

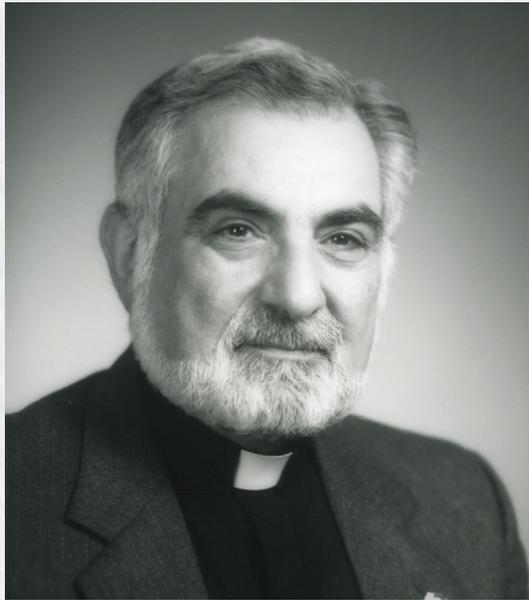


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### REMEMBERING FR. DAJAD DAVIDIAN

1934-2018

Our parish experienced a great loss on July 14, 2018 when our former Pastor, Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian, who served our St. James parish faithfully from 1969-1999, entered his eternal rest. Der Dajad served St. James with great faith, love, zeal and devotion for 30 years. On July 20th, he was laid to rest, surrounded by his loving family, from the church he loved so much.

Divine Liturgy and the Final Anointing, which is part of the tradition for the funeral of an Armenian clergyman, was celebrated at St. James with our Primate, V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, presiding, and the presence of our former Primate Abp. Khajag Barsamian, and scores of clergy. After Divine Liturgy, Der Dajad was interred at Ridgelawn Cemetery.

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## NEW PRIMATE ELECTED

The Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America entered a new era of leadership on Friday, May 4, 2018, when the 116th Diocesan Assembly elected the Very Reverend Fr. Daniel Findikyan as the new Diocesan Primate. Fr. Findikyan serves as the 12th Primate of the Diocese, and the first in its 120-year history born in the United States of America.

Ordained as a celibate priest in 1997, and a noted international scholar of liturgics, Fr. Findikyan has served the church as dean of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, and Director of the Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center, the Eastern Diocese's research and scholarship facility.

He succeeds Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, at 28 years the longest serving Diocesan Primate.



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# REMEMBERING FR. DAJAD DAVIDIAN

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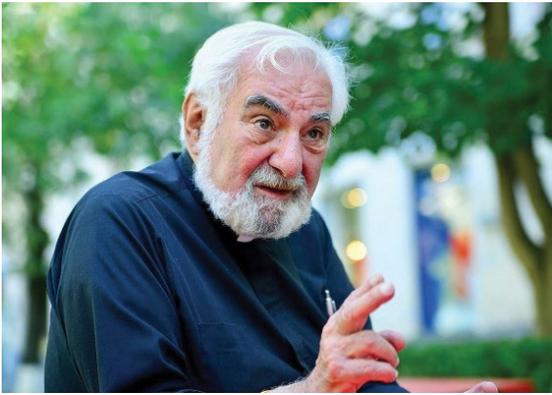
*"Well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your Lord."* MATTHEW 25:23

Fr. Dajad was a dedicated priest, gifted homilist, and loyal leader. He had an ability to connect with faithful of all ages with his charismatic personality, warm smile, and love for others. He touched the lives of countless parishioners and friends of St. James, always proclaiming, without reservation, the importance of God and the Armenian Church in our lives. His service and influence extended beyond our parish, as he served the Eastern Diocese, in Armenia and the worldwide Armenian Church, and in ecumenical circles.

Fr. Dajad, whose baptismal name before his ordination to the Order of the Holy Priesthood was Arthur, was the beloved husband of the late Yeretzgin Rosemarie (Abrahamian) Davidian, who herself was a treasured Yeretzgin of our parish. He was the devoted father of Ari, Susan and her husband Joseph, and Raymond and his wife Seta. He was the proud and loving grandfather of Nicholas, Grayce, Gregory and Nairi. He was the brother of Raymond and Albert and his wife Patty, and uncle of Lori Kashgegian and her husband Mark, and of Sara, Paul and Angela Davidian. Fr. Dajad is also survived by many loving family, friends, and parishioners.

In his sermon on the Sunday following Der Dajad's passing, our Pastor Der Arakel gave a moving and emotional tribute to Der Dajad. He described Der Dajad as "one of a kind" -- unique, dedicated and charismatic with a true gift for communicating with and connecting with people. "His greatest joy was being with people -- he loved people, and people loved him." He shared how much Der Dajad loved teaching, serving, and preaching in Armenia, which he had done since his retirement from St. James 19 years ago. Der Arakel noted that he mentored numerous Armenian clergy and touched the lives of thousands, and closed by emotionally noting that "our St. James parish will never be the same without him."

Fr. Dajad's leadership, influence and love deeply touched our St. James parish, the Armenian Church, and the greater community. The seeds of faith that he planted throughout his decades of ministry will continue to grow and flourish. Our parish is fortunate to have had Der Dajad's love and leadership for decades, and will be forever grateful to him. He will be deeply missed.



**BORN IN WORCESTER IN 1934,**

Der Dajad later attended the Theological Seminary of the Armenian Catholicosate in Cilicia, through the arrangement of then-Primate Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, from 1952-1955. In 1957, Archbishop Mampre Calfayan ordained him as a deacon. Upon his return to America, he continued his education at the General Theological Seminary in New York City, graduating in 1958. He served as a pastoral assistant at the Holy Cross Church in New York City and in 1958, was assigned as deacon-in-charge at the Armenian Church of Bergen County.

Almost sixty years ago, on July 17, 1960, Fr. Dajad was ordained a priest by Archbishop Sion Manoogian in Worcester. Additionally, he was appointed Executive Secretary of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America and Editor of The Armenian Guardian. He was appointed to the staff of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in 1962 and became the Pastor of St. Mesrob Armenian Church of Racine, WI.

In 1969, Fr. Dajad was assigned as Pastor of our St. James parish, where he faithfully served until his retirement in 1999. “Retirement” for Fr. Dajad, however, only meant the beginning of a new chapter in his ministry, as he began to spend most of his time in Armenia, where he was actively engaged in preaching, teaching, and organizing new parishes in our homeland. He also organized and directed youth groups in Armenia, performed pastoral ministry with the poor, handicapped and elderly, and conducted Christian preaching and education.

Beyond our parish, he served on the Diocesan Council of the Eastern Diocese from 1967-1977 and 1993-2001, serving as its vice-chair and secretary, and was elected as a delegate of the Eastern Diocese to the National Ecclesiastical Assembly in Holy Etchmiadzin. He has also served on the Board of Directors of St. Nersess Seminary, and has been involved in extensive ecumenical activities.

**117TH ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE  
AND DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY**

**NEXT YEAR IN WATERTOWN!**

St. James Armenian Church is excited to host the 117th Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly, which will convene from April 29 – May 5, 2019. The annual assembly brings together several hundred church clergy and lay leaders from throughout the Eastern Diocese.

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. From May 2-May 4, the Diocesan Assembly, which includes diocesan business meetings and workshops, will be held at the newly-renovated Burlington Marriott. The Diocesan Women’s Guild General Assembly will also convene from May 1 – May 4.

There will be several highlights of the week, including events to be held at St. James, the banquet Friday evening, May 3 - where the 2019 Armenian Church Member of the Year and Friend of the Armenians will be honored, and the Saturday Women’s Guild WOW luncheon. The week will conclude with Divine Liturgy and a special fellowship at St. James.

