



**ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
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**June 2, 2013**  
**Feast of the Catholic**  
**Church of Holy Etchmiadzin**

**Յունիս 2, 2013**  
**Տօն Կաթողիկէ**  
**Սուրբ Էջմիածնի**



**Armenian Historical Year 4505 (ՏՇԵ)**  
**Armenian Calendrical Year 1462(ԼՖՏԲ)**



<b>Morning Service:</b>	9:15 AM	
<b>Divine Liturgy:</b>	10:00 AM	
<b>Bible Readings:</b>	Proverbs 9:1-6	Zechariah 3:7-4:9
	Hebrews 9:1-10	John 10:22-30

**ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՅՈՒՆԻՍ 2, 2013**

<b>Արատուեան Ժամ:</b>	9:15	
<b>Մուրբ Պատարագ:</b>	10:00	
<b>Ընթերցումներ:</b>	Առակարոց 9:1-6	Զազարիա 3:7-4:9
	Եբրանցիս 9:1-10	Յովհաննէս 10:22-30

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Patriarch Mesrob Moutafian	Fr. Garen Gdanian	Alexander Adajian
Shoushan Altun	Guram Arutinov	Anais Bulbulian
Yn. Maireni Donikian	Araxi Hardy	Lucy Genian
Jirayr Gerardo	Hoyle Green	Pat Green
Mihran Guragossian	Varujan Kurtjian	Nargez Hamayak
Marie Ipjian	Carnig Kahaian	Fransuhi Kurtjian
Yousef Movsessian	Massis Ohanesian	Anzhela Palyan
Terry Peterson	Joseph Summer	Sunny Tashjian
Vigen Ter-Avakian	Rose Tourounjian	Carla Ziegler
Diramayr Sirarpi Nalbandian		

*If there are others who are ill and would like us to pray for them, please let us know.*



*Second offering plate will be collected after the Divine Liturgy for the victims of Oklahoma disaster.*

**St. JAMES PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING**

**TODAY**, After Divine Liturgy  
Parish delegates will share information about the resent Diocesan Assembly.

**ST. JAMES WILL BE CELEBRATING THE WOMEN’S GILD DAY**  
**Sunday, June 9, 2013**

Following Divine Liturgy – 12:30 PM  
Join us in honoring the members of St. James Women's Guild



## **A Disaster in Oklahoma**

On May 20, 2013 our country witnessed the horrors of another natural disaster: this time striking in the form of a mammoth tornado at our fellow citizens living in Oklahoma.

The cost in human death—24 people at this writing—as well as in dislocation and misery is a pitiful spectacle. Even as we observe the images of destruction from the safety of our homes, it is painful to know that we are witnessing the sorrow and loss of our fellow Americans.

Our hearts go out to the victims, and to all the people of the region.

Please join us in offering prayers for their relief, safety, and consolation. Shortly, the Eastern Diocese will be asking our parishes to take up a special collection on their behalf. In the meantime, may God bless the victims in Oklahoma, and may He answer the prayers of all people who call out to Him from the depths of their suffering.

With prayers,

*Archbishop Khajag Barsamian*

Primate

## **FEAST OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN**

According to tradition, and hagiographic sources, following the declaration of Christianity as the Official Religion of Armenia in 301 AD, St. Gregory has a famous vision, wherein the Only Begotten Son of God - Jesus Christ, descends from Heaven, his face lit aglow, and with the strike of a golden hammer designates the site where the Mother Cathedral for the entire Armenian nation is to be founded. Hence, the name of the spiritual center for the Armenians, "Etchmiadzin", means "the Descent of the Only Begotten" (*Etch* - descent, *mi* - only, *dzin* - begotten.)

St. Gregory relayed the story about his vision to the Armenian King Tiridates, under whose royal auspices and support the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was built. King Tiridates and Queen Ashkhen participated in the construction, as did the entire capital city of Vagharshapat by bringing stones from the biblical mountain of Ararat to lay the foundations. In the site marked by Christ, a Holy Altar of Descent was built.

According to Patriarch Malachia Ormanian, from the days of her establishment, the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin has been the residence of the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. Thus, it is the Mother See of the Armenian Church, and as such, her universal, spiritual and administrative headquarters.

Another title bestowed upon the cathedral is "Catholic" - not to be confused with the Roman Catholic faith. Catholic is a Greek word meaning "Universal". Theologically, the cathedral has been called "catholic" as a description of the catholicity (universality) of the Church.

