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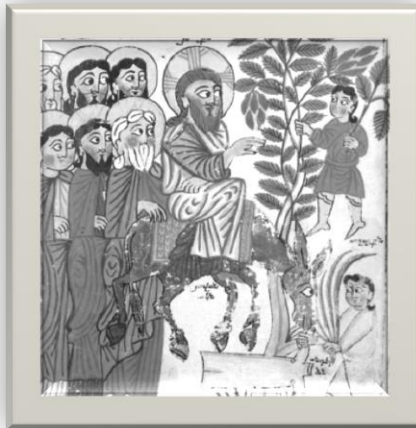
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**Երկրորդ Ծաղկազարդ
Second Palm Sunday**



Armenian Historical Year 4510 (ՏՇԺ) - Armenian Calendrical Year 1467(ՌՆԿԷ)



Morning Service	9:00 AM
Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
Bible Readings	Acts 23:12-25; 1 John 5:13-21; John 12:12-23

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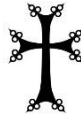
Առաւօտեան ժամ	9:00
Սուրբ Պատարագ	10:00
Ընթերցումներ	Գործք 23:12-25; Ա Յովհաննէս 5:13-21; Յովհաննէս 12:12-23



A PRAYER FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

This year May 13-19, 2018 is National Police Week. It was designated by President Kennedy in “recognition of the service given by the men and women who, night and day, stand guard in our midst to protect us through enforcement of our laws”.

As the patron saint of police officers, **Saint Michael** had a long history of battling the devil. Throughout Scriptures, he’s the warrior angel, standing up to and defeating Satan many times. His largest challenge and triumph over evil takes place in the Book of Revelations (12:7-8) when the devil tries to revolt against God.



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:

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| Arb. Mesrob Moutafian | Vartges Goorji | Nanci Perkhaus |
| Alexander Adajian | Hoyle Green | Dianne Pillard |
| Saro Anbarchian | Pat Green | Anik Sarkis |
| Andre, Servant of God | Michael Green | Virgie Jandegian Saskowski |
| Carolyn Conger | Nargez Hamayak | Surpik Simon |
| Veronica Dadourian | Fred Harburg | Fr. Shnork Souin |
| Sam Davidson | Robert Lapointe | Sarkis Tashjian |
| Seda Dilanjian | Trey McClure | Vigen Ter-Avakian |
| Linda Esposito | Varvara Movsesyan | Milan Thakkar |
| Lucy Genian | Shirley Omartian | Terre Tuzzolino |
| Karen Gevorgyan | Dn. Hagop Papazian | 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.



**CELEBRATING
THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
AND THE MOTHER'S DAY**

Sunday, May 13, 2018

ARARAT DANCE ENSEMBLE OF CHICAGO

Hrachya Kostanian, artistic director and choreographer
Short performance and dance workshop after Badarak

V. REV. FR. DANIEL FINDIKYAN- NEW PRIMATE OF OUR DIOCESE



The 116th Assembly of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America on Friday morning, May 4, elected Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan as its new Primate. The election took place at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel near White Plains.

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, His Holiness Karekin II, the Catholicos of All Armenians, confirmed the election of Fr. Daniel Findikyan as the new Primate of the Eastern Diocese. His Holiness' official confirmation paved the way for authority to be formally transferred from Archbishop Barsamian to Fr. Findikyan. In an "enthronement" ceremony in St. Vartan Cathedral on May 8, Archbishop Barsamian transferred the Primate's sign of office—a ceremonial walking stick known as the "asa"—into the hand of Fr. Findikyan. The new Primate thereupon took his place on the Primate's throne, as the clergy approached him to kiss his hand and receive his blessing.

Fr. Daniel will be the first American-born Primate of the Diocese. A native of Fort Worth, Texas, he is director of the Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center of the Diocese, and Professor of Liturgical Studies at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in Armonk, NY. He earned his doctorate from the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, and has a Master's of Arts degree from the City University of New York in Musicology (1990), and the Master of Divinity (1989) from St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary and St. Nersess Armenian Seminary. He has authored numerous academic works. He was ordained a priest in 1997 and served as dean of St. Nersess Seminary from 2000 to 2012.

Congratulations to Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan!

Our heartfelt thank You to Archbishop Khajag Barsamain who concludes his term as Primate after holding the office for 28 years and seven terms of office, making him the longest-serving Primate of the Eastern Diocese.

SECOND PALM SUNDAY

On the Sunday following the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, the Armenian Church celebrates the “Second” Palm Sunday. In the week leading up to His betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection, the “first” Palm Sunday symbolizes Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem where people met Him with great joy and glorified His Holy Name. The Second Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the triumphant entry of the Ascended Christ into the *Heavenly* Jerusalem where the angels met him with great happiness and joy.

According to tradition, during St. Gregory the Illuminator’s imprisonment in the pit, he was visited every day by the same angel. However, one day, the angel did not come. So, the following morning St. Gregory inquired as to the reason for the angel’s absence. The angel explained that since Christ had passed through the ranks of the angels during His Ascension, certain ranks of angels, namely the fourth class of angelic hosts, participate in this feast each year on the fourth day following the Ascension. The angel visiting St. Gregory being from this fourth class had been away attending this commemoration.

St. Gregory of Datev, one of the greatest theologians of the Armenian Church, has a famous interpretation of this event. Prior to Christ’s Ascension, all the various ranks of angels, except for the lowest rank, who served Christ during His earthly life, were unaware of Christ’s human incarnation for the salvation of man. St. Gregory explained that when the Lord was passing through the ranks of angels, they were surprised and asked, “Who was that powerful king?” The lowest-ranked angels accompanying Christ thus informed them of what they had witnessed.

This dialogue among the angels is presented in the book of Psalms:

“Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.”

“Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.”

“Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.”

“Who is this King of glory?”

“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

(Psalms 24:7-1)



ALTAR GUILD’S WISH LIST

Cruet (small container for the wine to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist)	\$25.00
Lectionary book cover	\$150.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Գործք Առաքելոց 23:12-35

12 Եւ երբ առաւօտ եղաւ, որոշ թուով հրեաներ ժողով անելով նգովեցին իրենք իրենց, որ մինչեւ Պօղոսին չսպանեն, ո՛չ ուտեն եւ ո՛չ էլ խմեն: 13 Եւ քառասունից աւելի էին նրանք, որոնք իրար հետ այս երդումն էին արել: 14 Սրանք մօտեցան քահանայապետներին ու երեցներին եւ ասացին. «Նգովելով նգովեցինք մեզ, որ բան չճաշակենք, մինչեւ Պօղոսին չսպանենք. 15 բայց դուք հազարապետին, ատեանի հետ միասին, իմա՛ց տուէք, որ նա ձեզ մօտ իջեցնի նրան, որպէս թէ նրա մասին ուզում էք աւելի ճշգրիտ բաներ իմանալ. իսկ մենք նախքան նրա մօտենալը պատրաստ ենք նրան սպանել»: 16 Եւ Պօղոսի քրոջ որդին, լսելով այս դաւադրութիւնը, եկաւ զօրանոց ու Պօղոսին պատմեց: 17 Եւ Պօղոսը, իր մօտ կանչելով հարիւրապետներից մէկին, ասաց. «Այս պատանուն հազարապետի մօտ տար, որովհետեւ նրան հաղորդելու բան ունի»: 18 Եւ նա նրան առաւ եւ տարաւ հազարապետի մօտ ու ասաց. «Կալանաւորուած Պօղոսն ինձ կանչեց եւ խնդրեց այս պատանուն քեզ մօտ բերել. քեզ ասելու բան ունի»: 19 Հազարապետը, նրա ձեռքից բռնելով, մի կողմ գնաց եւ հարցրեց. «Ինձ հաղորդելու ի՞նչ ունես»: 20 Նա ասաց. «Հրեաները միաբանուեցին՝ խնդրելու քեզ, որ վաղը Պօղոսին ատեան իջեցնես, իբր թէ ուզում են նրա վերաբերեալ աւելի ճշգրիտ հարցաքննութիւն անել: 21 Արդ, դու նրանց չսես, քանի որ նրանցից աւելի քան քառասուն մարդ դարան են մտել եւ նգովել են իրենք իրենց, որ ո՛չ ուտեն եւ ո՛չ էլ խմեն, մինչեւ որ նրան չսպանեն: Այժմ պատրաստ են եւ քո հրամանին են սպասում»: 22 Այս հազարապետն արձակեց պատանուն՝ նրան պատուիրելով. «Ոչ որի մի՛ ասայ, որ այս բաներն ինձ տեղեկացրիր»: 23 Եւ հարիւրապետներից երկուսին կանչեց ու ասաց. «Պատրաստեցէ՛ք երկու հարիւր զինուորներ գիշերուայ ժամը երեքից, որպէսզի գնան մինչեւ Կեսարիա. նաեւ՝ եօթանասուն հեծեալներ եւ երկու հարիւր նիզակաւորներ, 24 ինչպէս եւ՝ պատրաստի գրաստներ, որ Պօղոսին իջեցնեն եւ ապահով հասցնեն Փելիքս կուսակալի մօտ»: 25 Եւ գրեց մի նամակ, որի բովանդակութիւնը հետեւեալն է. 26 «Կյօղիոս Լիւսիա՝ գերագանց Փելիքս կուսակալին՝ ողջո՛յն. 27 այս մարդուն հրեաները բռնել էին, եւ նրանց կողմից սպանուելու մօտ էր նա. իմանալով, որ հռոմէացի է, ես զինուորներով վրայ հասայ եւ նրան ազատեցի: 28 Կամենալով գիտենալ այն յանցանքը, որի համար նրան ամբաստանում էին, նրան իջեցրի նրանց ատեանը: 29 Գտայ, որ նա իրենց օրէնքին վերաբերող մի խնդրի համար էր ամբաստանուած ու մահուան կամ կալանքի արժանի որեւէ յանցանք չուներ: 30 Երբ այս մարդու հանդէպ նրանց կողմից նիւթուած դաւն ինձ տեղեկացուեց, նրան ուղարկեցի քեզ մօտ եւ հրամայեցի, որ ամբաստանողներն էլ

