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e-Newsletter

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## Upcoming EVENTS

**Sat. October 15**  
**Holy Evangelists:**  
**Matthew, Mark,**  
**Luke & John**

**Sun. October 23**  
**†Feast of the Discover-**  
**ery of the Holy Cross.**  
**Luncheon & Cultural**  
**Program**

**Sat. October 29**  
**St. John Chrysostom**

**Sun. October 30**  
**Children's Costume**  
**Parade & games**

**Sat. November 5**  
**Holy Archangels:**  
**Gabriel & Michael**

**Sat. November 19**  
**Feast of All Saints.**  
**Argentinean Family**  
**Night BBQ & Tango**

**Mon. November 21**  
**Presentation of the**  
**Holy Mother-of-God**  
**to the Temple**

**Thurs. November 24**  
**Thanksgiving Day**

Every Sunday

**Divine Liturgy**

10:30 AM

Join us for prayer  
And fellowship

Fall, 2011



On Sunday, September 25, our Sunday school children took part in the Flag Blessing ceremony on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of Armenia's Independence. Armenia lost her two year of short-lived independence in 1920, and the last kingdom of Cilicia, which had come to existence in 1198, fell in 1375. In 1991, it was after 616 years that Armenia declared independence and became a free democratic republic. May God watch over Armenia and grant peace and prosperity.



Long live Armenia!

Following the Liturgy and Special Prayer, a scrumptious BBQ was cooked and served by the Sargsian family. All parishioners and guests enjoyed the fellowship and the Independence BBQ with a free beer and Armenian coffee made by Misak & Gohar Sargsian.

We offer our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the Sargsian family for the enormous work they undertook in preparing the luncheon and making the celebration a great success.

### *Pastor's corner*

How are you doing? This is a very common question we ask when we see a friend or any one we know around us. Well, these days, we don't seem to get a positive answer to our question. Some families struggle with their daily challenges, others live in fear of losing things, there are those who wait for changes to appear on the horizon, while others keep following their dreams no matter what the odds may be. Among many individuals with various perspectives, there are also those who keep up their hope, and despite the many storms they encounter in their lives, they set their sails straight and fight the good fight of hope. My dear friend, you are the captain, your life is your ship and your sail is your hope. Set your sails straight and keep up your hope, and let God's breath touch your sails as the high winds, then, you will see that nothing matters in life when you put your hope in the Lord. God makes the high winds and He calms down the storms, as Jesus did. When the apostles were in fear of being perished, Jesus said, "Quiet! Be still. Then the wind died down and it was completely calm." Let's set our sails straight and keep our hope and faith in the Lord.

## Mark Your Calendar

Celebrating the 13th Anniversary of  
**St. Mary and**  
The 60th Anniversary of the First  
Armenian Parish in Miami, FL

**Sunday, December 11, 2011**

His Eminence Archbishop  
Khajag Barsamian will preside

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Many thanks to Khatchikian family for sponsoring, preparing and serving The delicious Harisa on the feast day of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

God keep and bless His faithful servants.

**Sr. ACYOA** will be holding their annual election and form a new Executive Committee.

All youth ages 18-28 are welcome to attend the meeting, and those who already are part of the ACYOA, are required to take part in the elections. Don't say, "I can't make it." Make an effort and be there on Sunday, October 23rd for luncheon and meeting at 1:00 pm.

### Bible Stories For all children

Every first Sunday of the month

**Next: Sunday, November 6th**

Children of our Sunday school will listen to a Bible story presented by Fr. Vartan in the church

11:30 AM

Luncheon following the Liturgy

## BBQ TEXAS STYLE



### Children's Cultural Program

Sunday, October 23, 2011  
BBQ Luncheon after Liturgy

Sponsored by the Dilanchian family

Put on your cowboy gear and ride your 'horse' on down to St. Mary

ACYOA will be there to welcome you  
A portion of the proceeds will go to the ACYOA

Adults: \$12; Children: \$6  
(If you're dressed up, you get \$2 off)

Best dressed cowboy/cowgirl will win  
movie tickets for 2



## Argentinean BBQ & Tango Night The famous

### Extravaganza Night at the Grill

Let our Master chefs slice your preferred piece from the grill to your plate.

Saturday, November 19, 2011

Starts at 7:00 PM



Dear Parishioners,

If you haven't been receiving mail from St. Mary, please inform us of your current mailing address, so we can correct our mailing data and better communicate with you.  
E-mail us at:

[stmaryfl@aol.com](mailto:stmaryfl@aol.com)

Thank you

13<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION OF  
ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH & THE  
60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE FIRST ARMENIAN PARISH IN FLORIDA

Sunday, December 11, 2011



**Dear Parishioners,**

The Parish Council and I are delighted to invite you to the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the consecration of our church, and the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the first Armenian parish in Miami, Florida. It is a milestone for the Armenian community of South Florida to come together to remember the visionary founding members of the first Armenian parish, who would gather every Sunday to hold their morning worship on the sands of Miami Beach, and then, be hosted by a family for fellowship and social activities.

God willing, we will be celebrating the dual anniversaries on Sunday, December 11, 2011. The Divine Liturgy will be offered by our Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian.

On this historic occasion, we will be preparing a commemorative booklet to mark both anniversaries. I kindly ask of you to please be part of the Booklet by making a heartfelt contribution to it with a personal note or a business ad.

May God lift up your spirits, protect you day and night and grant success to your endeavors.

*Father Vartan D. Joulfayan, Pastor*

**Become a voting member of St. Mary. Talk to the pastor.**

## FELLOWSHIP

- Partnership in faith with Jesus
- Membership in the Body of Christ, the Church



How did the fellowship of Jesus and His disciples began?

The Lord said, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men. And immediately they left their nets and followed him." *Mark 1:17*

**PRAYER** is a path that leads us to fellowship.

The psalmist prays saying,  
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances."

*Psalms 119:105*

## CHILDREN'S COSTUME PARADE

All children are welcome to take part in the upcoming Costume Parade on Sunday, October 30, after Liturgy.

Sunday school parents and the ACYOA will assist the kids. Games and fun will follow!!!

Luncheon will be provided for children

Please, NO scary costume

