

**St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit**

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The Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, *Pastor*

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:

The Reverend Father Diran Papazian

The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian

The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Deacon Rubik Mailian, *Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant*

Ms. Margaret Lafian, *Organist*



*Sunday Bulletin*  
**Welcome!**

We welcome you to the Divine Liturgy/*Soorp Badarak* and invite all who are Baptized and Chrismated in, or are in communion with, the Armenian Church to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are new to our parish and would like information about our many parish groups, please ask any Parish Council member on duty at the lobby desk. Make certain you fill out a contact card before you leave so we can be in touch. Enter to worship the Lord Jesus Christ who loves you and depart with His love to serve others.

*April 10, 2016*

*The Armenian Church Year 1464*

**SUNDAY OF THE WORLD CHURCH (GREEN SUNDAY)**

**Celebrant: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian**

**THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP**

**The Sunrise Office / Մթնազգայլ ...9:00 am**

**Divine Liturgy / Ս.Պատարագ ...9:45 am**

**SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY**

**Acts 9:23-31, I Peter 2:1-10, John 2:23-3:12**

**Lector: ANNE MARIE ZALLAKIAN**

*Our Church and Parish is a place where . . .*

- ◆ All people are welcome
- ◆ Every person is a minister
- ◆ The world is our collective responsibility
- ◆ Disciple making is our goal, and
- ◆ Worship is our duty and delight

## *General Information*

**Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm**

**After hours in an emergency, please contact:**

**Pastor's Cell: 773.457.4122**

**Administrator's Cell: 760.832.1142**

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**Visits to the Hospitalized and Homebound** Please phone the Church Office when you or someone you love is admitted to the hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor. If you have an upcoming surgery, please consider requesting your name be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized." Those who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home should phone the Church Office.

**Home Blessing** If you would like the Pastor to visit your home and offer a home blessing, please contact the Church Office.

**Baptism** Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born. For more information, phone the Church Secretary.

**Marriage** Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date. Wedding packets are available at the Church Office.

**Parish Membership** If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. John parish, please speak to a Parish Council member on Sunday, or phone the Church Office.

**Sunday Bulletin** Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin are due in the Church Office by 5:00 pm on Wednesday preceding the date of service.

**Requiem Requests** may be submitted to the Church Office by mail, phone, fax 248.569.0716, or email to [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org) no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday requested. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.

## *Today's Gospel*

**John 2:23-3:12**

Now he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

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### *Special Plate Collection*

Per His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian's Diocesan-wide directive, all churches are to take a collection for the Armenian families of Artsakh who are being victimized in the hostilities. For this reason, today, next Sunday April 17th and Sunday May 1st, St. John will be taking a collection for this purpose.

This special collection will take place during the Dyptics (Remembrances on page 36). We ask that you be generous towards our fellow countrymen. Should you wish to write a check, please make it payable to St. John Armenian Church and put "Artsakh Relief" in the memo. Should you wish to donate online, you may go directly to [www.armenianchurch-ed.net](http://www.armenianchurch-ed.net)

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### *Tuesday Lunch Club Rescheduled*

The lunch on **Tuesday, April 12** will instead take place on **Monday, April 11th**.

## *Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized*

**Jilber Abajian  
Yn. Roberta Kochakian  
Don McCorkle  
Walter Negosian  
James Shahbazian**

**David M. Apoian  
Rose Boudakian  
Cheryl Giesa  
Charles Sansone**

**Araxey Barsamian  
Elina Cobb  
Ruben Griffin  
Aiden Armen Seferian**

## *Women's Guild News*

**Knitting Group:** Please contact Linda Assarian at 248.332.0816 or [linda.assarian@gmail.com](mailto:linda.assarian@gmail.com) for more details.

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.  
*For information please call Belinda Kabodian 248.767.3942*



## *Day by Day Bible Study*

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 and Wednesday, May 25, 2016  
12:00 — 2:00 pm

*For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248.538.9993*



## *Home Blessing*

It is the custom to have one's home blessed during the Eastertide (40 days following Easter). Should you desire a house blessing, please call the office to schedule a visit and blessing by the pastor. After you call for a home blessing, the office will notify you when Hayr Soorp will visit.



Today, the choir is being led by Marianne Dardarian. Dn. Rubik is attending a choir conference in NY.



**BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN**  
**REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST**



**BAHADUR PULURIAN, 40th Day, Nephew, Cousin**

Requested by Minas & Azat Arslanian  
Mirican & Anita Arslanian  
Armen & Anoush Arslanian

**PROF. GEORGE M. KURAJIAN, 1st Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,  
Brother-in-Law**

Requested by Vicky Kurajian  
George Kurajian Jr. & Family  
Matt Kurajian & Family  
Mary Kurajian & Family  
Aram Ohanesian

**MAYIS MAY VIRGINIA KAFAFIAN, 1st Year**

Requested by Father Garabed & Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

**JOYCE ZOORMAJIAN, 1st Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister-in-Law  
CHARLES ZOORMAJIAN, Woodland Hills, CA, 8th Year, Husband, Father, Brother,  
Grandfather**

Requested by Michael & Anne Zoormajian  
Margaret Arslanian

**NADEEM JOHN BELBEISI, 8th Year, Son**

Requested by Lucille Belbeisi

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*Sunday, April 17*

On Sunday, April 17th, **The Very Rev. Fr. Michael Daniel Findikyan**,  
Director of the Krikor and Clara Zorhab Center of  
the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church and author of  
**FROM VICTIMS TO VICTORS**, will be our guest celebrant and homilist.  
Fr. Aren will be with the Church School Students.



