

# SAINT SARKIS ARMENIAN

## APOSTOLIC CHURCH

**December 18th, 2011**

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*Celebrant: Archbishop Vicken Aykazian*



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

There will be no coffee hour today. It is replaced by the Christmas luncheon which you are all invited to attend.

*Donations for the event:*  
*Adults (13 years or older): \$15.00*  
*Ages 6 – 12: \$5.00*  
*Children under 5: Free*

## **Readings for Today:**

***Divine Liturgy:*** Isaiah 38:1-8. Hebrews 1:1-14. Luke 17:1-10

## **Feasts and Commemorations:**

*Saturday, December 17th, 2011* – St. James (Hagop), Bishop of Nisibis

*Sunday, December 18th, 2011* – Fourth Sunday of Advent

### ***Feast of St. James (Soorp Hagop), Bishop of Nisibis***

Jacob of Nisibis (died c. AD 338), is a [Syriac saint](#). He was the first [bishop](#) of [Nisibis](#), spiritual father of the renowned [Syriac writer Ephrem the Syrian](#), and celebrated [ascetic](#).

Jacob was appointed [bishop](#), in 308, of the Christian community of [Nisibis](#) in [Mesopotamia](#) (modern Nusaybin, located near the Turkey/Syria border). Jacob of Nisibis, also known as James of Nisibis and as Jacob of Nusaybin, is recorded as a signatory at the [First Council of Nicaea](#) in 325. He was the first Christian to search for the [Ark of Noah](#), which he claimed to find a piece of on a mountain, [Cudi Dagi](#), in a region near Ararat, 70 miles from Nisibis.

He founded the basilica and theological [School of Nisibis](#) after the model of the school of [Diodorus of Tarsus](#) in [Antioch](#). It was not until the 10th century that the "Persian Sage" identified with Jacob of Nisibis was finally identified with [Aphrahat](#). He was the teacher and spiritual director of Saint [Ephrem the Syrian](#), a great ascetic, teacher and hymn writer who combatted [Arianism](#).

St Jacob of Nisibis's [relics](#) are in [Edessa](#). He is commemorated in the Coptic [Synaxarion](#) on the 18th day of [Month of Tobi](#) (usually 26 January). In the [Roman Catholic Church](#) he is commemorated on 15 July.

### **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: Melkum Janumyan**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Thank you**

The Parish Council thanks **Archbishop Vicken Aykazian** for taking time from his busy schedule and gracing us with his presence today under very short notice and cancelling other prior engagements. We truly appreciate it.

## **Welcome**

Please take a moment to welcome Armen Muradian, his wife Ruzana Yepremian, and daughter Nelly Muradian who have just arrived from Armenia. They are Ani Mouradkhanian's cousin and are currently staying with the Mouradkhanian family. It is always difficult when one arrives in a new area, but we hope that they will soon adjust to life in Charlotte and love the city.

## **Christmas Pageant**

The Parish Council would like to thank the **Sunday school children and other youth** for preparing the annual Christmas Pageant. We also thank **Sylvie Yessayan** for all the undertakings to pull this off every year.

## **New Year's Eve Celebration - December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

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

Pre-sale tickets are: Adults: \$ 60.00, Ages: 5-20:\$ 25.00, 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 1 baby-sitter 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.

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*The Parish Council wishes you all a very Merry Christmas  
and  
May 2012 be a year of happiness, health and prosperity for all!*

## **St. Sarkis Ministries**

### **Women's Guild**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

# **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

## **Badarak Collections: Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Plate – \$174

Candles – \$61

### **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:** Adults - \$115, Senior Citizens (over 65) - \$85 and Students - \$45. Letters to this effect were received a few weeks ago by parishioners.

### **Stewardship (pledged vs. actual):**

Pledged - \$39170      Collected (1/1/2011 – 12/17/2011) – \$27510

We have met **70%** 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.

### **Upcoming Badarak Services:**

<b>Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>Fr. Mampre Kouzouian</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>(Eve of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ – Djurakalooys)</b>		
<b>Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>Fr. Mampre Kouzouian</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
<b>(Nativity and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ)</b>		
<b>Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>Jashoo service</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>Fr. Dajad Davidian</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
<b>Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>Jashoo service</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>(Saint Sarkis)</b>		
<b>Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>Fr. Mampre Kouzouian</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
<b>Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>Fr. Dajad Davidian</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
<b>Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>Fr. Dajad Davidian</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
<b>Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>Jashoo service</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>Fr. Mampre Kouzouian</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
<b>Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
<b>Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>Fr. Mampre Kouzouian</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
<b>Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
<b>Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>HOLY WEEK</b>	
	<b>Times will be announced</b>	