



**ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
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*Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak*  
*Տօն Վարազայ Սրբոյ Խաչին*



Armenian Historical Year 4505 (ՏՇԵ)  
Armenian Calendrical Year 1461 (ՌՆԵԿԱ)



**Morning Service:** 9:15 AM  
**Divine Liturgy:** 10:00 AM  
**Bible Readings:** Proverbs 3:18-26      Isaiah 65:22-25;  
                                  Galatians 6:14-18;      Mathew 24:30-36

**ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 29, 2013**

**Առաւոտեան Ժամ** 9:15  
**Մուրբ Պատարագ** 10:00  
**Ընթերցումներ** Առակաց 3:18-26;      Եսայի 65:22-25;  
                                  Գաղատացիներուն 6:14-18;      Մատթէոսի 24:30-36

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Patriarch Mesrob Moutafian

Alexander Adajian	Shoushan Altun	Anais Bulbulian
Babken Dilanjian	Yn. Maireni Donikian	Lucy Genian
Jirayr Gerardo	Hoyle Green	Mihran Guragossian
Nargez Hamayak	Araxi Hardy	Pat Green
Vartges Goorji	Marie Ipjian	Carnig Kahaian
Berjouhi Moukhtarian	Terry Peterson	Joseph Summer
Sunny Tashjian	Vigen Ter-Avakian	Rose Tourounjian
Mari Yegiyayan	Carla Ziegler	

*If you know anyone that needs our special prayers, please call church office or Der Hovhan so that their names are included in this list.*



Please also remember in your prayers our brothers and sisters in Syria and Egypt. May our merciful Father grant eternal rest to the souls of those who have lost their lives, and may He bring a measure of comfort to their loved ones in this time of grief.

We pray, too, that our Lord will touch the wounded with His healing hand, and grant them a complete recovery. May He keep them safe under the shadow of His Holy Cross.

**SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST. JAMES**

**In addition to Sunday Morning Service and Dive Liturgy there will be Saturday Evening Service- Kirakamtits (5:00 PM)**

*Every first Saturday of the month  
(Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7)*

**Midday Service every third Thursday of the month  
Midday Hour (12:00 Noon)**

*Every third Thursday of the month  
(Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 20)*

*Midday Service will be followed by the "Lunchtime at St. James" program.*

**LIVING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST; Who Do Say I Am?**  
*A Six-Sessions Bible Study*



This year's Diocesan theme is **Living the Gospel of Christ**. The ultimate goal of this series lies in knowing, understanding and doing as Christ prescribed through His actions and teachings as depicted in the Gospels. This series will also help us to understand both who Christ is and what was His Message.

As always you can either join Der Hayr at St. James or participate online on the following Wednesdays:

*Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Nov. 20, and Dec. 4* at 8:00 PM.

**In Celebration of Armenian Cultural Month**

Cultural Committee and Women's Guild of St. James Armenian Apostolic Church invite you

To the **Presentation and Slide Show**  
By **Knarik O, Meneshian**

**THE ARMENIAN DEACONESS AND HER NEARLY FORGOTTEN  
ROLE IN THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
On Sunday, October 6, 2013 - After Divine Liturgy

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**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE**

St. James is looking for volunteers to teach **adult Armenian language classes** twice a month. Teaching materials and curriculum will be provided.

## FEASTS

- September 30** Commemoration of St. Davit of Dvin and Saint Martyrs Dambeos and Dambuehie
- October 1** Commemoration of St. Eustatheos, his Wife Theophista and their two sons, and the Virgins Yermone and Nektarine
- October 3** Commemoration of Princes St. Sahag and Hamazasp Artsrounie
- October 5** Commemoration of Christ's seventy-two Disciples

### FEAST OF THE CROSS OF VARAK

According to the historian Agathangelos, St. Hripsime and her companions, running away from the Roman Emperor Dioklethianos, who started persecutions against Christians, reach to Armenia and find shelter in Vagaharshapat. However, before reaching Vagharshapat they stop at the Mountain Varak, which is to the southeast from the Lake Van. Taking off from her neck the relic of the Lord's Wooden Cross, St. Hripsime gives it to the praying monks living on the mountain and asks them to preserve it in one of the caves. Thus, the sacred relic remains hidden till the seventh century.