Our Pastor, Fr. Arakel, together with our 2018 St. James delegation presented a welcome video at the 116th Diocesan Assembly, hosted this past May by the St. Gregory the Illuminator Church in White Plains, New York. This video can be seen on Facebook on our “117th Diocesan Assembly Watertown MA” page.

We look forward to hosting our Diocesan Primate the V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, who will preside over the week-long events, and our diocesan clergy, leadership, and delegates. St. James Diocesan Assembly planning committee – co-chaired by Herman Purutyán and Tom Gengozian – have started preliminary planning. Two open meetings have been held with St. James parishioners to share information and familiarize parishioners with this event, and several planning committee meetings have been held. Planning will be fully underway beginning in the fall. This is a parish-wide event and we look forward to our parishioners taking part in the opportunity to plan for and prepare to host this event.

We invite and welcome parishioners to email [info@stthagop.com](mailto:info@stthagop.com) to share how they would like to be involved.



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## NEW PRIMATE ELECTED

Following the announcement of the election result, all the clergy present entered the assembly chamber in procession, leading the Primate elect—along with the other candidates and incumbent Primate Archbishop Barsamian—to the singing of the hymn “Ourakh Ler” (Be Joyful). In a moving ceremony, the clergy then approached Fr. Findikyan one by one to receive his blessing.

In his first address as Primate-elect, Fr. Findikyan told the delegates he was “enormously humbled and honored that you have chosen me to be your next Primate.”

He thanked Archbishop Barsamian, who ordained Fr. Findikyan 21 years ago. Thanking him for his fatherly guidance over two decades, he said to the outgoing

Primate: “You have a large family of spiritual children, and I am honored to be one of those children. My prayer is that God will lead you to where He needs you, with the same fatherly love you’ve shown to this Diocese.”

Archbishop Barsamian in turn congratulated the Primate-elect, expressing his confidence in him “from the bottom of my heart. I will always be ready to help you anytime you need me.”

Finally, Fr. Findikyan thanked the delegates, and through them the people of the Diocese. “I have infinite confidence in you,” he said. “Together, with eyes raised to Jesus Christ, and our feet firmly planted in the precious soil of the Armenian Church, we will work together to overcome the challenges before us.”

In the closing session of the Diocesan

Assembly on Saturday, May 5, Fr. Daniel Findikyan, addressing the delegates in Armenian and English, spoke about the new horizons opening before the Armenian people. “Transitions are exciting, but also intimidating,” Fr. Findikyan said, referring to the season of change not only in the Eastern Diocese but in Armenia as well. “But I have faith that God has been guiding events and actions in the Armenian world. Pray for me, that I may live up to the enormous responsibility with which you have entrusted me.”

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian ended the Assembly by saying that he steps down from the office of Primate with excitement and hope for the Diocese, and especially with gratitude to every person who contributes to the life of the



Armenian Church in America. He recalled his own first moments as Primate-elect in 1990, when his predecessor Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, then-Patriarch of Jerusalem, had called the Assembly to offer his congratulations.

“Torkom Srpazan told us that from his window at the Patriarchate, he was looking out upon a rising sun,” said the outgoing Diocesan Primate. “And today, 28 years later, I feel I can see the same sunrise, as Fr. Daniel Findikyan moves up into the leadership of this great Diocese.”

The 116th Diocesan Assembly convened at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel in West Harrison, New York, hosted by the St. Gregory the Enlightener Church of White Plains from May 3-5. We are proud to be the host parish for the 117th Diocesan Assembly - see more details in this issue.

## CEREMONIAL TRANSFER

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, confirmed the election of the Very Reverend Fr. Daniel Findikyan as the new Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

His Holiness' official confirmation of the election result paved the way for authority to be formally transferred from Archbishop Barsamian to Fr. Findikyan. This was accomplished via a short enthronement ceremony in St. Vartan Cathedral on the afternoon of May 8. About a dozen clergymen, including two of episcopal rank, took part in the service, which went forward before a group of Diocesan staff members and guests from the surrounding locale.

In the course of a procession of priests and deacons before the cathedral altar, Archbishop Barsamian transferred the Primate's sign of office—a ceremonial walking stick known as the “asa”—into the hand of Fr. Findikyan. The silver-headed walking stick had originally belonged to the late Catholicos Karekin Hovsepian, who prior to becoming Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia served as Diocesan Primate, from 1939 to 1944. The new Primate thereupon took his place on the Primate's throne, as the clergy approached him to kiss his hand and receive his blessing.



## ABOUT OUR PRIMATE

A native of Fort Worth, TX, Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan is a graduate of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in New Rochelle, NY. While studying at the Seminary, Fr. Daniel earned a master's degree in musicology at City University of New York.

After a year sojourn in Armenia, he studied for five years in Italy. In 1997, he received a doctorate degree in liturgy from the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, a renowned institute dedicated to the study of the history, theology, liturgy, and spirituality of the Greek, Russian, Armenian, Syrian, Coptic, and other ancient Eastern churches. Fr. Daniel's doctoral thesis dealt with the history of the daily services of the Armenian Church, comparing them with the liturgical traditions of other Eastern churches.

Ordained a celibate priest by Archbishop Khajag Barsamian in 1997, Fr. Daniel served as dean of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary until 2012. He has also served as a visiting pastor of the St. Sarkis Church of Charlotte, NC.

He has published numerous articles in scholarly journals and served as the general editor of the Divine Liturgy pew book published in 1999, which is used throughout the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

Fr. Daniel is a member of several scholarly and ecumenical associations. In November 2012, he was appointed the director of the Eastern Diocese's Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center. He was also a visiting professor of liturgy at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN, and at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome.

In May 2018, Fr. Daniel was elected as the Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern).



# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

**VARTAN BABIKYAN**, son of Jirair and Carol Babikyan, graduated from UMass Lowell with a Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering, with a concentration in dynamics/controls/robotics. He also received a certificate in Integrated Engineering Systems. The degree is earned after taking night classes since 2013 while working. He is currently employed at Mercury Systems in Andover.

**GARY P. BABIGIAN**, son of Peter and Gloria Babigian, graduated from Bryant University with a Bachelor of Science in Business, with a concentration in Global Supply Chain Management.

**THOMAS P. BABIGIAN**, son of Thomas and Linda Babigian, graduated from Westford Academy. He will attend Fitchburg State University in the Fall.

**CHRISTINE BAHTIARIAN**, daughter of Michael and Florence, received a Masters in Taxation from Bentley University in May. She received her undergraduate degree in Accounting from Bentley University in 2017. She started a position at Deloitte in Boston in August.

**ANNA BOLOYAN**, daughter of Carl and Rachel Boloyan, graduated from Newton North High School. She will attend UMass Amherst, Commonwealth Honors College, studying Chemical Engineering.

**BENJAMIN BRESNEE**, son of Laura Bresnee, graduated from Watertown High School, and will attend Bryant University in the Fall.



**KATRENA ANI DALDALIAN**, daughter of Minas and Hera Daldalian, graduated from Belmont High School. She was a member of the Varsity Volleyball team, and a recipient of the school's Community Service Award. She also is a past recipient of the ACYOA Junior Sports Weekend Sportsmanship Award. Katrena will attend MCPHS University in September.

**VARTKES VINCENT MOUSHIGIAN**, Jr., son of Vartkes Sr. and Lucy Moushigian, graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Sports Journalism.

**AMY S. MCDERMOTT**, daughter of Jim McDermott and Sharon Bazarian, received two Masters degrees in May from New York University - a Masters of Business Administration from the NYU Stern School of Business, and a Masters in Public Policy from the Wagner School of Public Service.

**JACOB JIRAYR NAROIAN**, son of Jeff and Suzy Naroian, graduated from from Winchester High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society. He will attend UMass Amherst this fall, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

**NAIRI OSTAYAN**, daughter of Karnig and Linda Ostayan, graduated from Belmont High school. She will be attend Fairfield University in the Fall.

**MICHAEL KOURKEN SAMUELIAN**, son of Kenneth and Diane, graduated from Belmont High School with honors. He will be attending the D'Amore-McKim School of Business at Northeastern University to pursue a bachelor's degree. His studies will begin this fall at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy.

**ALEC SEFERIAN**, son of Alan and Marlene Seferian and grandson of Deacon Apkar and Arpie Potookian and Alice Seferian, graduated Cum Laude from UMASS Lowell with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He accepted a position at AHA consulting Engineers as a Mechanical Designer.

**LYDIA THOMPSON**, daughter of William and Stephanie Dadaian Thompson, graduated with High Honors from the Newton Country Day School in June. She will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

**ERIC STEPHEN TRIMBLE**, son of Andrea Koumjian and Stephen Trimble, graduated from Acton-Boxborough Regional High School in June. He is a member of the National Honor Society and an elected class officer for four years. Eric will attend the University of Massachusetts in Amherst this fall, majoring in Computer Science.

**LAUREN NANCY TRIMBLE**, daughter of Andrea Koumjian and Stephen Trimble, received her BSN from the M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing at Villanova University in May. She graduated Cum Laude. Lauren will begin working at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston starting in August.

**LORI YETERIAN**, daughter of Toros and Salpy, and a member of St. James choir since 2006, graduated from MCPHS University in May with a Doctorate of Pharmacy. She began a 2-year post-PharmD fellowship program at Biogen in the summer.

**YN. NATASHA ALJALIAN (J.D., LL.M.)** received a Master of Bioethics degree from Harvard Medical School. She will begin a Fellowship in Bioethics at Harvard Medical School in the fall. She will also begin an appointment on the Boston Children's Hospital Ethics Advisory Committee, where she is a member of the hospital's Family Advisory Council, including serving as advisor to the Harvard-wide Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship Program.

**BEST WISHES TO THE  
CLASS OF 2018**



# SCHOLARSHIP



# AWARDS

On Sunday, June 17, our community recognized the young adults of our parish who received scholarship awards from St. James Church. We extend our sincere gratitude to all those parishioners who have established scholarship funds to support and encourage the youth of our church in their academic endeavors. Close to \$23,000 in scholarships was awarded to the young adults of St. James.

Lori Shirinian  
 Harry Kaloostian  
 Allen Ackan  
 Shant Melkonian  
 Lucine Boloyan  
 Alyssa Bogosian  
 Andrew Reppucci  
 Jacob Naroian  
 Ari Shirinian  
 Anna Boloyan  
 Nairi Ostayan  
 Alex Bresnee  
 Alina Bazarian  
 Julia Samuelian  
 Matthew Reppucci  
 Natalie Eskici  
 Varteni Aroyan  
 Matthew Pirundini  
 Nareg Kalaydjian  
 Arlin Cimen  
 David Boloyan  
 Alec Maserejian  
 Alexandra Bogosian  
 Michael Samuelian  
 Raffi Kazanjian  
 Christine Karakouzian  
 Tania Melkonian  
 Anais Astarjian  
 Emma Kaloostian

*Alice & Ann Kaprielian Scholarship*  
*Alice Khederian Scholarship*  
*Armene Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship (GKT)*  
*Daniel Percy Hindlian Memorial Scholarship*  
*Edward & Elaine Patapanian Scholarship*  
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*Edward & Joyce Berberian Memorial Scholarship*  
*George & Rose Tashjian Memorial Scholarship*  
*Gladys & Anna Najarian Medzorian Scholarship*  
*Greg Janian Memorial Scholarship*  
*Hovnan & Agnes Hovnanian Memorial Scholarship*  
*Herach & Anne Kazanjian Memorial Scholarship*  
*Jocko & Phyllis Ananian Memorial Scholarship*  
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*John Kurkjian Memorial Scholarship*  
*Kayzag & Isabelle Totovian Memorial Scholarship*  
*Levon, Herant, Zarouhie & Raffi Hollisian Memorial Scholarship*  
*Madeline Kasabian Leone Memorial Scholarship*  
*Martin Martinian Memorial Scholarship*  
*Michael & Ovsanna Hovannesian Memorial Scholarship*  
*Robert Movsessian Memorial Scholarship*  
*Simon Der Simonian Memorial Scholarship*  
*Takuhe Ghugasian Memorial Award*  
*Terjenian & Thomas Families Memorial Scholarship*  
*Veronica Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship (GKT)*  
*Virginia Bedrosian Memorial Scholarship*  
*Vernon H. Assarian Memorial Scholarship*  
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# WITH GRATITUDE

We acknowledge and express our deep gratitude for a \$250,000 gift to St. James, given by the **ALAN AND ISABELLE DERKAZARIAN FOUNDATION** in memory of Dr. Alan DerKazarian's grandparents, Krikor and Elmas Janikian. This gift is a 5 year pledge of \$50,000 per year. This sum will be used for the Watertown Library Fund (Project 481).

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$50,000 by **NISHAN AND MARGRIT ATINIZIAN**. This generous gift was given for the Watertown Library Fund (Project 481). We are grateful to the Atinizian family for always supporting St. James.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$5,000 from **EDWARD BREWSTER**.

This donation is in addition to an original \$5,000 gift. These gifts have been given for two new hand-carved lecterns, made in Armenia, which will be arriving soon. The lecterns were gifted in loving memory of Mary Kashian Brewster.

We have received a donation of \$10,000 from the **PATAPANIAN FAMILY** in loving memory of Edward Patapanian. Edward was a devoted member of St. James, and a wonderful role model for his children. We are grateful to the Patapanian Family for their generosity.

## OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO ELAINE WESTERMARK

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Elaine Westermark, who has worked in our St. James church office. Elaine has decided to depart, to devote more time to her family and personal interests. We extend our sincere thanks to Elaine for her many contributions to our office and parish throughout the years, in support of the life of the church.

### WELCOMING TINA PANIAN

Tina Maserejian Panian joined our church office team at the beginning of September. Tina was born and raised in Boston, and graduated from Belmont High School. She attended Bentley University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Marketing. After working for many years in financial services, Tina took personal time away from work to raise her children. She took several early childhood education courses and worked for nine years as a certified preschool teacher at St. Stephens Armenian Elementary School in Watertown. Tina and her husband live in Waltham and have three young boys, Aren, Vicken and Raffi. Her hobbies include cooking, singing and spending quality time with family and friends. Please join us in welcoming Tina to St. James!





# ARMENIAN FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018

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We extend our appreciation to all those who came together to make our Armenian Festival a success! Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed the wonderful music, delicious food, and children's activities. We thank our Festival Co-Chairs Shant Broukian and Andrew Seropian for all their efforts. Heartfelt thanks to our generous donors and all our volunteers, who volunteered from the heart and are carrying on the tradition of those who have come before us. **THANK YOU!**

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS!

- 1st Place - \$1,000 – Louise Hekimian
- 2nd Place - \$500 – Vernon Samoorian
- 3rd Place - \$100 – Leon Semonian
- 4th Place - \$100 – Julie Alabachian
- 5th Place - \$100 – Tom & Diane Prendergast

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

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 Anita & Mike Assarian  
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 Diane Krikorian  
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 Andrea Koumjian & Steven Trimble  
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 Watertown Savings Bank

Toros & Gladys Moushigian  
 John & Margaret Ahigian  
 David Bazarian  
 Kevorkian Family  
 Marilyn Mozian  
 Emma Oganova  
 Reppucci Family - Nancy, Michael,  
 Matt & Andrew  
 Lenore Karaian  
 Sandy Raphaelian  
 Myron Ohannessian  
 Manus Ipek



# YOUNG ADULTS VISIT THE HOLY LAND



**E**arlier this summer, twenty-two young adults from across the Eastern Diocese came together to embark on a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land as part of the Annual Diocesan Young Adult Pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

Participation in this pilgrimage is by selection process, typically offered to one young adult per parish who displays exemplary leadership and involvement within the life of the parish. We were proud to send six young adults this year to represent St. James.