խօսեն նրա մասին քո առաջ. ո՞րչ եղիր»: 31 Եւ հետեւակ զինուորները, հրամանի համաձայն, Պօղոսին առնելով՝ գիշերով տարան Անտիպատրիս: 32 Եւ յաջորդ օրը, թողնելով հեծեալներին, որ նրա հետ գնան, զօրանոց վերադարձան: 33 Նրանք մտան Կեսարիա եւ նամակը կուսակալին տալով՝ Պօղոսին էլ կանգնեցրին նրա առաջ: 34 Նա, երբ կարդաց, հարցրեց, թէ որ նահանգից է. եւ ստուգելով, որ Կիլիկիայից է, ասաց. 35 «Քեզ կյսեմ, երբ քեզ ամբաստանողներն էլ գան»: Եւ հրամայեց պահել նրան Հերովդէսի ապարանքում:

Ա Յովհան 5:13-21

13 Այս բաները գրեցի ձեզ, որպէսզի գիտենաք, թէ յաւիտենական կեանք ունէք եւ թէ հաւատում էք Աստոյ Որդու անուանը: 14 Եւ այս է այն վստահութիւնը, որն ունենք մենք նրա հանդէպ. այն, որ ինչ էլ խնդրենք ըստ նրա կամքի, նա մեզ կյսի. 15 եւ քանի որ գիտենք, որ նա լսում է մեր խնդրանքները, ապա գիտենք նաեւ, որ կատանանք այն խնդրանքները, որ հայցեցինք նրանից: 16 Եթէ մէկը տեսնի, որ իր եղբայրը գործել է մի մեղք, որ մահացու չէ, թող խնդրի, եւ Աստուած մահացու մեղք չգործողին կեանք կշնորհի. մեղք կայ, որ մահացու է. դրա մասին չեմ ասում, որ խնդրես: 17 Ամենայն անիրաւութիւն մեղք է. բայց մեղք կայ, որ մահացու է: 18 Գիտենք, որ ով Աստծուց է ծնուած, չի մեղանչում, եւ ով Աստծուց է ծնուած, պահում է ինքն իրեն, եւ չարը նրան չի մօտենում: 19 Գիտենք, որ Աստծուց ենք, եւ ամբողջ աշխարհը չարի մէջ է: 20 Եւ գիտենք, որ Աստոյ Որդին եկաւ եւ մեզ տուեց խելք, որպէսզի նանաչենք նրան, ով Ճշմարիտն է. եւ մենք Ճշմարտի՝ նրա Որդու՝ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի մէջ ենք. որովհետեւ նա է ճշմարիտ Աստուած եւ յաւիտենական կեանք: 21 Որդեակներ, հեռու պահեցէք ձեզ կռապաշտութիւնից:

Acts of the Apostles 23:12-35

12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. 13 And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy. 14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul. 15 Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you to morrow, as though ye would inquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him. 16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul. 17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him. 18 So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee. 19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou

hast to tell me? 20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to morrow into the council, as though they would inquire somewhat of him more perfectly. 21 But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee. 22 So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me. 23 And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night; 24 And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor. 25 And he wrote a letter after this manner: 26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting. 27 This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman. 28 And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council: 29 Whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds. 30 And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what they had against him. Farewell. 31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris. 32 On the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle: 33 Who, when they came to Caesarea, and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him. 34 And when the governor had read the letter, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that he was of Cilicia; 35 I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall.

1 John 5:13-21

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. 18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. 19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

John 12:12-23

12The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. **13**So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" **14**And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, **15**"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" **16**His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. **17**The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. **18**The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. **19**The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see that you can do nothing; look, the world has gone after him." **20**Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. **21**So these came to Philip, who was from Beth-sa'ida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." **22**Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. **23**And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified.

Յովհանն 12:12-23

12Հետեւեալ օրը՝ մեծ բազմութիւն մը, որ եկած էր տօնին, երբ լսեց թէ Յիսուս կու գայ Երուսաղէմ, **13**առաւ արմաւենիի ռստեր, դուրս ելաւ զայն դիմաւորելու, եւ կ'աղաղակէր. "Ովսաննա՛, օրհնեալ է Իսրայէլի թագաւորը՝ որ կու գայ Տէրոջ անունով": **14**Յիսուս՝ գտնելով աւանակ մը՝ նստաւ անոր վրայ, ինչպէս գրուած է. **15**"Մի՛ վախնար, Սիոնի՛ աղջիկ. տես՛ Թագաւորդ կու գայ՝ նստած իշու աւանակի վրայ": **16**Անոր աշակերտները նախապէս չհասկցան այդ բաները. բայց երբ Յիսուս փառաւորուեցաւ, այն ատեն յիշեցին թէ ատոնք գրուած էին անոր մասին, եւ թէ իրենք ըրին անոր այդ բաները: **17**Իրեն հետ եղող բազմութիւնը կը վկայէր թէ գերեզմանէն դուրս կանչեց Ղազարոսը ու մեռելներէն յարուցանեց զայն: **18**Այս պատճառով ալ բազմութիւնը դիմաւորեց զինք, որովհետեւ լսեցին թէ ի՛նք ըրած էր այս նշանը: **19**Իսկ Փարիսեցիները կ'ըսէին իրարու. "Կը նշմարէ՞ք թէ անօգուտ է. տես՛ ամբողջ աշխարհը կը հետեւի անոր": **20**Հոն՝ տօնին երկրպագելու բարձրացողներուն մէջ՝ քանի մը Յոյներ կային: **21**Ատոնք մօտեցան Փիլիպպոսի, որ Գալիլեայի Բեթ-սայիղայէն էր, ու կը թախսանձէին անոր՝ ըսելով. "Տէ՛ր, կ'ուզենք Յիսուսը տեսնել": **22**Փիլիպպոս եկաւ եւ ըսաւ. Անդրեասի, ապա դարձեալ Անդրեաս ու Փիլիպպոս միասին ըսին Յիսուսի: **23**Յիսուս ալ պատասխանեց անոնց. "Ժամը հասաւ՝ որ մարդու Որդին փառաւորուի:

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday	Acts 24:1-26; 2 John 1:1-13; John 12:24-26
Tuesday	Acts 24:27-25:12; 3 John 1:1-15; John 12:27-43
Wednesday	Acts 25:13-22; Jude 1:1-7; John 12:44-50
Thursday	Acts 25:23-26:32; Jude 1:8-15; John 13:13-15
Friday	Acts 27:1-28:16; Jude 1:16; John 13:16-30
Saturday	Acts 28:13-32; Jude 1:17-25; John 13:31-14:13

WHAT IS THE CORRECT WAY TO LEAVE THE CHURCH AT THE CONCLUSION OF DIVINE LITURGY?

The Divine Liturgy concludes when the priest, standing in the center of the chancel, offers a dismissal benediction: “*Orhnyalt yegherook ee shnorhats soorp Hakvooyrn. Yertayk khaghaghootyamp yev Der yegheetsee unt Tsez unt amenesyant. Amen*” (“May you be blessed by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Depart in peace and may the Lord be with you all. Amen”). At this point, any presiding clergy, the deacons, altar servers, choir members and then all the people approach the celebrant priest and kiss the ornamented liturgical Gospel book which he is holding in his hands.

