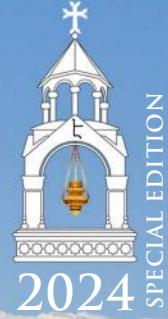


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LOOYS NEWSLETTER



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## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WELCOMING BISHOP MESROP TO ST. JAMES

Sunday, December 17th was a special day for St. James, as we welcomed Diocesan Primate Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan on his inaugural visit to mark our 92nd Anniversary. Faithful filled the Church sanctuary on Sunday morning for Divine Liturgy, and the traditional Name Day Banquet followed services.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**



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The Primate began his visit on Saturday evening, enjoying dinner with the Parish Council and Delegates. On Sunday morning, several of our young acolytes were able to participate in the Primate's vesting, under the leadership of Acolyte Director Mark Kavonian. It was a memorable opportunity for our youth to meet Bishop Mesrop and spend time talking with him.

In remarks, Bishop Mesrop thanked Fr. Arakel and Yn. Natasha, the Parish Council, and all the parish organizations. "Your leadership serves as a guiding light for this parish—and it is equally important to our Diocese. The seeds you have planted in your community have blossomed in beautiful ways."

He also paid warm tribute to the senior clergy of the area, who are a blessed part of our parish spiritual life: Fr. Krikor Maksoudian, Fr. Tateos Abdalian, and Fr. Arsen Barsamian.

To the St. James faithful, he praised the warm hospitality he experienced throughout his visit to Watertown. "Praying and celebrating Badarak with you and being welcomed into your spiritual family was both an honor and a blessing," he said. "As I look around, I see the love that so many faithful souls have poured into this parish—for 92 years and counting! May God bless you all, and may your efforts be a light to all around you."

During the banquet's program, Dn. Apkar Potookian was recognized with a Service Award for his decades of faithful service to St. James as a deacon. Members of his family enhanced the program with beautiful piano performances and recitations. Dn. Apkar's daughter Karen Potookian Behani spoke on behalf of the family, offering personal and heartfelt reflections.

The program also included remarks in celebration of Fr. Arakel's 30th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, and outgoing Parish Council member Peter Lorensian received recognition for his service to the parish.

We thank our Name Day Banquet Committee, chef Aras Cinar, all the volunteers, and all those who contributed in so many ways to planning the day's celebration.

## DN. APKAR POTOOKIAN

**A**pkar Potookian was born and raised in Jerusalem. After his father's passing in his teenage years, he and his family moved to Lebanon. Apkar always loved serving in the Armenian Church, starting from his younger years growing up in Jerusalem's Armenian quarter, until today. After attending the Armenian Seminary for one year in Antelias, Lebanon, Apkar moved to Cyprus and earned his High School degree from the Melkonian Educational Institute. After graduation, he earned a Calouste Gulbenkian scholarship to continue his studies at the American University of Beirut (AUB) in Lebanon.

In the late 1950s, the family arrived in the United States and Apkar served in the US Army for over six years. He received his Bachelor's (B.A.) degree from The City College of New York and started working at Otis Elevator Company in New York City. He quickly rose through the ranks to become a sales engineer and later an executive. In the early 1960s, Apkar arrived in Lebanon on a three-year assignment as the company's Middle East representative. While living and working in Lebanon, Apkar met and married Arpie Tokatlian, and decided to extend his work contract and raise his family in Lebanon. After a long and devastating war, the family moved to America in late 1989 and settled in Watertown, MA. Apkar quickly embraced St. James Armenian Church as his new home church. In December 2006, he was ordained Deacon by Abp. Khajag Barsamian as part of the St. James 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Dn. Apkar and Arpie have three daughters, Marlene and husband Alan Seferian, Karen and husband Ben Behani, and Sylvie and husband Greg Papazian, and seven grandchildren, Serena, Alec, Adrena, Nara, Natalia, Christopher, and Kalina.

Please join us in congratulating Dn. Apkar and thanking him for his years of loving service, and for his example of steadfast faith and dedication to God and the Armenian Church.



# MEET OUR

## PARISH COUNCIL



Front row (L to R): Linda Sahagian, Secretary; Gail Boroyan, Chair; Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor & President; Scott Kapilian, Vice Chair; Melissa Pogharian, Treasurer. Back row (L to R): Steven Parnagian, Assistant Treasurer, Khachik Degirmenci, Vartan Babikyan, Aram Shrestinian, Haig Seferian, K. Vasken Babigian. Not pictured: Hagop Toghramadjian, Assistant Secretary.

A Parish Council is the body of parishioners elected by the membership at the Annual Parish Assembly, for the purpose of working together with the Priest in fulfilling the needs of the parish and community. They serve as stewards of the Parish, faithfully volunteering their time and talents to fulfill the mission entrusted to them.

The St. James Parish Council consists of eleven elected members, all dedicated individuals who work to oversee

the business matters of the Church including, but not limited to, fundraising, administrative works, facilities care, and more.

We extend our sincere gratitude to outgoing members Edward Kazanjian, Janice Kavjian, and Aracse Kurkjian for their many years of dedicated services to St. James. We pray for the members of our Parish Council, that the Lord guide them in their important work for our parish.

## DIOCESAN DELEGATES



Seated (L to R):  
Herman Purutyan,  
David Barber,  
Primate Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan,  
Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Robert Berberian.

Standing (L to R):  
Tom Gengozian, Peter Babigian,  
Mark Kavonian, Carol Babikyan.

The Diocesan Delegates are an elected group of individuals who represent St. James at the annual Diocesan Assembly, hosted each year by a different parish in the Eastern Diocese. Each Diocesan Delegate has a vote at the annual Assembly and is our parish's voice on many important discussions at the Diocesan level. Every four years, the Diocesan

Delegates elect the Primate of the Eastern Diocese.

The number of Diocesan Delegates assigned to each parish is based on the number of dues-paying members. St. James currently has seven Delegates, who serve a four-year term and are elected at our Annual Parish Assembly.



# 2024 ARMENIAN FESTIVAL

We extend our appreciation to all those who came together to make our annual Armenian Festival a success! Thanks to the support of our parishioners, friends, and the entire community, we had an overwhelming turnout to this year's Festival! After a rainy start to the morning, the weather cleared up and we were so happy to see families and friends gathered at St. James to eat, dance, and enjoy fellowship with one another. We hope you enjoyed delicious food, prepared with love by our volunteers.

Heartfelt appreciation is extended to event Chair Aaron Derderian, Carl

Boleyan for running the kitchen, Steve Parnagian for managing the grills and volunteers, Rachel Boley for managing the registers, our Women's Guild for preparing delicious pastries and baked goods, and our Parish Council members for their support.

Thank you to ALL of our volunteers for all their efforts before, during, and after the Festival: the Saturday prep crew, members of our Women's Guild, Men's Club, and ACYOA Juniors and Seniors, and everyone who gave their time throughout the weekend.

We thank also thank Maria Derderian, Tina Panian and our office and mailing volunteers, and Facilities Manager John Piranosian and our custodial staff for all their hard work throughout the past few weeks.

Thank you to our generous sponsors, including the Mass Cultural Council, for contributing to the Festival's success.

We truly appreciate the love and generosity of our entire St. James family and community in supporting this effort, and our parish.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

### HOME MARKET FOODS COOKED PERFECT BRAND AND THE ATAMIAN FAMILY

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Sonia Janikian  
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*in memory of Michael and Madeline Maranian*  
Gladys Moushigian  
Garo and Jaklin Ozcan  
Diana K. Topjian





## VARTAVAR FUN!

Thank you to all who attended our Vartavar Celebration on the Feast of the Transfiguration! We extend our appreciation to our Watertown Fire Department for joining in the fun, and we thank Linda Sahagian for sponsoring the ice cream truck which provided delicious treats to all in attendance.



# SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR E-MAIL UPDATES

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AND PAST EVENTS.



Since 1946, the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America has brought together Armenian Christian youth in fellowship, forming bonds of faith and friendship within the Armenian Church. Programming is based the Five Circles of the Cross, balancing: Worship, Witness, Fellowship, Education, and Service. All events and programs work to put faith into action, showing teens and young adults how to make their faith an integral part of day to day life. The goal of the ACYOA is to create responsible, faithful young Armenian Christians who are active within the life of the Church.

# ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

THROUGH THE ACYOA, YOUTH HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:  
PARTICIPATE IN FAITH-BASED DISCUSSIONS WITH PEERS

ATTEND SERVICE PROJECTS AND  
VOLUNTEER WITH LOCAL CHARITIES

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ARMENIAN CHRISTIAN FAITH  
ENJOY SOCIAL OUTINGS WITH OTHER ARMENIAN YOUTH

PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL ACYOA EVENTS,  
INCLUDING RETREATS, SPORTS WEEKENDS,  
AND MORE!



All youth are invited to join our ACYOA! ACYOA Juniors is open to youth ages 13-18, and ACYOA Seniors is open to youth ages 18 and up. Members can join at any time, and are always welcome. For more information, please contact Youth Minister Maria Derderian at [mderderian@stthagop.com](mailto:mderderian@stthagop.com) or 617.923.8860.



# ACYOA SRS. NEWS

**T**his was an active year for our ACYOA Seniors! We worked to bring the young adults of our parish together in many different ways. Our current Executive Board is: Vinney Moushigian – Chair; Hagop Toghramadjian – Vice Chair; Natasha Toghramadjian – Recording Secretary; Ari Kazanjian – Corresponding Secretary; Melissa Pogharian – Treasurer; and Shahe DerTorossian – PR & Communications.

In February, we were excited to organize and host a special Reunion Dance for our parish community. Over 200 guests in attendance danced the night away to live Armenian music by the Yerakouyn Band and International music by DJ Arden. A lavish mezze and dessert table was enjoyed by all. A portion of the evening's proceeds were donated to support Ayo's Artsakh relief efforts. We extend a big thank you to all the parishioners who volunteered their time throughout the week and at the dance to prepare the delicious mezze and desserts in support of the event, and to all who attended the Reunion Dance. We look forward to bringing it back again this winter!

Other activities throughout the past year included a Super Bowl Hangout, Paklava & Bourma making night to learn & support Bazaar baking, monthly '4 Lounge' hangouts in the ACYOA Room, a Young Adult Vespers Service followed by Dinner & Discussion with Fr. Arakel, and a Christmas Outing at Arsenal Yards

We also returned to weekly Wednesday basketball practices, which continue throughout the year and are very well attended. We joined the Juniors in hosting this year's Palm Sunday Youth Luncheon, and helping to prepare palms for distribution.

Over 30 members participated in the ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend, hosted by the St. Gregory the Illuminator ACYOA Seniors of Chicago, IL. We fielded basketball and volleyball teams and enjoyed the weekend in Chicago.

All young adults ages 18+ are encouraged to join our ACYOA Seniors! We will have a kick-off meeting and elections in September and we look forward to a new season of events. For more information please contact Vinney Moushigian at 617-777-4905 or [vmoushigian@yahoo.com](mailto:vmoushigian@yahoo.com).





## SENIORS HOST BISHOPS 5K

In April, we partnered with the ACYOA Central Council to host the New England edition of the 5th Annual Bishop's 5K Walk/Run. We were honored to have our Primate, Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, visit to support the event, which supported AYO! And future national ACYOA ministries organized by the Central Council. Thank you to all who attended!



## RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

During this year's ACYOA General Assembly, hosted by the St. Gregory the Illuminator ACYOA Seniors of Chicago, St. James ACYOA Senior and Chairperson Vinney Moushigian, Jr. was named as this year's recipient of the Gregory Arpajian Leadership Award. Initiated in 1992, this award is given to an individual who has displayed leadership in service to the Armenian Church and Armenian community.

Vinney served as a delegate to ACYOA Seniors General Assembly this year alongside Shahe DerTorossian, Ari Kazanjian, Melissa Pogharian, and observer Allen Ackan. Please join us in congratulating Vinney on receiving this most deserving honor.



# ACYOA JRS. NEWS

## HYE M'RTSOOM

Memorial Day Weekend marked the 46th annual Hye M'rtsoom ACYOA Junior Sports Weekend, as we welcomed 180 ACYOA Juniors from 13 parishes throughout the northeast, along with their chaperones, to Watertown for a weekend filled with sports competitions, fellowship, and faith.

On Friday evening, everyone gathered with anticipation as buses began to arrive from out of town to kick-off the weekend. Its theme, Այշն Հայ Մնակ (Mishd Hye Mnank - Let's Stay Armenian) was selected by the ACYOA members.

Saturday's events began with a morning service and welcome from Fr. Arakel, our Youth Minister Maria Derderian, and Dn. Adam Bullock representing the Diocese, followed by a day of sports competitions, including basketball, volleyball, and individual sports. Opportunities for fellowship continued throughout the weekend, including an icebreaker before the games began, and a service project where participants prepared sandwiches for donation to a local shelter. Evening events on Saturday and Sunday gave participants opportunities to enjoy fellowship, dancing, and a trophy ceremony on Sunday to celebrate the tournament's victors.

Congratulations to our ACYOA members for winning the following trophies!

*Beginner Tavloo 1st Place* - SEHBU PARSEKIAN

*Beginner Tavloo 2nd Place* - ISHKHAN ISHKHANIAN

*Boys Ping Pong 2nd Place* - ALEX KURKJIAN

*Girls 3 Point Contest 2nd Place* - LORI KOUYOUNJIAN

Participants, host families, chaperones, and volunteers gathered for breakfast on Monday morning before returning home with new friends made and new memories formed. The weekend was enjoyed by participants, chaperones, parents, and volunteers, bringing our youth form strong bonds with one another within the Armenian Church.





## THANK YOU TO OUR HOST FAMILIES AND VOLUNTEERS!

Sincere thanks are in order to all who volunteered, supported, and helped make this year's Hye M'rtsoom a great success, including our St. James leadership and organizations, who so willingly took on responsibilities and tasks to make everything run so smoothly. We also extend our thanks to our sister parishes in the area for their support whenever needed. Special gratitude to our host families, both from St. James and our neighboring parishes, who graciously opened their homes to our guests and cared for them as they would their own children. Our youth are fortunate to have such a supportive church family, who took the time to volunteer during sports, prepare meals, and volunteer in so many ways to make the weekend memorable for everyone. We couldn't have done it without you!



*A reflection offered at the  
Palm Sunday Luncheon  
by ACYOA Junior  
Ishkhan Ishkhanian*



I've been a member of St. James my entire life. I was baptized here, and my Church has become a very important part of me.

In the past couple of years, I have spent as much time as possible helping the Church and being part of our community. With that comes sacrifices being made outside to make time. People ask me why I go to Church so much. My friends ask me why we can't hang out on Wednesdays because of basketball practices or on some Fridays because of Hye Cafe. When I first thought of what to say, it made me completely stuck. What is the real reason that I came to Church? I used to tell my friends that my parents forced me, but now that I'm older and mature, I see why our Church has been active for almost 100 years.

The truth is that when I was younger, going to Church felt like a chore. My parents constantly nagged me to get up and go to Sunday school in the morning, or when I first started acolyte training, because it was at the same time as Hye Café, and I complained because I didn't want to miss Der Hayr's delicious pilaf. Now, I've been attending church services every Sunday for the past two months to train to become a deacon one day.

So I started to think. What is the real reason I come to Church, and why St. James? Is it because of Toros' famous Haddock at Hye Café, Maestro Asatur's voice, or Mrs. Marsha's excellent baking? While all of those are great reasons, they weren't the real reasons.

The main reason is the sense of community and belonging our Church provides. For me, the Church is not just a place of worship; it's a place where I can connect with others who share my faith and values. It's where I feel accepted and supported, no matter my challenges.

I attend Church to deepen my spiritual connection and grow my faith. The teachings and traditions of the Armenian Apostolic Church have been passed down for centuries, and they connect me with my ancestors, who prayed the same way I do.

I come to St James because it reminds me of the importance of service and giving back to others. Our Church is always involved in serving the community, and being a part of that inspires me to do more to help those in need.

I also go to Church to honor and preserve my Armenian heritage. The Church is not just a place of worship; it's a living link to our rich cultural and historical identity. The language, music, and traditions of the Armenian Church connect me to my roots and remind me of the sacrifices and resilience of our ancestors. Especially those from a couple of years ago in Artsakh and those over 100 years ago in Historic Armenia.

Another reason I go to Church is the sense of peace and renewal it brings to my life. In today's world, with all the violence going on, feeling overwhelmed is easy. But when I step into the Church, I feel a sense of calm and clarity wash over me. It's a time to pause, reflect, and recharge my mind.

