



ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
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Sixth Sunday after the Octave of the Theophany

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Armenian Historical Year 4506 (ՏՇԶ)
Armenian Calendrical Year 1463 (ՌՆԿԳ)



Morning Service: 9:15 AM
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM
Bible Readings: Isaiah 63:18-64:12; Titus 1:1-11; John 7:37-52

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Յովհաննէս. 7:37-52



HOKEHANKISD- MEMORIAL SERVICE

For the souls of: John Ipjian (1 year)
Hagop and Yeranik Ipjian

Requested by: Mrs. Mary Ipjian and Family



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Patriarch Mesrob Moutafian		Alexander Adajian
Shoushan Altun	Karen Demirdjian	Babken Dilanjian
Yn. Maireni Donikian	Lucy Genian	Jirayr Gerardo
Hoyle Green	Mihran Guragossian	Nargez Hamayak
Araxi Hardy	Yn. Shushan Hazarian	Pat Green
Vartges Goorji	Marie Ipjian	Carnig Kahaian
Pat McCoy	Berjouhi Moukhtarian	Terry Peterson
Anik Sarkis	Joseph Summer	Sarkis Tashjian
Vigen Ter-Avakian	Mari Yegiyayan	Carla Ziegler

If you know of anyone that needs our prayers, please call the church office (847) 864-6263 or Der Hovhan (847) 644-7389 so that their name can be included on this list.

**ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH
WOMEN'S GUILD
GENERAL MEETING
TODAY at 12:30 PM**

It is with sorrow that we share the news of the death
of our long time parishioner

Anais Bulbulian.

She passed on February 7th in San Diego, CA.

We express our deepest sympathies to the Bulbulian family.
May Almighty God grant Anais eternal rest in His heavenly light.

Annabelle Chookaszian, age 91, of Wilmette, Illinois, died Sunday, February 2, 2014 at Belmont Village in Glenview, Illinois. Mother of Dennis and Donald Chookaszian, she was born December 16, 1922 in Chicago the daughter of the late Charles and Ruth (Artesian) Kalkanian. She married Haig Chookaszian, who preceded her in death.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on March 1st at 10:30 AM at Cornerstone Church (2 Shermer Rd., Glenview, IL 60025).

St. James Armenian Church (Evanston, IL)

YOUTH CHOIR

The choir meets **every Sunday from 12:30-1:00 PM** in the sanctuary.

Der Hayr and Dn. Kavork will lead the light-hearted and joyous rehearsals.

Membership is open to all youth over the age of 8.

The goal is to sing at the Easter Eve Divine Liturgy
on Saturday, April 19, 2014!

See flyer in Nishan Hall for details.

PROSPECTIVE LAND FOR FUTURE CHURCH

As discussed at the Parish Assembly in January, St. James has created the Bannockburn Exploratory Committee (BEC) to look into a parcel of land in Bannockburn, IL as the possible site of a future church. On Saturday, February 15, the BEC, led by its Chair, Ohannes Korughlyan, made its first official visit to survey the property and discuss in more detail this option regarding the future of our parish. The BEC will soon have a follow-up meeting and then report its findings to the parish.

Please contact BEC Chair Ohannes Korughlyan (ohannes@aol.com)
or Parish Council Chair Bob Simon (bcsimon@wowway.com)
if you have any questions.

FEASTS

February 24	Commemoration of Bishop St. Mark, St. Pion the Priest, Deacons St. Kyouregh (Cyril) and St. Benjamin and the Holy Martyrs Sts. Abdlmseh, Vormzdana and Sayen
February 25	Feast of St. Ghevond the Priest and His Companions
February 27	Feast of St. Vartan the Captain and His Companions
March 1	Commemoration of 150 Pontiffs Participating in the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople



FEAST OF ST. GHEVOND THE PRIEST AND HIS COMPANIONS

The Feast of St. Ghevond the Priest and His Companions is dedicated to the blessed memory of the Armenian priests who fought alongside St. Vartan and the entire Armenian Nation for their Christian faith in the Battle of Avarayr. The eldest among them was St. Ghevond the Priest whose companions were Catholics Hovsep, Bishop Sahak of Syunik, Bishop Tatik of Basen, the priests Mushe (or Mushegh), Arshen and Samuel and the deacons Abraham and Kajajn. After the Battle of Avarayr, the Persian King Hazkert took revenge on the Armenians and ordered these brave clergymen to be killed.

