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St. James Successfully Hosts the 117th Diocesan Assembly

From April 29 to May 5, Diocesan clergy, lay delegates, Women’s Guild delegates, and guests representing parishes from across the Eastern Diocese descended upon the Watertown area as our parish hosted the 117th Diocesan Assembly and Clergy Conference.

From April 29 to May 1, 2019, St. James welcomed the clergy of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America for the annual Clergy Conference, presided over by Diocesan Primate, Bishop Daniel Findikyan. On April 29, clergy were welcomed to the assembly and to Watertown at a beautiful welcome dinner held at St. James. The remainder of the clergy conference was held at the Babson Executive Conference Center. The clergy conference portion of the week concluded with Divine Liturgy and a clergy brunch at St. James on Thursday.

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On May 2, the clergy were joined by the parish Diocesan Delegates for the annual Diocesan Assembly held from May 2 to May 5 at the Boston Marriott Burlington. During the course of meetings, the 159 clergy and lay delegates received reports and updates from the Diocesan Council and Diocesan staff and organizations and planned for the future of our Diocese. Our Primate presented his vision for the Diocese in the coming years. He challenged the church to focus on building up the Body of Christ, by providing education for all ages and finding ways for meaning participation in the liturgical and spiritual life of the church.

A highlight of the week included the annual Gala Banquet, where the annual Diocesan Awards were presented. St. James parishioners Edward (of blessed memory) and Nancy Guleserian were honored as the Armenian Church Members of the Year, and Dr. Helen Evans of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and curator of the ARMENIA! exhibit was honored as the 2019 Friend of the Armenians. The banquet also featured beautiful renditions of the national anthems by the Urartu Women's Choir of Boston, and a spectacular performance by the Sayat Nova Dance Company of Boston. Other highlights included the "Taste of Watertown" dinner on Thursday





evening, a Yeretzgins' Gathering, and a lavish fellowship hour on Sunday following church services.

The assembly week also included the Women's Guild Assembly, which gathered representatives from parish Women's Guilds across the Diocese. Our parishioners Nancy Kassabian, Ruth Harutunian, and Hrip Parsekian were honored as this year's Women of Wonder.

Sincere gratitude and congratulations to each and every one of our parishioners who spent two years working diligently to plan, execute, and host the 117th Annual Diocesan Assembly and Clergy Conference. Each of you -- Co-Chairs Herman

Purutyan and Thomas Gengozian, the Executive Committee members, our subcommittee heads, and every volunteer, worked together to successfully host such a large-scale event. Our parish received countless compliments and comments about our parishioners' warmth, hospitality, and love. All in attendance shared how welcome they felt, and all were grateful for the hard work and kindness of our St. James parish family.

Sincere gratitude, also, to each of our sponsors and donors for their generous support. The success of this event was truly a testament to the spirit, kindness, and hearts of our St. James parish and the selfless devotion of our parishioners. Thank you all!



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WITH GRATITUDE

NEW TOMB OF CHRIST FOR HOLY FRIDAY SERVICES

We gratefully acknowledge generous donations from Peter & Gloria Babigian and family and William & Silva MacMillan and family, which were given to co-sponsor the expense of a new symbolic Tomb of Christ for St. James Church. The beautiful tomb was hand-carved in Armenia, and will be used in our Sanctuary annually on Holy Friday, and throughout the 40 days following Holy Easter.

We express our deep gratitude to the Babigian family for their generosity and years of dedication and service to our parish.

We thank the MacMillan family for their generous gift, given in loving memory of Perkia Kalandjian. Perkia was a dedicated member of St. James and a remarkable role model to her family and to all of us.

St. James gratefully acknowledges a generous donation of \$10,000 from the Dorothy A. John Revocable Trust, given by Dorothy and Mary John in loving memory of their parents Vartan and Acabi John-Antreassian. This contribution will go toward Project 481, the purchase of the former East Branch Library adjacent to the church.



PRIMATE CONSECRATED A BISHOP IN ARMENIA

Over the weekend of May 11-12, our Primate, the Very Reverend Fr. Daniel Findikyan, was consecrated a bishop at Holy Etchmiadzin in Armenia. The ceremony for the consecration of a bishop is conducted over two days.

On Saturday, May 11, Fr. Findikyan and two other candidates for the episcopal office—Very Rev. Fr. Serovbe Isakhanyan, of Germany, and Very Rev. Fr. Tiran Petrosyan, of Sweden—were formally presented to His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. The candidates publicly declared their obedience to the teachings of the great saints and teachers of the Armenian Church.

On May 12, the Divine Liturgy began with the solemn procession, which led His Holiness Karekin II and His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II of the Syriac Orthodox Church to the St. Trdat Open Altar, where the sacred service began.

Assisting His Holiness were our past Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, who is now the Pontifical Delegate of Western Europe, and His Grace Bishop Artak Tigranyan, Dean of the Monasteries of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin; His Grace Bishop Armash Nalbandyan, Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Damascus, testified for the spiritual and religious training and virtues of the candidates.

Under the singing of the hymn “divine and celestial grace”

the Archimandrites faced the faithful and raised their hands as a sign of rejection of all that is worldly.

After prayers to God, the service of consecration was offered. His Holiness consecrated the candidates’ foreheads and the thumbs of their right hand with Holy Muron (Chrism), following which the symbols of episcopacy - the Episcopal staff and ring, were presented to the newly consecrated bishops.

His Holiness addressed his Pontifical message to the newly consecrated bishops and the faithful present on this joyful occasion. Following his message, all clergy present ascended to the Holy Altar to receive the Kiss of Peace from the new bishops. Following Divine Liturgy, the faithful approached the bishops to congratulate them on this occasion.

The newly-consecrated Bishop Daniel celebrated his first Episcopal Divine Liturgy (Badarak) at the historic St. Gayane Church near Etchmiadzin. A week later, he was welcomed back to the United States and our Diocese with a Hrshapar Service at St. Vartan Cathedral, followed by his first Episcopal Divine Liturgy in our Diocese the next day at St. Vartan Cathedral.

His consecration as a bishop makes Bishop Daniel only the second American-born clergyman to attain that rank—and is an occasion for great joy for the faithful of the Diocese he leads.

May our risen Lord grant strength and wisdom to our new Bishop Daniel, and guide him always along the path of holiness.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

LUCINE BOLOYAN, daughter of Carl and Rachel Boloyan, graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst – Commonwealth Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in May. Lucine is the recipient of the Outstanding Overall Senior Award in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. She completed her Honors Thesis on the Etiology of Generalized Anxiety Disorder.

ARLIN CIMEN, daughter of Avedis and Vilda Cimen, graduated from Regis College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

MARY CIMEN, daughter of Avedis and Vilda Cimen, graduated from Watertown High School with Honors. She is a member of the National Honor Society, plays for her school's volleyball team and is the captain of the tennis team. Mary will be attending the University of Hartford in the Honors College, studying Physical Therapy in the Fall.

JULIE CRISTELLO, daughter of James and Leslie Cristello, graduated with a non-terminal Masters of Science in Psychology degree from Florida International University. Julie is interested in how normative behavior influences adolescent alcohol and drug use. She will continue working towards her Ph.D. in Clinical Science in Child and Adolescent Psychology.

ANGELINA ANOUSH FALLETTI, daughter of John and Ruth Medzorjian Falletti, graduated from Chapel Hill Chauncy Hall High School. She will attend Merrimack College in the Fall, majoring in Business Management with a minor in Psychology.

GINA LUCIANNA HEROSIAN, daughter of Kurt and Diane Herosian, graduated from Waltham High School in May. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Gina will be attending Stonehill College in the Fall.

