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Welcome!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You are reading the first issue of *Deseelk* - the new Quarterly Newsletter of the St. James Armenian Church.

Deseelk. Vision. What a mystic and powerful word! "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18)

St. James of Nisibis, the patron saint of our church, is known for his divine vision on Mount Ararat, where he found the sacred relic of Noah's Ark. During Summer we also celebrate the Feast of the Cathedral Holy Etchmiadzin, which was established according to the inspired vision of St. Gregory the Enlightener.

Our fathers and grandfathers, the founders of St. James who came to America with nothing, had a vision and courage to reinvent themselves as builders and dreamers, a vision to embrace each other as a community of faith, a vision to build churches, asserting the Armenian Christian presence on American soil.

Today we are the living fulfillment of their vision.

In this issue of *Deseelk* you will find information about activities at St. James, updates from our organizations, and information about two major feasts celebrated by the Armenian Church during the summer months- The Feast of the Transfiguration and the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God.

In the future, we plan to keep you updated about happenings in our church and upcoming events. We will also include information about the history of the Armenian Church, our feasts and saints, and our sacraments and worship.

Let God give us a vision to build a Christian community - a home for us and for the generations to come!



Saint James of Nisibis

A beloved and prominent saint not only to the Syriac Church but also to the Armenians. He was born, raised, worked and died in the city of Nisibis which today is known as Nusbyien a city in Southeastern Turkey. He passed his early years studying and with spiritual upbringing. In his young adulthood he withdrew to the desert to live and pray as an ascetic. When the bishop of Nisibis died two candidates emerged from two conflicting groups of the population. However, with the advice of the hermit Maroukeh, everyone focused on James the hermit and summoned him from the desert and ordained him bishop in 320 A.D. in Amida.

The life of St. James is filled with incidents of miracles, which simply witness the fact of the broad popularity of this spiritual leader. He had been a disciple of the hermit Maroukeh and he in turn had been a teacher of Ephraem the Syrian Priest, a great patristic writer. He was present in 325 A.D. at the Council of Nicaea where according to tradition he enjoyed great respect from the Emperor Constantine and the attendees of the council. He became one of the great champions of the orthodoxy of the Christian Church against Arius and Arianism, which were condemned at the Council of Nicaea. Two or three times he saved his city from Persian invasion with his prayers. Although subjected to persecutions and tortures prior to



St. James of Nisibis

becoming a cleric during the persecution of Maximianos, nevertheless he died peacefully at an old age in 338 A.D. His relics, of which there are many, were taken to Constantinople in 970 A.D. and were the object of great honor in the imperial city. Once Maroukeh (St. James' teacher and mentor in the monastery where Maroukeh was the abbot) said to St. James that the people had strong doubts about the great flood and the story of Noah's Ark. Maroukeh said, "The ark rested here on the nearby Cordoyenes Mountains", known to the Armenians as "Ararat". St. James was filled with the passion to quash these doubts [that the Ark might not be on Ararat] and hence he went to the mountain of Ararat and rested at the base of the mountain prior to his ascent up the mountain. An angel of God came to him in a dream that he should endure the struggle to ascent to the very top of the mountain, in view of the fact that a piece of the ark was near to where his head rested. James took this piece with great joy and brought it to Maroukeh, who seeing this was filled with joy and taking this put it to his eye and then kissed it. According to the tradition, a cold stream having healing and miraculous qualities appeared in the place where St. James had laid down. In the future a church bearing the saint's name was built nearby the stream. The piece of the Ark is currently kept in the museum of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

Parish Council Corner

A new chapter in the history of St. James began in January 2011. Rev. Fr. Hovhan Khoja-Eynatyan, Yn. Narine, daughter, Tatevik, and son, Alexander, arrived in Evanston during a snowstorm and were welcomed by our parish on Armenian Christmas. At that time, the parish also thanked Dn. Levon Kirakosian as he completed his pastoral duties as deacon-in-charge of St. James.

Our parish is now among those parishes of our Diocese which are fortunate to have an ordained priest leading their parishioners on their individual spiritual journeys. Fr. Hovhan comes to St. James, his first parish, with new ideas and initiatives.

This new beginning for Der Hayr and his family is also a new opportunity for our parish community to gather and grow. Through participation in weekly Divine Liturgy we

learn about the Lord. Through participation in parish social gatherings we learn about other parishioners and ourselves.

We recently celebrated the feast of Pentecost – the birthday of the Church. As Fr. Hovhan mentioned in his sermon, Pentecost is a time of renewal. This renewal is not only for each of us Christians as individuals, but for all of us as a community, as well. It is a time to review where our priorities are concerning the Lord and the Armenian Church. Pentecost is an opportunity to renew our commitment to daily prayer and Bible reading. It is also an opportunity to renew our membership in our Church and in the numerous ministries it offers – choir, Sunday School, Women's Guild, deacon's service, ACYOA and Avaks.

The Parish Council and Fr. Hovhan have committed to

keeping you informed of the events and activities of our parish. Through this new newsletter, weekly e-bulletins, weekly Sunday bulletins, Facebook and Calling Post announcements, we hope to keep you apprised of all the important information you need to know about our church community. We hope you will make the commitment to regularly participate in Divine Liturgy to hear the Good News of the Gospel and renew your fellowship with other parishioners.

Parish Council



Mission of the Armenian Orthodox Apostolic Church

The Mission of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is to preach the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to proclaim its message of salvation. This mission is realized through worship, education, witness, service, and a common life in Jesus Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith - experience of the Armenian people. All members of the Armenian Church - both clergy and lay - are called to participate fully in its mission.

From St. James Chapter of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

The ACYOA has some good news and changes. We finally formed ACYOA Juniors. Recently we held elections for our executive committees. In the ACYOA Seniors, the positions are as follows: Arie Zakaryan, Chairman; Arda Paylan, Vice-Chairman; Boris Harutyunyan, Secretary; Artak Apyan, Treasurer. For the ACYOA Juniors, the positions are as follows: Aras Korogluyan, Chairman; Troy Farsakian; Michelle Darian, Secretary. Also we would like to share that our previous Chairman, Gevorg Azizi, just graduated from DePaul University and Arda Paylan graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Dentistry with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree – we wish him the best on their future endeavors! Another member, Aram Apyan, will be starting his PhD program at MIT this fall – we also pray for his success! Furthermore, we even have members and friends over in Armenia this summer. Krista Tyner and Tatevik Khoja-Eynatyan, another two graduates, will both be working at the FAR's Children Support Center in Yerevan. We wish them the best and hope they have a wonderful, meaningful experience!

We also had some successful events over these past few months. For Thanksgiving, the ACYOA members under the direction of Mr. Kavork Hagopian and with the help of the ACYOA families we prepared a lovely Thanksgiving luncheon. More recently, on Palm Sunday and Youth Day, the ACYOA held a successful luncheon and fundraiser thanks to the generous contributions from all the parishioners.



ACYOA Jr. mini retreat participants.

ACYOA Juniors retreat and vigil. It was attended by youth from St. Mesrob Armenian Church, All Saints Armenian Church, Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Church, St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church, and St. James Armenian Church. The main theme of the event was examining the Holy Spirit and forging an attitude of service. Our evening commenced with visits to older adults in the community where we learned about their history and what role faith plays in their lives. After a fun dinner over pizza and soda, we had different teachings from Der Tavit, Der Paren, Der Yeprem, and Der Hovhan. And we ended the night with Vespers service.

One of our future plans is to help with St. James Sunday School providing support to the teachers and working with the students.

We are looking forward to the summer and more fun and faithful events to come!

On June 18, 2011, the Chicagoland churches, along with representatives from Racine, WI, came together at our church to hold an



Women's Guild in Action



Some Highlights of Women's Guild

Activities

Welcome to Fr. Hovhan and

farewell to Dn. Levon

Mid-Lenten luncheon

Easter bake sale

Mother's Day and Father's Day



Future WG of St. James

From Kousan Choir

I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live.

Psalm 104:33

The *Kousan* Choir welcomes new singers of all abilities and ages. Please come and join this dynamic dedicated group who enjoy making music together. No experience or music reading abilities are necessary. We rehearse once a month and sing every Sunday.

Please contact Der Hovhan (847) 864-6263 or Dn. Kavork Hagopian (847) 816-1665 if interested.