According to tradition, the Feast of St. Ghevond the Priest and His Companions is also a day to celebrate all clergy who serve God's people in their example.

FEAST OF ST. VARTAN THE CAPTIAN AND HIS COMPANIONS

St. Vartan the Captain is considered one of the most famous heroes of the Armenian people. St. Vartan, along with a brave band of 1,036 Armenian soldiers, clergy, and companions, resisted the larger and more powerful Persian army and sacrificed their lives in order to defend their Christian faith. The famous battle took place on May 26, 451 on the plains of Avarayr in the Province of Artaz in Armenia. It was the first of many instances when Armenians proved themselves to be a people who freely chose Christ and who remained steadfast in their Christian faith, unwilling to betray it for any ransom or at any cost. The Feast of St. Vartan the Captain and His Companions marks their martyrdom in this heroic battle.

St. Vartan the Captain was the grandson of St. Sahag, who in turn descended from St. Nerses. Ultimately, his lineage can be traced to St. Gregory the Illuminator. St. Vartan was educated (most likely) by his grandfather, Catholicos Sahag, but instead of entering the priesthood as others in his family had done, St. Vartan chose to become a soldier. He was eventually appointed as commander-in-chief of the Armenian army by the King of Persia.

Though he did not join the clergy, equally important to St. Vartan's soldiership was his dedication to being a faithful Christian. He believed that one cannot serve one's people without serving Christ at the same time. This proved to be a difficult philosophical position for St. Vartan to maintain because the Persian ruler, King Yazdigerd II, while respecting St. Vartan's military abilities, was a ruthless ruler who was also fanatically opposed to Christianity. He was particularly cruel to the Armenians for their strong faith and sent out a decree demanding that all Armenians convert to Zoroastrianism. In response, Armenian bishops, led by St. Leontius and St. Vartan, called a council at Ardashad and unanimously agreed to defend their faith at all costs. Ultimately, these brave Christians, led by St. Vartan, were forced into battle against the great Persian army. On the fateful day, they prayed, recited the Twenty-Third Psalm, shared food and took communion together as they waited to face the Persians. The battle has been described as bloody and horrendous, and although St. Vartan and his companions were defeated and killed in battle, their fight to defend their faith was not in vain: The Persians eventually stopped their efforts to convert Armenia to Zoroastrianism.

The Feast of Vartanantz, commemorated on the Thursday preceding Great Lent, is both a religious and nationalist celebration. It is a testimony of Armenians' spiritual conscience of faith as well as a political statement against tyranny and the preservation of national identity and sovereignty. *Vartanantz*, as it is commonly called, is one of the most sacred feasts of the Armenian people. In the Armenian Church, the Feast day of St. Vartan the Captain and His Companions is also celebrated as the Naming Day of His Holiness Karekin II. To mark the occasion, at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, a Pontifical Prayer is offered before the Holy Altar of Descent.

St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
2014 Lenten Series

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TOWARD EASTER
"I CONFESS WITH FAITH"

Wednesdays

March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9
7:00 PM

Worship Service (Peace/Rest Service)
Spiritual Discussion
Lenten Potluck Supper

Schedule of Worship Services during the Great Lent:

Fridays:

Sunrise Service - 10:00 AM

Sundays:

Sunrise Service - 10:00 AM

Divine Liturgy - 10:30 AM

POON PAREGENTAN DINNER DANCE

Saturday, March 1st 2014

6:00 PM

ASHTON PLACE

341 75th St, Willowbrook, IL 60527

Early Registration (**ends 2/16, TODAY!!!**):

Adults \$50, Kids 12 and under \$25.

