



Saints Joachim & Anne
Armenian Apostolic Church

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December, 1993

To our Beloved Parishioners,

Soon Christmas will be here, and what a beautiful time of the year! Happiness, warm feelings, family gatherings, children's happy voices, trees glistening, creches portraying the Divine Babe Jesus and, most of all, the heavenly carols, which bring the heavens to earth.

We Armenians enjoy Christmas twice in this country; once on December 25th, when we join in the popular American celebration, and again on January 8th, on its canonical day, when we observe, peacefully, Armenian Christmas which is the feast of Holy Theophany, "the manifestation of God."

Whether in December or in January, the reason of the season is the same; the celebration of Divine Birth and worshipping the Christ child.

The Church bids us to look toward the little town of Bethlehem in the Holy Land, and reflect on the most stupendous event in history, the Birth of Christ.

Let us go to the imaginary Bethlehem, our Church, on Armenian Christmas Day, which we will celebrate this year on Saturday and Sunday, January 8 & 9, 1994 and sing joyously with the chorus of the angels:

"Glory to God in the highest,
on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

I wish you all a wonderful blessed Merry Christmas.

Prayerfully yours,

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, Archpriest
Pastor

Christmas 1993-94



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CHRISTMASTIDE OBSERVANCES



CHRISTMAS EVE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1993

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (in English)
Refreshments following

8:00 P.M.

HOLY THEOPHANY EVE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1994

Lighting of Candles Service /
Jurakalouys & Soorp Badarak

7:30 P.M.

ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS
FEAST OF HOLY THEOPHANY
SOORP DZUNOONT YEV ASDVADZAHAYDNOUTIUN
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1994
(Canonical Day - January 6th)

Matin - Morning Service

9:00 A.M.

Soorp Badarak - Solemn Divine Liturgy

9:45 A.M.

Blessing of the Water/Churorhnek (in commemoration of Our Lord's Baptism) following Soorp Badarak. Godfather of the Cross will hold Christ's Baptismal Cross. The Sunday School students will participate in the interpretation of Christ's Baptismal ceremony. Deacons and Choir will sing Soorp Badarak and Churorhnek ceremony and the organist will accompany. This is a major feast day and most appropriate for us to receive Holy Communion.

Dinner & Program presented by Church Sunday School
Following Church services

1:00 P.M.

All Services will be officiated by
REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAZIAN, ARCHPRIEST
Pastor