

**ST. JAMES OF NISIBIS ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Eve (*Paregentan*) of the fast of St. James of Nisibis

Armenian Historical Year 4513 (ՏՇԺԳ)-Armenian Calendrical Year 1470 (ՌՆՀ)

Morning Service	9:00 AM
Holy Badarak	10:00 AM
Bible Readings	Isaiah 37:14-38, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12, Luke 14:12-24

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ 29, 2020

Առաւօտեան ժամ	9:00
Սուրբ Պատարագ	10:00
Ընթերցումներ	Եսայի 37:14-38; Բ Թեսաղոնիկեցի 1:1-12; Ղուկաս 14:12-24



ՀՈԳԵՀԱՆԳԻՍ – HOKEHANKISD - REQUIEM SERVICE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:25-30 (page 58)

For the souls of:

Betty Farsakian (7 years)
 Deacon Garabed Simonian
 Rose Simonian
 Araxsie Panosian
 All deceased of the Simonian Families

Requested by:

Dn. Larry and Wendy and Troy Farsakian

For the souls of the Victims of the 1988 earthquake in Armenia



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Archbishop Barkev Mardirosoyan	Michael Green	Bishop Datev Hagopian
Alexander Adajian	Nargez Hamayak	Nanci Perkhous
Saro Anbarchian	Fred Harburg	Sofia Petrosyan
Andre, Servant of God	Leo Harootyan	Antony Puckett
Naringul Caliscan	Robert Lapointe	Virgie Jandegian
Carolyn Conger	Melina Loloyan	Saskowski
Veronica Dadourian	Pat McCoy	Surpik Simon
Sam Davidson	Cassandra Mitchell	Vigen Ter-Avakian
Seda Dilanjian	Varvara Movsesyan	Milan Thakkar
Linda Farsakian Wall	Joy Nazarian	Terre Tuzzolino
Rick Gergerian	Shirley Omartian	Kary Valenziano
Vartges Goorji	Dn. Hagop Papazian	Carla Ziegler
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.

**FEAST OF ST. JAMES OF NISIBIS
NAME DAY CELEBRATION**



Sunday, December 13, 2020

Badarak begins at 10:00 am

Candlelight Requiem Service (*Hokehankeesd*)
for all deceased parishioners of St. James.

Please submit names for *Hokehankeesd*
to the church office by Thursday, December 10th to
be included in the Sunday Bulletin

MAS

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 of 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



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. For the evening Badarak, fasting should begin after the midday meal and continue until the evening Badarak has been celebrated.

FEASTS AND FASTS

- Monday, December 7** Fast of St. James of Nisibis
Commemoration of Sts. Minas, Yermogines, Grabus, voluntary poor Hovhannes and Alexius
- Tuesday, December 8** Fast of St. James of Nisibis
Commemoration of Sts. Captain St. Kornelius, St. Shmavon, Christ's Relative, martyred in Jerusalem, and Bishop St. Policarpus of Smyrna and the holy martyrs of the East
- Wednesday, December 9** Fast of St. James of Nisibis
Feast of the Conception of the Holy Virgin from Anna
- Thursday, December 10** Fast of St. James of Nisibis
Commemoration of Sts. Eustratius, Ogsentius, Eugenius, Ovrestes and Mardarius
- Friday, December 11** Fast of St. James of Nisibis
- Saturday, December 12**
Commemoration of the Pontiff St. James of Nisibis, hermit St. Maruge and Bishop St. Melitus



FEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN FROM ANNA

Today is the Feast of the Conception of the Holy Virgin Mary: one of a cluster of holy days on which the Armenian Church expresses its tender devotion to the mother of Jesus Christ.

She began life as the child of Sts. Joachim and Anna, a devout couple whose earnest prayer was answered with the birth of a daughter. Through her life of holiness and purity, and her graceful acceptance of the role to which God called her, Mary ranks among the pre-eminent exemplars of the Christian faith, whose birth and very conception are occasions for celebration.

The feast of her conception always falls on December 9, which this year coincides with the third Sunday of Advent. Called Hisnag in Armenian (from the word for "fifty"), Advent is the 50-day season of anticipation-physical and spiritual-leading to the Nativity of our Lord. It is a time to orient our actions, thoughts, and prayers to the miracle of His birth, and to rediscover God's abundant gifts around us.

