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10th Sunday after the Feast of the Holy Cross Ժ Կիւրակէ զկնի Ս. Խաչին



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

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Psalms 8:30 AM Morning Service 9:00 AM Holy Badarak 10:00 AM

Bible Readings Isaiah 25:9-26:7 Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 9:44-50

 Սաղմոսներ
 8:30

 Առաւօտեան ժամ
 9:00

 Սուրբ Պատարագ
 10:00

Ընթերցումներ Եսալի 25:9-26:7; Փիլիպացիներուն 1:1-11;

Ղուկաս 9:44-50

PRAY FOR THE PRISONERS OF WAR

Please, pray for the speedy return of the prisoners of war being held by the unjust enemy.

Յաղագս հարց եւ եղբարց մերոց, որք ի գերութեան են եւ ի չար ծառայութեան, զՏէր աղաչեսցուք։ *Տէ՛ր, ողորմեա՛։*

For our brothers and sisters who are in captivity and in evil servitude, let us beseech the Lord. *Lord, Have mercy*.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Alexander Adajian Nargez Hamayak Fred Joy Nazarian Dn. Hagop Papazian Saro Anbarchian Harburg Andre, Servant of God Araxie Hardy Nanci Perkhaus Fr. Thomas Baima Dn. Garabed Hardy Sofia Petrosyan Naringul Caliscan Leo Harootyan Surpik Simon Carolyn Conger Jorayr Krikorian Vigen Ter-Avakian Veronica Dadourian Robert Lapointe Milan Thakkar Seda Dilanjian Melina Loloyan Terre Tuzzolino Kary Valenziano Rick Gergerian Pat McCov Vartges Goorji Cassandra Mitchell Dina Youna Michael Green Varvara Movsesyan 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 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. Fir the evening Badarak, fasting should begin after the midday meal and continue until the evening Badarak has been celebrated.



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



FEASTS AND FASTS

Monday, November 15 Commemoration of Saints Andrew the Soldier

and his army; Callinicus and Diometes,

witnesses [martyrs]

Tuesday, November 16 Commemoration of Saints Adrian and his wife

Natalia, and Theodorus and Eleutherius, martyrs

[witnesses]

Wednesday, November 17 Fast Day

Thursday, November 18 Commemoration of Saints Abraham and

Xorenes [Khoren] and the penniless Physicians

Cosmos and Damian

Friday, November 19 Fast Day

Saturday, November 20 Feast of All Saints, the old and the new, the

known and the unknown

FEASTS AND FASTS

SAINTS COSMOS AND DAMIAN, THE PENNILESS PHYSICIANS

Theodosia, the mother of these saints was a very pious woman whom the Greeks inscribe in their calendar. Despite having been widowed she raised and educated her five children with great care. Two of the youngest, Cosmos and Damian, became doctors. The mother taught them in the true way that, "since you receive freely, you shall give freely." They went forth and healed and drove out evil spirits and they restored good health and proclaimed the Gospel. They were arrested as Christians and subjected to severe tortures finally being martyred through decapitation in 285 A.D. during the early reign of Emperor Diocletian.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, THE OLD AND THE NEW, THE KNOWN AND THE UNKNOWN

The Feast of All Saints is commemorated to honor all the saints, known and unknown, and to supply and deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feasts during the year.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast; as is shown by the invitation of St. Basil of Caesarea (397) to the bishops of the province of Pontus. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led t a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. The first trace of this we find in Antioch on the Sunday after Pentecost. We also find mention of a common day in a sermon of St. Ephrem the Syrian (373), and in the 74th homily of St. John Chrysostom (407). At first only martyrs and St. John the Baptism were honored by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of commemorating saints was established.

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: Andrew, Andreas, (November 15), Adrian, Natalia, Natalie (November 16), Abraham, Khoren (November 18).

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Եսայու մարգարեությունը 25։9-26։7

9 Ու այն օրը պիտի ասեն. «Ահա մեր Տէր Աստուածը, որի վրայ յոյս էինք դրել մենք, նա փրկեց մեզ, քանզի նա է Տէրը, որին սպասում էինք. եկէք ցնծանք եւ ուրախանանք մեր փրկութեամբ»։ 10 Աստուած մեզ հանգիստ է պարգեւելու այս լեռներում, իսկ մովաբացին ոտքի կոխան պիտի լինի, ինչպէս որ օրանն է ճզմւում կամնասայլի տակ։ 11 Տէրն իր ձեռքերը պիտի երկարի այնտեղ եւ այդպէս նրան պիտի թշուառացնի ու կործանի, հողին պիտի հաւասարեցնի նրա հպարտութիւնը` նրա վրայ տարածելով իր ձեռքերը։ 12 Քո բարձր պարիսպների ամրութիւնը պիտի խոնարհեցնի` գետնին հաւասարեցնելով այն։

