

+CLERGY LITURGICAL VESTMENT

From "Vestments and Vessels Used During the Divine Liturgy"

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SHAPIK (Alb) is of the same shape as the *shapik* (dalmatic) described above, with the difference that it does not have the sewn-on shoulder piece, the cuff and hem bands, and is always of plain white linen. "The Celebrant's *shapik*" is worn by the celebrant of the Divine Liturgy as the first vestment to be put on beneath the others. It shows the gladness of spirit with which the priest must approach the Lord's Table.

VAKAS (Superhumeral or Amice) is a hard flexible piece four inches wide and eighteen inches long, covered with the same material as that of the cope, or of a colour to match with the cope or the crown. It has a linen piece, eighteen inches long and thirty inches wide, of which one end is attached to the top edge of the *vakas* from inside. There are two strings or ribbons, each three feet long, attached at one end to either of the lower corners of the *vakas*. *Vakas* is placed on the shoulders behind the neck and held in place by passing the two strings in front across the breast and tying them together at the back, while the linen hangs down the back. The cope is put on this hanging piece of linen, so that the *vakas* is kept well in place.

Vakas can be ornamented with embroidery or medallions of different materials to match the other vestments. It symbolizes righteousness in obedience to Christ as against the "stiffness of the neck."

Although the *vakas* is worn as part of the *shurjar* it is in actual fact part of the *saghavart* (Crown). For this reason the prayer of vesting for the *vakas* and *saghavart* are the same.



ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

January 12-22, 2015.

The Eastern Diocese will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from January 12 to 22, 2015. It will coincide with the celebration of Christmas in Bethlehem-which is observed on January 18-19 (according to the Julian Calendar).

ACYOA JUNIORS GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 6:00 PM @ **St. James**

LET'S LEARN ARMENIAN

Did You Know That...

The *Badarak*, not counting the priest's prayers, is about 4,700 words long but has only 1,400 different roots, of which 200 constitute approximately 80% of the text. Եւ (*Yev* = and) is the most common word; it occurs 438 times and constitutes nearly 10% of the text. This means that if you knew only the word եւ, you'd already understand 1 out of every 10 words of the Mass. Moreover, if you knew 199 other words and their variants, you would understand 8 out of every 10 words in the Mass.

Over the next few months, each week you can learn 2 of the 50 most commonly used words in the *Badarak* in our parish bulletin:

| Armenian | Phonetic | English |
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| ամենայն | <i>amenayn</i> | all |
| ընդ | <i>unt</i> | with |

Here are the words you have already learned:

Եւ (*yev*), սուրբ (*soorp*), ի (*ee*), Տէր (*der*), Աստուած (*Asdvadz*), օրհնէա, օրհնէալ (*orhnya, orhnyal*), ես, է (*es, e*), իմ (*im*), Քո, քեզ, դու (*ko, kez, tu.*), Ինք, իւր (*ink, yur*), մեր, մեք, մեզ (*mer, mek, mez.*), հայր (*hayr*), որդի (*vorti*), հոգի (*hoki*), թող (*togh*), փորձութիւն (*portsutyun*), փրկեա, փրկիչ (*prgya, prgich*), արարիչ (*araritch*), չար (*char*), փառք ի բարցունս (*park i partsuns*), տուր, տայ (*dur, da*), խաչ (*khach*), մարմին (*marmin*), հաց (*hats*), արիւն (*aryun*), զինի (*kini*), գառն (*karn*), լոյս (*luys*), որ, ով (*vor, ov*), գովեմք (*kovemk*), լի, լցաք (*li, ltsak*), մատիք (*madik*), հաւատ (*havad*), յոյս (*huys*), սէր (*ser*), շնորհք (*shnork*), եկիր, եկեալ (*yegir, yegyal*), կեանց, կեցո (*gyank, getso*), կերէք, կերակուր (*gerek, geragur*), միայն (*miayn*).

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

At ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Morning Services: 9:15 AM on Sundays

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM on Sundays

Midday Hour (Wednesdays)

November 5, December 3, January 7 at 11:30 AM

Vespers (Saturdays) Kirakamtits

October 25, November 15, December 14 at 6:00 PM