



St Sarkis Armenian Church
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Iverna Gardens, London W8 6TP

Saturday 4 February 2012 at 6:00 PM

**St. Sarkis Name Day
Ecumenical Service for Peace**

Presided by
HIS GRACE BISHOP VAHAN HOVHANESSIAN
Primate of the Armenian Church

The Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea and representatives of sister Churches
and Armenian community organisations will be in attendance.

Join us for prayers for world peace.

Sunday 5 February 2012 at 11:00 AM

St. Sarkis Name Day
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Divine Liturgy & traditional *Madagh/Harissa*

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We invite you to celebrate the Name Day of St. Sarkis Church with us, starting with the Divine Liturgy at 11:00 am and by taking part in the blessing of *Madagh* following the church service at 12:30 pm.

What is *Madagh*? The Armenian *madagh* is the old Christian tradition of *agape*, a meal of love shared by the first Christians. It also refers to Christian charity in general. According to the prayer in the Book of Rituals of the Armenian Church, the *madagh* is a memorial meal, which is also distributed to the poor. This year we will celebrate St. Sarkis with *Harissa*, the traditional Armenian dish (a sort of porridge made of stewed and boned chicken and coarsely ground soaked wheat). The dish has been passed on since ancient times and is offered on memorial or commemoration days of significant events in the life of the community. Following the blessing of the *madagh* by the priest, it is distributed to the faithful.