On Sunday, December 18, St. James observed its 85th anniversary with the annual Name Day celebration and a visit from Diocesan Primate, Abp. Khajag Barsamian. Our parish is named for St. James, the Bishop of Nisibis, whose feast day fell on December 17th last year.

At a banquet following church services, longtime parishioners Krikor and Nancy Kassabian were presented with the “Parishioners of the Year” award. Former Sunday School superintendent Marsha Alabachian received the “Service Award” for her decades of service to our Sunday School. Also recognized for their service to St. James were outgoing Parish Council members Scott Kapilian and Garo Yavshayan.

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Krikor and Nancy met while working at the offices of the Baikar/Armenian Mirror-Spectator, and have been active members of St. James since, serving on various committees and taking part in the “Mr. & Mrs.” group. When they traveled to Armenia on the first St. James Pilgrimage, Nancy and Krikor were moved by the status of the many orphans and organized “Project Warmth,” where they gathered and sent with St. James’ generous parishioners over 200 new winter coats, mittens and hats to the Children’s Reception Center. Nancy noted that her father was present at the consecration of St. James in 1931. She has served as Sunday School superintendent and held many other leadership positions in the parish, including Bazaar Co-Chair. She currently chairs both our St. James Women’s Guild and the Women’s Guild Central Council. Krikor and Nancy always work lovingly as a team - rarely do you see one without the other. When one is asked to help with a project at St. James, the other is right behind with support, encouragement and “extra pair of hands”.

The banquet program included remarks by friends and family members, a presentation from the Women’s Guild, and a video prepared by the Kassabians’ children. Gail Boroyan, parish council chair, served as master of ceremonies. During his remarks, Abp. Barsamian presented Krikor, Nancy, and Marsha with the “St. Vartan Award” – the highest award in our Diocese. St. James congratulates Krikor and Nancy, and Marsha on this important accomplishment and honor.

A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank Parish Council, our family, and church family who attended the Name Day Banquet in December. We were honored and humbled by the attendance and the honor given us that day as Parishioners of the Year. Our love and faith have inspired us to serve our church and we will continue to do more whenever and wherever we are able. And, to all of you, our church family, we have been blessed with each one of you in our lives. Our sincere appreciation to all.

With love, Krikor and Nancy Kassabian

GREAT LENT

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

LENTEN STUDY SERIES
Join us Mondays during Lent at 7:00 pm

VIGIL SERVICE
Wednesdays during Lent at 7:00pm
SCHOLARSHIPS

St. James has a number of scholarships available for the 2017-2018 academic year for those enrolled in, or high school graduates who have been accepted to, a college or post-high 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 older, 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 regular academic year. Award recipients must be present to receive their award on Sunday, June 19th. 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 15, 2017.

REMEMBERING HRANT DINK

On Sunday, January 22, St. James, together with the Friends of Hrant Dink Organization, commemorated the 10th anniversary of the assassination of Hrant Dink. More than 200 people, including members from local Turkish and Kurdish organizations, took part in the event, which featured speakers, musical selections on the duduk, and a video presentation about Hrant Dink. Speakers included Professor Taner Akçam, filmmaker Gonca Sönmez-Poole, and activist Dr. Emrah Altindis of Bostonbul, a local Turkish-American grassroots organization.

HYTE TEA

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

CALLING ALL HOSTESSES! Our popular Hye Tea event is back! Join us on Saturday, May 13th, for a special afternoon of high tea, complete with music, a silent auction, and other fun features. Would you like to be a hostess? Host a table and invite your friends! Your friends purchase their own tickets, and you provide the decorations, place settings, favors, and more - pick a theme! Please email hyetea2017@gmail.com for more information.
CHRISTMAS AT ST. JAMES

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Feast of the Nativity and
Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ
The holiness and joy of Christmas was present on December 4, when Grades 4-8 traveled to the Armenian Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Jamaica Plain. Grade 5 teacher Shirley Hudson led the trip and many parents helped make it possible by chaperoning. Mrs. Siran Salibian, ANHRC Activities Director, graciously welcomed the large group and provided delicious refreshments. Ms. Miriam Gargarian accompanied us with her masterful piano arrangements and encouragement. Sunday School administrative assistant Ani Talanian provided her a cappella voice and directed the Sunday School singers, who sang both carols and Armenian hymns. Students mingled with our Armenian Nursing Home friends, offering gifts of poinsettias and hand-made Christmas cards.