In 653 A. D. the monk Todik and his disciple Hovel pray at the Mountain Varak and ask God to show the place of the relic. Suddenly 12 bright columns appear around the mountain and the sign of the Cross is seen among the columns. For 12 days the bright columns remain visible even from distant sites. This joyful news spreads everywhere.

Nerses the Creator Catholicos who was the Catholicos of All Armenians of that period, and Captain Vard, son the Knight Theodoros, learning about that miracle, go the Mountain Varak to personally witness it. With the support of the Armenian people the Pontiff builds a magnificent church, which in honor of the miracle is named Holy Cross Church. The Pontiff Nerses also writes the marvelous church hymn "By means of the most powerful sign", which is sung in the churches on the day of the feast.

The sacred relic remains at the Mountain Varak till 1021 A. D. Later the Armenian King Senekerim Artsrouni brings the relic to Sebastia. After the latter's death the relic is again transferred to its old place and remains there until 1651 A. D. when the relic is taken to Khoshab. In 1655 A. D. the relic is placed in the Church of Holy Godmother, in Van, which is renamed to Church of Holy Sign. The relic was preserved there till 1915 A. D.

In later years the Monastery became prominent when Khrimian Hayrik established a printing house (Its first publication was Artsiv Vaspurakan.) and a school there hoping to make the monastery an educational center.

On April 30, 1915, the Turkish army destroyed the monastery during the siege of Van as part of the Armenian Genocide; its ruins are still visible, though.

### COMMEMORATION OF CHRIST'S SEVENTY-TWO DISCIPLES

Besides the 12 Apostles, Jesus also had 72 disciples, whom he sent to "preach the Good News to all nations". Unfortunately, those disciples' names are not mentioned in the Gospels. In the New Testament the word "disciple" is used

of the followers of the Jesus Christ. Christ sent out his apostles and disciples “like lambs among wolves” two by two, to go ahead of him to every town and place where he himself was about to go, saying them: “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me...” (Luke 10:16). There are hardly any differences between the 12 apostles and the 72 disciples, they have the same power and authority and the same mission (Luke 10:9; 9:1). However, the names of all 72 disciples, like the names of the 40 innocent children martyred in Bethlehem, are known to God only and are written in the sacred book of the Heavenly Kingdom.

## **ARMENIAN TRADITIONAL MADAGH**



**On Sunday, October 27, 2013** - After Divine Liturgy, Nishan Hall  
The Parish Council of St. James invites all parishioners to come and celebrate  
**The completion of the building repairs**

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## **PARKING ON SUNDAYS**

Parking is **FREE** on Saturdays and Sundays at the large condominium building at Clark & Benson (Quartet Copies).  
Enter the garage from Benson Street.

## ALTAR GUILD'S WISH LIST

1. Four candle followers for two side altars. \$15-60 each, not pledged.
2. Two banners. Donated.
3. Two *jajanch* radiance (ostensorium, monstrance). \$300-600 each, not pledged.
4. Painting for the main altar. \$5,400, pledged.
5. Painting of the St. Gregory the Illuminator for the left altar. Pledged.
6. Painting of St. James of Nisibis. Not pledged.
7. Curtain for the vestry and choir rooms. Donated.
8. Priest's 'half-vestments'. \$500 - not pledged.
9. Set of a Chalice Veil and a Sadarium (linen-holder) for the Gospel book. \$150 - not pledged.
10. Twelve children's albs- *shabeeg*. \$100 each, not pledged.
11. Large silver Hand-cross. Pledged.

## PARISH COUNCIL'S WISH LIST

1. Microphone for the pastor. \$800 - not pledged.
2. Security cameras. Not pledged.
3. TV and/or projector with screen for the Nishan hall. \$7,000 - not pledged.
4. Sound system for the Nishan hall. \$1,000 - not pledged.
5. Maintenance on supports in basement. \$2,000 - not pledged.
6. Alley wall repairs. \$41,000 - not pledged.
7. Windows for the Nishan hall. \$15,000 - not pledged.
8. Front doors. \$35,000 - not pledged.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL'S WISH LIST

1. Cabinet for storage of books and supplies. Not pledged.
2. Room furniture for students and teachers. Not pledged.



## ST. JAMES SCHOOL OF COOKING

Do you have a favorite Armenian dish that reminds you of Grandma or your mother? Do you wish you could make them? Well stop wishing and come join our classes and learn how to make them yourself and treat your family to your favorite dishes. It is your turn to make memories! Come join us!