## **ORDER OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CATHOLICOS**

### **On the feast of Holy Etchmiadzin**

The Order of Special Prayer for the Catholicos and the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin are celebrated together two weeks after Pentecost, between May 24 and June 27.

The Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin is dedicated to St. Gregory the Illuminator's delivery from the pit where he was held captive for fifteen years. His delivery from the pit marks a turning point in the history of the Armenian Church. As described by the historian Agathangelos, upon his release, St. Gregory had a vision in which the Only Begotten Son of God descended from Heaven with a golden hammer and marked the place where he was to erect the present Cathedral. In the year 303 A.D. the pagan temple on that site was demolished and the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was built in its place. Hence, the Feast of the Holy Etchmiadzin marks the establishment of the Armenian

Church and Catholicate, the Holy See. In this order of special prayer, the clergyman entreats the Lord to make this Church "parent, teacher and overseer of all Armenian churches" and keep this important sacred institution "untarnished, unshakable, and bright."

On this auspicious occasion a special prayer is offered for the Catholicos, the successor of St. Gregory the Illuminator. Particularly on this day, the flock prays for the welfare of its chief pastor, the patriarch of the Armenian nation and leader of the Armenian Church. The Church prays for this chosen servant to be able to lead wisely with patience, righteousness, virtue, humility, and true faith.

The service ends with the Blessing of the Four Corners of the World during which the Patriarchal See of Armenia is blessed in the name of the Holy Trinity "by the sign of the Holy Cross, the Gospel and the grace of this day."

## **THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

### **On the feast of Holy Etchmiadzin**

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who by the prayers and intercession of your greatly tortured witness and our father, Saint Gregory the Illuminator, descended from heaven onto the plain of Ararat with great glory and with the multitude of your luminous armies. You came to visit Your small flock, the Armenian nation, in order to show your special love and great mercy. With a golden hammer you struck the abysmal depths and put to flight the bands of

demons. There You miraculously designed in luminous form Holy Etchmiadzin, our Holy See. You made it a storehouse of your unfading divine grace so that it may be the parent, teacher and overseer of all the Armenian churches. Keep her without blemish, firm and bright for the glory of our churches and children until the end of the world, so that they may always glorify Your holy Name for ever and ever. Amen.

## **FEASTS**

- June 2** Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin  
**June 3** Commemoration of the Children of Bethlehem, Acacius the Witness, Movkima the Priest, and Kotriatos the Soldier  
**June 4** Commemoration of St. Nooneh and St. Maneh  
**June 6** Commemoration of St. Princes Sahak and Hovsep and St. Martyrs Sarkiss and Bacchus  
**June 8** Commemoration of St. Nersess the Great and St. Bishop Khad

### **FEAST OF TRASFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST EPISCOPAL LITURGY AND ORDINATIONS**

SUNDAY, July 7, 2013

Officated by

*His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian  
Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America*

Morning Service – 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

Celebratory Luncheon – 12:30 PM

### **PAREV MONTHLY AND A.G.B.U. CHICAGO**

Presents new movie GAREGIN NJDEH

Saturday, June 8, 7:00 PM

A.G.B.U. Onnig Norhad Community Center (7248 N. Harlem)

\$15 General Admission

For tickets call Missak Galian at (847-965-4537)

## **CONGRATULATIONS, ALIK!**

**Mr. Alik Sarkisian**, Northwester University's head men's and women's diving coach, has been selected to serve as USA Diving Team Leader and Assistant Coach for the 2013 FISU World University Games which will take place in Kazan, Russia, this Summer.

*Congratulations, Alik, and good luck!*

## **2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Why not take care of your 2013 dues now! If you are not already a 2013 dues-paid member, please consider becoming one.

New members must pay dues by June 30 in order to be eligible to vote during the Parish Assembly on January 2014.

*Do you know that now you can pay your dues with your credit card?*

Forms are available in the church office.

## **BECOME A STEWARD**

St. James' Stewardship Committee encourages you to become a steward. To date we have pledged only \$15K. Please consider becoming a steward of St. James and help our parish meet its \$50K goal for 2013.

Pledges of any amount are welcomed.

Contact Parish Council member and Stewardship Committee Chair, Gevik Anbarchian, for additional information.

## **HOME BLESSING ARRANGMENTS**

All parishioners who wish to have their homes blessed on the occasion of Easter 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.