Starting 2/16: Adults \$60, Kids 12 and under \$30.

Checks payable to "Poon Paregentan".

To purchase tickets, please See Krikor Paylan and Gevorg Azizi

See flyer in Nishan Hall for details.

Sunday School of
St. James Armenian Church (Evanston, IL)
Invites you to celebrate

POON PAREGENTAN

Sunday, March 2, 2014

following Divine Liturgy

Festive Masquerade, Games, Dance

Harrisa and Spas (Tan Abur)



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VARTANANTZ COMMEMORATION

THE BATTLE OF AVARAYR

Experience the feelings and thoughts of our ancestors who gave the ultimate sacrifice, not for territory or riches, but for our freedom of religion.

Sunday, March 9, 2014 - 3:00 PM

AGBU Onnig Norehad Center

7248 N. Harlem Ave. Chicago, IL

Sponsored by St. George Armenian Church, St. Gregory Armenian Church, St. James Armenian Church, Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Church, Armenian Evangelical Church, Armenian General Benevolent Union, AGBU Young Professionals, Knights and Daughters of Vartan, Armenian International Women's Association

See flyer in Nishan Hall for details.

TASTE OF FAMILY PROMISE & COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, February 23rd, 2014 - 5:00 PM

Northfield Community Church (400 Wagner Road, Northfield, IL 60093)

- Live music from the 'Billy Blues Band' with acoustic rock, jazz, & blues
- Food from the many congregations that serve our guests
- Meet or catch up with current and former guests
- Raffles and fun for the whole family

Donations will be accepted at the door.

Questions? Contact Tracy Tracy@fpcnorthshore.org or call at (845)475-4500

See flyer in Nishan Hall for details.

Armenian Churches of IL and WI invite you to attend

SAINTLY WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday, March 15, 2014 - 11:00 AM

For Worship Service, Lenten Luncheon and Program

Hosted by **St. John the Baptist Armenian Church** (Greenfield, WI)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH - PARISH LEADERSHIP RETREAT

March 22, 2014 - Location and Time TBD

ACYOA SENIORS LENTEN RETREAT

"MADE IN HIS IMAGE"

Saturday, March 29, 2014

10:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Church (Palos Heights, IL)

2014 ACYOA JUNIORS WI/IL REGIONAL RETREAT

Camp Hickory (Ingleside, IL)

Friday, April 4—Sunday, April 6, 2014

See flyer in Nishan Hall for details.

Ask Der Hayr for the Registration packet

ST. NERSESS SUMMER CONFERENCE DATES ANNOUNCED!

Calling all youth!

The summer conferences dates have been announced and registration forms will be available soon. Each conference is limited to only 25 participants. Please save the date as you make your summer plans! For information regarding this year's special Deacons' Training Program, please contact the program director, Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, at frdaniel@stnersess.edu.

High School Summer Conference A: July 14 - 23

High School Summer Conference B: July 26 - August 4

Post High School Summer Conference: August 6 - 12

**KNOWING CHRIST.... LIVING THE GOSPEL
A WOMAN'S JOURNEY**

Saturday, April 5, 2014

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Siena Retreat Center (5637 Erie Street, Racine, Wisconsin)

Sponsored by the Women's Guild Central Council

Registration Fee: \$20

Morning refreshments and lunch included

See flyer in Nishan Hall for details.

FUND FOR ARMENIAN RELIEF (FAR)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TRIP 2014

Now with Eastern Turkey and Istanbul or Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh)!

July 7 - 22, 2014

Ask Der Hovhan for details.

ARMENIA SERVICE PROGRAM

July 1-20, 2014

“Deepening your connection with your identity and your Homeland”

Cost: \$2,850.00

(This fee is available through March 15. After that late fees apply)
Includes: transportation roundtrip airfare from NY, ground transportation and transfers, all tours, bilingual tour guide, lodging and two meals a day.

Sponsored by ACYPA Central Council for all young adults 18-30.

**MINISTRY OF DIASPORA OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
ANNOUNCES**

ARI TUN 2014 (COME HOME)

June 15 – June 28

June 22 – July 5

July 6 – July 19

July 13 – July 26

July 20 – August 2

August 3 – August 16

August 10 – August 23

August 17 – August 30

Purpose: An opportunity for Diaspora youth to experience Armenia firsthand.

Who can apply? Ages 13 to 18 Diaspora Armenian youth.

Participants must cover round trip travel expenses between their country of residence and Armenia.

The Ministry of Diaspora will provide:

- Need-based entrance visas to Armenia.
- Ground transportation (airport transportation, greeting, travel to host families, tours).
- Food (breakfast and dinner with host family; program-related dinners).
- Entrance to museums and other cultural institutions within the framework of the program.
- Personal items featuring the program's logo (shirt, hat, backpack).

Ask Der Hovhan for more details.

**FALL FOOD BAZAAR: THE CUISINE OF GEORGIAN ARMENIANS
Saturday, October 18, 2014, 11:00-5:00**

As a follow-up to our annual Street Fair fundraiser, the Parish Council would like to organize an indoor food bazaar each October to raise additional income. Many who come to the Street Fair comment that they would love additional opportunities to experience Armenian cuisine from different parts of the diaspora. A Fall Food Bazaar would be such an opportunity. For this first year, the theme is The Cuisine of Georgian Armenians. Varya Anbarchian, a Georgian Armenian from the capital Tbilisi, is chairing this event and needs your help in pulling it off. If you would like to be part of the Fall Food Bazaar committee, please come to our first organizational meeting at 12:30 after Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, March 2nd** in the Der Hayr's office. We will need plenty of help with logistics, setup, food prep, cooking, serving and cleanup. RSVP Varya at varya.petrosyan@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

All parishioners are welcome, but we would love to see new volunteers who are not already involved with our annual Street Fair.

We hope to see you there!

AGBU 2014 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Yerevan: June 23 – August 1 (6 weeks)

Application Deadline: March 1, 2014

Arrival days: June 21, 22

First day of work: June 23

Last day of work: July 31

Departure days: August 1, 2

Ask Der Hayr for details

2014 PILGRIMAGE TO HISTORIC ARMENIA

The Eastern Diocese will sponsor a pilgrimage to historic Armenia
from **September 3 to 15, 2014**

led by our Primate Archbishop Khajag Barsamian.

See flyer in Nishan Hall for details.

Have you visited the photo gallery on our church's website lately? We recently posted new photos from past events. To see the photos go to

http://stjamesevanston.org/?page_id=728



or simply scan this code with
your smart phone.

ALTAR GUILD'S WISH LIST

1. Two jajanch radiance (ostensorium). \$300-600 each, pledged.
2. Painting for the main altar. \$5,400, pledged.
3. Painting of St. James of Nisibis. \$1000, not pledged.
4. Painting of St. Stephen the Protodeacon. \$1000, not pledged.
5. Priest's 'half-vestments'. \$500 - not pledged.
6. Censer stand- \$300, 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.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST. JAMES

