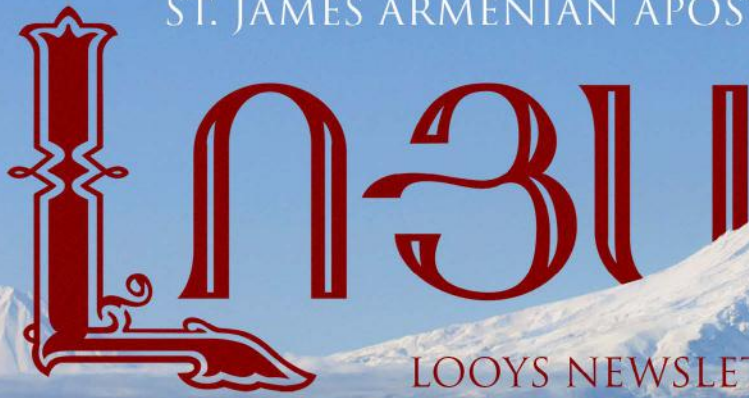


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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WELCOMING BISHOP MESROP TO ST. JAMES

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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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

Apkar 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

Boloyan for running the kitchen, Steve Parnagian for managing the grills and volunteers, Rachel Boloyan 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!

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in memory of Michael and Madeline Maranian
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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.



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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 or 617.923.8860.





ACYOA SRS. NEWS

This 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.





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 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, *Միշտ Հայ Մնանք (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 KOUYOUMJIAN

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 a 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 Café. 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 Looy's. If writing is your talent, let us know. Help report on parish events, come up with creative submissions for the Looy's, and contribute on other projects. Time commitment is flexible. Contact Maria Derderian at mderderian@stthagop.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.

Linda Sahagian



PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT

ANI PERL
SARAH DERIAN

ANI PERL



My 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

While 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 Totovian Memorial Scholarship	ABEL KESHISHIAN
Kayzag and Isabelle Totovian 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 Gigian, 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 woman 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.

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 Raphaelian 781-608-1642 or 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 Raphaelian at Sandy.raphaelian@verizon.net or Laura Bresnee at lbres35@aol.com for more information.

Sandy Raphaelian



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, kheyima, 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.

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!



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@stthagop.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.





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 Paregentan 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@stthagop.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.

Jerusalem 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 Tarkmanchatz 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

Last 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 Toghrumadjian, 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 Chapien, Christian Diaz, Kristina Dorian, Leanna Dorian, Ava Hayward, Zachary Kefeyan, David Kioumejian, Alex Kurkjian, Damian Lilla, Naera Margios, Aren Panian, Ella Perkins, Charlie Simmons, and Bianca Tamburrini.

JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER!

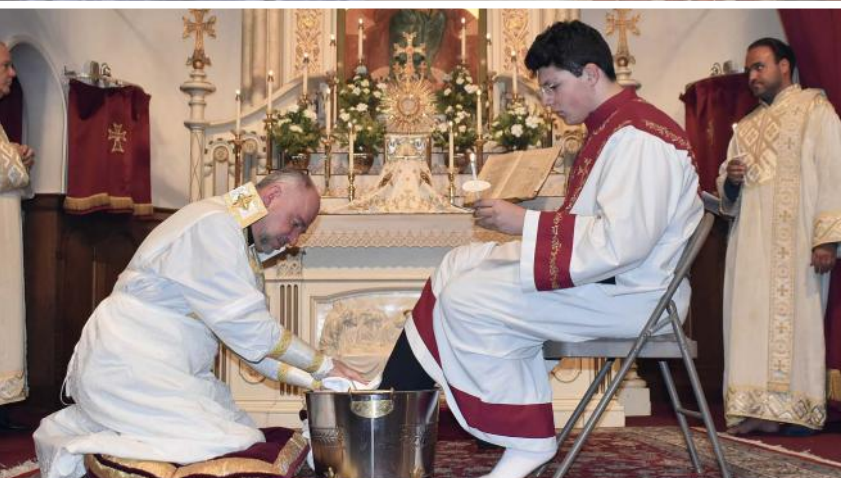
We welcome all of our children and young adults to be a part of the Sunday School family. We have been working over the summer months to prepare an engaging year for our students. It is a joy to see each of our students and our families every Sunday during Sunday School. We look forward to seeing you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





HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES







ST. JAMES 76th ANNUAL BAZAAR

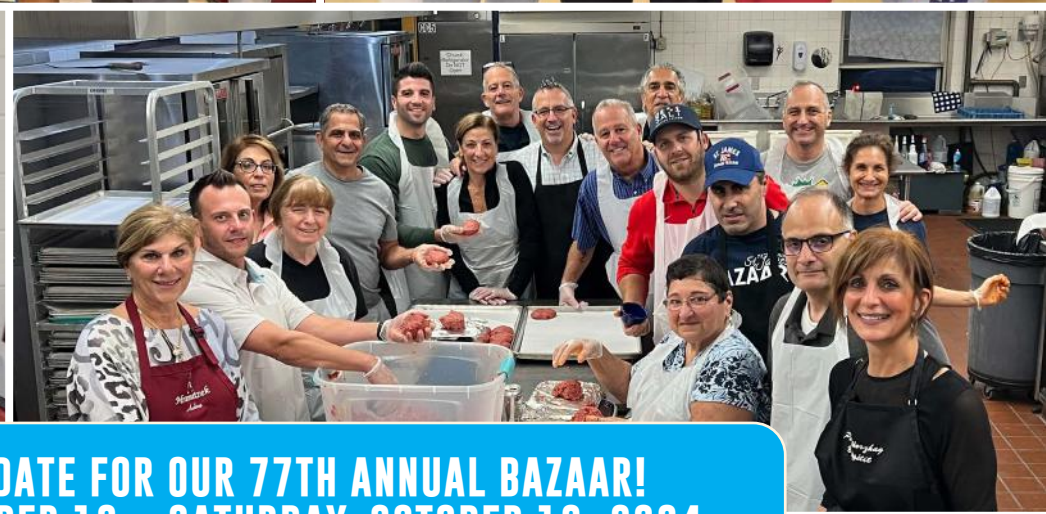
A huge thank you to all of our volunteers for another successful St. James Bazaar! We could not have done it without each and every one of you. We received numerous compliments for our delicious food, atmosphere, and effort. It would

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 Raphaelian, 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 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 77th Annual Bazaar

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 18
12-8 PM

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 19
11AM-7PM

**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



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.

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@stthagop.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 mahs 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@stthagop.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 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
Diana Adamian
Henry Agahigian
Cynthia Aghamianz
Lori Ajamian Pariury
Manuk Akmezikyan
Fr. Arakel & Yn. Natasha Aljalian
Dr. Myron Allukian Jr.
Irina Amirbekyan
Anita & Michael Assarian
Susan Atamian
Arpi Avakian
Steven & Janice Avery
Garbiz & Cicek Baba
Peter & Gloria Babigian
Michael & Florence Bahtiarian
Peter Balgochian
Anoush Balian
David & Andrea Barber
Ed & Nancy Barsamian
Anahit Bazarian
Nayiri Berberian
Mr. & Mrs Harry Beurklian
Seth & Tina Bilazarian
Sunny Boghosian
Gail Boroyan
Debra Boyajian
Edward Brewster
Tanya & Douglas Chakmakian
Berj & Annie Chekijian
Hachik & Johanna Chilingirian
Arman Chitchian & Family
Andrew, Talene & Theodore Choly
Michael & Susan Choly

Jean Clark
Sylvia Collette
Raymond Davidian
Karen Dederyan
John Derderian
Maria Derderian
Sarkis & Kohar Dudumian
Alice England
Sal & Elizabeth Falzone
Haroutiounian Family
Anne Garabedian
Mitchell Garabedian
Sonia Garabedian
Tom Gengozian & Sally Vanerian
Sarkis Gennetian
Sonia Gulbankian & Reidar Gresseth
Joyce Guleserian
Nancy Guleserian
Susan Hennessey
Kurt & Diane Herosian
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Nerses Joubanian & Roxanne Etmekjian
Nevart Kaderian
Harry Kalajian, Jr.
Lenore Karaian
Richard Kashian
Andy & Janice Kavjian
Berta Kazanjian
Ed & Nirva Kazanjian & Family

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Marlin Keshishian
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Pamela Kevorkian DiBella
Louisa Kheremian
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Lois Kolgian
Jennie Koumjian
Diane Krikorian
Marilyn Larkin
Peter Mahakian
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Chloe & Nina Zeytoonian
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Nancy Maserejian & Steve Chagnon
Vivian Masrof
Diana Minasian
Marilyn Mozian
Ann Nahabedian
Gloria & Eleanor Najarian
In memory of Khosrof & Louise (Ozoonian) Najarian
Doreen Nersesian
Margaret Nigohsian
Emma Oganova
Edward Orchanian, Jr.
Garo & Jaklin Ozcan
Ardo & Tina Panian

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Stella Tonry
Diana Topjian
Philip & Shirley Toumayan-Miller
Kirk & Amy Varjian
Gayle Yapchaian
Michael Yapchaian
Arlene Young
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 Hovsepien
John & Karen Hovsepien & Family
Carol Hoyen
Diran Jebejian
Elaine & Mark Jefferson
Nerses Joubanian & Roxanne Etmekjian
James M. Kalustian
Sam & Lucine Kapreilian & 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 & Adrina 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 Atinikian
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 Balouljian & Family
Ara & Brenda Barsoumian
Krikor & Salpi Boyadjian
Hratch & Matilda Daoudian

Mayram Daoudian
Sarkis & Kohar Dudumian
Apo Dudumian
Robert Gebeyan
Thomas Gengozian & Sally Vanerian
Nerses & Araxi Ghazarian & Family
Eric & Amy Guzelian
Alice Hachikian
Rozetta Helvadjan
Krikor & Arsho Jarkezian
Marcel Karian
Kioumejian Family
Mr. & Mrs. Hrayr Manjikian
Rita Marash
Susan & Scott Mazur
Armen & Tamar Postoyan
Sarkis & Maro Sajonian
Gazaros Shirinoglu
Arman Sirinoglu

TOTAL: \$3,460

KNARIG (TUTUNJIAN) GOSHGARIAN

October 20, 2022

Crosby & Flo Goshgarian & Family
Jack & Carol Goshgarian Hoplamazian
Dave & Marcia Kalayjian
Robert & Adrina Kletjian
Carmella Kletjian
Maria & Ken Mosesian
Richard & Ann Tarvezian
Carolyn Tompkins
Allan Tutunjian
David Yerganian

TOTAL: \$1,724

YERIN AGAHIGIAN

November 21, 2022

Henry Agahigian Family
Nancy & Koko Kassabian
Akillian-Casey Family
Peter Balgochian
Richard Bazarian
Sharon Bazarian Jim McDermott
Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Bazarian
Aram Bedrosian Funeral Home
Sunny Boghosian
Karen Dederyan

Kurt & Diane Herosian & Family
Elaine & Mark Jefferson
Theresa Koestring
Paula Koestring
Jennie Koumjian
Aracse Kurkjian
Susan & Val Magliozzi
Claire Malkasian & Family
Paul & Lisa Mandrafino
George Masteralexis
Aaron Norton
Janice Papazian
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Audrey Pilibosian
Shirlee Purcell
Kathleen Moeckel
ReNAGade Therapeutics Mgmt., Inc.
James P. Sohigian
The Duffy Family