New Ministry at St. James

With the arrival of our priest, Fr. Hovhan, St. James Armenian Church of Evanston has established an Altar Guild as directed under the *Guidelines for Altar Guilds and Preparing the Sanctuary for the Celebration of the Divine Liturgy* published in 2005 under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate and the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern).

"The mission of the Altar Guild is to assure that the worship area is clean, orderly, beautiful and inspiring. In other words, the Altar Guild strives to make the physical trappings of the church blend with liturgy to lift the soul of the worshiper" as affirmed in the Altar Guild Guidelines.

The guidelines go on to state, "The Altar Guild should not be viewed simply as a group of people who perform the necessary chores of cleaning liturgical vessels, vestments and linens. Rather each member must feel that he or she is called to a vital ministry of service to the parish."

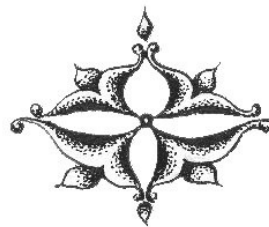
With this in mind, we are looking for devout and dedicated parishioners who are willing to

contribute to uplifting the beauty of our holy sanctuary. The commitment is minimal but the rewards will be great. What better way to enhance the celebration of our Divine Liturgy than to give of yourself unto the Lord.

Some of our duties will include: cleaning of the altar and the altar table, maintenance of the altar linens, polishing of the altar vessels, repair of clergy vestments, care of liturgical books, and arranging for altar flowers for each celebration of the Divine Liturgy. So you see, we not only need servers, we need seamstresses, cleaners, polishers, gardeners and creative thinkers.

Our first project is to make curtains to cover the overhead storage areas in the vestry and choir rooms. We have the material. Now we need someone to sew the curtains. If you desire to help with this project, please step forward

If you are interested in being a part of our Altar Guild, please contact either Fr. Hovhan or Deacon Larry Farsakian (coordinator of the Altar Guild). We will be excited to work with you and you will be energized to serve.



Opportunities to Serve

The Parish Council of St. James and Fr. Hovhan have initiated new ministries and invite you to be a part of them.

You can be a member of the newly-formed **Altar Guild** or teach at our **Sunday School**. You can also be a part of the **Editorial staff of the Quarterly Newsletter**. You will be involved in preparing materials, submitting articles, editing, the computer layout, printing and mailing. You can **give a ride** to someone from your area to St. James.. Many

St. James members no longer drive and would benefit from a loving lift. You can **deliver Mass** (blessed bread) to someone who cannot attend the church.

These are good opportunities to be involved more actively in the life of our church and bring your talent to services for the glory of God. If you would like to join any of these ministries, please contact Der Hovhan.

Saint Mary. Mother of God

St. Mary is known in the Armenian Church as Asdvadzamayr-Asdvadzadzin, the "Mother of God" and the "Bearer of God"—a position doctrinally established at the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus in the 5th century.

Her life of holiness and purity, and her graceful acceptance of the role to which God called her, as the mother of Jesus Christ, all make Mary one of the pre-eminent exemplars of the Christian faith, whose birth and very conception are occasions for celebration in the church.

Only those aspects of St. Mary's life which are directly related to Christ are recorded in the Gospel. The remainder of her biography is attributed to tradition, which is found in ancient ecclesiastical literature.

In all likelihood, Mary was born in Bethlehem or Nazareth, some 20 years before Christ's nativity. Her parents, Joachim and Anna, were a devout couple whose earnest prayers for a child were answered with the birth of a daughter.

Although Mary was born naturally, she is considered morally pure and

immaculate. It is for this reason that the church celebrates not only her birth, but also her conception, which the Armenian and the Greek Orthodox churches observe on December 9, and the Roman Catholic Church celebrates on December 8.



The concept of Mary's moral purity later developed into the question of her Immaculate Conception (from Anna), a doctrine adopted by the Roman Catholic Church in 1854. The Armenian Church, however, does not accept this, as only Christ was immaculately conceived.

However, Mary's purity is unquestioned. According to the teachings of the Armenian Church, at the time of the Annunciation, when the Holy Spirit entered Mary, she was cleansed of all original sin, as she was to be the vessel in which God manifest was to be incarnated.

