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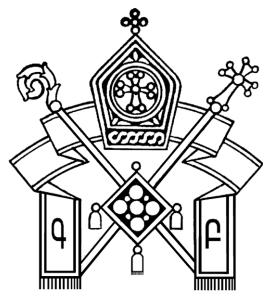
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**NOVEMBER 7, 2021** 

22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of
His Holiness Karekin II,
Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians



9th Sunday after the Feast of the Holy Cross
Թ Կիւրակէ զկնի Ս. Խաչին

Armenian Historical Year 4514 (SGか)-Armenian Calendrical Year 1471 (いいくり)

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

Bible Readings Isaiah 24:1-12; Ephesians 5:15-33; Luke 8:49-56

### <u> ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ 7, 2021</u>

Մաղմոսներ 8:30 Առաւօտեան ժամ 9:00 Մուրբ Պատարագ 10:00

Ընթերցումներ

Եսայի 24:1-12; Եփեսացիներուն 5:15-33;

Ղուկաս 8:49-56

### <ハ9もくUむ9トUS – HOKEHANKISD - REQUIEM SERVICE</p>

Scripture Reading: Gospel of Luke 12:32-40 (page 58)

For the souls of:

Haiganus Papazian (40 days)

Requested by St. James Choir

**Anton Kedjidjian** (37 years) and all deceased members of **Kedjidjian**, **Shahinian**, **Manoogian and Elekjian Families** 

Requested by Zarouhi Kedjidjian

Martyrs who perished in the war against the unjust enemy in Artsakh and in Armenia

Deceased servicemen and women of the Armed Forces of the United States of America



#### 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*.

## ԿԱՐԳ ՀԱՅՐԱՊԵՏԱԿԱՆ ՄԱՂԹԱՆԱՑ THE ORDER OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CATHOLICOS

22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians



#### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O Lord our God, benevolent and merciful, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the intercession of the holy Apostles Bartholomew and Thaddeus, who enlightened the land of Armenia from the darkness of pagan idolatry, and by the intercession of St. Gregory the Illuminator, the follower of the apostles, accept the supplications of your people, and keep the Lord Karekin II, our Catholicos, whom you chose as patriarch and leader of the Armenian people, firm in his great calling for a long time. Let him lead your people with humility and orthodoxy. Exalt throughout the universe the horn of your anointed one. Make him worthy of becoming a faithful and wise steward of your new covenant. Look with sweetness aer your people who have been entrusted to him and keep them spotless from all evil, so that rejecting from themselves the worldly desires, they may live in righteousness, clad with Your Christ's holiness, and let them be one flock and one pastor, together becoming worthy of reaching the eternal bliss in company with all of Your saints, through the grace of Your Only Begotten, our Lord Jesus Christ, with whom glory, power and honor is befitting to the Almighty Father and the coexistent Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Alexander Adajian	Nargez Hamayak Fred	Joy Nazarian
Saro Anbarchian	Harburg	Dn. Hagop Papazian
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
Rick Gergerian	Pat McCoy	Kary Valenziano
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





### ST. JAMES YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday at 7 PM Zoom\_Meeting ID: 770 0244 6263 Passcode: BibleStudy

## FEASTS AND FASTS

## COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY APOSTLES ANDREW AND PHILIP

Before becoming one of Christ's disciples, the **Apostle Andrew** was a disciple of St. John the Baptist. He was the brother of the Apostle Peter and a fisherman. After the Ascension of the Lord and the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Andrew preached in Northern Greece and Scythe.

The **Apostle Philip** was from the town of Bethsaida. It is believed that he too was a disciple of St. John the Baptist. He preached in Asia Minor and was martyred (crucified) in the town of Heliople.



### **FEASTS AND FASTS**

Monday, November 8 Commemoration of Sts. Meletius, Patriarch

of Antioch, Mennas of Egypt, and the other Bishop Meletius, Buras the Priest and

Sennen the Deaco

**Tuesday, November 9** Commemoration of Sts. Demetrius the

Martyr and Basil the Priest

Wednesday, November 10 Fast Day

**Thursday, November 11** Commemoration of Sts. Gurias, Samonas,

Abibas the Deacon, Romanus the Monk [of

Antioch], the Confessing Youth, and

Hesychius the Soldier

Friday, November 12 Fast Day

**Saturday, November 13** Commemoration of the Holy Apostles

Andrew and Philip

#### 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**: Melitos, Minas (November 8), Demetrios, Dimitry, Vasil (November 9), Roman, Roma, Manoog (November 11), Andrew, Philip (November 13).