So when someone asks me why I'm always at Church, I don't have a simple answer. It is a combination of continuing the traditions of my ancestors and of my great-great-grandfather, who was a priest in Sepastia, present-day Sivas. And the happiness that times like Hye Café brings me when the band plays *Sari Siroun Yar*—at the same time, hearing people around me speak Armenian.

St. James isn't just a building; it's a spiritual home where I find strength and community. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful parish. I look forward to growing and serving alongside all of you.

## WATERTOWN SAVINGS BANK AWARDS



We are so excited to announce that our St. James ACYOA was the recipient of one of the top prizes in this year's Watertown Savings Bank - Massachusetts Customer Choice Awards, receiving a \$7,500 award! It was an honor to be recognized alongside so many organizations who do such good and important work in our community. Thank you to all who voted!

We are deeply grateful to Watertown Savings Bank for their continued generosity and support. Throughout the years they have awarded more than \$1 million through this program, this year gifting \$100,000 to 32 community organizations. They truly set an example of what it means to take care of one's local community.

## LOOKING FOR WRITERS AND LOOYS CONTRIBUTORS

We are currently seeking volunteers with a love of writing to contribute to upcoming issues of the Looys. If writing is your talent, let us know. Help report on parish events, come up with creative submissions for the Looys, and contribute on other projects. Time commitment is flexible. Contact Maria Derderian at [mderderian@sthagop.com](mailto:mderderian@sthagop.com)

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

# HYE CAFÉ

FOOD / FUN / FELLOWSHIP

*"Coming together is a beginning.  
Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success."*

Henry Ford

This is what HYE CAFÉ has been and continues to be, coming together and being an amazing team. Thank you to all our volunteers and those who attend and support us!

Hye Café has grown into a regular Friday night spot for kebab, baked haddock, fun, and fellowship amongst old and new friends and families! Every year new volunteers join the team, and we continue to welcome many more.

This September we will celebrate our 20th Anniversary with a special edition of Hye Café on Friday, September 20th! We look forward to welcoming you all for fellowship, delicious food, music, and dancing. Please save the date.

Volunteers are always welcome on our Hye Café team! For more information, please contact Linda Sahagian at [hyelinda65@aol.com](mailto:hyelinda65@aol.com).

*Linda Sahagian*



# PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT

## ANI PERL SARAH DERIAN

### ANI PERL



**M**y name is Ani Perl, and I am a 17-year-old Armenian American. My culture has always been a significant part of my identity. I grew up watching Armenian cartoons, speaking Armenian at home, and visiting Armenia during the summers. Seeing what has been happening in Armenia recently breaks my heart, and I want to do the best I can to help.

Growing up, I always enjoyed art. I found it to be a source of therapy and peace. There are children right now, not just in Armenia but worldwide, who will never be able to feel the peace and joy of art. That is why I started the Colors for Friends Art Drive. We successfully collected over three boxes of art supplies that were brought to Stepanavan, Armenia this summer. Staples even gave us a 100-dollar gift certificate to shop for supplies! Thank you so much to everybody who contributed to helping our brothers and sisters in Armenia.





# COME AS YOU ARE

*A reflection offered at the 2023 Palm Sunday Luncheon*

## SARAH DERIAN

**W**hile I was not born to a family of Armenian origin, I had the privilege of marrying into one a decade ago in April of 2013.

I found myself humbled by the lifetimes of service I encountered through the collective of my husband's family, as well as the individual experiences they shared of their contributions to the St. James community. It was overwhelming to consider.

I use the word "overwhelming" with great love. Seeing how much each individual invested into this faith community in both tangible and intangible ways made me question my worthiness. What could I ever do to contribute enough to deserve this labor of love? How could I come eat these hand-prepared foods without being able to give something in return?

When I approached Der Hayr about my feelings of inadequacy, yearning for a solution in some kind of membership "process," he said most simply, "Come as you are."

I was perplexed by this. I again felt unworthy. I felt like I didn't know enough about the liturgy, the church, the language, or the culture to contribute anything of value. I observed everyone working so hard and making such meaningful contributions to a thriving community, and all I could think was, "How can I just come and know nothing? What a selfish act, to come and receive."

Still, I came to *Badarak*, trusting in Der Hayr's words. Each week, the bulletins explained many of my questions, and there was a liturgy book to follow along.

During fellowship hour, I was invited to participate, and in every interaction I was met with the same great love and welcome. *Gamatz*, I stopped trying to be enough and allowed myself to receive the gift of being a member of St. James. I stopped trying to be enough and took a leap of faith. I relaxed and I understood Der Hayr's words, "Come as you are."

There is no prerequisite, no course, no deed, no "process" necessary to make me feel worthy, because Jesus has already paid that debt. My experience within the community of St. James was to learn this through the love of a welcoming, humble, patient, family experience as it is described in 1 Corinthians 12. The more I received, the more I felt uniquely able to participate as myself.

I have since found ways to serve, even as I continue to learn. In the St. James Sunday School, I use my knowledge as an educator to support staff and students. I learn along with the students about Armenian faith, language, and culture. Together, we find ways to enrich the community's harvest.

I am so grateful for all the love each and every individual at St. James uniquely invests into this community and I am grateful to be a part of it in my own small way. Thank you for your warm welcome.



# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES CLASS OF 2024

**DAVID BOLOYAN**, son of Carl and Rachel Boloyan, received his Master's Degree in Urban Planning from Hunter College, receiving Latin Honors of cum laude.

**LUCINE BOLOYAN**, daughter of Carl and Rachel Boloyan, graduated from Boston University with a Master of Education in School Counseling degree. This past year, she completed her internship and graduate research project at Catholic Memorial School and has accepted a counseling position at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham beginning this fall.

**GEORGE HAIG CHAPIAN**, son of Raffi and Maria Chapian, graduated from Austin Preparatory School and will be attending Providence College this Fall. He will be majoring in Finance.

**JULIE CRISTELLO**, daughter of Jim and Leslie Cristello, graduated with her PhD in Clinical Science in Child and Adolescent Psychology from Florida International University after completing her clinical residency at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University in June. She has accepted a postdoctoral research fellowship position funded by the National Institutes of Health at the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies in the School of Public Health at Brown University.

**KATRENA ANI DALDALIAN**, daughter of Minas and Hera Daldalian, graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University in May. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree.

**ANI GANJIAN**, daughter of Victor and Nancy Ganjian, graduated in May from Bentley University with honors. She received her Bachelor of Science in Marketing with a minor in Psychology. At Bentley, Ani was an executive member of the Armenian Club and the Alpha Phi Sorority. She has accepted a position at Staples in the Digital Business Rotational Program starting in June.

**ISABEL GULBANKIAN GRESSETH**, daughter of Sonia Gulbankian and Reidar Gresseth, graduated from Belmont High School. She loves all forms of art, especially pottery and has worked at Indigo Fire for several years. Isabel will be attending the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in the Fall.

**AVA GRACE HAYWARD**, daughter of Scott and Lisa Hayward, graduated from Watertown High School. She will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall with a double major in Political & Legal Philosophy and Justice Studies.

**AREN ARDASHES PANIAN**, son of Ardo and Tina Panian, graduated from Waltham High School. While there, he participated in the STEM and Robotics clubs and co-founded the Armenian Club. Aren will be attending the Wentworth Institute of Technology in the Fall, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



We recognize the following young adults receiving scholarship awards from St. James Armenian Church, totaling close to \$30,000 this year. We pray that God watch over them and the Holy Spirit grant them wisdom and strength to do well in their studies.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all those parishioners who have established scholarship funds to support and encourage the youth of our church in their academic studies and endeavors. May God bless each of you for your generosity and kindness and may the memory of your loved ones be eternal.

# SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Jocko & Phyllis Ananian Memorial Scholarship	LAUREN HUTCHISON
Elbis E. Andonian Memorial Scholarship	GINA HEROSIAN
Vernon H. Assarian Memorial Scholarship	MARY CIMEN
Richard & Marilyn Bazarian Scholarship	VICKEN MENESHIAN
Virginia Bedrosian Scholarship	TIGRAN MARDANYAN
Edward and Joyce Berberian Memorial Scholarship	ELLA PERKINS
Simon & Ovsanna DerSimonian Memorial Scholarship	NAREK MAROYAN
Takuhe, Armen & Vartan Ghugasian Memorial Award	BIANCA TAMBURRINI
Daniel Percy Hindlian Memorial Scholarship	AREN CIMENIAN
Levon, Herant, Zarouhi & Raffi Hollisian Memorial Scholarship	IZABELL TENEKEDZHYAN
Edna, Sona, Arpi & Rose Hovagimian Scholarship	GINA HEROSIAN
Michael and Ovsanna Hovannesian Memorial Scholarship	HARRY CHAKMAKIAN
Hovnan & Agnes Hovnanian Memorial Scholarship	VICKEN MENESHIAN
Greg Janian Memorial Scholarship	AVA HAYWARD
Alice and Ann O. Kaprielian Memorial Scholarship	ELLA PERKINS
Madeline Kasabian Leone Scholarship	IZABELL TENEKEDZHYAN
Herach & Anne Kazanjian Memorial Scholarship	SHANT CIMENIAN
Alice Khederian Memorial Scholarship	NAREK MAROYAN
John Kurkjian Memorial Scholarship	AVA HAYWARD
Martin Martinian Memorial Scholarship	AREN PANIAN
Robert Movsessian Memorial Scholarship	BIANCA TAMBURRINI
Gladys and Anna Najarian Medzorian Scholarship	AREN CIMENIAN
Edward and Elaine Patapanian Scholarship	GEORGE CHAPIAN
Edward and Elaine Patapanian Scholarship	MARIANNA LILLA
Armene Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship (GKT)	LORI GANJIAN
Veronica Tarvezian Memorial Scholarship (GKT)	JOHN KURKJIAN
George and Rose Tashjian Memorial Scholarship	AREN PANIAN
Terjenian & Thomas Families Scholarship	ABEL KESHISHIAN
James Hagop Totolian Memorial Scholarship	ABEL KESHISHIAN
Kayzag and Isabelle Totolian Memorial Scholarship	SHANT CIMENIAN



# WOMEN'S GUILD

The St. James Women's Guild has been very active over the past year, whether it was getting ready for the Bazaar, preparing and attending our monthly meetings and activities, or reaching out to help the community.

In September, we welcomed women of all ages to our yearly kickoff dinner meeting. For the second year in a row, the Men's Club prepared and served a delicious losh kebab dinner. Members got to catch up with each other after our summer break.

Once again the Women's Guild had a very successful booth with our traditional offerings. Baking started in June and continued right up until the bazaar. Please come join us as we prepare for the the 2024 Bazaar with baking sessions this September and October. We have a lot of fun and fellowship as we prepare for the largest church fundraiser of the year.

In December, we continued our tradition of filling Christmas stockings to donate to the Watertown Food Pantry. This was made possible due to the generosity of our members. The stockings were filled with toys, games, coloring books, crayons, warm mittens and hats. In addition, we donated toiletries, warm socks, mittens and hats for the adults.

Later that month, we organized an outing to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro. The annual festival of lights is a beautiful religious display of 400,000 lights. We ended the evening with hot cocoa and a trip through the Creche Museum, filled with several hundred nativity scenes from around the world.

Our March meeting featured speaker Victoria Atamian Waterman, author of the book "Who She Left Behind." We hung on every word while she explained how the book came to be, her research and discovery of not only Armenian history, but her family as well. Truly inspiring.

Elections were also held for our new Women's Guild Executive Board. The results were as follows: Laura Bresnee, Chair; Sofia Shahverdian, Vice Chair; Janice Kavjian, Treasurer; Gladys Moushigian, Recording Secretary; and Suzy Gigiyan, Corresponding Secretary. We look forward to an exciting year.

Our April meeting featured Lara Salahi, an award-winning journalist and author. She is a distinguished professor of

journalism at Endicott College. She shared her interesting experiences while focusing on health journalism.

In May we welcomed guest speaker Becca Pizzi, a truly inspiring women who ran seven marathons on seven continents in seven days! What a truly incredible story and amazing woman. We can't wait to see where her journey continues takes her.

On May 19th, we hosted a *Soujouk* and Eggs pancake breakfast fundraiser. Funds were raised to help a family in Armenia who was receiving a new house through the Fuller Center for Housing, and our goal was to raise enough funds to purchase appliances for that home. Thanks to the generosity of all those who attended, \$1,500 was raised and given to Nicole Simmons, who leads a service group with the Fuller Center every year, selflessly dedicating her time to help build and provide these homes for families.

Many of our members participated in the ongoing outreach projects of the St. James Cares group throughout the year, which has been a truly rewarding experience.

We are currently looking forward to the fall months, and we have been gearing up for the upcoming Bazaar with our baking sessions. Please come and join us for some baking, laughs and fellowship. The baking schedule will be announced in future Sunday bulletins.

We encourage women of all ages to join this very diverse and active organization. For more information or if you wish to join, please email [stjameswg@gmail.com](mailto:stjameswg@gmail.com).

*Laura Bresnee, Chair*





## ST. JAMES CARES PARISH AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The 'St. James Cares' outreach program continues grow in both new focused populations and the number of new volunteers.

In January, the craft group came together to host what has become our Annual Soup fundraiser for the benefit of the St James Cares outreach program. This year we also offered to-go containers of soup. The support of our community has been remarkable and once again we sold out. Thank you to all who joined us in making it a very successful event.

On a Saturday morning in February, 21 parishioners and non-parishioners came together to help cook, package and deliver approx. 100 meals. Thanks to these volunteers it was a great

success. How do you measure success? The joy on people's faces when making deliveries contributed to all first-time volunteers wanting to do more.

Anyone interested in joining future events, please be on the lookout for announcements Church bulletins or you can contact Sandy Raphalian 781-608-1642 or [Sandyraphalian@verizon.net](mailto:Sandyraphalian@verizon.net). Some of the events this year will include visits to nursing homes, and packages for our college students during finals. We will be introducing a new outreach program called "Have Tea with Me". This program will consist of check in calls, notes and/or visits. The whole intent is to let our parishioners know that we care, and that no one is alone.

## CRAFTS AND FELLOWSHIP

**DO YOU LIKE TO MAKE CRAFTS?** Our craft group meets regularly on most Wednesday evenings, all are welcome. Do you have a hidden talent you would be willing to share with the group? No skill is needed to join this group! It's a low key, very welcoming group. Come once or come every week - it's up to you.

**OR PERHAPS YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?** Interested in making hats/scarves/mittens for those in need? We have plenty of knitting needles, crochet hooks and yarn. We also have round weaving looms to make hats for those who are not adept at knitting or crocheting. You can reach out to Sandy Raphalian at [Sandyraphalian@verizon.net](mailto:Sandyraphalian@verizon.net) or Laura Bresnee at [lbres35@aol.com](mailto:lbres35@aol.com) for more information.

*Sandy Raphalian*



## GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

The 24th Annual St. James Harold Partamian Golf Tournament took place on Monday, July 29th at the Oakley Country Club. It was a sold out event with 132 golfers participating. Golfers, organizers, and volunteers gathered in the morning for coffee and fellowship. A bit of morning rain cleared up just as the tournament kicked off. A dinner, raffle, and silent auction followed the tournament. We extend our appreciation to the entire planning committee for their months of hard work in making the event a success. Thank you also to all our golfers, sponsors, donors, and tournament volunteers for your support!



# ST. JAMES MEN'S CLUB

St. James Men's Club meetings are the first Monday of each month (except for July and August meetings). Our meetings start with fellowship and mezza, followed by a full dinner of losh kebab, kheyma, pilaf, salad and dessert. Special thanks to our dedicated crew of volunteers for preparing the meals for each meeting.

We kicked off our new season in September together with the Trinity Men's Union of Holy Trinity Church, welcoming Matthew Slater of the New England Patriots. Additional speakers in the fall were legendary Boston Newscaster Natalie Jacobson, Humor Columnist Scott Kernan, and Dr. Anna Ohanyan and Anthony Barsamian discussing the Fall of Artsakh and the displacement of the Armenian people.

2024 continued our lineup of informative and exciting speakers, including Boston's Chapter of the Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief (SOAR), Meteorologist Harvey Leonard, Oscar-winning screenwriter Ernest Thompson, Watertown Police Chief Justin Hanrahan, and Robert Zorian.

New members are always welcome. Our monthly gatherings began on September 9 with a joint meeting with the Trinity Men's Union of Holy Trinity Church. For information about our Men's Club, contact [mensclub@sthagop.com](mailto:mensclub@sthagop.com).



