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Armenian Historical Year 4505 (ՏՇԵ) Armenian Calendrical Year 1462(ՌՆԱԲ)

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2013

Morning Service: 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM Bible Readings: Acts 2:1-21 John 14:25-31

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Patriarch Mesrob Moutafian	Fr. Garen Gdanian	Alexander Adajian
Shoushan Altun	Guram Arutinov	Anais Bulbulian
Yn. Maireni Donikian	Lucy Genian	Jirayr Gerardo
Hoyle Green	Pat Green	Mihran Guragossian
John Hagopian	Nargez Hamayak	Varujan Kurtjian
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.

HOKEHANKISD- Requiem Service

For the Souls of:

Armineh Simon Apcar & Margaret Simon Hovaness & Verkine' Kafafian Arshag Dadourian Raffi Dadourian Yervant Kafafian **Requested by:**

Mr. Simon Simon Dadourian Family Mr. & Mrs. Robert Simon & Family Mr. & Mrs. Edward Simon & Family

Hermine Emmiyan Mugurditch and Vartouhi Saatjian Hagop and Baidzar Kherdian

Zabel Hooks (40 days)

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hardy Mr. & Mrs. James Hardy & Family Mr. & Mrs. Robert Simon & Family

Mrs. Hernine Kholamian & Family

FEASTS - May 25

Commemoration of Prophet Elijah

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.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE OF ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH Invites You

to the Book Presentation and Book Signing

TODAY, May 19, 2013

by *Murad Meneshian* Author of **"Raffi: The Prophet from Payajuk"**

Copies of the book are available prior the Event. Ask Der Hovhan.

FEAST OF PENTECOST

The Feast of Pentecost is the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the fiftieth day following the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Armenian Church celebrates this feast 50 days following Easter Sunday.

The Holy Spirit is one of the three persons in the Holy Trinity coexisting with, and equal to, the Holy Father and the Holy Son. During His earthly life and ministry Christ spoke to the Apostles about the coming of the Holy Spirit. Recording the words of Christ, St. John writes, "The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you." (John 14:26).

The descent of the Holy Spirit is described in the Acts of the Apostles: "When the day of the Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. (Acts 2:1-4).

In the book of Acts, St. Luke further records the names of various countries, and that men from those countries were surprised, when each of them heard his native language. Among the mentioned places are Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia (Acts 2:9). Two of the saints of the Universal Church, both of Roman origin, Tertullian and Augustine, have written that the word "Armenia" should possibly be substituted instead of "Judea", as it is more logical that Armenia would be mentioned among those as a "foreign" country, as the apostles were living in Judea. Moreover, with regards to geographical position, Armenia was situated between Mesopotamia and Cappadocia. Therefore, the people living in Armenia may have been among the first witnesses of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Among the Armenian Church songs and hymns, two are dedicated to the Feast of Pentecost: "The Sent Dove" (referring to the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove that descended upon Christ during His Baptism) and "Indivisible Trinity". These are sung during the Morning Service on the feast day. Also, during the Evening Service, "Andastan" rite of the blessing of the four corners of the world is conducted. It is during this service that a prayer written by 12th century Armenian Church father Nerses of Lambron is read.

In the Christian Church the teaching of divine grace is related to the Holy Spirit. According to that instruction, each virtue is a divine grace granted to the faithful by the Holy Spirit. Thus, ascribing any virtue to one's own self, and not to God, is a grave sin and can be manifested in another, which is pride. Hence, commemoration of Pentecost is also an appeal to the faithful to avoid pride and instead, use the divine graces in life for righteous purposes and moral goals.

One of the four season fasting periods defined by the Armenian Apostolic Church is the fasting period preceding the beginning of summer. This fasting period, as well as the other ones preceding the other seasons of the year, is not preparation for any feast, and according to the tradition is called Elijah's fast, as coincides the feast of commemoration the Prophet Elijah the next Sunday.

This fasting period preceding the beginning of summer starts the day following the feast of Pentecost (the flesh day preceding the fast is the Sunday, when the feast of Pentecost is celebrated). With the change of the Easter Feast day the beginning of the fasting period may be during the period May 11-June 14. Like the other fasting periods preceding the other seasons of the year, this one also lasts five days - from Monday till Friday.



Ancient Ceremony of Genuflexion

One characteristic of the Feast of Pentecost in the Armenian Church and all other ancient eastern churches is the ceremony of "Genuflexion" or kneeling down. After the festivities of Easter are completed on Pentecost Sunday, the church resumes its normal cycle of fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays. In addition, the prohibition against kneeling down in prayer and penance is lifted. In fact, the churches celebrate this by ceremonially inviting the faithful to bend the knee for the first time since Easter.

In the Armenian tradition, this ceremony takes place during the Badarak (Divine Liturgy). The priest celebrating the Divine Liturgy interrupts the Eucharistic Prayer (before the words, *Arek, gerek...* (Take, eat...) and reads three prayers which come to us from the ancient liturgy of Jerusalem. Each prayer is addressed to one member of the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Mark Your Calendar! Mark Your Calendar!! Mark Your Calendar!!! St. James will be celebrating the Women's Guild Day.

Sunday, June 9, 2013 Following Divine Liturgy – 12:30 PM

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 Divne Liturgy – 10:00 AM

Celebratory Luncheon – 12:30 PM

CULTURAL COMMITTEE OF ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH Invites You

to the Book Presentation and Book Signing

Sunday, June 30, 2013

by *David Luhrssen* Author of **"Mamoulian: Life on Stage and Screen"**

Following Divine Liturgy - 12:30 PM

SMC OFFERS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sacred Music Council is pleased to offer two scholarships for 2013: Two \$250.00 scholarships for St. Nersess Seminary Deacons' Training Program; and One \$500.00 scholarship from the Margaret E. Hagopian Musical Training Scholarship fund.

Ask Der Hayr for more information and the application.

JOHN AZARIAN MEMORIAL ARMENIAN YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

is accepting applications for the year 2013 -2014 academic year. Application deadline May 31, 2013

HOME BLESSING ARRANGMENTS

All parishioners who wish to have their homes blessed 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.

2013 ST. NERSESS SUMMER CONFERENCES FOR YOUTH

Decons' Training June 24 - July 2, 2013 (Scholarships available - Ask Der Hayr)

> High Shcool Session "A" July 5-13, 2013

High School Session "B" July 29 - August 6, 2013

Post High-Shcool Session August 8-13, 2013

2013 DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

HYE Camp

For campers ages 8 to 15 • Housed at Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL Staff Training: July 25 – 28, Two-week Session: July 28 – August 10 One-week Camp Session: July 28-August 3 (all participants) One-week Camp Session: August 4-10 (available for those unable to attend week 1)

> To register visit www.armenianchurch-ed.net For more information, contact: *Jennifer E. Morris*, Youth Outreach Coordinator jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org - (248) 648-0702

CLASS OF 2013 GRADUATES

If you have a graduate in your family or know of someone who is graduating, please send us their information. Please submit the school you are graduating from, the school you will be attending (if applicable), course of study (if applicable), degree earned and future plans. We are planning to host a reception in your honor on June 16th, so please email or call the Church office **before June 12**.

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

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 July 1 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.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR eScrip?

That will cost you nothing. You do not need to spend extra money, yet you will make a contribution to your church.

Here's How it Works

- You register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program.
- Participating merchants will make contributions to your chosen group, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.
- Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning on your church's behalf!

How to sign-up online:

- 1) Go to 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.

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 <u>office@stjamesevanston.org</u> or 847-864-6263. Your photos will be scanned and immediately returned.

Help us to celebrate the Parish 70 year Anniversary!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JAMES

- May 19 Book presentation by Murad Meneshian
- May 21 Armenian Language Class
- May 29 Online Bible Study
- June 2 Parish Town Hall meeting
- June 9 Sunday School end-of-the-year program
- June 9 Women's Gild Day
- June 16 Celebrating Graduates
- June 30 Book presentation by David Luhrssen
- July 7 Episcopal Liturgy and Ordinations
- August 25 "Taste of Armenia" Festival

SCRIPTURE READINGS JOHN 14: 25-31

<u>25</u> "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <u>26</u>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <u>27</u>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <u>28</u>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <u>29</u>And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <u>30</u>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <u>31</u>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

Յովհաննէս 14: 25-31

 $\underline{25}$ Uju բաները խօսեցայ ձեզի, քանի դեռ կը մնամ ձեր քով: $\underline{26}$ Բայց Մխիթարիչը՝ Սուրբ Հոգին, որ Հայրը պիտի ղրկէ իմ անունովս, անիկա՛ պիտի սորվեցնէ ձեզի ամէնը, եւ ինչ որ ըսի ձեզի՝ պիտի յիշեցնէ ձեզի։ $\underline{27}$ Խաղաղութիւն կը թողում ձեզի, ի՛մ խաղաղութիւնս կու տամ ձեզի. ես չեմ տար ձեզի ա՛յնպէս՝ ինչպէս աշխարհը կու տայ։ Ձեր սիրտը թող չվրդովի ու չերկնչի։ $\underline{28}$ Լսեցիք թէ ըսի ձեզի. "Ես կերթամ, բայց դարձեալ պիտի գամ ձեզի"։ Եթէ սիրէիք զիս, պիտի ուրախանայիք՝ որ ես կերթամ Հօրը քով, որովհետեւ իմ Հայրս ինձմէ մեծ է։ $\underline{29}$ Եւ այժմէն՝ դեռ չեղած՝ ըսի ձեզի, որպէսզի երբ ըլլայ՝ հաւատաք։ $\underline{30}$ Ա՛լ շատ պիտի չխօսիմ ձեզի հետ, որովհետեւ այս աշխարհի իշխանը կու գայ. բայց ո՛չ մէկ հեղինակութիւն ունի իմ վրաս։ $\underline{31}$ Սակայն աշխարհը թող գիտնայ թէ ես կը սիրեմ Հայրը, եւ կընեմ ա՛յնպէս՝ ինչպէս Հայրը պատուիրեց ինծի։ Ոտքի՛ ելէք, երթա՛նք ասկէ։