The group extensively toured Jerusalem's holy sites as well as historic Biblical areas, while participating in Bible studies, discussions, and an overnight retreat to deepen their faith and connection with one another.

Our young adults shared some of their experiences after returning home from their unforgettable journey.





## TATIANA NALBANDIAN

Personally, the trip to Jerusalem connected me more to my faith, as I was able to follow the footsteps of Christ. This trip allowed me to embark on a journey with 5 others from my home parish, making it not only my personal journey but our journey together. I have always enjoyed going to church but it is different when experiencing it in the Holy Land. Learning and listening to Bible passages and their meanings throughout my childhood, I never thought I would be able to visit the places where they happened. We held Bible studies in certain locations and got to understand the significance of that holy site while being there. By doing this I feel I got to learn and experience the true meaning of faith and to be proud of how strong the Armenian faith is in Jerusalem.

I found the day at the Jordan River and the Badarak at the Holy Sepulchre to be very moving. The idea of everyone coming to the Jordan River and coming together, forgetting our differences and praying for what each of us believes in is truly a moving message. Also sleeping in the Holy Sepulchre and falling asleep to church bells and the organ, then waking up and being able to witness Badarak at Christ's tomb was truly amazing and breathtaking.

It was also a wonderful feeling to see how proud the Armenian youth are in Jerusalem. When we got to meet with the youth they informed us how they had an Armenian quarter and that allowed them to have rights to certain areas in Jerusalem.

One thing about this trip is that you can't appreciate it with all its glory until you are truly immersed into it. I had always heard how wonderful of an experience it was. Being able to go and see it through my eyes will always be something I treasure for the rest of my life.





## CHRISTINE KARAKOUZIAN

Going to Jerusalem was very special for me. One reason why was because it was my first trip out of the country since I was 2 years old. It truly made me feel connected to my faith more than ever. I saw my faith in a completely different way rather than from just going to Badarak. The most meaningful spot for me was when we visited the site where Jesus healed a sick man, as well as the Holy Sepulchre. This trip was definitely everything that I expected it to be and I will for sure be going back in the future. Anyone who gets an opportunity to experience this once in a lifetime trip should go and make as many memories as they can. I left Jerusalem with a new perspective on my faith, as well as an amazing family that I'm lucky to have grown so close to.



## ANAIS ASTARJIAN

Being able to see Jerusalem through not only through a Christian lens, but an Armenian lens, was the experience of a lifetime.

One experience that I hold very close to my heart was our visit to the Holy Sepulchre. We ran in just as the Armenian and Greek priests were about to close the doors for the night, and were treated not as first time visitors, but as if this was somewhere we belonged, or as if this was our home. We were welcomed with open arms, just for being Armenian and for possessing the rites that we do in the Holy Land.

It was an incredible feeling to sit in such an important Holy site, when almost no one else was there and silently reflect. I chose not to sleep that night and instead to take in all that was around me. I spent my time sitting in front of one of the Armenian altars, praying harder than I ever have before. It was difficult to hold back tears, as I knew the significance of where I was and realized how many people in this world wish that they too could bring their prayers to the Holy Land. So I prayed for them. I prayed for those closest to me. I prayed for the Armenian people. I prayed for peace in the world. Sitting there, I felt safe, calm and at peace.

This experience was especially unique because I got to witness this all with young Armenians from around the country who share the same faith as I do. The strong connections we formed with one another with surely last a lifetime, and I am thankful to have met so many of the great individuals that I did.

This pilgrimage is one that I will cherish for the rest of my life, hoping that one day I will be able to make it back to the Holy Land once again.

I pray that more Armenians will take the opportunity to visit the Holy Land and to support the Armenians who work so hard each day to preserve our rights there.



## VINNEY MOUSHIGIAN

I can't really describe how grateful I am to have been chosen to participate in the Jerusalem pilgrimage this summer. It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life, especially because it was my first time outside of the United States. The fact that my father grew up in that area before coming to the U.S. just added to the significance. Being able to meet new people and make new friends made it even more special.



## TANIA MELKONIAN

We had the privilege on the weekend of our pilgrimage to perform the Badarak service in the Tomb of the Virgin Mary.

This experience was the one singular moment I underwent that most fortified my faith and pride in our people and our church. Armenian influence is not difficult to find in Jerusalem, especially in Saint Mary's Tomb; where the ceilings are lined with beautifully crafted oil lamps that only get more mesmerizing the longer you look up at them. The spiritual and cultural connection I felt standing under those lamps is a feeling I have been carrying with me since.

Walking through the Old City, I felt a surreal mysticism that can only come from a delicately balanced coexistence of three faiths and numerous ethnicities. We passed by all walks of people, each sharing in the same purpose of exploring the history of their respective faiths and building their own relationship with God.

Our faith seemed so much more tangible when we were able to recount Biblical events in their true locations.

The opportunity to learn more about all the significant events of Jesus's life and ministry, and seeing their locations in real-time, was very helpful for me to picture them and connect with the history behind our faith. At home these passages from the Bible all feel like stories from a far-off land but getting to bear witness to the places where they happened was grounding for me and reaffirmed my faith in these events.

I would like to offer thanks to Der Arakel, Maria Derderian and our Saint James community for making this once in a lifetime opportunity possible.



## SHANT DER TOROSSIAN

As our group arrived at the Notre Dame Hotel and gazed at its magnificent architecture, at that moment we all knew this journey would be one that we will never forget. I experienced a truly spiritual moment, when we visited the Church of Nativity. As we entered the church, I unconsciously separated from the group to look upon the main altar of the church. I noticed the cross at the top of the altar and decided to take a picture. As I zoomed onto the cross, sun rays instantly illuminated the cross and were pointing at the floor in front of me. As I took the picture to see if it was apparent in the image, I looked up again and the sun rays disappeared. This moment left me speechless for the next few hours, as we participated in Badarak at the grotto where Our Savior was born. All of this made this moment even more special.

The Bible (Asdvadzashoonch) was brought to life on this trip. Every location visited had significance and Bible verses were read at these locations. If you closed your eyes you could envision what was occurring in each verse. We had the honor of holding Badarak at the Holy Sepulcher at 4 AM at the tomb of Christ. This allowed us to sleep overnight in the Armenian section of the Church. Before we slept, we had a discussion and we were asked what do you feel at this moment sitting on the floors of the Holy Sepulchre? I remember answering "All that we have experienced so far on this trip led up to this moment. This moment is now stamped onto our hearts forever and we can never forget."

This trip was enlightening and unforgettable. It brought me closer to our faith, brought other participants closer to our faith and most importantly our faith was the reason why young adults from different parishes were united together.



# ACYOA JUNIORS HYE M'RTSOOM

Memorial Day weekend once again brought the spirit of youth to St. James, as we welcomed over 250 ACYOA Juniors from 17 parishes, along with their chaperones, to Watertown for the 43rd Annual Hye M'rtsoom - ACYOA Junior Sports Weekend. The theme of this year's weekend was "Be the HYE Light" and included sports competitions, fellowship and worship.

On Saturday morning, participants enjoyed a special visit from our newly-elected Primate, V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, who gave special message during morning service, and

spent time with our youth. During Saturday morning's service, the participants gathered in the chapel and heard an inspiring message by Diocesan Primate Fr. Daniel, who introduced himself to the participants. He explained his role and responsibilities as Primate, sharing his excitement for the future of the church, and encouraging the youth to introduce themselves to him so that they would recognize him at future events.