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

# Եսայու մարգարեությունը 24:1-12

1 Ահաւասիկ Տէրը ամայացնելու է աշխարհը, աւերելու է այն, խորտակելու է նրա հիմքերը եւ ցանուցիր է անելու նրա բնակիչներին։ 2 Նոյն բախտին պիտի արժանանան ժողովուրդը եւ քահանան, ծառան եւ տէրը, աղախինը եւ տիրուհին, միմեանցից չպիտի տարբերուեն գնողն ու վաձառողը, փոխատուն եւ փոխառուն, պարտապանը եւ պարտատէրը։ 3 Ամբողջովին պիտի աւերուի երկիրը, լրիւ պիտի կողոպտուի երկիրը, քանզի Տէրն իր rtpmund mumg mjn. 4 «Un'ıq mpm, npndhtmti աշխարհն աւերուեց կործանուեց, ու ամայացաւ, բարձունքները սուգ մտան»։ 5 Երկիրն իր բնակիչներով մեղանչեց, քանզի զանց առան Տիրոջ օրէնքները, խեղաթիւրեցին նրա պատուիրանները եւ դրժեցին յաւիտենական ուխտր։ 6 Նզովքը պիտի ձարակի երկիրը, որովհետեւ նրա բնակիչները մեղք գործեցին։ Դրա համար էլ նրա բնակիչները տնանկ պիտի դառնան, եւ սակաւաթիւ մարդիկ են կենդանի մնալու։ 7 Պիտի սգալ գինին, պիտի սգալ այգին, խրախձանքով տարուածները բոլորը հոգոց պիտի հանեն։ 8 Թմբուկների ցնծութիւնը դադարեց, ամբարիշտների հպարտութիւնն ու մեծութիւնը տեղի տուեցին, քնարների ձայները լռեցին։ 9 Խմողներն ամօթահար եղան ու այլեւս գինի չէին խմում, օղին դառնութեան փոխուեց նրանց համար։ 10 Բոլոր քաղաքներն աւերակ դարձան, ապարանքների դռները գոց մնացին, որովհետեւ ներս մտնող չկար։ 11Ամէն, ամէն տեղ գինու վրայ ողբացէ՛ք. ամէն ուրախութիւն լռեց, վերացաւ ողջ երկրի ցնծութիւնը։ 12 Աւերակ քաղաքները պիտի լքուեն, կանգուն մնացած ապարանքները պիտի կործանուեն։ Այս ամէնը պիտի կատարուի երկրի վրայ, հեթանոսների մէջ։

# Եփեսացիներ 5:15-33

Ուրեմն զգուշացէ՛ք որ ընթանաք շրջահայեցութեամբ. ո՛չ թէ անխոհեմներու պէս, 16հապա՝ իմաստուններու պէս։ Գնեցէ՛ք ժամանակը, որովհետեւ օրերը չար են։ 17Ուստի անմիտ մի՛ ըլլաք, հապա հասկցէ՛ք թէ ի՛նչ է Տէրոջ կամքը։ 18Մի՛ արբենաք գինիով՝ որուն մէջ անառակութիւն կայ, հապա Հոգիո՛վ

լեցուեցէք։ <u>19</u>Սաղմոսներով, օրհներգերով եւ հոգեւոր երգերով դուք ձեր մէջ խօսակցելով՝ երգեցէ՛ք ու սաղմո՛ս ըսէք Տէրոջ ձեր սիրտերուն մէջ։ <u>20</u>Ամէն ատեն՝ ամէն բանի համար շնորհակա՛լ եղէք Աստուծմէ եւ Հօրմէն, մեր Տէրոջ՝ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի անունով։ 21 Իրարու հպատակեցէ՛ք Աստուծոյ վախով։ 22 Կինե՛ր, ձեր հպատակեցէ՛ ք ամուսիններուն՝ որպէս Տէրոջ. 23 որովհետեւ ամուսինը կնոջ գլուխն է, ինչպէս Քրիստոս ինքն է մարմինին եկեղեցիին գլուխն է, եւ ալ Փրկիչը։ <u>24</u>Հետեւաբար, ինչպէս եկեղեցին հպատակ է Քրիստոսի, նոյնպէս ալ կիները թող ըլլան իրենց ամուսիններուն՝ ամէն բանի մէջ։ 25 Ամուսիննե՛ր, սիրեցէ՛ք ձեր կիները, ինչպէս Քրիստոս ալ սիրեց եկեղեցին եւ ընծայեց ինքզինք անոր համար, <u>26</u>որպէսզի սրբացնէ զայն ու մաքրէ ջուրի լուացումով՝ խօսքին միջոցով. <u>27</u>որպէսզի ներկայացնէ զայն իրեն՝ իբր փառաւոր եկեղեցի մր, որ չունենայ բիծ, կամ կնձիռ, կամ նման որեւէ բան, հապա րլլայ սուրբ եւ անարատ։ <u>28</u>Նոյնպէս ալ ամուսինները պարտաւոր են սիրել իրենց կիները՝ իրենց մարմիններուն պէս. ա՛ն որ կը սիրէ իր կինը՝ կը սիրէ ինքզինք։ <u>29</u>Արդարեւ ո՛չ մէկը երբեք ատած է իր մարմինը, հապա կը կերակրէ գայն ու կր փայփայէ, ինչպէս Տէրն ալ՝ եկեղեցին. <u>30</u>քանի որ մենք անոր միսէն եւ մարմինին անդամներն ենք, անոր ոսկորներէն։ <u>31</u>"Ատոր համար մարդը պիտի թողու հայրն ու մայրը, եւ պիտի յարի իր կնոջ, ու երկուքը պիտի րլյան մէ՛կ մարմին"։ <u>32</u>Ասիկա մեծ խորհուրդ մըն է. բայց ես կը խօսիմ Քրիստոսի եւ եկեղեցիին մասին։ <u>33</u>Սակայն ձեզմէ իւրաքանչիւրը թող սիրէ իր կինը այնպէս՝ ինչպէս ինքզինք, ու կինը թող ակնածի իր ամուսինէն։

## Ղበ**Ի**ԿԱՍ 8:49-56

49Երբ ինք դեռ կը խօսէր, ժողովարանի պետին տունէն մէկը եկաւ եւ ըսաւ. «Աղջիկդ մեռաւ, ա՛լ մի՛ անհանգստացներ վարդապետը»։ 50Բայց երբ Յիսուս լսեց ասիկա՝ ըսաւ անոր. «Մի՛ վախնար, միա՛յն հաւատա, ու պիտի ապրի»։ 51Երբ տունը մտաւ, ո՛չ մէկուն թոյլ տուաւ որ մտնէ, բայց միայն՝ Պետրոսի, Յակոբոսի ու Յովհաննէսի, եւ աղջիկին հօր ու մօր։ 52Բոլորն ալ կու լային եւ կը հեծեծէին անոր վրայ. բայց ինք ըսաւ. «Մի՛ լաք. ան մեռած չէ, հապա կը քնանայ»։ 53Անոնք ալ զինք ծաղրեցին, քանի գիտէին թէ

մեռաւ։ 54Իսկ ինք բոլորն ալ դուրս հանելով՝ բռնեց անոր ձեռքէն, ու գոչեց՝ ըսելով. «Աղջի՛կ, ոտքի՛ ելիր»։ 55Անոր հոգին վերադարձաւ, եւ ան անմի՛ջապէս կանգնեցաւ։ Յիսուս հրամայեց՝ որ անոր ուտելիք տան։ 56Անոր ծնողները զմայլած մնացին, եւ ինք պատուիրեց անոնց՝ որ պատահածը ո՛չ մէկուն ըսեն։

### Isaiah 24:1-12

1Behold, the LORD lays the earth waste, devastates it, distorts its surface and scatters its inhabitants. **2**And the people will be like the priest, the servant like his master, the maid like her mistress, the buyer like the seller, the lender like the borrower, the creditor like the debtor. **3**The earth will be completely laid waste and completely despoiled, for the LORD has spoken this word. **4**The earth mourns *and* withers, the world fades *and* withers, the exalted of the people of the earth fade away. **5**The earth is also polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant. **6**Therefore, a curse devours the earth, and those who live in it are held guilty. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.

7The new wine mourns,

The vine decays,

All the merry-hearted sigh.

8The gaiety of tambourines ceases,

The noise of revelers stops,

The gaiety of the harp ceases.

They do not drink wine with song;

Strong drink is bitter to those who drink it.

10 The city of chaos is broken down;

Every house is shut up so that none may enter.

11 There is an outcry in the streets concerning the wine;

All joy turns to gloom.

The gaiety of the earth is banished.

12Desolation is left in the city

And the gate is battered to ruins.

# **Ephesian 5:15-33**

15Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, <u>16</u>making the most of your time, because the days are evil. <u>17</u>So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <u>18</u>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, <u>19</u>speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; <u>20</u>always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; <u>21</u>and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. <u>22</u>Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <u>23</u>For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body. **24**But as the church is subject to Christ, so

also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything. **25**Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, **26**so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27**that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. **28**So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; **29**for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church, **30**because we are members of His body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. **32**This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. **33**Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must *see to it* that she respects her husband.