**The Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit  
Genocide Commemoration Committee**

*Will Host*

**“From Victims to Victors”**

**Understanding the significance and meaning of  
The Sainted Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide**

*Presented by*

**The Very Rev. Fr. Michael Daniel Findikyan**  
Director of the Krikor and Clara Zorhab Center of  
the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church and author of  
**FROM VICTIMS TO VICTORS**

**2:00 p.m., Sunday April 17, 2016**

*at the*

**Armenian Congregational Church, Southfield, MI  
26210 West Twelve Mile Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48034**

**Donations Earmarked for Syrian Armenian Relief**

On the occasion of the 101st Anniversary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, donations are being accepted to help the Armenians suffering under dire conditions in Syria. The offering plate in Church on April 24th is also designated for the Syrian Armenian Relief. Donations may be made by mailing them in the enclosed return envelope. Checks should be made payable to the Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit, a 501(C)(3) charitable organization. All proceeds will be used for our brothers and sisters in Syria.



# **101st Anniversary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide**

*Hosted by the*

**Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit  
Genocide Commemoration Committee**

**St. John Armenian Apostolic Church  
St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church**

**St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church  
Armenian Congregational Church**

**Sunday, April 24, 2016**

*at*

**St. John Armenian Apostolic Church, Southfield, MI**

**Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.**

*Followed by*

**The Service in Honor of the Sanctified Martyrs of the Genocide**

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**Rev. Fr. Hrant Kevorkian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Armenian Church  
Celebrant**

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**Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, Pastor of St. John Armenian Church  
Homilist**

*Reception Immediately Following in St. John's Cultural Hall*

## *Gifts to the Church*

In loving memory of Nadeem John Belbeisi, a gift has been presented to the church by his mother, Lucille Belbeisi.

A gift has been presented to the church by Harry and Alice Terzian on the celebration of Nina Sarkisian's 90th Birthday.

Simon Javizian presents a gift to the church in honor of Nina Sarkisian's 90th Birthday.

Mary Keoleian presents a gift to the church in honor of Nina Sarkisian's 90th Birthday.

Sarah Kaysserian presents a gift to the church in honor of Nina Sarkisian's 90th Birthday.



## *College Scholarships for 2016*

Our Diocese will be granting scholarships to undergraduate students for the academic year 2016-2017. These scholarships are earmarked for Armenian American students attending accredited 4-year undergraduate university programs. Preference will be given to those who are active in the life of the Armenian churches of the Eastern Diocese in the ACYOA, altar servers, Sunday or Armenian school teachers, choir members, etc. The scholarship program is open to U.S. Citizens only.

The application and reference forms must be submitted electronically. You will find the form on the Diocesan website at <http://www.armenianchurch-ed.net/programming/scholarships/>



## *Visit the Parish Bookstore*

Genocide T-Shirts with "Forget-Me-Not" emblem and map on back — \$20.00

The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry, Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many "Made in Armenia" products.

Armenian Genocide DVD, as seen on PBS — \$25.00

Frequently Asked Questions on the Badarak — \$12.00

**New: The Guest Room by Chris Bohjalian — HC \$25.00**

**New: The Hundred Year Walk,**

**An Armenian Odyssey by Dawn Anahid MacKeen — HC \$24.00**

**New: Bronze Armenian Cross 5"X 3 1/2"**

**Suitable to hang on a wall or above a doorway — \$40.00**

New Items From Armenia



## *A New Curriculum for St. Nersess Summer Conferences*

St. Nersess Armenian Seminary is pleased to announce a new four-year curriculum for its annual Summer Conferences. The curriculum will prepare Armenian students to become leaders in the Armenian Church, including future Sunday School teachers.

Participants will study such topics as early church history, the sacraments, Armenian religious art, Armenian language, and comparative Christian traditions. At the conclusion of the four-year curriculum, students will receive a certificate of completion from St. Nersess Seminary.

Below is the schedule of this year's summer conferences. For more information, visit [www.stnersess.edu](http://www.stnersess.edu).

Deacons' Training Program: June 25-July 3

Directed by Fr. Daniel Findikyan

High School Summer Conference A: July 15-24

Directed by Fr. Ghevond Ajamian

High School Summer Conference B: July 29- August 7

Directed by Fr. Shnork Souin

Post-High School Summer Conference: August 9-13

Directed by Fr. Samuel Rith-Najarian

**Please see Fr. Aren, Lisa Mardigian, or front office for a conference or scholarship application. Deadline is June 1, 2016**



## *2016 Diocesan Summer Camp Programs*

### **St. Vartan Camp**

Ararat Center, Greenville, NY

Staff Training: June 22-25

Session A: June 26-July 9 | Session B: July 10-July 23 | Session C: July 24-August 6

Campers ages 8-15

CITs ages 16 and 17; Staff and volunteers ages 18+

Hye Camp

Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL

Staff Training: July 27-30

Two Week Session: July 30-August 13

Week 1: July 30-August 6 | Week 2: August 6-13

Register online by visiting [www.diocesansummercamps.org](http://www.diocesansummercamps.org)

**Please see Fr. Aren or Lisa Mardigian for a scholarship application.**

**Deadline is June 1, 2016**

Hosted by the St. John's Men's Society

## *Mother's Day Celebration*

**Sunday, May 8, 2016**

**Following *Badarak* in the Main Hall**

Adults: \$25 | Children 6-12: \$10 | Children five and under: free

Assorted artesian dinner rolls, scones, cream cheese, jams and butter

Baby spinach leaves with sliced almonds, tomatoes, red onions,  
Romano cheese tossed in a balsamic basil vinaigrette

*A combination plate of:*

Grilled chicken breast with sundried tomatoes, mushrooms  
Lemon and chive encrusted salmon  
Anna potatoes, sugar snap peas

*For the children:* Tossed greens with Italian dressing  
Chicken strips, ranch dressing, served with rice pilaf

Crème Brûlée

Chocolate fountain with fresh fruit, assorted cookies, pretzels, marshmallows and assorted dipping goodies  
Orange, cranberry and apple juices  
Chocolate milk, regular coffee and tea

Limited seating. Table service - reservations required by May 1st.

For reservations contact: Dr. Gary Zamanigian at 248.322.9393 or email at garzam@me.com

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St. John's Women's Guild presents...

## *'Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon'*

Honoring all Mothers

**Saturday, May 21, 2016**

**St. John's Cultural Hall**

10:00 am – Boutique Shopping

Noon – Luncheon, Fashion Show & Raffle

Donation \$55.00 under 12: \$20.00

Please send your reservation and check payable to: St. John's Women's Guild by May 11th to:  
Linda Assarian, 3050 Bloomfield Crossing, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 Tel: 248-332-0816  
(Please indicate those you wish to be seated with.)



## **Support Our Countrymen in Artsakh**

*Adapted from Message by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian (April 5, 2016)*

Armenians throughout the world have been moved by the terrible news that border towns in Nagorno-Karabagh (Artsakh) were shelled by the Azerbaijani army. The resumption of military operations against Nagorno-Karabagh has led to a loss of both military and civilian life in the small republic. Casualties have mounted among men and women, children and the elderly; numerous civilians and soldiers have been wounded in the attacks.

I urge our Diocesan leaders to take up a proactive role in helping and advocating on behalf of our countrymen in Artsakh.

(1) His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, has asked all churches to begin fundraising efforts to support the Armenian families of Artsakh who are being victimized in the hostilities. With this directive, I ask all our parishes to hold a special plate collection for this cause on Sunday, April 10, 17 and 24—and also to mount general fundraising outreach in the community. (Contributions made out to the Diocese, Memo: “Artsakh Relief 2016,” should be sent to the Diocesan Center by April 30.) You may also make online donations on the Diocesan website.

(2) On the Internet, the Armenian Assembly of America has created an easy-to-use portal through which to contact your governmental representatives in the U.S. Congress (both House and Senate) urging them to take action in restoring peace in the region, by re-asserting the OSCE Minsk Group cease-fire.

(3) Finally, and most importantly, I ask that all our people offer prayers to our Lord to have mercy on our countrymen in this desperate moment, to strengthen them in defense of their homeland, and to grant consolation to the suffering and grieving.

Once again, I urge all our Diocesan leaders—clergy and lay alike—to take an active role in these endeavors, and to forward the information contained here to friends, family, colleagues, and fellow parishioners.

## On Leaving the Sanctuary After Badarak

**When approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy you say:**

*Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.*

**Յիշեցէ՛ Տէր զամենայն Պատարագս քո:**

May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.

**The Priest answers:**

*Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev  
zamenayn khorhoortus koh ee parees na  
gadarestseh.*

**Տացէ՛ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ զամենայն  
խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեցէ:**

May the Lord grant you according to your own  
heart, and fulfill all your desires.  
(Psalm 20:4)

**When taking *Mahs* the  
GIVER says:**

*Mahs yev pazheen yegheetseen kez  
ee Soorp Badarakes.*

**Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցին քեզ ի  
Սուրբ Պատարագէս:**

May this be to you a share and  
portion of the Holy Sacrifice.

**The RECEIVER says:**

*Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.*

**Բաժին իմ Աստուած յաւիտեան:**

My portion is God forever.

## The Kiss of Peace

The GIVER says: Christ is revealed amongst us.

*Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.*

The RECEIVER says: Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

*Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.*

**Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ: / Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն  
Քրիստոսի:**

## The Psalm of Dismissal - Psalm 34

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham  
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.*

**Օրհնեցից ըզՏէր յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ,  
օրհնութիւն նորա ի բերան իմ:**

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be at all times in my mouth.