



ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
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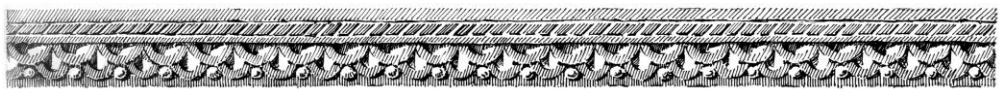
SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Տօն Ս. Խաչի Վերիացումին (Խաչվերաց)



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



Morning Service: 9:15 AM
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM
Bible Readings: Isaiah 49:13-23; Galatians 6:14-18; John 3:13-21
Procession and Blessing of the Fields

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՍԵՊՏԵՄԲԵՐ 15, 2013

Առաւոտեան Ժամ 9:15
Սուրբ Պատարագ 10:00
Ընթերցումներ Եսայի 49:13-23; Գաղատացիներին 6:14-18;
Յովհաննէսի 3:13-21

Անդաստան

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Patriarch Mesrob Moutafian

Alexander Adajian	Shoushan Altun	Anais Bulbulian
Babken Dilanjan	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
Ankine Yazician	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.

CHURCH BANNERS DONATED

A pair of church banners (*Khachalem*) was donated to St. James Armenian Church. We thank the anonymous donor for the gift that will add solemnity to our worship services.

Banner (*Khachalem*) This is a banner used to lead processions. At the tip of its staff there is a small cross and below it, ornamented needlework. A pair or several pairs of *khachalems* are used in processions when there is a festive occasion.

(From *A Dictionary of The Armenian Church* by Malachia Ormanian)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Vartan and Hayganoush Paylan
on the wedding of their daughter, Arda, to Jack Najarian.

The wedding took place on Sep 1st at St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church in Montreal - Canada. Arda and Jack will reside in Odessa – Texas.

We wish this young couple all of God's blessings in their new life together.



St. James Armenian Church of Evanston's

ANNUAL PICNIC

Harms Woods, Grove 5
Harms Road Just South of Old Orchard Road, Skokie

Saturday, September 21, 12:00-5:00 PM

Adults \$15

Children 5-12 \$10

Children under 5 FREE

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
(Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 20)*

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

LUNCHTIME AT ST. JAMES

Every third Thursday of the month - 12:00 noon
September 19, October 17, November 21, December 20

Prayer of Midday Hour

Luncheon and movie

FEAST OF EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the last one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Apostolic Church. It is the most important feast among the feasts dedicated to the Holy Cross, as it is dedicated to the history of the return of the Holy Cross from imprisonment, its elevation and glorification. In the Armenian Apostolic Church the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated on Sunday during the period between September 11-17. This year that date is September 17, and the Monday following the Feast is a Memorial Day.

In 610 A. D., the Persian King Khosrov with a large army attacks the Byzantine Empire. Enthusiastic about the initial victory, in 614 A. D. the Persian army enters Jerusalem. Many people are killed and many are imprisoned. Pontiff Zakaria, the Patriarch of Jerusalem is imprisoned, too. However, the Persians are not satisfied and enter the Church of Holy Sepulcher and take the Holy Cross kept in the Church. The Holy Cross had been found and installed in the Church for the Christians to worship by Hephthalia (Helen), the mother of the King Costandianos (Konstantin), in the beginning of the 4th century.

In 628 A. D., the Byzantine army led by the King Herakles fight against the Persians to return the Holy Cross. The Armenian army regiment, led by Mzhezhn Gnounie, supported the Persian army. With the Lord's help the Byzantine army wins the battle.

The Holy Cross is solemnly brought to the Armenian town Karin, from where it is carried to Constantinople, and then - to Jerusalem. On the way the Holy Cross was raised for the people to see and worship.

For Christians the Cross is God's power and strength and pride of all prides, on which Christ's innocent blood was shed. By means of the Cross Jesus proved His love towards mankind, and the Cross became for us the symbol of hope, love and saving.

The Divine Liturgy is marked with Antastan service (blessing of the fields) during which the processional cross is adorned with basil (a symbol of royalty) and the four corners of the church are blessed as a sign of the sanctification of the world.

NEW EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR TEENAGERS AT ST. JAMES

The St. James Christian Education Committee would like to invite teenage parishioners between the ages of 13-19 to participate in a pilot educational program this fall.

The program is a two-session seminar on **September 28 and October 19 from 9:30AM-1:30PM** on *Morality and Moral Choice* and *Mercy and Forgiveness*. The seminar will be led by Parish Council member Gevik Anbarchian, a high school English teacher, and Der Hovhan.

