

GOSPEL READING

ՅՈՎՀԱՆՆԷՍ 6:39-47

39Եւ զիս դրկող Հօրը կամբը սա՛ է, որ ո՛չ մէկը կորսնցնեմ բոլոր անոնցմէ՛ որ ինք տուաւ ինձի, հապա յարուցանեմ զանոնք՝ վերջին օրը: 40Որովհետեւ զիս դրկողին կամբը սա՛ է, որ ո՛վ որ տեսնէ Որդին ու հաւատայ իրեն՝ ունենայ յաիտենական կեանքը. ե՛ս ալ պիտի յարուցանեմ զայն՝ վերջին օրը»: 41Ուստի Հրեաները կը տրտնջէին իրեն դէմ, որովհետեւ ըսաւ. «Ե՛ս եմ երկինքէն իջած հացը», 42եւ կըսէին. «Ասիկա Յովսէփի որդին՝ Յիսուսը չէ՞, որուն հայրն ու մայրը կը ճանչնանք. հապա ի՞նչպէս ասիկա կըսէ. “Ես իջայ երկինքէն”»: 43Յիսուս ալ պատասխանեց անոնց. «Մի՛ տրտնջէք ձեր մէջ: 44Ո՛չ մէկը կրնայ գալ ինձի՛ եթէ զիս դրկող Հայրը չքաշէ զայն. ու ես պիտի յարուցանեմ զայն՝ վերջին օրը: 45Մարգարէներուն մէջ գրուած է. “Բոլորն ալ ստրված պիտի ըլլան Աստուծմէ՛”: Ո՛վ որ կը լսէ Հօրմէն ու կը ստրվի՛ ինձի՛ կու գայ: 46Ո՛չ մէկը տեսած է Հայրը, բացի անկէ՛ որ Աստուծմէ՛ է. անիկա՛ տեսած է Հայրը: 47Ճշմա՛րտապէս, ճշմա՛րտապէս կը յայտարարեմ ձեզի. “Ա՛ն որ կը հաւատայ ինձի՛՝ ունի՛ յաիտենական կեանքը”



JOHN 6:39-47

39And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. 40For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.” 41At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven’?” 43“Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. 44“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. 45It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. 46No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. 47Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.

Writing above the main altar:

"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." (James 4:8)



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CHILDREN’S SUNDAY



Third Sunday after the Octave of the Theophany
Գ Կիրակի զկնի Ծննդեան Ութօրեքին

Armenian Historical Year 4509 (ՏՇԹ) - Armenian Calendrical Year 1466 (ՌՆԿԶ)



Psalms 8:30
 Morning Service 9:00 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 Bible Readings Isaiah 62:1-11; 2 Timothy 2:15-19; John 6:39-47

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Սաղմոսներ 8:30
 Առաւօտեան ժամ 9:00
 Սուրբ Պատարագ 10:00
 Ընթերցումներ Եսայի 62:1-11; Բ Տիմոթէոս 2:15-19;
 Յովհաննէս 6:39-47



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Let us remember all those here at St. James who are suffering health problems and are in need of God's healing and comfort. Let us keep them in our prayers and thoughts, especially:

Patriarch Mesrob Moutafian	Karen Gevorgyan	Araxie Movsesian
Alexander Adajian	Vartges Goorji	Anna Marie Norehad
Shoushan Altun	Hoyle Green	Dn. Hagop Papazian
Saro Anbarchian	Michael Green	Levon Petrosyan
Andre, Servant of God	Pat Green	Ernest Petrosyan
Patricia Antaramian	Alice Gregorian	Anik Sarkis
Veronica Dadourian	Mary Haidarian	Surpik Simon
Levon Demirdjian	Nargez Hamayak	Joseph Summer
Seda Dilanjan	Janet Ibrahim	Sarkis Tashjian
Linda Esposito	Nona Israyelyan	Vigen Ter-Avakian
Lucy Genian	Varvara Movsesyan	Milan Thakkar
Jirayr Gerardo		Carla Ziegler

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

**ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017
 12:30 PM**

**10th ANNIVERSARY OF
 THE ORDINATION OF REV. FR. PAREN GALSTYAN**

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Diocesan Primate, traveled to the St. David Church of Boca Raton, FL, on January 13-15, to meet with parishioners and to honor the 10th ordination anniversary of the pastor, the Rev. Fr. Paren Galstyan.

During the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Archbishop Barsamian ordained five altar servers: Grigor Galstyan, Aren Galstyan, and Hamlet Panosyan as acolytes; Varujan Avedian and Garen Kalender as sub-deacons.