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:), *Minas, Hovhannes, Alexius (December 7), Kornelius, Shmavon (December 8), Mary, Mariam (December 9), Eugenius, Eugene (December 10), James, Hagop (December 12).*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 ԹԵՍԱՊՈՆԻԿԵԳԻՆԵՐՈՒՆ 1:1-12

1Պօղոս, Միդուանոս ու Տիմոթէոս, Թեսաղոնիկեցիներու եկեղեցիին՝ մեր Հայր Աստուծով ու Տէր Յիսուս Քրիստոսով: **2**Հնորիք եւ խաղաղութիւն ձեզի Աստուծմէ՝ մեր Հօրմէն, ու Տէր Յիսուս Քրիստոսէ: **3**Պարտական ենք ամէն ատեն Աստուծմէ շնորհակալ ըլլալ ձեզի համար, եղբայրներ, ինչպէս որ արժանավայել է. քանի որ ձեր հաւատքը շատ կաճի, եւ ձեզմէ իւրաքանչիւրին սերը կաւելնայ իրարու հանդէպ: **4**Ուստի մենք ալ կը պարծենանք ձեզմով Աստուծոյ եկեղեցիներուն մէջ, ձեր համբերութեան ու հաւատքին համար՝ ձեր բոլոր հալածանքներուն եւ տառապանքներուն մէջ, որոնց կը հանդուրժէք: **5**Ասիկա Աստուծոյ արդար դատաստանին ապացոյցն է՝ որպէսզի դուք արժանանաք Աստուծոյ թագաւորութեան, որուն համար կը չարչարուիք ալ: **6**Քանի որ Աստուծոյ քով արդարութիւն է տառապանք հատուցանել ձեզ տառապեցնողներուն: **7**Իսկ ձեզի՝ տառապանք կրողներուդ՝ անդորրութիւն մեզի հետ, երբ Տէր Յիսուս յայտնուի երկինքէն՝ իր հօր հրեշտակներով, **8**քոցավառ կրակով վրժ առնելու անոնցմէ՝ որ չեն ճանչնար Աստուած, ու չեն հնազանդիր մեր Տէրոջ՝ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի աւետարանին: **9**Անոնք պիտի պատժուին յաւիտենական աւերումով՝ վտարուելով Տէրոջ ներկայութենէն եւ անոր ոյժին փառքէն, **10**երբ ինք գայ փառաւորուելու իր սուրբերուն մէջ, ու այդ օրը սքանչացումի առարկայ ըլլալու բոլոր հաւատացեալներուն մէջ (որովհետեւ դուք հաւատացիք ձեր մէջ տրուած մեր վկայութեան): **11**Հետեւաբար ամէն ատեն կաղօթենք ձեզի համար, որ մեր Աստուածը արժանացնէ ձեզ ձեր կոչումին, եւ զօրութեամբ իրագործէ իր բարութեան ամբողջ բարեհաճութիւնն ու հաւատքին գործը: **12**որպէսզի մեր Տէրոջ՝ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի անունը փառաւորուի ձեր մէջ, եւ դուք ալ անոր մէջ, մեր Աստուծոյն ու Տէր Յիսուս Քրիստոսի շնորհքին համաձայն:

ԱԲԵՏԱՐԱՆ ԸՍՏ ՂՈՒԿԱՍՈՒ 14:12-24

1Երբ ինք Շաբաթ օր մը մտաւ Փարիսեցիներու պետերէն մէկուն տունը՝ հաց ուտելու, անոնք կը հսկէին իր վրայ: **2**Եւ ահա՝ ջրգողեալ մարդ մը կար հոն՝ իր առջեւ: **3**Յիսուս խօսեցաւ օրինականներուն ու Փարիսեցիներուն՝ ըսելով. «Արտօնուած է Շաբաթ օրը բուժել»: **4**Անոնք հանդարտ կեցան: Իսկ ինք բռնեց զայն, բժշկեց եւ դրկեց: **5**Ապա ըսաւ անոնց. «Ձեզմէ որո՞ւն էլը կամ եղը եթէ հորը իյնայ, իսկոյն չի հաներ

զայն՝ Շաբաթ օրը»։ **6**Այս մասին չկրցան դիմադարձել անոր։ **7**Առակ մըն ալ ըսաւ հրաւիրեալներուն, երբ տեսաւ թէ ինչպէս կընտրէին առաջին բազմոցները։ Ըսաւ անոնց. **8**«Երբ մարդէ մը հրաւիրուիս հարսանիքի, մի՛ նստիր առաջին բազմոցին վրայ. որպէսզի եթէ քեզմէ աւելի պատուաւոր մէկը հրաւիրուած ըլլայ, **9**ան՝ որ քեզ ու զայն հրաւիրեց, չգայ եւ չըսէ քեզի. “Տե՛ղ տուր ասոր”. ու անկէ ետք՝ սկսիս ամչնալով գրաւել յետին տեղը։ **10**Հապա երբ հրաւիրուիս՝ գնա՛ եւ նստե՛ յետին տեղը. որպէսզի երբ քեզ հրաւիրողը գայ՝ ըսէ քեզի. “Բարեկամ, վե՛ր հրամմէ”. այն ատեն փառք կունենաս քեզի հետ սեղան նստողներուն առջեւ։ **11**Որովհետեւ ո՛վ որ կը բարձրացնէ ինքզինք՝ պիտի խոնարհի, իսկ ո՛վ որ կը խոնարհեցնէ ինքզինք՝ պիտի բարձրանայ»։ **12**Զինք հրաւիրողին ալ ըսաւ. «Երբ ճաշ կամ ընթրիք կը սարքես, մի՛ կանչեր բարեկամներդ, ո՛չ ալ եղբայրներդ. ո՛չ ազգականներդ, ո՛չ հարուստ դրացիներդ, որպէսզի անոնք ալ փոխարէնը չհրաւիրեն քեզ՝ ու հատուցում չըլլայ քեզի։ **13**Հապա երբ կոչունք կը սարքես՝ հրաւիրե՛ աղքատները, պակասաւորները, կաղերը եւ կոյրերը, **14**ու երանելի՛ պիտի ըլլաս, որովհետեւ անոնք չեն կրնար փոխարէնը հատուցանել քեզի. արդարեւ արդարներուն յարութիւն առած ատենը փոխարէնը պիտի հատուցանուի քեզի»։ **15**Հետը սեղան նստողներէն մէկը, երբ լսեց ասիկա, ըսաւ անոր. «Երանի՛ անոր, որ հաց պիտի ուտէ Աստուծոյ թագաւորութեան մէջ»։ **16**Ինք ըսաւ անոր. «Սարդ մը սարքեց մեծ ընթրիք մը, ու հրաւիրեց շատ մարդիկ։ **17**Ընթրիքի ժամուն՝ որկեց իր ծառան, որպէսզի ըսէ հրաւիրեալներուն. “Եկե՛ք, որովհետեւ արդէն ամէն բան պատրաստ է”։ **18**Բոլորն ալ միաբերան սկսան հրաժարիլ։ Առաջինը ըսաւ անոր. “Ես արտ մը գնեցի, եւ հարկ է որ մեկնիմ ու տեսնեմ զայն. կը խնդրեմ քեզմէ, հրաժարած նկատէ զիս”։ **19**Միւսը ըսաւ. “Հինգ գոյգ եզ գնեցի, եւ կերթամ որ փորձարկեմ զանոնք. կը խնդրեմ քեզմէ, հրաժարած նկատէ զիս”։ **20**Միւսը ըսաւ. “Կնոջ մը հետ ամուսնացայ. ուստի չեմ կրնար գալ”։ **21**Ծառան եկաւ ու պատմեց իր տիրոջ այս բաները։ Այդ ատեն տանուտէրը բարկացաւ եւ ըսաւ իր ծառային. “Շուտով դուրս ելիր՝ դէպի քաղաքին հրապարակներն ու փողոցները, եւ հո՛ս բեր աղքատները, պակասաւորները, կաղերն ու կոյրերը”։ **22**Ծառան ալ ըսաւ. “Տե՛ր, կատարուեցաւ ինչ որ հրամայեցիր, բայց տակաւին տեղ կայ”։ **23**Տէրը ըսաւ ծառային. “Դո՛ւրս ելիր դէպի՛ ճամբաներուն գլուխներն ու ցանկապատերը, եւ հարկադրե՛ գտածներդ որ հոս մտնեն, որպէսզի տունս լեցուի”։ **24**Որովհետեւ, կըսեմ ձեզի, այդ հրաւիրուած մարդոցմէն ո՛չ մէկը պիտի ճաշակէ իմ ընթրիքէս»։

Isaiah 37:14-38

14Then Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD. **15**Hezekiah prayed to the LORD saying, **16**“O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, who is enthroned *above* the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. **17**“Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and listen to all the words of Sennacherib, who sent *them* to reproach the living God. **18**“Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated all the countries and their lands, **19**and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the work of men’s hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them. **20**“Now, O LORD our God, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, LORD, are God.” **21**Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent *word* to Hezekiah, saying, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria, **22**this is the word that the LORD has spoken against him:

“She has despised you and mocked you,
The virgin daughter of Zion;
She has shaken *her* head behind you,
The daughter of Jerusalem!

23“Whom have you reproached and blasphemed?
And against whom have you raised *your* voice
And haughtily lifted up your eyes?
Against the Holy One of Israel!

24“Through your servants you have reproached the Lord,
And you have said, ‘With my many chariots I came up to the heights of the mountains,
To the remotest parts of Lebanon;
And I cut down its tall cedars *and* its choice cypresses.
And I will go to its highest peak, its thickest forest.

25‘I dug *wells* and drank waters,
And with the sole of my feet I dried up
All the rivers of Egypt.’

26“Have you not heard?
Long ago I did it,
From ancient times I planned it.
Now I have brought it to pass,
That you should turn fortified cities into ruinous heaps.

27“Therefore their inhabitants were short of strength,
They were dismayed and put to shame;
They were *as* the vegetation of the field and *as* the green herb,
As grass on the housetops is scorched before it is grown up.

28“But I know your sitting down
And your going out and your coming in
And your raging against Me.

29“Because of your raging against Me

And because your arrogance has come up to My ears,

Therefore I will put My hook in your nose

And My bridle in your lips,

And I will turn you back by the way which you came. **30**“Then this shall be the sign for you: you will eat this year what grows of itself, in the second year what springs from the same, and in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards and eat their fruit. **31**“The surviving remnant of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward. **32**“For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant and out of Mount Zion survivors. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.” **33**“Therefore, thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, ‘He will not come to this city or shoot an arrow there; and he will not come before it with a shield, or throw up a siege ramp against it. **34**‘By the way that he came, by the same he will return, and he will not come to this city,’ declares the LORD. **35**‘For I will defend this city to save it for My own sake and for My servant David’s sake.’” **36**Then the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, all of these were dead. **37**So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned *home* and lived at Nineveh. **38**It came about as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons killed him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son became king in his place.

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

1Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: **2**Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **3**We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is *only* fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows *ever* greater; **4**therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure. **5***This is* a plain indication of God’s righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering. **6**For after all it is *only* just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, **7**and to *give* relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, **8**dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **9**These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, **10**when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed. **11**To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, **12**so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

LUKE 14:12-24

12And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and *that* will be your repayment. **13**“But when you give a reception, invite *the* poor, *the* crippled, *the* lame, *the* blind, **14**and you will be blessed, since they do not have *the* means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” **15**When one of those who were reclining *at the table* with Him heard this, he said to Him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” **16**But He said to him, “A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; **17**and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ **18**“But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.’ **19**“Another one said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.’ **20**“Another one said, ‘I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.’ **21**“And the slave came *back* and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ **22**“And the slave said, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ **23**“And the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel *them* to come in, so that my house may be filled. **24**‘For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.’”

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

- Monday:** Proverbs 15:33-16:7; Isaiah 18:7; Philippians 1:27-2:4; Matthew 10:37-42
- Tuesday:** Wisdom 1:1-7; Jeremiah 16:16-21; Acts 1:12-14; Mark 6:6-13
- Wednesday:** Song of Solomon 6:3-8; Malachi 3:1-2; Galatians 3:24-29; Luke 1:39-56
- Thursday:** Proverbs 1:2-9; Nahum 2:1-6; Romans 5:1-5; Matthew 5:1-12
- Friday:** 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18; Luke 15:1-7
- Saturday:** Wisdom 7:12-20; Isaiah 44:1-5; Hebrews 13:17-21; John 9:39-10:10

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

EVERY SUNDAY

All ages are welcome!

Classes are being offered via zoom and outdoors.

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 in-person 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:

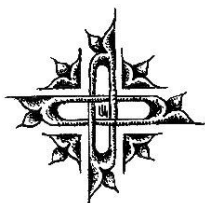
1. As long as it continues to be warm, I would love to stop by and spend a few minutes with you outside--on your sidewalk, in your backyard, on your porch. We can even take a walk in the park! Of course, we will wear masks and socially distance.
2. I can also visit you virtually via Zoom, Facebook or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



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* mobile app. The app is available for both Apple and Android devices.

Android users can download the app from Google Play store.



Apple users scan the code below.



DESILK connects users to a variety of helpful resources: details about upcoming events, the latest posts on St. James' Facebook page, photo galleries and other relevant content. You can share the link to the app via Twitter, Facebook or email.

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.

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.

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Writing above altar:

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