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**ՓԵՏՐՈՒԱՐ 16, 2020**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

**Fifth Sunday after the Octave of the Theophany**

*Ե Կիրակի զկնի Ծննդեան Ութօրեքին*



Armenian Historical Year 4512 (ՏԺԲ)-Armenian Calendrical Year 1469 (ՌՆԿԹ)

Psalms	8:30 AM
Morning Service	9:00 AM
Holy Badarak	10:00 AM
Bible Readings	Isaiah 63:18-64:12; Titus 1:1-11; John 7:37-52

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՓԵՏՐՈՒՂ 16, 2020

Սաղմոսներ	8:30
Արաւոտեան ժամ	9:00
Սուրբ Պատարագ	10:00
Ընթերցումներ	Եսայի 63:18-64:12; Տիմոն 1:1-11; Յովհան 7:37-52

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Alexander Adajian	Hoyle Green	Nanci Perkhaus
Saro Anbarchian	Michael Green	Sofia Petrosyan
Andre, Servant of God	Nargez Hamayak	Antony Puckett
Naringul Caliscan	Fred Harburg	Virgie Jandegian Saskowski
Carolyn Conger	Robert Lapointe	Surpik Simon
Veronica Dadourian	TCassandra Mitchell	Vigen Ter-Avakian
Sam Davidson	Varvara Movsesyan	Milan Thakkar
Seda Dilanjian	Joy Nazarian	Terre Tuzzolino
Rick Gergerian	Shirley Omartian	Kary Valenziano
Vartges Goorji	Dn. Hagop Papazian	Carla Ziegler

*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.*

**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 a 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.

*“So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.” (John 6:53-56)*

## **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"*

St. James of Nisibis Armenian Apostolic Church

### **FEAST OF THE HOLY GHEVONTYAN PRIESTS**

#### **Holy Badarak**

Tuesday, February 18, 2020  
10:00AM

Celebrant- Rev. Fr. Andreas Garabedian

Morning Service at 9:00 AM

### **GREAT LENT IS COMING**

Lent is a season of prayer and penance set apart by the Church to prepare us for Easter and to recall Our Lord's fast in desert (Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13).

This season of preparation and sanctification can be fittingly accomplished through voluntary amendment of life, acts of penance, and works of charity. Lent is a time to learn to love our souls more than our bodies.

Thus, every Christian should make a special effort to practice mortification and strive for holiness during Great Lent.

**DO NOT LET THIS TIME TO GROW IN HOLINESS PASS BY YOU!**

**Great Lent begins on February 24.**

*The curtain will be drawn for Great Lent during Vespers on Saturday, February 22*

*The last open Sunday Badarak will be celebrated on February 16.*

***We encourage the faithful to share in the Holy Communion on February 16 or February 18 considering that holy Sacrament will not routinely be offered on Lenten Sundays.***

# FEASTS AND FASTS

## FEAST OF ST. GHEVOND THE PRIEST AND HIS COMPANIONS

The Feast of St. Ghevond the Priest and His Companions is dedicated to the blessed memory of the Armenian priests who fought alongside St. Vartan and the entire Armenian Nation for their Christian faith in the Battle of Avarayr. The eldest among them was St. Ghevond the Priest whose companions were Catholics Hovsep, Bishop Sahak of Syunik, Bishop Tatik of Basen, the priests Mushe (or Mushegh), Arshen and Samuel and the deacons Abraham and Kajajn. After the Battle of Avarayr, the Persian King Hazkert took revenge on the Armenians and ordered these brave clergymen to be killed.

According to tradition, the Feast of St. Ghevond the Priest and His Companions is also a day to celebrate all clergy who serve God's people in their example.



## FEAST OF ST. VARTAN THE CAPTAIN AND HIS COMPANIONS



St. Vartan the Captain is considered one of the most famous heroes of the Armenian people. St. Vartan, along with a brave band of 1,036 Armenian soldiers, clergy, and companions, resisted the larger and more powerful Persian army and sacrificed their lives in order to defend their Christian faith. The famous battle took place on May 26, 451 on the plains of Avarayr in the Province of Artaz in Armenia. It was the first of many instances when Armenians proved themselves to be a people who freely chose Christ and who remained steadfast in their Christian faith, unwilling to betray it for any ransom or at any cost. The Feast of St. Vartan the Captain and His Companions marks their martyrdom in this heroic battle.