# LOOKING TO OUR FUTURE

In December 2022, the Parish Council embarked on what would be a fourteen-month journey to provide the St. James Parish with a unique opportunity to consider purchasing the real estate located 489 Mt Auburn Street (the land/house next to the vacant Watertown Library now owned by the Church). On March 3, 2024, the Parish overwhelmingly voted to approve the purchase of 489 Mt Auburn Street. The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the purchase of 489 Mt. Auburn Street was completed on April 30, 2024. The Church did not have to obtain financing or use existing church funds to complete the purchase. The purchase was funded through the combination of the thoughtful bequest and donation of the late Mariam Zakarian and Zakarian Family, and the humbling and generous donation of an anonymous donor. The property at 489 Mt Auburn Street will not only be an integral part of the vision of future development and growth of the St James campus, but will allow the Church to continue to better serve the spiritual and fellowship needs of the Parish and community.

As we look ahead towards our parish's 100th anniversary, we have begun the long-term process of planning for a vision for the future of our St. James Church. A Strategic Planning Steering Committee was formed in 2022 to help guide this process. The Committee members are: Co-Chairs Jeniffer Carson and Herman Purutyan, Fr. Arakel, Yn. Natasha, Gail Boroyan, Scott Kapilian, Edward Kazanjian, and Steve Parnagian.

Throughout 2023, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee continued the needs assessment phase of the long-term plan for St. James. Five in-person focus groups and two town hall meetings were held to engage with, and solicit ideas and input from, parishioners.

As part of these efforts, focus groups and town halls were held over the past year. The objective of these gatherings was to share information and proposals about the future, and to listen to and engage with our parishioners about their ideas, questions, and

needs, bringing together parishioners representing different demographics of our St. James community.

Many productive insights and ideas emerged from the gatherings to date. A recurring theme was the need for connection with faith and fellow parishioners. Additionally, constructive ideas and concerns were shared regarding programming and usage challenges relating to the Cultural Center and the Sanctuary.

A comprehensive report of the findings of the focus group and town hall meetings will be communicated to the parish once these activities are completed. This is only the beginning, and focus groups will continue in the coming months and in the future. If you would like to participate in a focus group, please email [info@sthagop.com](mailto:info@sthagop.com).

We are inspired and excited to begin this process and for these opportunities to connect with and hear from each of you. We pray for God's guidance and grace as we envision and create the future of our St. James Church together, securing and furthering the legacy and vision of our founders for generations to come.





## ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN SATURDAY SCHOOL

This past academic year, the St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Saturday School here at St. James has held exciting events and welcomed new changes. We have now begun teaching the Eastern Armenian dialect to those students wanting to learn, offering a choice to families for Eastern or Western Armenian language instruction.

The school has been including field trips as part of the students' learning. In April, students, teachers, and parents headed to the Armenian Museum of America in Watertown to see the new exhibits and to also have the students learn more about their Armenian culture in a much more fun environment.

The school has kept the tradition of preparing students to participate in the major feast days of the Church, including reading Scriptures on Armenian Christmas Eve and Easter Eve, just like every year.

In February, a special Vartanantz themed program was prepared as part of our annual Poon Paregantan celebration. Students learned songs and recitations to commemorate the feast of Sts. Vartanantz before the start of Great Lent. On Friday,

June 14, we held a year end hantes (recital), where students sang, danced and recited poetry. Following the performances, Fr. Arakel thanked all the students, teachers and parents for a very successful academic year, with many new students joining.

None of this could be done without the extraordinary and faithful dedication of our Saturday school teachers, Meri Demirjian, Silva MacMillian, Rita Meneshian, Mayda Yetimian, Naira Arsenyan, Sona Hakhverdyan, and Marina Margarian, Music teacher. We thank them for their commitment to passing on our Armenian language, culture, and heritage to the next generations.

*Nareg Kalaydjian*

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR OUR ARMENIAN SATURDAY SCHOOL!

*Offering Eastern and Western Armenian Language instruction*

The St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian School offers Armenian language instruction for our children and youth who are 3 years of age and older, pre-school through 8th grade. Armenian history, music, and art appreciation are also included.

**Classes are held on Saturday mornings from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Opening Day begins at 9:30am on Saturday, September 21st.**

For more information and a registration form, please contact Tina Panian at the Church office at [tpanian@sthagop.com](mailto:tpanian@sthagop.com) or 617.923.8860.





# CHRISTMAS AT ST. JAMES

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and  
Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ*





# REFLECTION UPON RETURNING FROM JERUSALEM

BY MATTHEW MADANIAN REPPUCCI

In June 2023, a group of young adults from parishes across the Eastern Diocese came together to journey halfway across the world, to a place they had only heard about. Ten days later, the participants of the Diocesan Young Adult Pilgrimage to Jerusalem returned as a family, changed by their experiences and brought together by their spiritual journey in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ. What follows is a reflection from Matthew Madanian Reppucci, this year's representative from St. James.

**J**erusalem is a city filled with so much beauty—an astounding amalgamation of so many cultures all in the same place. It is the holiest place in the world for Christians and for Jews, as well as one of the most holy for Muslims. It was incredible to see the city's significance for so many people. While there is so much harmony in this city, it also seemed difficult for everyone to coexist without conflict given the wildly different views and lifestyles of people living so close to one another. I greatly appreciated the opportunity to see that with my own eyes and to come away from my visit feeling like I was able to learn so much more about both our culture and about others as well.

A major theme for me was finding beauty in the madness, much like our ancestors did as early Christians in a harsh and often unwelcoming world. This understanding added to the significance of our group visiting so many Christian historical sites: the site of the nativity in Bethlehem, the Church of the Annunciation of Mary in Nazareth, the tomb of Mary in the garden of Gethsemane, and of course the Holy Sepulchre in the heart of the Old City. Perhaps the most beautiful church we visited (and there were many, but this was my personal favorite) was the Church of the Beatitudes on the

hills overlooking the Sea of Galilee, and where Jesus gave His Sermon on the Mount. It was an incredible sight to behold, and to just imagine that a few hundred feet below the Church, Jesus fished with his Apostles, walked on water, and spent much of His life preaching to those who lived around the lake.

We were also lucky enough to hold *Badarak* (Divine Liturgy) at some of these places, which was incredibly significant both at the Tomb of Mary and at the Tomb of Christ. We had a few hours to stay up in the Holy Sepulchre before the service began at 4 am, allowing time for individual reflection and prayer, which everyone in the group found to be so grounding and meaningful. The Armenians have an entire section of the Church, and hold the special privilege of holding *Badarak* every night at the Tomb, a right granted only to the Armenians, Greeks and Franciscans (Catholics) as well.

We have this right because Armenians have been in the city for centuries, back to when Armenian princesses were married to Mongol kings invading Jerusalem. Their status allowed them to give land to the church to build monasteries and fund the Patriarchate. Due to countless different rulers

of the city, not many of the monasteries remain, but some still do, as does much of the land of the Armenian Patriarchate.

Seeing the Armenians living in their small quarter and the young Armenians in their school was incredibly impressive. The students of the Tarkmankatz School learn English, Armenian, Hebrew, and Arabic and will be fluent in all four as they graduate, in order to compete with Israeli students in the competitive job market. They were all so friendly and welcoming of us into their space. We were able to play sports and hang out together for the final few days of our trip. I think I speak for most in our group that we felt such a bond with one another despite growing up on different sides of the planet, a testament to the strength of Armenian will to persevere and remain connected despite the countless challenges that have long faced our people.

I came away from this trip understanding that the Armenians are a crucial part of the fabric of Jerusalem, and that they need support of the greater community to keep it that way. In the face of challenges, as we know, Armenians will be found laughing, enjoying life, and forming community. Jerusalem is no different. I felt an incredible connection to our people there, and am so grateful that such a comfort could come so far away from home. I would strongly recommend anyone who can to go see this historic city, check out the beautiful pottery shops of the Armenian quarter, and take in the beauty of a city so old, so holy, and so awe-inspiring in so many ways.



## REFLECTION

# MAKING AN IMPACT IN ARMENIA

BY MARIANNA LILLA

**L**ast summer, I had the opportunity to participate in the ACYOA Armenia Service Program. I spent 3 weeks exploring parts of Armenia, visiting different historical and cultural sites and volunteering our time with different organizations. As I reflect on the time that I spent in Armenia, the memories and bonds I created flood my mind.

From the moment I arrived in Armenia, I felt connected to my heritage on an unmatched level. It was heartwarming to get to see places I grew up learning about in person. I loved that we visited so many beautiful monasteries and monuments, such as Tatev and Noravank. It was moving to visit Khor Virap and go down into the pit of St. Gregory the Illuminator, and it was extremely impactful to spend time at the Armenian Genocide Memorial and museum to commemorate the victims of the Genocide. I really enjoyed walking around Alphabet Valley to find my letter, and going on the famous Swinging Bridge in Khndzoresk.

Through our acts of service, we had the chance to touch the hearts of many children and families. To honor the 125th

Anniversary of the establishment of our Eastern Diocese, our group helped plant 125 trees with the Armenia Tree Project. We also spent 3 days volunteering with the Fuller Center for Housing, laying the foundation for a house being given to a family in need. Engaging in these acts of service fostered a sense of connection between myself and the Armenian community.

Our group also spent 5 days at Camp Aragats, located in the mountains of Hankavan. While at the camp, we painted benches for the children to use, played sports and danced with them for hours on end. Although I was unable to communicate with a lot of the kids due to language barriers, the bonds we created were like no other. The children at Camp Aragats will forever have a special place in my heart. I tear up looking at pictures and videos from my time exploring Armenia and the camp.

These experiences and relationships will stick with me for the rest of my life. I encourage anyone interested in this program to think about volunteering in the future. It is a tremendous opportunity to give back and to experience our homeland.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our 2023-2024 year was an exciting one! This year, we introduced a pre-Kindergarten classroom to welcome our younger parishioners and help instill Christian faith from an early age. Simultaneously, the church has held programs such as a Trunk or Treat, Kids Fun Fest, and family Christmas party to allow for fellowship and provide opportunities for families of our younger children to meet one another.

On November 5, we held a special Science Day for the older students of our Sunday School. Led by parishioner Natasha Toghrmadjian, students engaged

in reflection and dialogue reconciling and exploring God and science. We thank Natasha and the upper grade teachers for organizing this interactive day. As is tradition in November, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we had our Sunday School Open House and family craft on Family Day. Bibles were presented to our 4th Grade students on the same day. In December we held our annual Sunday School Christmas pageant for our parish, which is always a wonderful way to focus on, and celebrate as a parish, the true meaning of Christmas. Our students also participated in Christmas services by doing the readings on Christmas Eve and

Armenian Christmas Eve, and serving as Godfather of the Cross on Armenian Christmas.

Our Acolyte Training program continued with Mark Kavonian, our Program Director, training a new group of Acolytes. Our students love learning in the program and serving at the altar.

During the Lenten period, we held our annual Service Sunday, where students assembled Easter Baskets to share with local food pantries to brighten the Easter holiday for children in our community. Older students assembled blessing bags (filled with toiletries, food, and other items) and shared them,



together and with their own families, to those in need. Additionally this year, our students organized a bake sale to support displaced families from Artsakh.

Holy Week was a highlight of the Spring for our Sunday School, as it is each year. Our students participated in every aspect of the week, including carrying palms in the procession on Palm Sunday, taking part in the Service of the Handmaidens, and taking part in

the Service of the Washing of the Feet (*Vodunluva*) and the traditional annual Agape Meal on Holy Thursday.

A wonderful Children's Communion Service and Breakfast was held on Easter Saturday morning. Following the service, children and families enjoyed breakfast, followed by an extremely entertaining and interactive performance by Jungle Jim!

On May 19, the Sunday School year concluded with our annual Promotion Sunday and Acolyte Sunday. Students received their promotion certificates in Keljik Hall, and all families then went to church to conclude the school year in prayer. Our Acolytes also received their certificates from Fr. Arakel at the end of Divine Liturgy.



## CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

On Sunday, June 2, we celebrated our Class of 2024 – Karina Boyadjian, Nairi Davidian, Nicole Parnagian, Nella Hakobyan, and Natalie Tenekedzhyan – who concluded their Sunday School course of study. Each graduate presented a beautiful message to parishioners about their faith and the role of the Sunday School in their lives. A reception honoring our students followed church services. It was a meaningful occasion to witness these young women conclude their time as students and turn the page to a new chapter of involvement, service, and learning.

We also congratulate our Class of 2023, a dynamic group of 18 students who received their diplomas on June 4, 2023: Matthew Babigian, Arianna Bogosian, Adrienne Carson, Adam Chakmakian, George Chapian, Christian Diaz, Kristina Dorian, Leanna Dorian, Ava Hayward, Zachary Kefeyan, David Kioumehjian, Alex Kurkjian, Damian Lilla, Naera Margios, Aren Panian, Ella Perkins, Charlie Simmons, and Bianca Tamburrini.

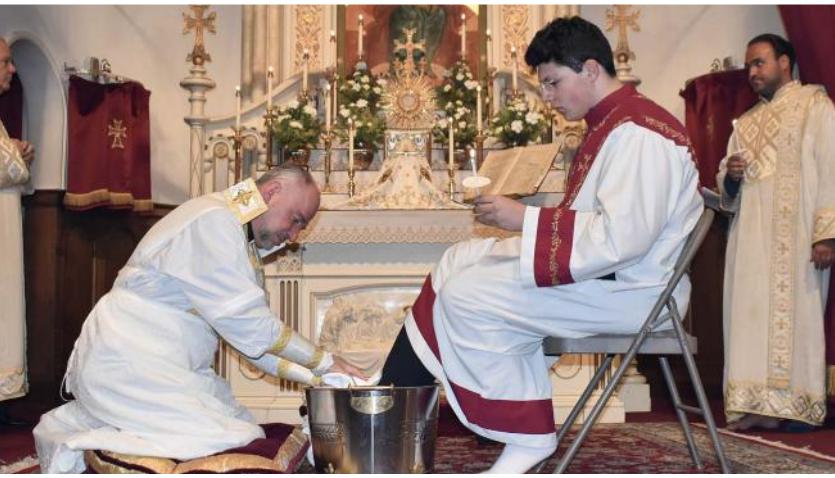
## JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER!

We welcome all of our children and young adults to be a part of the Sunday School family. We have been working over the summer months to prepare an engaging year for our students. It is a joy to see each of our students and our families every Sunday during Sunday School. We look forward to seeing you on the **first day of classes – Sunday, September 22**.



# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES







# ST. JAMES 76<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BAZAAR

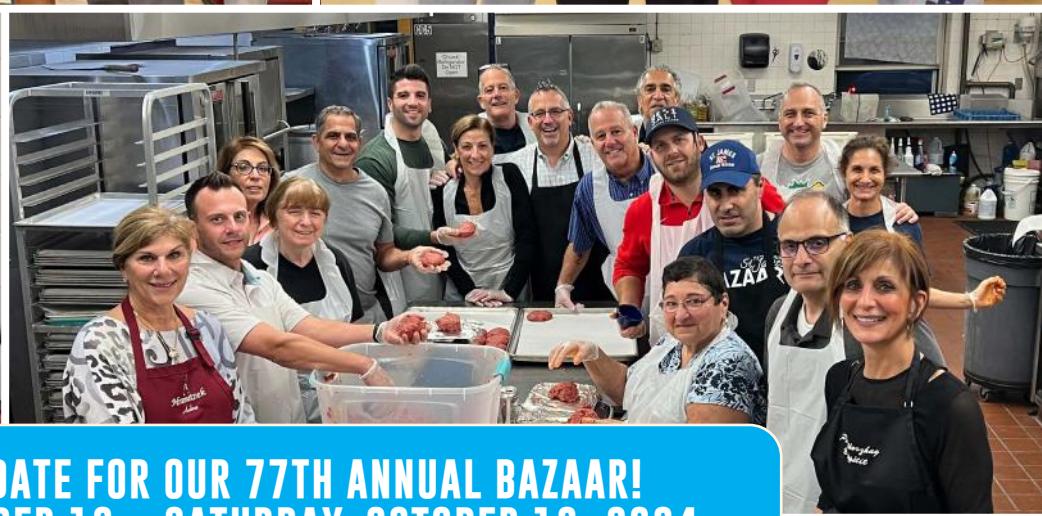
A huge thank you to all of our volunteers for another successful St. James Bazaar! We could not have done it without each and every one of you. We received numerous compliments for our delicious food, atmosphere, and effort. It would

not have been possible without the collective team effort during the bazaar and from the 100's of volunteers and the thousands of hours of preparation in the months preceding the event. It is a monumental task and one that we

should all be very proud of, especially since it is done with our collective love. Thank you for your generosity, kindness, eagerness, and willingness to donate your time and talent to the St. James Bazaar!