EMMA ROSE KALOOSTIAN, daughter of Kenneth and April Kaloostian, graduated from Emmanuel College with a Bachelor of Arts in History. She is a member of Phi Alpha Theta (History National Honor Society). Emma was Dean's List Director of Fundraising for the Emmanuel College Dance Marathon benefiting Children's Hospital. She has accepted a position (Senate Education Staff) at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate.

SYLVIE PAPAZIAN, daughter of Deacon Apkar and Arpie Potookian, received a Masters in Liberal Arts (MLS) from Harvard University in Environmental Management with an Ecosystems concentration. She has an undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Arts) in English from Boston College. Sylvie is married to Greg Papazian and has two children.

ADRENA MARIE SEFERIAN, daughter of Alan and Marlene Seferian and granddaughter of Deacon Apkar and Arpie Potookian, graduated from Lexington High School in May. She will be attending the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in the Fall.

ARI SHIRINIAN, son of Gazaros and Helda Shirinian, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill majoring in Organizational Leadership with a Minor in Entrepreneurship. Ari's future plans include working at a technology startup in the greater Boston area.

NINA BELLE ZEYTOONIAN, daughter of Amy Mahtesian and Arra Zeytoonian, graduated from Suffolk University in May with a degree in Marketing.

BEST WISHES TO
THE CLASS OF 2019



On Sunday, June 16, St. James presented 27 scholarships totaling close to \$24,000 to the young adults of our parish. Following Divine Liturgy, Fr. Arakel, together with donors who have established St. James scholarships, presented the awards to the recipients, and congratulated them on their achievements.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Alice & Ann Kaprielian Scholarship	ADRENA SEFERIAN
Alice Khederian Scholarship	MATTHEW REPPUCCI
Armenie Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship (GKT)	KATRENA DALDALIAN
Daniel Percy Hindlian Memorial Scholarship	JULIA SAMUELIAN
Edward & Elaine Patapanian Scholarship	NAREG KALAYDJIAN
Edward & Elaine Patapanian Scholarship	NATALIE ESKICI
Edward & Joyce Berberian Memorial Scholarship	MATTHEW REPPUCCI
George & Rose Tashjian Memorial Scholarship	ALEC MASEREJIAN
Gladys & Anna Najarian Medzorian Scholarship	LORI SHIRINIAN
Greg Janian Memorial Scholarship	ALEC MASEREJIAN
Herach & Anne Kazanjian Memorial Scholarship	COLBY MADDEN
Hovan & Agnes Hovnanian Memorial Scholarship	ALEXANDRA BOGOSIAN
Jocko & Phyllis Ananian Memorial Scholarship	MARY CIMEN
John Kurkjian Memorial Scholarship	DYLAN MADDEN
Kayzag & Isabelle Totovian Memorial Scholarship	JULIA SAMUELIAN
Levon, Herant, Zarouhie & Raffi Hollisian Memorial Scholarship	ANNA BOLOYAN
Madeline Kasabian Leone Memorial Scholarship	ANDREW REPPUCCI
Martin Martinian Memorial Scholarship	ALBERT YILDIRIM
Michael & Ovsanna Hovannesian Memorial Scholarship	ALLEN ACKAN
Robert Movsessian Memorial Scholarship	ANDREW REPPUCCI
Simon & Ovsanna Der Simonian Memorial Scholarship	MICHAEL SAMUELIAN
Takuhe and Armen Ghugasian Memorial Award	KATYA MASEREJIAN
Terjenian & Thomas Families Memorial Scholarship	KATYA MASEREJIAN
Vernon H. Assarian Memorial Scholarship	ALINA BAZARIAN
Veronica Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship (GKT)	DAVID BOLOYAN
Virginia Bedrosian Memorial Scholarship	RAFFI KAZANJIAN

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 studies and endeavors.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES







2019 ARMENIAN FESTIVAL

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 50/50 Raffle Winner, John Basmajian!





ACYOA NEWS

AIN'T NO MOUNTAIN "HYE" ENOUGH

Memorial Day weekend once again brought the spirit of youth to St. James, as we welcomed over 229 ACYOA Juniors from 17 parishes, along with their chaperones, to Watertown for the 44th Annual Hye M'rtsoom - ACYOA Junior Sports Weekend. The theme of this year's weekend was "Ain't No Mountain HYE Enough" and included sports competitions, fellowship and worship.

The V. Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian, Diocesan Vicar, and Kathryn Ashbahian, of the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, visited throughout the weekend. On Saturday morning during morning service, the participants gathered in the chapel and heard an inspiring message by Fr. Odabashian. He shared his joy in being present with the Juniors and passed on the blessings of the primate, Bishop Daniel Findikyan. Based on the weekend's theme, Fr. Simeon encouraged participants to grow closer to each other and to God as they overcome struggles and find community within the church.

Throughout the day, participants created a photo collage on the youth center's wall, which included a selfie of each participant and a description of their talents and favorite activities.

Halfway through the sports, participants gathered in the kitchen to make hundreds of sandwiches for Pine Street Inn, a Boston shelter that serves the area's homeless population.

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, May 26, Fr. Arakel celebrated Divine Liturgy and gave an inspiring message to the youth who filled the pews. While afternoon sports were taking place, participants also learned about the Dogs of Gyumri, a donation-based animal welfare and adoption center based in Gyumri, Armenia. Using old T-shirts, participants made dog toys with the organization's founder, Sarah Derderian.

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 – 1st Place Advanced Chess, 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.



THANK YOU TO OUR HOST FAMILIES AND VOLUNTEERS!

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!





St. James Sunday School

Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.

[PROVERBS 22:6]

REGISTER YOUR CHILD THIS FALL!

The St. James Sunday School opens its 2019-2020 year on the Feast Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 15th. Children can begin Sunday School at any grade.

We teach Scripture and the faith of the Armenian Church so that they will provide a relevant foundation for daily life and all the moral choices that our children face. Our mission is to help our youth grow in relationship to God and to each other. Participation in classes, Church services, Gospel reading, and service projects.

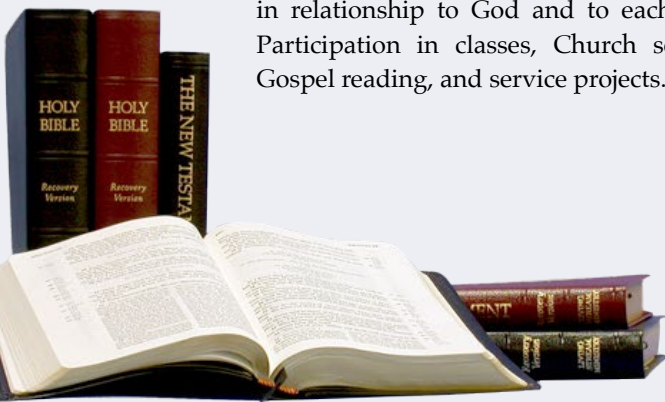
Open to all children and youth from Kindergarten (must be 5 by December) to 11th grade (Graduation year)

Classes meet from 10:00am to noon, including church attendance

Curriculum provided by the Eastern Diocese

If you have questions about the St. James Sunday School program, contact Yn. Natasha at aljalian@comcast.net or Laura Purutyan (978.502.7941 or lbpurutyan@me.com).

Thank you for your steadfast commitment and loving support of our Sunday School family. We look forward to seeing new and returning students on September 15th!



Sunday Sprouts

Sunday Sprouts is open to all children of St. James ages 2-5 (pre-Sunday School). Children will learn about God through Bible stories, music, and arts and crafts, and will receive a strong foundation early in their lives for faith and spiritual growth. Drop off is at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings, and pick up is promptly between 12:15 and 12:30pm. For more information email Aljalian@comcast.net or call the church office.