Additionally, we welcomed Diocesan Director of Ministries V. Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan to St. James for the





events on Saturday and Sunday. Kathryn Ashbahian of the Diocesan Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries was also present throughout the weekend.

A special project this year was a special photo wall with the theme "You are the light of the world," where participants shared more about their talents and hobbies to help them get to know one another and share how they share their gifts in the world.

Halfway through the sports competitions, participants gathered in the kitchen to make hundreds of sandwiches for the Pine Street Inn in Boston. Once the sports concluded for the day, participants headed home for dinner with their host families and then returned to St. James for an evening dance and activities.

On Sunday morning, our sanctuary was filled to capacity with our youth, as Fr. Arakel celebrated Divine Liturgy and

Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan delivered a sermon on the weekend's theme, "Be the Hye-Light." He shared a bit of his own experience growing up as a youth who loved sports, and he emphasized the beauty in Sports Weekend, bringing teens from all across the country together for fellowship and fun.

On Sunday evening, participants gathered at St. James Church for dinner and an awards ceremony and enjoyed dancing to Armenian and American music. Congratulations to our ACYOA Juniors for receiving trophies in the following categories: Chris Gigian – 2nd Place Advanced Chess; Shahe DerTorossian – 2nd Place Beginner Tavloo; and Marianna Lilla, 2nd Place, Advanced Tavloo.

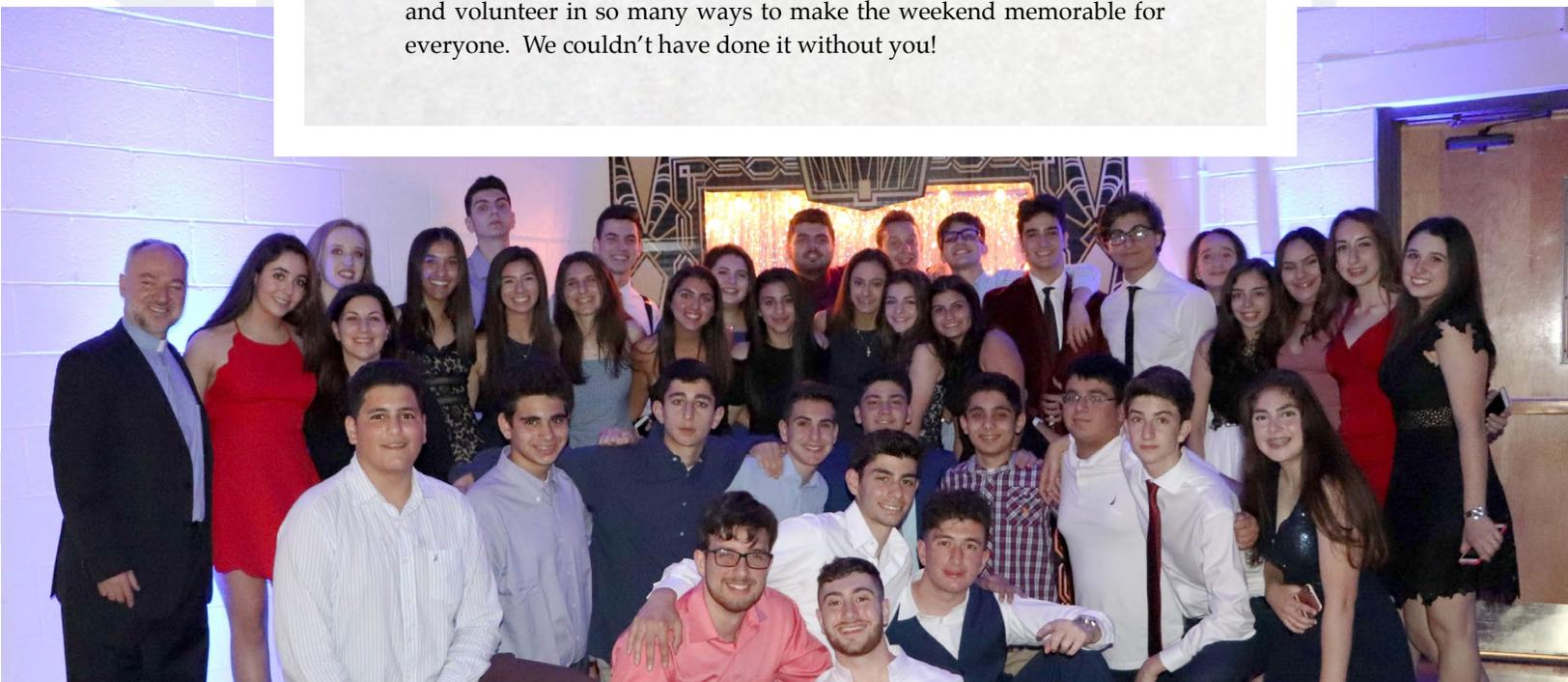
On Monday morning, everyone gathered for a farewell breakfast and group photo before heading back to their parish communities, filled with memories of their wonderful experiences with friends, old and new.





## A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Sincere thanks are in order to all who volunteered, supported, and helped make this year's Hye M'rtsoom a great success, including our St. James leadership and organizations, who so willingly took on responsibilities and tasks to make everything run so smoothly. We also extend our thanks to our sister parishes in the area for their support whenever needed. Special gratitude to our host families, both from St. James and our neighboring parishes, who graciously opened their homes to our guests and cared for them as they would their own children. Our youth are fortunate to have such a supportive church family, who took the time to volunteer during sports, prepare meals, and volunteer in so many ways to make the weekend memorable for everyone. We couldn't have done it without you!





# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## CONNECTING GOD, CHURCH AND FAMILY

We are excited for the opening of our St. James Sunday School 2018-2019 year! We look forward to a year of learning and growth with our students, connecting God, church and family.

We invite volunteers to share your talents with our Sunday School. Please reach out to Superintendent Laura Purutyan, [lbpurutyan@me.com](mailto:lbpurutyan@me.com) to share your ideas and gifts, and help our Sunday School! Some ways to help are assisting a classroom teacher, heading service projects, helping with Sunday School administration work, or other talents or ideas you may have to bring our Christian Armenian Faith to life!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Fri-Sat, October 12-13:** Sunday School Bake Sale Table at Annual Bazaar

**Sunday, October 21:** St. James Family Field Day (more to follow!)

**Sunday, December 2:** Armenian Nursing Home Visit

**Sunday, December 9:** Christmas Nativity Pageant

## Remembering Haig Deranian



The St. James Sunday School students, teachers, alumni and families are saddened by the passing of Haig Deranian, who we will always hold close to our hearts. We remember Haig's cheerful disposition as he would enter the office, looking sharp and cheerful, excited to teach and connect with his 6th graders. Haig's last day with his 6th graders was in June of 2017. This year, on the same Sunday, Sunday School offered a Khachkar to the church in memory of Haig. Der Arakel blessed

the Khachkar, with Haig's wife Donna and their children and grandchildren present. The Khachkar will hang in the baptismal area at the entrance of the church sanctuary; parishioners and students will remember this as the spot that Mr. Deranian would stand every Sunday, watching over and guiding his students. We thank Haig, of blessed memory, for his decades of services to St. James and our Sunday School, and thank his wife Donna for encouraging and supporting his service.



## Ten Students Graduate from St. James Sunday School

On June 3, ten young adults completed their studies and graduated from our St. James Sunday School: Shant Cimenian, Ani Rose Ganjian, Christopher Gigian, Cody Hudson, Michael Luniewicz, Vicken Meneshian, Aleen Ostayan (Salutatorian), Elizabeth Pirundini, Sabrina Raposo, and Holly Thompson (Valedictorian).

Students received their diplomas in the church sanctuary, where the sermon of the day offered words of wisdom for our graduates as they go forward in the world, strengthened by their faith in God, the knowledge they gained in their years of studies, and the love and support of the St. James parish family.

To close their studies at St. James, each of our graduates reflected with prayer on the Holy Bible, selected a Scripture, and prepared a short message sharing how God's words speak to each of them. We share here a few excerpts.

Graduate Holly Thompson chose the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11-32).

She noted: "I chose this scripture because it "reminds us of the boundless love that God has for us all, his children. It also teaches us that if we are ever lost in our lives, we can always come back to our forgiving, loving God and the Armenian Church." She shared: "Now I understand why Sunday School was important, because the Christian teachings and the Armenian values that we were taught would be the foundation to help guide us into making better decisions throughout our lives."

Graduate Aleen Ostayan shared that "As the nation that first adopted christianity our faith and community are an essential part of our being." She chose story of the poor widow from the Gospel of Mark (12:43-44), and shared: "we all have the ability to contribute but have different things to offer, some are able to offer more then others nevertheless everyone's contribution plays a significant role in bringing us together as a community and as children of God."

Graduate Cody Hudson chose Scripture about judging others (Luke 6:37-38), and shared his thoughts that the measure we use for others is the one that God will use for us, and that the words of these verses remind us to always be kind to others.

Graduate Ani Ganjian chose Proverbs 31:25, because it inspired her to be a "strong, confident, and fearless person with a smile always on their face" and to be a role model "to teach people to have faith in everything they do and to trust God."

We congratulate all of our graduates, the 11th Grade graduating class teacher Missy Giragosian, and assistant teachers Katya Maserejian and Shahe Der Torossian. We also extend our deep gratitude and congratulations to the families of our graduates.



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## ST. JAMES EREBUNI ARMENIAN SCHOOL

### Celebrating 30 Years

On May 12, St. James Erebuni Armenian School celebrated its 30th anniversary with a Gala evening. This year marked the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Erebuni Armenian School, founded by the Armenian Society of Boston in 1988, and the 90th Anniversary of the St. James Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian School. In 2015, the Erebuni Armenian joined forces with St. James, to create the St. James Erebuni Armenian School. This brought both Eastern and Western dialects together into one Armenian school.

Approximately 300 attendees gathered for an elegant night to honor the school's founders, alumni, teachers, parents and community representatives. The guests mingled and socialized during the cocktail reception and dinner, in a beautifully decorated

hall, which was transformed with fabulous décor. The Gala committee worked tirelessly for an entire year to ensure that every detail was covered in the planning of the banquet. We extend our appreciation to the many parent volunteers who were involved.

A rich and entertaining program followed the dinner. The school received special recognition from the Massachusetts State Senate and from Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian, and Principal Armine Manukyan received a certificate for her exemplary leadership and for her contribution to the Armenian community. Program speakers included Senator William Brownsberger, faculty, and two alumni - representing both the Western and Eastern Armenian dialect, also gave speeches. The school's current students performed songs, dances, and recitations.

Following the program, attendees danced the night away to live entertainment featuring singer Zaruhi Babayan from Armenia.

Thank you to all who volunteered, attended, and celebrated with us!





## Year-End Celebrations

The School's year-end Recital (Hantes) was held on June 9th. The students recited, sang and danced to the delight of an audience filled with family and friends. Elen Gevorgyan's class put together a short comedy entitled, "School Memories in Armenia 30 years ago." The teachers received special congratulatory certificates from the Ministry of Education of Armenia. We also said farewell to our beloved music teacher, Hasmik Konjoyan, who moved to California this summer, due to her husband's job relocation. We will miss Hasmik tremendously.

St. James Erebus School was proud to have seven graduates this year. Following the performances, the graduates were presented with diplomas from the Eastern Diocese, and each graduate spoke and shared memories of their experience in the school. One graduate, Milena Mnatsakanyan, surprised her teacher with a beautiful Armenian dance. It was an emotional day for the teachers, graduates and their families.

## Eighth Pan-Armenian Diaspora Conference

This summer, Principal Armine Manukyan participated in 8th Pan-Armenian Educational Conference in Armenia, which was hosted by the Ministry of Education of Armenia. There were 130 representatives in attendance from Armenia, Artsakh and mainly from the Diaspora. Armine met with many dedicated and patriotic Armenian School principals and teachers from all over the world. During the conference and panel discussions, the participants created new connections, participating in peer learning and brainstormed issues of Armenian identity, how to connect the younger generation in the Diaspora to Armenia. They exchanged thoughts and concerns and looked for solutions together. In this global world, keeping the Armenian identity alive in the Diaspora is a constant challenge.

Armine had the opportunity to meet with the Minister of Education, where they discussed the importance of strengthening the Western Armenian dialect, and the need for more collaboration between Diasporan Armenian schools and the schools in Armenia. She also raised concerns regarding textbooks, and the Minister responded that the textbooks were being modified to tailor the needs of the children living outside the homeland, while keeping in mind that some students come from families that don't speak Armenian.

Armine returned to Boston full of optimism, and with new ideas that can be implemented in the school.

## NEW STUDENTS WELCOME!

We offer both Eastern AND Western Armenian Language instruction for children from K-8th Grade. For more information or to register, please visit [www.stjameserebuschool.org](http://www.stjameserebuschool.org).



# VARTAVAR



**O**n Sunday morning on July 8, parishioners came to church to attend Divine Liturgy and celebrate one of the most important Feast Days in the Armenian Church – the Feast of the Transfiguration. After Badarak, all bets were off as our parish was about to embark on a colossal Vartavar water celebration.

Our St. James Vartavar festivities would have made our brothers and sisters in Armenia (where Vartavar is a national holiday where everyone is doused with water) very proud. The School Street lot was ready, complete with a giant inflatable water slide, kiddie pools, rows of buckets full of water, water soakers, hoses, and over 2,000 water balloons!

Children and adults, young and old, were hosing each other down, sliding down the water slide, throwing water balloons at one another, and filling buckets to the brim. Smiles, laughter and antics abounded as everyone soaked another. To be sure – no one was spared, as even the elder spectators were gently sprinkled with water. The youth were at the ready to douse Der Arakel as soon as he emerged from the sanctuary after Divine Liturgy, and he did not hesitate for a moment to hose them all down in return. An ice cream truck handed out ice cream bars to all of our parishioners and friends who took part in this joy-filled and wonderful celebration of life.

Vartavar is an ancient tradition originally associated with the goddess Asdghik, the goddess of water, love and fertility, She would spray rosewater to spread love and to honor the god of fire and war. When Armenia became the first country in the world to adopt Christianity as the state religion in 301 AD, it incorporated Vartavar into the church tradition and

celebrated it on the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Vartavar has also come to be associated with the Great Flood and the dove of Noah. Wherever one is in the world, however, Vartavar has come to be a celebration of joy, love, and life.

Our first St. James Vartavar celebration was fun and exciting – this is sure to become an annual tradition for our St. James parish! Special thanks to our ACYOA Seniors and all of our parishioners who volunteered their time to make this such a wonderful success, and to all those who donated to our collection for water.org in support of their clean water initiatives.





St. James is much more than our physical buildings, or our programs and activities,

# ST. JAMES IS YOU.

It is people - it is a family.

## 2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We encourage you to become a 2018 dues-paid member of St. James, or renew your existing membership for this year. Membership gives you a voice in our parish decision-making and leadership. **Your membership MAKES A DIFFERENCE!** We thank returning members, and welcome all who are new this year!

Our goal is to have 100% participation – to have all parishioners become dues-paid members.

## ANNUAL APPEAL

If you are able, please consider adding an Annual Appeal donation to your membership dues to support all our ministries and programs at St. James. **EVERY INDIVIDUAL AND EVERY DONATION COUNTS** – regardless of amount! No donation is too small! Each one is gratefully accepted.