### **LUKE 8:49-56**

49While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher any more." 50Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed." 51When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. 52Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." 53They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. 54But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" 55Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. 56Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday:** Wisdom 4:7-15; Isiah 12:1-6; 1 John 5:1-6; Luke 9:23-27

**Tuesday:** Proverbs 15:33-16:7; Hosea 14:9-10; Titus 3:3-8;

Mark 13:9-13

**Wednesday:** Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 9:10-17

**Thursday:** Proverbs 28:10-18; Baruch 3:31-4:4; 2 Timothy 1:6-12;

Matthew 19:27-29

**Friday:** Ephesians 6:13-24; Luke 9:37-44

**Saturday:** Wisdom 9:13-10:2; Jeremiah 16:16-19; Acts 8:26-40;

John 1:35-51

## **NEW PROGRAMS AT ST. JAMES**

### SHARE YOUR STORY

For more than seventy-five years, our church has preached the Gospel in the North Shore and stayed connected to our Armenian homeland. Our church family, following in the footsteps of our forebearers, have navigated both happy and challenging times with equal zeal, always making disciples and bringing our people closer to God. We have steadfastly supported our brothers and sisters locally, in Armenia and everywhere in the world.

The pandemic and its ensuing social isolation has reminded us how much we love our church and how important our church is in our lives.

Today we ask you to share with us your and your family's stories and photos so that we may include them on our parish website in a special tribute to our seventy-fifth +1 anniversary.

### 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 Saturdays, November 6 and December 4, 2021

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  $\underline{office@stjamesevanston.org}$  or the program coordinator Mrs. Rani Yousefzai at  $\underline{raniyousefzai@gmail.com}$ .

## WORD OF GOD THROUGH THE ARTS

## 4 SESSION BIBLE STUDY:

Word of God on canvas, in literature, in music, in poetry. Led by Fr. Hovhan

> Thursdays, October 14, November 11, December 9, 2021 and January 13, 2022 7 - 8 PM

> > via Zoom

## CALLING ALL COLLEGE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

SOCIAL GATHERING
On Saturday, November 13, 2021
3 pm – 5 pm
St. James Armenian Church
848 Clark Street
Evanston, IL 60201

### Come to:

- Meet the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Armenia Mr. Oscar Tatosian
  - Meet new and old friends
    - Make new connections
      - Have fellowship
- Enjoy Armenian food compliments of Syunik Armenian Grill

E-mail or text Der Hovhan to let us know you are coming (847) 644-7389 derhovhan@gmail.com

#### CHURCH BELLS PROJECT



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.

## PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come HOME to the place of your baptism and Christian education.

Come HOME to the place of your wedding.

Come HOME to the place your grandparents planned for you.

### HOMECOMING

Come HOME to ST. JAMES OF NISIBIS ARMENIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 7, 2021 Holy Badarak begins at 10:00 a.m.

### FAMILIES AND PARISHIONERS OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED.

During this HOMECOMING season, we invite you to return to the place where it all began for your family and you - your spiritual HOME.

There won't be a parade or a hayride, but there will be

CELEBRATION to welcome you HOME!

Bring photos to share memories about our spiritual HOME.

# 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 Liturgy and Ordination of three acolytes, with Bishop

Daniel as celebrant

Coffee and dessert to follow

We look forward to celebrating with everyone!

### 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 still-rising 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.

## **OUTREACH**

### PILL BOTTLES WILL NO LONGER BE COLLECTED

Pill bottles will no longer be collected at St. James. Thank you for all of your generous contributions over the past few years. The local organization that was collecting pill bottles for Haiti has ended their project and expressed their thanks. Please recycle your pill bottles with your regular home recycling.



### **FAMILY PROMISE**

Our Outreach Project, FAMILY PROMISE, is in need of donations of breakfast, lunch or dinner for needy families. For more information and to sign up, please go to <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4baea62ba64-family">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4baea62ba64-family</a>.

Meals may be prepared at home or sent in from a local restaurant and should be delivered to Family Promise Day Center, 1417 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.

Thank you for your generosity.



### PARISHIONERS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

If you know a parishioner in need of assistance please contact our church office at 847-864-6263 or email Der Hovhan derhovhan@gmail.com.



### 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

Sunday, November 7

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

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES



Sunday School at 12:30

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Sunday, November 7	Bell Choir rehearsal	
Monday, November 8	Youth Bible study via Zoom at 7 pm	
Tuesday, November 9	Vemkar via Zoom at 6 pm	
-	"Translating Ashagerdetsek: Discipleship in	
	Armenian Church"	
	with Fr Samuel Rith-Najarian	

Thursday, November 11
Bible study via Zoom at 7 pm

Saturday, November 13 Social gathering at St. James at 3 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.

### **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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### 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 altar:

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