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NOVEMBER 15, 2020

10th Sunday after the Feast of the Holy Cross Ժ Կիւրակէ զկնի Ս. Խաչին



Eve (*Paregentan*) of the Fast of Advent Բարեկենդան Յիսնակի Պահքին

Armenian Historical Year 4513 (8か9)-Armenian Calendrical Year 1470 (いいく)

Morning Service 9:00 AM Holy Badarak 10:00 AM

Bible Readings Isaiah 25:9-26:7 Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 9:44-50

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Առաւօտեան ժամ 9:00 Սուրբ Պատարագ 10:00

Ընթերցումներ Եսայի 25:9-26:7 Փիլիպացիներ 1:1-11;

Ղուկաս 9:44-50

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Alexander Adajian Michael Green Dn. Hagop Papazian Saro Anbarchian Nargez Hamayak Nanci Perkhaus Andre, Servant of God Fred Harburg Sofia Petrosyan Naringul Caliscan Leo Harootyan Antony Puckett

Carolyn Conger Robert Lapointe Virgie Jandegian Saskowski

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Sam Davidson Pat McCoy Vigen Ter-Avakian
Seda Dilanjian Cassandra Mitchell Milan Thakkar
Linda Farsakian Wall Varvara Movsesyan Terre Tuzzolino
Rick Gergerian Joy Nazarian Kary Valenziano

Shirley Omartian

Vartges Goorji Hoyle Green

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.

MAS

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MAS (Antidoron) is very thin unleavened bread of wheat, of any reasonable size making it possible to be baked on a metal tray. It can be made by any member of the congregation. It is distributed after the Liturgy to those of the congregation who have not received communion. It is customary to take mas to the members of one's family and to friends, who have been unable to attend the Liturgy. Mas symbolizes the bond of love among the members of the church.

Mas, meaning "a portion", represents the remaining part if the loaf which the faithful used to bring to Church in ancient times to be used as bread for the Eucharist. A fraction (nshkhar) of this loaf was taken to consecration, while the remainder was distributed among the congregation at the end of the Liturgy.

Tiran Abp. Nersoyan, "Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church

Carla Ziegler

BADARAK PEW BOOKS

Dear Parishioners, as a precautionary measure we have collected the pew books that were previously used to follow Badarak. We are happy to inform you that the electronic version of the book is available in our *DESILK* mobil app

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FASTING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

The Holy Communion is one of the important sacraments for the salvation of Christians and for the nourishment of our souls. Holy Communion is a sacrament by which the believer receives Christ's Body and Blood in the form of bread and wine for remission of sins and the reception of eternal life. It is offered to the faithful during the celebration of Badarak. For person in good health, it is necessary to fast, abstain from food and participate in the sacrament of Confession before receiving Holy Communion. For those of ill health who are on special medication, a light breakfast is permitted. Fir the evening Badarak, fasting should begin after the midday meal and continue until the evening Badarak has been celebrated.

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL Academic Year 2020-2021

EVERY SUNDAY

All ages are welcome!

Classes are being offered via zoom and outdoors.

FEASTS AND FASTS

ADVENT

"Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand." (James 5:8)



Advent means "coming"—the coming of Christ. In Armenian it is called *Hisnag* from the word for "fifty." It is the 50-day period during which we prepare to celebrate the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is a time for us to think of the why of Christmas—why the greeting cards, the decorations, the gifts, the

family gatherings? A time to look within our hearts to see if there is anything that stands between us and the Good News of Jesus' birth.

During Advent, we can rededicate ourselves to Christ through our actions, thoughts, and prayers. This is a good time for us to improve our habits and offer them as gifts to God. Perhaps Advent can also be an occasion to discover God's gifts all around us. We need to have an open heart to receive Christ—God's greatest gift of all! We complain that Christmas is too "commercial," but there is a way to live out the real "reason for the season."

Special Feasts and Fasts During Advent

The Advent in the Armenian Church is approximately two weeks longer than it is in the Western churches, and that is why it is called *Hisnag*, "a 50-day period."

Fasting During Hisnag

Hisnag is in a sense introduced by a week of fasting. The fast is officially known as "the Fast of the Beginning of *Hisnag*." There is a second fast of a week's duration following the third Sunday of *Hisnag*. This fast is known as "the Fast of St. James, Bishop of Nisibis." The commemoration of the latter takes place on the following Saturday.