*Carl Boloyan and Sandy Raphalian, 2023 Bazaar Co-Chairs*





**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 77TH ANNUAL BAZAAR!  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024**





## MESROB MASHDOTZ INSTITUTE

The St. James Mesrob Mashdotz Institute has offered Western Armenian classes to adults since the Fall of 1982 and has been going strong since its inception.

Sign up for our fall semester as we begin our 43rd year! Classes held either Monday or Wednesday nights from 7-9 pm, fully remote via Zoom.

Please e-mail Annie Chekijian at [anniechekijian@msn.com](mailto:anniechekijian@msn.com) or call 617-489-5984 OR 617-610-9205 for further questions and details.

No matter what your Armenian language level is, we will make sure that you will be in a group where you will feel very comfortable to learn & improve your language skills.

*It's never too late  
to learn Armenian!*

# St. James 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Bazaar

**FRIDAY**

**OCTOBER 18**

**12-8 PM**

**SATURDAY**

**OCTOBER 19**

**11AM - 7 PM**

**Armenian Food,  
Delicacies & Pastries  
Silent Auction & \$100 Raffle  
Booths and Vendors  
Raffles, Children's Activities,  
and more!**

### **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

The Annual Bazaar is our largest fundraiser of the year.

Please consider making a donation of any amount to support this major effort, and our St. James parish.

### **RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE:**

Tickets for the \$100 Bazaar Raffle are for sale and will be available to purchase from any Parish Council member or in our church office.

Six prizes are available:

**Grand Prize of \$5,000;  
Second Prize \$1,000;  
Third Prize \$750; Fourth Prize \$500;  
Fifth Prize \$500; Sixth Prize \$500.**

View full details at

[www.stjameswatertown.org/bazaar](http://www.stjameswatertown.org/bazaar)



# MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

We encourage all parishioners to become dues-paid members this year.

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Our members are our support system - they are those in our family who make a commitment to St. James and help us grow, as we minister to countless parishioners in the Watertown community. Help us fulfill our mission to strengthen our St. James family for generations to come.

Your membership demonstrates your ongoing support of our St. James parish, and helps us plan for the future. With your renewal, you will also be eligible to take part in our Annual Parish Assembly and have a voice in our parish decision-making and leadership. We want to hear your voice.



Membership donations may be made in the office, or online by scanning the QR code on this page, or by visiting [stjameswatertown.org/support-us](http://stjameswatertown.org/support-us).

**PREFER TO DONATE MONTHLY?** Using our website, you can create a donor account and set up a recurring membership donation. You can also set up smaller monthly or quarterly donations to pay over time.

If you are unsure of your membership status, contact the Church office at 617.923.8860 or [info@sthagop.com](mailto:info@sthagop.com).

Thank you for your dedication and ongoing support of our St. James parish.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 – ST. JAMES 77TH ANNUAL BAZAAR**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – HYE CAFÉ**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – FAMILY DAY – SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE ACYOA**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 – ST. JAMES 93RD ANNIVERSARY NAME DAY CELEBRATION**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**



## WITH APPRECIATION TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

As we reflect upon the activities of the past year, we would like to take a moment to highlight all the parish volunteers who lovingly give the gift of their time whenever called upon, particularly those volunteers who arrive during the week, working quietly behind the scenes to prepare mabs and nushkhar, prepare large bulk mailings such as the Looys which you are enjoying today, and so much more.

New volunteers are always welcome! Contact the Church office for more information at 617.923.8860 or e-mail [info@sthagop.com](mailto:info@sthagop.com)



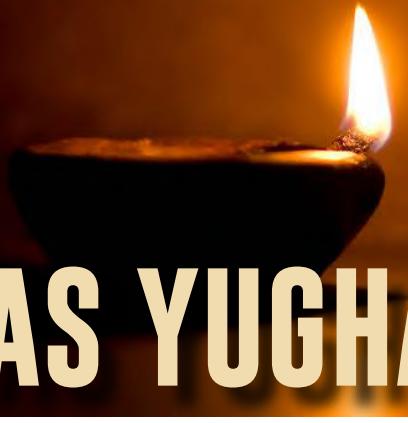
# ATTENTION ARMENIAN COUPLES! WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE OUR **4TH ANNUAL ARMENIAN COUPLES'** MARRIED AND UNMARRIED COUPLES **MINISTRY EVENT**

ORGANIZED BY THE NEW ENGLAND  
COUPLES MINISTRY COMMITTEE OF  
ARMENIAN CHURCHES



**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 9 AT 5 PM  
ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH**  
ENRICH AND STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS  
SHARE AND LEARN FROM OTHER COUPLES'  
AND SINGLES' EXPERIENCES  
DEDICATED TIME TO FOCUS ON YOUR RELATIONSHIPS  
BUILD A STRONGER, HEALTHIER RELATIONSHIP  
WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH GOD

*Don't miss out on the fun, fellowship, and the chance to create lasting memories. More details to follow! For more information or to RSVP, please contact [couplesministry.ne@gmail.com](mailto:couplesministry.ne@gmail.com) or text 617-229-9254.*



# CHRISTMAS YUGHAKIN

*It is customary in the Armenian Church to provide "Yughakin" especially around the feasts of Christmas and Easter. This practice dates as far back as the time of Moses in the Old Testament. Yughakin in Armenian means "price of oil" – "Yugh" meaning oil and "kin" meaning price. Each local church community would donate money specially earmarked towards the purchase of oil, which in return would keep the lanterns burning and ultimately the doors open of the church. With gratitude to those who made donations to St. James during the Christmas season*

Paul Abdalian	Jean Clark	William & Cheryl Keane	Janice Papazian
Diana Adamian	Sylvia Collette	Anahid Kenbelian	Marilyn Papazian
Henry Agahigian	Raymond Davidian	Marlin Keshishian	Harry & Hrip Parsekian
Cynthia Aghamianz	Karen Dederyan	Sirvart Keumurian	Gladys Partamian
Lori Ajamian Pariury	John Derderian	Pamela Kevorkian DiBella	Gary Pogharian
Manuk Akmezikyan	Maria Derderian	Louisa Kheremian	Dn. Apkar & Arpie Potookian
Fr. Arakel & Yn. Natasha Aljalian	Sarkis & Kohar Dudumian	Rupen Kiredjian	Thomas & Diane Prendergast
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Irina Amirkbeyyan	Sal & Elizabeth Falzone	Lois Kolgian	Donnarose Russian
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Susan Atamian	Anne Garabedian	Diane Krikorian	Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
Arpi Avakian	Mitchell Garabedian	Marilyn Larkin	Charles Saraf Jr.
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Peter Balgochian	Joyce Guleserian	Julia Manoukian	Deborah Surabian
Anoush Balian	Nancy Guleserian	Ron & Anastasia Maranian	Chake Takadjian
David & Andrea Barber	Susan Hennessey	Nelson & Linda Mardirosian	Mae Takoushian
Ed & Nancy Barsamian	Kurt & Diane Herosian	Nancy Maserejian & Steve Chagnon	Lucy Talanian
Anahit Bazarian	George & Sandra Hoffman	Vivian Masrof	Pamela Talanian McGrath
Nayiri Berberian	Carol Hoyen	Diana Minasian	Barbara Taranto
Mr. & Mrs Harry Beurklian	Norma Jamgochian	Marilyn Mozian	Richard & Ann Tarvezian
Seth & Tina Bilazarian	Sonia Janikian	Ann Nahabedian	Gloria Tatarian
Sunny Boghosian	Mary Janjanian	Gloria & Eleanor Najarian	Jirayer & Silva Tekeian
Gail Boroyan	Nerses Joubanian & Roxanne Etmekjian	<i>In memory of Khosrof &amp; Louise (Ozoonian) Najarian</i>	Stephanie & Bill Thompson
Debra Boyajian	Nevart Kaderian	Doreen Nersesian	Stella Tonry
Edward Brewster	Harry Kalajian, Jr.	Margaret Nigohsian	Diana Topjian
Tanya & Douglas Chakmakian	Lenore Karaian	Emma Oganova	Philip & Shirley Toumayan-Miller
Berj & Annie Chekijian	Richard Kashian	Edward Orchanian, Jr.	Kirk & Amy Varjian
Hachik & Johanna Chilingirian	Andy & Janice Kavjian	Garo & Jaklin Ozcan	Gayle Yapchaian
Arman Chitchian & Family	Berta Kazanjian	Ardo & Tina Panian	Michael Yapchaian
Andrew, Talene & Theodore Choly	Ed & Nirva Kazanjian & Family		Arlene Young
Michael & Susan Choly			Frederick Zartarian



# In Lieu of Flowers

*The following donations have been received with appreciation by St. James Armenian Apostolic Church. May God bless the souls of our dearly departed and give comfort to their families.*

**DIRAMAYR VARTUHI (GULU)  
ALJALIAN**

**August 10, 2022**

Rev. Fr. Arakel, Yn Natasha, Gabriel & Mary Aljalian  
Nadia & Sarkis Abrahamian  
Diana Adamian & Family  
Manuk & Josephine Akmezikyan  
Marsha & Hagop Alabachian  
Anonymous  
Steven, Hilda & Adam Assarian  
Susan Atamian  
Hrair & Alice Avakian  
Mary Avedisian  
Steven & Janice Haroutunian  
Avery  
Garbis & Cicek Baba  
Thomas & Linda Babigian  
Carol Babikyan  
Michael & Florence Bahtarian  
David & Andrea Barber  
Paul Bedrosian  
Talin Bekelian  
Sunny Boghosian  
Carl & Rachel Boloyan  
Gail Boroyan  
Valentine Momdjian Brown  
Azad Chitchian & Family  
Andrew, Talene & Theodore Choly  
Leslie & James Cristello & Family  
Robert & Janet Davidian  
Karen Dederyan  
Khachik & Anna Degirmenci  
Kenneth & Karen Demerjian  
Maria Derderian  
Ani & Jak Eskici  
Elizabeth Ganjian  
Miriam, Rose & Margaret Gargarian  
Tom Gengozian & Sally Vanerian  
Nerses & Araxi Ghazarian & Family  
Dr. & Mrs. Nishan Goudsouzian

Joyce Guleserian  
George, Rima & Markrid Haroutiounian  
Gail Haroutunian  
Arpie Maksoudian Highgas  
Miriam & David Horton  
Nancy Hovsepian  
John & Karen Hovsepian & Family  
Carol Hoyen  
Diran Jebejian  
Elaine & Mark Jefferson  
Nerses Joubanian & Roxanne Etmekjian  
James M. Kalustian  
Sam & Lucine Kaprelian & Family  
Lenore Karaian  
John Karaian  
Krikor & Nancy Kassabian  
Janice & Andrew Kavjian, Jr.  
Mark Kavonian & Kelly Lignos & Family  
Edward & Nirva Kazanjian  
Keane Family  
John & Brenda Khederian  
Robert & Adriana Kletjian  
Sahnik Knarian  
Lois Kolgian  
Jennie Koumjian  
Diane Krikorian  
Luniewicz Family  
Stefanie Madanian  
Amy & Kenneth Mahtesian & Family  
Ron Maranian  
Zareh & Hasmig Maserejian  
Diana Minasian & Family  
Anahid Minasyan  
Louise D. Missakian  
Sandra L. Missakian  
Cheryl R. Mooradian  
Marilyn Mozian  
Musserian Consulting Group  
Armand Paboojian  
Ardo & Tina Panian

Harry & Hripsime Parsekian & Family  
Audrey Pilibosian  
Paul Pirundini & Lori Abrahamian & Family  
Dn. Apkar & Arpie Potookian  
Herman & Laura Purutyan  
Robert & Sandra Raphalian  
Nancy & Michael Reppucci & Family  
Linda Sahagian  
Zaven & Ani Sahagian  
Kenneth & Diane Samuelian  
Zarouhi Sarkisian  
Arshalouys Sarkissian  
Krikor & Araxy Shaboian  
Michael & Sonya Shooshan  
Ann Simon  
Sina Skates  
Hacig & Sona Tacvorian  
Stanley & Lori Tagarelis  
Lucy Talanian  
Richard & Ann Tarvezian  
Ronald Tashjian  
Herosian Family  
Diana Topjian  
Nadia Ucuzian  
David Yerganian  
Toros & Salpy Yeterian  
Women's Guild Central Council  
**TOTAL: \$8,625**

**VALERIE KELLY**  
*August 19, 2022*  
Mr. & Mrs. Vekan Anserlian  
Mr. & Mrs. Mel Dalaklis  
Gail & John Fitzpatrick  
Marcel & Annie Karian  
Amanda Kelly  
Heather Kelly  
Sandra M. Morley  
**TOTAL: \$525**

**STEPHEN STEPANIAN**

*October 4, 2022*

Cynthia Aghamianz  
Nishan & Margrit Atinianz  
Hagop & Stella Bekarian  
Sunny Boghosian  
Edward W. Brewster  
Council of Armenian Executives  
Karen Dederyan  
Hermosa-Manhattan Properties  
Mary Ann Graham  
Richard Hindlian  
Sonia Janikian  
Vahan Janjigian  
JoAnn & Dick Janjigian  
John & Alice Karnikyan  
John & Brenda Khederian  
Diane Krikorian  
Aracse Kurkjian  
George & Seta Manjikian  
Madeline Mardirosian  
Hripsime & Harry Parsekian  
Audrey Pilibosian  
Kenneth & Diane Samuelian  
Mr. & Mrs. Koko Stepanian  
Seta Takvoryan  
Anne Price  
Richard & Ann Tarvezian  
Ronald Tashjian  
Walter G. Vartanian  
Carol Zeytoonjian  
**TOTAL: \$1,720**

**SEVAN GEBEYAN**

*October 19, 2022*

Pascal Gebeyan  
Sako & Ani Kassabian  
Ara & Ossan Baloulian & Family  
Ara & Brenda Barsoumian  
Krikor & Salpi Boyadjian  
Hratch & Matilda Daoudian

Mayram Daoudian	Kurt & Diane Herosian & Family	Krista & PJ Baldini	Nancy, Michael, Matthew & Andrew Reppucci
Sarkis & Kohar Dudumian	Elaine & Mark Jefferson	Melanie Bedrosian & Family	Saint James Bingo
Apo Dudumian	Theresa Koestring	Aram Bedrosian Funeral Home	Johanna Shaghalian
Robert Gebeyan	Paula Koestring	Sunny Boghosian	Sonya Shooshan
Thomas Gengozian & Sally Vanerian	Jennie Koumjian	Peter & Sara Martinian Bogosian	Michael Shooshan
Nerses & Araxi Ghazarian & Family	Aracse Kurkjian	Edward Brewster	Sarkis Soukiasian
Eric & Amy Guzelian	Susan & Val Magliozzi	Justin Burley	Gail Stephens
Alice Hachikian	Claire Malkasian & Family	Valerie Mamishian Day	Stan & Lori Tagarelis
Rozetta Helvadjian	Paul & Lisa Mandrafino	Karen Dederyan	Richard & Ann Tarvezian
Krikor & Arsho Jarkezian	George Masteralexis	George Demirjian	Diana K. Topjian
Marcel Karian	Aaron Norton	Maria Derderian	Frank & Candy Ulcickas
Kioumejian Family	Janice Papazian	Elizabeth Donovan	Mrs. John Voce & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Hrayr Manjikian	Harry & Hripsime Parsekian	Charles & Andrea Garabedian	Elizabeth Shaghalian Vranka
Rita Marash	Audrey Pilobosian	Sarkis & Jeannette Gennetian	
Susan & Scott Mazur	Shirlee Purcell	Deborah & John Giragosian	<b>TOTAL: \$5,060</b>
Armen & Tamar Postoyan	Kathleen Moeckel	Crosby & Flo Goshgarian	
Sarkis & Maro Sajonian	ReNAgade Therapeutics Mgmt., Inc.	David & Laura Gould & Family	<b>ADELE BALOULIAN</b>
Gazaros Shirinoglu	James P. Sohigian	Joyce Guleserian	December 26, 2022
Arman Sirinoglu	The Duffy Family	Kammie Haberlin	Kevork & Endza Abdalian
<b>TOTAL: \$3,460</b>	<b>TOTAL: \$2,745</b>	Margaret Haberlin	Knar Aboyan
<b>KNARIG (TUTUNJIAN) GOSHGARIAN</b>	<b>ALICE JANJIGIAN</b>	Arpi Maksoudian Highgas	Tony & Nano Akhian
October 20, 2022	November 22, 2022	Carol & Jack Hoplamazian	Hagop & Marsha Alabachian
Crosby & Flo Goshgarian & Family	Aram Bedrosian Funeral Home	John & Karen Hovsepian	Zeiron, Maral, Mary & Kevork Apkarian
Jack & Carol Goshgarian Hoplamazian	Carolyn Bozkurtian	Sonia A. Janikian	Grandma Marie & Uncle Apkar Apkarian
Dave & Marcia Kalayjian	Joanne Galvin	Leon Janikian June Foster	Vartkes & Christine Apkarian
Robert & Adriana Kletjian	Dolores Garabedian & Family	Elaine & Mark Jefferson	Mihran & Alice Artinian
Carmella Kletjian	Nadia Ann Karnik	Richard Kashian	Susan Atamian
Maria & Ken Mosesian	Arpy Migridichian & Family	Edward & MaryAnn Kazanjian	John & Arpy Avedissian
Richard & Ann Tarvezian	Marie Niland	Louise H. Kazanjian	Enna Badrikian
Carolyn Tompkins	Lisa, Elaine & Ana Oteri	Karen Kazarosian	Avo & Carmen Barmakian
Allan Tutunjian	Hripsime & Harry Parsekian	Seta Kebadjian	Aram Bedrosian Funeral Home
David Yerganian	Tevekelian/Tutunjian Family	Ed & Sabine Keljik	Avedis Bedrossian
<b>TOTAL: \$1,724</b>	Gladys & Nick Zeytoonian	Marlin R. Keshishian	Sam & Aida Bejakian
<b>YERIN AGAHIGIAN</b>	<b>LOUISE D. BAGDASARIAN MISSAKIAN</b>	Kevorkian Family	Jack & Rita Bejakian
November 21, 2022	December 17, 2022	Ken & Olivia Kevorkian	Kevork & Talin Bekelian
Henry Agahigian Family	Marien Samuelian	Barry & Joyce Kevorkian	Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Besnlian
Nancy & Koko Kassabian	Ken, Diane, Julia & Michael Samuelian	Kim & Dave Mazzarella	Barkev Besnlian
Akillian-Casey Family	Diana Adamian	Adrina & Robert Kletjian	Maria Boyajian
Peter Balgochian	Lorraine Alexander	Lois Kolgian	Berj & Annie Chekijian
Richard Bazarian	Diane Aspuru	Nancy R. Kolligian	Krikor Cinar
Sharon Bazarian Jim McDermott	Sandra Astarjian	Michele Kolligian & Bob Khederian	Alfred F. DeScenza & Son, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Bazarian	Arlene Avakian	Aracse Kurkjian	Maria T. Djevalikian
Aram Bedrosian Funeral Home	Gail Avakian	Stefanie Madanian	Arev Foods, Inc.
Sunny Boghosian	Mary Avedisian	Michael Mamishian	Eastern Lamejun
Karen Dederyan	Diane Babikian & Family	Jean E. Martinian	Caroline Aghababyan Eghan
	Bruce Bagdasarian & Lisa Terrizzi	Arax C. Missakian	Saboo Aghababyan
		Nancy & Dan Moore	Mr. & Mrs. George Esserian
		Harry & Hripsime Parsekian	Luda Esserian
		Gladys Partamian	Dr. Shahe & Marlene Fereshtian
		Linda Paul & Family	Rita & Herb Gann
		Audrey Pilobosian	

Robert & Marlene Gebyan	Edward Brewster	<b>PAUL PETER KORIAN</b>	<b>MARIE JILIAN</b>
Suzy Gigiyan	Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Gustavsen	<i>March 15, 2023</i>	<i>March 17, 2023</i>
Lena Guebenlian	Charles Mahoney	Ann Korian	Kourken & Nora Aroyan
Ovsanna Marsoubian	Anastasia, Ron, Michael, Stephan & Thomas Maranian	Peter & Kristen Korian & Family	Sara Helen Ayanian
Antranig Hagopian	Arthur, Karen, Brian, Julie, Lisa & James Maranian	Steven & Deborah Korian & Family	Mr. & Mrs. Arshag Badrigan
Shake Hagopian	Joanne & Michael Maranian, Jr.	Karen & Andrew Shoushanian & Family	David & Sira Cormier
Ani Jones & Family	James & Denise Molloy	Vera & John Peterson	George & Seta Manjikian
George Haroutiounian & Family	Herepsime Moranian	Diana Adamian	Mr. & Mrs. Vartan Manjikian
Dale Haroutunian	Audrey Pilibosian	Mike & Anita Assarian	Mihran & Rosalyn Minassian
Carolyn Haroutunian	Shirlee Purcell	Nishan & Margrit Atinizian	Steven & Aida Parnagian
Sonia Iskandarian	Cynthia Rodolakis	Kevork & Jacqueline Atinizian	Anne & Scott Price
John & Seta Kaleshian	Richard & Ann Tarvezian	Nigoghos & Roset Atinizian	Azniv & Khatoun Santourian
Annie & Krikor Keikian	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Tashjian	Carol Babikyan	Zabel Santourian
Janet Khalarian	<b>TOTAL: \$1,295</b>	Lois Balian	Dr. Raffi & Jeanine Shememian
Levon & Shake Khatchadourian	<b>VARTKES KOURKEN KARAIAN</b>	Sunny Boghosian	Vartan & Hourig Soukiasian
Vasken & Seta Khodanian	<i>March 4, 2023</i>	Stephen & Jeniffer Carson & Family	Sarkis & Shousan Stepanian
Steve & Lena Konjian	Diana Adamian & Family	Berj & Annie Chekijian	Shahan & Salpi Stepanian & Family
Nevert Kouyoumjian	Lauren, Ken, James & Kenny Alperin	Andrew, Talene & Theodore Choly	Seta Takvoryan
St. Joseph Hall	Arthur & Susan Aznavorian	Kenneth & Karen Demerjian	Andy & Nirva Tomasian
Nazareth Kupelian	Ed & Nancy Barsamian	Vrej & Carolin Dorian	Tanya Ucuzian
Aracse Kurkjian	Sunny Boghosian	Dudumian Family	Toros & Salpy Yeterian
Farid & Nadia Louis	Council of Armenian Executives	Mark & Melissa Giragosian	<b>TOTAL: \$1,380</b>
Dr. Shavarsh & Anahid Majarian	Marian, Lucine & Knar Felegian	David & Nadine Hoplamazian	<b>SONYA A. BABAINTZ</b>
Vazken Melkisetian	Dr. Nishan & Mary Goudsouzian	Sonia Iskandarian	<i>March 18, 2023</i>
Hagop & Sossy Nercessian	Nancy Guleserian	JoAnn & Dick Janjigian	Anonymous
Garo & Sarpie Ostayan	Joyce Guleserian	Elaine & Mark Jefferson	Ida L. Toro
Mr. & Mrs. Roupen Panian	Christian & Taline Kebadjian	Krikor & Nancy Kassabian & Family	<b>TOTAL: \$45</b>
Mr. & Mrs. Vartan Papazian	Gloria Khederian	Danielle Krikorian	<b>ELEANOR PAUL</b>
Mark & Veronica Sagherian	David & Joyce Khederian-Chiulli	Diane Krikorian	<i>April 15, 2023</i>
The Gann Family	Aracse Kurkjian	Melanie Krikorian	Linda Paul, Dominick & Angela
Joseph Gann Jewelers	Edward Mesrobian & Family	Aracse Kurkjian	Robert & Eileen Nichols
<b>TOTAL: \$4,730</b>	Margaret Nigohsian	Amy & Kenneth Mahtesian	Margaret Nigohsian
<b>JOHN AHIGIAN</b>	Gloria Parechanian	Chloe & Nina Zeytoonian	Marien Samuelian
<i>December 28, 2022</i>	Audrey Pilibosian & Family	Andrea Movsessian & Family	Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
Margaret Ahigian	Nancy & Michael Reppucci	Mardig & Aleen Oruncakciel	Gloria Paul Voce
Mr. & Mrs. Kaspar Andonian	Kenneth & Diane Samuelian	Harry & Hripsime Parsekian	<b>TOTAL: \$825</b>
Aram & Armen Andonian	Richard & Ann Tarvezian	Jason & Fabiana Peterson	<b>DR. PAUL PIRUNDINI</b>
Cindy J. Habick, NTE Electronics, Inc.	Raffi Yeghiyan & Family	Audrey Pilibosian & Family	<i>April 15, 2023</i>
Lisa Nigohsian Hansbauer	<b>TOTAL: \$1,345</b>	Richard & Ann Tarvezian	Lori Abrahamian & Family
Jay & Denise Kiedrowski	<b>LORIS PAPAZIAN</b>	Nadia Ucuzian	John & Jeanne Abrahamian
John & Nancy Parnagian	<i>March 14, 2023</i>	Andrea Wallack	Carl & Rachel Boloyan & Family
<b>TOTAL: \$625</b>	Dikran & Solin Kherlopian	Carol Ann Yacubian	Abrahamian & Roy Family
<b>LOUISE MARGARET MARANIAN</b>	Linda Ovoian	Carolyn & Johnny Yاردەمیان	Anonymous
<i>February 2, 2023</i>	Steven & Aida Parnagian	Garo & Aida Yavshayan	Gail Boroyan
Lucy Balian	Noemi Zakarian	Arra Zeytoonian	Melissa Bray
Diana Adamian	<b>TOTAL: \$345</b>	<b>TOTAL: \$3,895</b>	Peter Fischer
Henry Agahigian			John Fox
Stephen & Susan Berberian			

Victor & Nancy Ganjian	Suzy Gigiyan	Stan & Lori Tagarelis	Carol Arakelian
Nora Glass	Haroutiounian Family	Dikran Ucuz	Joan & Michael Arakelian
Carol Hoyer	Carol Hoyer	<b>TOTAL: \$1,875</b>	Steve & Barbara Sarkisian Arthur
Brenda, David, Talene & Ani Jermakian	Shirley & Cody Hudson	<b>ROSE BOGHIGIAN</b>	Janis & Gary Arvanigian
Dick & Henrietta Kallajian	Sonia Iskandarian	<i>May 12, 2023</i>	Mike & Anita Assarian
Christian Kemp	Armen & Sossy Jeknavorian	Harry & Denise Boghigian	Susan Atamian
Debra & Gary Kerr	Ardemis Kalayjian	Irene & Gregory Mazmanian	Valerie Babaian & Family
Karen Koumjian	Janet & Paul Khalarian	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Badoian	Carol Babikyan
Rosemary Luniewicz & Family	Diane Krikorian	Rich & Beth Bedrosian	David & Andrea Barber
John & Rose Maljanian, Jr.	Aracse Kurkjian	Melanie Bedrosian	Albert & Sarin Barsoumian
George Malley	Bill & Silva MacMillan & Family	Dan & Ellen Carter	Robert & Sandra Bedian
Jeffrey & Julie Masoian	Jack & Lucy Maserejian	Jean Barsamian Clark	Judy & Gene Bedian
Harry & Janice Mazadoorian	Flora Matossian	Christine Corff	Melanie Bedrosian
Beth McCann & Family	Zabel Melkonian	Marion & Costas Emmanuel	Talin Bekelian
Herman & Laura Purutyan	Hratch & Tamar Melkonian	Barbara Surabian Hayward	Christine Bogoian
Bob & Lisa Ross	Berj & Rita Meneshian	Elaine & Mark Jefferson	Edward Brewster
Susie Sagherian	Mihran & Rosalyn Minassian	Michelle Locke	Stephanie & Neil Chaparian
Linda Sahagian	National Association for Armenian Studies & Research	Elizabeth & John Madden	Azad & Karen Chaparian
Kenneth & Diane Samuelian	Zadik & Alis Ozcan	Bill & Karen Martin	Andrew, Taline & Theodore Choly
Lucy Simonian	Ardo & Tina Panian	Rose D. Mazmanian	Ed & Ann Danielson
Guy & Darlene Simonian	Harry & Hripsime Parsekian	Pam McGrath	Valerie Day
Arthur Simonian & Family	Apkar & Arpie Potookian	Ralph Talanian Insurance Agency	Karen Dederyan
Ruth & Wil Swisher	Zaven Sahagian	Dr. Frederic Ramsey	Steven & Laura Derderian
Paul & Jeanne Teague	Linda Sahagian	Mrs. Mary Jane Ramsey	Elaine & Bill Devine
Manusak Terdjanian	Kenneth & Diane Samuelian	Robert & Elaine Badoian	Richard & Karen Diranian & Family
Tufts Medical Center Anesthesia Department	Dr. John A. Saryan	Sparrow	Timothy & Kimberly Gazal-Sands
Gary & Elaine Westermark	Marlene Seferian	Stan & Lori Tagarelis	John & Deborah Giragosian
<b>TOTAL: \$3,615</b>	<b>Krikor &amp; Araxy Shabonian</b>	Doug & Arlene Weeks	Ann Hogan
<b>ALEX KARNIG KALAYDJIAN</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Ann Tarvezian</b>	<b>TOTAL: \$2,500</b>	John & Karen Hovsepian & Family
<i>May 2, 2023</i>	<b>Anoush &amp; Hrach Ucuzian</b>	<b>MARGUERITE SHAMGOCHIAN</b>	Elaine & Mark Jefferson
Arek & Lisa Kalaydjian	Angel Vosgerichian	<i>June 2, 2023</i>	Robert John Jingozian
Dr. Antranig & Talin Kalaydjian	Todd Wyner	Steve, Hilda & Adam Assarian	Mark & Cynthia Kachadorian
Shoushanig Kalaydjian	Garo & Aida Yavshayan	Mary Craig	Ken & Esther Kalajian
Kevork & Endza Abdalian	<b>TOTAL: \$3,715</b>	Carol Jamison Egan	Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian
Albert & Linda Abkarian	<b>ELEANOR ARAKELIAN</b>	Nancy Jamison	Krikor & Nancy Kassabian
Knarig Aboyan	<i>May 8, 2023</i>	Joe & Denise Merullo & Family	Jerry & Louise Kazanjian
Vahe & Nartoohi Abrimian	Rose Arakelian	Margaret Peterson	Edward & MaryAnn Kazanjian
Hermine Adamian	Charles Arakelian	<b>TOTAL: \$525</b>	Kezerian Family, LLC
Armenian Museum of America	John & Lisa Arakelian	<b>JOHN KHEDERIAN</b>	Karen Kirouac
Dianne Aspuru	David Arakelian	<i>June 17, 2023</i>	Lianoush Kostikian
Hrayr & Alice Avakian	Dianna Adamian	Brenda Khederian & Family	Derenig & Michelle Kostikian
Carol Babikyan	Edward Brewster	Gary Khederian & Michael Merriman	Diane Krikorian
Sunny Boghosian	Gail & David Diehl & Family	Paul M. Abdalian	Ron & Sally Krikorian & Family
Avi Car-Gloth & Family	Elaine & Mark Jefferson	Albert & Linda Abkarian	Diane & Martin Lynch
Berj & Annie Chekijian	Aracse Kurkjian	Diana Adamian	Michael V. Mamishian
Andrew, Talene & Theodore Choly	Cathy & Thomas Malian & Family	Thomas & Deborah Adduci	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Marzilli
Bev & Paul Demoorjian	Ronald & JoAnn Manoogian & Family	Hagop & Marsha Alabachian & Family	Valentine Momdjian-Brown
Maria Derderian	Audrey Pilibosian		Thomas A. Moore
Vartan & Sossy Getzoyan	Lynne & Scott Rizolini		Cheryl Mooradian
Hermine Getzoyan			Andrea Movsessian-Wallack
			Carey S. Noonan

William J. Pananos  
 Audrey Pilibosian  
 Vincent M. Rappa  
 Linda Sahagian  
 Kenneth & Diane Samuelian  
 John Sarkisian  
 Linda Marie Simmarano  
 Michele Simmarano Floria  
 Stanley & Lori Tagarelis  
 Richard & Ann Tarvezian  
 The Keane Family  
 Kathleen Thuot  
 Kachadoor Toromanian  
 Marcia Toromanian  
 Mark Yacubian Torre & Brian Darling  
 Vaughan & Lily Totovian  
 Alen Yildizyan  
 Dr. Hagop & Annie Youssoufian  
 Carol Zeytoonjian  
**TOTAL: \$10,600**

**ARAM BAZARIAN***July 5, 2023*

Guy & Leah Bazarian Greene  
 Sonia Janikian  
**TOTAL: \$125**

**DONIK DEMIR***July 8, 2023*

Albert & Linda Abkarian  
 Anonymous  
 Hilda Antilian  
 Seta Arazian  
 Elizabeth & Nisan Baba  
 Eva Bamus  
 Maida Bedoian  
 Glenn & Hilda Campbell  
 Seta & Rich Campbell  
 Avedis Cimen  
 Sonny Cimenian  
 Manuel & Vilma Cimenian  
 Kirkor Cinar  
 Kaya Cinar & Family  
 Ruthie & Terry Cusick  
 Krikor & Anita Daghستانian  
 Mrs. Alis Dikme  
 Toros Doumanian  
 Arman & Alis Duhanyan  
 Istepan & Suzy Gigiyan  
 Eva Gondelen  
 Mihran & Satenig Guler

Hagop & Margrit Hamparsoumian  
 Silva & Migirdic Kavak  
 Nihat Kocak  
 Nayiri Manjikian  
 Zadik & Alis Ozcan  
 Garo & Jaklin Ozcan  
 Manuk & Lerna Ozcan  
 Nuritse Sahan  
 Nelli & Boghos Shahanian  
 Herman & Elinar Shahanian  
 Isguhi Shirinian  
 Gazaros Shirinian  
 Smpat Sirinian  
 Vartouhi & Kalust Yildizyan  
 Setrek & Gulkiz Yuzlek  
**TOTAL: \$3,440**

**SARKIS PABOOJIAN***July 11, 2023*

Armand Paboojian  
 Lucy Aroian  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Afarian  
 Mary Ann Afarian  
 Edward & Janet Annaian  
 Maria Annaian  
 Rose Annaian & Family  
 Michael & Florence Bejian  
 Bahtarian

Andrew, Talene & Theodore Choly  
 Victor & Nancy Ganjian  
 Elizabeth Kalivas  
 Sam & Lucine Kapreilian  
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kochakian  
 Robert & Susan Kochakian & Family  
 Mary & Kathy Kuzenian  
 Rosemary Luniewicz & Family  
 Sandra Naroian  
 Seta Nercessian  
 Hagop & Sossy Nercessian  
 Berj & Marilyn Nercessian  
 Dr. Ervant & Zabel Nishanian  
 Kenneth & Diane Samuelian  
 Richard & Ann Tarvezian  
 Elizabeth Topjian  
 Hilda M. Topjian  
 David Yerganian  
**TOTAL: \$1,849**

**ROSE BARSAMIAN***July 20, 2023*

Edward & Nancy Barsamian &

Family  
 Jean Barsamian Clark & Family  
 Dana Malcolm Clark  
 Christy Marie Clark  
 Finn Henry Clark  
 Diana Adamian & Family  
 Zabelle Hajian Azablar  
 Laura Barsamian  
 Denise & Harry Boghigian  
 Edward Brewster  
 Dan & Jody Busa  
 Stephen & Nyeri Azablar Ceragno  
 Richard & Patricia Cullinan  
 Ed & Ann Danielson  
 Nancy Guleserian  
 Jack Hajian  
 Susan Delanjian Hennessey

Kurt & Diane Herosian  
 Sam & Lucine Kapreilian  
 Samuel Kaprielian

Lois Kolgian  
 Patricia Leger  
 Paul & Patricia Lynch  
 Patricia McTague  
 Julie (Sarkisian) Milner  
 The Mouradian Family  
 Gladys Partamian  
 Audrey Pilibosian

Jeffrey Pilibosian  
 Robert & Walter Proodian  
 Ruthann Ruthfield  
 Richard & Barbara Surabian  
 Kenneth Surabian  
 Audrey Delanjian Tabeek  
 Richard & Ann Tarvezian  
 Diana K. Topjian  
 Charles & Marjorie Vail  
 Kathy & Leonard Vanarsdale, Jr.  
 June Yacubian

Carol Ann Yacubian  
**TOTAL: \$795**  
**PETER ONANIAN**  
*September 1, 2023*

Karen Anderson  
 Antico Family  
 LeEric Daye Beacon Pointe  
 Melanie Mamishian Bedrosian  
 Inga Devenis  
 Barbara Gulino  
 Louise Hekimian  
 Sonia Janian  
 Greg & Kelly Janian  
 Dana Kludjian  
 Sarah Lukas

Cecelia Largura  
 Kevin, Kris, Brandon & Alyssa Lash  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald C. Meldonian  
 Carol J. Misiewicz  
 Ken & Pam O'Brien  
 Alice F. Powell  
 Sandra Meldonian Robichaud & Family  
 Cathy & Charles Saraf, Jr.  
 John & Debra Saryan  
 Nancy & Tony Smith  
 Richard & Ann Tarvezian  
**TOTAL: \$1,880**

**NICK MARTIROSYAN***August 24, 2023*

Carol Gardner  
**TOTAL: \$50**

**GEORGE TARVEZIAN, JR.***August 25, 2023*

Cynthia Aghamianz  
 Janice Boornazian  
 Nancy Ganjian  
 Arpi Maksoudian Highgas  
 Lois Kolgian  
 Jennie Koumjian  
 Ron & Anastasia Maranian & Family  
 Anna Medzorian  
 Carl & Valerie Narsasian  
 Kenneth & Diane Samuelian  
 Mitchell Sarajian  
 Richard & Ann Tarvezian  
 Talene, Andrew, Theodore Choly  
 Carol Ann Yacubian  
**TOTAL: \$795**

Roberta Miller	Harry & Hripsime Parsekian	Paul & Joyce Dragone	Krikor Gennetian
Alan Medville	Mrs. Jane Najarian Porter	Andrea Garabedian	Harout & Mayda Gigian
Arts Board Mosesian Center	Dr. Robert S. Porter	Rosie Hale	Mr. & Mrs. Istepan Gigyan
David, Myrna, Marisa & Arden Onanian	James & Susan Porter & Family	Diane Herosian	Mihran & Satenig Guler
Lena Sarrofian	Catherine Scott	Kapreilian Family	Alice Halajian
Laurie Onanian	Mae Takoushian	Lori & Mark Kashgelian	Manus Ipek
Charleen Mosesian Onanian	Diana Topjian	Carol A. Kasparian	Silva & Migirdic Kavak
Charleen & Mark Janian	Stacey Watson	Taline & Christian Kebadjian	Bedros Kaya
Sabrina, Simone & Sebastian	<b>TOTAL: \$13,140</b>	Grace Kent	Hagop & Solair Kaya
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian	<b>KREKOR MARDIROSIAN</b>	Dr. Jack & Dorothy Keverian	Markar & Anita Kaya
Kenneth & Diane Samuelian	<i>October 2, 2023</i>	Tom & Diane Lewin	Murat & Nurhan Kaya
Donald & Barbara Tellalian	Lucy Mardirosian	Ron & Lois Malconian	Sarkis Kaya
<b>TOTAL: \$15,185</b>	Carol Babikyan	Madeline Mardirosian	Sahnik Knarian
<b>ADRIENNE TASHJIAN</b>	Anne McGaugh	Paula & Jay McPartland	Krikor Krumlian & Krimetlian Family
<i>September 8, 2023</i>	Ann Nahabedian	Katherine & Richard Morocco	The MacFadzen Family
Charles Gazarian	<b>TOTAL: \$325</b>	Maro & Sarkis Sajonian	Sima Mancilikli
Crosby & Flo Goshgarian & Family	<b>MARY MINASIAN</b>	Bob & Judy Ananian Sarno	Isguhi Shirinian
Arpie Maksoudian Highgas	<i>October 4, 2023</i>	Joshua Tevkelian	Misak Dikranian
Debra & Bob Pjorian	Carol & David Hilderbrand	Muret Yuzlek	Linda Moschner
Leon & Marion Semonian	Doris Phillips	Setrak Yuzlek	Garo & Jaklin Ozcan
<b>TOTAL: \$550</b>	<b>TOTAL: \$200</b>	Scott Zouranjian	Neziha Ozcan
<b>MELS MARTIROSYAN</b>	<b>GLORIA ESSERIAN KAPALIS</b>	<b>TOTAL: \$3,360</b>	Varoujan & Hilda Ozcan
<i>September 16, 2023</i>	<i>October 12, 2023</i>	<b>SEVAN TOUTOUNJIAN</b>	Zadik & Alis Ozcan
Sarkis & Tamara Martirosyan	Luda Esserian	<i>November 1, 2023</i>	Aharon & Ankine Polatian
Arman Voskanian	Eileen Koshgarian	Genie & Robert Melkonian	Linda Sahagian
<b>TOTAL: \$250</b>	Sandy Sarmanian	Tanios Yazbeck	Nuritse Sahan
<b>GLADYS MEDZORIAN</b>	Winterhalter Family	<b>TOTAL: \$250</b>	Yolen Sherikian
<i>September 20, 2023</i>	Nancy L., Elaine, Kathy, Gigi, Nancy A. & Sharon	<b>ELMAS AY</b>	Simpat & Cevahir Sirinoglu
Anna Medzorian	<b>TOTAL: \$350</b>	<i>November 6, 2023</i>	The Yildizyan Family
John Aftandilian	<b>NATALIE BARMAKIAN</b>	Albert & Linda Abkarian	Setrek & Gulkiz Yuzlek
Concord Insurance Group	<i>October 23, 2023</i>	Sarven & Anita Akdemirian Family	<b>TOTAL: \$2,830</b>
Michele M. Brit	George Akhian	Madlin Altoundji	<b>SOPHIE BALGOCHIAN</b>
Daniel & Anne Curris	Steven, Hilda & Adam Assarian	Seta Arazian	<i>November 9, 2023</i>
Norma Daniels	Richard & Walter Bagian	Diane Arey	Dianne Babikian and Family
Ed & Ann Danielson	Barbara Barkins	Garbis & Cicek Baba	Sunny Boghosian
Ruth & John Falletti	John Breckenridge	Nisan & Elizabeth Baba	Leon & Hilda Caragulian
Kathleen Falletti	Judith Basmajian	Rupen Baymus	Rose Hovsepian
Nancy Ganjian	Paul T. Boghosian	Glenn & Hilda Campbell	Sonya A. Janikian
John Kassabian	Ruth Boghosian	Seta & Richard Campbell	Vartkes Tarbassian
Naomi Khederian Bahtarian	Bonjuklian Family	Rose Cimen	<b>TOTAL: \$350</b>
Philip & Isabelle Martin Family	Nancy & Kermit Brown	Sonny Cimenian	<b>LILY AGHASIAN</b>
Eva Medzorian	Margaret Denoncourt	Kaya Cinar	<i>November 16, 2023</i>
Ann Nahabedian	Ginny Riley	Alek Dogramaci	Mr. & Mrs. Martin Geller
Dick Najarian	Janice Dorian	Burbank Elementary School	Scott Rubin
Mr. & Mrs. James Nolan		Joseph Elia	<b>TOTAL: \$525</b>
		Jak & Ani Eskici	
		Jan Eskici	
		Sarkis & Armine Frounjian Family	

**HELEN ESSERIAN***November 16, 2023*

John & Marianne Barsomian  
 Doug & Tanya Chakmakian & Family  
 Luda Esserian  
 Michael J. Koshgarian  
 Eileen Koshgarian

**TOTAL: \$475****DOROTHY JOHN***November 29, 2023*

Helene E. Andreassian  
 Maria Derderian  
 Charles S Gazarian  
 Nancy & Dennis Griffin  
 Dick & JoAnn Janjigian  
 Richard Kashian  
 Tanya Ohanian  
 Nina Sahagian  
 Ronald Tashjian  
 Joyce Watts  
 Carol and Andrea Zeytoonjian

**TOTAL: \$1,900****MARI ESSAYAN***December 5, 2023*

Silva Ekizian  
 Dick & JoAnn Janjigian  
 Sam, Beatrice & Ed Kapreilian  
 Silva Lorensian  
 Lisa & Raffy Lorentzian  
 Jirair Missirlian & Family  
 Esther Stepanian  
 Ida Toro

**TOTAL: \$1,075****GLORIA KHEDERIAN***December 19, 2023*

Diana Adamian  
 Monday Card Group  
 Peter & Gladys Danielson  
 Janine Danielson  
 Marianne Dodakian-Cavalieri  
 Dr. & Mrs. Nishan Goudsouzian  
 Nancy Guleserian  
 Michael & Lisa Hachey  
 Richard Kashian  
 Andy & Janice Kavjian  
 Suzanne H. Keohane  
 Aracse Kurkjian

Sarah &amp; Eric Ledder

Arpy Migridichian  
 Margaret Nigohsian  
 Marilyn Papazian  
 Audrey Pilbosian & Family

**TOTAL: \$1,110****ROSE ARAKELIAN***January 4, 2024*

Diane Adamian  
 Chuck Arakelian  
 John Arakelian & Family  
 David Arakelian & Family  
 Cathy Arakelian Malian & Family  
 Paul Arakelian  
 Jean Barsamian Clark  
 Melanie Bedrosian  
 Paul Bedrosian  
 Dolores Chaban  
 Judith & Dennis Coyne  
 Mary Der Boghosian  
 Gail & David Diehl & Family  
 James & Debbie Digregorio  
 Joe & Val Erdekan  
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gallivan  
 Lisa Goodwin  
 Gail Haroutunian  
 Robin Hasekian & John Haddon  
 Diane Herosian  
 Marion, Clayton, Hannah Hovivian  
 Cynthia & Deran Muckjian  
 Elaine Jefferson  
 Nadia Ann Karnik  
 Janice & Andrew Kavjian  
 David & Joyce Khederian-Chiulli  
 Dana Kludjian  
 Lois Kolgian  
 Aracse Kurkjian  
 Ronald & JoAnn Manoogian & Family  
 Paul Marchesiani  
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul McTague  
 Mary Minasian  
 Cheryl Mooradian  
 Walter & Deanne Nahabedian  
 Marilyn Papazian  
 Gladys Partamian  
 Dover Pool Products  
 Susan & George Ruggiero Venezia  
 Michael Skenian

Henry Sullivan

Richard & Barbara Surabian  
 Stan & Lori Tagarelis  
 Dikran & Karen Ucuz  
 Richard Urell  
 Ronald Valentine  
 Jean M. Webb

Thomas Wilson

Debra Wodogaza  
 Scott Zouranjian

**TOTAL: \$6,875****TOROS MOUSHIGIAN***January 11, 2024*

Mr. & Mrs. Kaspar Andonian, Aram and Armen  
 The Bazarian Family  
 Carol Babikyan  
 Michael & Flo Bahtiarian  
 Paul Bedrosian  
 Alex & Karen Bejian  
 Martha Belibasakis & Family  
 Sunny Boghosian  
 Carl & Rachel Boloyan  
 Maro & Izabel Chapian  
 Gerard & Diane Coste  
 The Cristello Family  
 Karen Dederyan  
 Bertha Demirjian  
 Richard & Karen Diranian  
 Shahe & Marlene Fereshetian  
 John & Karen Hovsepian  
 Elaine & Mark Jefferson  
 Nancy & Krikor Kassabian  
 Andy & Janice Kavjian  
 Edward & Nirva Kazanjian & Family  
 Armen Knaian  
 Ara & Heather Krafian  
 Aracse Kurkjian  
 Stefanie Madanian  
 Cheryl Mooradian  
 Gladys Moushigian  
 Ani Moushigian & Joey O'Neil  
 Vartkes Moushigian & Family  
 John & Lalig Musserian  
 Haigan Ohanessian  
 The Parenteau Family  
 Denise Takvorian  
 Anonymous

