

SAINT SARKIS ARMENIAN

APOSTOLIC CHURCH

August 29th, 2010

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August 29th Badarak Sponsor:

This week's Badarak service is being sponsored by **Rita Avakian**. We thank you for your continued support to St. Sarkis Charlotte, NC.

Requiem:

After the Badarak service there will be requiem service in memory of **Lucy Avakian**, requested by her daughter **Rita Avakian**.

Readings for Today:

Is 9:8-19. 2 Cor 1:1-11. Mk 4:35-40.

Feasts and Commemorations:

Tuesday, August 31st – St. Ezekiel the Prophet

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

STAINED GLASS WINDOW: As advised in the previous Sunday Bulletins we are delighted to announce the donation of the second stained glass window for the Church by **Zaven and Ray Touloukian**.

As you can see the completed window has added to the physical and spiritual beauty of the Church, further strengthening the commitment of our community towards St. Sarkis Church.

There will be a traditional blessing and dedication ceremony on **Sunday, September 12th, 2010**, during a special Badarak Service to be celebrated by **Fr. Daniel Findikyan**. That Sunday is also the feast of the 'Exaltation of the Holy Cross' (Sourp Khatch) – one of the major feasts of the Armenian Church.

At the conclusion of the Church services the **Parish Council** invites everyone to attend a light luncheon in honor of **Zaven and Ray Touloukian**, to thank their continued generosity, support and love of St. Sarkis Church.

Watch your mail for the flyer and call-in details.

MEDITERRANEAN DINNER: Friday, November 12th

St. Sarkis Church will be joining forces with our neighbors St. Vincent DePaul Church in a joint fundraiser.

We will be soliciting the help of our parishioners in food preparation and ticket sales.

Mark your calendars to reserve the date, details to follow.

St. Sarkis Ministries

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will have their 1st meeting, after summer break, on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00PM. All women of the parish please come and join us.

Today's *Parish Family sponsor* for the Coffee hour is **Rita Avakian**. We *thank you* for your sponsorship.

ACYOA:

Our youth have been busy with activities:

- On Saturday August 14th they organized a “*Car Wash*” in the parking lot of St. Sarkis. Under the scorching sun a group of our ACYOA youth, under the leadership of **Pierre Arbajian**, washed many many cars, while singing and happily conversing.
- On Wednesday August 18th, again under the leadership of **Pierre Arbajian**, a group of our ACYOA youth had a “*Lock-in*” organized in the Church premises. They had a highly productive educational, religious and community experience during the overnight stay.
- Our ACYOA youth members have come up with a very worthwhile project: “*Operation Sandwich*”. They will organize and create sandwiches to be distributed to homeless people. While they are using they own limited resources help is needed. Parishioners can make financial donations for this project to fund its expenses. Cash donations or checks payable to “St. Sarkis ACYOA” can be submitted to **Maggie Janumyan** (704-301-4549 project coordinator), or to any member of the ACYOA.

We thank **Pierre** for his continued leadership and counseling of the ACYOA group.

TESTIMONIAL: **Erik Balasanyan** attended Camp Vartan and wrote the following to share his thoughts with everyone.

“**Erik Balasanyan**- 2010 was my first year at St. Vartan Camp. I went a day early so there were only about one or two other campers in the building with me. The rest were counselors and CIT's. I was all alone but somehow I was happy because everything was so new, so different. The next day all the campers came and I become friends with a couple and then more after time. Everyday we would go to sports where we would have fun. There was also Boot Camp on Wednesdays. It was hard but the sports instructors never gave up on us to make sure we all got in shape. There were classes but they were also fun especially when Maestro came. At meals there was great food and funny times whenever Arthur yelled ‘seconds’, but the best times were when we just sat around and talked.

So the best day at camp was not at camp it was the day after camp, because I knew what I missed!”

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Under the leadership of **Sylvie Yessayan** the Sunday school has resumed its fall activity. At 11:00 am on the Badarak Sundays, Sylvie gathers the youngsters (6-10 years old) and provides them a religious curriculum (following guidelines given by the Diocese). If you would like your child to participate, contact Sylvie for details.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL:

It has been said:

“Without a language no nation will survive”.

The new scholastic year for the Armenian language school will start soon. This will be the 13th year that language classes are being held in Charlotte. Look for the announcement soon. In the meantime, if you would like to get more details contact Noelle Sarkissian 704-553-8033 or Lena Neau 704-287-8955.

SPECIAL Thank You Corner:

The Parish Council and the entire Parish would like to thank

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian and **Fr. Mampre Kouzouian**

for their tireless travels, efforts and continuous dedication to St. Sarkis Church in Charlotte. They have been commuting to Charlotte in the past three years to bring Sunday Badarak services, to take care of baptisms / weddings and generally cater to the spiritual needs of the Parishioners.

WE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM:

Information coming soon.

BE A SPONSOR FOR AN UPCOMING BADARAK

Up Coming Badarak Services:

Sunday, September 5th

Sunday, September 12th

Sunday, September 19th

Sunday, October 3rd

Sunday, October 17th

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