The focus of the program is to fuse Christian teaching with academics, including Armenian writers and artists, in an effort to help impressionable youth critically examine their lives at a time when they are most unsure about religious and philosophical matters. Look for a formal invitation in your home mailbox.

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.
**September 28, 2013, 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.*

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:

Sep. 25, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Nov. 20, and Dec. 4 at 8:00 PM.

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.

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

Saturday, October 26 – Sunday, October 27



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*

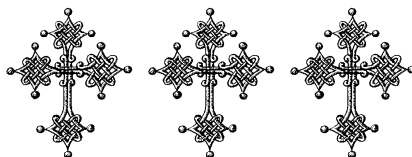
Age 6-15 Admission: \$15*

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

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

ALTAR GUILD'S WISH LIST

1. Candle followers for two side altars- 4 (\$15 each)
2. Banners- 2 (donated)
3. *Jajanch*, Radiance (Ostensorium, monstrance) - 2 (\$300 each)
4. Painting for the main altar (pledged)
5. Painting of St. Gregory the Illuminator for the left side altar (pledged)
6. Painting of St. James of Nisibis
7. Curtains for the vestry and choir rooms (donated)
8. Priest's "half- vestments" (\$500)
9. Set of a chalice veil and a Sudarium (linen-holder) for the Gospel book (\$150)
10. Children's albs (*Shabeegs*) (\$100 each)
11. Large Silver Hand-cross (donated)



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST. JAMES

September 15	FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
September 16	Remembrance of the dead (<i>Merelotz</i>)
September 19	Midday Hour at (<i>12:00 Noon</i>)
September 21	Church Annual Picnic at Harms Woods
September 25	Bible Study
September 28	School of Cooking
September 28	Saturday Educational Program for Teenagers
September 29	College Students Welcome Sunday
October 5	Saturday Evening Service- <i>Kirakamtits</i> (<i>5:00 PM</i>)
October 9	Bible Study
October 12	School of Cooking
October 17	Midday Hour at (<i>12:00 Noon</i>)
October 19	Saturday Educational Program for Teenagers
October 23	Bible Study
October 26-27	ACYOA Jr. "Lock-In"
November 2	School of Cooking
November 2	Saturday Evening Service- <i>Kirakamtits</i> (<i>5:00 PM</i>)
November 6	Bible Study
November 10	Instructed Liturgy
November 20	Bible Study
November 21	Midday Hour at (<i>12:00 Noon</i>)
November 28	Thanksgiving gathering at St. James
December 4	Bible Study
December 7	School of Cooking
December 7	Saturday Evening Service- <i>Kirakamtits</i> (<i>5:00 PM</i>)
December 14	Divine Liturgy- Feast of St. James of Nisibis (Saturday)
December 20	Midday Hour at (<i>12:00 Noon</i>)



SCRIPTURE READING

Յովիան 3:13-21

13Ո՛չ մէկը երկինք բարձրացաւ, բացի անկէ՛ որ երկինքէն իջաւ, մարդու Որդին՝ որ երկինքն է: 14Եւ ինչպէս Մովսէս բարձրացուց օձը անապատին մէջ, այնպէս պէտք է որ բարձրանայ մարդու Որդին. 15որպէսզի ո՛վ որ հաւատայ անոր՝ չկորսուի, հապա ունենայ յաւիտենական կեանքը:

16Որովհետեւ Աստուած ա՛յնպէս սիրեց աշխարհը, որ մինչեւ անգամ տուաւ իր միածին Որդին, որպէսզի ո՛վ որ հաւատայ անոր՝ չկորսուի, հապա ունենայ յաւիտենական կեանքը: 17Քանի որ Աստուած աշխարհ

դրկեց իր Որդին՝ ո՛չ թէ աշխարհը դատապարտելու, հապա՛ որպէսզի աշխարհը փրկուի անով: 18Ա՛ն որ կը հաւատայ անոր՝ չի դատապարտուիր, իսկ ան՝ որ չի հաւատար՝ անիկա արդէն դատապարտուած է, որովհետեւ չհաւատաց Աստուծոյ միածին Որդիին անունին: 19Սա՛ է դատապարտութիւնը, որ լոյսը աշխարհ եկաւ, բայց մարդիկ սիրեցին խաւարը՝ փոխանակ լոյսին, քանի որ իրենց գործերը չար էին: 20Որովհետեւ ո՛վ որ չարիք կը գործէ, անիկա կատէ լոյսը եւ չի գար լոյսին քով, որպէսզի չկշտամբուին իր գործերը: 21Բայց ա՛ն որ կը կիրարկէ ճշմարտութիւնը՝ կու գայ լոյսին քով, որպէսզի իր գործերը յայտնաբերուին թէ գործուեցան Աստուծովն:



John 3:13-21

13No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”



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