St. Vartan the Captain was the grandson of St. Sahag, who in turn descended from St. Nerses. Ultimately, his lineage can be traced to St. Gregory the Illuminator. St. Vartan was educated (most likely) by his grandfather, Catholicos Sahag, but instead of entering the priesthood as others in his family had done, St. Vartan chose to become a soldier. He was eventually appointed commander-in-chief of the Armenian army by the King of Persia.

Though he did not join the clergy, equally important to St. Vartan's soldiership was his dedication to being a faithful Christian. He believed that one cannot serve one's people without serving Christ at the same time. This proved to be a difficult philosophical position for St. Vartan to maintain because the Persian ruler, King Yazdigerd II, while respecting St. Vartan's military abilities, was a ruthless ruler who was also fanatically opposed to Christianity. He was particularly cruel to the Armenians for their strong faith and sent out a decree demanding that all Armenians convert to Zoroastrianism. In response, Armenian bishops, led by St. Leontius and St. Vartan, called a council at Ardashad and unanimously agreed to

defend their faith at all costs. Ultimately, these brave Christians, led by St. Vartan, were forced into battle against the great Persian army. On the fateful day, they prayed, recited the Twenty-Third Psalm, shared food and took communion together as they waited to face the Persians. The battle has been described as bloody and horrendous, and although St. Vartan and his companions were defeated and killed in battle, their fight to defend their faith was not in vain: The Persians eventually stopped their efforts to convert Armenia to Zoroastrianism.

The Feast of Vartanantz, commemorated on the Thursday preceding Great Lent, is both a religious and nationalist celebration. It is a testimony of Armenians' spiritual conscience of faith as well as a political statement against tyranny and the preservation of national identity and sovereignty. Vartanants, as it is commonly called, is one of the most sacred feasts of the Armenian people. In the Armenian Church, the Feast day of St. Vartan the Captain and His Companions is also celebrated as the Naming Day of His Holiness Karekin II. To mark the occasion, at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, a Pontifical Prayer is offered before the Holy Altar of Descent.



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**Monday, February 17**

Saints Mark the Bishop, Pionius the Priest, Cyril and Benjamin the Deacons, and Martyrs Abdelmseh, Ormistan and Sayen

**Tuesday, February 18**

Commemoration of the Holy Soukiasian Martyrs

**Wednesday, February 19**

Fast

**Thursday February 20**

Feast of St. Vartan the Captain and His Companions

**Friday, February 21**

Fast.

**Saturday, February 22**

Commemoration of 150 Fathers participating in the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople (AD 381)



## 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: Mark, Cyril, Benjamin (February 17), Ghevond, Levon, Leon, Karekin, (February 18), Vartan (February 20).

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Եսայի 63:18-64:12

18 Մեր թշնամիները նեղեցին մեզ եւ ոտնակոխ արեցին քո սրբութիւնը: 19 Եղանք, ինչպէս առաջ էինք, երբ դու մեզ չէիր տիրում, եւ մենք քեզ չէինք պատկանում:

64 1 Եթէ բացես երկինքը, քո ահից լեռները կսասանուն եւ կհալուն, ինչպէս մօմը կրակի դիմաց: 2 Կրակը կայրի քո հակառակորդներին, եւ քո անունը յայտնի կդառնայ թշնամիներիդ. քո պատճառով հեթանոսները խռովութեան կմատնուն: 3 Երբ հրաշալի գործեր կատարես, քո ահից լեռները կսասանուն: 4 Հնուց ի վեր չսեցինք, եւ ոչ էլ մեր աչքերը քեզնից բացի տեսան մէկ այլ Աստուած, որ իր ողորմութեան վրայ յոյս դնողների համար այսպիսի բաներ անէր, 5 ընդառաջ գնար նրանց, որոնք արդարութիւն են գործում եւ յիշում քո ճանապարհները: Եւ ահա դու բարկացար, որովհետեւ մենք մեղք գործեցինք եւ դրա համար էլ մոլորուեցինք: 6 Մենք ամէնքս պիղծ դարձանք, եւ մեր ամբողջ արդարութիւնը դաշտանի շորերի նմանուեց, մեր անօրինութիւնների պատճառով մենք ամէնքս ցած թափուեցինք, ինչպէս տերեւ. հողմերը քշեցին մեզ: 7 Ոչ մէկը չի կանչում քո անունը, ոչ որ չի մտածում քեզ ապաստան դարձնել. ահա թէ ինչու քո երեսը մեզնից շրջեցիր եւ մեր մեղքերի համար մեզ դատապարտեցիր: 8 Տէ՛ր, մեր Հայրն ես դու. մենք կաւ ենք, իսկ դու՝ մեր ստեղծիչը, մենք ամէնքս քո ձեռքի գործն ենք: 9 Տէ՛ր, սաստիկ մի՛ բարկացիր մեզ վրայ եւ մեր մեղքերը յաւիտեան մի՛ յիշիր: Եւ հիմա նայի՛ր, Տէ՛ր, մենք ամէնքս քո ժողովուրդն ենք: 10 Բո սուրբ քաղաք Սիոնն աւերակ դարձաւ, Երուսաղէմը՝ անապատ: 11 Անէծքի մատնուեց մեր սուրբ ու փառաւոր տաճարը, որտեղ մեր հայրերն օրհներգում էին քեզ, հրոյ ճարակ դարձաւ, եւ մեր ամբողջ փառաւորութիւնը կործանուեց: 12 Եւ այս ամէնի վրայ դու աչք ես փակում, Տէ՛ր, լռութիւն ես պահում ու սաստիկ ստորացնում մեզ:

### Տիմոթէ 1:1-11

1Պօղոս, Աստուծոյ ծառայ եւ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի առաքեալ՝ համաձայն Աստուծոյ ընտրեալներուն հաւատքին ու բարեպաշտութեամբ եղած ճշմարտութեան գիտակցութեան, շաւիտենական կեանքի յոյսով՝ որ անսուտն Աստուած խոստացաւ դարերու ժամանակներէն առաջ 3- բայց յատուկ ատենին իր խօսքը բացայայտեց քարոզութեամբ՝ որ

վատահուլեցաւ ինծի մեր Փրկիչ Աստուծոյ հրամանով - , 4Տիտոսի՝ հարազատ զաւակիս հասարակաց հաւատքին համեմատ. շնորհք եւ խաղաղութիւն Հայր Աստուծմէ ու Տէր Յիսուս Քրիստոսէ՝ մեր Փրկիչէն: 5Ես ձգեցի քեզ Կրեւտէ, որպէսզի ուղղես բոլոր պակաս մնացած բաները ու երէցներ նշանակես ամէն քաղաքի մէջ՝ ինչպէս պատուիրեցի քեզի. 6Եթէ մէկը ըլլայ անմեղադրելի, մէկ կնոջ ամուսին, եւ ունենայ հաւատարիմ զաւակներ, որոնք անառակութեան համար ամբաստանուած կամ ըմբոստ չըլլան: 7Որովհետեւ եպիսկոպոսը՝ իբր Աստուծոյ տնտես՝ պէտք է ըլլայ անմեղադրելի. ոչ ինքնահաւան, ոչ բարկացող, ոչ զինեմով, ոչ զարնող, ոչ ամօթալի շահախնդրութեան հետամուտ եղող, 8հապա՝ հիւրասէր, բարեսէր, խոհեմ, արդար, սուրբ, ժուժկալ, 9հաստատ բռնելով վարդապետութեան հաւատարիմ խօսքը, որպէսզի կարենայ թէ՛ յորդորել ողջամիտ վարդապետութեամբ, թէ՛ կշտամբել հակաճառողները: 10Քանի որ շատ են ըմբոստները, դատարկախօսներն ու հրապուրողները, մա՛նաւանդ անոնք՝ որ թլփատութենէն են: 11Պէտք է պապանձեցնել զանոնք. անոնք կը կործանեն ամբողջ տուններ, եւ կը սորվեցնեն անպատեհ բաներ՝ ամօթալի շահախնդրութեան համար:

### **Յովհան 7:37-52**

37Տօնին վերջին մեծ օրը՝ Յիսուս կայնած էր ու կ'աղաղակէր. «Եթէ մէկը ծարաւ է, թող գայ ինծի եւ խմէ: 38Ա՛ն որ հաւատայ ինծի, կենարար ջուրի գետեր պիտի բխին անոր փորէն, ինչպէս Գիրքը կ'ըսէ»: 39Ասիկա ըսաւ Հոգիին մասին՝ որ իրեն հաւատացողները պիտի ընդունէին. որովհետեւ Սուրբ Հոգին տրուած չէր տակաւին, քանի որ Յիսուս փառաւորուած չէր տակաւին: 40Բազմութենէն շատեր՝ երբ լսեցին այս խօսքը՝ կ'ըսէին. «Ճշմարտապէս ա՛յս է մարգարէն»: 41Ուրիշներ կ'ըսէին. «Ա՛յս է Քրիստոսը»: Ուրիշներ ալ կ'ըսէին. «Միթէ Քրիստոս Գալիլեայէ՞ն պիտի գայ: 42Միթէ Գիրքը չ'ըսեր թէ Քրիստոս պիտի գայ Դաւիթի զարմէն ու Դաւիթի եղած գիւղէն՝ Բեթլեհէմէն»: 43Ուստի պառակտում եղաւ բազմութեան մէջ՝ անոր պատճառով: 44Անոնցմէ ոմանք ուզեցին ձերբակալել զայն, բայց ո՛չ մէկը ձեռք բարձրացուց անոր վրայ:

45Ուստի սպասաւորները եկան քահանայապետներուն եւ Փարիսեցիներուն քով, որոնք ըսին անոնց. «Ինչո՞ւ հոս չերիք զայն»: 46Սպասաւորները պատասխանեցին. «Ո՛չ մէկը երբե՛ք խօսած է այս մարդուն պէս»: 47Ուստի Փարիսեցիները պատասխանեցին անոնց. «Միթէ դո՛ւք ալ մոլորեցաք: 48Պետերէն կամ Փարիսեցիներէն մէկը հաւատա՞ց անոր. 49բայց այս բազմութիւնը՝ որ չի գիտեր Օրէնքը՝ անիծեալ է»: 50Նիկողդեմոս ըսաւ անոնց, (որ նախապէս՝ գիշերուան մէջ զացեր էր իրեն, եւ անոնցմէ մէկն էր.) 51«Միթէ մեր Օրէնքը կը դատե՞ մարդ մը, եթէ նախապէս չլսէ զայն, եւ չգիտնայ թէ ի՛նչ

կ'ընէ»: 52 Պատասխանեցին անոր. «Միթէ դո՛ւն ալ Գալիլեայէն ես. զննէ՛ ու նայէ՛, որ Գալիլեայէն մարգարէ չ'ելլեր»:

### **Isaiah 63:18-64:12**

Your holy people took possession for a little while; but now our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary. We have long been like those whom you do not rule, like those not called by your name.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people. Your holy cities have become a wilderness, Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and beautiful house, where our ancestors praised you, has been burned by fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins. After all this, will you restrain yourself, O Lord? Will you keep silent, and punish us so severely?

### **Titus 1:1-11**

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life which God, who never lies, promised ages ago and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by command of God our Savior;

To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

This is why I left you in Crete, that you might amend what was defective, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you, if any man is blameless, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of being profligate or insubordinate. For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of goodness, master of himself, upright, holy, and self-controlled; he must hold firm to the sure word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to confute those who contradict it. For there are many insubordinate men, empty talkers and deceivers,



especially the circumcision party; they must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for base gain what they have no right to teach.

### **John 7:37-52**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee."

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	Zechariah 8:1-3; Romans 8:28-39; John 15:17-21
<b>Tuesday</b>	Wisdom 5:16-23; Isaiah 35:1-2, 61:6-7; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Luke 12:4-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	Titus 1:12-2:10; John 8:12-20
<b>Thursday</b>	Wisdom 3:1-8; Isaiah 49:8-9; Hebrews 12:1-7; Luke 6:20-26
<b>Friday</b>	Titus 3:1-15; John 8:21-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Isaiah 58:1-14; Romans 13:11-14:25; Matthew 6:1-21

### **THE CHURCH FATHERS ON THE SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE**

#### **St. Irenaeus of Lyons (+ca.195):**

*"We have learned from none others the plan of our salvation, than from those through whom the gospel has come down to us, which they did at one time proclaim in public, and, at a later period, by the will of God, handed down to us in the Scriptures, to be the ground and pillar of our faith. "*

#### **St. Athanasius (c.296-373):**

*"The holy and inspired Scriptures are fully sufficient for the proclamation of the truth."*

# PARISH NEWS

## ALTAR GUILD WISH LIST

### Donate Your iPad

Please consider donating your gently used iPad to St. James for use in morning worship services. The church has an immediate need for several of these handy tablet computers: The larger models (12.9-inch screens) are needed for notes on the Divine Liturgy service and accompanying music. Smaller models (10.2-inch or 9.7-inch) can be used to replace printed notebooks for the choir. In-kind donations to the church are tax deductible at fair market value. Please contact Fr. Hovhan for more information.

## PARISH COUNCIL'S WISH LIST

Wireless projector for the Nishan Hall. *Not pledged*

## SERVICE ACCESSIBILITY



The St. James parish is working hard to make our church accessible to those with special needs. Over the last several years we were able to discover ways to meet the needs of those that are mobility challenged. We welcome your suggestions in areas which we could further improve your worship experience.

We would like to remind our parishioners that a **stair lift** is available at the side entrance of the church. If assistance is needed, please ask a member of the Parish Council.

**Large print Sunday bulletin** and other worship materials are available in the sanctuary.

There is one **handicapped parking spot** in front of the building. Additionally you can park in the parking spot next to the main staircase. (Note: The sign says "Reserved for Pastor Only" which may be disregarded.)

Additionally, a sacramental visit by our pastor, Der Hayr, can also be arranged. If you wish Der Hayr to visit you, a friend or a family member, please contact the church office or Der Hayr.

Are you signed up for the Diocesan mailing list?

To sign up visit

[www.armenianchurch.net](http://www.armenianchurch.net)

# OUTREACH

## PILL BOTTLES FOR HAITI

The St. James Armenian Apostolic Church Outreach Committee, in conjunction with the Evanston Lions Club and other Evanston churches, will now be collecting clean used pill bottles for the Haitian Family Medical Relief Project.

“A person living in Haiti who is ill but lucky enough to see a doctor has two choices of how to get the medicine back home: wrapped in paper or placed directly into his or her diseased hand,” reported the Evanston Round Table (1/24/2018).

Please place your clean pill bottles in the container in Nishan Hall. Thank you for recycling for this special purpose.

## PHOEBE VISITING MINISTRY

*“I was sick and you visited me . . .”* (Matthew 25:36)

Join the Visiting Ministers and take friendship and care to someone who cannot attend church. The mission of the Phoebe Visiting Ministry of St. James is to reach out to fellow parishioners to ensure that each person among us is known, loved, and cared for. This is especially true of those who, temporarily or for long periods, cannot get out to enjoy the church community.

If you notice that a familiar face has not been in church for a while, either reach out to them if you know them or contact Der Hovhan. If you know of someone who is sick or infirmed, please let the church office know at 847-864-6263.

If you would like to participate in the Phoebe Visiting Ministry of St. James please contact Der Hovhan at [derhovhan@gmail.com](mailto:derhovhan@gmail.com) or (847) 644-7389.

## CARE FOR CREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

As another small step in preserving God’s green earth, moving forward we ask that all parishioners bring their own coffee cups to church each week. Think of the waste we will NOT be creating just by avoiding several dozen throwaway styrofoam cups!

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE SUGGESTION

Have you ever had a desire to make an impact on others, but weren’t sure how? Have you ever thought about hosting a Sunday Fellowship Table following a *hokehankeesd*, but didn’t want to do all the preparation?

The St. James Outreach Committee would like to suggest that you make a \$100 donation to FAR. That \$100 would be used to serve a *madagh* (sacrificial) meal at the soup kitchen for underprivileged Armenians in Armenia.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Der Hovhan or check out [www.farusa.org](http://www.farusa.org) or [www.weareayo.org](http://www.weareayo.org).

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### . HOME BLESSING

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.

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

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider donating flowers to adorn the Holy Altar. You may either bring flowers or make a monetary donation towards the purchase. Sign-up sheet is in Nishan Hall.

### FREE SUNDAY PARKING HAS RETURNED!

Free Sunday parking at City meters and pay stations will return in the New Year as part of the City's 2020 Adopted Budget. Starting Thursday, January 2, the hourly rate to park at a pay station will increase from \$1.50 to \$2 per hour citywide. **Parking on Sundays will be free** and the commuter lot rates will remain at \$0.50 an hour.

### PLEASE RECYCLE THIS BULLETIN

St. James Church is committed to Creation care. Please recycle this bulletin by taking it with you and use the information throughout the week or leave it at the back of the sanctuary. You can also deposit it in the recycling receptacle in the Nishan Hall as you leave. **Thank you!**

*Writing above the main altar:* "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." (James 4:8)