

# SAINT SARKIS ARMENIAN

## APOSTOLIC CHURCH

**July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

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## **July 25<sup>th</sup> Badarak Sponsor:**

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

## **Readings for Today:**

Is 5:1-10. 1 Cor 6:18-7:11. Mt 19:3-12.

## **Feasts and Commemorations:**

*Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>* – Sts. Maccabees: Eleazar the Priest, Symphorosa and her Seven Sons

*Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>* – St. Gregory the Theologian

## **REQUIEM SERVICE:**

Requiem service is requested by **Narine and Michael Derderian** in memory of **Mr. Yervant Fidanyan** (Narine's father).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**STAINED GLASS WINDOW:** As advised in the previous Sunday Bulletin (7/11) we are delighted to announce the donation of a second stained glass window for the Church by **Zaven and Ray Touloukian**. It has been manufactured, and scheduled to be installed this week, to further beautify and enhance the appearance of 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**. Further details to follow.

***We thank Zaven and Ray for their generosity and continued support to St. Sarkis Church.***

**MEDITERRANEAN DINNER:** November 12th – **The Womens Guild** of St. Sarkis Church will again this year be joining forces with our neighbors St. Vincent DePaul Church in a joint fundraiser. The date for the Mediterranean Dinner has been set for **Friday, November 12th**. ***Mark your calendars to reserve the date***; details to follow.

With those foods that can be prepared ahead of time and frozen WG has begun setting up cooking schedules for next month (August). This fundraiser was well received last year with 300 dinners being served. When asked please help us in making this another successful fundraiser for St. Sarkis.

## **St. Sarkis Ministries**

### **Women's Guild**

The Women's Guild will be selling "Choreg" today after Badarak services. Choreg will be sold "6" for \$9.00....the proceeds from the choreg sale will be donated to the church operating account to help fund a storage project the Parish Council is working on.

Today's *Parish Family sponsor* for the Coffee hour is **Narine and Michael Derderian** family. *We thank you* for your sponsorship.

## **ACYOA**

The Parish Council has decided to revitalize and resume the Bell Choir of St. Sarkis that had a very successful debut last year under the guidance of Dn. Leon (now Fr. Hovhan).

We have been fortunate to win a one year loaner of a full set of the chimes, due to arrive this week. Recognizing the importance of this project for our youth, the PC will be contracting with a local bell choir instructor to train our youth.

We would like to thank **Pierre Arbajian** who is in the process of reorganizing the ACYOA youth members that will participate in the Bell Choir and then the ongoing biweekly training sessions will be supervised by a parent of the Bell Choir participant. More information and details to follow.

## **Thank You Corner:**

*Thanks* to the generosity of our **Parishioners** 58% of the total cost for the Building cleaning/Painting project has been received and reserved.

The actual cleaning part of the project has already been completed this week, with the painting scheduled for next week.

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*Thank you* to **Ernest and Sylvie Yessayan** for hosting Fr. Mampre Kouzouian during his weekend stay on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you* to **Betty Diman, Noelle Sarkissian and Donna Loutigian** for the cleaning and re-organization of the vestment room behind the altar.

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

(This is an excerpt from the Diocesan Newsletter).

### **Dn. Leon Khoja-Eynatyan Ordained to the Priesthood**

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), ordained Dn. Leon Khoja-Eynatyan to the holy priesthood last weekend at St. Mary Church of Washington, D.C.

The ordination began on Saturday, July 10, with the traditional calling service. On Sunday, July 11, the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, Archbishop Barsamian celebrated the Divine Liturgy and ordained Dn. Khoja-Eynatyan, giving him the priestly name Hovhan.

Also participating in the ordination service were the Rev. Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan, the pastor of St. Mary Church, and the Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, the long-serving former pastor of the community. Fr. Karapetyan and Fr. Kalayjian served as sponsoring priests at the ordination.

The newly-ordained Fr. Hovhan will complete his 40-day seclusion period of fasting, meditation, and prayer at Holy Etchmiadzin. When he returns later this summer, he will spend several months working as an assistant to Fr. Karapetyan until he is assigned to a new parish.

## **Bulletin Board:**

See *Piano Lessons* flyer on bulletin board.

For details and arrangements contact **Maria Amiryan** at (920)819-8481

## **Parish Directory:**

To the extent that corrections and revisions were brought to our attention, we have incorporated those and re-issued the Directory. However, there is still missing information for many entries; and there may be further changes that require our attention. *Please review your information and advise us with corrections and/or additions. Thank you.*

## **Financial Information:**

Highlights of the first six months of 2010 financials are as follows:

- **REVENUES** are ahead of budget by 13% (\$8,866); however, there have been **3 non-recurring, one time** revenue items totaling \$12,347 (sales tax rebates for 2 years, special interest from endowment and building repair donations). Additionally, a major revenue stream that has been lagging behind is the “Stewardship” line by **23%** lower than budget. Considering that we are in the summer months, where revenues typically run lower (while expenses continue to maintain their levels), we are looking forward to the fall and year-end events to make up current shortages and meet or exceed budget.
- **EXPENSES** are tracking almost flat on budget.

Recognizing the importance of the **Stewardship Program**, the Parish Council has formed a Stewardship Program Committee, under the chairmanship of **Joseph Zobian**. The Committee has already met in its inaugural meeting and laid down the foundations of re-invigorating this Program. You will receive detailed information about the Committee members and this Program shortly. Your participation will mean a lot to St. Sarkis and towards having a permanent Priest.

**BE A SPONSOR FOR AN UPCOMING BADARAK**

## **Up Coming Badarak Services:**

**Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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