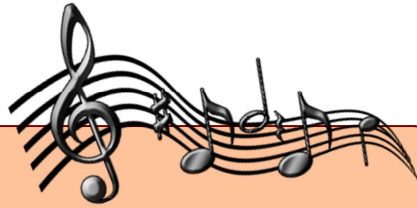




FEBRUARY 19,  
2012

Godparents and  
Grandparents Day

Blessing of the  
Children Service  
at the end of the  
Divine Liturgy.



St. James Armenian/Sunday School presents

### Poon Paregentan Lunch & Talent Show

After the Divine Liturgy  
St. James Social Hall

Please let us know if you will be attending by  
Tuesday, FEBRUARY 14.  
Nouneh: 804-360-0027, nmovses@verizon.net or  
Ruzanna: 804-270-3189, ruzkas@yahoo.com

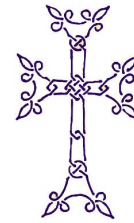
Want to participate and show your talents?  
Please contact Raffi Bandazian:  
raffi@bandazian.com by FEBRUARY 10.

Donation: Adults—\$10  
Children 12 and under—free.

All donations will benefit  
Sunday School  
Renovation Project.



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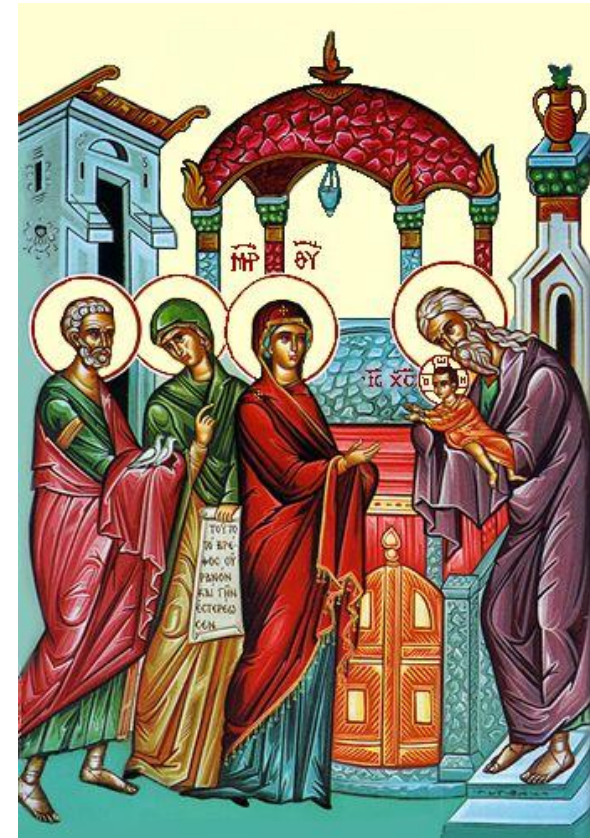
## St. James Sunday Bulletin

Welcome to St. James Armenian Church!  
The morning service starts at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays  
and is followed by Badarak (Divine Liturgy) at 10:30 a.m.

February 19, 2012

GREAT PAREGENTAN

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Today there will be no Requiem Service after the Divine Liturgy.

Armenian Church  
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A game of questions  
and answers to hone  
your knowledge in:

B	Bible	B	Isaac
PW	Prayer & Worship	PW	Forty
CY	Church Year	CY	True
S	Sacraments	S	Sts. Sahag & Mesrob
HS	History and Saints	HS	Iran
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## ԲՈՒ ԲԱՐԵԿԵՆԴԱՆ - Poon Paregentan

Our Church has defined the period of Great Lent as a time of abstinence and repentance for the faithful. Each Sunday during this period is named after an event in the Holy Bible that contains the message of the day. According to the calendar, the days prior to weekly fasts, as well as Great Lent, (with the exception of the fast preceding Holy Nativity) are called Barekendan. The word Barekendan means օgood livingօ or օgood lifeօ, as we are called to live cheerfully, joyfully, and to be happy on these days preceding fasting periods. Our Church thus allows her faithful to organize games, festivals, carnivals and large, plentiful meals to observe the feast, as it is followed by a period of fasting and abstinence.

The Eve of Great Lent, as Great Barekendan is also called, commemorates the human bliss, which Adam and Eve enjoyed in the Garden of Eden. It also symbolizes the heavenly right, according to which, mankind could eat all types of fruit, except the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Barekendan is the manifestation of the virtues of the soul, through which people can transform mourning to joy, and torment to peace. It is with this comprehension, with bowing of our souls, penitence, fasting and hope for mercy, that each Christian individual should take his first step on the long, 40 day journey of Great Lent, culminating with the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The period starting from the day following the Great Barekendan and lasting till the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, is called Great Lent. In the period of the Great Lent, people, refraining from bodily pleasures and sins, get prepared for the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ by means of abstinence and repentance. Both spiritual and moral and bodily abstinence are considered to be important.

In the New and old Testaments there are many testimonies concerning the period of Great Lent. Moses fasted for forty days and only then received the Lord's rules and canons. However, this period is related to 40-day period of temptation of Christ in the desert, following which our Church fathers established this period of fasting.

During the period of the Great Lent curtains in the churches are closed in commemoration of the fact that after sinning Adam was exiled from Eden and the doors were closed before him.



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

<b>Today</b>	Divine Liturgy. Armenian/Sunday School is closed today. <b>Godparents and Grandparents Day. Poon Paregentan Lunch &amp; Talent Show.</b>
<b>February 20, Monday</b>	Great Lent begins.
<b>February 24, Friday</b>	First Lenten Friday Prayer Service - 6:30 pm; Lenten Dinner - 7:00 pm
<b>February 26, Sunday</b>	<b>Annual Parish Assembly</b> after the service.

### Godparents & Grandparents Day

#### Commemorating the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple

In commemoration of Christ's first solemn presentation in the House of God, all Godparents and Grandparents are invited by Father Mesrob to bring their godchildren and grandchildren to be re-dedicated at the Holy Altar during special *Blessing of the Children* service at the end of the Divine Liturgy.



### Today's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 63:18-64:12, Titus 1:1-11, John 7:37-52

**B** Abraham was asked to sacrifice this son of his as a test of his love for God

**PW** Newly ordained priests spend \_\_\_ days of prayer and preparation before celebration of the first (Andranig) Badarak.

**CY** True or False: Communion is available 365 days a year if people feel the need for it.

**S** The confession form was translated from the Syriac language in the 5th century by these two churchmen who were responsible for inventing the Armenian alphabet.

**HS** Persia is now known as what country?

**OW** In Isaiah 6:3 the angels sing holy, holy, holy. During liturgy what Armenian word is repeated three times to mean the same thing?

*The answers can be found on the last page of the bulletin.*

*Today, please take a moment to remember in your prayers*  
**Murad Kerneklian** (for quick recovery after his surgery), **Zadig Setian, Barkev Baronian, Kachi & Sue Dedian, Isabelle Vranian, Paris Dedeian, Annie Bickers, Zabel Ghazarian, Katie Ralcewicz** (for healing and continued improvement),  
*as well as all the sick and recovering members of our community.*  
**May God touch his faithful servants with His healing hand, and grant them a good health & recovery.**