Armenian School

JOIN US THIS FALL! We offer all levels of instruction in Western Armenian – it's never too late for your child to start learning! Our school's program is diverse and expansive, dedicated to passing on our mother tongue to the new generation, as well as introducing them to our rich culture, our storied and noble Armenian history, and our indestructible traditions and customs.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

We encourage our families to take advantage of this special opportunity and enroll your children in September. For more information on our Armenian Language School, please contact the church office at info@stthagop.com.





SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the Lenten period, our students took part in service projects, which included the annual Diocesan Sunday School drive. On Service Sunday, our students once again assembled Easter Baskets to share with local food pantries to brighten the Easter holiday for children in our community. Our students also assembled blessing bags (filled with toiletries, food, and other items) and shared them, together and with their own families, to those in need.

The blessing bag project was very meaningful. We share the following note we received from the Tamburrini family: *"We were away during school vacation week. We drove down to Florida and we took the bag with us on our drive. We were on George Washington Bridge around 11pm at night with horrible weather*

conditions - extremely windy and heavy rain. As you know the GWB is full of traffic and a dangerous place to be. As we were driving slowly across the bridge, lo and behold a homeless young man was standing in the middle of all of the cars in the rain. We gave him the blessing bag. He was so very thankful and said God Bless. I just want to say thank you for this idea of the blessing bag. It is one thing when we discuss these types of topics with our children and to experience this situation made it very real. It gives the kids a real understanding to see it in person." Thank you to all of our families for living our faith with your children.

Holy Week was a highlight of the Spring for our Sunday School, as it is each year. Our students participated in every aspect of the week, including carrying palms in the procession





on Palm Sunday, taking part in the Service of the Handmaidens, and taking part in the Service of the Washing of the Feet (Vodunluva) and the traditional annual Agape Meal on Holy Thursday.

A wonderful Children’s Communion Service and Breakfast was held on Easter Saturday morning. Following the service, children and families enjoyed a brunch, followed by an extremely entertaining and interactive performance by Jungle Jim!

On Sunday, June 2, we celebrated students Jonathan Kapilian, John Gigian, Zabelle Simmons, and Michael Bagdasarian who concluded their Sunday School course of study. Graduate Jonathan Kapilian presented a beautiful message to parishioners about the role of Sunday School in his life and encouraging younger parishioners to recognize the value and importance of the church and the Sunday School in each of their lives. A reception honoring our students followed church services.

On June 9, the Sunday School year concluded with our annual Promotion Sunday and Acolyte Sunday. Students received their promotion certificates in Keljik Hall, and all families then went to church to conclude the school year in prayer. Our Acolytes also received their pins and certificates from Fr. Arakel at the end of Divine Liturgy.

We welcome all of our children and young adults to be a part of the Sunday School family. We are working over the summer months to prepare an engaging year for our students. Students and parents - please share your ideas – we welcome them! Online registration will be sent to families in August for the upcoming year. It is a joy to see each of our students and our families every Sunday during Sunday School. We look forward to seeing you on Homecoming Sunday and the first day of classes – Sunday, September 15.



MEET OUR PARISH COUNCIL

The members of this year’s Parish Council are: Front row (L to R): Linda Sahagian, Assistant Secretary; Janice Kavjian, Treasurer; Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor & President; Gail Boroyan, Chair; Aracse Kurkjian. Back row (L to R): Michael Bahtiarian; Steven Parnagian; Khatchig Degirmenci; Robert Berberian; Garo Yavshayan, Assistant Treasurer; Edward Kazanjian, Vice Chair. Not Pictured: Sharon Bazarian McDermott, Secretary.



HOLY LAND

R E F L E C T I O N S

Earlier this summer, three of our young adults traveled to the Holy Land, representing St. James in the Annual Diocesan Young Adult Pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The group, comprised of youth from throughout the Diocese who have been chosen by their parish leadership, toured Jerusalem's holy sites as well as historic Biblical areas. Led by Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan, pastor of St. Mary Church in Washington, DC, and assisted by Arpi Nakashian of the Diocese, the group participated in Bible studies, discussions, and an overnight retreat to deepen their faith and connection with one another. Upon returning, they shared some of their experiences from their unforgettable journey.

LUCINE BOLOYAN

My favorite moment of the Jerusalem pilgrimage was during the Blessing of the Water Service at the River Jordan. Our leader, Der Hovsep, shared the story of Jesus' baptism, during which "the Spirit of God descended like a dove" (Matthew 3:16). During the service, a dove flew over and perched itself on the handrail near us, then flew away when we were finished. I loved this subtle, gentle, yet powerful way in which God reminded us that He is with us and loves us.

It was this and the other moments on the trip when we read the Bible passages at the holy sites that drew me closer to God. Visiting the places where Jesus walked the Earth put into context everything I learned from Sunday School, St. Vartan Camp, St. Nersess, and Bible studies. I came to understand and experience Jesus for the loving human being that He is, and that is something that I will always carry with me and hope to share with others.

EMMA KALOOSTIAN

Living in today's world, it is sometimes hard to discuss religion and spirituality with your peers. Throughout college, I was longing for a space to explore my religion while learning the vast history associated with it. Going on the Jerusalem Pilgrimage was a no-brainer. Not only did my faith and sense of culture grow exponentially, but I was able to explore all my thoughts and concerns freely with no fear of judgement. Der Hovsep, Arpi, Shake, and Aram were inspiring leaders and guides that allowed me to look inward into such an important, amazing aspect of my life, my Christian faith.





ARI KAZANJIAN

Our pilgrimage to Jerusalem strengthened my faith and gave me a great sense of pride and gratitude. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to visit the places where Jesus taught and performed miracles as well as the historical sites under the sovereignty of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem. By the end of this trip, I realized the overlap between the two. Friends and family who have made the pilgrimage have expressed how special their experiences were but no words can describe the feelings and emotions I had while seeing the most holy sites filled with Armenian writing and history. I have never been more proud to be an Armenian and a Christian. Two identities that I have always known to be one in the same.

Der Hovsep Karapetyan started our trip by explaining that if you truly want to get to know someone and make a lasting

connection you go on a pilgrimage with them. Unsurprisingly, he was right. Thought provoking discussions and reflections with my fellow pilgrims created strong relationships and encouraged me to continue to strengthen my relationship with God. The memories as well as the intensity of faith and emotion we shared on our journey will last with us forever. I want to thank Der Arakel, Youth Minister Maria Derderian, Der Hovsep, Arpi Nakashian, and Shake Derderian for their leadership and support that made our trip so special.

I encourage everyone to go to Jerusalem to see the holy sites, firsthand, renew their faith, and support the Armenian presence.



MESROB MASHDOTZ INSTITUTE

The St. James Mesrob Mashdotz Institute, which teaches Western Armenian language to adults, ended its 2018-2019 scholastic year on Wednesday, June 26th, with a social get-together, celebrating the completion of the academic year. We completed our Fall and Winter semesters, which met for 12 weeks, and our Spring/Summer semester, which met for 10 weeks. It was a very successful year with up to 27 enthusiastic students attending classes.

Our Fall 2019 semester is scheduled to start on Monday, September 30, 2019. Classes are held on Monday or Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm. Students learn reading, writing, and conversation.

If you want to learn the Armenian language, please join our Mesrob Mashdotz Institute. For more information about the curriculum, kindly direct questions to Annie Chekijian at anniechekijian@msn.com or call 617-489-5984.

REGISTER TODAY – IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!



ST. JAMES TAKES PART IN BISHOP'S 5K

The ACYOA held the last of its three regional “Bishop’s 5K Run/Walk” events on Sunday, June 23, at Arsenal Park in Watertown. In each location, Diocesan Primate Bishop Daniel Findikyan—who has become an avid runner in recent years—ran alongside his flock for the full distance. He envisioned the ACYOA Central Council sponsoring an activity that would encourage health of body and spirit, while supporting future programs and ministries of the ACYOA.