The third and final fast, again of a week's duration, precedes the Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of Christ our God, and that is how it is officially recognized in the calendar.

During the remaining weeks of *Hisnag* when there is no fasting, the Wednesdays and Fridays are regularly observed as fasting days.

Feasts During Hisnag

The Armenian Church celebrates a number of feasts and observes some important commemorations during the 50 days of *Hisnag*.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin to the Temple, as it has a fixed date, is celebrated on November 21st, even if it falls within the week of the

fasting. On such occasions, the feast is celebrated liturgically, but the fasting prevails in dietary matters.

The same practice is also observed during the Feast of the Conception of the Holy Virgin by St. Anna, which is always celebrated on December 9th. During the *Hisnag* we commemorate some of the important and major saints of the Christian Church. Among them are the 4th-century founders of Christian theology St. Gregory the Wonderworker and St. Basil of Caesarea; the Holy Apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew, the enlighteners of Armenia; the Egyptian fathers; the early bishops of the church, such as St. Clemens, St. Ignatius, St.Polycarpus, St. Nicholas; St. James of Nisibis; and at the very end of the year, King David commemorated as a prophet; the Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord; St. Stephen the Protomartyr; the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul; the Holy Apostles James and John, both of them surnamed as Sons of Thunder.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD TO THE TEMPLE (November 21)



According to the Holy Tradition of the Church, after turning three, the parents of the Holy Virgin, Jehoiakim and Anna, fulfilling their promise, brought Mary to the temple and presented her to God. Mary remained in the temple until her engagement. One of the feasts dedicated to the Holy Virgin is her presentation to the temple. All Christian Churches celebrate this feast on November 21.

Establishment of the Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Mother of God to the Temple began with King

Justinianos' building of a cathedral in honor of the Holy Mother in place of the old Jewish temple on the hill of Moria. The cathedral was consecrated on November 21, 543 AD. After 638 AD, when the cathedral was converted into a mosque, the celebration of the Feast spread throughout the entire Christian world. The Feast has been included in the Armenian Apostolic Church Calendar since the nineteenth century.

FEASTS AND FASTS

November 15-20 November 21 Fast days

Presentation of Three-Year-Old St. Mary to the Church

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: Mary, Mariam, Maria (November 21).

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Եսայու մարգարեությունը 25։9-26։7

9 Ու այն օրը պիտի ասեն. «Ահա մեր Տէր Աստուածը, որի վրայ յոյս էինք դրել մենք, նա փրկեց մեզ, քանզի նա է Տէրը, որին սպասում էինք. եկէք ցնծանք եւ ուրախանանք մեր փրկութեամբ»։ 10 Աստուած մեզ հանգիստ է պարգեւելու այս լեռներում, իսկ մովաբացին ոտքի կոխան պիտի լինի, ինչպէս որ օրանն է ճզմւում կամնասայլի տակ։ 11 Տէրն իր ձեռքերը պիտի երկարի այնտեղ եւ այդպէս նրան պիտի թշուառացնի ու կործանի, հողին պիտի հաւասարեցնի նրա հպարտութիւնը` նրա վրայ տարածելով իր ձեռքերը։ 12 Քո բարձր պարիսպների ամրութիւնը պիտի խոնարհեցնի՝ գետնին հաւասարեցնելով այն։

26 1 Այն օրը Հրէաստան երկրում այս երգն են երգելու. «Ահա մեր գօրաւոր քաղաքը եւ մեր փրկութիւնը, որ կանգնելու է ինչպէս պարիսպ ու պատուար։ 2 Բացէ՛ք ձեր դռները. թող մտնի ժողովուրդը, որ յարգում է արդարութիւնը, պահպանում ճշմարտութիւնը, 3 որ հոգում է ճշմարտութեան մասին եւ ապահովում խաղաղութիւնը։ 4 Յոյսով ապաւինեցինք քեզ յաւիտենապէս, ո՛վ Տէր։ 5 Դու, որ խոնարհեցրիր եւ ներքեւ իջեցրիր բարձունքների բնակիչներին, հգօր քաղաքներն ես կործանում եւ գետնին հաւասարեցնում դրանք։ 6 Հեզ ու խոնարհ մարդիկ՝ կոխոտում, եւ աղքատները ուղիղ են, հարթ ու դիւրին են աստուածապաշտների ճանապարհները։

Փիլիպեցիներ 1:1-11

1Պօդոս եւ Տիմոթէոս՝ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի ծառաները՝ Քրիստոս Յիսուսով բոլոր սուրբերուն, որ Փիլիպպէի կողմերն եպիսկոպոսներով ու սարկաւագներով. 2շնորհք եւ խաղաղութիւն Աստուծմէ՝ մեր Հօրմէն, ու Տէր 3hunlu Lenhumnut: 3Շնորհակալ կ'րլյամ իմ Աստուծմէս՝ ձեզմէ ունեցած յիշատակներուս համար, 4ամէն ատեն՝ ամէն աղերսանքիս Ուրախութեամբ կ'աղերսեմ ձեր բոլորին համար, 5քանի հաղորդակից եղաք աւետարանին՝ առաջին օրէն մինչեւ հիմա. ճայս մասին համոցուած եմ թէ ա՛ն որ սկսաւ բարի գործ մր ձեր մէջ, պիտի աւարտէ մինչեւ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի օրը։ 7Իրաւացի այ է ինծի այսպէս մտածել ձեր բոլորին մասին, քանի որ ձեզ ունիմ իմ սիրտիս մէջ՝՝, ու դուք բոլորդ հաղորդակզեզաք ինծի եղած շնորհքին՝ թէ՛ կապերուս, рť աւետարանին ջատագովութեան шı հաստատութեան մէջ։ 8Որովհետեւ Աստուած վկալ է թէ ո՛րքան կարօտցած եմ ձեզ բոլորդ՝ Քրիստոս Յիսուսի գութով, 9ու սա՛պէս น'นท๐๖ นั่ง ձեր սէրը հետցհետէ աւեւի առատանաւ nn

գիտակցութեամբ եւ ամբողջ դատողութեամբ, <u>10</u>որպէսզի դուք զատորոշէք տարբեր բաները՝ անկեղծ եւ անսայթաք ըլլալու համար մինչեւ Քրիստոսի օրը, <u>11</u>լեցուած արդարութեան պտուղներով Յիսուս Քրիստոսի միջոցով՝ Աստուծոյ փառքին ու գովութեան համար։

Ղուկաս 9:44-50

44Քոլորը կ'ապշէին Աստուծոյ մեծամեծ գործերուն վրայ։ Մինչ բոլորն ալ կը սքանչանային Յիսուսի բոլոր ըրածներուն վրայ, ան ըսաւ իր աշակերտներուն. «Դուք այս խօսքերը ձեր մի'տքը պահեցէք՝՝, որովհետեւ մարդու Որդին պիտի մատնուի մարդոց ձեռքը»։ 45Քայց անոնք չէին հասկնար այս խօսքը, եւ անոնցմէ ծածկուած էր՝ որպէսզի չրմբռնեն. ու կր վախնային հարցնել իրեն այդ խօսքին մասին։

46Մտածում մըն ալ ծագեցաւ անոնց մէջ, թէ արդեօք ո՛վ է մեծագոյնը իրենց մէջ։ 47Յիսուս ըմբռնելով անոնց սիրտին մտածումը` առաւ մանուկ մը, կայնեցուց զայն իր քով, 48ու ըսաւ անոնց. «Ո՛վ որ կ՚ընդունի այս մանուկը իմ անունովս` զի՛ս կ՚ընդունի, եւ ո՛վ որ զիս կ՚ընդունի` զիս դրկո՛ղը կ՚ընդունի. որովհետեւ ա՛ն որ ամենէն պզտիկն է ձեր բոլորին մէջ, անիկա՛ պիտի ըլլայ մեծը»։

49Յովհաննէս ըսաւ. «Վարդապե՛տ, մէկը տեսանք որ դեւեր կը հանէր քու անունովդ, եւ արգիլեցինք զայն՝ քանի որ մեզի չի հետեւիր»։ 50Յիսուս ըսաւ անոր. «Մի՛ արգիլէք, որովհետեւ ա՛ն որ մեզի հակառակ չէ, մեր՝՝ կողմէն է»։

Isaiah 25:9-26:7

9And it will be said in that day,

"Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

10For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain,

And Moab will be trodden down in his place

As straw is trodden down in the water of a manure pile.

11And he will spread out his hands in the middle of it

As a swimmer spreads out his hands to swim,

But the Lord will lay low his pride together with the trickery of his hands.

12The unassailable fortifications of your walls He will bring down,

Lay low and cast to the ground, even to the dust.

1 In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

"We have a strong city;

He sets up walls and ramparts for security.

2"Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter,

The one that remains faithful.

 $\underline{3}$ "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace,

Because he trusts in You.

4"Trust in the LORD forever,

For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock.

5"For He has brought low those who dwell on high, the unassailable city;

He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He casts it to the dust.

6"The foot will trample it,

The feet of the afflicted, the steps of the helpless."

7The way of the righteous is smooth;

O Upright One, make the path of the righteous level.

Philippians 1:1-11

Timothy, bond-servants 1Paul of Christ Jesus, and To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons: 2Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, 5in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. 6For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. 7For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. 8For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, 10so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; 11having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Luke 9:44-50

44"Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men." 45But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it. 46An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. 47Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. 48Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all—he is the greatest." 49"Master," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us." 50"Do not stop him," Jesus said, "for whoever is not against you is for you."

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Colossians 1:1-11; Luke 11:14-23 Tuesday: Colossians 1:12-23; Luke 11:27-32 Wednesday: Colossians 1:24-2.7; Luke 11:33-42 Colossians 3:16-4.4; Luke 11:49-54 Colossians 4:5-18; Luke 12:1-12

Saturday: Song of Solomon 1:2-11; Proverbs 11:30-12:4; Isaiah 52:7-10;

Zechariah 2:10-13; Malachi 3:1-2; 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1;

Luke 1:39-56

FROM FR. HOVHAN

REGARDING HOME VISITATIONS

It is the ninth month of our "new reality" when out of love for one other we do not come together in large groups to celebrate Badarak, worship during the week, celebrate important milestones and achievements in our lives or simply enjoy each other's presence in the daily communion of love. For clergy, visiting congregants is the fulfillment of our commitment to serve God's people, and it is with a heavy heart that I continue to avoid contact with you, including comforting the sick in hospitals or at home. And although in early July we restored church services and sacraments for inperson participation following proper COVID protocols, we continue to livestream the majority of our worship services since many of you continue to avoid public spaces.

I cannot tell you how much it sorrows me that my contact with you remains limited to phone calls, but I would like to offer two ways we can reconnect in person:

- 1. As long as it continues to be warm, I would love to stop by and spend a few minutes with you outside--on your sidewalk, in your backyard, on your porch. We can even take a walk in the park! Of course, we will wear masks and socially distance.
- 2. I can also visit you virtually via Zoom, Facebook or other means of teleconference.

If either of these two ways work for you and your family, please call or email me and we can work out the details.

PRAYER TIME IN THE SANCTUARY AND COUNSELING

It is now possible to come to church to pray outside of scheduled service times. I am available to meet at the church for spiritual counseling or other needs during the week.

Please contact me to make arrangement for personal prayer time in the sanctuary or to schedule a meeting.



STEEPLE REPAIR PROJECT

Dear Parishioners.

Our spiritual home is in dire need of your help. St. James has stood watch over the Armenian Community since 1944. The building has stood as a testament to God since 1896 and has deteriorated to the point that urgent repairs are required. The brick facade of the steeple is separating from the wall; the mortar has crumbled and the windows are leaking into the vestibule of the hurch. Significant work is required to restore the structural integrity of the front of the building within and under the steeple.

These repairs need to be under way as soon as possible. Our community has always been protected by the shadow of the Holy Church. This is OUR opportunity to meet the church in her moment of need as she has been there for every one of our life events.

You can donate toward this project by any of these methods:

- 1) Check, via the envelope mailed to your home
- 2) Cash, in person at the church any Sunday
- 3) Via our website www.stjamesevanston.org
- 4) Via Paypal www.paypal.me/stjamesvirtualfest20

STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT

St. James Armenian Church is in the process of restoring all the stained glass windows due to various issues; including individual stained glass pieces falling out, rotted exterior window wood, and glass pieces that are broken or were previously replaced with mismatched pieces. These windows are original to the church.