26 1 Այն օրը Հրէաստան երկրում այս երգն են երգելու. «Ահա մեր գօրաւոր քաղաքը եւ մեր փրկութիւնը, որ կանգնելու է ինչպէս պարիսպ ու պատուար։ 2 Բացէ՛ք ձեր դռները. թող մտնի ժողովուրդը, որ յարգում է արդարութիւնը, պահպանում ճշմարտութիւնը, 3 որ հոգում է ճշմարտութեան մասին եւ ապահովում խաղաղութիւնը։ 4 Յոյսով ապաւինեցինք քեզ յաւիտենապէս, ո՛վ Տէր։ 5 Դու, որ խոնարհեցրիր եւ ներքեւ իջեցրիր բարձունքների բնակիչներին, հզօր քաղաքներն ես կործանում եւ գետնին հաւասարեցնում դրանք։ 6 Հեզ ու խոնարհ մարդիկ՝ կոխոտում, եւ աղքատները ոտքի տակ են տալիս դրանք»։ 7 Բարեպաշտների ճանապարհներն ուղիղ են, հարթ ու դիւրին են աստուածապաշտների ճանապարհները։

Փիլիպեցիներ 1:1-11

<u>1</u>Պօդոս եւ Տիմոթէոս՝ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի ծառաները՝ Քրիստոս Յիսուսով բոլոր սուրբերուն, որ Փիլիպպէի կողմերն են՝ եպիսկոպոսներով ու սարկաւագներով. 2շնորհք եւ խաղաղութիւն Աստուծմէ՝ մեր Հօրմէն, ու Տէր Յիսուս Pnhumnut: 3Շնորհակալ կ'րլլամ իմ Աստուծմէս՝ ձեզմէ ունեզած լիշատակներուս համար, 4ամէն ատեն՝ ամէն արերսանքիս Ուրախութեամբ կ'աղերսեմ ձեր համար, 5քանի բոլորին հաղորդակից եղաք աւետարանին՝ առաջին օրէն մինչեւ հիմա. <u>6</u>այս մասին համոզուած եմ թէ ա՛ն որ սկսաւ բարի գործ մր ձեր մէջ, պիտի աւարտէ մինչեւ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի օրը։ 7Իրաւացի այ է ինծի այսպէս մտածել ձեր բոլորին մասին, քանի որ ձեզ ունիմ իմ սիրտիս մէջ՝՝, ու դուք բոլորդ հաղորդակցեցաք ինծի եղած շնորհքին՝ թե՛ ջատագովութեան կապերուս, թէ՛ աւետարանին шı հաստատութեան մէջ։ 8Որովհետեւ Աստուած վկալ է թէ ո՛րքան կարօտցած եմ ձեզ բոլորդ՝ Քրիստոս Յիսուսի գութով, <u>9</u>ու սա՛պէս կ'աղօթեմ՝ ձեր սէրը հետցհետէ աւեւի առատանաւ nn

գիտակցութեամբ եւ ամբողջ դատողութեամբ, <u>10</u>որպէսզի դուք զատորոշէք տարբեր բաները՝ անկեղծ եւ անսայթաք ըլլալու համար մինչեւ Քրիստոսի օրը, <u>11</u>լեցուած արդարութեան պտուղներով Յիսուս Քրիստոսի միջոցով՝ Աստուծոյ փառքին ու գովութեան համար։

Ղուկաս 9:44-50

44Քոլորը կ'ապշէին Աստուծոյ մեծամեծ գործերուն վրայ։ Մինչ բոլորն ալ կը սքանչանային Յիսուսի բոլոր ըրածներուն վրայ, ան ըսաւ իր աշակերտներուն. «Դուք այս խօսքերը ձեր մի'տքը պահեցէք՝, որովհետեւ մարդու Որդին պիտի մատնուի մարդոց ձեռքը»։ 45Քայց անոնք չէին հասկնար այս խօսքը, եւ անոնցմէ ծածկուած էր՝ որպէսզի չըմբռնեն. ու կը վախնային հարցնել իրեն այդ խօսքին մասին։

46Մտածում մըն ալ ծագեցաւ անոնց մէջ, թէ արդեօք ո՛վ է մեծագոյնը իրենց մէջ։ 47Յիսուս ըմբռնելով անոնց սիրտին մտածումը` առաւ մանուկ մը, կայնեցուց զայն իր քով, 48ու ըսաւ անոնց. «Ո՛վ որ կ՚ընդունի այս մանուկը իմ անունովս` զի՛ս կ՚ընդունի, եւ ո՛վ որ զիս կ՚ընդունի` զիս դրկո՛ղը կ՚ընդունի. որովհետեւ ա՛ն որ ամենէն պզտիկն է ձեր բոլորին մէջ, անիկա՛ պիտի րլյալ մեծը»։

49Յովհաննէս ըսաւ. «Վարդապե՛տ, մէկը տեսանք որ դեւեր կը հանէր քու անունովդ, եւ արգիլեցինք զայն՝ քանի որ մեզի չի հետեւիր»։ 50Յիսուս ըսաւ անոր. «Մի՛ արգիլէք, որովհետեւ ա՛ն որ մեզի հակառակ չէ, մեր՝՝ կողմէն է»։

Isaiah 25:9-26:7

9And it will be said in that day,

"Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

10 For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain,

And Moab will be trodden down in his place

As straw is trodden down in the water of a manure pile.

11 And he will spread out his hands in the middle of it

As a swimmer spreads out *his hands* to swim,

But the Lord will lay low his pride together with the trickery of his hands.

12The unassailable fortifications of your walls He will bring down,

Lay low and cast to the ground, even to the dust.

<u>1</u>In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

"We have a strong city;

He sets up walls and ramparts for security.

2"Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter, The one that remains faithful.

3"The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace,

Because he trusts in You.

 $\underline{4}$ "Trust in the LORD forever,

For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock.

5"For He has brought low those who dwell on high, the unassailable city;

He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He casts it to the dust. 6"The foot will trample it,

The feet of the afflicted, the steps of the helpless." 7The way of the righteous is smooth;

O Upright One, make the path of the righteous level.

Philippians 1:1-11

bond-servants Timothy, of Christ 1Paul Jesus. and To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons: 2Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, 5 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. 6For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. 7For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. 8For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, 10so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; 11having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Luke 9:44-50

44"Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men." 45But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it. 46An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. 47Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. 48Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all—he is the greatest." 49"Master," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us." 50"Do not stop him," Jesus said, "for whoever is not against you is for you."

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Proverbs 4:10-27; Isaiah 48:17-21;

2 Corinthians 10.3-6; Matthew 10:37-42

Jeremiah 3:22-56; Romans; John 16:1-4 Tuesday: Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 1:12-22; Mark 5:35-43

Thursday: Wisdom of Solomon 5:16-18; Jeremiah 3:22-56;

2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 12:32-40

Friday: 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11, Mark 6:1-6

Saturday: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-8; Isaiah 33:5-8; Hebrews 11:32-12:2;

Luke 12:4-9

LITTLE SAINTS

St. James Armenian Church invites you to join us on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am for 45 minute session on

Saturday, December 4, 2021 (more dates in 2020 will be announced soon)

All children, birth to age four, are welcome to join us for our monthly interactive lesson led by Fr. Hovhan.

Little Saints is a parish ministry geared toward children from birth to age four. This program has two goals:

- 1. to bring our youngest children (ages 0-4) into our church so that they feel comfortable and welcome in the Sanctuary,
- 2. to have parents participate while getting to know one another in order to foster community.

For questions, e-mail church office at <u>office@stjamesevanston.org</u> or the program coordinator Mrs. Rani Yousefzai at <u>raniyousefzai@gmail.com</u>.

CELEBRATING 75th (PLUS 1!) ANNIVERSARY



Dear Parishioners.

St. James is pleased to invite you to our 75th (plus 1!) anniversary weekend, December 17 to 19, 2021, with our Primate Bishop Daniel Findikyan presiding. More information to follow, but please save the date for these joyous events:

Saturday, December 18

10:00 am Divine Liturgy with Bishop Daniel Findikyan presiding and guest celebrants and homilists, and featuring our Bell Choir.

Coffee and dessert to follow.

7:00 pm Concert at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Evanston, to include

performance by Marta Aznavoorian, presentation by Bishop

Daniel, and awards for St. James Parishioners

Free Will Offering

Reception after the performance and program

Sunday, December 19

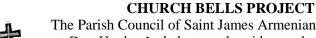
10:00 am Divine **2 Corinthians** Liturgy and Ordination of three acolytes,

with Bishop Daniel as celebrant

· Coffee and dessert to follow

We look forward to celebrating with everyone!

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS





The Parish Council of Saint James Armenian Church in Evanston, IL, at Der Hovhan's behest and guidance, has made the decision to install electronic bells in our renovated steeple. These digital bells have a beautiful sound. The manufacturer has reproduced bell sounds that are unmatched in fidelity of tone. Most people think they are hearing real bells! The set will have a keyboard, computer, software and outdoor speakers, and is easy to operate.

We ask not for your donation but in fact your participation in this historic project, and we want every family, when they hear the toll, to feel that they were involved in the acquiring of these bells.

To put the cost into perspective, if each of the 250 families that call St. James their spiritual home donated \$20, we would raise the \$5K cost of the complete set. We are hoping to install the bells in December and ring them during the Church's Name Day on December 18.

Please make your check made payable to St. James, or make a donation online through our secure website www.stjamesevanston.org. We ask that your generous contributions be made by December 1, 2021.

MASK AND SIGN UP UPDATES

It continues to be a joy and a blessing to see so many of you at St. James! Cook County continues to have a mask mandate for indoor gatherings, due to the stillrising rate of Covid diagnoses in our area and the highly infectious Delta variant. Therefore, for now, St. James will re-institute an indoor mask requirement when indoors at our church, even for those who are fully vaccinated. Last Sunday, many of you were wearing masks, and we appreciate your caution at this uncertain time. Also, for now, we are re-instituting the requirement that parishioners sign in when they enter the church. This is so that we have a record of attendance in the unfortunate event that we need to do Covid contact tracing. And as always, we ask that if you have had a temperature in the past 72 hours, or if you have recently been exposed to someone who has been diagnosed with Covid-19, for the safety of your fellow parishioners please do not attend church. We very much hope that the current situation will improve in a few weeks and we will be able to once again give parishioners the opportunity to attend without wearing face coverings.

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made it possible for St. James to conduct safe and welcoming services. We are looking forward to worshipping with you in the Holy Sanctuary of St. James in Evanston!

HELP NEEDED

St. James' long-time office assistant Irina Petrosyan is moving to New York, and we wish her well in her new endeavors! St. James is looking for a new office assistant. Responsibilities include assisting Der Hovhan with preparation and printing of the weekly bulletin, mailings to parishioners, monitoring office supplies, maintaining parishioner contact information in our database, and other possible responsibilities subject to discussion with the pastor and parish council. Hours per week are subject to discussion but typically we would need at least 5 hours per week. Interested candidates, or parishioners who know someone who may be interested, should contact Der Hovhan or PC Chair Gevik Anbarchian

STEEPLE REPAIR PROJECT

We have been informed by ComEd and the City of Evanston that work will be performed on our block of Clark Street, in front of and near the church, to improve the reliability and coverage of the Verizon Wireless Network in the area and to replace a lightpole and certain underground wiring. The work is scheduled to be performed Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30am through 5:00pm for about one month. Work signs and barricades will be posted in the areas where there will be trucks and equipment, and there will be temporary parking restrictions during working hours. At present we do not expect any impact to parking in front of the church on Sundays, but as the work proceeds, we will keep you informed.

SERVICE ACCESIBILITY

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 a handicapped parking spot in front of the building.
- Additionally you can park in the parking spot next to the main staircase. (Note: Signs say "Reserved for pastor only". Please disregard.)

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ST. JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday at 12:30 pm

Our No. 1 priority is to keep our children and their families safe and healthy. We will offer both in-person and online "Zoom" experiences, while maintaining social-distance, wearing face masks and taking other precautions during the pandemic.

VEMKAR PRESENTS ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vemkar is very excited to announce the launch of our Adult Christian Education program! This 12-part online live session series aims to shepherd the faithful of the Armenian Church into mature disciples of Christ. Every Tuesday from September 21 to December 14, a session will be held by an expert member of our Diocesan body concerning all aspects of adult Christian life. Bring your Bible, a prayerful attitude, and let us all build in our knowledge of Christ! Areas of study include:

- Scripture
- Liturgical tradition
- Armenian Church history and teachings (History, Saints, Church Fathers, Music, Art etc.)
- Prayer

Visit the program page on Vemkar's website to register for live sessions! https://vemkar.us/adult-christian-education

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES



Sunday, November 14	Sunday School at 12:30
Sunday, November 14	Bell Choir rehearsal

Monday, November 15 Youth Bible study via Zoom at 7 pm

Tuesday, November 16 Vemkar via Zoom at 6 pm

"Translating Ashagerdetsek: Discipleship in

the Armenian Church"

with Fr. Samuel Rith-Najarian Intercessory Prayer at 8 PM

Wednesday, November 17

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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.

ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL 2021

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Writing above altar:

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