**TOTAL: \$1,920****DAVID PEPANYAN***February 1, 2024*

The Keshishian Family  
 Nyree Kibarian  
 Nicholas Lefteriou

**TOTAL: \$130****LINDA TAKVORIAN***February 5, 2024*

Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Mary Aschenbrenner  
 Anita & Michael Assarian  
 Michelle & Gregory Babikian  
 Dianne Babikian  
 Malcolm Barsamian  
 Laura Baxter Tim Baxter, Aida Longhi  
 David & Marie-Louise Bean  
 Paul Bedrosian  
 Shirley Bedrosian Nightingale  
 Sandra Bedrosian & Joseph Testa  
 Kate & Bob Berg  
 William Blake  
 Debra A. Boyajian  
 Christopher Brunner  
 Rosa Campos  
 Edmond & Ann Danielson  
 Phyllis Day  
 Kenneth & Karen Demerjian  
 Edward DerKazarian  
 Mark & Cindy Der Mugrditchian  
 The Whelan & Pierce Families  
 Sonia Garabedian  
 Steve Glikas  
 Marybeth & Jeffrey Goldman  
 Ken & Karen Grennan  
 Mark & Gail Spitler  
 Nancy Guleserian  
 Gail & Bruce Hagopian  
 The Heley Family  
 Kurt & Diane Herosian  
 Barbara & Gerald Indingaro  
 Gordon Janikian  
 Sonia Janikian  
 Leon Janikian, June Foster & Aaron Janikian  
 Elaine & Mark Jefferson  
 Jack & Sheri Jojokian  
 Wynford & Suzette Jones & Family  
 Bethan, Dave, Hilary & Andrew  
 Ken & Esther Kalajian  
 Lori & Mark Kashgegan

Krikor & Nancy Kassabian	Sandra Baldacci Andrew G. Moranian	Diana Adamian	Hovsep & Azniv Keikian & Family
Alexander & Joyce Kenis & Family	Lucy Balian	Leon Asadoorian	Aram Orchanian
Jay & Denise Kiedrowski	John & Kristin Balian	Karen Boornazian	Nver Orchanian
Adrina Kletjian	The Bedigian Family	Mitchell Garabedian & Family	Hasmig Pianpiano
Marie Kouyoumjian	Susan Berberian	Dr. Nishan & Mary Goudsouzian	Cynthia Roberto
Anahid Krikorian	Leon & Elizabeth Daglian	Joyce Guleserian	<b>TOTAL: \$850</b>
Gary & Diane Luster	Nancy & Rich Doherty	Julie & Linda Nahigian	
Stefanie Madanian	Karen & John Dunn	Margaret Nigohsian	<b>ANAHIT MUJUKIAN</b>
Kevin Magarian	Jane M Dunn	Audrey Pilibosian & Family	<i>May 15, 2024</i>
Sean Merle	Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Gustavsen	Richard & Ann Tarvezian	Stepan & Ani Anteryassian
Cheryl Mooradian	George W. Haroutunian	<b>TOTAL: \$1,050</b>	Sarkis & Silva Antreassian
Karen Napoli	Elaine & Mark Jefferson	<b>MARY CHOPOURIAN AVEDISIAN</b>	Talin Bekelian
Ani & Vahe Nigoghosian	Talene Jermakian	<i>April 18, 2024</i>	Krikor & Annie Keikian
Aram Orchanian	Meline & George Karapetian	Diana Adamian	Aracse Kurkjian
Nver Orchanian	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kochian	Carmen & Harry Adamian	Azniv Santouryan
Suzy Orchanian & Ani Kojian	Ronald & Anastasia Maranian	Deborah Ashjian	Nadia Ucuzian
Mr. & Mrs. Zareh Orchanian	Alan & Peg Maranian	Arthur & Susan Aznavorian	<b>Anonymous</b>
Andrea & Zohrab Orchanian, Jonathan & Rita	Paul Maranian	Carol Babikyan	<b>TOTAL: \$555</b>
Linda & Gregory Papazian	Michael & Joanne Maranian & Family	Helen & Richard Cherkerzian	<b>ALICE AYANIAN</b>
Kristine & Bill Peterson Family	Rosette Sahagian	Ann Chopourian & Family	<i>May 17, 2024</i>
Brenda Lawson & Family	Richard Tarvezian	Leslie & James Cristello & Family	Michael & Ida Arslanian & Family
Hasmig & John Pianpiano	Gregory Tashjian	Anne Garabedian	Albert & Sarin Barsoumian
Paul Pogharian & Karen Timmermans	Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Tickner	Suzy Gigiyan	Petros & Berjui Belorian
Joseph Sarkisian	Adour & Nancy Tutunjian	Gail Haroutunian	Bill and Caron Courier
Mr. & Mrs Peter Scagliarini & Donna	The Tutunjian Family	Janice Haroutunian-Avery	Mark Doughty
Dorothea Stosonis	<b>TOTAL: \$2,525</b>	Miriam & David Horton	Hratch & Sofia Karaguesian & Family
Denise Takvorian	<b>VARTUHI OHAN</b>	Mary Janjanian	Shahe & Zovic Majarian
Peter & Ann Takvorian	<i>February 24, 2024</i>	Louise Kassabian	Melkon & Angela Melkonian
Agnes Takvorian	Stephen & Nektar Ashchian	Ken Kevorkian & Olivia Miller	Anna Melkonian
Greg Takvorian and family	Garo Bashian	Barry & Joyce Kevorkian	Edward Orchanian Jr.
Mark, Katie, Erika, Sean & Scarlett	Ralph & Lorraine Bashian	Aracse Kurkjian	Ron & Zarouhi Suggs
Richard Tarvezian	Sayat Nova Dance Company	Stefanie Madanian	Brittany & Matthew Vello
Talene Tarvezian	David & Anita Dolbashian	Kim & Dave Mazzarella	<b>TOTAL: \$750</b>
Wayne & Kathy Townsend	Anoush & Anne Dolbashian	Diane Mooney & Family	
Ron & Lisa Tutunjian	Kapriel Karagozyan & Family	Sandra Narinian	<b>SAHAG BUKRUIAN</b>
Michael & Lisa Zeytoonian	Anahid Kenbelian	Audrey Pilibosian	<i>May 18, 2024</i>
<b>TOTAL: \$5,680</b>	Arto & Ani Kurkjian	Michael Samuelian	Margos Shirinian
<b>JOYCE SULAHIAN</b>	Daron Kurkjian	Mimi Samuelian	<b>TOTAL: \$100</b>
<i>February 20, 2024</i>	Talin Masrof	David & Holly Talanian & Family	
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian	Aram & Valerie Ogullukian	Gayle & Michael Yapchaian	
Zaven & Ani Sahagian	Stepan & Vilma Ozcetinkaya	<b>TOTAL: \$1,525</b>	
<b>TOTAL: \$200</b>	Aline & Rami Said	<b>VICTORIA DEIRMENDJIAN</b>	<b>CAROLEE BERBERIAN</b>
<b>HEREPSIME MORANIAN</b>	Dayton Semerjian	<i>May 1, 2024</i>	<i>May 22, 2024</i>
<i>February 23, 2024</i>	Mary Soukiasian	Sarkis & Silva Antreassian	Mike & Carol Akillian
Stephen & Heidi Baldacci	Jamie & Aylin Tamburrini	Marco Debe	Ann Nahabedian
	<b>TOTAL: \$1,740</b>	Aram & Louisa Deirmendjian	Zadik Ozcan
	<b>ANNA GARABEDIAN</b>	Duncan Galvanizing	<b>TOTAL: \$275</b>
	<i>March 26, 2024</i>	Krikor & Annie Keikian	

**THOMAS AMIRIAN, JR.***May 23, 2024*

Cynthia Aghamianz  
Marsha Hovenesian  
Diane Krikorian  
Roy, Marilyn & Charlie Larkin  
Virginia Tavitian

**TOTAL: \$120****KAREN ARZUMANIAN***June 21, 2024*

Emmanuel & Marina Der  
Torossian  
Hagop & Sossy Nercessian

**TOTAL: \$80****JOSEPHINE AKMEZIKYAN***June 22, 2024*

Talene, Andrew & Theodore  
Choly  
Nektar & Stephen Ashchian  
Susan Atamian  
Mrs. Mary Azizian & Family  
Carol Babikyan  
Rev. Avedis & Arpi Boynerian  
Kapriyel & Margrit Chavushian  
Berj & Annie Chekijian  
Armen Citcioglu  
Gilda Cordone  
Vatche & Maral Der Torossian  
Arto Derbeckyan  
Alex Dogramaci  
Armine Erol  
Luda Esserian  
Elizabeth Ganjian  
Victor & Nancy Ganjian  
Krikor Gennetian  
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Gennetian

Sarkis Gennetian

Vahe & Marie Ghahraman  
Nerses & Araxi Ghazarian  
Mihran Guler  
Nancy Guleserian & Family  
Arman Halajian  
Martin & Julliette Hatgadourian  
Carl & Denise Hoxeng  
Janet Imirze  
Manus Ipek

Robert & Haigouhe Kalantari  
John & Seta Kaleshian  
Anita & Markar Kaya & Family  
Sharke DerApkarian  
Sahnik Knarian  
Arthur & Jbid Kostikian  
Lianoush Kostikian

Aracse Kurkjian  
Arto & Ani Kurkjian  
Daron Kurkjian & Christopher  
Beck  
Lisa Massmanian  
Karen Minassian  
Natalie Minassian  
Harry & Hrip Parsekian  
Kinda Romanos

Aline Said  
Kegham & Yolen Sherikian  
Leanne Stamatopoulos  
Aylin Tamburrini  
Richard & Ann Tarvezian  
Dikran & Karen Uczuz  
Hrach & Anoush Uczuzian  
Nadia Uczuzian  
Tanya Uczuzian  
Garo Yavshaoglu  
Toros & Salpy Yeterian  
Berj Yildirim  
Mari & Raffi Zargarian

Babroudi Family

Varjabedian Family

**TOTAL: \$4,470**  
**KHATUN SANTURYAN**

*June 25, 2024*

Estepan & Anahid Anteryassian  
Sarkis & Silva Antreasian  
Berjouhy & Mary Burnuchian  
Mary & Martin Burnuchian  
Nona Balian  
Mr. & Mrs. George Esserian  
Luda Esserian

Nerses & Araxi Ghazarian  
Anne Hagopian  
Seta Jilian  
Mary Kioumehian & Family  
Tagouhi Kostikian  
Jbid Kostikian  
Aracse Kurkjian  
George & Seta Manjikian  
Shahe & Zovig Nalbandian  
Steven & Aida Parnagian  
Zabel Santourian  
Seta Takvoryan  
Yerem & Sossi Yaboujian  
Ara & Sossy Yogurtian  
Anonymous

**TOTAL: \$1,060****ADDITIONAL  
IN LIEU DONATIONS***As of December 31, 2023*

**RUTH CHARSHODIAN SIRACO**  
*January 6, 2021*  
Lisa Charshodian Dyer

**TOTAL: \$100****LUCILLE DEMIRJIAN***April 22, 2022*

Marylou Peterson & Richard  
Ferrieri & Family

**TOTAL: \$5,399****HELEN CHILIAN***May 5, 2022*

Susan Leigh Hoburg

**TOTAL: \$2,508****ARMEN GALAIAN***June 10, 2022*

Karapet Elmezian

**TOTAL: \$705****ARMEN GECHIJIAN***July 25, 2022*

Ara &amp; Pamela Gechijian

**TOTAL: \$300****MARY HUMBER***July 25, 2022*

Darby &amp; James Hobbs

**TOTAL: \$525****DEAN BROWN***July 30, 2022*

Tom Gengozian &amp; Sally Vanerian

Karl &amp; Diane &amp; Julia Hekimian

Aracse Kurkjian &amp; Family

Zella Marootian

**TOTAL: \$3,115**

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# EASTER YUGHAKIN

*It is customary in the Armenian Church to provide "Yughakin" especially around the feasts of Easter and Christmas. This practice dates as far back as the time of Moses in the Old Testament. Yughakin in Armenian means "price of oil" – "Yugh" meaning oil and "kin" meaning price. Each local church community would donate money specially earmarked towards the purchase of oil, which in return would keep the lanterns burning and ultimately the doors open of the church. With gratitude to those who made donations to St. James during Easter.*

Paul Abdalian	Karney Eldridge <i>in memory of Dickran &amp; Aznive Gazarian</i>	Bertha Kazanjian	Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Diana Adamian		Edward & Nirva Kazanjian	Gladys Partamian
Henry Agahigian		Paul G. Kazanjian	Gary Pogharian
Cynthia Aghamianz		Cheryl Keane	Apkar & Arpie Potookian
Manuk & Josephine Akmezikyan		Anahid Kenbelian	Thomas & Diane Prendergast
Fr. Arakel & Yn. Natasha Aljalian		Marlin Keshishian	Shirlee Purcell
Irina P. Amirbekyan		Sirvart Keumurian	Herman & Laura Purutyan
Susan Atamian		Louisa Kheremian	Linda Sahagian
Arpi Avakian		Sahnik Knarian	Maral Salahi
Anne Ayrassian		Lois Kolgian	Paul W. Salterio <i>in memory of Alice Arakelian</i>
Garbiz & Cicek Baba		Jbid Kostikian	Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
Peter & Gloria Babigian		Tagouhi Kostikian	Charles Sarian
Peter Balgochian		Jennie Koumjian	Haig Sarian
Anoush Balian		Marie Kouyoumjian	Richard & Marianne Shahlamian
David Barber		Marilyn J. Larkin	Sonya & Michael Shooshan
Ed & Nancy Barsamian		Ari Madenjian	David & Simone Shrestinian
Catherine Bazarian		Peter Mahakian	Deborah Surabian
Lucy Bedirian		Patricia Maloomian	Mae Takoushian
Seth & Tina Bilazarian		JoAnn & Ronald Manoogian & Family	Lucy Talanian <i>in memory of Ralph Talanian</i>
Sunny Boghosian		Josephina Manoukian	Richard & Ann Tarvezian
Gail Boroyan		Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Maranian	Ronald Tashjian
Debra Boyajian		Nancy Maserejian & Steve Chagnon	Gloria Tatarian
Edward Brewster		Vivian Masrof	Amy Tekeian Varjian
Tanya Chakmakian		Toumayan Miller Family	Diana Topjian
Berj & Annie Chekijian		Diana Minasian	Nadia Ucuizian
Johanna & Hachik Chilingirian		Cheryl Mooradian	Gloria Voce
Azad & Arman Chitchian & Family		Andrea Movsessian	Gayle M. Yapchaian
Andrew, Talene and Theodore Choly		Marilyn Mozian	Michael Yapchaian
Raymond Davidian		Ann Nahabedian	Arlene Young
Karen Dederyan		Gloria Najarian	Natalie Zakarian
Susan Deranian		Margaret Nigohsian	Frederick Zartarian
John Derderian		Emma Oganova	Carol Zeytoonjian
Maria Derderian		Joan Osganian	Anonymous
		Garo & Jaklin Ozcan	
		Ardo & Tina Panian	

# SACRAMENTS

## BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS

*You have been baptized in Christ. Alleluia.*

### RORY ANAHID MCCABE

*September 17, 2022*

Daughter of Christopher and Melanie McCabe  
Godparents: James McCabe and Ani Zarifian

### LUCY ALEXIS BULYCHEV

*September 18, 2022*

Daughter of Alexey and Lia Bulychev  
Godparents: Haig Haroutunian and  
Elen Avagyan

### HANNAH MARGARET GILBODY

*September 24, 2022*

Daughter of Richard and Nicole Gilbody  
Godparents: Spencer and Lauren Hines

### CONOR CHARLES MARGOSSIAN

*October 2, 2022*

Son of Charles and Ashley Margossian  
Godparents: Gregory Nash and  
Courtney Margossian

### JACK HOVSEP NORIGIAN

*October 16, 2022*

Son of Gregory and Nairi Norigian  
Godparents: Zaven Norigian and Tamar Putiri

### NARINE EVE KHAJADOURIAN

*November 13, 2022*

Daughter of Mike and Marita Khajadourian  
Godfather: George Khajadourian

### CHARLOTTE ROSE GHAZARIAN

*November 26, 2022*

Daughter of Gregory and Torri Ghazarian  
Godparents: Hovanes and Jenna Papazian

### ISABELLA ROSE OZCAN

*January 7, 2023*

Daughter of Manuk and Lerna Ozcan  
Godparents: Ohan and Aleena Ozcan

### NOAH TSYBULSKIY

*January 14, 2023*

Son of Dmitriy and Sandra Tsybulskiy  
Godparents: Avedis Cinar and  
Kristine Demirtchian

### ANDREW THOMAS MALIAN, JR.

*March 4, 2023*

Son of Andrea and Leah Malian  
Godparents: Justin Federico and  
MaryRose Malian

### MADDOX ANNA ELLIOTT

*March 12, 2023*

Daughter of Joshua and Elina Elliott  
Godparents: James Sullivan and  
Gina Glazomitsky

### TAYA ANN DOLGIN

*April 15, 2023*

Daughter of Arkadiy Dolgin and  
Inna Amirian  
Godparents: Vigen and Jemma Ayvazian

