

October 28, 2014

Dear Fellow St. James Parishioners,

We are excited that Der Hovhan has initiated this long overdue monument to our Armenian Christian heritage. This is an opportunity for us to add to the lineage of this parish. Our great-grandparents and grandparents established this parish; our parents then solidified it; our task today is to embellish it, to add the religious artistry that will truly mark it as Armenian. We hope that you will participate in this parish-wide endeavor.

There are a number of ways you can make your contribution: 1) You can contribute in the name of your family. 2) You can donate in memory of a deceased family member. 3) You can donate in the name of an individual or family that was once active in our parish but who has since moved away or passed on.

To put the cost into perspective, if each of the 250 families that regularly attend church and who consider St. James as their spiritual home donated \$40, we would raise the \$10K cost of the cross stone. This amount will cover the design, sculpture, transportation and installation of the monument. We are hoping to install the *khachkar* by next fall.

Please fill out the enclosed form and send it along with your check made payable to St. James, or make a donation online through our secure website www.stjamesevanston.org. We will also prepare a book containing the names of all donors. We ask that your generous contributions be made by February 1, 2015.

We thank you for your support of this sacred undertaking.

Warmest Greetings,
St. James Parish Council