



**ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
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*Feast of Naming of our Lord Jesus Christ*  
*Տօն Անուանակոչութեան Տեառն մերոյ Յիսուսի Քրիստոսի*

Armenian Historical Year 4505 (ՏՇԵ)  
Armenian Calendrical Year 1461(ՈՆԿԱ)



Morning Service: 9:15 AM  
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM  
Bible Readings: Colossians 2:8-15; Luke 2:21

**ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՅՈՒՆՈՒԱՐ 13, 2013**

Արատուեան Ժամ 9:15  
Սուրբ Պատարագ 10:00  
Ընթերցումներ Կող. 2:8-15; Լուկաս 2:21

**PRAYER FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY**

Patriarch Mesrob Moutafian	Alexander Adajian	Shoushan Altun
Guram Arutinov	Gevorg Azizi	Yn.Vartouhi Barsamian
Anais Bulbulian	Naringul Caliscan	Yn. Maireni Donikian
Beyatrix Dorter	Lucy Genian	Hoyle Green
Pat Green	Mihran Guragossian	Zabelle Hooks
John Ipian	Marie Ipjian	Carnig Kahaian
Fransuhi Kurtjian	Massis Ohanesian	Terry Peterson
Joseph Summer	Sunny Tashjian	Vigen Ter-Avakian
Rose Tourounjian	AvedisYazijian	Carla Ziegler
Diramayar Sirarpi Nalbandian		

*If you know anyone that needs our special prayers, please call church office or Der Hovhan so that their names are included in this list.*

**ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

SUNDAY, January 20, 2013

Reminder:

In order to be eligible to vote members must pay their 2012 dues  
by December 31, 2012

**Sunday, January 27, 2013**

**SPECIAL BLESSING SERVICE OF NEWLY-WED COUPLES**

Celebrating the Feast of St. Sargis the Captain,  
Patron of Love and Youth

## FEASTS

<b>January 13</b>	Feast of Naming of Our Lord Jesus Christ
<b>January 14</b>	Feast of the Birth of St. John the Forerunner (Baptist)
<b>January 15</b>	Commemoration of the Patriarch St. Peter, Bishop St. Vlas and Deacon Abisolom
<b>January 17</b>	Commemoration of St. Anton the Hermit
<b>January 19</b>	Commemoration of the King St. Theodos and Children of Ephesus

### FEAST OF NAMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Each year, on January 13, the Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the Feast of Naming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As Evangelist St. Luke writes in his Gospel, according to the Jewish tradition *"On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived."* (Lk 2:21). "Jesus" is a Hebrew word meaning "Savior". According to the Gospel according to Luke when the angel Gabriel came to Mary to give her the good tidings of the birth of the Son of the Most High, he said that Mary would name the baby "Jesus". *"You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus."* (Lk 1:31).

Parallel to the name "Jesus" the name "Christ" is given to the Savior, which is a Greek word meaning "Consecrated" and corresponding to the Hebrew word "Messiah".

On the Feast of Naming of Our Lord Jesus Christ a Divine Liturgy is celebrated in all Armenian Churches. On the eve of the feast, following the evening service a special service is conducted.

### FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE FORERUNNER (BAPTIST)

The birth of St. John the Baptist is described in details in the Gospel according to Like (Lk 1:5-25). One day Zechariah, father of St John the Baptist, was doing his work as a priest in the Temple and was burning incense on the altar. An angel of the Lord appeared to him and said that God had heard his prayer and his wife would bear him a son. Zechariah had to name him John. Zechariah didn't believe the angel as he was an old man, and his wife was old, too. And because he hadn't believed the angel he became unable to speak and remained silent until the birth of John.

St. John the Baptist, who should baptize the Savior, had been aware and rejoiced for the birth of Jesus even before his birth. According to the Evangelist, when St. Mary, Holy Mother of God, visited Elizabeth, mother of St John the Baptist, the latter, being filled with the Holy Spirit cried out, *"Why should this great thing happen to me, that my Lord's mother comes to visit me? For as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby within me jumped with gladness"* (Lk 1:43-44).

Continuation of the words of Elizabeth are the message of this feast addressed to all Christians throughout the world, "*How happy you are to believe that the Lord's message to you will come true!*" (Lk 1:45)

## **LEARN TO READ ARMENIAN**

**Wednesday,  
January 16, 2013  
7:00 PM**

at St. James Armenian Church

This course is designed to teach you to recognize the Armenian characters and read the 38 letters of the modern Armenian alphabet and get ready for the next course "*Introduction to Church Armenian (Գրաբար)*"

## **9th ANNUAL POON PAREGENTAN**

**Saturday, February 9, 2013**

Featuring:

Live Armenian Music by The Johnites (from Detroit) and DJ Esso

**Belvedere Events & Banquets**

**1170 West Devon**

**Elk Grove Village, IL**

Make your reservations by calling or emailing Arda Paylan or Gevorg Azizi  
Tickets discounted if purchased by January 27.

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 16	Armenian language class
January 19	Skiing Outing in Bartlett, IL
January 20	Annual Parish Assembly
January 23	Online Bible Study
January 27	Blesing of newly-wed couples
February 4	Prayer Service for Christian Unity
February 9	Poon Paregentan Dance
March 2	Saintly Women's Day

## **GOSPEL READING**

***LUKE 2:21***

And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

***ՂՈՒԿՍՍ 2:21***

Երբ ութ օրերը լրացան՝ մանուկը տարին թլփատելու: Անոր անունը դրուեցաւ Յիսուս, որ հրեշտակին կոչած անունն էր՝ դեռ ինք մօրը որովայնին մէջ չղացուած: