

SAINT SARKIS ARMENIAN

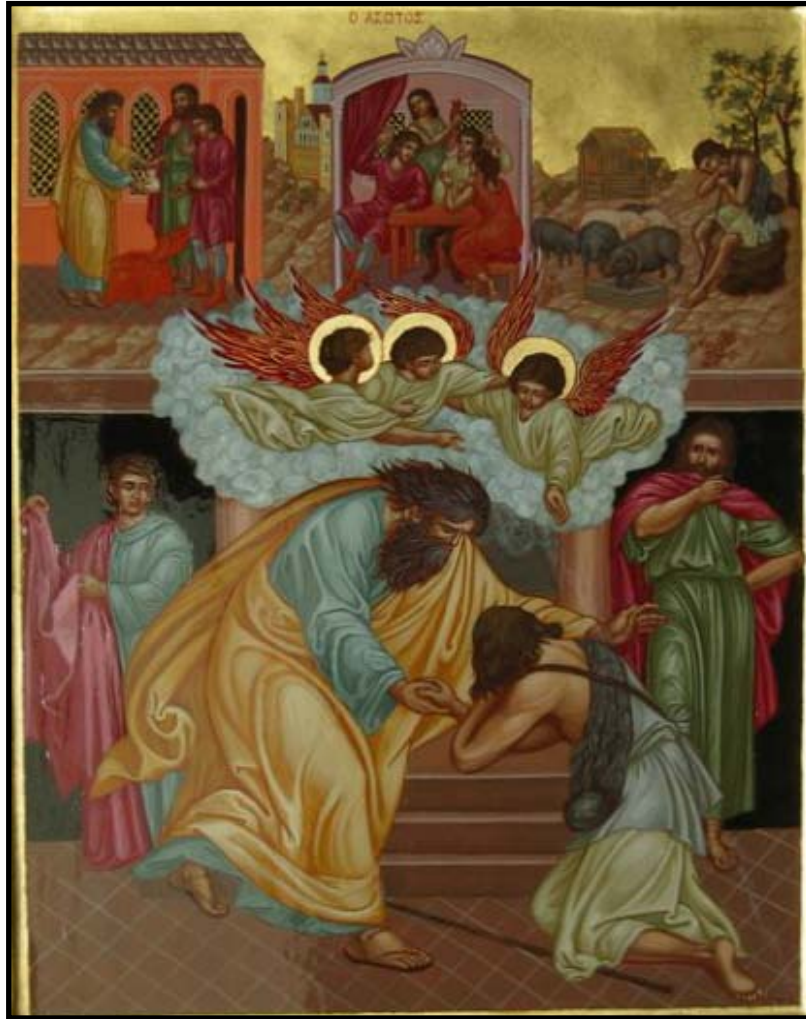
APOSTOLIC CHURCH

March 20th, 2011

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March 20th Badarak Sponsor:

This week's Badarak service is being sponsored by **Ed Azarian**. We thank Ed for his continued support of St. Sarkis Church and its activities.

Readings for Today:

Matins: Lk 6:12-49. *Divine Liturgy:* Is 54:11-55:13.
2 Cor 6:1-7:1. Lk 15:1-32.

Feasts and Commemorations:

Sunday, March 20th – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Saturday, March 26th – Sts. John of Jerusalem, John of Otzoon, John of Orotni and Gregory of Datev

Requiem:

- Requiem service is requested by Ed Azarian and family for the soul of **Mary Ann Azarian** (Ed's wife). Mary Ann was an active member of St. Sarkis Church and Women's Guild. We join with the Azarians in praying for the soul of Mary Ann.
- The Armenian Church requests requiem service for the recently departed **Very Rev. Pari Metjian's** soul.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Easter Week Church Services:

Thursday, April 21st – Washing of the Feet – 5:00 pm

Friday, April 22nd – Entombment of Christ – 5:00 pm

Saturday, April 23rd – Easter Eve Badarak – 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 24th – Easter Celebration Badarak – 10:00 am

Easter Lunch:

On Sunday, April 24th 2011 to celebrate Easter, a lunch will be served in the Acopian Hall, after the Badarak services. More information and details forthcoming in a flyer.

Genocide Commemoration:

Since this year April 24th (Genocide Commemoration) is coinciding on Sunday with Easter, the Diocese has instructed all its Parishes to celebrate Easter on Sunday and commemorate the Genocide on Monday April 25th.

Hence, on Monday April 25th, St. Sarkis Church will remain open, starting at 10 am until 6 pm, for you to come and say your prayers and light candles for the souls of the Genocide martyrs.

Scholarship Awards:

The Armenian International Women's Association has announced its 2011-2012 Academic year scholarship awards.

See the bulletin board for details (*submission deadline: April 5, 2011*)

Summer Camp Programs:

The 2011 Diocesan Summer Camp Programs have been announced. The flyer has been posted on the bulletin board and brochures are available in the foyer with the details and various deadlines described. Attendance is available for youth ages 8-15.

These are excellent opportunities for our youth to experience Armenian Camp programs.

Similar to prior years the Parish Council and its Auxiliary Bodies will subsidize some of the costs related to these events.

For further details and assistance with logistics contact:

Pierre Arbajian or Eric Vozzy.

VEMKAR:

The Diocese has developed and published a software application for iphones, called "VEMKAR". The application will lead you to a variety of Church hymns and historical subjects.

You can download this free application from the link that is available on the Vemkar ad email. If you have not received the email, or if you are interested to read more, contact **Hagop Sarkissian** to receive the email with the link.

St. Sarkis Ministries

WOMEN'S GUILD

- ❖ The next Women's Guild meeting will be Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00PM. We invite all women of the Parish to join us.
- ❖ The Women's Guild is planning an evening at the Charlotte Symphony on Saturday evening April 9th. The outing is open to all and we will car pool from the Church. For more information please contact Diane Tudor (704) 849-0374.
- ❖ The Women's Guild will be selling "Choreg" (Armenian Easter cakes) on Palm Sunday (April 17th) and Easter Sunday (April 24th). Please help support the Women's Guild fundraising efforts for our 2011 Outreach programs in Charlotte and Armenia.
- ❖ The Women's Guild of St. Sarkis Armenian Church is asking for your support of our Parish Outreach "Project AGAPE".

Project AGAPE

(American Greater Armenia Partnership Effort)

*Starting March 20 and continuing through the month of April, please bring your tax deductible donations to the church in the brown bag provided, no later than **APRIL 30th, 2011**. If you would like to make a monetary donation please enclose a check in the bag provided.*

Project AGAPE is an ecumenical humanitarian program of the Western North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church that continues its ministry in Armenia focusing on the area around the town of Berdzor (formerly Lachin). With very little government or international aid, the people in this area of the world need the basics to survive.

Project AGAPE's country director, Nara Melkonian, in Yerevan, coordinates the work and mission in Armenia and Berdzor region. Project AGAPE has offered many programs including: an education center, an Armenian church, hospital, houses for families, a heifer project, two orphanages, lodging for teams/workers.

ACYOA

Today the **ACYOA Juniors** will be holding a breakfast fund raiser after Church Services. Visit their tables and encourage our youth in their activities.

NOTICE

BADARAK SPONSORS NEEDED

Review available Badarak dates and sign up URGENTLY with your sponsorship.

THANK YOU.

Up Coming Badarak Services:

Sunday, March 20 th	Fr. Simeon Odabashian
Sunday, April 17 th (PALM)	Fr. Mampre Kouzouian
Holy Thursday 4/21 (Washing Feet)-5pm	Fr. Dajad Davidian
Holy Friday 4/22 (Entombment)-5pm	Fr. Dajad Davidian
Saturday, April 23 rd (Easter Eve)-5pm	Fr. Dajad Davidian
Sunday, April 24 th (EASTER/GENOCIDE)	Fr. Dajad Davidian
Sunday, May 8 th	Fr. Mampre Kouzouian