

**ST. JAMES OF NISIBIS ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
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October 21, 2021

Dear St. James Parishioner,

I am happy to announce that the Parish Council of Saint James Armenian Church in Evanston, IL, at my behest and guidance, has made the decision to install electronic bells in our renovated steeple. These digital bells have a beautiful sound. The manufacturer has reproduced bell sounds that are unmatched in fidelity of tone. Most people think they are hearing real bells! The set will have a keyboard, computer, software and outdoor speakers, and is easy to operate.

This is truly a long overdue project- St. James never had outdoor bells, and we have no evidence that the building that was erected in 1889 ever had bells. Our great-grandparents and grandparents established this parish; our parents then solidified it; our task today is to embellish it, to add the ringing voice that will truly remind us about the Kingdom of God.

I hope that you will participate in this parish-wide endeavor.

I am writing to ask *not* for your *donation* but in fact your *participation* in this historic project, and **I want every family, when they hear the toll, to feel that they were involved in the acquiring of these bells.**

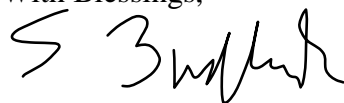
A few years ago our parish successfully completed the *khachkar* project - we commissioned and installed that sacred monument in front of our church, and it was done through enormous participation of all St. James families. And we are confident that we can realize another meaningful project in the same manner – all together. Moreover, now is the time to do this special project, as we will save time and costs by installing these bells while equipment is present for the steeple renovation.

To put the cost into perspective, if each of the 250 families that call St. James their spiritual home donated \$20, we would raise the \$5K cost of the complete set. We are hoping to install the bells in December and ring them during the Church's Name Day on December 18.

Please fill out the enclosed form and send it along with your check made payable to St. James, or make a donation online through our secure website [www.stjamesevanston.org](http://www.stjamesevanston.org). We ask that your generous contributions be made by December 1, 2021.

We thank you for your support of this sacred undertaking.

With Blessings,



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