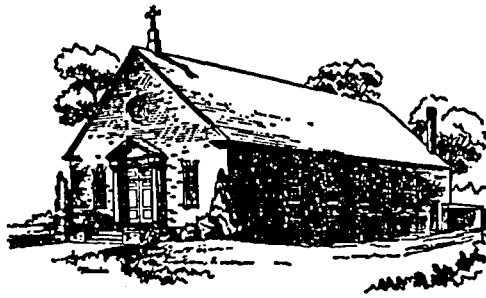


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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This is an important letter. Please take a few minutes to read it.

After much deliberation, the Pastor and Parish Council of Saint James Armenian Church feel that it is time to consider a 'new' idea, one that has been around for two thousand years. It is called 'Stewardship'.

Stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionately giving back to God who is the giver of all good.

By the Stewardship Program the church endeavors to establish a position of maintaining a predictable income. This in turn will facilitate a more stable, coherent and efficient operational procedure for those entrusted with the church's care so more time may be expended on matters of religion such as worship service, christian fellowship, cultural, educational and spiritual edifying programs.

The church is for the people and it is by all the people's wonderful response that she was able and will be able to continue her sacred mission. Therefore, by the participation of your free-will love offering it will be easier to pursue our goals more expeditiously for her noble endeavors.

How much should one give?....That is a personal and private matter which each person determines for his/her own self.

When does one make a Stewardship pledge?.....The Stewardship campaign begins in October and continues until December 31, 1987.

One feature of the program will be the 'in memory of' contributions. These donations may have requiem services for loved ones during the year. A Sunday will be set aside each month designated as Requiem Service Sunday. In accordance to the family request the service will be held for the souls of loved-ones in the month they designate. A note will be sent prior to the service informing families of the requiem according to their request.

You will be receiving a booklet in the near future explaining in more detail the nature of the program. We look forward to hear of your thoughts, comments and also favorable response.

Thank you for your indulgence.

With prayers and fondest regards,

Pastor and Parish Council
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