The last Sunday of each month is designated as ‘Youth Sunday’ at St. James. For the past few months, Fr. Arakel has prepared special interactive youth sermons for our youth, presenting various liturgical vessels and items found in the church. In this series, he has presented a poorvar (censer), a 300-year-old Bible, and most recently a chalice with unconsecrated nuskhar and wine. The students have enjoyed the opportunity to see these items up close, to ask questions, and to learn more about their significance. Future youth sermons are planned in the coming months.
The new Room Parent program has been a blessing this year, helping families become closer and grow together. Each grade, K-11, has a room parent who serves as a communications liaison, to share information and encourage participation in the Sunday School community. This winter, room parents are creating a family wall, a great way to get to know each other and let newcomers feel at home. We welcome everyone in the parish to come visit the Sunday School, make new friends and join us in life-long learning!

ROOM PARENT PROGRAM CONTINUES

On Sunday, December 11, the Sunday School teachers, students and parents teamed up to create a memorable Christmas program focused on The Nativity of Jesus. Grades K-3 re-enacted the visitation of angels, the journey of Mary and Joseph, and the pursuit of the shepherds and three wise men. The audience marveled when Grade 4-11 singers entered the hall in a colorful procession singing “Joy to the World.” The older students sang the story of Jesus’ birth, which we find in the Gospel of Luke. For the finale, they led the audience in the classic, “We Wish you a Merry Christmas.” Following the pageant, Der Arakel blessed the Christmas table, which was sparkling with sweet and savory favorites. The centerpiece included a wooden Nativity scene that was hand-carved in Armenia. Joy filled the room and the true spirit of Christmas followed everyone home.

EXPLORING FAITH AND HERITAGE

This winter, an exciting program has begun in the graduating class to help students connect with their heritage and faith in ways that are meaningful to them. The 11th grade teachers are Emily Diloyan, Missy Giragosian and assistant Nareg Kalaydjian. This team is collaborating with St. James Sunday School alumnus and parent Arakel Yacubian to help students explore their Armenian Christian culture through family stories. The 11th grade has just begun this journey. As they share and listen, they’re learning about themselves and gaining a new appreciation for each other.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PAGEANT
CLASSROOM NEWS

Preschool 1: Teacher Luiza Sargsyan taught students about colors, numbers and shapes. At the same time, they learned new works for animals, modes of transportation and the four seasons.

Preschool 2: Teacher Alina Khudaverdyan taught the students the names of the winter months, and about the changes in nature during winter. At the end of each lesson, students play games to help develop their memory and mobility. The class ended January with a winter tree project.

Kindergarten 1: Teacher Armine Sargsyan reviewed the alphabet with the students, and they all played a game to help remember the alphabet and new vocabulary. They also practice exercises where they fill in missing letters in words to help reinforce their skills.

Kindergarten 2: Teacher Hripsime Mkrtchyan worked with students on analyzing sounds, and rehearsed a play entitled “The Wolf and 7 Children.” The purpose of “sound-letter analysis” is to introduce the students to letters and syllables. The Play helped to develop the children’s vocabulary and expression of different emotions. The students use didactic games to make learning fun, and the play helped become a vehicle through which the students developed speech, vocabulary, writing, emotions and logic.

It has been a busy season for our school! In addition to our classroom time, our students read from the Scriptures before the Armenian Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy on January 5. On February 11, we enjoyed a mini-Handes (Recital) and potluck dinner.

SAVE THE DATES
for our Handes (Recitals)
June 17 – Preschool
June 18 - Graduation
The sounds of children filled our sanctuary on Sunday, February 19th – the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple - as families arrived to participate in a special “Blessing of Children” Service. According to Biblical tradition, it was a custom in the Armenian Church for parents to bring their newly-born babies to the Temple of the Lord to present the child to God. Children who were recently baptized at St. James Church were invited to attend. Each child received an Armenian wooden cross, a t-shirt reading “I’m a St. James Kid,” and Diocesan publications *Armenian Prayers for Children* and *When I Was Baptized*. We thank all families who attended this day. May God protect our children always.