TOTAL: \$2,745

ALICE JANJIGIAN

November 22, 2022

Aram Bedrosian Funeral Home
Carolyn Bozkurtian
Joanne Galvin
Dolores Garabedian & Family
Nadia Ann Karnik
Arpy Migridichian & Family
Marie Niland
Lisa, Elaine & Ana Oteri
Hripsime & Harry Parsekian
Tevekelian/Tutunjian Family
Gladys & Nick Zeytoonian

TOTAL: \$705

LOUISE D. BAGDASARIAN MISSAKIAN

December 17, 2022

Marien Samuelian
Ken, Diane, Julia & Michael Samuelian
Diana Adamian
Lorraine Alexander
Diane Aspuru
Sandra Astarjian
Arlene Avakian
Gail Avakian
Mary Avedisian
Diane Babikian & Family
Bruce Bagdasarian & Lisa Terrizzi

Krista & PJ Baldini
Melanie Bedrosian & Family
Aram Bedrosian Funeral Home
Sunny Boghosian
Peter & Sara Martinian Bogosian
Edward Brewster
Justin Burley
Valerie Mamishian Day
Karen Dederyan
George Demirjian
Maria Derderian
Elizabeth Donovan
Charles & Andrea Garabedian
Sarkis & Jeannette Gennetian
Deborah & John Giragosian
Crosby & Flo Goshgarian
David & Laura Gould & Family
Joyce Guleserian
Kammie Haberlin
Margaret Haberlin
Arpi Maksoudian Highgas
Carol & Jack Hoplamazian
John & Karen Hovsepan
Sonia A. Janikian
Leon Janikian June Foster
Elaine & Mark Jefferson
Richard Kashian
Edward & MaryAnn Kazanjian
Louise H. Kazanjian
Karen Kazarosian
Seta Kebabdjian
Ed & Sabine Keljik
Marlin R. Keshishian
Kevorkian Family
Ken & Olivia Kevorkian
Barry & Joyce Kevorkian
Kim & Dave Mazarrella
Adrina & Robert Kletjian
Lois Kolgian
Nancy R. Kolligian
Michele Kolligian & Bob Khederian
Aracse Kurkjian
Stefanie Madanian
Michael Mamishian
Jean E. Martinian
Arax C. Missakian
Nancy & Dan Moore
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Gladys Partamian
Linda Paul & Family
Audrey Pilibosian

Nancy, Michael, Matthew & Andrew Reppucci
Saint James Bingo
Johanna Shaghalian
Sonya Shooshan
Michael Shooshan
Sarkis Soukiasian
Gail Stephens
Stan & Lori Tagarelis
Richard & Ann Tarvezian
Diana K. Topjian
Frank & Candy Ulcickas
Mrs. John Voce & Family
Elizabeth Shaghalian Vranka

TOTAL: \$5,060

ADELE BALOULIAN

December 26, 2022

Kevork & Endza Abdalian
Knar Aboyan
Tony & Nano Akhian
Hagop & Marsha Alabachian
Zeiron, Maral, Mary & Kevork Apkarian
Grandma Marie & Uncle Apar Apkarian
Vartkes & Christine Apkarian
Mihran & Alice Artinian
Susan Atamian
John & Arpy Avedissian
Enna Badrikian
Avo & Carmen Barmakian
Aram Bedrosian Funeral Home
Avedis Bedrossian
Sam & Aida Bejakian
Jack & Rita Bejakian
Kevork & Talin Bekelian
Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Besnilian
Barkev Besnilian
Maria Boyajian
Berj & Annie Chekijian
Krikor Cinar
Alfred F. DeScenza & Son, Inc.
Maria T. Djevalikian
Arev Foods, Inc.
Eastern Lamejun
Caroline Aghababayan Eghan
Saboo Aghababayan
Mr. & Mrs. George Esserian
Luda Esserian
Dr. Shahe & Marlene Fereshetian
Rita & Herb Gann

Robert & Marlene Gebeyan
 Suzy Gigiyen
 Lena Guebenlian
 Ovsanna Marsoubian
 Antranig Hagopian
 Shake Hagopian
 Ani Jones & Family
 George Haroutiounian & Family
 Dale Haroutunian
 Carolyn Haroutunian
 Sonia Iskandarian
 John & Seta Kaleshian
 Annie & Krikor Keikian
 Janet Khalarian
 Levon & Shake Khatchadourian
 Vasken & Seta Khodanian
 Steve & Lena Konjian
 Nevart Kouyoumjian
 St. Joseph Hall
 Nazareth Kupelian
 Aracse Kurkjian
 Farid & Nadia Louis
 Dr. Shavarsh & Anahid Majarian
 Vazken Melkisetian
 Hagop & Sossy Nercessian
 Garo & Sarpie Ostayan
 Mr. & Mrs. Roupén Panian
 Mr. & Mrs. Vartan Papazian
 Mark & Veronica Sagherian
 The Gann Family
 Joseph Gann Jewelers

TOTAL: \$4,730

JOHN AHIGIAN

December 28, 2022

Margaret Ahigian
 Mr. & Mrs. Kaspar Andonian
 Aram & Armen Andonian
 Cindy J. Habick, NTE Electronics, Inc.
 Lisa Nigohsian Hansbauer
 Jay & Denise Kiedrowski
 John & Nancy Parnagian

TOTAL: \$625

LOUISE MARGARET MARANIAN

February 2, 2023

Lucy Balian
 Diana Adamian
 Henry Agahigian
 Stephen & Susan Berberian

Edward Brewster
 Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Gustavsen
 Charles Mahoney
 Anastasia, Ron, Michael,
 Stephan & Thomas Maranian
 Arthur, Karen, Brian, Julie, Lisa &
 James Maranian
 Joanne & Michael Maranian, Jr.
 James & Denise Molloy
 Herepsime Moranian
 Audrey Pilibosian
 Shirlee Purcell
 Cynthia Rodolakis
 Richard & Ann Tarvezian
 Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Tashjian

TOTAL: \$1,295

VARTKES KOURKEN KARIAIAN

March 4, 2023

Diana Adamian & Family
 Lauren, Ken, James & Kenny
 Alperin
 Arthur & Susan Aznavorian
 Ed & Nancy Barsamian
 Sunny Boghosian
 Council of Armenian Executives
 Marian, Lucine & Knar Felegian
 Dr. Nishan & Mary Goudsouzian
 Nancy Guleserian
 Joyce Guleserian
 Christian & Taline Kebabdjian
 Gloria Khederian
 David & Joyce Khederian-Chiulli
 Aracse Kurkjian
 Edward Mesrobian & Family
 Margaret Nigohsian
 Gloria Paretchianian
 Audrey Pilibosian & Family
 Nancy & Michael Reppucci
 Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
 Richard & Ann Tarvezian
 Raffi Yeghiayan & Family

TOTAL: \$1,345

LORIS PAPAIZIAN

March 14, 2023

Dikran & Solin Kherlopian
 Linda Ovoian
 Steven & Aida Parnagian
 Noemi Zakarian

TOTAL: \$345

PAUL PETER KORIAN

March 15, 2023

Ann Korian
 Peter & Kristen Korian & Family
 Steven & Deborah Korian &
 Family
 Karen & Andrew Shoushanian &
 Family
 Vera & John Peterson
 Diana Adamian
 Mike & Anita Assarian
 Nishan & Margrit Atinikian
 Kevork & Jacqueline Atinikian
 Nigoghos & Roset Atinikian
 Carol Babikyan
 Lois Balian
 Sunny Boghosian
 Stephen & Jeniffer Carson &
 Family
 Berj & Annie Chekijian
 Andrew, Talene & Theodore
 Choly
 Kenneth & Karen Demerjian
 Vrej & Carolin Dorian
 Dudumian Family
 Mark & Melissa Giragosian
 David & Nadine Hoplamazian
 Sonia Iskandarian
 JoAnn & Dick Janjigian
 Elaine & Mark Jefferson
 Krikor & Nancy Kassabian &
 Family
 Danielle Krikorian
 Diane Krikorian
 Melanie Krikorian
 Aracse Kurkjian
 Amy & Kenneth Mahtesian
 Chloe & Nina Zeytoonian
 Andrea Movsessian & Family
 Mardig & Aleen Oruncakciel
 Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
 Jason & Fabiana Peterson
 Audrey Pilibosian & Family
 Richard & Ann Tarvezian
 Nadia Ucuzian
 Andrea Wallack
 Carol Ann Yacubian
 Carolyn & Johnny Yardemian
 Garo & Aida Yavshayan
 Arra Zeytoonian

TOTAL: \$3,895

MARIE JILIAN

March 17, 2023

Kourken & Nora Aroyan
 Sara Helen Ayanian
 Mr. & Mrs. Arshag Badrigian
 David & Sira Cormier
 George & Seta Manjikian
 Mr. & Mrs. Vartan Manjikian
 Mihran & Rosalyn Minassian
 Steven & Aida Parnagian
 Anne & Scott Price
 Azniv & Khatoun Santourian
 Zabel Santourian
 Dr. Raffi & Jeanine Shememian
 Vartan & Hourig Soukiasian
 Sarkis & Shousan Stepanian
 Shahan & Salpi Stepanian &
 Family
 Seta Takvoryan
 Andy & Nirva Tomasian
 Tanya Ucuzian
 Toros & Salpy Yeterian

TOTAL: \$1,380

SONYA A. BABAIANTZ

March 18, 2023

Anonymous
 Ida L. Toro

TOTAL: \$45

ELEANOR PAUL

April 15, 2023

Linda Paul, Dominick & Angela
 Robert & Eileen Nichols
 Margaret Nigohsian
 Marien Samuelian
 Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
 Gloria Paul Voce

TOTAL: \$825

DR. PAUL PIRUNDINI

April 15, 2023

Lori Abrahamian & Family
 John & Jeanne Abrahamian
 Carl & Rachel Boloyan & Family
 Abrahamian & Roy Family
 Anonymous
 Gail Boroyan
 Melissa Bray
 Peter Fischer
 John Fox

Victor & Nancy Ganjian
Nora Glass
Carol Hoyen
Brenda, David, Talene & Ani Jermakian
Dick & Henrietta Kallajian
Christian Kemp
Debra & Gary Kerr
Karen Koumjian
Rosemary Luniewicz & Family
John & Rose Maljanian, Jr.
George Malley
Jeffrey & Julie Masoian
Harry & Janice Mazadoorian
Beth McCann & Family
Herman & Laura Purutyan
Bob & Lisa Ross
Susie Sagherian
Linda Sahagian
Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
Lucy Simonian
Guy & Darlene Simonian
Arthur Simonian & Family
Ruth & Wil Swisher
Paul & Jeanne Teague
Manusak Terdjian
Tufts Medical Center Anesthesia Department
Gary & Elaine Westermarck

TOTAL: \$3,615

ALEX KARNIG KALAYDJIAN

May 2, 2023

Arek & Lisa Kalaydjian
Dr. Antranig & Talin Kalaydjian
Shoushanig Kalaydjian
Kevork & Endza Abdalian
Albert & Linda Abkarian
Knarig Aboyan
Vahe & Nartoochi Abrimian
Hermine Adamian
Armenian Museum of America
Dianne Aspuru
Hrayr & Alice Avakian
Carol Babikyan
Sunny Boghosian
Avi Car-Gloth & Family
Berj & Annie Chekijian
Andrew, Talene & Theodore Choly
Bev & Paul Demoorjian
Maria Derderian
Vartan & Sossy Getzoyan
Hermine Getzoyan