According to tradition, following the Ascension of Christ, Mary lived out the rest of her days in Jerusalem, cared for by St. John the Evangelist. She died in Jerusalem some 15 years after Christ's Ascension and was buried in her family tomb in Gethsemane.

After she passed away, all the apostles—save Bartholomew who was absent at that time—conducted her funeral with great ceremony at a cave-like tomb in the Garden of Gethsemane. Later, St. Bartholomew returned and wished to see Mary one last time.

He convinced the apostles to open the tomb, but they could not find her body inside. Angels' voices were heard for three days and nights. The apostles interpreted the angels' singing as a sign that our Lord had assumed, or taken up, his mother into heaven as he had promised her.

They found the empty tomb a confirmation of that promise for she had not been dead, but had fallen asleep. For this reason, the church refers to the end of Mary's earthly life as "the dormition" rather than "death."

Blessing of the Grapes

On the day of the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God, the blessing of the grapes takes place immediately after the Divine Liturgy. The ceremony is rich in symbolism and emphasizes the important role the Virgin Mary assumed in the revelation of God.

The custom of blessing grapes, the first fruits of the harvest, can be traced back to Old Testament times, when farming was a common vocation. Of the vast variety of produce, grapes had a special place of honor and were considered the "first fruits" because they were the first produce of harvest.

Among the Israelites, as among many neighboring cultures, grapes were regarded as belonging in a special way to God since they were the first fruits. It was He who gave the gift of the whole harvest and to offer Him the first fruits was to acknowledge complete dependence on Him. Special services of thanksgiving were conducted by priests in the temple, a tradition that prevailed to the time of Christ.

With the birth of Jesus, these dedications took on a new meaning. Jesus Christ was the first born—or the first fruit—of Mary and, as such, was offered to God in the temple. (Luke 2:25-30)

Street Fair

Throughout the years St James held its annual picnic away from the church at Harms Woods. While the picnic was successful, the St. James Parish under the leadership of the Very Rev. Varoujan Kabardjian decided to begin a new chapter by undertaking another summer event. Twenty-three years ago the Parish Council of that time had the foresight to initiate the St. James Taste of Armenia Street Fair.

Under the direction of Lisa Coloian Groh and Oscar Tatosian, the 1st Street Fair was held in 1989. At that time only half the street was blocked off and utilized. Following a very successful first year, the Street Fair grew in size and participation over the next few years. Larry Farsakian chaired ten of the next eleven Street Fairs. The event was expanded during that time to encompass the entire street from Benson to Sherman. Throughout those years, Oscar Stepanian built all the tents used for the Street Fair.

Bob Simon and Larry Farsakian co-chaired the event in 2001 & 2002. Tatiana Demirdjian, Emily Rabjohns and Lisa Coloian Groh co-chaired the Street Fair from 2003-2005. The \$100 Raffle flourished under their direction. Manushak Shant stepped forward to lead the Street Fair in 2006. Larry Farsakian again directed the event from 2007-2009. Last year, Vartan Paylan and Isahak Kurtjian co-chaired the event while this year, Larry Farsakian will once again join Vartan Paylan & Isahak Kurtjian as Co-Chairs.

Whereas all chairmen should be commended and thanked for their leadership of the Street Fair, it is the participation of the parish members that makes the Street Fair what it is today. Without the dedication and support of the many volunteers who work for the Street Fair, our successes over the years would not be as great.

While all cannot be mentioned in this small article, we must single out a few who have dedicated their time for the success of St. James. First and foremost, Mariam Tatosian and Alice Gregorian deserve our praises. Each and every year, they coordinated the preparation and serving of the food. Their dedication is greatly appreciated. Recently, Tatiana Demirdjian has taken over this arduous task. The Women's Guild under the direction of Margaret Stepanian & Hayganus Paylan has been

an invaluable resource. The Women of St. James are second to none in the cooking department. Their food and pastries are always outstanding.

Year after year, Bykar Tatosian has been in charge of the drink tent. Presently, Roupen Demirdjian organizes the preparation of the meat. Ed Koshgarian was in charge of the grilling of the meat until he handed it over to Chuck Barsamian. Ralph and Debbie DerAsadourian and Wendy Farsakian have been present every year to make sure the street and hall are in order.