The Primate presented Fr. Galstyan with a special *lanchakhatch* (pectoral cross), in recognition of the pastor's 10th ordination anniversary. **Congratulation to Der Paren on this milestone!**



CALENDAR OF WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS

January 29 (Sun.) Annual Parish Assembly
February 4 (Sat.) Vespers- *Kirakamtits*
February 5 (Sun.) Monthly catechism meeting
February 12 (Sun.) Celebrating Feast of St. Sarkis with ADCC
February 17 (Fri.) Family Dinner Night at AGBU Center
February 25 (Sat.) *Poon Paregentan* Dance
February 26 (Sun.) *Poon Paregentan* Sunday
February 27 (Mon.) Great Lent begins
March 5 (Sun.) Vartanantz Program at AGBU Center
March 18 (Sat.) Saintly Women's Day
April 9 Palm Sunday
April 16 Easter Sunday



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Proverbs 29:2-7; 2 Maccabees 6:18-7:42; Hebrews 11:32-40; Matthew 5:17-20
Tuesday: Hosea 10:12; Amos 5:10-14; Micah 7:7-9; Joel 2:12-13; Obadiah 1:21; Jonah 4:2; Nahum 1:7-9; Habakkuk 1:2-3; Zephaniah 1:7-8; Haggai 2:10; Zechariah 7:9-13; Malachi 1:6; Romans 11:2-5; Luke 13:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Timothy 2:20-26; John 6:48-54
Thursday: Proverbs 11:30-12:4; Hosea 14:6-7; 2 Corinthians 4:6-14; Luke 12:2-10
Friday: 2 Timothy 3:1-7; John 6:64-71
Saturday: Jeremiah 17:7-8; Isaiah 61:3-7; 2 Timothy 1:6-14; Luke 11:29-32

MONTHLY CATECHISM MEETINGS

Come to hear about the saints, feasts, and seasons of the upcoming month, to learn more about the basic teaching of the Armenian Church, the sacraments, to ask questions while enjoying a cup of tea with Der Hovhan.

First session is on Sunday, February 5th at 12:30 pm.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION TO THE HOLY MARTYRS

Every third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 pm
Multilanguage. With full participation of the faithful.

Next service is on February 15th.

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VESPERS – *KIRAKAMTITS*

SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE

Every first Saturday of the month.

5:00 pm – 5:45 pm (sharp)

No fellowship hour

Service will be conducted entirely in English.

Let us enjoy the gift of prayer with other families and
our friends and share our worship hour.

Next service is on February 4th.

ST. JAMES CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Members of St. James Church Family,

Over the past few years we have developed different ways of communicating with our parishioners. In addition to regular mailings of announcements, flyers, and letters we email the electronic version of our Sunday bulletin, as well as send Calling Post messages via telephone.

If you wish to be added to the mailing, emailing or Calling Post list of any of these services, please provide our office with your current contact information.

COMMEMORATION OF ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR'S SONS AND GRANDSONS – STS. ARISTAKES, VRTANES, HOOSIG, GRIGORIS AND DANIEL

The sons and grandsons of St. Gregory the Enlightener are remembered and commemorated by all Armenian Churches throughout the world for their faithfulness and their service and commitment to the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Aristakes was St. Gregory the Illuminator's youngest son. He led a monastic life from a very early age. He was consecrated a bishop by his father and became one of St. Gregory's staunchest supporters. In 325 A.D., he participated in the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, representing the first Catholicos and the entire Armenian Church. Upon St. Gregory's death, he became Catholicos of All Armenians. He was killed in 333 A.D. by Arkeghayos, a prince of Greater Armenia, for criticizing the king's incorrigible behaviors and was buried in the village Til.

Vrtanes was St. Gregory the Illuminator's elder son. He was married and had two sons – Grigoris and Housik. Following the death of his brother, Vrtanes ascended to Catholicos. Although Christianity was nearly universally accepted as the official religion throughout the Armenian kingdom, there remained some remnants of paganism and heathenism in remote areas and small villages. One region that demonstrated a substantial resistance to Christianity was the province of Daron. Vrtanes organized annual festive Christian celebrations in this province to gradually eliminate their pagan beliefs and practices. Vrtanes died in 341 A.D. and was buried in the village Tordan near the relics of St. Gregory the Illuminator.

Grigoris was the elder son of Vrtanes. He was sent by the Armenian Church to spread Christianity among its neighboring nations. He was martyred upon the order of King Sanesan, the head of the nomadic Mazkut tribe. His remains were buried by the deacons who served with him in the village Amaras in Artsakh. In 489 A.D., upon the order of the Aghvan (Caucasian Albanian) King Vachagan, the Church of St. Gregory was built on this site.

