SUNDAY SCHOOL HOMECOMING
Sunday School Looks Forward to New Academic Year

Homecoming Sunday is a day of excitement and happiness, students coming together after the summer break, eager to share adventures with old friends and anxious to make friends.

On Sunday, September 11, staff, students and families came together to begin the new Sunday School year. The morning began with the registration of 26 NEW students to our Sunday School! To our new students and their families, we say “welcome!” To our returning students and graduates, we say “welcome back!” Following church services, a delicious pancake and eggs breakfast was enjoyed by all. Sincere thanks to Mr. Steve Derderian and the Sunday School parents who prepared and hosted our Homecoming Breakfast.

This year the Sunday School has some exciting plans and programs, as well as the tried and true traditions. New this year is the “Walk Thru the Bible” experience, which is for students, families and all parishioners. This continued on page 2

From left: Thomas Babigian, Jr., Rev. Fr. Arakel Aljalian and Harry Kaloustian on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The feast day also marked Homecoming Sunday for the Sunday School.
SUNDAY SCHOOL HOMECOMING
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event sponsored by the Eastern Diocese is scheduled for November 12 and will take place at the Church of Our Saviour in Worcester. We have great plans in the making for our Christmas program, and in January we are planning a wonderful afternoon of fellowship for our 8-13 year-old students together with all the area Armenian churches.

The traditions that continue include the Annual Sunday School Open House on Sunday November 20, and the Sunday School visit to the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Home on Sunday, December 4. Also, in conjunction with the ACYOA, we will be having our Thanksgiving Food Drive and our Christmas Toy Drive.

Lastly I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the students, staff and parents of the Sunday School for their diligence in working to again make the Sunday School booth a success at the St. James Bazaar.

Marsha Alabachian
Sunday School Superintendent

Clockwise from top: Sunday School students receive Holy Communion on Homecoming Sunday. Sunday School students gather to kiss the cross at the conclusion of services on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Students at the Sunday School “Welcome Back Assembly.” Students standing in prayer on Homecoming Sunday.

SAVE THESE DATES
November 20: Open House
December 4: Visit to Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Home
September was filled with enthusiasm and excitement for the new academic year at our school. It was wonderful to see the existing families and welcome new ones. The students and teachers were eager to start the new year with new ideas, a new approach and a refined, strong curriculum.

At this point we are celebrating the Armenian heritage, learning about the Holy Translators and the historic events that shaped our culture, which we are tying with the everyday life around us. The students are learning all this along with the writing, reading, conversational and grammatical skills. We are also introducing Armenian art, music and dance.

This year we have introduced a new element to our curriculum. We are extending the curriculum to the 8th grade level. The students will be involved in researching, discussion and presentation on Armenian topics. The program is almost ready to go. Students ages 12-15 are welcome to register and attend. Please contact Marina at amindra@wmconnect.com.

The student body and staff along with the parent association prepared another outstanding annual fundraising banquet held on November 6.

NEW THIS YEAR
An extended curriculum to the 8th grade level (for students ages 12-15).
Research, discuss and present Armenian topics.
ACTIVE YEAR AHEAD FOR ACYOA SENIORS

The ACYOA Seniors are back in action with a bigger group than ever. We all came together to plan the 4th Annual Parish Reunion Dance that took place on October 1 and made the night a great success! Thank you to parishioners and friends for showing your support and making the night a memorable one.

Many of the Seniors were also spotted at the Annual Bazaar volunteering with various activities and stopping by to enjoy the food and company. We have many activities planned for the upcoming year, not only to bring the Seniors together, but also to form bonds with the ACYOA Juniors. Our activities for the year include fun social gatherings and service projects, such as service at the Boston Rescue Mission. We’re also planning fundraisers, including the 3rd Annual Texas Hold’Em Tournament on Saturday, January 28, and our popular “soujoukh and eggs” breakfast.