When kissing the Gospel book say: “*Heeshestseh Der zamenayn Badarakus ko yev zookhdus untoonelee arastseh*” (“May the Lord remember all of your offering and make your sacrifices acceptable”). You are praying that all of the liturgies celebrated by the priest – and by extension, everything the priest does in his ministry – be pleasing and acceptable to the Lord. The priest should say this to you: “*Daseh kez Der usd surdee koom yev zamenayn khorhootus ko na gadarastseh*” (“May the Lord bless you according to your heart, and may he realize all of your intentions”). These lines correspond to Psalm 19 (20):3-4. Make the sign of the cross as you kiss the Gospel book. Before you step out of the church sanctuary, turn toward the alter and cross yourself.



WHY DO WE KISS THE CROSS AND THE GOSPEL?

During certain parts of the Divine Liturgy and other services, Armenian Christians as a form of veneration kiss the Cross (the priest’s bejeweled hand-cross or, on the Feast of the Cross in September, a larger cross decorated with flowers and basil), and the liturgical book of the Gospels. To kiss these sacred objects is a way of expressing our faith in what they stand for. The cross is the symbol of God’s sacrificial love for us, and the Gospel book contains the Word of God, the highest authority in any Christian’s life.

When you kiss the Cross, you are professing its saving power over your life and showing your love for God. It is like a prayer in which you say, “Jesus, I need the protection and life that flow from your crucifixion and resurrection. Help me to know you and to love you more deeply.” When you kiss the Gospel, you are saying, “Christ, you are the meaning of my life. Help me to trust you through your Word.”

Whenever we kiss the Cross, the Gospel or another sacred object, we should cross ourselves

From “*Frequently-Asked QUESTIONS on the Badarak, the Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Church,*” by Fr. Michael Daniel Findikyan

FREE SPR/AED TRAINING CLASS

AT ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, May 20, 2018
12:30 PM**



Margaret Kamajian, MS, RN
Instructor

OUTREACH COMMITTEE SUGGESTION

Have you ever had a desire to make an impact on others, but weren't sure how? Have you ever thought about hosting a Sunday Fellowship Table following a hokehankisd, but didn't want to do all the preparation?

The St. James Outreach Committee would like to suggest that you make a \$100 donation to FAR. That \$100 would be used to serve a madagh (sacrificial) meal at the soup kitchen for underprivileged Armenians in Armenia.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Der Hovhan or check out www.farusa.org or www.weareayo.org.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

**Join our Youth group
on Saturday, June 2, 2018
4:30- 6:30 pm**



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
1072 National Pkwy, Schaumburg, IL 60173

To sign up or with questions please contact
Rachel Simon, ACYOA Jrs. Chair at bsimon@wowway.com
Or Ms. Irina Petrosyan, Youth Director at xorodiik@gmail.com



HOME BLESSING

Easter is the time when homes are blessed by the Pastor. All parishioners who wish to have their homes blessed on the occasion of the feast should call Der Hovhan (847) 644-7389 to make arrangements. Have a piece of bread, dish of salt and glass of water available for the blessing.

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Contact church office if you have any questions or need assistance.

CELEBRATING GRADUATES OF 2018

If you have a graduate in your family or know of someone who is graduating, please send us their information.



If you are a graduate, please submit the school you are graduating from, the school you will be attending (if applicable), a course of study (if applicable), degree earned and future plans.

We are planning to host a reception to honor our graduates in June. Call or [e-mail](mailto:church@stjamesarmenian.org) the Church office before June 5.

HOME BLESSING

Service, which according to St. Gregory of Narek was established by Our Savior Jesus Christ, when after His Resurrection He entered the upper room and blessed the disciples. When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." (John. 20:19). During the apostolic times, the twelve apostles of Jesus visited the homes of the faithful to bless them and to spread the good news of Christ's birth and His Resurrection. Likewise their followers - priests and bishops, entered the homes of the faithful on the occasions of Theophany and Easter (Holy Resurrection) to tell the good news of our Lord's Nativity and to bless them and their homes through a special Service.

Through the Home Blessing Service, the house of the faithful becomes a small church. 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:2). During the Service the priest prays to God and asks Him to keep the home, its inhabitants, and the children in good health, so that they live a devout life, glorify the name of Almighty God and heighten the Holy Church.

Love and peace are established in the sanctified home. Therefore, it is desirable that the faithful devoutly keep the graces from heaven, which filled their homes. But if sinful behavior dominates in the house it can never become a church inhabited by the Holy Trinity, saints and angels.

According to the sacred traditions of the Armenian Church, God's blessing is asked for homes on different occasions, like on the Nativity and the Resurrection of Christ, as well as on the joyous occasion of moving into a new home.

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May 23 and June 20 at 8:00 pm

Multilingual. With full participation of the faithful.

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Every Third Friday

May 18.

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM