

**ST. JAMES OF NISIBIS ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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Third Sunday after the Octave of the Theophany

Գ Կիրակի զկնի Ծննդեան Ութօրեքին

Morning Service	9:00 AM
Holy Badarak	10:00 AM
Bible Readings	Isaiah 63:7-18; 2 Timothy 3:1-12; John 6:22-38

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՅՈՒՆՈՒԱՐ 31, 2021

Առաւօտեան ժամ	9:00
Սուրբ Պատարագ	10:00
Ընթերցումներ	Եսայի 63:7-18; Բ Տիմոթէոս 3:1-12; Յովհաննէս 6:22-38

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Alexander Adajian	Michael Green	Dn. Hagop Papazian
Saro Anbarchian	Nargez Hamayak	Nanci Perkhaus
Andre, Servant of God	Fred Harburg	Sofia Petrosyan
Naringul Caliscan	Leo Harootyan	Antony Puckett
Carolyn Conger	Robert Lapointe	Virgie Jandegian Saskowski
Veronica Dadourian	Melina Loloyan	Surpik Simon
Sam Davidson	Pat McCoy	Vigen Ter-Avakian
Seda Dilanjan	Cassandra Mitchell	Milan Thakkar
Linda Farsakian Wall	Varvara Movsesyan	Terre Tuzzolino
Rick Gergerian	Joy Nazarian	Kary Valenziano
Vartges Goorji	Shirley Omartian	Dina Youna
Hoyle Green		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.

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 if 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"*

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 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.

BADARAK PEW BOOKS

Dear Parishioners, as a precautionary measure we have collected the pew books that were previously used to follow Badarak. We are happy to inform you that the electronic version of the book is available in our *DESILK* mobile app. The app is available for both Apple and Android devices.

Android users can download the app from Google Play store.



Apple users scan the code below.



DESILK connects users to a variety of helpful resources: details about upcoming events, the latest posts on St. James' Facebook page, photo galleries and other relevant content. You can share the link to the app via Twitter, Facebook or email.

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL **Academic Year 2020-2021**

EVERY SUNDAY
All ages are welcome!

Classes are being offered via Zoom.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, February 4 at 8 PM

Meeting ID: 938 614 7474

Questions? Want to participate?

Contact Youth Director

Ms. Irina Petrosyan at (630) 843-1304

FEASTS AND FASTS

COMMEMORATION OF SAINTS VOSKIAN PRIESTS

Sts. Voskians were five ambassadors sent by the Roman emperor to the Armenian king Sanatruk. They came to Armenia in the half of the 1st century, met the Apostle St. Bartholomew and as a result of his preaching they were baptized and converted to Christianity. One of them – Khrussi (in Armenian his name means “Voski” (“Gold”)) and hence – the name “Voskians”) was ordained into the holy order of priesthood.

After the martyrdom of the Apostle St. Bartholomew they were isolated in the mountains Tsaghkavet of Tsaghkotn province and led an ascetic life for about 40 years. Being led by the divine message they came to the Armenian royal court to preach Christianity the Armenian king Artashes and the queen Satenik. In the royal court only the relatives of the queen Satenik followed the Voskians. 12 servants of the royal court who had come with the queen Satenik to Armenia from Alans’ country, were baptized in the river Euphrates and left together with the Voskians for the mountains. Sts. Voskians are among the first martyrs and hermits of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT SAHAG BARTEB

Our Patriarch St. Sahag Bartev was the elder son of Catholicos St. Nersess the Great, and the last Catholicos of the Armenian Church who descended from the lineage of St. Gregory the Illuminator. He became Catholicos of All Armenians in 387 A.D., and reigned for an astounding 52 year. Being talented in music and educated in the rhetorical arts, philosophy and linguistics, St. Sahag greatly contributed to the development of Armenian national culture. He was the strongest advocate for the creation of an Armenian Alphabet, and became its chief patron.

Following the creation of the Armenian Alphabet, St. Sahag and St. Mesrop opened a school for translators in the city of Vagharshapat (Etchmiadzin). There they begin the translation of the Holy Bible into Armenian and did it so perfectly, that centuries hence the Armenian Translation is called the “Queen Translation of the Breath of God”. The first sentence translated from the Holy Bible is the opening verse of the Book of Proverbs: “To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding”.



FEASTS AND FASTS

Monday, February 1

Commemoration of Saints Adom and his Soldiers

Tuesday, February 2

Commemoration of the Holy Soukiasian Martyrs

Wednesday, February 3

Fast

Thursday February 4

Commemoration of the Holy Voskian priests

Friday, February 5

Fast.

Saturday, February 6

Commemoration of Saint Isaac (Sahag) Barteve our Patriarch

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: *Adom, Atom (February 1), Sukias (February 2), Voski, Oski (February 4), Sahag, Isahag, Barteve (February 6).*

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALING

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Wednesday, February 3, 2020
8:00 PM

ԿԻՐԱԿԱՍՏԻՑ - EVENING SERVICE

ENTERING THE DAY OF THE LORD

Saturday, October 3, 2020
5:00 PM

St. Gregory the Illuminator and St. James of Nisibis Armenian Churches
joint celebration

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD TO THE TEMPLE

ՏԵԱՌԸՆԴԱՐԱԶ

Saturday, February 13, 2021
7:30 PM (Vespers)

at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
6700 W. Diversey, Chicago, IL

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Եսայու մարգարեությունը 63:7-18

7 Տիրոջ ողորմությունը պիտի յիշեմ, Տիրոջ մեծագործությունը միտքս պիտի բերեմ այն բարիքների համար, որ Տէրն է հատուցելու մեզ: Տէրն Իսրայելի տան բարերար դատաւորն է, որ իր ողորմածութեամբ եւ իր մեծ արդարութեամբ վարձատրելու է մեզ: 8 Նա էր, որ ասաց. «Իմ ժողովուրդն իմ որդիներն են, որոնք չեն անարգի ինձ». եւ նա նրանց փրկութիւն բերեց իրենց բոլոր նեղութիւններից: 9 Ոչ թէ ինչ-որ պատգամաւոր կամ հրեշտակ փրկեց նրանց, այլ՝ Տէրն ինքը. եւ որովհետեւ նա սիրում ու խնայում էր նրանց, ինքն էլ փրկեց նրանց, ոտքի կանգնեցրեց եւ բարձրացրեց նրանց յար ու յաւիտեան: 10 Բայց նրանք ըմբոստացան ու բարկացրին նրա Սուրբ Հոգին, եւ Տէրը նրանց թշնամի դարձաւ, ինքն իսկ պատերազմեց նրանց դէմ: 11 Այնժամ նրանք հին ժամանակները յիշեցին՝ ասելով. «Ո՞ւր են Մովսէսը եւ նրա ժողովուրդը, ո՞ւր է նա, որ երկրից դուրս բերեց հօտերի հովուին, ո՞ւր է նա, որ նրանց մէջ դրեց Սուրբ Հոգին. 12 ո՞վ էր, որ իր աջով բարձրացրեց Մովսէսին եւ որի առաջ իր փառաւոր բազկով կասեցրեց ջրերը իր անունը յաւերժացնելու համար: 13 Նրանց անցկացրեց անդունդներով, ինչպէս ձին է անցնում անապատով, կամ ինչպէս գրաստը՝ դաշտով, ու նրանք ջրոգնեցին: 14 Տիրոջ Հոգին իջաւ եւ առաջնորդեց նրանց»: Քո ժողովրդին դու այնպէս առաջնորդեցիր, որ քո անունը փառաւորեն: 15 Արդ, դարձի՛ր երկնքից եւ քո սուրբ ու փառաւոր տաճարից նայիր, թէ ուր են քո նախանձախնդրութիւնն ու զօրութիւնը, ուր են քո մեծ ողորմութիւնն ու գթութիւնը, որոնցով ներում էիր մեզ: 16 Դու ես մեր հայրը: Աբրահամը զօրեւ մեզ, Իսրայէլը մեզ չէր ճանաչում, բայց դու, Տէ՛ր, Հա՛յր մեր, փրկի՛ր մեզ, որովհետեւ սկզբից ի վեր մեզ վրայ է քո անունը: 17 Ինչո՞ւ մեզ թողեցիր, որ մոլորուենք քո ճանապարհներից, ո՞վ Տէր, ինչո՞ւ կարծրացրիր մեր սրտերը, որ քեզնից չվախենանք. դարձի՛ր ի սեր քո ծառաների, դարձի՛ր ի սեր քո ժողովրդի, որ քո ժառանգութիւնն է: 18 Գուցէ քո սուրբ լեռը չկարողանանք ժառանգել: Մեր թշնամիները նեղեցին մեզ եւ ոտնակոխ արեցին քո սրբութիւնը:

2 Տիմոթէոս 3:1-12

1Գիտցի՛ր թէ վերջին օրերը դաժան ժամանակներ պիտի գան. շորովհետեւ մարդիկ պիտի ըլլան անձնասէր, արծաթասէր, պոռոտախօս, ամբարտաւան, հայիոյիչ, ծնողներու անհնազանդ, ապերախտ, անսուրբ, շանգութ, անհաշտ, չարախօս, անժուժկալ, դաժանաբարոյ, բարին չսիրող, 4մատնիչ, յանդուգն, հպարտ, աւելի հաճոյասէր քան աստուածասէր: 5Անոնք ունին բարեպաշտութեան

դրսերեւոյթը, բայց ուրացած են անոր զօրութիւնը: Դուն հեռացի՛ր անոնցմէ. 6որովհետեւ ասոնցմէ՛ են անոնք՝ որ կը մտնեն տուներէն ներս, եւ կը գերեվարեն մեղքով բռնաւորուած տկարամիտ կիները՝ զանազան ցանկութիւններէ դրդուած, 7որոնք միշտ կը սորվին բայց բնաւ չեն կրնար հասնիլ ճշմարտութեան գիտակցութեան: 8Հապա, ինչպէս Յանէս ու Յամբէս ընդդիմացան Մովսէսի, նոյնպէս ասոնք ալ կ'ընդդիմանան ճշմարտութեան: Միտքով ապականած մարդիկ, որ խոտելի են հաւատքի մէջ. 9բայց աւելի պիտի ջառաջդիմեն, որովհետեւ իրենց անմտութիւնը բացայայտ պիտի ըլլայ բոլորին, ինչպէս եղաւ անոնց երկուքինը: 10Իսկ դուն հետեւեցար իմ վարդապետութեանս, ապրելակերպիս, առաջադրութեանս, հաւատքիս, համբերատարութեանս, սիրոյս, համբերութեանս, 11հալածանքներուս եւ չարչարանքներուս, որոնք պատահեցան ինծի Անտիոքի, Իկոնիոնի ու Լիստրայի մէջ: Ի՛նչ հալածանքներ կրեցի. բայց Տէրը ազատեց զիս բոլորէն: 12Եւ բոլոր անոնք՝ որ կ'ուզեն բարեպաշտութեամբ ապրիլ Քրիստոս Յիսուսով, պիտի հալածուին:

Յովհան 6:22-38

22Հետեւեալ օրը՝ բազմութիւնը, որ ծովուն միւս եզերքն էր, տեսաւ թէ ուրիշ նաւակ չկար այն մէկէն զատ՝ որուն մէջ անոր աշակերտները մտած էին, եւ թէ Յիսուս իր աշակերտներուն հետ մտած չէր նաւակը, այլ անոր աշակերտները առանձին զացեր էին 23(բայց Տիրերիայէն ուրիշ նաւակներ եկան այն տեղին մօտ, ուր կերեր էին հացը՝ Տէրոջ շնորհակալ ըլլալէն ետք): 24Ուրեմն բազմութիւնը՝ տեսնելով թէ ո՛չ Յիսուս հոն է, ո՛չ ալ անոր աշակերտները, իրե՛նք ալ նաւ մտան եւ զացին Կափառնայում՝ փնտռելու Յիսուսը: 25Երբ գտան զինք՝ ծովուն միւս եզերքը, ըսին իրեն. «Ռաբբի՛, ե՛րբ եկար հոս»: 26Յիսուս պատասխանեց անոնց. «Ճշմա՛րտապէս, ճշմա՛րտապէս կը յայտարարեմ ձեզի. «Դուք զիս կը փնտռե՛ք՝ ո՛չ թէ քանի որ նշաններ տեսաք, հապա՝ որովհետեւ նկանակներէն կերաք ու կշտացաք»: 27Գացէ՛ք, գործեցէ՛ք ո՛չ թէ կորստական կերակուրին համար, հապա այն կերակուրին համար՝ որ կը մնայ յաւիտենական կեանքին մէջ, եւ մարդու Որդի՛ն պիտի տայ ձեզի, որովհետեւ Հայրը՝ Աստուած զի՛նք կնքեց»: 28Ուրեմն ըսին իրեն. «Ի՞նչ ընենք՝ որպէսզի կատարենք Աստուծոյ գործերը»: 29Յիսուս պատասխանեց անոնց. «Սա՛ է Աստուծոյ գործը, որ հաւատաք անոր դրկածին»: 30Ուստի ըսին իրեն. «Բայց դուն ի՞նչ նշան կ'ընես, որ տեսնենք ու հաւատանք քեզի. ի՞նչ կը գործես: 31Մեր հայրերը անապատին մէջ մանանա՛ն կերան, ինչպէս գրուած է. “Երկինքէն հաց տուաւ անոնց՝ որպէսզի ուտեն”»: 32Իսկ Յիսուս ըսաւ անոնց. «Ճշմա՛րտապէս, ճշմա՛րտապէս

կը յայտարարեմ ձեզի. “Մովսէս չտուաւ ձեզի երկնային հացը, բայց իմ Հայրս կու տայ ձեզի ճշմարիտ երկնային հացը”. 33Որովհետեւ Աստուծոյ հացը ան է, որ կ’իջնէ երկինքէն եւ կեանք կու տայ աշխարհի»: 34Ուրեմն ըսին իրեն. «Տէր, ամէն ատեն տուր մեզի այդ հացը»: 35Յիսուս ըսաւ անոնց. «Ե՛ւ եմ կեանքի հացը. ան որ կու գայ ինծի՝ երբե՛ք պիտի չանօթենայ, եւ ան որ կը հաւատայ ինծի՝ պիտի չծարաւնայ: 36Բայց ես ըսի ձեզի. “Դուք զիս տեսաք ալ, ու չէք հաւատար”: 37Բոլոր անոնք որ Հայրը կու տայ ինծի՝ պիտի գան ինծի, եւ ան որ կու գայ ինծի՝ բնա՛ւ պիտի չվտարեն: 38Որովհետեւ ես իջայ երկինքէն՝ գործադրելու ո՛չ թէ ի՛մ կամքս, հապա անո՛ր կամքը՝ որ դրկեց զիս:

Isaiah 63:7-18

7I shall make mention of the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, the praises of the LORD,
According to all that the LORD has granted us,
And the great goodness toward the house of Israel,
Which He has granted them according to His compassion
And according to the abundance of His lovingkindnesses.
8For He said, “Surely, they are My people,
Sons who will not deal falsely.”

So He became their Savior.

9In all their affliction He was afflicted,
And the angel of His presence saved them;
In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them,
And He lifted them and carried them all the days of old.

10But they rebelled

And grieved His Holy Spirit;

Therefore He turned Himself to become their enemy,
He fought against them.

11Then His people remembered the days of old, of Moses.

Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of His flock?
Where is He who put His Holy Spirit in the midst of them,

12Who caused His glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses,

Who divided the waters before them to make for Himself an everlasting name,

13Who led them through the depths?

Like the horse in the wilderness, they did not stumble;

14As the cattle which go down into the valley,

The Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.

So You led Your people,

To make for Yourself a glorious name.

15Look down from heaven and see from Your holy and glorious habitation;
Where are Your zeal and Your mighty deeds?

The stirrings of Your heart and Your compassion are restrained toward me.

16For You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us

And Israel does not recognize us.

You, O LORD, are our Father,
Our Redeemer from of old is Your name.

17Why, O LORD, do You cause us to stray from Your ways
And harden our heart from fearing You?
Return for the sake of Your servants, the tribes of Your heritage.
18Your holy people possessed Your sanctuary for a little while,
Our adversaries have trodden it down.

2 Timothy 3:1-12

1But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. 6For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, 7always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith. 9But they will not make further progress; for their folly will be obvious to all, just as Jannes's and Jambres's folly was also. 10Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, 11persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me! 12Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

John 6:22-38

22The next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat, but that His disciples had gone away alone. 23There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus. 25When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You get here?" 26Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27"Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal." 28Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" 29Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent." 30So they said to Him, "What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?" 31"Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'he gave them bread out of heaven to eat.'" 32Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. 33"For the bread of God is

that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.” **34**Then they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.” **35**Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. **36**“But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. **37**“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. **38**“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Wisdom 6:11-20; Isaiah 18:7-19:7; 2 Corinthians 4:10-5:5; John 16:1-4
Tuesday	Proverbs 22:1-12; Isaiah 56:6-7; Hebrews 11:32-40; Luke 12:4-9
Wednesday	2 Timothy 3:16-4:8; John 7:1-13
Thursday	Proverbs 24:1-12; Jeremiah 30:18-22; 2 Timothy 3:10-12; Matthew 5:1-12
Friday	2 Timothy 4:9-22; John 7:14-23
Saturday	Wisdom 7:12-18; Isaiah 61:3-7; Hebrews 13:17-21; John 10:11-16

PARISH NEWS

STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT

St. James Armenian Church is in the process of restoring all the stained glass windows due to various issues; including individual stained glass pieces falling out, rotted exterior window wood, and glass pieces that are broken or were previously replaced with mismatched pieces. These windows are original to the church.

The Parish Council and Building Committee chose Arttig, LTD to be the contractor for this project. Arttig, LTD has completed other projects in the Armenian community including designing and constructing church stained glass windows and wood carved front doors.

We encourage as many parishioners as possible to participate, at any level your family wishes, so that you, your family and the entire parish can share in the legacy of this historic project.

We welcome as many families and parishioners as possible to donate towards two altar windows, which have the highest restoration costs. Each parishioner or family donating towards the altar windows will be recognized on a large group plaque. The designations for the donor levels are: Cherub (\$1,000 to \$3,999); Archangel (\$500 to \$999); Angel (\$1 to \$499).

We thank all of those that have donated and we thank you in advance for your future donations. If you have any questions, please call the church office at (847) 864-6263.

FROM FR. HOVHAN

FAMILY BLESSING

One of the holy traditions of the Armenian Church is the Home Blessing Service, which according to St. Gregory of Datev was established by Our Savior Jesus Christ, when after His Resurrection He entered the upper room and blessed the disciples. When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." (John. 20:19). During the apostolic times, the twelve apostles of Jesus visited the homes of the faithful to bless them and to spread the good news of Christ's birth and His Resurrection. Likewise their followers - priests and bishops, entered the homes of the faithful on the occasions of Christmas (Theophany) and Easter (Holy Resurrection) to tell the good news of our Lord's Nativity and to bless them and their homes through a special Service.

Through the Home Blessing Service, the house of the faithful becomes a small church. "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:2). During the Service the priest prays to God and asks Him to keep the home, its inhabitants, and the children in good health, so that they live a devout life, glorify the name of Almighty God and heighten the Holy Church.

Since March, I have not been able to conduct home blessings because of the pandemic. During the warm days of summer and fall, however, I was able to make a few porch and backyard visits and conduct *Antasdan* (blessing of the fields) in your gardens. The weather does not allow me to continue doing this, and the numbers in our area continue to make it inadvisable to enter your homes at least for the immediate future.

But all is not lost: I invite you to schedule a time for your family to visit St. James during the week or over the weekend to receive the blessings of the church. During your brief visit, I will conduct a family blessing service and bless a piece of bread and a small container of salt that you can take back home along with a candle. This way we can keep up our tradition of seasonal home/family blessings in a safe manner.

Please contact me directly to arrange your visit. If you decide to come, please keep in mind that based on current regulations, everyone entering church must wear a mask (unless a child is under two years old), sanitize their hands and maintain six-foot social distancing. I will schedule only one family at a time, and the section of the sanctuary we will be using will be disinfected after each visit.

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST. JAMES

Every Sunday:

Morning Service at 9 am

Holy Badarak at 10 am

Every first Saturday:

Vespers- *Kirakamtits* at 5 pm

Every first Wednesday:

Prayer for the Healing at 8 pm

Every third Wednesday:

Intercessory Prayer Service at 8 pm

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider donating flowers to adorn the Holy Altar. You may either bring flowers or make a monetary donation towards the purchase.

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Writing above altar:

"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8)