

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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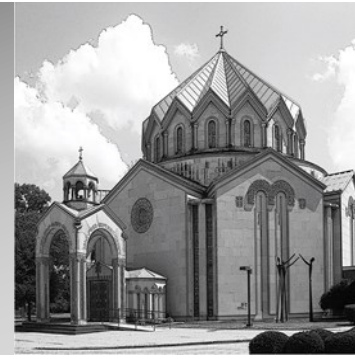
The Reverend Father Diran Papazian

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

Կիրակնօրեայ Թերթիկ

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 16, 2017

The Armenian Church Year 1465

**FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

EASTER SUNDAY

Celebrant: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service / Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն ...9:00 am

Divine Liturgy / Ս.Պատարագ9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Acts 1:15-26, Mark 16:2-8

Lector: DOLLY MATOIAN

Today's Gospel
Mark 16:2-8

And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

Special Plate Collection

Today, St. John will be taking a special plate collection for the Komitas Choir.

This special collection will take place during the song

"Amen yev unt hokvooyt koom" (on page 39).

MONDAY, APRIL 17 - MERELOTZ (Remembrance of the Dead)

11 am – 11:15 am

Requiem/Hokehankist

Gifts to the Church

Deacon Rubik Mailian & Dr. Joyce Yeghissian and Sevana present a gift to the church in honor of their son/brother Areg who served as an acolyte on the altar for the first time on Palm Sunday.

The refurbishing and polishing of the Main Altar Cross is donated in memory of Sevan Dirilen, Son of Hagop and Ani Dirilen of Chicago, IL.

Women's Guild News

Following today's Divine Liturgy, please join us as we process into the Cultural Hall for the Traditional Easter Home Blessing.

*Also, please join us for our Traditional Easter Tea, after services **today**. All are welcome.*

On Saturday, April 22 at 11 am, please join our Guild members for our annual Easter trip to Manoogian Manor. Join in with our clergy, members of the Komitas Choir and Women's Guild to brighten the lives of the residents. Contact Barbara Rupas if you can attend.
Barb Rupas 248.643.7666 or barbrupas@gmail.com

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member. Please be our guest at our next general body meeting, Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00pm.

For information please call Barbara Rupas 248.643.7666 or barbrupas@gmail.com

Home Blessing

It is the Armenian Church's custom to have one's home blessed during the Eastertide (40 days following Easter). Should you desire a home 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 is available.

Memorial Day of Easter (Merelotz-Remembrance of the Dead)

It is a centuries old tradition to remember all deceased loved ones the day after a major feast day known as *Merelotz*. Please give the full name of the person or persons you wish to have remembered on the sign-up sheet placed on the desk in the lobby or call the church office at 248-569-3405 or email at office@sjachurch.org. **An offering from your heart would be appreciated.** Hokehankist, Requiem Service, for the repose of the souls of the departed will not be offered during Holy Week or on Easter Sunday. Requests for Hokehankist during this period will be fulfilled on **Monday, April 17 at 11 am-11:15 am.**

102nd Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide

The Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit Genocide Commemoration Committee will host the 102nd anniversary commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on April 24th at St. Sarkis Armenian Church. The Divine Liturgy and Service in Honor of the Sanctified Martyrs of the Genocide will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, Pastor of St. John Armenian Church, will celebrate the Holy Badarak. A reception will follow in St. Sarkis Lillian Arakelian Hall.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

James Shahbazian
Elina Cobb
Robert Missirlian

Araxey Barsamian
George Douroujalian
David Nolff

Charles Sansone
Ruben Griffin
Alice Prudian

Easter Sunday Flower and Candle Donors

We thank the following contributors for their generosity in donating the flowers, candles, incense and charcoal for Easter Sunday.

Judge Lisa L. Asadoorian and Garo present a gift for the Easter flowers surrounding the sanctuary.
Wishing God's blessings for us all.

In loving memory of Melkon & Soorpoohi Chiefgian, beloved grandparents, Nishan & Arshalous Janigian, beloved parents, Dr. Aram Janigian, beloved brother, and Sahak Roy Sahakian, beloved husband of Silva Sahakian, seven Easter Paschal Candles are presented by Silva Sahakian, Susan Janigian and Sally Blegvad.