### ANI ALEXANDRA AVIDZBA

*April 15, 2023*

Daughter of Shali Avidzba and Yana Amirian  
Godparents: Vigen Ayvazian and  
Anaif Avidzba

### ROCCO GIUSEPPE PISANO

*April 29, 2023*

Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Pisano  
Godparents: Salvatore Aurite-Musto and  
Arda Mouradjian

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Daughter of Austin Bryant and  
Julie McDermott  
Godparents: Trevor Bryant, Sarah Cohen and  
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*June 3, 2023*

Son of David and Taline Boroyan  
Godparents: George Misherfi and  
Taylor Tompkins

### CHALISA ELYSE SARMANIAN

*June 24, 2023*

Daughter of Evan and Chatthida Sarmanian  
Godparent: Sloane Sarmanian

### RUBY LILLIAN PROCACCINI

*July 29, 2023*

Daughter of David and Krystle Procaccini  
Godparents: Hovan and Ashley Piranosian

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*August 12, 2023*

Daughter of Martin Zakaryan and  
Anna Karamyan  
Godparents: Sarkis Boyajian and  
Maro Zakaryan

### VACHE ALBERT ZAKARYAN

*August 12, 2023*

Son of Martin Zakaryan and  
Anna Karamyan  
Godparents: Sarkis Boyajian and  
Maro Zakaryan

### NAREK LAVOISIER BROUKIAN

*August 19, 2023*

Son of Dr. Shant and Erica Broukian  
Godparents: Antranig Atinian and  
Isabelle Limarino

### MATTEO KAYA

*August 27, 2023*

Son of Mike and Melinda Kaya  
Godparents: Artur and Meri Polat

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*September 2, 2023*  
 Daughter of Edward and Courtney Tacvorian  
 Godparents: Simon and Kerri Tacvorian

**GABRIEL ERVANT TACVORIAN**  
*September 2, 2023*  
 Son of Edward and Courtney Tacvorian  
 Godparents: Francis Cullen and Bridget Assip

**PATRICIA LYNN MALOOMIAN**  
*September 9, 2023*  
 Daughter of George and Sally Maloomian  
 Godparents: Levon and Mariam Derderian

**ADRIEN LUCAS AKMEZIKYAN**  
*September 9, 2023*  
 Son of Tanya and Keri Akmezikyan  
 Godparents: Christopher Akmezikyan and Taline Diaz

**AVA GRACE AKMEZIKYAN**  
*September 9, 2023*  
 Daughter of Tanya and Keri Akmezikyan  
 Godparents: Christopher Akmezikyan and Taline Diaz

**AHMET HAKKI KAPICI**  
*September 10, 2023*

**ROBERT LEO AZNAVORIAN**  
*October 15, 2023*  
 Son of David and Mary Katherine Aznavorian  
 Godparents: Arthur and Susan Aznavorian

**HAKOP JAMES PAPAZIAN**  
*October 29, 2023*  
 Son of Hovanes and Jenna Papazian  
 Godparents: Allen Papazian and Torri Ghazarian

**AMARA KARLI ROHRA**  
*November 5, 2023*  
 Daughter of Neran and Karina Rohra  
 Godparents: Nicholas Spinosa and Liana Bekelian

**LEO VAHAN ESKICIAN**  
*November 12, 2023*  
 Son of Steven Eskici and Sevan Makhoulian  
 Godparents: Andrew Eskici and Jbid Kostikian

**JOHN ALEXANDER OZCAN**  
*January 13, 2024*  
 Son of Ohan and Aleena Ozcan  
 Godparents: Manuk and Lerna Ozcan

**AVA ANNA ARAKELIAN**  
*February 17, 2024*  
 Daughter of John and Jaclyn Arakelian  
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**EASTON RYAN GAFFNEY**  
*April 6, 2024*  
 Son of Ryan and Erin Gaffney  
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*April 13, 2024*  
 Daughter of Charles and Ashley Margossian  
 Godparents: Ryan Leary and Carlie Margossian

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*April 28, 2024*  
 Son of Aram and Mary Babikyan  
 Godparents: Armen Babikyan and Christine Silva

**TALAR MEGHRI TACHJIAN**  
*May 1, 2024*  
 Daughter of Ara Tachjian and Talish Aghababayan  
 Godparents: Shant Tatarian and Narineh Tatarian

**MANEH AREV SHRESTINIAN**  
*May 25, 2024*  
 Daughter of Aram and Ani Shrestinian  
 Godparents: Van Shrestinian and Anna Shrestinian

**SCARLETT TAKOUEHI WHELAN**  
*June 8, 2024*  
 Daughter of Sean and Erika Whelan  
 Godparents: Philip McManus and Rita Orchanian

**LUCIANO ONIK PAPAZIAN**  
*June 9, 2024*  
 Son of Allen and Ivana Papazian  
 Godparents: Hovanes Papazian and Roberta Chiaravalloti

**ANGELINA GYULAKIAN PATEL**  
*June 16, 2024*  
 Daughter of Kush Patel and Isabelle Gyulakian  
 Godparent: Sara Grigoryan

**VALENTINA GYULAKIAN PATEL**  
*June 16, 2024*  
 Daughter of Kush Patel and Isabelle Gyulakian  
 Godparent: Sara Grigoryan

**KUSH PATEL**  
*June 16, 2024*

**THEODORE MATTHEW BAZARIAN**  
*July 13, 2024*  
 Son of Matthew and Cassandra Bazaarian  
 Godparents: Nicholas Kenis and Juliana Gentilucci

**ZOE NAIRI SORIAL**  
*July 13, 2024*  
 Daughter of Mark and Lori Sorial  
 Godparents: Matthew Sorial and Tina Sarikian

**AVEDIS THOMAS TOGHRAMADJIAN**  
*July 27, 2024*  
 Son of Hagop and Natasha Toghramadjian  
 Godparents: Ari Kazanjian and Deanna Bednarz

**DIMITRIOS MAXIMOS VASILEIOU**  
*August 3, 2024*  
 Son of Nikolaos Vasileiou and Nektaria Panagiotaris  
 Godparent: Nicholas Haroutioun Fredette

**JULIAN MICHAEL HAGOPIAN**  
*August 10, 2024*  
 Son of Michael and Mary Hagopian  
 Godparents: Eric Hagopian and Vanessa Hagopian



# FUNERALS

*May Christ our God shed His Eternal Light upon the souls of our dearly departed.  
May God bless the souls of the deceased and comfort the members of their families.*

STEPHEN STEPANIAN <i>October 4, 2022</i>	SONYA A. BABAINTS <i>March 18, 2023</i>	NICK MARTIROSYAN <i>August 24, 2023</i>	YURI NANUSHEV <i>November 15, 2023</i>	MARY AVEDISIAN <i>April 18, 2024</i>
NORAIR KAZARIAN <i>October 8, 2022</i>	PAUL PIRUNDINI <i>April 15, 2023</i>	GEORGE TARVEZIAN, JR. <i>August 25, 2023</i>	HELEN ESSERIAN <i>November 22, 2023</i>	VICTORIA DEIRMENDJIAN <i>May 1, 2024</i>
SEVAN GEBEYAN <i>October 19, 2022</i>	ELEANOR PAUL <i>April 15, 2023</i>	MARIA GHERIDIAN <i>August 30, 2023</i>	LILYA AGHASIAN <i>November 26, 2023</i>	ANAHIT MUJUKIAN <i>May 15, 2024</i>
KNARIG "KAY" GOSHGARIAN <i>October 25, 2022</i>	ALEX KARNIG KALAYDJIAN <i>May 2, 2023</i>	PETER ONANIAN <i>September 1, 2023</i>	DOROTHY JOHN <i>November 29, 2023</i>	ALICE AYANIAN <i>May 17, 2024</i>
YERIN AGAHIGIAN <i>November 21, 2022</i>	ELEANOR ARAKELIAN <i>May 8, 2023</i>	ADRIENNE TASHJIAN <i>September 8, 2023</i>	MARI ESSAYAN <i>December 5, 2023</i>	SAHAG BUKRUIAN <i>May 18, 2024</i>
ALICE JANJIGIAN <i>November 22, 2022</i>	IDA ASLANYAN <i>May 11, 2023</i>	MELS MARTIROSYAN <i>September 16, 2023</i>	GLORIA KHEDERIAN <i>December 12, 2023</i>	CAROLEE E. BERBERIAN <i>May 22, 2024</i>
LOUISE D. BAGDASARIAN MISSAKIAN <i>December 17, 2022</i>	ROSE BOGHIGIAN <i>May 12, 2023</i>	GLADYS MEDZORIAN <i>September 20, 2023</i>	MICHELLE GARLAND <i>December 21, 2023</i>	THOMAS T. AMIRIAN, JR. <i>May 23, 2024</i>
ADELE BALOULIAN <i>December 26, 2022</i>	ONIK J. KOUYOUMDJIAN <i>May 31, 2023</i>	KREKOR MARDIROSIAN <i>October 2, 2023</i>	ROSE ARAKELIAN <i>January 4, 2024</i>	
JOHN AHIGIAN <i>December 28, 2022</i>	MARGUERITE SHAMGOCHIAN <i>June 2, 2023</i>	MARY (MUGRDICHIAN) MINASIAN <i>October 3, 2023</i>	TOROS MOUSHIGIAN <i>January 11, 2024</i>	LIDIA OSIPOVA <i>June 10, 2024</i>
VARDAN GRIGORYAN <i>January 18, 2023</i>	JOHN KHEDERIAN <i>June 17, 2023</i>	GLORIA ESSERIAN KAPALIS <i>October 12, 2023</i>	DAVID PEPANYAN <i>February 1, 2024</i>	KAREN ARZUMANYAN <i>June 21, 2024</i>
ALINA SHIRIKYAN <i>January 19, 2023</i>	ONIK GRIGORYAN <i>June 24 2023</i>	NATALIE BARMAKIAN <i>October 23, 2023</i>	LINDA TAKVORIAN <i>February 5, 2024</i>	JOSEPHINE AKMEZIKYAN <i>June 22, 2024</i>
LOUISE MARGARET MARANIAN <i>February 2, 2023</i>	DONIK DEMIR <i>July 8, 2023</i>	HELEN (GARABEDIAN) SERIJAN <i>October 27, 2023</i>	JOYCE SULAHIAN <i>Prayer Service</i> <i>February 20, 2024</i>	KHATUN SANTURYAN <i>June 25, 2024</i>
YEDVARD "EDDY" KARAKACHIAN <i>February 23, 2023</i>	GRIGORIY ARTYUNOV <i>July 10, 2023</i>	SEVAN TOUTOUNJIAN <i>November 1, 2023</i>	HEREPSIME MORANIAN <i>February 23, 2024</i>	GREGORY DERDERIAN <i>July 20, 2024</i>
VARTKES KOURKEN KARAIAN <i>March 4, 2023</i>	SARKIS PABOOJIAN <i>July 11, 2023</i>	ELMAS AY <i>November 6, 2023</i>	VARTUHI OHAN <i>February 24, 2024</i>	JOAN BABIGIAN <i>August 9, 2024</i>
LORIS PAPAZIAN <i>March 14, 2023</i>	ROSE BARSAMIAN <i>July 20, 2023</i>	SOPHIE J. BALGOCHIAN <i>November 9, 2023</i>	ANNA GARABEDIAN <i>March 26, 2024</i>	AGAVNI OZCAN <i>August 20, 2024</i>
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# WEDDINGS

*And the two shall become one.*

ARTEM SHAKHRAMANYAN  
AND ASTRIK KOSTANIAN

*September 9, 2022*

LEVON SIMONYAN AND  
LUCINE BAHTIARIAN

*September 10, 2022*

STEPHEN FENERJIAN AND  
SHANNON MILLARD

*September 24, 2022*

JAMIE GULLBRAND AND  
LARA GECHIJIAN

*September 30, 2022*

GEORGE HAROUTIOUNIAN  
AND IRYNA PASCO

*October 8, 2022*

ERIC SMITH AND  
RACHAEL SARKISIAN

*October 22, 2022*

KENNETH MORRISINO AND  
ANI DERDERIAN

*October 28, 2022*

NABIL BOU-MITRI AND  
TAMAR AROYAN

*November 5, 2022*

DAVID OBERLANDER AND  
DEANNA MINASIAN

*November 12, 2022*

JASON PETERSON AND  
FABIANA FERNANDES MUNIZ  
DE FARIAS

*November 19, 2022*

ARMEN BYZANTINE AND  
ASMIK GAMLETOVNA  
IGOLNIKOVA

*March 19, 2023*

LEOPOLDO PENA AND ERIKA  
GABRIELA PONCE GALLEGOS

*July 29, 2023*

VINCENT PREZIOSO AND  
KATHERINE RATTEY

*August 5, 2023*

JONATHAN RAPOSO AND  
SAMANTHA DOUGHTY

*August 12, 2023*

TODD BOGHIGIAN AND  
SOPHIE GECHIJIAN

*September 16, 2023*

JOHN MUSSERIAN AND  
STACIE COLEMAN

*November 4, 2023*

CHRISTIAN O'NEIL, JR. AND  
ANI MOUSHIGIAN

*November 5, 2023*

MICHAEL GULESERIAN AND  
YULIYA NIKOLOVA

*November 18, 2023*

HARUTYUN YESAYAN AND  
RIMA GHUKASYAN

*April 14, 2024*

EAMON MCMAHON AND  
JUSTINE DRABICKI

*April 19, 2024*

SERGE MANOUKIAN AND  
ROZA GRIGORYAN

*April 21, 2024*

JOHN MASTROIANNI AND  
NUNE NALBANDYAN

*May 11, 2024*

CLARK DEMOS AND  
RACHEL TALANIAN

*June 1, 2024*

ROBERT NADOLNY AND  
LORI SHIRINIAN

*June 15, 2024*

CHARLES JOURDAN AND  
TALINE DIAZ

*June 16, 2024*

GUY ZAMOR AND  
JULIE CRISTELLO

*July 19, 2024*

THOMAS SIMJIAN AND  
LUCY MESROBIAN

*July 20, 2024*

SETRAK SETH KAPREILIAN  
AND SAVANNAH ROWAN

*August 2, 2024*

DEREK MANTEY AND  
CAYLA BABIGIAN

*August 31, 2024*





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Each Memorial Plaque is 2" x 10" in size. Each plaque bears the name of the departed loved one being memorialized in both Armenian and English, and also bears an inscription of years of birth and passing. Plaques are installed on the Perpetual Memorial at the requested area. Only one person may be remembered on each plaque.

The contribution for each Memorial Plaque is \$1,000. The majority of this donation is placed in the St. James Permanent Fund, where it will generate continuing income for our parish. Families or individuals wanting to reserve Memorial Plaques in advance may do so, and may also select the area of the Perpetual Memorial on which their plaque(s) will be placed, by making full payment in advance.



The Perpetual Memorial is a way to honor our departed loved ones and to remember them as we enter our church sanctuary to worship. For more information, please contact the church office at (617) 923-8860.



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## REQUIEM SERVICE/HOKEHANKISD

Arrangements for Requiem Service, Altar Flowers and Candles should be made through the church office by Thursday at noon. In accordance with the canons of the Armenian Church, Requiem Services may not be performed on the five major feast days: Armenian Christmas, Easter, The Feast of the Transfiguration, The Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God, and The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

## BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

All baptisms must be scheduled at least two months in advance by calling the church office. According to the Armenian Church canons, a Baptism may only be performed once in a person's lifetime, provided such Baptism has been performed in a Christian Church and in the name of the Holy Trinity.

At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church.

## WEDDINGS

Parishioners should contact the church office at least eight months in advance. A couple must contact St. James to confirm the availability of the Pastor and sanctuary prior to making any other arrangements.

All weddings must follow the Canons of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In accordance with Diocesan discipline mandated by the Primate, all Sacraments must be performed in the church sanctuary.

The couple must meet with the Pastor at least once for pre-marital preparation and counseling. Weddings cannot be performed during Great Lent or Holy Week, or on the five major feast days: Armenian Christmas, Holy Easter, The Feast of the Transfiguration, The Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God, and The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

## FUNERALS

Families should make arrangements with the funeral director of their choice, who will contact the church office to arrange the funeral service. Generally, St. James coordinates funerals with Bedrosian Funeral Home and Giragosian Funeral Home; both are located in Watertown and are familiar with our Church traditions.

Funerals may not be performed on religious holidays, major feast days, Saturdays after 3:00 p.m., or on Sundays.

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