ACYOA Seniors’ Annual Parish Reunion Dance

—October 1, 2011
The Pastors and Parish Council of St. James Armenian Apostolic Church cordially invite parishioners and friends to the

ST. JAMES 80TH ANNIVERSARY
NAME DAY BANQUET & CELEBRATION

Paul Korian,
2011 St. James Parishioner of the Year and Recipient of the St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal and Pontifical Encyclical (Gontag)

ARCHBISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Primate of the Eastern Diocese, Presiding
Honoring PAUL KORIAN
St. James Parishioner of the Year and recipient of the St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal and Pontifical Encyclical Celebrating the achievements of the 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign

Sunday, December 18, 2011
10 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Name Day Banquet to follow in Keljik Hall Charles Mosesian Cultural and Youth Center
$40 adults; $15 children 12 and under
Advanced reservations required Tickets will not be available at the door R.S.V.P. by December 12

St. James 80th Anniversary Name Day Banquet & Celebration

Up. Հայկ Հայկազյան
St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
465 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown, Massachusetts
(617) 923-8860 | www.sthagop.com | info@sthagop.com
The St. James ACYOA Juniors have started off another exciting and eventful year. Our first major event was sending 30 participants to October Sports Weekend, which was hosted by the Armenian Church of the Holy Translators’ ACYOA Juniors in Framingham, MA. We won our first-ever dodgeball championship due to a valiant effort by none other than our very own vice chairman Vinney Moushigian.

We are very excited for our upcoming events, which include the 3lounge, an opportunity for fellowship, taking place on Friday evenings once a month. Our Family Day Dinner in November is one of our favorite events, where our juniors serve and give back to the church community. Finally, our biggest event of the year, Hye M’rtsoom Sports Weekend, will take place on Memorial Day weekend, where we welcome hundreds of ACYOA members from other cities to Watertown. We are hopeful that we will have a fun and faith-filled year ahead of us.

Allen Ackan
Chairperson
ACYOA Juniors at Canobie Lake Park.
ST. JAMES ACYOA GIVES BACK

St. James ACYOA Juniors and Seniors are giving back to the community. Service and outreach are an essential part of our Christian lives, and this year our ACYOA members will be participating in a variety of service opportunities throughout the Boston area.

SPEND LESS, GIVE MORE. Our first outing will be on Friday, November 25, at the Boston Rescue Mission’s soup kitchen, where we will prepare and serve the shelter’s 3 p.m. meal. As the retail world kicks off the holiday shopping season, we will take some time out to kick off the Christmas season by reaching out to those who are less fortunate.

In the coming months, we will be volunteering our time with the following organizations. Stay tuned for more.

**BOSTON RESCUE MISSION**

The Boston Rescue Mission is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year offering residential, shelter and meal programs since 1899. The mission offers a unique community of caring and accountability so that each individual served may someday achieve some level of self-sufficiency where they are holding a job, have their own place to live and will become productive, contributing members of society.

**CRADLES TO CRAYONS**

Cradles to Crayons was founded in 2002 with the mission of providing children (infants to age 12) with some of the most important basics of life—free of charge. These basics include clothing, school supplies, toys, and much more. In other words, the organization provides all the physical goods that children need to be safe, protected from the elements and ready to learn.

**MY BROTHER’S KEEPER CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

My Brother’s Keeper is a Christian ministry based in Easton. Its Christmas Assistance Program serves over 2,400 families each year, providing them with gifts, furniture and food.

*“Whatever you do for the most humble of my people, you do for me.” MATTHEW 25:40*

*“Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve.” MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.*
Deborah Margosian Chapman found herself unusually tired a few months ago. The normally energetic full time physical therapist and mother of two grown children played tennis a couple of times a week and walked several miles a day. She was shocked to discover that she had Acute Myeloid Leukemia, an aggressive blood cancer. The oncologist who spoke to her the evening of her diagnosis told her to pack a suitcase, because she was being admitted the following morning for up to six weeks of treatment. She now needs a marrow donor to save her life. Because Debbi is Armenian—her parents were Alfred and Mary Margosian—she is much more likely to match with someone of Armenian heritage. There are many people of all heritage types looking for a marrow donor. Please swab your cheek and register with Be The Match. You may save Debbi’s life.

To join, you need to be between the ages of 18 and 60, be willing to donate to any patient in need and meet the health guidelines.

For more information:
www.BeTheMatch.org

To join, give or volunteer with Be The Match, contact:

Tracy Julian
Tjulian@nmdp.org
(800) 676-4545 x 7050
marina.a.day@gmail.com

ARMENIAN BONE MARROW DONOR REGISTRY
ABMDR’s mission is to save lives by recruiting and providing matched unrelated donors for bone marrow or stem cell transplantation to all Armenian and non-Armenian patients worldwide who are suffering from leukemia and other life-threatening blood related illnesses. Due to the unique genetic make-up of Armenians, it is nearly impossible to find suitable matches among the existing international registries. Hence the importance of establishing a registry that would help facilitate recruiting and identifying matched unrelated bone marrow donors for ethnic Armenians. Only 25% of patients inflicted with leukemia or other life-threatening blood disorders find donors within their families. The other 75% of patients’ lives depend on finding a perfectly matched unrelated donor.