Thanks to wonderful participation from St. James and our sister parishes in the area, the New England region’s race had the largest participation of the three regional 5Ks, with over 122 participants, and additional spectators who came to cheer on the runners and walkers! Thank you to all who joined us for an afternoon of fitness and fellowship as we supported the ACYOA’s program and ministries.

Hye Café

FOOD / FUN / FELLOWSHIP



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Join us as we kick off a new Hye Café season - with live Armenian music and dancing! 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.

PARISHIONER

SPOTLIGHT

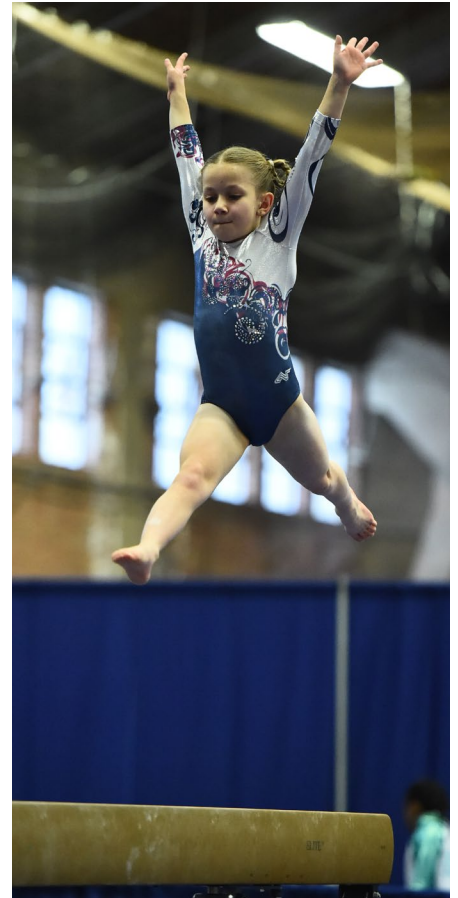
EVY SKATES



SUBMIT YOUR STORIES

Contact the Looy's editorial staff at info@stthagop.com with a story, accomplishment, or milestone you'd like to share with your St. James family.

This year (2018-19), young St. James parishioner Evy Skates competed in Level 4 Junior Olympics USA Gymnastics. She turned 10 in April and is currently in 4th grade in Yarmouth, Maine. She attends St. James Church and Sunday School with her family on weekends, when they come to Belmont to visit their grandmother. This was Evy's 2nd year competing in gymnastics, and her third year overall. Each level contains new skills, and she trains 12 hours per week in the gym to learn and master these requirements. She is an all-around gymnast training on Vault, Bars, Beam and Floor. She competed in 7 meets this year in Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Virginia, and Rhode Island. Evy's season highlights include receiving a 1st place award for her performance on the Beam at a meet at MIT in Cambridge, and receiving 1st place on Vault at the Maine State Championships, earning her the title of Vault Champion Level 4 for the State of Maine! Even though competition season has finished, she continues to train over the Spring and Summer in hopes of moving forward to the next level. Go Evy! You can see videos and pictures on Facebook using the tag: #TeamEvy



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WOMEN'S GUILD

Last March, our Women's Guild held elections to the Annual Assembly, hosted by our parish at the Burlington Marriott in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly. Karen Bejian and Ruth Harutunian were elected delegates to the Assembly accompanied by St. James Guild Chair, Nancy Kassabian. From May 2 to 4, delegates attended business meetings, personal and guild development sessions, and the Women of Wonder Luncheon culminating a successful gathering of women seeking to improve, grow and enlighten their guilds.

Thursday's session included various reports on national Women's Guild projects, such as the Children of Armenian Sponsorship Program (CASP), the Vanadzor Old Age Home, Sainly Women's Day events, treasurers' reports and general business of the Women's Guild Central Council, including elections for 2019-2020. Friday took on a different tone and the speakers enlightened, taught and interactively engaged the delegates in meaningful dialogues and conversations. Lucy Garabedian, Lucy Vozzy and Rhonda Boyajian, Adult Christian Education Coordinators at St. Peter's Church in Watervliet, NY, took the Diocesan Assembly theme of Christ's Healing in a Broken World with scripture and story to the delegates. Yn. Hasmik Ajamian from St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Carrollton, Texas held an interactive session on "Change" and how it impacts us all in everyday life. Our own Yn. Natasha Aljalian presented a talk on letting people know that they matter and paying "attention" to one another with her personal story and experiences in life.

Saturday, May 4, was the Women of Wonder Luncheon which honored our own dedicated members, Ruth Harutunian and Hripsime Parsekian. Their achievements and dedication over the years to St. James Women's Guild were honored. Additionally Nancy Kassabian, present chair of St. James Women's Guild and new Co-Chair of the WGCC, was honored for her longstanding contributions to St. James and women throughout the Diocese.

This year's Assembly was overwhelmingly positive and forward thinking. We look for to next year's Assembly to be hosted by St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Carrollton, Texas!



OUR 2019 BAZAAR BAKING SESSIONS HAVE BEGUN!

See our Sunday Bulletin or
Weekly E-mail for the schedule.

ST. JAMES MEN'S CLUB



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

Our June meeting took place on Monday, June 3, featuring special guest speaker Michael Zildjian, author of *Zilosphy on Golf*. Zildjian spoke about "Armenian Leadership in the Modern World." Watertown native and former AGBU student Michael Zildjian is an author, podcaster and speaker. His *Zilosphy* platform leads conversations which teach self-awareness and honest self-evaluation with the goal of helping people make informed choices that allow them bring their best to whatever they do.

OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Robert Berberian, *Chair*
- Ron Tashjian, *Vice Chair*
- Aaron Derderian, *Treasurer*
- Hapet Berberian, *Corresponding Secretary*
- Jonathon Bazarian, *Recording Secretary*

The Men's Club will resume monthly meetings in September, with a joint meeting with the Trinity Men's Union of Holy Trinity Church on Monday, September 9th. The meeting will feature guest speaker Duncan White, an award-winning journalist.

September's joint meeting will take place at Holy Trinity Church. RSVP to tmuhtaac@gmail.com or call the Holy Trinity Church office at 617-354-0632.

New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact mensclub@sthagop.com.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 HOMECOMING SUNDAY! FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

- SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING DAY
- SUNDAY SPROUTS OPENING DAY
- HOMECOMING CELEBRATION



ST. JAMES 72ND

ANNUAL BAZAAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Armenian Food, Delicacies and Pastries, Booths and Vendors, Raffles, Children's Activities, and more!

CLEARING OUT CLUTTER? DOWNSIZING? WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Bring your gently used household items to the St. James Church Office for the Annual Bazaar 2019 Attic Treasures Booth! Please, no clothing, china or dish sets, toys, CDs, or books.

JEWELED TREASURES

Bring in your costume jewelry for our Jeweled Treasures Table!

Donations may be dropped off in the main office between 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Thank you!

HANDMADE WITH LOVE ST. JAMES ARTISAN TABLE

Do you enjoy crafts, arts, and creative projects? Do you knit, crochet, or needlepoint? Come and join us to exchange ideas and work on Art Projects for a new booth at this year's St. James Bazaar, featuring handmade items made by our St. James parishioners.

For questions or more information please contact Sandy Raphaelian (sandyraphalian@verizon.net).

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 Easter season.



