

## ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD DEPART TO SERVE HIM

JANUARY 6, 2009 - THE ARMENIAN YEAR OF 1458
THE NATIVITY AND THEOPHANY OF OUR
LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST
THE GREAT BLESSING OF THE WATERS
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**CELEBRANT: REV. FR. HRACH SARGSYAN** 

### SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Titus 2:11-15, Matthew 1:18-25

**LECTOR:** Janet Ankers

### **SPECIAL HYMNS FOR TODAY**

Megheti (Melody) – Aysor Don Eh Tapor (Processional) – Khorhoort Medz Jamamood (Introit) - Asdvadzadzin uzKez Jashou Sharagan (Mid-day Hymn) – Soorp Asdvadzadzinn Jashou Alleluia – Aysor Dzunav Der Voghormia – (Lord Have Mercy) – Komitas

THE NICENE CREED WILL BE CHANTED IN ARMENIAN

## TODAY'S GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his Mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord and spoken by the prophet: "behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

#### **GODFATHER OF THE CROSS**

Today following the Holy *Badarak*, the traditional Blessing of Waters service will take place. Master Zaven Dadian, son of Zaven and Marilyn Dadian, will have the honor of serving today as the Godfather of the Cross. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mardigian, and Mrs. Margaret Dadian of Racine, WI.

Following the Ch'rorhnek services, you may come forward to congratulate Master Zaven and then proceed to the lobby where you may receive your portion of blessed water.

NAME DAY CELEBRATIONS: Avedis, Emmanuel, Manoog, Manuel, Christian, Christine, Christopher, Mariam, Mary, Virginia, Vergine, Srpoohi, Diroohi, Diramayr, Dzaghig, Joseph, Jesse, Joshua, Prgoohi, Dadoor, Diradoor, Nazeli, Nazig, Nazareth, Baghdasar, Gaspar, Kasper, Melkon, Takvor, Takouhi

TODAY, the Women's Guild will host an **ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** 

Immediately following the *Badarak*Free will offering accepted

## **VIDEO SCREENING AT OUR LUNCHEON TODAY**

# $40^{TH}$ ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF ST. VARTAN CATHEDRAL

As part of our Christmas luncheon program a short video will be shown about the history and consecration of our Diocesan Cathedral of St. Vartan. This is a significant year in many ways for our diocese, but most importantly it is the celebration of the heart and center of Church life at our Cathedral located in New York City. Come join us and enjoy the day.

# CHRISTMASTIDE: The Sacred Period that follows Christmas

The first 40 days of Chritmastide culminate with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple celebrated on February 14. During this 40-day period, the Christmas greeting in the Armenian Church is:

## KRISDOS DZUNAV YEV HAYDNETSAV! ORHYAL EH HAYDNOOTYOONN KRISDOSI!

## CHRIST IS BORN AND IS REVEALED! BLESSED IS THE REVELATION OF CHRIST!

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Please note that this greeting is <u>NOT</u> part of the Divine Liturgy. During the Badarak the greeting for the Kiss of Peace remains unchanged. See Bulletin back cover for the correct greeting.

# PIANO RECITAL FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009 AT ST. JOHN'S CULTURAL HALL

The Komitas Choir will be sponsoring Ms. Natalia Kazaryan in a special piano recital given by her in gratitude for the assistance she has received from St. John's in pursuit of her musical career. This is open to the general public. No admission fee.