Housik was the younger son of Vrtanes. He married the daughter of the Armenian King Tiridates and had two sons – Pap and Antiochus. In 341 A.D., he was elected Catholicos of All Armenians. He resisted and challenged the will of King Tiran, who wished to hang the portrait of Julianus the Betrayer in a church. He was severely beaten, martyred and buried in the village Tordan in the province of Daranaghi.

Bishop Daniel Assyrian was famous for his saintly way of life. As he grew older, he led an ascetic and isolated life in the province of Daron. Following the martyrdom of Housik, he was invited to be the Catholicos of All Armenians. During the very first meeting with King Tiran, he strictly castigated him on the murder of the Pontiff Housik. The king summarily ordered the death of Daniel by strangulation. His remains are buried in the Monastery of Hatsyats Draht.

FEASTS AND FASTS

January 30	Commemoration of the Maccabees, St. Eleazar the Priest and St. Shamuna and her seven sons
January 31	The Twelve Holy Prophets: Hosea, Amos, Micah, Joel, Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Jonah, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi
February 1	Fast
February 2	Commemoration of St. Sophia and her three daughters, Sts. Pistos, Yelpis and Agapie
February 3	Fast
February 4	Sons and grandsons of St. Gregory the Illuminator: Sts. Aristakes, Vrtanes, Hoosig, Grigoris and Daniel

NAME DAY CELEBRATIONS

Whenever you know a friend or loved one whose Name Day/Feast Day is soon to be celebrated, honor the person by presenting them with a lit candle saying, "*Anoonovut abrees*" or "*Anoonovut dzeranas*" ("May you grow old with your name"). Or you can simply say, "Happy Name Day!"

NAME DAY celebrated this week: *Eleazar, Eghiazar, Shamuna, Hosea, Amos, Micah, Joel Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Jonah, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zeshariah, Zakar, Zach, Malachi, Sophia, Sofia, Gregory, Krikor, Kirkor, Aristakes, Aris, Vrtanes, Hoosig, Daniel, Taniel.*

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE

The St. James Parish Council is seeking a Youth Director/Administrative Assistant for a part-time (20 hours per week) paid position beginning immediately.

The responsibilities of the Youth Director include overseeing, managing and developing Christian youth programs including our parish's local chapters of the Diocese's Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) for both Juniors (ages 12 to 17) and Seniors (ages 18 to 30). The responsibilities of the Administrative Assistant would include various office duties at the direction of the pastor.

The candidate should possess good communication and interpersonal skills and be proficient in basic computer applications. Knowledge of the Armenian language would be helpful, but not required.

A full job description is available upon request. If you would like to be considered for this position, please contact the church office

at (847) 864-6263 or office@stjamesevanston.org

VALET PARKING

For the convenience of our parishioners, **valet service** will be available on **Sundays through February**. Beginning at 9:45 a.m. professional drivers will be available in front of St. James to park your car at no charge. Drivers will also be available until 1:45 p.m. to retrieve your car. We hope this service will help make your trip to St. James easier during the cold and snow.

FAMILY PROMISE CHICAGO NORTH SHORE

For a family with young children facing homelessness, every day can be overwhelming and frightening. Support and generosity from members of the community can provide these families with hope, strength and inspiration ...and the opportunity to regain self-sufficiency. Many families have become homeless due to a housing, health care, or financial crisis. They've exhausted their network of family and friends they can turn to for help.

St. James is a founding church member of Family Promise Chicago North Shore, which provides emergency shelter and meals, and a supported pathway to self-sufficiency. St. James doesn't have the facilities to shelter these families, but partners with Grace Lutheran and other area churches who do. Our amazing cooks provide meals during the weeks families live at Grace Lutheran in Evanston. The week of February 5th will be our first week of services in 2017.

If you can cook or help serve meals that week, please contact Kathy Green: [847-733-8877](tel:847-733-8877). She is our outreach coordinator for Family Promise. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

13TH ANNUAL POON PAREGENTAN DINNER & DANCE!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2017

at Avalon Banquet Hall

1905 E Higgins Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

6:30 – cocktails * 7:30 – dinner * 9:00 – dance

Adult Dinner (w/open bar) - \$45 | Children (ages 4-12) - \$20

Teens (ages 13-20) - \$30 | Children 3 & under – free

Dance Only (w/open bar) - \$35

Discount Tickets available until **February 5th**.

Price will then increase \$10 for adults & \$5 for teens and children.

Deadline for dinner tickets is **February 12th**.

No dinner tickets will be sold after the deadline or at the door.

For additional information and tickets contact:

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