EASTER YUGHAKIN

Debra A. Boyajian
 Nadia Abrahamian
 Henry & Yerin Agahigian
 Cynthia Aghamianz
 Mr. & Mrs. John Ahigian
 Manuk & Josephine
 Akmezikyan
 Aljalian Family
 Peter K. Amershadian
 Irina P. Amirbekyan
 Mr. & Mrs. Kaspar Andonian
 Aram & Armen Andonian
 Helene E. Andreassian
 Eleanor C. Arakelian
 Michael & Anita Assarian
 Nishan & Margrit Atinizian
 Arpi Avakian
 Steven, Janice & Marie Avery
 Sue & Ann Ayrassian
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter G. Babigian
 Michael & Florence Bahtiarian
 David & Andrea Barber
 Rose D. Barsamian
 Aram Bazarian
 Marilyn Bazarian
 Anna & Lucy Bedirian
 Mary Guleserian Bergoudian
 Sunny Boghosian
 Gail Boroyan
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brackett
 Edward Brewster
 Tanya Chakmakian
 Raffi & Maria Chapiian
 Berj & Annie Chekijian
 Raymond Davidian

Karen Dederyan
 Maria Derderian
 Rikar H. DerVartanian
 Dilanian Family
 Kohar & Sarkis Dudumian
 Robert & Alice England
 Edward & Anna Garabedian
 Anne Garabedian
 Rose Gargarian
 Tom Gengozian & Sally
 Vanerian
 Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Gennetian
 Mark & Melissa Giragosian
 Guler Family
 Nancy J. Guleserian
 Marguerite Gurekian
 Gail Haroutunian
 Barbara Hayward
 Louise Hekimian
 Kurt & Diane Herosian
 Hilda Hevesian
 Arpie Maksoudian Highgas
 Arpi Hovagimian
 Richard Hovsepian
 Carol Hoyen
 Ohan Iradian
 Sonia A. Janikian
 Mary Janjanian
 Mary R. John
 Leon W. Kachadorian
 Harry A. Kalajian, Jr.
 Veronica Kaprielian
 Andrew & Janice Kavjian
 Edward K. & Nirva Kazanjian
 Bertha Kazanjian

John Kefeyan
 Anahid Kenbelian
 Julietta Kerakosyan
 Marlin R. Keshishian
 Jack & Queenie Keumurian
 Charles G. & Sirvart
 Keumurian
 John C. & Brenda J. Khederian
 Roupen & Annie Kiredjian
 Sahnik Knarian
 Jbid Kostikian
 Jennie Koumjian
 Marie Kouyoumjian
 Diane Krikorian
 Charles J. Krikorian
 JoAnn & Ronald Manoogian
 Josephina Manoukian
 Louise M. Maranian
 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E.
 Maranian & Family
 Krikor Masrof
 Vivian Masrof
 Gladys & Anna Medzorian
 Alice K. Mellian
 Diana Minasian
 Cheryl R. Mooradian
 Marilyn Mozian
 Ann Nahabedian
 Charles[†] & Margaret Nigohsian
 Zaven R. Norigian, Jr.
 Emma Oganova
 Vartuhi Ohan
 Myron Ohannesian
 Shirley Onanian
 Edward Orchanian, Jr.

Joan & Brian Osganian
 Garo Ozcan
 Harold & Gladys Partamian
 Edward & Marlene Paul
 Raisa Petrosyan
 Jacob[†] & Audrey Pilibosian
 Gary K. Pogharian
 Valentine Pogharian
 Diane & Tom J. Prendergast
 William & Shirlee Purcell
 Herman & Laura Purutyan
 William & Sandra (Meldonian)
 Robichaud
 Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
 Herika Sarafian
 Charles Sarian
 Zarouhi Sarkisian
 Arshalouys Sarkissian
 Aida Shabanova
 Marianne Shahlamian
 Sonya E. Shooshan
 Skates Family
 Mae Takoushian
 Lucy Talanian
 Ronald S. Tashjian
 Jirayer & Silva Tekeian
 The Toumayan/Miller Family
 Diana K. Topjian
 Hagop & Nadia Ucuzian
 Kirk & Amy Varjan
 Gayle M. Yapchaian
 Michael G. Yapchaian
 Arlene Young
 Natalie A. Zakarian
 Gladys & Nerses Zeytoonian



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.*

ALICE BAHARIAN SEFERIAN *February 7, 2019*

Kevork & Endza Abdalian
Adrenna Antreasian
Warren & Lucy Aylaian
Carol Babikyan
Ruby Baboian
Michael & Florence Bahtiarian
Dorothy Bahtiarian
Mr. & Mrs. John Balian
Richard & Marilyn Bazarian
Michael, Melanie & Valerie Bedrosian
Melanie Bedrosian
Robert & Elizabeth Berberian
Sebouh & Maral Boyadjian
Edward Brewster
Mary & John Cherkerzian
Azad Chitchian & Family
Karen Dederyan
Thelma Der Avedisian
Vatche & Maral Der Torossian
Patricia Ennepet
Julie Ganjian
Diane Garabedian
Sonia Garabedian
Ara K. & Pam Gechijian
Steve & Margie Kalajian Glikas
Nancy Guleserian
Ruth Harutunian
Rosann Hansen
Diane Herosian
Paul S. Hovsepien
Sona Iskandarian
Elaine & Mark Jefferson
Ralph & Sherry Jones
Leon W. Kachadorian
Gary & Regina Kalajian
Nora Kalajian
Sam & Lucine Kapreilian
Krikor & Nancy Kassabian
Takouhie Kefeyan
John Kefeyan
John & Brenda Khederian
Norayr & Vicky Kherlopian
Robert & Adrina Kletjian
Marie Kouyoumjian
Aracse Kurkjian
Dr. & Mrs. Shavarsh Majarian
Christine Mardaian
Lena & Sonia Marsoubian
Robert & Genie Melkonian
Kerri Koss Morehart

Ann Nahabedian
Robert & Christine Najarian
Gerald O'Keefe
David & Myrna Onanian
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Jacob[†] & Audrey Pilbosian
Dn. Abkar & Arpie Potookian
Carol & Timothy Roche
Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
Arshalouys Sarkissian
St. James Women's Guild
Stanley & Lori Tagarelis
Pam Talanian
Richard & Ann Tarvezian
Kerri K. Morehart
Jack & Lucy Maserejian
Andy & Nirva Tomasian
Vaughan & Lily Totovian
Mari & Raffi Zargarian
Nerses & Gladys Zeytoonian
Michael & Lisa Zeytoonian
Myriam & Joe Zeytoonian
Zeytoonian & Grigorian Families
Scott Zouranjian
Total: \$4,610

PERKIA KHATCHADOURIAN **KALANDJIAN** *February 9, 2019*

Yervant & Mary Bedikian & Family
Alex M. Bejian
Berj & Annie Chekijian
Markrid Haroutiounian
Aracse Kurkjian
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Arax Merametdjian Ryvkin
Total: \$455

AVADIS CINAR *February 22, 2019*

Sarkis & Nadia Abrahamian
Pierre-John & Carol Alagha
Aram Bedrosian Funeral Home
Seta & Richard Arzian
Stephen & Nektar Ashchian
Garbiz & Zagik Baba
Nisan & Elizabeth Baba
Rupen & Iva Baymus
Paul Bedrosian

David Boyajian
Hilda & Glenn Campbell
Seta & Richard Campbell & Family
Faik Campbell & Family
Gultan Cham
Azad Chitchian & Family
Avedis Cimen
Kirkor Cinar
Khachik & Anna Degirmenci
Setrak Dikranyan
Filyani Dilanian & Family
Vartuhi Erdinc
Anahid Erol
Jan Eskici
Jan Eskici
Jak & Ani Eskici
Krikor Gennetian
Mihran & Satenig Guler
Carol Hoyen
Manus Ipek
Kavak Family
Sarkis Kaya
Anita & Markar Kaya
Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Kaya
Murat & Nurhan Kaya
Kaya & Cinar Family
Sahnik Knarian
Nihat Kocak
Aracse Kurkjian
Armenouhi & Kevork
Megurdichian/Sardaryan
Ardemis Minassian
Avedis & Sosi Nercessian
Zadik & Alis Ozcan
Robert & Silva Ozcan
Jaklin & Garo Ozcan
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Nuritse Sahan
Herika Sarafian
Cevahir Shirinian
Gazaros & Helda Shirinian
Ann (Agavni) Simon
Hapet Torosian
Mr. & Mrs. Himayak Torosian & Family
Hagop & Nadia Ucuizian
Berc & Ani Yildirim
Kalos Yildizyan
Setrak & Gulbiz Yuzlek
Murat & Liza Yuzlek
Total: \$3,590