- When: Classes will meet on Saturday once a month.

**October 12, 2013, November 2, 2013**

**December 7, 2013, January 4, 2014, February 2, 2014**

- Time: 10:30 Am – 1:30 PM
- Where: St. James Armenian Church  
816 Clark Street, Evanston, IL.

*For more information call Kary Valenziano 847-687-2526 (cell)  
or e-mail [kvalen51@gmail.com](mailto:kvalen51@gmail.com).*

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**ACYOA JR. GATHERING AND LOCK-IN**



**Saturday, October 26 – Sunday, October 27, 2013**

Jennifer Morris (Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the Diocese) will join us for a weekend of prayer, learning and fun.

**ONNIK DINKJIAN LIVE IN CHICAGO!**

**Saturday, October 19, 2013 - 7:30 PM**

Assyrian Community Center  
9131 Niles Center Road, Skokie, IL

Celebrate Pavev Monthly's 18th year anniversary with Onnik Dinkjian, John Berberian, Ara Dinkjian, Mal Barsamian, and Jason Naroian LIVE in concert!

General Admission: \$35\*

Age 6-15 Admission: \$15\*

*\*Admission tickets do not include dinner. Dinner sold separately.*

For tickets call: (847) 965- 4537 or email: [pavevmonthly@comcast.net](mailto:pavevmonthly@comcast.net)

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND WORSHIP  
SERVICES AT ST. JAMES**

Today	College Students Welcome Sunday
October 4	Friday Night @ St. James
October 5	Saturday Evening Service- Kirakamtits (5:00 pm)
October 6	Celebration of Armenian Cultural Month- presentation by Knarik Meneshian
October 9	Bible Study
October 11	Friday Night @ St. James
October 12	School of Cooking
October 17	Midday Hour at (12:00 Noon) "Lunchtime at St. James"
October 18	Friday Night @ St. James
October 19	Saturday Educational Program for Teenagers
October 23	Bible Study
October 25	Friday Night @ St. James
October 26-27	ACYOA Jr. "Lock-In"
October 27	Madagh to celebrate the completion of the building repairs.
November 28	Thanksgiving gathering at St. James
December 14	Divine Liturgy- Feast of St. James of Nisibis (Saturday)

## SCRIPTURE READING

### ՄԱՏԹԷՈՍԻ 24:30-36

30 Եւ ա՛յն ատեն մարդու Որդիին նշանը պիտի երեւնայ երկինքի մէջ: Այն ատեն երկրի բոլոր տոհմերը պիտի հեծեծեն, ու պիտի տեսնեն մարդու Որդին՝ որ կու գայ երկինքի ամպերուն վրայ, զօրութեամբ ու մեծ փառքով: 31 Եւ ան պիտի դրկէ իր հրեշտակները բարձրաձայն փողով, ու պիտի հաւաքեն իր ընտրեալները չորս հովերէն, երկինքի մէկ ծայրէն մինչեւ միւս ծայրըն: 32. Թզենիէ՛ն սորվեցէք առակ մը. երբ անոր ոստերը կակուղնան եւ տերեւները ցցուին՝ կը հասկնաք թէ ամառը մօտ է: 33 Նո՛յնպէս դուք՝ երբ տեսնէք այս բոլոր բաները, գիտցէ՛ք թէ մօտ է՝ դռներուն քով: 34 Ձմա՛ր տապէս կը յայտարարեմ ձեզի. “Այս սերունդը պիտի չանցնի, մինչեւ որ այս բոլոր բաները ըլլան”: 35 Երկինք ու երկիր պիտի անցնին, բայց իմ խօսքերս բնա՛ւ պիտի չանցնին: 36. Էսկ այդ օրն ու ժամը՝ ո՛չ մէկ մարդ գիտէ, ո՛չ ալ երկինքի հրեշտակները, հապա՛ միա՛յն իմ Հայրս:

### MATTHEW 24:30-36

30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 32 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 36 “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.”



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