**BLESSING OF CHILDREN SERVICE**

Thank you to all who participated in our Giving Tree Project once again this year. Your generosity helped My Brother’s Keeper provide over 3,000 needy families with Christmas gifts. In December, a group of ACYOA Juniors and volunteers delivered our gifts to “Santa’s Workshop” at their facility in Easton, and spent a few hours preparing gift packages. The volunteers received details of a family, along with first names and ages of each child. They then shopped the aisles and selected gifts, wrapped them and prepared them for delivery. The night ended with a touching group prayer. It was a wonderful experience, and we thank you all for your support in helping the less fortunate during the Christmas season.

**“GIVING TREE” PROGRAM A SUCCESS**
Our ACYOA Juniors are active as always! The December Christmas party marked the first official event in the new youth room. They enjoyed an outing to Harvard Square in February with the Holy Trinity ACYOA, and they love serving together at Hye Café. Upcoming events include the East Coast ACYOA Juniors Retreat in Connecticut, a Scavenger Hunt with the ACYOA Seniors, and more. Plans are also underway to host the annual Hye M’rtsoom ACYOA Juniors Sports Weekend in May. All youth ages 12-18 are invited to join the ACYOA Juniors – for more information please contact Youth Minister Maria Derderian at mderderian@sthagop.com.

Above: ACYOA Juniors pose for a photo at their Christmas Party.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A reflection from the ACYOA Seniors’ recent visit to the Friday Night Supper Program.

Serving at Friday Night Supper was a meaningful experience for our entire group. During our shift, we helped serve a hot meal to the needy in downtown Boston. We were able to talk with the guests, and I was inspired to see how positive and happy many of the guests were. It showed me that we can always find happiness in our lives if we look for it. This experience helped to open my eyes to what is going on in the world. Though I have often volunteered in the Armenian community, I gained a new perspective through my time at Friday Night Supper – there are people in need everywhere we turn and I appreciated being able to help out in the greater Boston community. I was also able to use some of my Hye Café serving experience at Friday Night Supper! I felt the environment was similar to Hye Café, in that both events bring community members together around the table for a family meal.

We are truly lucky that we had the opportunity to help serve and make a difference in those individuals’ lives - even if it was only for that night. I look forward to serving the community once again in the near future.

Tatiana Nalbandian
Thank you to all who attended our 2017 New Year’s Eve Celebration! This was our third year organizing the event for our parish community, and we loved seeing families gather together to ring in the new year at St. James.

In early January, we organized College Student Sunday, to give all those who are away at college an opportunity to come together at St. James over their break, before going back to school for the spring semester.

At the end of January, three of our ACYOA Seniors - Allen Ackan, Anais Astarjian and Tania Melkonian - attended the ACYOA Chapter Workshop at St. Kevork Armenian Church in Houston, Texas. It was such an amazing experience for us, where we got to make new friends from parishes all over the country and exchange ideas for our chapters. Sessions focused on learning new skills and working together to help strengthen our chapters. Additional activities included making Valentine’s Day cards to send to an Armenian nursing home, bible studies and a hilarious stand-up comedy performance in the evening. It is such a great feeling to be a part of a community that encourages us to grow in faith through fellowship.

Anais Astarjian

Below: A group photo from the ACYOA Chapter Workshop in January.
On December 16th, over 110 women gathered for a Christmas Celebration at St. James. Following a lavish buffet, the ladies gathered their gifts for children and for the homeless to continue “Gabriel’s Day of Kindness” into a Season of Kindness. As a result, over 350 bags of toys were delivered to Children’s Hospital the next day, as well as 350 bags of toiletries and supplies to homeless shelters. Chair, Nancy Kassabian, stated that “the overwhelming generosity of our Women’s Guild members and friends was evident and their generosity of spirit prevailed all evening and beyond.” A lively Christmas sweater contest ensued, and everyone left feeling satisfied that they had made a small but important change in the life of a child and to those in need.

On February 16th the women gathered for a post Valentine’s Day dinner and presentation about the Vanadzor Old Age Home in Armenia, a Diocesan Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) project. All proceeds from ‘Valentines for Vanadzor’ were donated to the old age home, which almost 60 residents. They also prepared over 70 Valentine’s greetings for the residents!

**EVENTS TO COME – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**
- April 13 and 16 - Holy Thursday Breakfast and Easter Bake Sale
- April 29 - Saintly Women’s Day Commemoration of the Women of Vartanantz at Sts. Vartanantz Church in Chelmsford
- May 8 – Dinner and event and month of hosting coffee hour
- June 12 –Pre-July 4th Barbecue

As always new members are welcome! Come, visit, enjoy the company of a dynamic group of women. Email nkass@comcast.net or call the church for more information.