Since the beginning Sark Tatosian has managed the finances of the Street Fair, and each year he has written a bigger check to the parish as profits have steadily increased. Gary Rejebian has been outstanding as our publicist and cultural tent organizer, and Anna Marie Norehad does whatever job is necessary to ensure success of the event.

This year, as in past years, Steve Erikson is in charge of the street procedures and set-up, while Lynae Gregorian keeps the children entertained with a variety of games. Both do a marvelous job with their committees.

As stated previously, although others sacrificed their time, yet were not mentioned, the dedication of each and every committee member, volunteer, donor and parishioner has made the Street Fair the success it is today.

This year traditional Armenian music will be provided by The Hye Vibes consisting of Mark Gavoor, John Harotian, Kraig Kuchukian & John Paklaian. Also, while other picnics have raised the price of a meal, the committee decided NOT to raise the cost of our meals. The price of a Shish-kabob or Chicken-kabob dinner will remain at \$12.00 and an Armenian hamburger will be \$6.00. And don't forget to support the event by purchasing raffle tickets. The "Big Money" raffle winner will receive \$3,000 and the winner of the "Petite" Raffle will walk away with an iPad2.

Once again, on Sunday August 28th St. James Armenian Church will host its 23rd Annual Taste of Armenia Street Fair. If you are interested in helping, don't wait to be asked, volunteer to Fr. Hovhan, Parish Council or any of the co-chairmen.

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Transfiguration

Referred to as *Baydzaragerbootiun*, the Feast of the Transfiguration is one of the five principal feasts of the Armenian Church, so named because of Christ's luminous appearance. In Armenia it is also known as **Vartavar** (the Festival of Roses) after the old pagan feast, which it replaced.

The feast marks Christ's appearance with a resplendent countenance to three of His disciples, Peter, John, and James, on the holy mountain of Galilee, also known as Mount Tabor.

The Bible tells us that when Jesus was considering going to Jerusalem, he spoke with his disciples of the torture that was in store for Him and of the end of His life on earth. Jesus wanted His disciples to be prepared for the coming events.

His disciples, however, did not believe that Jesus could possibly face such tribulations and Peter adamantly said none of Jesus' predictions would come true, and Jesus admonished his disciples. About a week later, Jesus had his miraculous Transfiguration.

He went up Tabor Mountain with three of His disciples—Simon Peter, James, and John Zebedee—to pray as the other tired disciples remained at the bottom of the mountain. It was there that Jesus began to assume a new appearance. The three disciples were amazed when they saw His new radiant being.

ABOUT VARTAVAR

The pagan feast Vartavar marked the harvest each year and was traditionally associated with the goddess Asdghig. Armenians celebrated this goddess with water.

To replicate Asdghig's bathing, people would sprinkle each other with rose water and hold a special festival of roses during this joyful feast. Additionally, family members would adapt their children's games and toys for frolicking water games.

With equal glee Armenians rejoiced over agricultural abundance during Vartavar. It either preceded or coincided with the feast of the harvest, which was the Armenian New Year (Navasart-Amanor). It was most likely held between August 1 and 6, each year.

Different regions in Armenia celebrated the harvest with different traditions. For instance, in the district of Koghtn it was customary to hold a ritual during this festival involving green wheat that had previously budded. In other regions, special rituals were directly connected with animal husbandry. The Armenian Meliks marked that day with feasts held in the fields and rituals dedicated to fertility—such as bringing fruits as gifts to future brides and grooms, throwing fruits on their heads, or sending them apples.

Though it was nighttime, the disciples saw light coming from the sun in the sky. Among the light they saw two other men—said to be Moses and Elijah—speaking to Jesus about His remaining time left on earth and the sacrifice He would soon make.

Then a cloud came upon the group. The voice of God was heard, saying the same phrase He said when Jesus was baptized, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!" (Luke 9:35).

After the Transfiguration, Jesus asked His disciples not to talk about it until His coming Resurrection.

This scene can be found in four different places in the New Testament: Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:11-7; Luke 9:29-36; and Peter II 1:17-18.