VIRGINIA KELJIKIAN *February 23, 2019*

Annette Krikorian Arnott
Barry & Carole Chooljian
Dorothy Dedeian
John & Garineh Goshdigian
Robert Koligian Family
Helen Krikorian
Joel & Jill Mazmanian
Total: \$600

HAROLD HARUTUNIAN *February 27, 2019*

Ruth Harutunian
Eleanor Arakelian
Carol Babikyan
Janice Barry
Anna & Lucy Bedirian
Sunny Boghosian
Bernard F. Creeden
Judith V. Creeden
Leslie & Jim Cristello
Shake Gabriel
Joyce & Charlie Guleserian
James Jingoian
Robert & Maria Jingoian & Family
Leon W. Kachadorian
Nancy Kassabian
Mark Kavonian & Kelly Lignos,
Daniel & Stephanie
Aracse Kurkjian
Rhonda Lesanto
Stanley & Judy Lignos
Janet & Thomas Louie
Jean C. MacDonald & Bill Norris
Vivian Masrof
Susan McGilvray-Rivet
Alice K. Mellian
Joseph & Christine Murgo
Ann Nahabedian
Robert & Eileen Nichols
Shirley Onanian
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Jacob[†] & Audrey Pilbosian
St. James Church Choir
Richard & Ann Tarvezian
Diana K. Topjian
Total: \$1,530

PHYLLIS HALLOUN

March 3, 2019

Sunny Boghosian

Total: \$50

MIRIAM BOYAJIAN

March 19, 2019

Chris Bandazian & Mary Ann Senatroy

Ronda Benayun

Ellie & Glenn Blackburn

Sheldon & Gina L. Camiel

Nicole Camiel

Richard & Marcia Conti

Ruth Conway

Edward & Anna Garabedian

Dianne & Vincent Graceffa

Antoinette Scardia

Mr. & Mrs. Richard A.

Hovsepian

Wayne Johnson & Lynn Rossini

Steven Johnston

Gloria B. Khederian

William & Kathe Landergan

Anne S. & John Langlois

Jim Mahoney & Jim Denaro

Philip & Joanne Malatesta

Charles & Rose Margosian

Edward Mesrobian

Nicole & Rick Neustein & Family

Edward J. Nierman

Edward & Marlene Paul

Jacob[†] & Audrey Pilibosian

Jodi Silton & Don Later

Susan H. Stone

Jane Connolly

John & Gloria Voce

Fred Waldman

Alma Whitney & Marsha

Whitney

Nancy & Michael Wluka & Family

Total: \$1,920

ANI TARVEZIAN CHOLY

April 1, 2019

Richard & Ann Tarvezian

Diana Adamian

Cynthia Aghamianz

Ohan & Rosemary Armoudian

Michael & Anita Assarian

Carol Babikyan

Dr. & Mrs. Levon & Deanna

Bastajian

Sunny Boghosian

Paul Boghosian

Edward Brewster

Donna, Michael & David Citino

Karen Dederyan

Kenneth & Karen Demerjian

Maria Derderian

Roxanne Etmekjian & Nerses

Joubanian

Lillian K. Etmekjian

Sandra & Kevin Farrell

Mike & Joy Foley

Charles S. Gazarian

Mark, Melissa & Eva Giragosian

Crosby, Jr. & Flo Goshgarian & Family

Nancy J. Guleserian

Charles & Joyce Guleserian

Arpi Maksoudian Highgas

George & Sandra Hoffman

David & Nadine Hoplamazian

Leon Janikian & June Foster

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Jefferson

Nadia Ann Karnik

Krikor & Nancy Kassabian

Keane Family

Lois Kolgian

Jennie Koumjian

Melanie S. Krikorian

Diane Krikorian & Family

Charles Krikorian & Family

Aracse Kurkjian

Amy & Kenneth Mahtesian

Ron & Anastasia Maranian

Vartkes & Evelyn Mavissakalian

James & Denise Molloy

Ann Nahabedian

Armand Paboojian

Alice Papazian

Sara, Marc & Kyle Papazian

Harry & Hripsime Parsekian

Vartkes & Dorothy Parsikian

Jacob[†] & Audrey Pilibosian

Deborah Sarajian

Mitchell C. Sarajian

Kristopher & Amanda Sarajian

Joseph Sarkisian

Catherine Tahajian

Greg & Linda Takvorian, Mark

& Erika

Ronald Tashjian

Veronica A. White

Chloe & Nina Zeytoonian

Total: \$3,295

STEVEN ALAN BOZKURTIAN

April 6, 2019

Astrid Bozkurtian

Carolyn J. Bozkurtian

Paula Antipas

George & Betty Boole

Raymond A. Davidian

Kenneth & Karen Demerjian

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Demerjian

Alma & Charles Der Kazarian

Peter & Pam DerKazarian

Joseph D. Downing

Anonymous - Fidelity Brokerage Services

Martin & Juliette Hatzadourian

& Family

Terri L. Hill

Alice Janjigian

Alan Kasparian

Ellen K. Kassaraba

John & Julie Kozelian

Janine Krysiak

Suzy Marsoubian-Trout

Ted & Linda Minasian

Kenneth & Diane Samuelian

Jon & Eva Topalian

James & Michelle Valeriani

David W. Vivian

Total: \$2,625

MICHAEL MOURADIAN

April 23, 2019

Nancy Mouradian

Carol Mouradian

Lora & Chad Burroughs

David & Regina Mouradian

Kristina Pappas

Michael, Elena & Lisa

Mouradian

Susan & Ronald Cass

Daniella Cass

Clark & Harrington Families

Joanne & Laura DeGiacomo

Simone A. D'eon

Liza Y. Dulgarian

Clara Enos

Deborah & John Giragosian

Charles W. & Lorraine M. Hewitt

L. Bradley Hutchinson

Lois Kolgian

Phyllis & Mark Ledrew

Janette Nason

Robert P. Proodian

Carol J. & Anthony J. Schena

Isguhi Shirinian

Deborah Surabian

Valerie Tersakian

The Fasciano Family

Total: \$1,120

EDWARD ORCHANIAN

April 25, 2019

Orchanian Family

Mr. & Mrs. Kevork Altounian

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Anastasia

Eleanor C. Arakelian

Peter & Aileen Babigian

Michael & Florence Bahtiarian

Sunny Boghosian & George

Talatinian

Steve & Laura Derderian

Gail & David Diehl

Richard & Alleen Ghazaryans

Ruben Ghazaryans

Jeffrey & Virginia Gosdanian

Nancy Guleserian

Carol Hoyen

Sonia Janikian

Robert Jingozyan

Kenneth & Esther Kalajian

John & Seta Kaleshian

Sam, Bea, Ed & Michelle

Kapreilian

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Kapreilian

Krikor & Nancy Kassabian

Edward K. & Nirva Kazanjian & Family

Keane Family

John Kefeyan

Aracse Kurkjian

Phyllis Madanian

JoAnn & Ronald Manoogian

Masrof Family

Amy Mattesian Cloe & Nina

Zeytoonian

Nancy Mooradian

Gregory Norigian

Dolores Norigian

Zaven & Rose Norigian

Zaven & Shawn Norigian, Jr.