*Nancy Kassabian, Chair*
A Season of Kindness

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New volunteers are always welcome! If you would like to join our Hye Café team please contact Linda Sahagian at hyelinda65@aol.com.

YOUTH ROOM RENOVATED

Over the past several months, our youth room received a complete renovation and remodeling to help better serve the needs of our ACYOA members. The renovation was made possible thanks to a generous grant by the Dadourian Foundation. Work began over the summer, adding in a dehumidification system, along with new flooring, ceiling, and lighting. New furniture, paint, and A/V equipment have made the room a modern and versatile space where our youth can gather for meetings, discussions, and more. Much appreciation goes to our Renovation Committee members, including ACYOA Senior Ani Moushigian, who used her talents and professional experience to bring the room to life. Fr. Arakel blessed the room at a Grand Opening celebration on Sunday, December 4th. The room has already been used for several ACYOA gatherings, and we look forward to it being a place our youth can call home for years to come.

Hye Café

Food | Fun | Fellowship

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**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**APRIL 9 PALM SUNDAY – YOUTH DAY**
Morning Service — 8:00 A.M.
Opening of Sanctuary Curtain (Turnpatzek) — 9:30 A.M.
Divine Liturgy — 10:00 A.M.
Youth Day Palm Sunday Banquet — 12:30 P.M.

**APRIL 11 GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY**
Remembrance of the Ten Maidens
Vespers Service (Sunday School Students) — 7:00 P.M.

**APRIL 13 GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY**
Remembrance of the Last Supper
Morning Service — 8:30 A.M.
Divine Liturgy, Women’s Guild Holy Communion and Breakfast — 9:30 A.M.
Washing of feet service (Vodunluva) — 6:30 P.M.
Remembrance of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Khavaroom) — 9:00 P.M.

**APRIL 14 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY**
Remembrance of the Crucifixion of Our Lord Jesus Christ — 1:00 P.M.
Remembrance of the Burial of Our Lord Jesus Christ — 7:00 P.M.

**APRIL 15 GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY**
Children’s Holy Communion and Breakfast — 9:00 A.M.
Reading of Holy Scriptures (Armenian School Students) — 6:00 P.M.
Easter Eve Divine Liturgy (Jurakalooytz) — 7:00 P.M.

*The Junior Choir will be joining the Senior Choir in singing the Divine Liturgy. Home Blessing and Reception to follow.*

**APRIL 16 HOLY EASTER SUNDAY**
Morning Service — 8:00 A.M.
Blessing of the Four Corners of the World (Antasdan) Divine Liturgy — 10:00 A.M.

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**RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS**

Christ, by raising Lazarus, gives us the hope of the universal resurrection of mankind.
Diocesan Primate Abp. Khajag Barsamian has launched a Diocesan Fundraising Initiative for the Restoration of Christ’s Tomb. What follows is an excerpt of his message, sent to all parishes, announcing the initiative.

As the site marking the burial place of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Sepulchre is one of the most precious shrines of the Christian heritage. The Armenian Church, through our great Patriarchate of Jerusalem, has been blessed and honored to share joint custodial oversight of the Holy Sepulchre from medieval times down to the present day, and is deeply involved in its restoration.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre (also known as the Church of the Resurrection) is under the custody of six Christian groups. But three major churches—the Greek Orthodox, the Roman Catholics, and the Armenians—maintain primary control over the site. (The Coptic, Ethiopian Orthodox, and Syriac communities also have a presence there.) Parts of the church that are considered common areas of worship for all of the churches—including the Tomb—are regulated by a “Status Quo” agreement that requires the consent of all of the custodial churches.

In 2015, the Greek, Latin, and Armenian patriarchates invited the National Technical University of Athens (which had previously led restoration projects on the Acropolis in Athens and Hagia Sophia in Istanbul) to study the Edicule: the ancient chapel-structure built over Christ’s tomb. The patriarchates agreed to begin restoring the structure in March 2016, with work to be completed in 2017.

This is the first time in 200 years that a major restoration of the Holy Sepulchre is being done. To finance this monumental work, each of the three principal custodians committed to contributing $1 million to the project, whose cost is estimated to be in the range of $5 million.

