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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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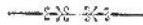
**COMMEMORATION OF
SAINTS THADDEUS AND BARTHOLOMEW,
APOSTLES AND FIRST ENLIGHTENERS OF ARMENIA**

Armenian Historical Year 4514 (ՏՇԺԴ) - Armenian Calendrical Year 1471 (ՌՆՀԱ)

Psalms	8:30 AM
Morning Service	9:00 AM
Holy Badarak	10:00 AM
Bible Readings	Isaiah 36:22-37:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-11; Luke 13:1-9

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Սաղմոսներ	8:30
Առաւօտեան ժամ	9:00
Սուրբ Պատարագ	10:00
Ընթերցումներ	Եսայի 36:22-37:11; Ա Թեսաղոնիկեցիներ 4:1-11; Ղուկաս 13:1-9

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**VENERATION OF THE RELICS
OF SAINTS THADDEUS AND BARTHOLOMEW****PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Alexander Adajian	Nargez Hamayak Fred	Dn. Hagop Papazian
Saro Anbarchian	Harburg	Nanci Perkhaus
Andre, Servant of God	Araxie Hardy	Sofia Petrosyan
Fr. Thomas Baima	Dn. Garabed Hardy	Surpik Simon
Naringul Caliscan	Jorayr Krikorian	Vigen Ter-Avakian
Carolyn Conger	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.

PRAY FOR THE PRISONERS OF WAR

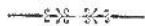
Please, pray for the speedy return of the prisoners of war being held by the unjust enemy.

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.*

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.



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"*

FEASTS AND FASTS

Monday, December 6	Commemoration of Sts. Genarro the Bishop [of Benevento] and Mercurius the Warrior, Jacoc and Themistocles
Tuesday, December 7	Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of Egypt, Paul, Paul the Simple, Marcarius of Alexandria, Evagrius, John [of the Little], John the Little [Dwarf], Nilus, Arsenius, Siseos, Daniel, Serapion, Marcarius the Elder, Poeman, and other Holy Fathers
Wednesday, December 8	Fast
Thursday, December 9	Feast of the Conception of the Holy Virgin from Anna
Friday, December 10	Fast
Saturday, December 11	Commemoration of Saint Nicolas Wonderworker the Bishop of Myra

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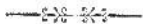
COMMEMORATION OF STS. THADDEUS AND BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLES AND FIRST ENLIGHTENERS OF ARMENIA

The Apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew brought Christianity to Armenia, earning the title "the first illuminators," and were eventually martyred there for their religious activity. It was the result of their ministry and martyrdom that Armenia became the first nation to proclaim Christianity as its state religion. Indeed, Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew played an important role in the 2000-year old history of Armenian Christianity, whose followers' keen faith and love for their Mother Church remain unshaken. The Feast has been included in the Armenian Apostolic Church Calendar since the nineteenth century.

St. Thaddeus came to Armenia about 43 AD to preach Christianity. He was martyred in southeastern Armenia. His tomb lies in the Armenian monastery of St. Thaddeus (Iran) where a chapel was built in the third century. St. Bartholomew is believed to have arrived in Armenia about 66 AD. He was martyred in Hadamakert, southeast of Lake Van.

An apostle is "someone who is sent"-an emissary or ambassador of the Kingdom of God, sent to announce the Kingdom's coming in Jesus Christ, and authorized to claim men and women's allegiance to Him. "We are ambassadors for Christ, god making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God," (2 Corinthians 5:20).

Today in celebration of the Feasts of Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew, the faithful will receive blessings by the relics of two apostles at the end of the Divine Liturgy.



ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA, THE WONDERWORKING FATHER

Saint Nicholas was born in the Middle East in the fourth century. He grew up to become the bishop of Myra. His hometown was Lycia, near the coast of what is now Turkey. Legends tell of his love for children, his kindness and the miracles that have been attributed to him. The most famous story about St. Nicholas tells of how he helped three unfortunate young sisters who all had suitors, but had no dowries because their father, a poor nobleman, could not raise the money. Because of this, they could not marry.

Bishop Nicholas was a shy man and did not like to give money directly, so he thought of a way to give it anonymously. When the first daughter was ready to marry, the good bishop tossed a bag of gold into the house at night. Later, when the second daughter prepared to marry, she too received a mysterious bag of gold. When the third daughter prepared to marry, the poor nobleman and father of the

three girls was determined to find out who had been so generous. So he kept watch and saw the bishop drop another bag of gold into the house.

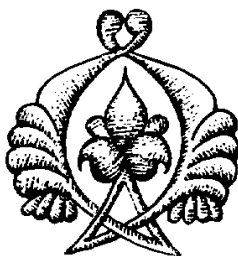
It has been said that Saint Nicholas climbed on the roof and dropped the third bag of gold down the chimney where it landed in a stocking hung to dry, giving us a reason to hand up Christmas stocking today. When the father saw what had happened, Saint Nicholas begged him to keep the secret, but, of course, the news got out. From then on, whenever anyone received an unexpected gift, they thanked Saint Nicholas.

He was ordained a priest by his uncle. On his way in pilgrimage to the Holy Land, he was caught in the middle of a terrific storm. Saint Nicholas began praying and calmed the stormy sea. He was ordained a bishop of the city of Myra (Smyrna) upon the death of the presiding bishop. With great zeal he assumed his new position, especially he focused his energy on the poor, the sick, the imprisoned, the widows and the orphans. When the Emperor Licinius resumed the persecution initiated by Diocletian, Saint Nicholas was arrested and exiled. During his exile, he did not abandon his preaching of the Gospel. With the return of peace, he was restored to his throne. He was present at the council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. On the following year he passed away peacefully and happy. This saint is considered a patron saint not only to sailors, but also to children toward whom he had always given special attention. In America, he is often referred to as Santa Claus the equivalent to the Armenian *Gaghand Baba* (Father New Year). He is considered the national saint of all Russia. His popularity spread to the west when his relics were translated in 1087 A.D. to the city of Bari in Italy where a huge cathedral was built in his name.

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:), Paul, Marcar, John, Nilus, Arsen, Daniel (December 7), Mary, Mariam, Maria (December 9), Nicholas (December 11).



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Եսայու մարգարեությունը 36:22-37:11

22 Ապա Քեղկիայի որդի Եդիակիմը, որը հազարապետն էր, գրագիր Սոմնասը, որը հրովարտական էր գրում, Ասափի որդի Յովաքը, որը աստենադաիրն էր, օձիքները պատռելով, վերադարձան Եգեկիայի մօտ եւ նրան հաղորդեցին Ռափսակի խօսքերը:

37 1 Եգեկիա արքան, լսելով այս խօսքերը, պատռեց իր պատմունանը, քուրձ հագաւ եւ մտաւ Տիրոջ տունը: 2 Այնուհետեւ Եդիակիմ հազարապետին, գրագիր Սոմնասին եւ ծեր քահանաներին, որոնք քուրձ էին հագել, ուղարկեց Ամոսի որդու՝ Եսայի մարգարէի մօտ, 3 որ ասէն նրան. «Այսպէս է ասում Եգեկիան. “Այսօր նեղութեան ու նախատինքի, կշտամբանքի ու բարկութեան օր է, մի օր, երբ ծննդկանի երկունքի ժամն է հասել, բայց նա չի կարողանում ծննդաբերել: 4 Թող քո Տէր Աստուածը լսի Ռափսակի խօսքերը, որին ուղարկեց իր տէրը՝ Ասորեստանի արքան, որպէսզի նա նախատի կենդանի Աստծուն, նախատի այնպիսի խօսքերով, որոնք լսեց քո Տէր Աստուածը: Արդ, աղերսի՛ր քո Տէր Աստծուն մնացածներիս համար”»:

5 Եգեկիա արքայի պաշտօնեաները ներկայացան Եսայուն: 6 Եւ Եսային ասաց նրանց. «Այս բանը կհաղորդէք ձեր տիրոջը: Այսպէս է ասում Տէրը. “Չվախենաս այն խօսքերից, որ լսեցիր, եւ որոնցով նախատեցին ինձ Ասորեստանի արքայի պատգամաւորները: 7 Ահա ես արքայի մէջ խռովութեան ոգի կսերմանեմ. լուր առնելով՝ նա կվերադառնայ իր աշխարհը եւ իր երկրում սրի բաժին կդառնայ”»:

8 Ռափսակը իմանալով, որ Ասորեստանի արքան հեռացել է Լաքիսից, քանի որ պաշարել է Լոբնան, վերադարձաւ ու հասաւ Ասորեստանի արքայի մօտ: 9 Եւ երբ եթովպացիների Թարակ արքան դուրս եկաւ սրան պաշարելու, նա յետ եկաւ այնտեղից եւ պատգամաւորներ յղեց Եգեկիայի մօտ՝ յայտնելով. 10 «Այսպէ՛ս ասացէք Հրեաստանի Եգեկիա արքային. “Թող քեզ չմոլորեցնի Աստուած, որին դու ապաւինել ես՝ ասելով, թէ Երուսաղէմը չի մատնուի Ասորեստանի արքայի ձեռքը: 11 Բայց մի՛թէ դու չես լսել, թէ Ասորեստանի թագաւորներն ինչ օրը գցեցին բոլոր երկրներին, ինչպէս կործանեցին նրանց: Իսկ ինչ է, դու փրկուելո՞ւ ես:

Պողոս առաքյալի Ա թուղթը թեսալոնիկեցիներին 4:1-11

1 Ուրեմն, եղբայրներ՝, կը թախանձենք ձեզի ու կը յորդորենք ձեզ Տէր Յիսուսով, որպէսզի՝ ինչպէս ընդունեցիք մեզմէ թէ ի՛նչպէս պետք է ընթանաք եւ հանճեցնէք Աստուած՝ ա՛լ աւելի ճոխանաք անոր մէջ, շքանի որ զիտէք թէ ի՛նչ պատուերներ տուինք ձեզի՝ Տէր

Յիսուսով: Յորովհետև Աստուծոյ կամբը՝ ձեր սրբացումն է, որ ետ կենաք պոռնկութենէ, 4ու ձեզմէ իւրաքանչիւրը գիտնայ իր անօթին տիրանալ սրբութեամբ եւ պատիւով. 5ո՛չ թէ ցանկութեան կիրքով, ինչպէս հեթանոսները՝ որ չեն ճանչնար Աստուած: 6Ո՛չ մէկը թող չափազանցէ այդ բանին՝ մէջ ու կեղեքէ իր եղբայրը, քանի որ Տէրը վրէժխնդիր է այդ բոլորին համար, ինչպէս մենք ալ նախապէս ըսինք ձեզի եւ վկայեցինք. 7որովհետև Աստուած կանչեց մեզ ո՛չ թէ անմաքրութեան, հապա՝ սրբութեան: 8Ուստի ա՛ն որ կ'անարգէ՝ կ'անարգէ ո՛չ թէ մարդ մը, հապա Աստուած՝ որ իր Սուրբ Հոգին ալ տուաւ մեզի: 9Իսկ եղբայրսիրութեան մասին պետք չունիք որ գրեմ ձեզի, որովհետև դուք արդէն Աստուծմէ ստրված էք սիրել զիրար, 10եւ արդարեւ ատիկա կ'ընէք ամբողջ Մակեդոնիայի մէջ եղող բոլոր եղբայրներուն հանդէպ: Սակայն կ'աղաչե՛նք ձեզի, եղբայրնե՛ր, որ ա՛լ աւելի ճոխանաք, 11ու պատի՛ւ համարէք հանդարտ կենալ, ձեր գործերով զբաղիլ եւ ձեր ձեռքերով աշխատիլ, (ինչպէս պատուիրեցինք ձեզի,) որպէսզի դուրսիններուն հետ վարուիք վայելչութեամբ ու ո՛չ մէկ բանի՝ պետք ունենաք:

Դուկաս 13:1-9

1Այդ ատեն ներկայ եղողներէն ոմանք պատմեցին անոր այն Գալիլեացիներուն մասին, որոնց արիւնը Պիղատոս խառնեց իրենց զոհերուն հետ: 2Յիսուս պատասխանեց անոնց. «Կը կարծե՛ք թէ այդ Գալիլեացիները աւելի մեղաւոր էին բոլոր Գալիլեացիներէն, քանի որ այսպիսի չարչարանքներ կրեցին: 3Կ'ըսեմ ձեզի՝ ո՛չ: Հապա եթէ չապաշխարէք, բոլորդ ալ նոյնպէս պիտի կորսուիք: 4Կամ թէ այն տասնութ հոգիները, որոնց վրայ Մելովսամի աշտարակը ինկաւ եւ սպաննեց զանոնք, կը կարծե՛ք թէ անոնք Երուսաղէմ բնակող բոլոր մարդոցմէ աւելի յանցաւոր էին: 5Կ'ըսեմ ձեզի՝ ո՛չ: Հապա եթէ չապաշխարէք, բոլորդ ալ նմանապէս պիտի կորսուիք»: 6Սա՛ առակն ալ ըսաւ. «Մէկը իր այգիին մէջ ունէր տնկուած թզենի մը. եկաւ պտուղ փնտռելու անոր վրայ, բայց չգտաւ: 7Ուստի ըսաւ այգեպանին. “Ահա՛ երեք տարի է, որ կու գամ՝ պտուղ կը փնտռեմ այդ թզենիին վրայ, ու չեմ գտներ. ա՛լ կտրե՛ գայն, ինչո՞ւ խափանէ գետինը”: 8Ան ալ պատասխանեց անոր. “Տէ՛ր, ա՛յս տարի ալ ձգէ գայն, մինչեւ որ բրեմ անոր շուրջը ու թրիք դնեմ: 9Եթէ պտուղ տայ՝ լա՛ւ. այլապէս՝ յետագայի՛ն կտրե՛ գայն”»:

Isaiah 36:22-37:11

22Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary and Joah son of Asaph the recorder went to Hezekiah, with their clothes torn, and told him what the field commander had said. 1When King Hezekiah heard this, he

tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and went into the temple of the Lord. 2He sent Eliakim the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and the leading priests, all wearing sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. 3They told him, “This is what Hezekiah says: This day is a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace, as when children come to the moment of birth and there is no strength to deliver them. 4It may be that the Lord your God will hear the words of the field commander, whom his master, the king of Assyria, has sent to ridicule the living God, and that he will rebuke him for the words the Lord your God has heard. Therefore pray for the remnant that still survives.” 5When King Hezekiah’s officials came to Isaiah, 6Isaiah said to them, “Tell your master, ‘This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid of what you have heard—those words with which the underlings of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7Listen! When he hears a certain report, I will make him want to return to his own country, and there I will have him cut down with the sword.’” 8When the field commander heard that the king of Assyria had left Lachish, he withdrew and found the king fighting against Libnah. 9Now Sennacherib received a report that Tirhakah, the king of Cush, a was marching out to fight against him. When he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah with this word: 10“Say to Hezekiah king of Judah: Do not let the god you depend on deceive you when he says, ‘Jerusalem will not be given into the hands of the king of Assyria.’” 11Surely you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the countries, destroying them completely. And will you be delivered?

