

# SAINT SARKIS ARMENIAN

## APOSTOLIC CHURCH

**December 4th, 2011**

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## **"Parish Family Sponsor" for coffee hour**

The coffee hour today is sponsored by the Women's Guild. if you would like to host or co-host a Coffee hour on Sunday, please contact Diane Tudor @ 704-651-7134 or [DGtutor@aol.com](mailto:DGtutor@aol.com).

## **Readings for Today:**

***Divine Liturgy:*** Isaiah 36:22-37:11. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-11. Luke 13:1-9.

## **Feasts and Commemorations:**

*Saturday, December 3rd, 2011* –Holy Apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew,  
First Enlighteners of Armenia

*Sunday, December 4th, 2011* – Second Sunday of Advent

*Friday, December 9th, 2011* – Feast of the Conception of the Holy Virgin Mary

***Visit Diocesan Blog for Daily Advent Reflections***



Last month marked the beginning of the Advent season. Advent means “coming”—the coming of Christ; in Armenian it is called Hisnag, from the word for “fifty.”

Advent is the 50-day period during which we prepare to celebrate the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a time to reflect on our relationship with God and to rededicate ourselves to Christ through our actions, thoughts, and prayers. Advent can also be an occasion to discover God's gifts all around us.

This year the Department of Youth and Education is offering daily Advent reflections on our blog.

Go to <http://www.armenianchurched.net/wpblog/2011/12/daily-advent-reflections-16> to view the day's reflection, and come back every day to read and reflect on a new post.

## **Church Etiquette**

We must keep in mind that we need to adopt reverent behavior when coming to worship during Badarak Services. When entering the narthex, we are leaving the secular world behind us. As we enter the nave of the sanctuary, we enter a space of worship that is a forestate of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Conversation and speaking should be limited to essential communication. Casual conversation should not be held in church and **never** while in line to receive Holy Communion. Fellowship time follows services during the Coffee Hour.

Chewing gum is inappropriate.

## Voghchoyn – Kiss of Peace

(During the Divine Liturgy, when the Parish Council members pass  
The Kiss of Peace in Church)

*The person offering the Kiss of Peace should say:*

“Krisdos ee mech mer Haydnetsav”

Christ is revealed amongst us

*The person receiving the Kiss of Peace should say:*

“Orhnial eh Haydnootyunn Krisdosee”

Blessed is the revelation of Christ

**Parish Council Member on duty: Raymond Bozoian**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday Schedule

The church will be open every Sunday. Please see the schedule at the end of the bulletin. If we don't have a priest available, there will be a Jashoo service.

### New Year's Eve – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011

#### SAVE THE DATE!

**Tickets for the event or raffle tickets** will be on sale during the coffee hour.

Pre-sale tickets are: Adults \$ 60.00, Children 5-12:\$ 35.00, Under 5: free.

Prices at the door the day of the event will be \$ 75.00 for adults.

Also Raffle tickets (1 for \$ 10) are being sold. You need not be present to win.

Please support this year's event to assure its success. As a reminder, all proceeds from this event will go toward the Stewardship fund to have a full-time priest.

We are looking for 2 baby-sitters for New Year's Eve -- \$20 an hour. Please see Pierre Arbajian or Lena Neau.

Please see Pierre Arbajian, Melkum Janumyan, Diane Tudor or Lena Neau for tickets.

### Christmas Pageant – Sunday, December 18, 2011

We will have our annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> presented by our Sunday school children. If you would like your child to participate, please contact **Sylvie Bastajian Yessayan**. We would also like to have a commitment that your child participates in the practice sessions also.

The pageant will be followed by a Christmas Party **luncheon** where **Santa (Gaghant Baba)** will be visiting us and distributing gifts for the children.

Volunteers needed. Please see **Lena Neau** or **Svetlana Janumyan**.

*Donations for the events*

*Adults – 13 years or older -- \$ 15.00*

*Ages 6 - 12 -- \$ 5.00*

*Children under 5 years of age – Free*

Please make your **reservations** so that we have an idea for cooking and gifts.

# St. Sarkis Ministries

## Women's Guild

The meeting on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, has been cancelled.

## Alexander Youth Network

We are once again doing our annual Christmas gift drive for children who are less fortunate than ours. Monetary donations are very much appreciated. Please make checks payable to Anna Martin, Women's Guild. Thank you.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Badarak Collections: November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Plate - \$110

Candles – \$26

### Stewardship (pledged vs. actual):

Pledged - \$39170      Collected (1/1/2011 – 12/3/2011) – \$24375

We have met **62%** of our goal. We urge all those who signed a pledge card to honor their commitment by **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**.

If you have not pledged, please take a moment to fill out a pledge card. It is not too late to sign up. We really need your support. St. Sarkis Armenian Church sustains our identity, nurtures our faith and keeps us culturally connected. It is at the heart and soul of our existence. It defines who we are. Without St Sarkis Armenian Church, there is no Armenian community and we endanger the preservation of our faith and heritage. It is the responsibility of every family to become stewards of our Church and support it as our parents and grandparents have done in the darkest years of our history.

## Membership

All dues-paid members must pay their membership dues by **December 31, 2011** in order to be eligible to vote in February, 2012. Those who pay in January 2012 will **NOT** be able to vote at the 2012 Parish Assembly.

**2011 Membership Dues:** \$115 for Adults, \$85 for Senior Citizens (over 65), \$45 for Students. Letters to this effect were received a week ago by parishioners.

## Upcoming Badarak Services:

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Fr. Dajad Davidian

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

TBD

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Jashoo service

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Fr. Mampre Kouzouian

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

Fr. Dajad Davidian