February 25	Street Fair Meeting (7:30)
February 28	AGBU Young Professionals Pre-Poon Party
March 1	Vespers (Kirakamtits)
March 1	Poon Paregentan Dance
March 2	Poon Paregentan Sunday (Masquerade)
March 2	Youth Choir Rehearsal (12:30 PM)
March 2	Fall Bazaar Meeting
March 3	First Day of Great Lent
March 5	Lenten Vigil (Wednesday)
March 9	Youth Choir Rehearsal (12:30 PM)
March 9	Vartanantz Commemoration at AGBU Center
March 12	Lenten Vigil (Wednesday)
March 15	Saintly Women's Day (Greenfield, WI)
March 16	Youth Choir Rehearsal (12:30 PM)
March 19	Lenten Vigil (Wednesday)
March 22	St. James Parish Leadership Retreat
March 23	Youth Choir Rehearsal (12:30 PM)
March 26	Lenten Vigil (Wednesday)
March 29	ACYOA Sr. Regional Retreat
March 30	Youth Choir Rehearsal (12:30 PM)
April 2	Lenten Vigil (Wednesday)
April 4-6	ACYOA Jr. Lenten Retreat at Camp Hickory
April 5	Women's Retreat (Racine, WI)
April 6	Youth Choir Rehearsal (12:30 PM) Lenten Vigil (Wednesday)
April 9	Palm Sunday. ACYOA Day
April 13	Easter Sunday
April 20	Martyr's Day Commemoration (Sts. Joachim & Anne)
April 24	Commemorative Concert hosted by ACYOA of St. James
April 27	Instructional Divine Liturgy
May 4	

GOSPEL READING

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37Տօնին վերջին մեծ օրը՝ Յիսուս կայնած էր ու կաղաղակեր. .Եթէ մէկը ծարաւ է, թող գայ ինձի եւ խմէ: 38Ա՛ն որ հաւատայ ինձի, կենարար ջուրի գետեր պիտի բխին անոր փորէն, ինչպէս Գիրքը կըսէ: 39Ասիկա ըսաւ Հոգիին մասին՝ որ իրեն հաւատացողները պիտի ընդունեն. որովհետեւ Սուրբ Հոգին տրուած չէր տակաւին, քանի որ Յիսուս փառաւորուած չէր տակաւին:

40 Բազմութենէն շատեր՝ երբ լսեցին այս խօսքը՝ կըսէին. “Ճշմարտապէս այս է մարգարէն:” 41 Ուրիշներ կըսէին. “Այս է Քրիստոսը:” Ուրիշներ ալ կըսէին. “Միթէ Քրիստոս Գալիլեայէ՞ն պիտի գայ: 42 Միթէ Գիրքը չը սեր թէ Քրիստոս պիտի գայ Դաւիթի զարմէն ու Դաւիթի եղած գիւղէն՝ Բեթլեհէմէն:” 43 Ուստի պատակտում եղաւ բազմութեան մէջ՝ անոր պատճառով: 44 Անոնցմէ ոմանք ուզեցին ձերբակալել զայն, բայց ոչ մէկը ձեռք բարձրացուց անոր վրայ: 45 Ուստի սպասաւորները եկան քահանայապետներուն եւ Փարիսեցիներուն քով, որոնք ըսին անոնց. “Ինչո՞ւ հոս չբերիք զայն”: 46 Սպասաւորները պատասխանեցին. “Ո՛չ մէկը երբէ՛ք խօսած է այս մարդուն պէս:” 47 Ուստի Փարիսեցիները պատասխանեցին անոնց. “Միթէ դո՞ւք ալ մոլորեցաք: 48 Պետերէն կամ Փարիսեցիներէն մէկը հաւատաց անոր. 49 Բայց այս բազմութիւնը՝ որ չի գիտեր Օրէնքը՝ անիծեալ է:” 50 Նիկողեմոս ըսաւ անոնց, (որ նախապէս գիշերուան մէջ զացեր էր իրեն, եւ անոնցմէ մէկն էր.) 51 “Միթէ մեր Օրէնքը կը դատէ մարդ մը, եթէ նախապէս չլսէ զայն, եւ չգիտնայ թէ ի՞նչ կընէ:” 52 Պատասխանեցին անոր. “Միթէ դո՞ւն ալ Գալիլեայէն ես. զննէ՛ ու նայէ՛, որ Գալիլեայէն մարգարէ չելլեր:”

JOHN 7:37-52

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

40 When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.” 41 Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” 43 So there was a division among the people over him. 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” 46 The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!” 47 The Pharisees answered them, “Have you also been deceived? 48 Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? 49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.” 50 Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, 51 “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” 52 They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”