As a major jurisdiction of the worldwide Armenian Church, the Eastern Diocese aims to raise $300,000 to contribute to this effort. Our Diocese has enjoyed a special relationship with the Jerusalem Patriarchate, which was deeply influential in the formative years of the Armenian Church in America. Still today, many of our priests and people have strong connections to the Holy City, and the Patriarchate continues to welcome pilgrims from our Diocese several times every year.

Mr. Paul Korian has been appointed by our Primate to lead a committee of people from throughout our Diocese, who are committed to working with individuals and parishes across our community to raise the $300,000 amount. A special website was launched—www.SaveTheTomb.org—along with an associated social media hashtag—#SaveTheTomb.

Contributions can be made online on the secure server of the SaveTheTomb website. The timeframe is to complete fundraising by June 30, 2017, to coincide with the scheduled re-opening of the restored Holy Sepulchre to the public.

For questions or additional information on this initiative, please contact Fr. Arakel, committee member, at 617.923.8860 or derarakel@sthagop.com.

SAVE THE DATE


SUNDAY, APRIL 30 – Special collection in all Diocesan parishes in support of the “Save the Tomb” project.
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.

SALLY MALEMEZIAN
ESSEGIAN
October 28, 2016
Mary & Alan Gilbert
Dorothy & Joanne Hampaian
Helan B. Ohanian
Richard & Ann Tarvezian
Total: $200

DR. NUBAR BERBERIAN
November 26, 2016
Aurelian & Anahid Mardiros
Mhran & Rosalyn Minassian
Jack & Audrey Pilibosian
Hagop Sarkissian
Total: $230

EDWARD HEROSIAN
December 3, 2016
Anahid Herosian
Kim & Vahé Christianian
Glenn & Karen Herosian
Kurt & Diane Herosian
Rachel & Jamie Markarian
Mr. & Mrs. Albert J. Arsenian
Jean & Dana Clark
Edward DerKazarian
Sophie & Jim Eordekian
Liz & Sal Falzone
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Garabedian
Anna Glover
Diana Harotian
Gerge G. Haroutunian
K. Shirley Spencer
Adrienne Kabian
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kachadorian
George Kalashian
Sam & Lucine Kapreilian
Andrew & Janice Kavjian
Taline & Christian Kebadjian
Edward & Sabine Keljik, Jr.
Susan Yacubian Klein
Michelle M. Kolligian
Mary Konlian
Susan & Ken Loden
Phil & Maria Makkas
Robert & Madeline Mardirosian
Jack & Eva Medzorian
Gloria Y. Myers
Russel Ohanian
Marilyn Papazian
Jack & Audrey Pilibosian
Bob & Janice Sacco
George K. Tarvezian, Jr.
James H. Totovian
Mr. & Mrs. Minas Vanklian
Richard Lee Weil, Jr.
Robert Mugar Yacubian
Council of Armenian Executives
Total: $3,605

MASROB MICHAEL
MARSOUDBIAN
December 7, 2016
Carolyn Atinizian & John Yardemian
Ara & Osanna Baloulian & Family
Sunny Boghosian
John & Rosemarie Bogosian
Annette DerMinnasian & Emmanuel Baghdayan
Maria Gougian
Nadine Hoplamazian
Robert Kalosdian
Valerie & George Kelly
Mary Keshishian
Berj & Virginia Najarian
Jean Papelian
Secretary’s Association,
Waltham School
Garo Yavshayan
Mari & Raff Zargarian
Total: $805

MINAS DERNEG
December 28, 2016
Jirair & Carol Babikyan
Total: $50

SOGOMON MUSISOGLU
December 30, 2016
Ani Movsesian
Arman & Helen Movsesian
Movses Movsesian
Alis & Zakid Ozcan
Albert & Linda Abkarian
Sara Arazian
Nisan & Elizabeth Baba
Garbis & Cicik Baba
Seta & Rich Campbell
Kapel Cavusian
Avedis Cimen
Kaya & Peggy Cinar
Mr. & Mrs. Kirkor Cinar
Jaq & Ani Eskici
Jan Eskici
Mr. & Mrs. Istepan Gigliyan
Manus Ipek
Elaine & Mark Jefferson
Migirdic Kavak
Murat Kaya
Helena Movsesian
Varujan & Hilda Ozcan
Garo & Jaklin Ozcan
Robert & Silva Ozcan
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Gulnar Sahagian
Kegham Sherikian
Mhran & Yolen Sherikian
Aylin Sherikian Tamburri
Vartouhi & Kalust Yildizyan
Setrek Yuzlej
Nuris & Agop Zekiyan
Total: $2,565