## WAYS TO GIVE

**ONLINE:** visit [www.stjameswatertown.org/support-us](http://www.stjameswatertown.org/support-us)  
*Recurring and weekly/monthly payments are also available for your convenience*

**IN PERSON:** stop by the church office during the week or fill out a membership card on Sunday

**MAIL:** send in a membership card with your payment

**PHONE:** call us at 617.923.8860

### MAKE AN ACCOUNT ONLINE

Did you know? You can create an account on our donation page and manage all your donations in one place.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ST. JAMES!**

# ST. JAMES 71<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BAZAAR

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

**ARMENIAN FOOD  
DELICACIES & PASTRIES  
BOOTHS AND VENDORS  
RAFFLES  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES  
AND MORE!**

**CLEARING OUT CLUTTER?  
DOWNSIZING?  
WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!**

Bring your gently used household items to the St. James Church Office for the Annual Bazaar 2018 Attic Treasures & Cherished Jewels Booth! Bring in your costume jewelry for our Jeweled Treasures Table! Drop off in the main office between 9:30-4:00.

**NO CLOTHING, CHINA OR DISH SETS,  
TOYS, CDS, OR BOOKS. THANK YOU!**

**[WWW.STJAMESWATERTOWN.ORG/BAZAAR](http://WWW.STJAMESWATERTOWN.ORG/BAZAAR)**

**RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE:**  
Tickets for the \$100 Bazaar Raffle are for sale and will be available to purchase at fellowship hour. Tickets are limited.

**GIVE YOUR TIME TO SUPPORT OUR 71st  
ANNUAL BAZAAR!**

Calling all volunteers! Join our 2018 Bazaar volunteer team and give a few hours on October 12 or 13. Give back to St. James, have fun, and meet new people! First-time volunteers welcome.  
**Sign up online at the link above!**

**BAZAAR PREP NIGHTS**

Volunteers are also welcome on Wed, 10/10 and Thurs, 10/11 to help prep for the main event.

# Hye Café

**We kicked off our new Hye Cafe season on Friday, September 21!**

Enjoy fellowship and delicious Armenian food featuring kebab, baked haddock, imam bayeldi, falafel, and more! The casual setting makes it easy to dine in and enjoy time with family and friends. Take-out is also available.

Reservations may be made for parties of 6 or more by calling the church office at 617.923.8860 or e-mailing [info@sthagop.com](mailto:info@sthagop.com) no later than 5 p.m. on the Thursday prior to Hye Cafe. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

Hye Café began in September 2004, with the intention of bringing families and parishioners together monthly for a night of food, fellowship and fun. It has continued to grow and thrive, becoming a permanent and popular fixture in our parish life.

**NEXT HYE CAFE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9**



## MESROB MASHDOTS INSTITUTE

The St. James Mesrob Mashdotz Institute, which teaches Western Armenian language to adults, ended its 2017-18 scholastic year on Wednesday, June 27th, with a social get-together, celebrating the completion of the academic year. We successfully completed our Fall, Winter & Spring/Summer semesters with up to 28 students attending.

**REGISTER TODAY – IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!** Our Fall 2018 semester is scheduled to start on Monday, October 1, 2018. Classes are held on Monday OR Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm. Students learn reading, writing, and conversation.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

about the curriculum, contact Annie Chekijian at [anniechekijian@msn.com](mailto:anniechekijian@msn.com) or call 617-489-5984

# WOMEN'S GUILD

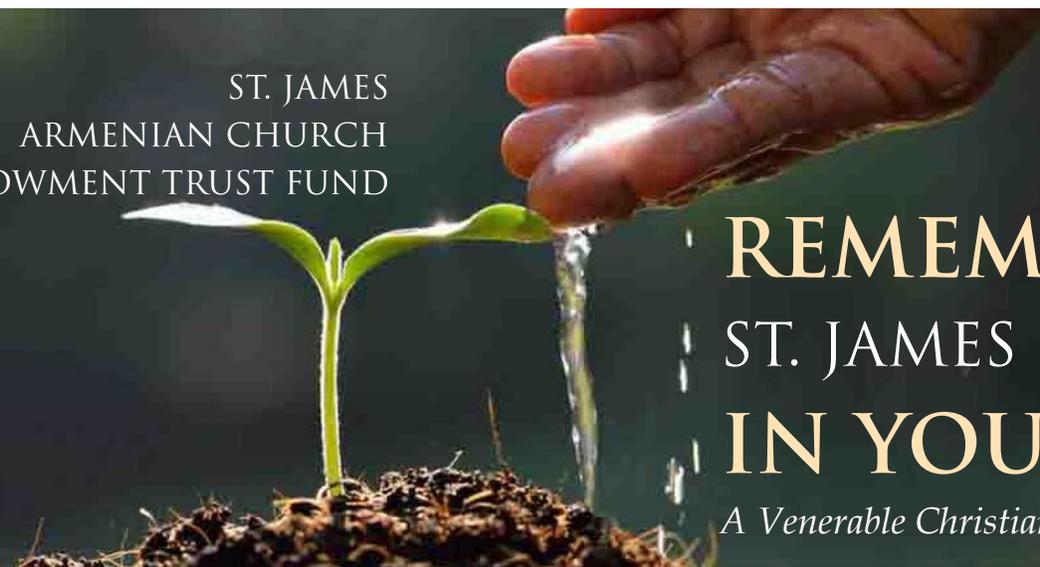


The St. James Women's Guild had a busy Spring and Summer season! We enjoyed a wonderful morning at the Sainly Women's Day commemoration in April, hosted by the Armenian Church at Hye Pointe. Following church services, we were served a delicious lunch, and were also able to see the building progress of their new church sanctuary. Our appreciation to pastor Fr. Vart Gyoalyan, the Hye Pointe Women's Guild and Men's Club, and especially Yn. Lousine for her delicious gatah, which was distributed to all who attended. In May, we held a joint meeting with the St. James Men's Club, welcoming esteemed and entertaining guest speaker, Carla Garabedian, Associate Producer of "The Promise". Her accounting of the production of that impressive story and movie were captivating. And,

as always, the Men's Club dinner was outstanding! In June, we had our traditional barbecue of chicken, ribs and all the fixings prepared by our Chair, Nancy Kassabian. Following our business meeting we had some fun with our Patriotic outfit contest. We are now in full swing with our baking and cooking for our Annual Bazaar, October 12 and 13. We encourage all to help get ready for our sumptuous Women's Guild Tables at the Bazaar which are always sellouts! Come and join our experienced cooks who will teach you our recipes! Please see our schedule in the Sunday Bulletin or in the parish weekly e-mail. Thank you in advance!

*In Faith and Fellowship, Nancy Kassabian*

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# ST. JAMES MEN'S CLUB



On Monday, May 21st, the Men’s Club hosted the 19th Annual Open Golf Tournament. We had a beautiful sunny day for another successful event in support of our Church. Co-Chaired by Ron Tashjian and Dick Janjigian, over 100 golfers enjoyed a day of golfing, followed by a dinner, raffle, and silent auction. Thank you to the planning committee, all golfers, sponsors, and donors for a wonderful event!

St. James Men’s Club meetings are the first Monday of each month (except for July and August meetings). Our meetings feature an outstanding speaker and complete dinner, consisting of a full mezza table, losh kebab, kheyma, pilaf, salad and dessert.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING WELCOMES NAASR

We started a new season of our monthly dinner meetings on Monday, September 10, as we welcomed speakers from the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR) to discuss “NAASR’s New Global Center and Vision for the Future.”