In the Armenian calendar, the feast takes place on the 14th Sunday after Easter—98 days later—so it is movable within an interval of 35 days, from June 28 to August 1. The Orthodox and Catholic churches observe the feast of Transfiguration on a fixed day, August 6.

The official observance takes three days. Sunday is the principal feast, Monday likewise is an ordained feast day and includes the commemoration of the dead, and Tuesday is a non-festal or weekday dominical.

Understanding Membership

Did you know the Armenian Church has two kinds of members: "communicant" members and "voting" (a.k.a "dues-paid") members?

Communicant Member

All men, women, and children baptized in the Armenian Church are communicant members of the Armenian Church - this means they have full access to the sacramental life of the Christian church. After Baptism and Chrismation they thrive in the life of the church through participation in all the rest of the sacraments; namely, Penance, Communion, Holy Orders, Holy Matrimony, and Rites of the Sick. The sacraments guide us in our life-long journey toward Christ.

Voting Member

A voting member is a special kind of communicant member. Through the donation of a nominal annual fee; a voting member gains additional rights and privileges. Specifically, voting members are able to:

- Participate fully and vote in the Parish Assemblies;
- Hold elected office within parish administration or special committees;

Enjoy special discounts and courtesies for sacramental services (weddings, baptism, funerals, etc);

Enjoy reduced rates for facility rentals;

Draft and Vote on proposals that influence our parish and the Diocese.

Steward

A steward of the church is a voting member who supports the church above and beyond the nominal annual fee. Stewards respond to the call to serve as servants of Christ and work to not only sustain the Church's mission, but also to enhance that mission through a profound commitment of financial support- each according to their means.

Your annual stewardship commitment will help sustain our parish and contribute toward its growth, thus ensuring that our children, grandchildren and family will always have a place of worship to call their home in the years ahead.

Your annual membership commitment entitles you to fully benefit from the parish's various ministries while financially supporting the work of your Armenian Church.

Voting members must be at least 18 years of age.

Making Important Decisions: The Parish Assembly

Voting members and communicant members are able to attend the Annual Parish Assembly, but only voting members have the right to vote, make motions, submit proposals, and/or hold elected office.

The Parish Assembly is one of the administrative bodies of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America headed and presided over by the Primate of the Diocese. Within our parish it is the highest administrative body and its jurisdiction covers all administrative matters associated with our church, including: building/renovation projects, outreach, education, auxiliary organizations, Diocesan issues, parish finances, as well as short and long term parish vision. The Pastor presides over the Parish Assembly and a lay chairman is elected from among the voting membership to conduct the meeting.

"... so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Romans 12:5

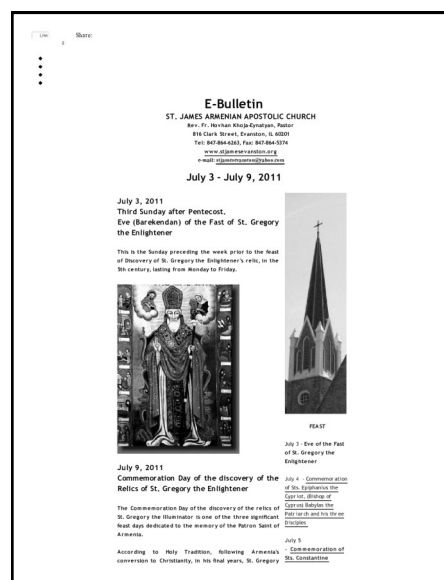


CONGRATULATIONS!

It is with great pride that we announce that Lisa Esayian, Esq., was elected on the first ballot to become a member of the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern). Lisa was elected on April 29th at the 109th Annual Diocesan Assembly hosted by Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston.

Lisa is an active member of St. James and has served on our Parish Council for the past six years. She also dedicates much of her time and service to the Legate Committee led by Archbishop Vicken Aykazian. We pray that the Lord continues to bless Lisa with wisdom and strength as she continues to serve the Armenian Church. Lisa joins another St. James parishioner, Oscar Tatosian, Diocesan Council Chairman, on this distinguished council.

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Ornamental Ironwork Above Candle Alcove



Another project has been completed by the Building Improvement Committee of St. James. You may have noticed a new ornamental iron grille above the candle alcove. The project was the brainchild of Gary Rejebian whose ideas lead to the final product.