## **ՏՆՕՐՀՆԷՔ**

Անոնք, որոնք կը փափաքին Ս. Զատիկի առիթով իրենց բնակարանները օրհնել տալ, թող բարեհաճին հեռաձայնել Տէր Յովհանին (847) 644-7389:

## **CALL FOR PHOTOS**

The Parish is looking for old photos for the website and archive. Anything historical having to do with the Parish, Church Building, Church organizations and events or Armenian community in Evanston. We are also looking for photos of our past pastors. If you can help contact [office@stjamesevanston.org](mailto:office@stjamesevanston.org) or 847-864-6263. Your photos will be scanned and immediately returned.

*Help us to celebrate the Parish 70 year Anniversary!*

## **HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR eScrip?**

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- 1) Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on Sign-Up-It's Free.
- 2) Choose the Group ID radio button, enter '500011443' in the text box, and click 'Search' and click on St James Armenian Church.
- 3) Follow the step-by-step instructions on the web site to set-up your account and click 'Next'.
- 4) Enter your personal information and click 'Next'.
- 5) Select card type, enter card number, and click 'Next'.

### **Sign Up Now!**

eScrip is proven to be a fantastic resource for fundraising where participating business partners contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit card, and debit/ATM card purchases to the school, church or organization of your choice.

## **ALTAR GUILD'S WISH LIST**

1. Candle holders and followers for two side altars (4 of each)
2. Banners (1 or 2)
3. *Jajanch*, Radiance (Ostensorium, monstrance) (1 or 2)
4. Painting for the main altar (pledged)
5. Painting for the left altar (of St. Gregory the Illuminator)
6. Painting of St. James of Nisibis
7. Curtains to cover the overhead storage areas in the vestry and choir rooms
8. Priest's vestments
9. Set of a chalice veil and a Sudarium (linen-holder) for the Gospel book
10. Children's albs (*Shabeegs*)
11. Large Hand-cross for Weddings and The Ceremony of the Blessing of Water



**The HOLY BIBLE Armenian Church Edition is now in the church pews.**

If you would like to purchase your personal copy,  
please contact the Church office

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JAMES

<b>Today</b>	Parish Town Hall Meeting
<b>June 9</b>	Sunday School end-of-the-year program
<b>June 9</b>	Women's Gild Day
<b>June 16</b>	Celebrating Graduates
<b>June 30</b>	Book presentation by David Luhrssen
<b>July 7</b>	Episcopal Liturgy and Ordinations
<b>August 25</b>	"Taste of Armenia" Festival
<b>September 21</b>	Church Annual Picnic

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### *JOHN 10:22-30*

**22** It was the feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem; **23** it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. **24** So the Jews gathered round him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." **25** Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me; **26** but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. **27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; **28** and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. **30** I and the Father are one."

### *ՅՈՎՀԱՆՆԵՍ 10:22-30*

22Այդ ատեն Երուսաղէմի մէջ Նաւակատիքի տօնը կը կատարուէր՝, ու ձմեռ էր. 23Յիսուս կը քալէր տաճարին մէջ՝ Սողոմոնի սրահը: 24Ուստի Հրեաները շրջապատեցին զինք եւ ըսին իրեն. «Մինչեւ ե՞րբ պիտի մտատանջես մեզ. եթէ Քրիստոսը դո՞ւն ես՝ բացորոշապէս ըսէ՛ մեզի»: 25Յիսուս պատասխանեց անոնց. «Ըսի՛ ձեզի, ու չէք հաւատար: Այն գործերը՝ որ ես կընեմ իմ Հօրս անունով, անոնք կը վկայեն իմ մասիս: 26Բայց դուք չէք հաւատար՝ որովհետեւ իմ ոչխարներէս չէք, ինչպէս ըսի ձեզի»: 27Իմ ոչխարներս կը լսեն իմ ձայնս, ես ալ կը ճանչնամ զանոնք, եւ կը հետեւին ինծի: 28Ես կու տամ անոնց յաւիտենական կեանքը, ու յաւիտեա՛ն պիտի չկորսուին, եւ ո՛չ մէկը պիտի յափշտակէ զանոնք իմ ձեռքէս: 29Իմ Հայրս՝ որ ինծի տուաւ զանոնք՝ բոլորէն մեծ է, ու ո՛չ մէկը կրնայ յափշտակել իմ Հօրս ձեռքէն: 30Ես եւ Հայրը մէկ ենք»: