PIRANOSIAN
June 5, 2018
Aracse Kurkjian & Family
New Total: $150

ALICE C. KALJIAN
June 11, 2018
Helen Nalchian
New Total: $1,110

HAROUTIOUN MINASSIAN
June 14, 2018
Aracse Kurkjian
New Total: $565

VAHAN LEVON BARMKIAN
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 Kipikian
Dr. & Mrs. Harry Papazian
New Total: $3,105

As of January 7, 2019

DONATIONS
ADDITIONAL IN LIEU

Total: $100

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
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Ed & Sabine Keljik
Diane Kipikian
Dr. & Mrs. Harry Papazian
New Total: $3,105
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 Adriana Byron
Godparents: Christopher and Stephanie Bordonaro

Olivia Rose Duhanyan
September 15, 2018
Daughter of Sarkis and Kimberly Duhanyan
Godparents: Zachary and Alin Bouthiette

Hagop Howard Babikyan
September 29, 2018
Son of Vartan and Kalyn Babikyan
Godparents: Aram Babikyan and Mary Glorighian

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

Mkrtch Mkrtchyan
September 24, 2018

Ayser Askan
September 26, 2018

Jacob Avak Garabedian
October 5, 2018

Misak Kulbashian
October 19, 2018

Hope K. Moore
October 19, 2018

Viktoriya Agopyan
October 23, 2018

Haykanaus Tavtorian
October 27, 2018

Jack Achmakjian
November 8, 2018

Larik Margarian
November 13, 2018

Rosemarie Bagdasarian
November 30, 2018

Eliz Vanerian Dilsizian
December 12, 2018

Jeanette Hedges
December 15, 2018

Julieta Karapetyan
January 3, 2019

Mary Kazizian
January 18, 2019

Ashkhen Raphaelian
January 23, 2019

Lucy Goshgarian
January 30, 2019

SARKIS HAMLET SHAHANIAN
December 21, 2018
Son of Herman I. Sahan and Elinar Mkrtchyan-Shahanian
Godparents: Manuk and Susanna Degirmencian

SACRAMENTS

You have been baptized in Christ. Alleluia.

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
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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