

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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Dear St. James Parishioner,

I am happy to announce that the Parish Council of Saint James Armenian Church in Evanston, IL, at my behest and guidance, has made the decision to commission a *khachkar* from Armenia.

Our new *khachkar* will be made by an Armenian artist who lives and works in Armenia and who specializes in *khachkars* and has made several for other Eastern and Western Diocese parishes. Our *khachkar* will be sized to meet the architectural dimensions of the church building, and to be sure, in keeping with the tradition of *khachkars*, will be a unique creation with distinctive details that make no two *khachkars* alike. It will be placed outside in the small garden that adorns the entrance of our church.

We are writing to ask *not* for your *donation* but in fact your *participation* in this historic project, and **we want every family, when they look back, to feel that they were involved in the purchase of this monument to our collective Armenian heritage.**

We will look to have a consecration ceremony in Fall 2015 with our Primate as celebrant. The *khachkar* will be dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of the Genocide and to the 70th Anniversary of our parish.

Please read the accompanying letter from the Parish Council regarding details of this project.

With God's Blessings,



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