Harry & Hripsime Parsekian

Jacob[†] & Audrey Pilibosian

Nancy Madanian & Michael

Reppucci

Roger Shields

Lynne & Scott Rigolini

Linda Sahagian

Marlene & Alan Seferian

Michael & Sonya Shooshan

Richard & Ann Tarvezian

Kegham, Raffi, & Rubina

Varjabedian

Scott Zouranjian & Pam Talanian

Total: \$2,680

SETRAK ISKANDARIAN

April 30, 2019

Knarig Aboyan

Diana Adamian

Sossi Aroyan

Dianne Aspuru

Alice & Harry Avakian

Salpi & Barkev Bablouzian

Valentine Baghdoyan

Anoush Balian

Annie Balikian

Stella Bekarian

Mary Guleserian Bergoudian

Dean & Valentine Momdjian

Brown

Gary & Talene Churukian

Arman & Sossy Derian

Marina Derna

Jane & Eric Diana & Family

Paul & Vania Dolabjian

Mr. & Mrs. Armenak Dolabjian

Mrs. Betty Dolabjian

Maro & Isgouhe Eordalian

Shakea Gabriel

Nerses & Araxi Ghazarian
 Vartan Ghugasian
 Ruth Harutunian
 Annie & Krikor Keikian
 Anthony Keledjian
 Alex & Carol Khalarian
 Janet & Paul Khalarian
 Setrag N. & Silva Khoshafian
 Aracse Kurkjian
 Mary & Kathy Kuzenian
 Lawrence & Mary Litwak
 Josephine Manoukian
 Alice K. Mellian
 Sonia & Harry Mikaelian
 Mr. & Mrs. Antranik Minassian
 Seta Nercessian
 Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
 Dn. Abkar & Arpie Potookian
 Alma Sahagian
 Zarouhi Sarkisian
 Zohrab & Silva Sarkissian
 Arshalouys Sarkissian
 Marlene & Alan Seferian
 Garbis Sepetjian
 Hermine Sislian
 Arpi Terzian
 Hagop & Nadia Ucuzian
 Ashken Vanerian
 Sally Vanerian & Tom
 Gengozian
 Sonia Viera
 Missak Yazjian
 Sonia Zorian
 Total: \$3,140

SAMUEL ZOURANJIAN
May 8, 2019

Louise Zouranjian
 Gail & David Diehl & Family
 JoAnn & Ron Manoogian & Family
 Scott Zouranjian & Family
 Pam McGrath & Family
 Albert V. Zouranjian
 Diana Adamian
 Timothy & Amy Anastasia
 Eleanor C. Arakelian
 John & Lisa Arakelian
 Rose Arakelian
 Leon & Margaret Atamian
 Rose Barsamian & Family
 Vahan & Beverly Berberian
 Pam Blalock
 Sunny Boghosian
 Edward Brewster
 Helen & Richard Cherkerzian
 Anne Connolly
 Karnig & Karen Durgarian
 Shakea Gabriel
 Dr. Nishan & Mary
 Goudsouzian
 Nancy J. Guleserian
 Charles & Joyce Guleserian

John & Alice Hanisch
 George W. Haroutunian & K.
 Shirley Spencer
 Sandra Jurigian
 Leon Kachadorian
 Ken & Esther Kalajian
 Vartkes & Elisa Karaian
 Gloria Khederian
 Thomas & Cathy Malian
 Jeff & Julie Masoian
 Edward Mesrobian
 Claire Musserian
 Lynne Nemerowski & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Liviu Onofrei
 Jacqueline Orchanian & Family
 Harold & Gladys Partamian
 Jacob[†] & Audrey Pilibosian
 Rigolini Family
 Stephen & Elizabeth
 Sabounjian
 John & Nina Sahagian
 Marlene & Alan Seferian
 Paul & Diane Surabian
 Lucy Talanian & Family
 Brian & Carol Talanian & Family
 Richard & Ann Tarvezian
 Kenneth & Gail Toomajian
 Mr. & Mrs. Raffi P. Yeghiayan
 Michael & Lisa Zeytoonian
 Total: \$3,150

CHARLES NIGOHSIAN
May 16, 2019

Margaret Nigohsian
 Karen MacKenzie & Family
 Lisa Hansbauer & Family
 Charlene Fallon & Family
 Diana Adamian
 Margaret & John Ahigian
 Mr. & Mrs. Kaspar Andonian
 Jack Boyajian
 Robert & Stephanie Brackett
 Mr. & Mrs. John Callamaro
 Charles & Valerie Camiel
 Mr. & Mrs. John F. Carter Susan
 Lucille & George Demirjian
 Khalil & Cheryl Farhat
 Edward & Ann Garabedian
 Jeffrey & Virginia Gosdanian
 Dr. Nishan & Mary
 Goudsouzian
 Nancy J. Guleserian
 Louise A. Hall
 Rose & Richard Jundanian
 Vartkes & Elissa Karaian
 Gloria Khederian
 Nancy R. Kolligian
 Michele Kolligian
 Karen & Bill Martin
 Denise & Harry Boghigian
 Frank & Sharon McDonnell
 Edward Mesrobian

Berj Najarian
 Edward & Marlene Paul
 Deborah Piantedosi
 Joan S. & Michael Rosoff
 Richard Talanian
 Peter, Isabel & Joyce Talanian
 Jane Connolly
 Mr. & Mrs. John Voce
 Raffi & Carol Yeghiayan
 Total: \$3,150

SARAH AGABIAN
May 22, 2019

Jennifer Mendelson
 Mr. & Mrs. James Cristello
 Robert & Ruth Haddon
 Arshalous Kezerian
 Jasper Kezerian
 David & Joyce Khederian-
 Chiulli
 Mr. & Mrs. Azarig Kooloian & Family
 Robert & Eileen Koshgarian
 Catherine Mosgofian
 Kapriel & Irene Mouradjian
 Shirley Onanian
 Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
 St. James Women's Guild
 Mary Simonian Tarallo
 Total: \$1,102

DONALD GULBANKIAN
June 6, 2019

Sonia Gulbankian & Reidar
 Gresseth
 Isabel & Elias Gulbankian-
 Gresseth
 Dorothy Koltookian
 Aphrodite Adamopoulos
 Linda Cocce
 Bev & Paul Demoorjian
 Walter, Martin & Susan
 Demoorjian
 Dr. & Mrs. Peter Jemian
 John & Alice Karnikyan
 Elizabeth Kopoian
 Katherine K. Mekaelian
 Steven & Aida Parnagian
 Herman & Laura Purutyian
 Allan F. White
 Total: \$995

**MARGARET SAHAGIAN-
 MORIARTY**
June 10, 2019

Paul Moriarty
 Linda Sahagian
 Susan, Matthew, Travis & Sonya DesRoches

Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Alabachian
 & Family
 Dianne Aspuru
 Alice & Susan Atamian
 Valerie & Alexis Babaian
 Peter & Sarah Babaian
 Cindy Babaian
 Carol Babikyan
 Michael & Florence Bahtiarian
 Sharon Bazarian
 Alex & Karen Bejian
 Gail Boroyan
 Edward Brewster
 Dean & Valentine Brown
 Builders & Remodelers
 Association of Greater Boston
 Mary & John Cherkerzian
 Richard & Helen Cherkerzian
 Tanya Cherkerzian
 Andrew & Talene Tarvezian
 Choly
 Vinny Chowlewa & Ani
 Aghababayan
 Jared Ciano
 Sina Cinar
 Joseph F. Clancy
 Lisa A. Colletto & Tom Messier
 Paul & Lauren DeBaggis
 Karen Dederyan
 Maria Derderian
 Vincent M. & Gina Ditullio, III
 Anahid Erol
 Franco & Janice Flaim
 Edward & Jane Garabedian
 Edward & Ann Garabedian
 Anna Garabedian
 Anne Garabedian
 Mitchell Garabedian
 Rose, Miriam & Margaret
 Gargarian
 Bill Gedraitis
 Nick & Gail Giano
 Istepan & Suzy Gigiyian
 Jack & Susan Giragosian
 Mark & Melissa Giragosian
 Richard Goshdigian
 Robert & Alicia Goshdigian
 Mary-Ann K. Hagopian
 Rhoda & Richard Hamaty
 Gail Haroutunian
 Ruth Harutunian
 Charles & Alice Hone
 Carol Hoyen
 Shirley & Cody Hudson
 Vartuhi Ishanian
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Jefferson
 Leon Kachadorian
 Sarkis Kalashian
 Nadia Ann Karnik
 Krikor & Nancy Kassabian
 Andrew & Janice Kavjian
 Edward K. & Nirva Kazanjian
 & Family
 Taline & Christian Kebabjian