Chuck Simonian of Iron Craft in Tulare, California created the decorative grille from renderings provided at Gary's request by Armen Sarrafian, a professor of art at Harold Washington College in Chicago. The iron arch was made and sent in three pieces. Gentre Vartan and Chuck Barsamian installed the arch in time for Armenian Christmas.

Chuck Simonian is the uncle of Larry Farsakian. Recently, Chuck designed, constructed and installed all the dome crosses to adorn the newly consecrated St. Leon Armenian Cathedral of the Western Diocese. He also designed, made and installed all the staircase and railings within the Cathedral.

The ornamental piece above the candle alcove was donated by Larry, Wendy & Troy Farsakian to honor the memory of Larry & Gary's Chomakloutsi ancestors, especially those who for decades faithfully served St. James Armenian Church of Evanston.



The Tomb of Jesus Christ. Kerezman

The The Tomb of Jesus Christ (*kerezman*) was designed and created by Nikles Hagopian, Kavork Hagopian, and Haig Hagopian (three generations). Painted by Nairy Hagopian. The kerezman was donated to the greater Glory of God by Kavork and Nairy Hagopian and family.

Easter Youghakeen, Flowers and Candle Donations

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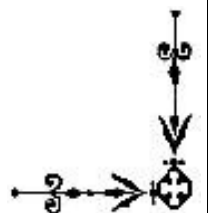
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Announcements

Home Blessings: Parishioners are encouraged to have their homes blessed. Please invite Der Hovhan to bless your home. Have a piece of bread, dish of salt and glass of water available for the blessing.

Dear Members of the St. James Family, If you find yourself in seeking care in a hospital or if you know someone who is, please notify me directly or make sure that you or your loved ones are registered as Armenian Christian and ask that hospital personnel notify Der Hovhan.

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Fellowship Hour: Please consider sponsoring a Fellowship Hour on the occasion of a Hokehankist (in memory of a loved one), birthday, anniversary, etc. or to provide a wonderful service for our church.

Births

Alina Lynn Moukhtarian

Born: January 14, 2011

Parents:

Amanda and Ara Moukhtarian

Nina Priscilla Yacoubian

Born: January 30, 2011

Parents:

Erica V. Simonian- Yacoubian and
Shahe R. Yacoubian

Felix H Baltrusaitis

Born: March 23, 2011

Parents:

Heather and Miles Baltrusaitis
Grandparents: Dot and Gentre

Baptisms



Elliot (Elias) Trent Wetmore was baptized on May 7, 2011.

Parents: Christian and Sandra Wetmore
Godparents: Miran Mirzabegian and
Sara Benedict

Nina Priscilla Yacoubian was baptized on May 14, 2011.

Parents: Erica V. Simonian-Yacoubian and
Shahe R. Yacoubian

Godparents: Sam and Priscilla Adams

Christian (Peter) Spencer Wetmore was baptized on May 7, 2011.

Godparents: Miran Mirzabegian and
Hilda Mirzabegian

Alina Lynn Moukhtarian was baptized on May 15, 2011.

Parents: Amanda and Ara Moukhtarian

Godparents: Antranik and Lena Moujoukian

Funerals

George Jigamian passed away on March 7, 2011

Anahed S. Ohanesian Ishak passed away on May 20, 2011

May Almighty God grant rest, peace and light to her soul.



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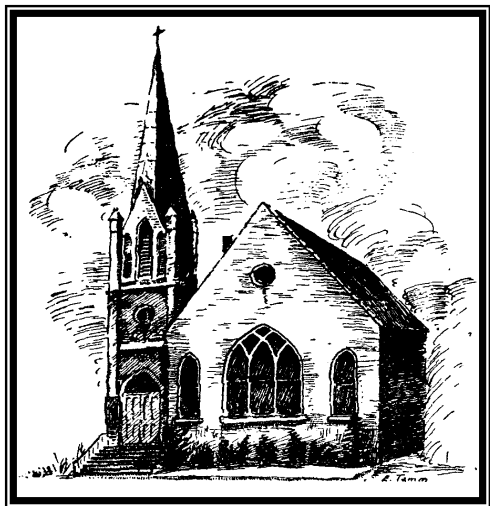
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