

SAINT SARKIS ARMENIAN

APOSTOLIC CHURCH

January 22nd, 2012

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"Parish Family Sponsor" for coffee hour

We thank **Berdj and Suzanne Tashdjian** for today's coffee hour.

Readings for Today:

Divine Liturgy: Isaiah 58:13-59:7. 1 Timothy 4:12-5:10. John 3:13-21.

Feasts and Commemorations:

Saturday, January 21st, 2012– Holy Fathers Athanasius and Cyril

Sunday, January 22nd, 2012 – Second Sunday after the Octave of Theophany

Tuesday, January 24th, 2012 – St. Vahan of Goghtn

Saturday, January 28th, 2012– St. Gregory the Theologian

Boca Raton to Celebrate Pastor's 20 Years of Service



On Saturday, January 21, the St. David Church of Boca Raton, FL, will honor its longtime pastor, the Very Rev. Fr. Nareg Berberian, on the 20th anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood. St. Sarkis congratulates Fr. Nareg on this auspicious occasion as many of us knew him well as he was the first priest that served the Armenian Church of Charlotte in 1996.

Diocesan Primate Archbishop Khajag Barsamian will preside over the celebratory banquet to be held in the church's Mardigian Hall. Fr. Berberian was the very first priest to receive ordination by the hand of the Primate, in 1992.

Also attending the event will be Diocesan Ecumenical Director Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, along with clergy from the Diocese (Fr. Mampre Kouzouian will be there) and the surrounding community in Boca Raton.

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 will be **Kevin Janumyan**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hokenhankisd (Requiem)

The Parish Council has requested Hokehankisd services for **Sarkis Acopian** (our church's benefactor) and assassinated journalist **Hrant Dink** on the 5th anniversary of their passing.

May the Lord bless their souls and give comfort to their loved ones.

New Year's Eve Celebration

The Parish Council and the Stewardship Committee thanks everyone who helped to make the event a success.

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| Profits form the Raffle for the Church | -- | \$ 945.00 |
| Profits from ticket sales | -- | \$ 1050.37 |
| TOTAL profit for Stewardship Fund | -- | \$ 1995.37 |

St. Sarkis Feast Day – February 5th, 2012

We will be celebrating the St Sarkis Feast day on February 5th under the auspices of Archbishop Vicken Aykazian.

Following Badarak, a seated family luncheon will be served in the Acopian Hall. Armenian folk songs will be performed during the luncheon by Armen Boyajian and Maria Amyrian.

Tickets will be sold at the door. Adults - \$ 25.00, children 7 to 12 - \$ 10.00 and under 7 - free.

Donations for Saint Sarkis Day are welcome and appreciated (please write "Saint Sarkis Day" in memo line).

Annual Parish Assembly – February 12th, 2012

The annual assembly will take place on Sunday, February 12th following Badarak.

St. Sarkis Food Festival – Saturday, May 12, 2012

The time has come for St. Sarkis to begin the tradition of an Annual Food Festival for the Greater Charlotte region.

The Parish Council has chosen **May 12th, 2012**. We will need to help of "everyone" to make this a success. More information will follow.

College Scholarships for 2012

Once again, thanks to a number of generous endowments, our Diocese plans to grant scholarships to undergraduate students for the academic year 2012-2013. These scholarships are earmarked for Armenian American students attending accredited 4-year undergraduate university programs. Preference will be given to those who are active in the life of the Armenian churches of the Eastern Diocese

(ACYOA, altar servers, Sunday or Armenian school teachers, choir members, etc). The scholarship program is open to US citizens only.

Please contact Lena Kupelian Neau at 704-287-8955 for a copy of the application.

St. Sarkis Ministries

ACYOA (Armenian Church Youth Association of America)

For all youths ages 15-26 interested in joining together with their fellow Armenians in the ACYOA youth group, please contact Daniel Zalinov at 704-299-2319 or e-mail him at dzalinov@yahoo.com.

There will also be a meeting of the youth at Pierre Arbajian's house on January 28th at 5:00 pm to have discussions with Deacon Benjamin Rith-Najarian

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild elected new officers for 2012 at their January meeting.

January meeting of the Women's Guild elected new officers for 2012.

Chair Woman - Noelle Sarkissian

Vice Chair Woman - Betty Diman

Treasurer - Anna Martin

Secretary - Donna Loutigian

The February meeting of Women's guild will be held on WEDNESDAY, February 15th at 7:30PM. Harry Moorachian will be speaking on AGAPE. All men and women of the Parish are invited. Cake and coffee will be served.

During the month of April, we will be collecting **canned goods and clothing items** for AGAPE to distribute in Armenia. Please bring to the Church during the month of April. More information to follow.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Badarak Collections: January 7 & 8th, 2012

Plate – \$415

Candles – \$97

Christmas Yughakin - \$520

Stewardship (1/1/2011 – 12/31/2011) - \$28675

Upcoming Badarak Services:

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| Sunday, January 29th, 2012 | Dn Ben Rith-Najarian | 10:30 am |
| Sunday, February 5th, 2012 (Saint Sarkis) | Abp. Vicken Aykazian | 10:15 am |
| Sunday, February 12th, 2012 | Fr. Mampre Kouzouian | 10:15 am |
| Sunday, February 19th, 2012 | Fr. Dajad Davidian | 10:15 am |
| Sunday, February 26th, 2012 | Fr. Dajad Davidian | 10:15 am |
| Sunday, March 4th, 2012 | Dn Ben Rith-Najarian | 10:30 am |
| Sunday, March 11th, 2012 | Fr. Mampre Kouzouian | 10:15 am |
| Sunday, March 18th, 2012 | Abp. Vicken Aykazian | 10:15 am |
| Sunday, March 25th, 2012 | Fr. Mampre Kouzouian | 10:15 am |
| Sunday, April 1st, 2012 | Fr. Mampre Kouzouian | 10:15 am |
| Sunday, April 5th – 8th, 2012 | HOLY WEEK | |