For more information visit: www.abmdr.am
Hye Café will be completing its seventh year on November 11. To thank our patrons who have attended and supported Hye Café, we will have a door prize drawing each month for a dinner for two (mezze, dinner and dessert) for the next month’s Hye Café.

We welcome everyone to join us for our 8 season beginning on January 13, 2012, for our annual Christmas Hye Café which will include special additions to the menu, crafts for the kids and the Ansbigians playing Armenian music.

Mark your calendars with the 2012 Hye Café Dates: January 13, February 3, March 2, April 13, May 4, June 1, September 21, and November 9.

The November Hye Café featured a slide show of St. James’ second pilgrimage to Jerusalem. For information about New Vision or Hye Café, please contact Linda Sahagian at hyelinda65@aol.com.
New Vision

St. James New Vision organized another successful Silent Auction for this year’s annual bazaar on October 14 and 15, helping raise $7,000 for the church.

This year’s auction included artwork from Armenia and Jerusalem, sporting event tickets, fine jewelry from Armenian jewelers, home appliances, Ray Ban sunglasses, champagne from France and an array of gift certificates to Boston restaurants, hotels, hair salons, Armenian markets and more.

New Vision would like to thank all the donors and volunteers, and all who participated in the auction.

A special thanks to Armand Paboojian, Michael Bahtian, Talene Tarvezian, Edward Orchanian Jr., Karen Bejian, Johanna Chilingirian and Linda Ostayan for helping organize the silent auction.

Top: Hye Cafe volunteers Dr. Aida Yavshayan, Susan Giragosian, Lianoush Kostikian.
Bottom: Angelina Falletti, Marsha Alabachian, Kevin Eskici.

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN’S GUILD

The months of preparation and tireless efforts in the kitchen preparing for the annual bazaar are a testament to the dedication of the St. James’ Women’s Guild. The wonderful “homemade” delicacies were enjoyed by all who attended the bazaar.

The Women’s Guild hosted its Welcome Back dinner in September. A meeting was held on November 14. We encourage new members and welcome anyone to come and attend a meeting. It is a great opportunity to share in fellowship and catch up with friends and meet new friends.
Sincere gratitude and congratulations to the 2011 Annual Bazaar chairs Nancy Kassabian and Sandy Raphalian (pictured on cover page), members of the St. James Parish Council, all of the dedicated members of our parish organizations, and all of our parishioners who together gave countless hours of time to plan and organize a successful Annual Bazaar! We thank you for your commitment to and hard work for St. James, and for your selfless, loving and enthusiastic devotion to our parish. We thank all who attended and helped make the 64th Annual Bazaar another great success. St. James also expresses sincere gratitude to our sponsors and donors for their generous support of the bazaar.

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Have you recently changed your e-mail address?

If you have a new e-mail address, please send it to info@sthagop.com.

Add us on Facebook! For our parishioners and friends on Facebook, because Facebook is phasing out “groups,” please take a moment to “Like” our new St. James page for the most current updates, news and events.

Please note: if you used to receive our e-mails and are no longer receiving them, please let us know, as often spam filters block e-mails. We will be happy to work with you to fix this problem.
CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011
Morning Service — 8:30 A.M.
Divine Liturgy — 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School Christmas Program and Breakfast will follow Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2011
Musical Prelude — 6:30 P.M.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (in English)—7:00 P.M.
Reception to follow. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012
Eve of the Feast of the Nativity and Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Jrakalooyts)
Evening Service and Reading of Scriptures (in Armenian)—6:00 P.M.
(Readings by St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian School students)
Divine Liturgy—7:00 P.M.
Home Blessing and Reception to follow

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012
Feast of the Nativity and Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Morning Service — 8:30 A.M.
Divine Liturgy — 10:00 A.M.
Service of the Blessing of Water in remembrance of Our Lord’s Baptism

Please Note: In accordance with church canons, Requiem Service (Hokehankis) will not be held on January 5th and 6th. Requests for Requiem Service may be made for Sunday, January 8, 2012.

