

SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial Assistance is available from St. James Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to remind young parishioners and their families that scholarship funds are available to attend the various Diocese-sponsored activities at Hye Camp and St. Nersess this summer.

AGBU scholarships

The AGBU Scholarship Program is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 academic year. Apply now!

Go to <http://www.agbu-scholarship.org/> to check your eligibility, to see application deadlines, available scholarships, and other important information.

OTHER NEWS

GOOD NEWS FOR CHICAGO TEENS

The Art Institute of Chicago is opening the year with big news—**museum admission is now free for all Chicago teens under 18**, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Glenn and Claire Swogger and the Redbud Foundation.

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](tel:8478646263) or office@stjamesevanston.org.

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH Evanston, IL

YOUTH NEWS

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Every first Saturday of the month
4:00 – 5:00 pm

If you are interested to begin serving at the altar
please contact Der Hovhan at (847) 644-7389 or derhovhan@gmail.com

ACYOA REATREATS. SAVE THE DATE

March 17-19, 2017

WI/IL ACYOA Juniors Retreat
Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL

Saturday, April 1, 2017 (10 AM – 4 PM)
ACYOA Seniors Midwest Regional Retreat
St. John Armenian Church, Southfield, MI

Should you have any questions please contact the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries team.

Jennifer Morris at (248) 648-0702 or JenniferM@armeniandiocese.org

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SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAYS

Morning Service at 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

EVERY LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Children's Sunday

EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Vespers at 5:00 PM

EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Intercessory prayer service at 8:00 pm



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SUMMER PROGRAMS AND CAMPS

ST. NERSESS 2017 SUMMER CONFERENCES

Deacons' Training Program

JUNE 23 - JULY 2

Directed by

Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan

High School

Summer Conference B

JULY 21 - JULY 30

Directed by

Rev. Fr. Ghevond Ajamian

High School

Summer Conference A

JULY 7 - JULY 16

Directed by

Rev. Fr. Ghevond Ajamian

Post High School Conference

AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 6

Directed by

Rev. Fr. Hratch Sargsyan

A maximum of 25 participants will be accepted to each session.

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMPS: HYE CAMP AND ST. VARTAN CAMP

In 2017, St. Vartan Camp will offer a six-week program with three two-week sessions, and Hye Camp will offer a one-week program. Both programs will offer a three-day intensive staff training program to help equip our young adults with the tools necessary to serve as mentors to our youth. Our staff training will include Bible Study and personal reflection, as well as awareness and prevention sessions focusing on bullying, suicide, drug and alcohol use, as well as problem solving, peer mediation, and so much more.

Hye Camp 2017

Staff Training: July 26–July 29
Camp Session: July 29-August 5

St. Vartan Camp 2017

Staff Training: June 21-June 24

Session A: June 25-July 8

A1: June 25-July 1

A2: July 2-July 8

Session B: July 9-July 22

B1: July 9-July 15

B2: July 16-July 22

Session C: July 23-August 5

C1: July 23-July 29

C2: July 30-August 5



ACYOA ARMENIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)

The ACYOA Armenia Service Program (ASP) scheduled for July 1-18, 2017. The program's focus continues to be for its participants to deepen their connection to their faith, identity and homeland. The Armenia Service Program has a long history of providing young adults (ages 18 to 30) a unique opportunity to affirm their faith, discover their homeland and serve its people in a meaningful way. Participants return home enriched and inspired by their experience and eager to strengthen their bond with the homeland and their Church. Our Primate has appointed Fr. Tadeos Barseghyan to lead the trip again this year to help guide our young people on their journey to their homeland.

This summer, the ACYOA is partnering with the Fund for Armenian Relief with a few service programs and new endeavors. Participants will be working with children at a summer camp. In addition, they will have the opportunity to learn more about the FAR Children's Center and innovative programs such as AYO! In addition to the service portion of the trip, the group will visit religious and cultural sites throughout Armenia, including Yerevan, Etchmiadzin and Sevan.

The actual cost of the trip is \$2775, which includes roundtrip airfare from JFK to Yerevan via Qatar Airways, bi-lingual tour guides, ground transportation and lodging while in Armenia, 2 meals a day and much more through the SIMA Tour Agency. However, through the generosity of the Dadourian Foundation the ACYOA is providing a \$500 scholarship to the first 20 applicants, which lowers the participants' price to \$2275. In addition, the ACYOA Central Council is also offering up to four, \$250.00 scholarships to young people active within the life of the ACYOA and up to four, \$250.00 scholarships from the Nancy Basmajian ASP Fund for applicants that are in financial need. Applications are due by March 15 to secure the participant's fee of \$2275. Late fees may apply for applications received after March 15.

You may view the ACYOA website at www.acyoa.org to learn more about the Armenia Service Program. Please feel free to contact Kathryn Ashbahian at kathryna@armeniandiocese.org or at 212-686-0710 ext. 258 or Jennifer Morris at jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org or at 248-648-0702 if you have any questions or for further information.

BOYAJIAN YOUTH CHOIR PROGRAM. SAVE THE DATE

The Sacred Music Council relaunches their summer training program for young musicians- singers and future choir directors.

The dates are August 13 - 20, 2017.

Application and registration materials will be available late January.