ARMINE BAGDIKEN
January 7, 2017
Ani & Arto V. Kurkjian
Daron G. Kurkjian
Aline & Rami Said
Lida & Varujan Krisyan
Vadim Krisyan
Nadia & Sarkis Abrahamian
Mr. & Mrs. Akmezikyan
Stephen & Nektor Ashjian
Nishan & Margrit Atinizian
Varteni & Tatoul Badaljian
Azad Chitchian
Filyani Dilan
Greg & Rita Dulgarian
Varu Jan Ganjian
Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Gennetian
Kocharik Gumusyan
Andrew Guzelian Alice Zacarian
Arman Halajian
Shahab Shikherdian
Siran Salibian
Krikor & Araxey Shaboian
Hayk & Taculy Tavorian
Anoush & Harach Ucuzian
Hagop & Nadia Ucuzian
Garo & Aida Yavshayan
Total: $1,910

ANAHID MARGARET
ZERDELIAN
July 16, 2016
Mary Gulserian Bergoudian
Maryenia Papazian
Nerses & Gladys Zeytoonian
NEW TOTAL: $2,260

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ZERDELIAN
July 16, 2016
Mary Gulserian Bergoudian
Marilyn Papazian
Nerses & Gladys Zeytoonian
NEW TOTAL: $2,260

OREZ K. KARIBIAN
July 15, 2016
Dianne Aspuru
Elizabeth Kane
Lucy Mardirosian
New Total: New Total: $2,260

ROBERT SEMONIAN
June 25, 2016
Suren & Carole Semonian
Patrick J. Buchanan
Edward & Sabine Keljik, Jr.
Monica Medeiros
Phyllis Salusti
George Tarvezian, Jr.
Gladys & Nerses Zeytoonian
New Total: $13,655

ROSE Z. KARIBIAN
July 15, 2016
Dianne Aspuru
Elizabeth Kane
Lucy Mardirosian
New Total: New Total: $2,260

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS
MARY SARKISIAN
February 22, 2016
Adrienne Tashjian
New Total: $1,365

MARYANN TUTUNJIAN
June 21, 2016
Dianne Aspuru
Anna Bedirian
New Total: $2,080

HAIG KARAKASHIAN
June 27, 2016
Mr. & Mrs. Mark DerMugrutchian
Mary Minassian
New Total: $1,465

SARKIS BOGOSIAN
September 17, 2016
Rev. Peter & Anthe Day
New Total: $330

GALE L. KRIKORIAN
September 29, 2016
Lucille Burokas
Susan Chebookjian
Philip Deguglielmo & Mary Ravinski
Alfred E. Gallant
Steve & Margie Kalajian
Glikas and
Nora Kalajian
Jackson & Aida Rector
Maria Toscano
New Total: $6,130

LOUISE K. SAUNDERS
October 1, 2016
Alison A. Saunders
The Karevicius Family
New Total: New Total: $1,300

CHARLES B. SURABIAN, JR.
October 3, 2016
Pamela K. Dibella
Nancy & Richard Kalajian
Dora, Corey & Angel Tevan
New Total: $1,175

JOHN BARONIAN
October 6, 2016
Edward & Sabine Keljik, Jr.
New Total: $175

DR. JOHN KURKJIAN
October 8, 2016
Nancy & Richard Kalajian
Pamela K. Dibella
New Total: $1,175
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 OFFERING

Diana Adamian
Sarah Agabian
Cynthia Aghamianz
Margaret Ahigian
Marsha Alabachian
Fr. Arakel, Yn. Natasha, Gabriel & Mary Aljalian
Azniv Grace Amiralian
Irina P. Amirkhanyan
Sirarpi Aroyan Varteni
Jamakorzian
Robert M. Assarian
Sue & Ann Ayyassian
Mr. & Mrs. Peter G. Babigian
Michael & Florence Bahtianian
David & Andrea Barber
Lillian & Sylvia Barmakian
Rose Barsamian
Der Arsen Barsamian & Family,
In memory of Yeretzgin Varteni Barsamian
Rupen Baymus
Ishkhan & Anahit Bazarikian
Marilyn Bazarikian
Sunny Boghosian
Gail, Edrina & David Boroyan
Debra Boyajian
Edward Brewster
Rose Chacran
Anthony Chakorian
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Marilyn Mozian
Ann Nahahadian
Gloria & Eleanor Najarian
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Margaret & Charles Nigosian
Emma Oganoa
Vartuhi Ohan
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Arlene Young
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Gladys & Nerses Zeytoonian
BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS
You have been baptized in Christ. Alleluia.

