

Spring Dance

Fri., May 8, 2009
@ 6:30 p.m.

Armenian Buffet • Wine • Dessert
Armenian Music & Dancing!

Adults: \$10

Students: \$5

Kids (12 & under): Free

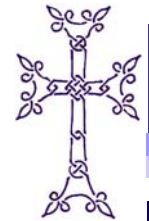


Reservations required.

Phone Lucy Grey
@ 762-4164.

RSVP by May 5.

Hosted by the
Women's Guild of
St. James Armenian Church



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St. James Sunday Bulletin

Welcome to St. James Armenian Church!
The morning service starts at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays
and is followed by Badarak (Divine Liturgy) at 10:30 a.m.

April 26, 2009

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Third Sunday: Sunday of the World Church (Green Sunday)



Today a Special Requiem Service will be conducted for the souls of the numerous victims of the Armenian Genocide as well as of all the genocides of the last two centuries.

May God rest their souls in His eternal peace and presence...

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ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

The Armenian genocide was the first genocide of the 20th century, perpetrated by the Ottoman Turkish government against its defenseless and law-abiding citizens, the Armenians, a Christian minority in a Muslim state.

This was a campaign instigated and carried out by a legitimate government against its loyal Christian subjects. Its aim was to loot, destroy and seize Armenian properties and businesses, and the complete annihilation of an advanced and culturally superior civilization.

For more than a quarter of a century, the Armenians in the Ottoman Empire under the leadership of Sultan Abdul Hamid II and later under the rule of the Young Turk regime suffered unspeakable abuse, torture, massacres and persecution. This resulted in the rape, murder and deportation of more than 1.5 million Armenians from their historic homeland, and the destruction of a 3000-year-old heritage and rich culture.

In spite of all the evidences and the eye witness accounts recorded during those horrible years by foreigners and survivors of the genocide, the Turkish government denies to this date that such atrocities and mass murders have taken place, and refuses to admit the guilt and accept the responsibility.

Every year, on April 24 Armenians all over the world commemorate the murder of their nation. The murder of 1.5 million innocent and defenseless children, women, elderly and men. This is also the date on which in 1915 the Turkish government arrested over 200 Armenian poets, intellectuals, religious and community leaders in Constantinople and imprisoned them in the interior of Anatolia, where most were summarily executed.

As a response to the continuing denial of the Armenian Genocide by the Turkish State, many activists among Armenian Diaspora communities have pushed for formal recognition of the Armenian genocide from various governments around the world. 21 countries and 42 U.S. states have adopted resolutions acknowledging the Armenian Genocide as a *bona fide* historical event.

This week's Armenian words:

Tseghasbanootyoon	Յեղասպանութիւն	Genocide
Veratznel	Վերացնել	To destroy
Badmagan	Պատմական	Historical
Hayrenik	Հայրենիք	Homeland
Aganades	Ականատես	Eye Witness

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Today Batarak and Hokehankist for victims of the Armenian Genocide as well as of all the genocides of the last two centuries. Following Sunday's church service and a light lunch, Taniel Kou-shakjian, Director of Grassroots for the Armenian Assembly of America and Nick Bazarian will be the guest speakers.

May 8, Friday 6:30 p.m. Spring Dance. RSVP by May 5.

May 17, Sunday Women's Guild General Meeting.

June 6, Saturday Women's Guild will host a guest speaker Rev. Ginna Dalton (details will follow).

June 14, Sunday ***SUB-DIACONATE ORDINATION: His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese*** will be ordaining two of our church's acolytes to the order of sub-diaconate: Johnny Chadoian and Kevork Ozbalik, who have been faithfully serving at the altar, granting them special privileges and the right to wear the deacon's stole (*ourar*). Lunch will be served after the service, RSVP by June 8th (*details will follow*).



Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 9:23-31, 1Peter 2:1-10, John 2:23-3:12.

PRAYER REQUEST:

Our heartfelt sympathies to Avedis and Zabel Garabedian, who recently lost her sister, Margo Mikadalian in Beirut. We pray for the rest of her soul and for the comfort of the members of her family.

Home Blessing is a beautiful tradition of the Armenian Church which is performed on different occasions: on the Nativity and Holy Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ as well as on the occasion of moving to a new home.

Schedule your Easter Home Blessing with Der Hayr by calling the church office or (804) 405-9399.

PASTORAL CARE: HOME AND HOSPITAL CLERGY VISIT

Der Hayr is 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 Der Hayr at (804) 405-9399 or the church office at (804) 282-3818. Please note: when asked about religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as "Armenian Orthodox" or Armenian" not "other".