Traci & James Kimball
 Aracse Kurkjian
 Mr. & Mrs. Philip LeDuc
 Jose & Linda Lora
 Mr. & Mrs. John Lukaskiewicz
 Michael & Elaine Markarian
 Elsie May
 Fred & Lisa Morgan
 John & Annette Moriarty
 Mark & Alexandra Moriarty
 James H. Najarian
 Constance O'Brien
 Steve & Karen Omartian
 Edward Orchanian Jr.
 Armand Paboojian
 Steven & Aida Parnagian
 Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
 Wayne & Marie Peterson
 Joseph Pimentel
 Joseph Polsinello
 Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Pouliot
 Laura & Herman Purutyan
 Melinda Ranous
 Sandy & Bob Raphaelian
 Suzanne Recomendendes
 Suzanne Rieke
 Linda L. Russell
 Zaven Sahagian
 Lynne Santangelo
 Zarouhi Sarkisian
 Arshalouys Sarkissian
 Mark & Laura Selverian
 Stephen & Sandra Selverian
 Judy Aroyan Shaughnessey
 Craig & Julie Shipman
 Gazaros & Helda Shirinian
 Michael & Sonya Shooshan
 South Eastern MA Building Officials
 Association
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert B. Strout
 Denise Takvorian
 Carlos & Nancy Taraktzian
 Richard & Ann Tarvezian
 Kenneth & Carolyn Tatarian
 The Falconi Family
 The Keane Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tombari
 Patricia Weiler
 Gary & Elaine Westermark
 Michael G. Yapchaian
 Gayle M. Yapchaian
 John & Melanie Zeitounian
 Howard & Amy Zuckermans
 4LEAF INC.
 Anonymous
 Total: \$10,145

JEAN SOGHOMONIAN
June 14, 2019

Fran Amenta
 Ara Barsoumian

John Eskici
 Tony Frazale
 Dr. Kristine, Michael & Nancy Guleserian
 Raffi & Salpi Iskenderian
 Italian American Club
 Hagop & Solair Kaya
 Anahid Kenbelian
 Jacqueline Ketchedjian
 Lois Kolgian
 Khachatour & Tagouhi Kostikian
 Lucy Panian
 Ardo & Tina Panian
 Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
 Jacob† & Audrey Pilibosian
 Arpi & Abkar Potookian
 Sarkis & Zabel Santourian
 Mark Sherman
 Jamie & Aylin Tamburrini
 Varjini Tazian-Abrajian
 Anonymous
 Total: \$1,135

AGOP OZCAN
June 15, 2019

Mr. & Mrs Kevork & Endza Abdalian
 Seta Arazian
 Misak Ay
 Garbis & Zajik Baba
 Nisan & Elizabet Baba
 Ropin Baymus
 Glenn & Hilda Campbell
 Rich & Seta Campbell & Family
 Annie & Berj Chekijian
 Avedis & Vilda Cimen
 Sonny Cimen & Family
 Sarkis Cinar
 Kaya Cinar
 Khachik Degirmenci
 Manuk & Susanna Degirmencian
 Jan Eskici
 Jak Eskici
 Mr. & Mrs. Istepan Gigiyan
 Mihran & Satenig Guler
 Markrid & Rima Haroutiounian
 Manus Ipek
 Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Kaya
 Murat Kaya
 Arto & Ani Kurkjian
 Zadik & Alis Ozcan
 Garo & Jaklin Ozcan
 Varujan & Hilda Ozcan
 Kohar Ozcan Sahagian
 Nuritse Sahan
 Mr. Apet Torosian
 Mr. & Mrs Himayak Torosian
 Hagop & Nadia Ucuzian
 Berc & Ani Yildirim
 Setrek Yuzlek
 Total: \$1,825

OHANNES ANTRANIG ARMOUDIAN
June 17, 2019

Mike & Anita Assarian
 Linda Karalian
 Diane Krikorian & Family
 Ken & Amy Mahtesian
 Chloe & Nina Zeytoonian
 Levon & Sarah Malajian
 Alice Papazian
 Total: \$300

ADDITIONAL IN LIEU DONATIONS
As of July 1, 2019

ELLIOT VANETZIAN
January 17, 2019

Aracse Kurkjian
 New Total: \$400

MARY KAZIZIAN
January 18, 2019

Juliette & Martin Hatzadourian and
 Family
 Sonia Janikian
 New Total: \$240

JIRAIR BABIKYAN
January 31, 2019

Adrenna Antreasian
 Alisa L Stepanian
 Aracse Kurkjian
 New Total: \$4,093



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SACRAMENTS



BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS

You have been baptized in Christ. Alleluia.

Rana Homayouni

*April 6, 2019
Daughter of Ahmad Homayouni and
Khadijeh Nikkhoo*

Samuel James Garabedian

*April 20, 2019
Son of David and Kimberly Garabedian
Godparents: Christopher Janes and Laura
Selverian*

Winslow Nora Gardos

*June 1, 2019
Daughter of Steven and Andrea Gardos
Godparents: Gregory and Jennifer Lynn
Berberian*

Charles Jean Warner

*June 2, 2019
Son of Benjamin Haberle Warner and
Viviane Maral Warner
Godparents: William Gilbert Haylon and
Angela Warner Haylon*

Milan Hovannes Degirmencian

*June 15, 2019
Son of Manuk and Susanna Degirmencian
Godparents: Herman and Elinar Sahanian*



WEDDINGS

And the two shall become one.

Christopher George Keane and Rachel Elizabeth Dawson

*May 11, 2019
Best man: Timothy Keane
Maid of Honor: Alysa McCormack*

David Edward Boroyan and Taline Jeanne Abrahamian

*June 13, 2019
Best man: George Misherfi
Maid of Honor: Taylor Tompkins*



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.*

Miriam Boyajian

March 19, 2019

Levon Mnazakanian

April 22, 2019

Sara Agabian

May 22, 2019

Agop Ozcan

June 15, 2019

Claudia (Satim) Baharian

March 22, 2019

Michael Mouradian

April 23, 2019

Cynthia Marie Archer

May 23, 2019

Ohannes Antranig Armoudian

June 17, 2019

Donna (Pino) Deranian

*Funeral Held at St. Luke
Church
April 1, 2019*

Edward Orchanian

April 25, 2019

Donald Gulbankian

June 6, 2019

Charlotte (Deranian) Eordekian

July 13, 2019

Ani Tarvezian Choly

April 1, 2019

Setrak Iskandarian

April 30, 2019

Margaret "Peggy" Sahagian-Moriarty

June 10, 2019

Jacob "Jack" Pilibosian

July 25, 2019

Steven Serop Bozkurtian

April 6, 2019

Samuel Zouranjian

May 8, 2019

Jean Soghomonian

June 14, 2019

Albert Knarian

August 2, 2019

Charles Nigohsian

May 16, 2019

A PERPETUAL MEMORIAL

for remembrance of our loved ones

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 the church office at (617) 923-8860.



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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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