

# SAINT SARKIS ARMENIAN

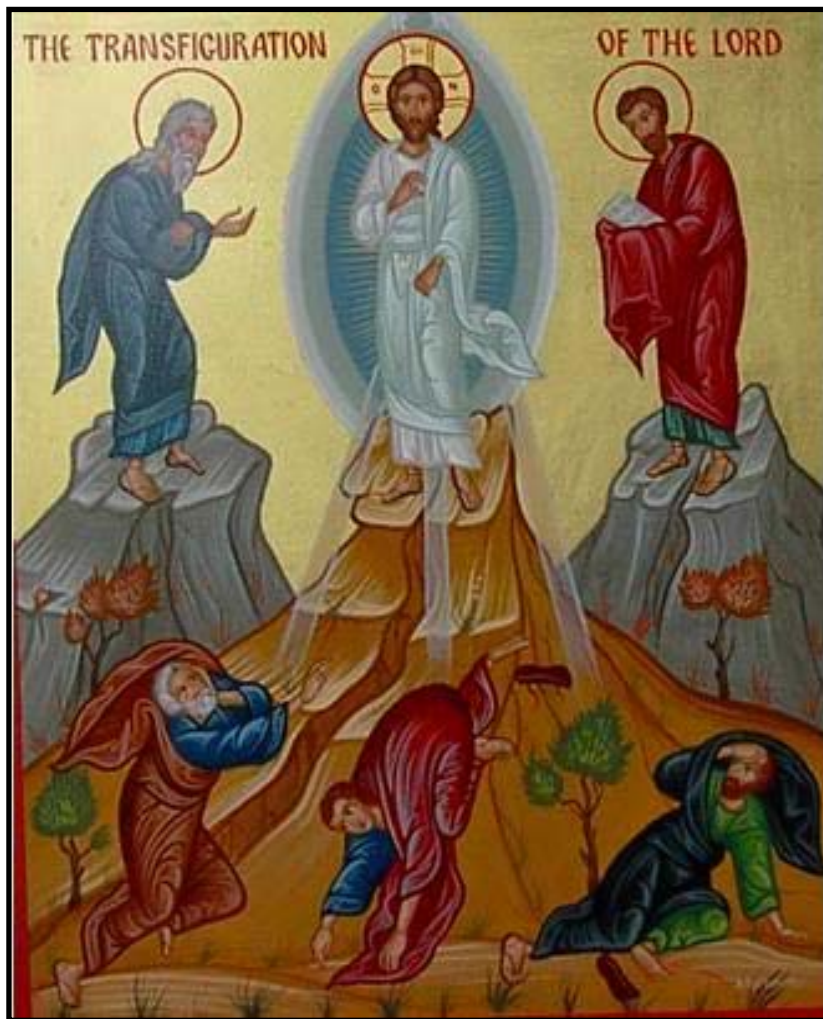
## APOSTOLIC CHURCH

**July 31st, 2011**

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# **Feast of the Transfiguration**

Referred to as Baydzaragerbootiun, the Feast of the Transfiguration is one of the five principal feasts of the Armenian Church, so named because of Christ's luminous appearance. In Armenia, it is also known as Vartavar (the Festival of Roses) after the old pagan feast, which it replaced.

The feast marks Christ's appearance with a resplendent countenance to three of His disciples, Peter, John, and James, on the holy mountain of Galilee, also known as Mount Tabor.

The Bible tells us that when Jesus was considering going to Jerusalem, he spoke with his disciples of the torture that was in store for Him and of the end of His life on earth. Jesus wanted His disciples to be prepared for the coming events.

His disciples, however, did not believe that Jesus could possibly face such tribulations and Peter adamantly said none of Jesus' predictions would come true, and Jesus admonished his disciples. About a week later, Jesus had his miraculous Transfiguration.

He went up Tabor Mountain with three of His disciples—Simon Peter, James, and John Zebedee—to pray as the other tired disciples remained at the bottom of the mountain. It was there that Jesus began to assume a new appearance. The three disciples were amazed when they saw His new radiant being.

Though it was nighttime, the disciples saw light coming from the sun in the sky. Among the light they saw two other men—said to be Moses and Elijah—speaking to Jesus about His remaining time left on earth and the sacrifice He would soon make.

Then a cloud came upon the group. The voice of God was heard, saying the same phrase He said when Jesus was baptized, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!" (Luke 9:35).

After the Transfiguration, Jesus asked His disciples not to talk about it until His coming Resurrection.

This scene can be found in four different places in the New Testament: Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:11-7; Luke 9:29-36; and Peter II 1:17-18.

In the Armenian calendar, the feast takes place on the 14th Sunday after Easter—98 days later—so it is movable within an interval of 35 days, from June 28 to August 1. The Orthodox and Catholic churches observe the feast of Transfiguration on a fixed day, August 6.

The official observance takes three days. Sunday is the principal feast, Monday likewise is an ordained feast day and includes the commemoration of the dead, and Tuesday is a non-festal or weekday dominical.

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

Our many thanks to this Sunday's coffee hour sponsor – Lena Kupelian Neau in honor of her grandmother Vartouhi Chahvekilian Kupelian's nameday.

## **Readings for Today:**

**Transfiguration.** Wisdom of Solomon 7:25 - 8:4. Zechariah 14:16-21.  
1 John 1:1-7. Matthew 16:13 - 17:13.

## **Feasts and Commemorations:**

*Sunday, July 31st* – Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord (Vartavar)

*Monday, August 1st* – Remembrance of the Dead

*Thursday, August 4th* – St. Isaiah, the Prophet

*Saturday, August 6th* – 200 Fathers of the Holy Council of Ephesus (431 A.D.)

### **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

## **Blessing of the Grapes:**

We will be having the Blessing of the Grapes on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in making donations towards the purchase of the grapes, please contact Lena Neau at 704-287-8955.

## **International Festival at UNCC -- Charlotte**

The International Festival will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2011. We need your donations of food and your time to help sell food at the booth. Please contact: Levon Bagdasarian (704-905-1891) and Lena Kupelian Neau (704-287-8955).

## **Family Dinner – Saturday, August 13, 2011**

There will be a family night dinner on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Details will follow.

Following the dinner, there will be a slide and video presentation by Daniel Zalinov on his trip to Jerusalem last June.

## **IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities)**

This year, it will be once again St. Sarkis' turn to host the fund raising dinner for IOCC. It will take place on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 6:00 pm. It is a very spiritual evening and we encourage as many of you to attend and hear the speaker of the evening, Mr. Mark Ohanian.

More details will follow.

There is **no typo error**. It is on Thursday night this year, and not Saturday.

# **St. Sarkis Ministries**

## **Women's Guild**

### **Coffee Hour**

St. Sarkis will be adding an additional Badarak service a month to our calendar.

With three Badaraks each month, the Women's Guild needs "3" additional volunteers to secure Parish Family Sponsors, set-up and clean up for Coffee Hour.

If volunteers do not step forward, we will only be able to have coffee and snacks twice per month.

If you are interested, please speak to Diane Tudor.

### **Trip to Jerusalem**

The Central Council of the Women's Guild is organizing a trip to Jerusalem on the occasion of Armenian Christmas in January. This is open to all, men and women, young, old. Flyers are available in the coffee hour area. For more information, please see Anna Martin.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

### **July 17th Badarak Collection:**

Plate - \$185

Candles – \$59

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

Pledged - \$35000

Collected (1/1/2011 – 7/31/2011) - \$16,675.00

## **Upcoming Badarak Services:**

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

Fr. Simeon Odabashian

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

Fr. Mampre Kouzouian

August 21<sup>st</sup> or August 28<sup>th</sup>

TBD

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

Fr. Simeon Odabashian

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

Fr. Mampre Kouzouian

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Fr. Mampre Kouzouian

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Fr. Mampre Kouzouian

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fr. Simeon Odabashian