NAASR Chairman of the Board Yervant Chekijian, Executive Director Sarah Ignatius, and Director of Academic Affairs Marc A. Mamigonian welcomed NAASR’s exciting

plans for its new global center for Armenian Studies now under construction in Belmont, which will be a breathtaking building and a draw for everyone—Armenians and non-Armenians alike. Just as NAASR is a leader in advancing Armenian Studies, its new headquarters will reflect that mission and bring Armenian traditions alive, with a multitude of beautiful Armenian features incorporated into the design, and will welcome the entire community as their gathering place. The speakers also presented a short video and discussed NAASR’s dynamic role in advancing Armenian Studies, supporting cutting-edge scholars, connecting them to much-needed research and financial support, and connecting their scholarly findings to the public.

## NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Please speak to Chair Robert Berberian, Vice Chairman Ronald Tashjian, Treasurer Aaron Derderian, Corresponding Secretary Hapet Berberian, or Assistant Treasurer Jonathan Bazarian to learn more. For more information, contact [mensclub@sthagop.com](mailto:mensclub@sthagop.com). Join us!





# *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.*

## **SONA HOVAGIMIAN**

*April 6, 2018*

Leon Kachadorian

Total: \$50

## **ALEKSANDR SHAHNAZARYAN**

*April 14, 2018*

Galstian Family  
Papazian Family

Total: \$30

## **ROBERT M. ASSARIAN**

*April 23, 2018*

Armen & Esther Chakmakjian  
Ada S. Hamparian

Total: \$50

## **KACHIK PIRANOSIAN**

*June 1, 2018*

Manus Ipek  
Tagoui & Khachek Kostikian

Total: \$100

## **MARTHA MINASSIAN**

*June 7, 2018*

Ruth Harutunian  
Keane Family  
Roupen Kiredjian  
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian  
Caroline & Berdj Soultanian  
Serpouhie Surabian

Total: \$385

## **ALICE C. KALJIAN**

*June 11, 2018*

Diana Adamian  
Eleanor Arakelian  
Carol & Ronald Beattie  
Patricia L. Davidson  
Mari Essayan  
Ruth Harutunian  
Doris Hazerjian  
Stephen Hazerjian  
David & Carol Hazerjian  
Paul A. Hilton  
Elaine & Mark Jefferson  
Sam & Bee Kaprielian  
Gloria Khederian

Lois Kolgian

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Jack & Audrey Pilibosian  
Shirlee & Bill Purcell  
Cheryl Smith Steve Cox  
The Dallas Family

The MacKinnons  
Tauby Warriner  
David Yerganian  
Donna & Richard Yerganian

Total: \$1,085

## **ELMIR KHACHATRYAN**

*June 12, 2018*

Alan Alemian

Total: \$50

## **HAROUTIOUN MINASIAN**

*June 14, 2018*

Cynthia Aghamianz  
Anne Marie Aigner  
Mr. & Mrs. Arman Chitchian  
Nina Delfavero  
Oganes Kibarian & Family  
Mayflower Commercial Cleaning, Inc.

George Moustakos  
Rita Palandjian  
Janet E. Prensky  
Tanya Ucuzian

Total: \$540

## **VAHAN LEVON BARMAKIAN**

*June 22, 2018*

Edwin & Hermine Adamian  
Rose Arakelian  
Mimi Khederian Bahtiarian  
Anoush Y. Balian  
Denise & Harry Boghigian  
Ruth Boghosian  
Anahid Changelian  
Helen & Richard Cherkerzian  
Susan & Peter Covo  
George & Dottie Elanjian

Judy & Ed Freedman

Dr. Quibel & Flo Goshgarian  
Ruth E. Hagopian  
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Arsen & Margo Kozelian  
Harry & Claire Kushigian  
Dikran & Maro Meguerditchian

Gloria & Eleanor Najarian  
Kenneth Ozoonian  
Harold & Gladys Partamian  
Dorothy Piligian  
Valentine Pogharian

Robert P. Proodian  
John & Nina Sahagian  
Mr. & Mrs. Koko Stephanian  
Brian, Elizabeth & Margaret Tavakalian  
Kevork Tevekelian  
Barbara A. Tutelian  
Lynne Young  
Murat & Liza Yuzlek  
Sonia Zorian

Total: \$2,115

## **ADDITIONAL IN LIEU DONATIONS**

*as of July 17, 2018:*

## **ALICE TAKVORIAN**

*November 1, 2017*

Nancy Madanian Reppucci & Family

New Total: \$3,115

## **ARMEN JAMES GHUGASIAN**

*November 2, 2017*

Mr. & Mrs. Zara & John Yalenezian

New Total: \$11,070

## **EDWINA WALSH**

*November 3, 2017*

Linda Jamgochian Garner

New Total: \$1,555

## **MARY (KRIKORIAN) SNOW**

*February 20, 2018*

Irene Prendergast

New Total: \$1,310

## **ROSE (GERAGOSIAN) CANNIFF**

*February 27, 2018*

Stephen Sarkisian

New Total: \$1,765

## **KAREN JEAN (GOSHGARIAN) SMITH**

*March 7, 2018*

Richard & Ann Tarvezian

New Total: \$1,550

## **ALICE VIRGINIA JANJIGIAN**

*March 19, 2018*

Kenneth Janjigian  
Paul Bedrosian  
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian  
Nancy Madanian Reppucci  
Greg & Jacqueline Steffon

New Total: \$2,100

## **EDWARD G. MINASIAN**

*March 23, 2018*

Sam & Nancy Kazarian  
Charles Keumurian

New Total: \$3,265

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# SACRAMENTS



## BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS

*You have been baptized in Christ. Alleluia.*

### **Roland Avanesau**

May 12, 2018

Son of Aliaksei Avanesau and Inna Avanesava  
Godparents: Wilson Ramiro Ban and Olga Steshenko

### **Charlotte Ann Leach**

May 19, 2018

Daughter of Gary Raymond and Leah Leach  
Godparents: Justin and Rebecca Sarofian

### **Sarah Rose Sarofian**

May 19, 2018

Daughter of Justin Sarofian and Rebecca Osoian Sarofian  
Godparents: Gary and Leah Leach

### **Lucy Yvonne Arazian**

May 20, 2018

Daughter of Michael and Laura Arazian  
Godparents: Cesar Arazian and Yvonne Albinowski

### **Michael David Freeman**

June 17, 2018

Son of David and Melissa Freeman  
Godparents: Johnny Dickens and Julie Yerganian

### **David Occhino**

June 24, 2018

Son of Biagio and Nune Occhino  
Godparents: Charlie Occhino and Lilla Occhino Martell

### **Jiovanni Carter Laboy**

July 7, 2018

Son of Brandon and Lora Laboy  
Godparents: Murat and Linda Cinar

### **Layla Rose Diloyan**

July 21, 2018

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



## WEDDING

*And the two shall become one.*

### **Shady Joseph Elia and Christine Anna Cinar**

July 14, 2018

Best man: Steven Elia  
Maid of Honor: Carolyn Cinar



## 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.*

### **Edward M. Jamgochian**

April 24, 2018

### **Paul M. MacDonald Jr.**

May 3, 2018

### **Kachik Piranosian**

June 5, 2018

### **Martha Minassian**

June 7, 2018

### **Alice C. Kaljian**

June 11, 2018

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June 12, 2018

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June 14, 2018

### **Anahit Margaryan**

June 21, 2018

### **Vahan Levon Barmakian**

June 22, 2018

### **Julieta Oganezova**

June 29, 2018

### **Rose (Mooradian) Garabedian**

July 6, 2018

### **Helen (Karakashian) Paboojian**

Memorial Service  
July 6, 2018

### **Leonie Dekermendjian**

July 9, 2018

### **Fr. Dajad Davidian**

July 20, 2018

### **Edward Patapanian**

August 4, 2018

### **Arev Soghomonian**

August 9, 2018

### **Alice Tooroonjian Sangster**

September 10, 2018



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Nayiri Berberian

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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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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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