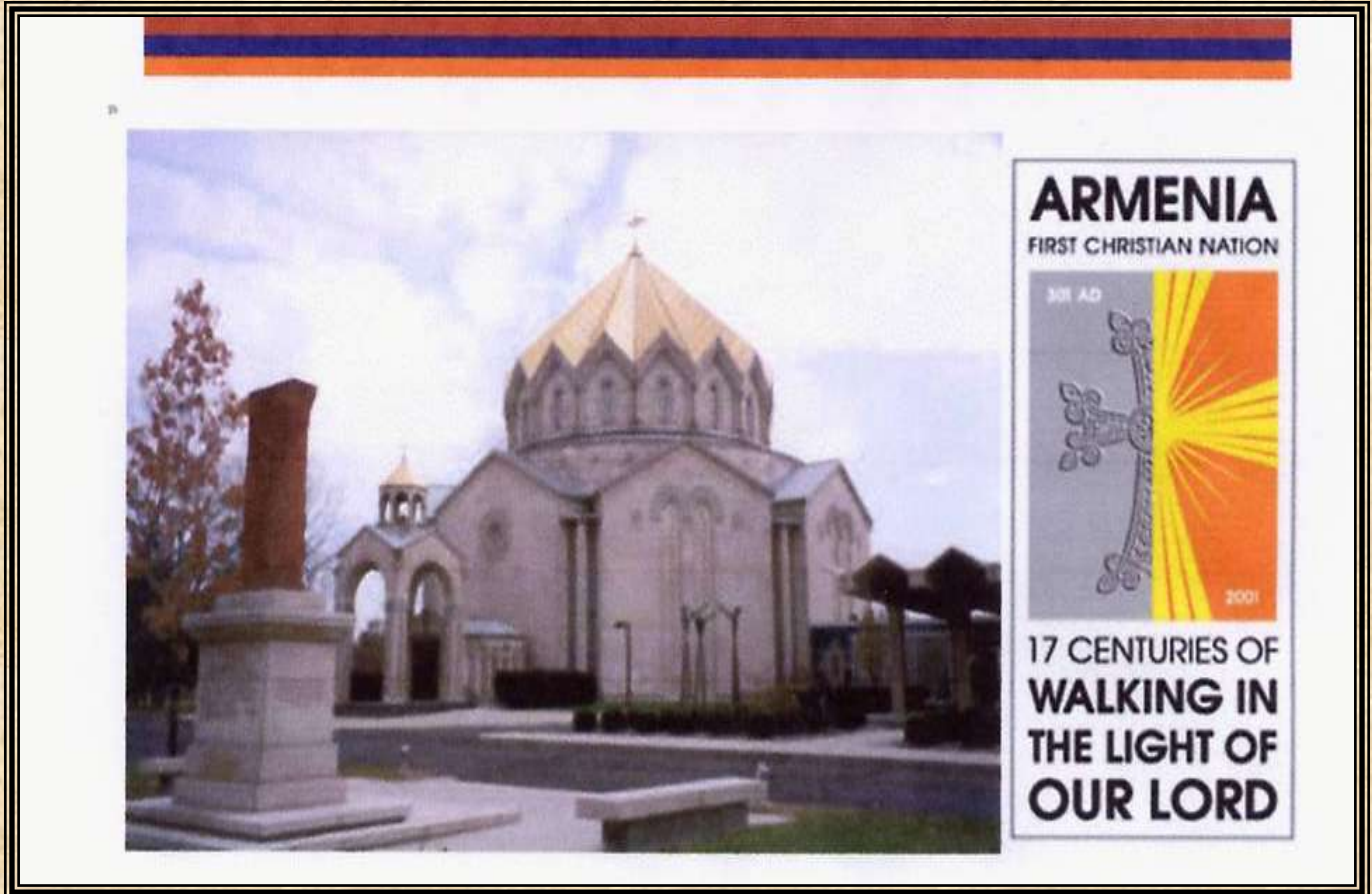


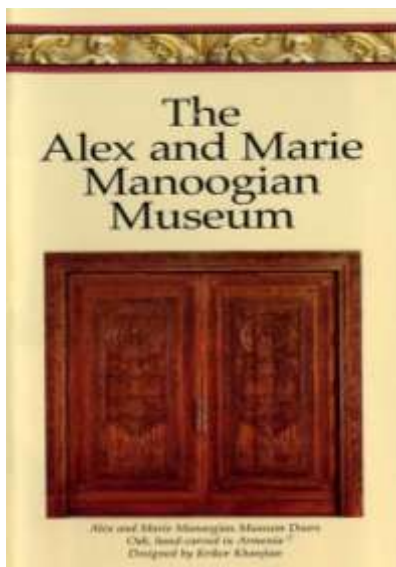
Armenia ~ Land of Noah's Ark Festival
September 21-26, 2010
St. John Armenian Church
Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Pastor



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Festival Week

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Visitors to the Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum will experience the scope of Armenia's fascinating history and culture through exceptional artifacts. North America's largest Armenian Museum houses hundreds of artifacts – some on display, others in storage for rotating exhibitions, each with a story to tell. The eight galleries offer a unique glimpse of Armenia's past and present.

Household and Personal Objects Gallery

In this gallery, samples of household and personal objects are exhibited. Handcrafted gold and silver works of art and Kutahya ceramics dating back to the 18th century are displayed.