1 Thessalonians 4:1-11

1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. 2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: 6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. 8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit. 9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. 10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more; 11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; 12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

Luke 13:1-9

1Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2Jesus answered, “Do you

think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? **3**I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. **4**Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? **5**I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” **6**Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. **7**So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ **8**“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. **9**If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 35:4-8; 2 Corinthians 3:18-4:6; Luke 12:2-9
Tuesday: Proverbs 21:15-25; Isaiah 19:19-21; Hebrews 11:32-40; Matthews 10:37-42
Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Luke 13:10-17
Thursday: Malachi 3:1-2; Galatians 3:24-29; Luke 1:39-56
Friday: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28; Luke 14:1-11
Saturday: Ezekiel 3:16-19; 2 Timothy 3:10-15; John 10:11-16

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

Romans 10:17

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES



Sunday, December 5	Sunday School at 12:30 pm
Sunday, December 5	Bell Choir rehearsal at 1 pm
Monday, December 6	Youth Bible study via Zoom
Tuesday, December 7	Vemkar via Zoom at 6 pm
	“Praying Through Thephany” with Roberta Ervine
Thursday, December 9	Word of God through the Arts

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, January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, 2022

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:

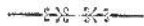
1. to bring our youngest children (ages 0-4) into our church so that they feel comfortable and welcome in the Sanctuary,
2. to have parents participate while getting to know one another in order to foster community.

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

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.

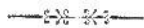


FAMILY PROMISE

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 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4baea62ba64-family>.

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.

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 or (847) 644-7389.

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 *hokehankisd*, 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 or www.weareayo.org.

75th (plus 1) ANNIVERSARY

FEAST OF ST. JAMES OF NISIBIS

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Saturday, December 18, 2021

9:00 am - Morning Service

10:00 am - Holy Badarak

Bishop Daniel, Primate - Presiding

Rev. Fr. Guregh Hambardzumyan - Celebrating

Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian – Preaching

With participation of NAREK Bell Choir of St. James

CELEBRATION OF

THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH

AND THE FEAST OF ST. JAMES OF NISIBIS

Saturday, December 18, 2021

at 7:00 pm

Presentation by Bishop Daniel

Awards and recognitions

Celebratory concert

EPISCOPAL BADARAK AND ORDINATIONS

Sunday, December 19, 2021

9:00 am - Morning Service

10:00 am - Holy Badarak

Bishop Daniel Finidikyan, Primate

Celebrant

Bishop Daniel will bestow the rank of Acolyte (Tbir)
to our three young altar servers.



YOUTH

2022 ST. NERSESS YOUNG ADULT WINTER CONFERENCE

St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, Armonk, NY

Sunday, January 2 – Thursday, January 6

The conference will conclude with the celebration of Armenian Christmas
Badarak at St. Vartan Cathedral

Open to all young adults, ages 18-25

Space is limited! Please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAS2022WC>

Tuition/Room/Board: \$225

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY via ZOOM

Every Monday at 7 PM

Meeting ID: 915 7898 1187

CIT & STAFF WINTER TRAINING WEEKEND

Registrations are streaming in for our special CIT & Staff Winter Training Weekend! Gather your fellow camp leaders and **register by December 15** to secure your spot!

If you will be a CIT (16-17 by the start of the camp week) or a Staff member (18+ by the start of the camp week) next summer, we welcome you to join us for this unique training weekend to help prepare you for the upcoming 2022 summer camp season.

Please note: This weekend is NOT mandatory, and it will NOT replace the Staff Training program that takes place directly before the start of camp.

Register by December 15: <https://tinyurl.com/2022campsWTW>



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!

<https://vemkar.us/adult-christian-education>

TUESDAY. NOVEMBER 30

“DELICIOUS FRUITS FROM A BUTTER TREE:

ST. JAMES AND ST. GREGORY”

Dr. Roberta Ervine



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

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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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Dn. Kavork Hagopian	Sub-Deacon Alexander Khoja-Eynatyan
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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)