Suzy Gigiyan
Haroutiounian Family
Carol Hoyen
Shirley & Cody Hudson
Sonia Iskandarian
Armen & Sossy Jeknavorian
Ardemis Kalayjian
Janet & Paul Khalarian
Diane Krikorian
Aracse Kurkjian
Bill & Silva MacMillan & Family
Jack & Lucy Maserejian
Flora Matossian
Zabel Melkonian
Hratch & Tamar Melkonian
Berj & Rita Meneshian
Mihran & Rosalyn Minassian
National Association for Armenian Studies & Research
Zadik & Alis Ozcan
Ardo & Tina Panian
Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Apkar & Arpie Potookian
Zaven Sahagian
Linda Sahagian
Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
Dr. John A. Saryan
Marlene Seferian
Krikor & Araxy Shaboian
Richard & Ann Tarvezian
Anoush & Hrach Ucuzian
Angel Vosgerichian
Todd Wyner
Garo & Aida Yavshayan

TOTAL: \$3,715

ELEANOR ARAKELIAN

May 8, 2023

Rose Arakelian
Charles Arakelian
John & Lisa Arakelian
David Arakelian
Dianna Adamian
Edward Brewster
Gail & David Diehl & Family
Elaine & Mark Jefferson
Aracse Kurkjian
Cathy & Thomas Malian & Family
Ronald & JoAnn Manoogian & Family
Audrey Pilibosian
Lynne & Scott Rizolini

Stan & Lori Tagarelis
Dikran Ucuz

TOTAL: \$1,875

ROSE BOGHIGIAN

May 12, 2023

Harry & Denise Boghigian
Irene & Gregory Mazmanian
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Badoian
Rich & Beth Bedrosian
Melanie Bedrosian
Dan & Ellen Carter
Jean Barsamian Clark
Christine Corff
Marion & Costas Emmanuel
Barbara Surabian Hayward
Elaine & Mark Jefferson
Michelle Locke
Elizabeth & John Madden
Bill & Karen Martin
Rose D. Mazmanian
Pam McGrath
Ralph Talanian Insurance Agency
Dr. Frederic Ramsey
Mrs. Mary Jane Ramsey
Robert & Elaine Badoian
Sparrow
Stan & Lori Tagarelis
Doug & Arlene Weeks

TOTAL: \$2,500

MARGUERITE SHAMGOCHIAN

June 2, 2023

Steve, Hilda & Adam Assarian
Mary Craig
Carol Jamison Egan
Nancy Jamison
Joe & Denise Merullo & Family
Margaret Peterson

TOTAL: \$525

JOHN KHERERIAN

June 17, 2023

Brenda Khederian & Family
Gary Khederian & Michael Merriman
Paul M. Abdalian
Albert & Linda Abkarian
Diana Adamian
Thomas & Deborah Adduci
Hagop & Marsha Alabachian & Family

Carol Arakelian
Joan & Michael Arakelian
Steve & Barbara Sarkisian Arthur
Janis & Gary Arvanigian
Mike & Anita Assarian
Susan Atamian
Valerie Babaian & Family
Carol Babikyan
David & Andrea Barber
Albert & Sarin Barsoumian
Robert & Sandra Bedian
Judy & Gene Bedian
Melanie Bedrosian
Talin Bekelian
Christine Bogoian
Edward Brewster
Stephanie & Neil Chaparian
Azad & Karen Chaparian
Andrew, Taline & Theodore Choly
Ed & Ann Danielson
Valerie Day
Karen Dederyan
Steven & Laura Derderian
Elaine & Bill Devine
Richard & Karen Diranian & Family
Timothy & Kimberly Gazal-Sands
John & Deborah Giragosian
Ann Hogan
John & Karen Hovsepian & Family
Elaine & Mark Jefferson
Robert John Jingoian
Mark & Cynthia Kachadorian
Ken & Esther Kalajian
Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian
Krikor & Nancy Kassabian
Jerry & Louise Kazanjian
Edward & MaryAnn Kazanjian
Kezerian Family, LLC
Karen Kirouac
Lianoush Kostikian
Derenig & Michelle Kostikian
Diane Krikorian
Ron & Sally Krikorian & Family
Diane & Martin Lynch
Michael V. Mamishian
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Marzilli
Valentine Momdjian-Brown
Thomas A. Moore
Cheryl Mooradian
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 Daghistanian
 Mrs. Alis Dikme
 Toros Doumanian
 Arman & Alis Duhanyan
 Istapan & 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 Cullinani
 Ed & Ann Danielson
 Nancy Guleserian
 Jack Hajian
 Susan Delanjan 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 Delanjan Tabek
 Richard & Ann Tarvezian
 Diana K. Topjian
 Charles & Marjorie Vail
 Kathy & Leonard Vanarsdale, Jr.
 June Yacubian
 Carol Ann Yacubian
 Carol Zeytoonjian

TOTAL: \$4,835

ANGELE KESHIAN

August 22, 2023

Jim & Elaine Keshian
 Richard & Christine Berberian
 Edward W. Brewster
 Paul & Bev Demourjian
 Karen Dederyan
 Bob & Audrey Knight
 Constance R. Lanseigne-Case

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

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

Roberta Miller
 Alan Medville
 Arts Board Mosesian Center
 David, Myrna, Marisa & Arden Onanian
 Lena Sarroffian
 Laurie Onanian
 Charleen Mosesian Onanian
 Charleen & Mark Janian
 Sabrina, Simone & Sebastian
 Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
 Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
 Donald & Barbara Tellalian

TOTAL: \$15,185

ADRIENNE TASHJIAN

September 8, 2023

Charles Gazarian
 Crosby & Flo Goshgarian & Family
 Arpie Maksoudian Highgas
 Debra & Bob Pjojian
 Leon & Marion Semonian

TOTAL: \$550

MELS MARTIROSYAN

September 16, 2023

Sarkis & Tamara Martirosyan
 Arman Voskanian

TOTAL: \$250

GLADYS MEDZORIAN

September 20, 2023

Anna Medzorian
 John Aftandilian
 Concord Insurance Group
 Michele M. Brit
 Daniel & Anne Curris
 Norma Daniels
 Ed & Ann Danielson
 Ruth & John Falletti
 Kathleen Falletti
 Nancy Ganjian
 John Kassabian
 Naomi Khederian Bahtarian
 Philip & Isabelle Martin Family
 Eva Medzorian
 Ann Nahabedian
 Dick Najarian
 Mr. & Mrs. James Nolan

Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
 Mrs. Jane Najarian Porter
 Dr. Robert S. Porter
 James & Susan Porter & Family
 Catherine Scott
 Mae Takoushian
 Diana Topjian
 Stacey Watson

TOTAL: \$13,140

KREKOR MARDIROSIAN

October 2, 2023

Lucy Mardirosian
 Carol Babikyan
 Anne McGaugh
 Ann Nahabedian

TOTAL: \$325

MARY MINASIAN

October 4, 2023

Carol & David Hilderbrand
 Doris Phillips

TOTAL: \$200

GLORIA ESSERIAN KAPALIS

October 12, 2023

Luda Esserian
 Eileen Koshgarian
 Sandy Sarmanian
 Winterhalter Family
 Nancy L., Elaine, Kathy,
 Gigi, Nancy A. & Sharon

TOTAL: \$350

NATALIE BARMAKIAN

October 23, 2023

George Akhian
 Steven, Hilda & Adam Assarian
 Richard & Walter Bagian
 Barbara Barkins
 John Breckenridge
 Judith Basmajian
 Paul T. Boghosian
 Ruth Boghosian
 Bonjuklian Family
 Nancy & Kermit Brown
 Margaret Denoncourt
 Ginny Riley
 Janice Dorian

Paul & Joyce Dragone
 Andrea Garabedian
 Rosie Hale
 Diane Herosian
 Kapreilian Family
 Lori & Mark Kashgegian
 Carol A. Kasparian
 Taline & Christian Keadjian
 Grace Kent
 Dr. Jack & Dorothy Keverian
 Tom & Diane Lewin
 Ron & Lois Malconian
 Madeline Mardirosian
 Paula & Jay McPartland
 Katherine & Richard Morocco
 Maro & Sarkis Sajonian
 Bob & Judy Ananian Sarno
 Joshua Tevekelian
 Muret Yuzlek
 Setrak Yuzlek
 Scott Zouranjian

TOTAL: \$3,360

SEVAN TOUTOUNJIAN

November 1, 2023

Genie & Robert Melkonian
 Tanios Yazbeck

TOTAL: \$250

ELMAS AY

November 6, 2023

Albert & Linda Abkarian
 Sarven & Anita Akdemirian Family
 Madlin Altoundji
 Seta Arazian
 Diane Arey
 Garbis & Cicek Baba
 Nisan & Elizabeth Baba
 Rupen Baymus
 Glenn & Hilda Campbell
 Seta & Richard Campbell
 Rose Cimen
 Sonny Cimenian
 Kaya Cinar
 Alek Dogramaci
 Burbank Elementary School
 Joseph Elia
 Jak & Ani Eskici
 Jan Eskici
 Sarkis & Armine Frounjan Family

Krikor Gennetian
 Harout & Mayda Gigian
 Mr. & Mrs. Istapan Gigiyen
 Mihran & Satenig Guler
 Alice Halajian
 Manus Ipek
 Silva & Migirdic Kavak
 Bedros Kaya
 Hagop & Solair Kaya
 Markar & Anita Kaya
 Murat & Nurhan Kaya
 Sarkis Kaya
 Sahnik Knarian
 Krikor Krumlian & Krimetlian Family
 The MacFadzen Family
 Sima Mancilikli
 Isguhi Shirinian
 Misak Dikranian
 Linda Moschner
 Garo & Jaklin Ozcan
 Neziha Ozcan
 Varoujan & Hilda Ozcan
 Zadik & Alis Ozcan
 Aharon & Ankine Polatian
 Linda Sahagian
 Nuritse Sahan
 Yolen Sherikian
 Simpat & Cevahir Sirinoglu
 The Yildizyan Family
 Setrek & Gulkiz Yuzlek

TOTAL: \$2,830

SOPHIE BALGOCHIAN

November 9, 2023

Dianne Babikian and Family
 Sunny Boghosian
 Leon & Hilda Caragulian
 Rose Hovsepien
 Sonya A. Janikian
 Vartkes Tarbassian

TOTAL: \$350

LILYA AGHASIAN

November 16, 2023

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Geller
 Scott Rubin

TOTAL: \$525

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 & Eric Ledder
 Arpy Migridichian
 Margaret Nigohsian
 Marilyn Papazian
 Audrey Pilibosian & 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 Erdekian
 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 Bolyan
 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 & Lalg 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 Spittler
 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 Kashgegian

Krikor & Nancy Kassabian
Alexander & Joyce Kenis & Family
Jay & Denise Kiedrowski
Adrina Kletjian
Marie Kouyoumjian
Anahid Krikorian
Gary & Diane Luster
Stefanie Madanian
Kevin Magarian
Sean Merle
Cheryl Mooradian
Karen Napoli
Ani & Vahe Nigoghosian
Aram Orchanian
Nver Orchanian
Suzy Orchanian & Ani Kojian
Mr. & Mrs. Zareh Orchanian
Andrea & Zohrab Orchanian, Jonathan & Rita
Linda & Gregory Papazian
Kristine & Bill Peterson Family
Brenda Lawson & Family
Hasmig & John Pianpiano
Paul Pogharian & Karen Timmermans
Joseph Sarkisian
Mr. & Mrs Peter Scagliarini & Donna
Dorothea Stosonin
Denise Takvorian
Peter & Ann Takvorian
Agnes Takvorian
Greg Takvorian and family
Mark, Katie, Erika, Sean & Scarlett
Richard Tarvezian
Talene Tarvezian
Wayne & Kathy Townsend
Ron & Lisa Tutunjian
Michael & Lisa Zeytoonian
TOTAL: \$5,680