Christ is Born and Revealed Among Us!
Blessed is the Revelation of Christ!
The Great Wall of China. The Taj Mahal. The Great Pyramids of Giza. The Amazon rain forest. What's on your top ten list of places to visit in the world? Is Jerusalem on that list or are you reluctant to add it?

If you’re like me, you put many obstacles in the way of going—“It’s too hot, too long of a flight, I don’t really consider myself a pilgrim, I’m too old, I don’t have the time, I have a medical condition that prevents me, I have a young family that needs me, etc.” It may be difficult to imagine why Jerusalem is so special unless you’ve been there. I just returned and I’m going to try to explain why you should go.

Let’s start with our tour guide Aram, who, in his laid-back style and gentle manner, made the vast history and geography, varied landscape and comprehensive Bible knowledge relevant, accessible and easy to understand. This is central to a great trip because it sets the tone and pace at which we view some of the most holy sites in all of Christendom: the Church of the Nativity; the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus fed the multitudes, calmed the storm and walked on water; the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus wept over Jerusalem and later prayed before his arrest; the Via Dolorosa where Jesus was tried, condemned and tortured; the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and Golgotha where Jesus was crucified, buried and resurrected. The value of a knowledgeable guide is important to parse out the 4,000 years of history whose layers are literally stacked one on top of the other among all the ancient ruins of the Jerusalem that Jesus knew in His day.

The second point about the specialness of Jerusalem is that you witness the open faith of hundreds of pilgrims from around the world. Regardless of their language, dress or even denomination, they unabashedly express and display their devotion to following Christ. It is sweet and innocent and catches you off guard. They live out God’s call to be holy.

The third point, related to the second, is that embedded
in the way we Armenians worship today is the legacy established by those first Armenian pilgrims to Jerusalem. It was a privilege for Armenians to worship in the Holy Land and had been one of the highest goals for centuries. Upon reaching Jerusalem, the pilgrim had but one wish: to prostrate himself at those places where Jesus had lived and died. Moreover, those pilgrims who visited and ultimately planted themselves as monks in Jerusalem shaped our Divine Liturgy, hymns (sharagans) and our Christian dogma. Even today, Armenians are still only one of three custodians of all the holy places in Israel and are represented with our own quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem. This long-standing commitment to our Christian faith is something to be honored and something we ought to preserve.

The fourth, and I think most important, reason to visit Jerusalem is that you will have an encounter with Jesus at some point in your trip—perhaps many times. Frankly, He doesn’t care why you go or how you get there but He promises to meet you in some unexpected way. For many of us it was participating in Badarak at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. The service, officiated daily, was attended by our small group in the grotto where Jesus was born. For others those special moments occurred in the middle of the night while attending Badarak in the Armenian chapel inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, or while we were sailing on the Sea of Galilee on a beautiful cloudless day thinking about Jesus’ early years of ministry. For some of us it was kneeling and praying at the site on the Via Dolorosa where Mary saw her own son beaten, scourged and condemned, carrying his own cross to Golgotha, the site of his crucifixion.

You cannot go to Jerusalem and not be deeply moved. Sharing these experiences jointly with other St. James pilgrims is important because it creates the necessary intimacy to make this parish vital.

So, if you haven’t thought about Jerusalem as a top spot on you travel list, put it at #1. You’ll be glad you did. And if you hate flying long distances, or are worried your ankles will swell, you’ll have a dozen friends with you who will help you keep your mind off of it.

Elaine Westermark
St. James Church

BOOK CLUB

The St. James Book Club, now in its fourth year, gathers approximately every two months. If you like to read and enjoy interesting conversation, we welcome you to attend!

Some of the book selections we’ve read to date:

* Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons
* Eat, Pray, Love
* Golfing with God
* Have a Little Faith
* I Feel Bad About My Neck
* Interpreter of the Maladies
* Skylark Farm
* Snow Flower and the Secret Fan
* The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
* The Glass Castle
* The Help
* The Other Wes Moore
* The Road
* The Year of Magical Thinking
* Three Cups of Tea
* Too Big to Fail
* Water for Elephants
* What Alice Forgot

We read books of all genres and welcome recommendations. If you like to discuss books, or prefer to just sit back and listen to a discussion, please join us!

For more information, please contact Yn. Natasha at (617) 923-8990, or email info@sthagop.com.
ST. JAMES BINGO NEEDS YOUR HELP
Join us as a volunteer!

Bingo provides a crucial source of funds for our St. James parish and a night of entertainment for our bingo players. Since its inception in 1993, Bingo has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to help offset operating expenses at St. James. We have also established a reputation for having one of the best bingo games in this area. We have a core group of volunteers, but they are in need of additional help. Please join us as a volunteer.

Please volunteer just one Tuesday—a few hours—a month. That’s all it would take to put over $100,000 a year into the parish budget. That’s a very good return on your few-hour investment in our church each week.

Working Bingo is easy and fun. You’ll be volunteering with parishioners who have the same interest as you do—supporting our church so together we can make St. James a better place for our children and our families to learn and worship. The only requirements are you must be 18 or older, have a friendly smile and love to welcome people.

If you are able to volunteer, email info@sthogop.com or call the church office at (617) 923-8860.
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.

ZABEL KEVORIAN
May 20, 2011
Marie L. Kevorkian
Mary Avedisian
Alice & Vahan Elmassian
Leona Kevorkian
George Hurant Kevorkian
Zaven & Ida Nalbandian
Lynda Tomasian
V. Warren & Angela Tomasian

Total: $255

ARMENOUHI KNAIAN
July 14, 2011
Mr. & Mrs. Armen Knaian & Family
Anahid Krikorian & Family
Ohan & Rosemary Armandian
Adam, Kara & Weston
Armandian
Rosemary Baborian & Family
Lori & Mal Barsamian
Zadour Bedoyan
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Margie & Steve Glikas
Edward & Nancy Guleserian
Gail Guzelian
Audrey Guzelian
Michael & Susan Guzelian
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Guzelian & Family

Total: $2,195

SOPHIE AROIAN
July 21, 2011
Douglas & Maureen Faries
Sandra & John Lewis
Arthur A. Maranian, Sr.
Linda & Bill Williamson

Total: $290

ALBERT H. KAPILIAN
August 15, 2011
Esther D. Almgren
Dorothy Bahtiarian
Michael & Florence Bahtiarian
Brewster & Mouradian Families
Ed & Nancy Guleserian
Ronald Haroutunian
Leo & Narine Haroutunian
Kevin Koumjian

Total: $760

PIERRE LOUIE MELKIONIAN
September 3, 2011
Arsholmas Abalian
Aghamian Family
Anonymous
Steven & Hilda Assarian
Sarkan & Yeghsapet Badrikian
Kevork & Talin Bekelian
Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Cucinotta
Mark & Heidi Dalakis
Mr. & Mrs. Menelaos Dalakis
Mieda Dibakian
Tom Gengozian & Sally
Vanarian
Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Ishkhanian & Family
Oganes Kibarian
Hovannes & Mary Minasian
Ed & Lucy Sahagian
Nicky Taraian
Andrew Taraian

Total: $775

MARJORIE GUZELIAN
GARJIAN
September 2, 2011
Melanie & Sharon Flanagan
Mr. & Mrs. Astor Guzelian
Audrey & Vartkes Guzelian
Eva S. Guzelian
Charles & Lucille Guzelian
Gail Guzelian & Family
Christine Peduto
Eugenia Pjojian
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rush
Adrienne Tashjian
Bob Kubie (The Metropolitan Group)

Total: $935

YERANOUHI VARJABEDIAN
September 7, 2011
Ed Jacqueline Orchanian
Ed Orchanian, Jr.
James & Christine Santoro
Kegham, Rubina & Raffi
Varjabedian
Mr. & Mrs. Manuk
Akmezian
Tania & Gary Alexander
Kevork & Shoghig Altounian
Amy & Timothy Anastasia
Silva Andonian & Arthur
Derstapanian
Virginia Azizian
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Azizian & Family
K. Edward & Ida Babroudi
Badalian Family
Mr. & Mrs. Ohan Balanian & Family
Avo & Carmen Barmakian
A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

We extend our gratitude to Robert Aroyan for installing and donating the new exterior doors on the St. James Charles Mosesian Cultural and Youth Center. Robert’s father donated and installed the original exterior doors, and we are grateful to Robert for carrying on the family tradition.

A NOTE FROM
DER ARSEN AND FAMILY

We thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, gifts, cards, visits and countless kind and thoughtful gestures and assistance during the difficult time and hardship we encountered related to Der Arsen’s knee infection and replacement and other family health issues. We are appreciative and grateful to Der Arsen and the Parish Council and church organizations for their kind considerations and aid during this trying time. With the prayers of all and the Lord’s help we are on the long road to recovery. We pray and are hopeful that in the not too distant future we will be able to participate once more in the active daily life of our St. James Church.

With warmest regards, prayers and best wishes,

Der Arsen Barsamian
Yeretzgin Varteni Barsamian
and family
BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS

You have been baptized in Christ. Alleluia.

Gacia Tokadjian
July 2, 2011
Daughter of Panos and
Tamar Tokadjian
Godparents: Avedis and
Nora Kasparian

Angela Rose Paul Aielli
July 23, 2011
Daughter of Dominick Aielli and
Linda Paul
Godparents: Gregory Paul and
Josephine Cutone

Karren Suren Mkhitaryan
September 17, 2011
Son of Suren Mkhitaryan and Argina
Vartanian
Godparents: Suren Masumyan and
Albina Tonoyan

Elise Sevan Lohnes
September 18, 2011
Daughter of Michael and
Sevan Lohnes
Godparents: Charlie and Tina Torres

Frederik Mattias Fernquest
September 18, 2011
Son of John and Vanessa B. Fernquest
Godparents: Steven and Andrea
Berberian Gardos

Lianna Susanna Nakashian
July 9, 2011
Daughter of Serop and
Nona Nakashian
Godparents: Michael and Mari
Nakashian

Ashley Estelle Barsamian
August 7, 2011
Daughter of Mark Derian
Barsamian and Debbie Barsamian
Godparents: Zachary Paul Barsamian
and Hayden Sophie Barsamian

Ellory Rainsong Avakian
August 27, 2011
Daughter of Ara Hrair and
Audra Michelle Avakian
Godparents: Arlen Vartan Avakian
and Melanie Montgomery

Ava Faith Highgas
September 10, 2011
Daughter of William Highgas III and
Elizabeth K. Highgas
Godparents: Ralph J. Beaman and
Arpie E. Beaman

Eva Lilly Khalarian
September 17, 2011
Daughter of Alex and Carol Khalarian
Godparents: Armen Markarian and
Regina Najarian

Mané Arzunyan
June 12, 2011
Daughter of Rustam Arzunyan and
Hasmik Sargsyan
Godparent: Herman Purutyan

Elilza Olivia Degirmenci
July 16, 2011
Daughter of Arda and
Deniece Degirmenci
Godparents: Manuk Degirmenci and
Stephanie Chaparro

Lila Olivia Degirmenci
July 16, 2011
Daughter of Arda and
Deniece Degirmenci
Godparents: Manuk Degirmenci and
Stephanie Chaparro

Frederik Mattias Fernquest
September 18, 2011
Son of John and Vanessa B. Fernquest
Godparents: Steven and Andrea
Berberian Gardos

Taline Rose Ostayan
July 17, 2011
Daughter of Jirair and
Jennifer Ostayan
Godparents: Stephen Tagarelis and
Nora Pamboukian

Antonio Araujo Costa and
Alice Meline Dogramaci
November 11, 2011
Best Man: Jessie Costa
Maid of Honor: Katrina Costantini

WEDDINGS

And the two shall become one.

Stephen Fernald Josimovich and
Julietta Kerakosyan
July 16, 2011
Best Man: Jim Robertson

Edward Kerekor Kelijik and Sabine
Armenerouhi Choulijian
September 10, 2011
Best Man: James C. Kiriacopoulos
Maid of Honor: Mary Pitiño
FUNERALS

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

Armounohi Knaian  
July 14, 2011

George J. Anooshian  
July 15, 2011

Hagop Abkarian  
July 20, 2011

Sophie Aroian  
July 21, 2011

Mary E. Savas  
July 27, 2011

Pierre Louie Melkonian  
September 3, 2011

Helen Elbag  
September 28, 2011

Irina Muradova  
August 6, 2011

Yeranouhi Varjabedian  
September 7, 2011

Tagavor Dadayan  
October 11, 2011

Albert H. Kapilian  
August 15, 2011

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September 19, 2011

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September 2, 2011

Eli Kharajian  
September 27, 2011

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requiem service/hokehanksd
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.

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All baptisms must be scheduled at least two months in advance. 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.

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