Painting and Sculpture Gallery

Our collection's oldest paintings are those of the famous 19th century Armenian painter of seascapes, Ivan (Hovannes) Aivazovsky, a majestic landscape by Kevork Pashinchaghian, and a magnificent portrait by Hovsep Pushman. More than 100 canvases and sculptures are by prominent contemporary Armenian artists, since much of the classical art was destroyed during the Genocide.

Rugs and Carpets Gallery

Historians of the ancient Middle East and Asia Minor refer to Armenia as the center of rug weaving. In the 13th century, Marco Polo stated that, "the finest carpets in the world were woven by Armenians..." This gallery has rugs dating back to the 18th century, in spite of the Genocide of the Armenians and the deportation (1915-1922) from their homeland that brought about the destruction of many historic and cultural objects of art.

Textiles Gallery

The opulence of the embroideries is a great testimony to the dexterity and imagination of Armenian women. Each Armenian woman, from childhood, was taught to weave, crochet, and embroider a large number of pieces for her dowry. The Textiles Gallery not only gives the viewer insight into artistic needlework skill, but provides a look at traditional Armenian attire.

Sacred Vessels and Vestments Gallery

The gallery's objects reflect the religious heritage of the Armenian people and display the work of artisans who themselves were masters of their trade. Of exceptional beauty are the ceramic sphere ornaments and the embroidered church vestments and altar cloths.

Early Printed Books Gallery

Actual copies of the first Armenian Bible printed in 1666 are on display, in addition to dozens of books printed prior to 1799. Also on exhibit are religious books with silver covers depicting events from the life of Christ. From an artistic point of view, they are unique as the art of Armenian silversmiths.

Manuscripts Gallery

The largest, almost complete manuscript in our collection was written in the year 1206. Also in our possession is a fragment dating back to the 11th century. Our collection is distinguished by the fact that it contains samples from most of the well-known centers where manuscripts were written and pictorially decorated.

Ancient Objects Gallery

Scholars date the history of the Armenian people on the Armenian Plateau back to the 6th millennium B.C. From 1275 B.C. to 590 B.C., a powerful race known as the Urartians, an ancestor to the Armenians, played a politically and culturally important role in the region. Our collection's oldest artifact dates back to the 9th century B.C. Since very few objects belonging to Armenian royal families have survived, we are fortunate to have two pieces belonging to the last king of the last dynasty, Levon I, 1199-1226.



St John Armenian Church

22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield Mi 48075

Everyone is invited

September 21nd - 26th 2010

Tuesday – Health o rama 7-9 pm

Wednesday - Museum & Church Tours with Lunch 10:00 am

Thursday - Auction Dinner 5:30 pm

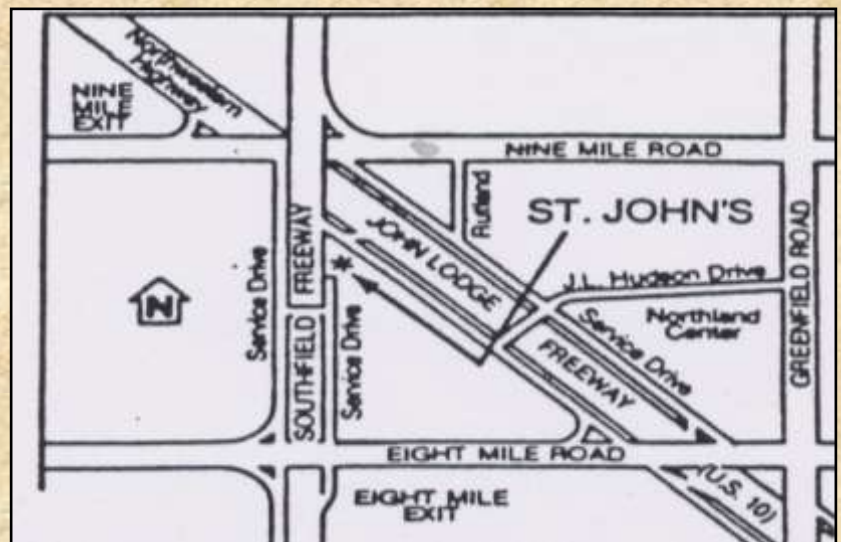
Thursday - Fine Arts Exhibit and Sale 7:00 pm

Friday - 5:30 pm - 12:00 midnight

Saturday - 11:00 am - 12:00 midnight

Sunday - after Church until 6:00 pm

Festival 2010



Activities

- Arts & Crafts Show ♦ Art Exhibitions ♦ Armenian Bands*
- ♦ Oriental Rug Sale ♦ Health -O- Rama ♦ Chair Massage*
- ♦ Basketball Tournament ♦ Vegas Night ♦ Live & Silent Auctions*
- ♦ Unique Raffles ♦ Armenian Market Place*
- ♦ Country Store ♦ Tavloo Tournament*
- ♦ Armenian Delicacies & Baked Goods ♦ Grill room ♦ Face Painters*
- ♦ Choir and Dance Performances ♦ Homemade Dinners*
- ♦ Ice Cream and Snack Shop ♦ Cultural Programs*
- ♦ Video Games ♦ Carnival rides ♦ Kids' Games ♦ Movies*