Perri Anne Fudala
November 19, 2016
Daughter of Jonathan and Adriana Talatinian Fudala
Godparents: David and Erika Talatinian Novak

Sunny Volpini Aroustamian
November 20, 2016
Daughter of Sunny Aroustamian and Renata V. Paiva
Godparents: Andranik and Jean Arustamian

Vivienne Ani Yi Lanuza
November 25, 2016
Daughter of Alexander and Dianne Yi Lanuza
Godparents: Anthony and Talene Staab

Jacob Abo Piranosian
December 4, 2016
Son of Hovannes and Ashley Piranosian
Godparents: Artur Kostikian and Krystle Sheingold

Zena Zenebech Teklu
December 11, 2016
Daughter of Bruke and Patricia Teklu
Godparents: Solomon Teklu Bedada and Cynthia Y. Karamoussayan

Krikor Henry Guldalilian
January 1, 2017
Son of Raffi Guldalilian and Nushig Berejklian
Godparents: Kevork George and Talar Krikor Guldalilian

Igor Karasik
January 14, 2017
Son of Yevgeniy and Zhanna Karasik
Godparents: Peter and Anahit Yapoujian

Silva Aridjian
January 14, 2017
Daughter of Sarkis Aridjian and Nazeli Tufanyan
Godparents: Peter and Anahit Yapoujian

Arpine Aridjian
January 14, 2017
Daughter of Sarkis Aridjian and Nazeli Tufanyan
Godparents: Peter and Anahit Yapoujian

Theodore Tarvezian Choly
January 21, 2017
Son of Andrew J. and Talene T. Tarvezian Choly
Godparents: Michael W. Choly, Jr. and Nicole W. Maynard

Anabel Virginia Viciana
February 4, 2017
Daughter of Pablo and Cristina Viciana
Godparents: Jan C. Aspuru and Virginia Viciana

SACRAMENTS

ENGAGEMENT
Tiana Babigian and Peter Sessa
January 21, 2017

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.

Sally (Malemezian) Essegian
October 28, 2016

Dr. Nubar Berberian
November 26, 2016

Karlen Khghatyan
December 2, 2016

Edward A. Herosian
December 3, 2016

Mesrob Michael Marsoubian
December 7, 2016

Nvart (Kazandjian) Kibarian
December 10, 2016

Minas Derneg
December 28, 2016

Sogomon Musisoglu
December 30, 2016

Armine Bagdiken
January 7, 2017

Diana Krikorian Brosnan
January 21, 2017

Victor Karamousayan
January 28, 2017

Agnes Minasian
February 3, 2017

Mary Orchanian
February 8, 2017

Rose Azarian
February 10, 2017
The St. James Perpetual Memorial is located in the foyer of the Church on both sides of the entrance to the sanctuary. The archway and modules of the Memorial Plaques were installed in 1991. The archway depicts symbols of the Armenian Church, with the name of our church, St. James Armenian Apostolic Church, at the top of the door. Three sets of wooden modules that hold the Memorial Plaques are on either side of the door. They are made of red oak and enhance and complement the interior of the church sanctuary.

Each Memorial Plaque is 2” x 10” in size. Each plaque bears the name of the departed loved one being memorialized in both Armenian and English, and also bears an inscription of years of birth and passing. Plaques are installed on the Perpetual Memorial at the requested area. Only one person may be remembered on each plaque.

The contribution for each Memorial Plaque is $1,000. The majority of this donation is placed in the St. James Permanent Fund, where it will generate continuing income for our parish. Families or individuals wanting to reserve Memorial Plaques in advance may do so, and may also select the area of the Perpetual Memorial on which their plaque(s) will be placed, by making full payment in advance.

The Perpetual Memorial is a way to honor our departed loved ones and to remember them as we enter our church sanctuary to worship. For more information, please contact Haig Deranian, the Memorial Plaque Chairman at (617) 489-9465 or the church office at (617) 923-8860.
WORSHIP HOURS
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Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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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, Transfiguration, Assumption, and 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.