The Parish Council and Building Committee chose Arttig, LTD to be the contractor for this project. Arttig, LTD has completed other projects in the Armenian community including designing and constructing church stained glass windows and wood carved front doors.

We encourage as many parishioners as possible to participate, at any level your family wishes, so that you, your family and the entire parish can share in the legacy of this historic project.

We welcome as many families and parishioners as possible to donate towards two altar windows, which have the highest restoration costs. Each parishioner or family donating towards the altar windows will be recognized on a large group plaque. The designations for the donor levels are: Cherub (\$1,000 to \$3,999); Archangel (\$500 to \$999); Angel (\$1 to \$499).

We thank all of those that have donated and we thank you in advance for your future donations. If you have any questions, please call the church office at (847) 864-6263.

PRAYER FOR OUR ELDERLY AT HOME

O Holy Mother of God, I open my arms and beseech you to be an intercessor for us As we pray for our elderly who remain at home Unable to be here with us during this pandemic Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer Help those at home from growing weary, Keep loneliness outside their doors Draw them near to you, And give them the strength to endure the length of their days May their moments of uncertainty be swept away And their worries put to rest Instead, fill their ears with the voices of their loved ones. And their hearts with the light of hope Keep their bodies in good health And their feet steady on the path of faith And when the day is done Lord, grant them the abiding comfort found only in your everlasting peace Which surpasses all human understanding. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Now and always and unto the ages an ages.

Amen.



Արօթը Տարեցներու Համար

Ով Սուրբ Աստուածամայր Ձեռնբարձ կ՛աղերսեմ եւ կր խնդրեմ եղի՛ր բարեխօս հայցուածիս ժահրի այս ծանր օրերուն տուներու մէջ կայանուած տարեցներուն որ ի գօրու չեն մեզ հետ րլյալու։ Տէր Յիսուս Քրիստոս օգնէ՛ եւ սփոփէ՛ մենութեան մէջ տունը մնացած լոգնաբեկ ներուն Եւ դուրս վանէ անոնց մէջէն մենութիւնը։ Կրկին մօտեցուր անոնց դէպի քեզ եւ տուր անոնց կամք աննկուն եւ երկար կեանք։ Թող որ փառատի անվստահութիւնը եւ գօրանալ Քու կամքդ։ Տէր շնորհէ անոնց կատարեալ մարմնոլ առողջութիւն Որպէսզի առաջնորդուին ուղիղ հաւատքով՝ ի քեզ։ Շրջապատէ անոնց Քու շունչովդ եւ իրենց հարազատներուն ներկայութեամբ լուսաւորէ անոնց մթագնած հոգին դէպի քեզ։ Ամէն լուսաբացին ու մալրամուտին Տէր տեւապէս շնորհէ Քու անսահման խաղաղութիւնդ որ աւելի վեր է քան մարդկային բոլոր փառքը։ Եւ փառաւորենք զՀայր եւ զՈրդի եւ զՍուրբ Հոգիդ այժմ եւ միշտ եւ յաւիտեանս յաւիտենից ամեն։

MEMBERSHIP

Many parishioners have told us that they would appreciate reminders about membership dues. So, this is our second reminder of the year! Please take a look at your checkbook or other records. If you have not yet submitted your membership dues for 2020, now is a great time to send in your 2020 St. James membership dues. Annual membership dues are \$125 per person; \$100 per person over 65; \$30 for students.

There are two easy ways to submit your membership dues. The first way is by check, made out to St. James Armenian Church.

It's also easy to send your membership dues or steeple contribution via St. James website www.stjamesevanston.org

Thank you for helping our church to keep its memberships rolls up to date!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider donating flowers to adorn the Holy Altar. You may either bring flowers or make a monetary donation towards the purchase.

ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL 2020

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PLEASE RECYCLE THIS BULLETIN

St. James Church is committed to Creation care. Please recycle this bulletin by taking it with you and use the information throughout the week or leave it at the back of the sanctuary. You can also deposit it in the recycling receptacle in the Nishan Hall as you leave. **Thank you!**

Writing above altar:

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