JOYCE SULAHIAN
February 20, 2024

Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Zaven & Ani Sahagian
TOTAL: \$200

HEREPSIME MORANIAN
February 23, 2024

Stephen & Heidi Baldacci

Sandra Baldacci Andrew G. Moranian
Lucy Balian
John & Kristin Balian
The Bedigian Family
Susan Berberian
Leon & Elizabeth Daglian
Nancy & Rich Doherty
Karen & John Dunn
Jane M Dunn
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Gustavsen
George W. Haroutunian
Elaine & Mark Jefferson
Talene Jermakian
Meline & George Karapetian
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kochian
Ronald & Anastasia Maranian
Alan & Peg Maranian
Paul Maranian
Michael & Joanne Maranian & Family
Rosette Sahagian
Richard Tarvezian
Gregory Tashjian
Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Tickner
Adour & Nancy Tutunjian
The Tutunjian Family
TOTAL: \$2,525

VARTUHI OHAN
February 24, 2024

Stephen & Nektar Ashchian
Garo Bashian
Ralph & Lorraine Bashian
Sayat Nova Dance Company
David & Anita Dolbashian
Anoush & Anne Dolbashian
Kapriel Karagozyan & Family
Anahid Kenbelian
Arto & Ani Kurkjian
Daron Kurkjian
Talin Masrof
Aram & Valerie Ogullukian
Stepan & Vilma Ozcetinkaya
Aline & Rami Said
Dayton Semerjian
Mary Soukiasian
Jamie & Aylin Tamburrini
TOTAL: \$1,740

ANNA GARABEDIAN
March 26, 2024

Diana Adamian
Leon Asadoorian
Karen Boornazian
Mitchell Garabedian & Family
Dr. Nishan & Mary Goudsouzian
Joyce Guleserian
Julie & Linda Nahigian
Margaret Nigohsian
Audrey Pilibosian & Family
Richard & Ann Tarvezian
TOTAL: \$1,050

**MARY CHOPOURIAN
AVEDISIAN**
April 18, 2024

Diana Adamian
Carmen & Harry Adamian
Deborah Ashjian
Arthur & Susan Aznavorian
Carol Babikyan
Helen & Richard Cherkerzian
Ann Chopourian & Family
Leslie & James Cristello & Family
Anne Garabedian
Suzy Gigiyian
Gail Haroutunian
Janice Haroutunian-Avery
Miriam & David Horton
Mary Janjanian
Louise Kassabian
Ken Kevorkian & Olivia Miller
Barry & Joyce Kevorkian
Aracse Kurkjian
Stefanie Madanian
Kim & Dave Mazzarella
Diane Mooney & Family
Sandra Narinian
Audrey Pilibosian
Michael Samuelian
Mimi Samuelian
David & Holly Talanian & Family
Gayle & Michael Yapchaian
TOTAL: \$1,525

VICTORIA DEIRMENDJIAN
May 1, 2024

Sarkis & Silva Antreassian
Marco Debe
Aram & Louisa Deirmendjian
Duncan Galvanizing
Krikor & Annie Keikian

Hovsep & Azniv Keikian & Family
Aram Orchanian
Nver Orchanian
Hasmig Pianpiano
Cynthia Roberto
TOTAL: \$850

ANAHIT MUJUKIAN
May 15, 2024

Stepan & Ani Anteryassian
Sarkis & Silva Antreassian
Talin Bekelian
Krikor & Annie Keikian
Aracse Kurkjian
Azniv Santouryan
Nadia Ucuzyan
Anonymous
TOTAL: \$555

ALICE AYANIAN
May 17, 2024

Michael & Ida Arslanian & Family
Albert & Sarin Barsoumian
Petros & Berjui Belorian
Bill and Caron Courier
Mark Doughty
Hratch & Sofia Karaguesian & Family
Shahe & Zovic Majarian
Melkon & Angela Melkonian
Anna Melkonian
Edward Orchanian Jr.
Ron & Zarouhi Suggs
Brittany & Matthew Vello
TOTAL: \$750

SAHAG BUKRUIAN
May 18, 2024

Margos Shirinian
TOTAL: \$100

CAROLEE BERBERIAN
May 22, 2024

Mike & Carol Akillian
Ann Nahabedian
Zadik Ozcan
TOTAL: \$275

THOMAS AMIRIAN, JR.*May 23, 2024*

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

TOTAL: \$120**KAREN ARZUMANYAN***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 Ucuz
 Hrach & Anoush Ucuzian
 Nadia Ucuzian
 Tanya Ucuzian
 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 Antreassian
 Berjouhy & Mary Burnuchian
 Mary & Martin Burnuchian
 Nona Balian
 Mr. & Mrs. George Esserian
 Luda Esserian
 Nerses & Araxi Ghazarian
 Anne Hagopian
 Seta Jilian
 Mary Kioumejian & 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 CHARSHOODIAN SIRACO***January 6, 2021*

Lisa Charshoodian 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 & Pamela Gechijian

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

Darby & James Hobbs

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

Tom Gengozian & Sally Vanerian
 Karl & Diane & Julia Hekimian
 Aracse Kurkjian & Family
 Zella Marootian

TOTAL: \$3,115

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 ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND**

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 ST. JAMES CHURCH
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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
Diana Adamian
Henry Agahigian
Cynthia Aghamianz
Manuk & Josephine
Akmezikyan
Fr. Arakel & Yn. Natasha
Aljalian
Irina P. Amirbekyan
Susan Atamian
Arpi Avakian
Anne Ayrassian
Garbiz & Cicek Baba
Peter & Gloria Babigian
Peter Balgochian
Anoush Balian
David Barber
Ed & Nancy Barsamian
Catherine Bazarian
Lucy Bedirian
Seth & Tina Bilazarian
Sunny Boghosian
Gail Boroyan
Debra Boyajian
Edward Brewster
Tanya Chakmakian
Berj & Annie Chekijian
Johanna & Hachik Chilingirian
Azad & Arman Chitchian &
Family
Andrew, Talene and Theodore
Choly
Raymond Davidian
Karen Dederyan
Susan Deranian
John Derderian
Maria Derderian

Karney Eldridge
*in memory of Dickran & Aznive
Gazarian*
Alice England
Roxanne Etmekjian
Sal & Liz Falzone
Dudumian Family
Haroutiounian Family
Anne Garabedian
Mitchell Garabedian
Joyce Gedigian
Tom Gengozian & Salpy
Vanerian
Sarkis Gennetian
Suzy & Istapan Gigiyan
John & Deborah Giragosian
*in memory of John & Alice
Giragosian and Herach & Anne
Kazanjian*
Nancy Guleserian
Nazely Guzelian
Zabelle Hajian Azablar
Gail Haroutunian
Steven & Janice Haroutunian-
Avery
Louise Hekimian
Susan Hennessey
Kurt & Diane Herosian
George & Sandra Hoffman
Carol Hoyen
Sonia Janikian
Mary Janjanian
Nevart & George Kaderian
Harry Kalajian, Jr.
Scott & Lyn Kapilian
Lenore Karaian
Andrew & Janice Kavjian
Mark Kavonian

Bertha Kazanjian
Edward & Nirva Kazanjian
Paul G. Kazanjian
Cheryl Keane
Anahid Kenbelian
Marlin Keshishian
Sirvart Keumurian
Louisa Kheremian
Sahnik Knarian
Lois Kolgian
Jbid Kostikian
Tagouhi Kostikian
Jennie Koumjian
Marie Kouyoumjian
Marilyn J. Larkin
Ari Madenjian
Peter Mahakian
Patricia Maloomian
JoAnn & Ronald Manoogian &
Family
Josephina Manoukian
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Maranian
Nancy Maserejian & Steve
Chagnon
Vivian Masrof
Toumayan Miller Family
Diana Minasian
Cheryl Mooradian
Andrea Movsessian
Marilyn Mozian
Ann Nahabedian
Gloria Najarian
Margaret Nigohsian
Emma Oganova
Joan Osganian
Garo & Jaklin Ozcan
Ardo & Tina Panian

Harry & Hripsime Parsekian
Gladys Partamian
Gary Pogharian
Apkar & Arpie Potookian
Thomas & Diane Prendergast
Shirlee Purcell
Herman & Laura Purutyan
Linda Sahagian
Maral Salahi
Paul W. Salterio
in memory of Alice Arakelian
Kenneth & Diane Samuelian
Charles Sarian
Haig Sarian
Richard & Marianne
Shahlamian
Sonya & Michael Shooshan
David & Simone Shrestinian
Deborah Surabian
Mae Takoushian
Lucy Talanian
in memory of Ralph Talanian
Richard & Ann Tarvezian
Ronald Tashjian
Gloria Tatarian
Amy Tekeian Varjian
Diana Topjian
Nadia Ucuzyan
Gloria Voce
Gayle M. Yapchaian
Michael Yapchaian
Arlene Young
Natalie Zakarian
Frederick Zartarian
Carol Zeytoonjian
Anonymous



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

PHOEBE JANE BRYANT

May 7, 2023

Daughter of Austin Bryant and
Julie McDermott
Godparents: Trevor Bryant, Sarah Cohen and
Amy McDermott

SERJ EDWARD BOROYAN

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

KARINA AIDA ZAKARYAN

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 Atinikian and
Isabelle Limarino

MATTEO KAYA

August 27, 2023

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

LILIT MARIE TACVORIAN

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
Makhoul

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

Godparents: Chris Harding and
Jackie Arakelian

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April 6, 2024

Son of Ryan and Erin Gaffney

Godparents: William 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

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Godparents: Armen Babikyan and
Christine Silva

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May 1, 2024

Daughter of Ara Tachjian and Talish
Aghababayan

Godparents: Shant Tatarian and
Narineh Tatarian

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May 25, 2024

Daughter of Aram and Ani Shrestinian

Godparents: Van Shrestinian and
Anna Shrestinian

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June 8, 2024

Daughter of Sean and Erika Whelan

Godparents: Philip McManus and
Rita Orchanian

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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

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July 13, 2024

Son of Matthew and Cassandra Bazarian

Godparents: Nicholas Kenis and
Juliana Gentilucci

ZOE NAIRI SORIAL

July 13, 2024

Daughter of Mark and Lori Sorial

Godparents: Matthew Sorial and
Tina Sarikian

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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

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Mary Hagopian

Godparents: Eric Hagopian and
Vanessa Hagopian



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*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.*

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LORIS PAPAIZIAN <i>March 14, 2023</i>	ROSE BARSAMIAN <i>July 20, 2023</i>		MARY PAULINE MAZMANIAN MOODY <i>April 2, 2024</i>	LARISA OSIPYAN <i>August 26, 2024</i>
MARIE JILIAN <i>March 17, 2023</i>	ANGELE KESHIAN <i>August 22, 2023</i>			

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

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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 GAMLET OVNA
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

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June 15, 2024

**CHARLES JOURDAN AND
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August 2, 2024

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August 31, 2024





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Please contact Nicole Simmons for more information and any questions at nicoleschack@aol.com



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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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Կիրակի Սուրբ Պատարագ - 10:00

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The clergy are always available and would like to visit homebound and hospitalized parishioners. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized and would like to be visited, please call the church office at (617) 923-8860. Please note: when asked about your religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as "Armenian Orthodox" or "Armenian" not "other."

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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