The Easter lilies adorning the altar are presented in memory of Harry S. Carman, Jr. on his name day by Rosemary, Roxan and Stephan Carman, Anthony, Rupina, Nayiri and Vaughn Carman, Steven, Lydia, Tamara, Kyle, Anjel and Bryce Doyon.

Masis and Alberta Godoshian present the flowers and ferns adorning the Tomb of the Christ in honor of Armenag and Satenig Ohanasian, beloved father and mother.

A gift toward flowers adorning the Tomb of the Christ is presented by Edward and Yvonne Korkoian and Family in loving memory of Rev. Fr. Haroutiun Dagley, Harry B. Dardarian, Harry A. Kezelian Sr., Harry Asadoorian, Harry Sarkisian, grandmothers and great-grandmothers Eugapere Zobian and Yougaper Dardarian, and in honor of David Harry Dardarian, Dr. Harry A. Kezelian, and Harry A. Kezelian III.

The Kezelian family presents the Easter lilies adorning the side altars in memory of Harry Kezelian Sr., and in honor of Dr. Harry Kezelian, Harry Kezelian III and David Harry Dardarian on their name day.

In honor of the name day of their father, David Harry Dardarian; uncle, Dr. Harry Kezelian; and cousin, Harry Kezelian III and in loving memory of their grandfather, Harry Dardarian and uncle Harry Kezelian, Sr., Daniel and Karen Dardarian make a gift for altar flowers.

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In loving memory of the name day of his grandfather Haroutioun Wartersian, the altar flowers are presented by the Wartersian Family.

A gift has been presented to the church for the altar flowers by an anonymous donor.

The Easter flowers are donated in loving memory of Hovsep and Zabel Panosian by J.R. and Alice Patrick and Gary, Donna, Lauren and Brendan Panosian.

A gift of flowers is made in loving memory of parents and grandparents Anahid and Vagharshak Sarkisian and Hargan and Roopan Dickranian by Shirley Ann Sarkisian.

The Easter flowers are presented in loving memory of Richard Vahratian by Isabelle Vahratian.

A gift is presented to the church by Roger and Ardis Gregory for Easter flowers.

In memory of Antries and Khanem Amboian, Vahram and Louise Boladian, Guy Amboian and Susan Amboian Curtiss, the Easter lilies adorning the altar are presented by Elizabeth Amboian and Family.

In loving memory of Edward and Kora Jamian on this Easter Sunday, a gift of the Altar flowers has been presented to the church by the Sandra and Gregory Jamian Family.

In remembrance of Sophie Nagohosian on this Easter Sunday, Altar candles have been donated by the Sandra and Gregory Jamian Family.

The Easter lilies adorning the altar are presented by Helen (Koharig) Karibian and Family.

BIBLE STUDY

Presenter:

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Monday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

on the dates listed below:

April 17

May 8, 22

June 26

CATECHISM

Presenter:

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Thursday Evenings

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

on the dates listed below:

May 18

June 29

All parishioners and friends are invited to attend these informative sessions.

Admission is Free

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Led by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

For Boys Ages 10-16 Years Old

Saturdays 10am-12pm

April 22

May 13, 27

Please call the Church office to enroll

SAVE THE TOMB

A Privilege for Every Christian - Participate in This Historic Renovation

Diocesan Primate Abp. Khajag Barsamian has recently launched a Diocesan Fundraising Initiative for the Restoration of Christ's Tomb at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The Armenian Church, through our great Patriarchate of Jerusalem, has been blessed and honored to share joint custodial oversight of the Holy Sepulchre from medieval times down to the present day, and is deeply involved in its restoration. As a major jurisdiction of the worldwide Armenian Church, the Eastern Diocese aims to raise \$300,000 to contribute to this effort. **Visit WWW.SAVETHETOMB.ORG to learn more about this effort, or make a contribution online.**

Day by Day Bible Study

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

12:00 pm — 2:00 pm

For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248-538-9993

Movie “The Promise”

The Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit Genocide Commemoration Committee encourages our community and its supporters to view the upcoming film, "The Promise." This historical drama, set in Constantinople on the verge of World War I and at the time of the Armenian Genocide, centers on a love triangle between an artist from France, an American journalist played by actor Christian Bale, and an Armenian medical student who is engaged to a woman from his home village. Dates, times and theater locations are now available. Please see the enclosed flyer.

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.

New: “Armenia, Australia and the Great War” by Vicken Babkenian and Peter Stanley — SC \$35.00

New: “Armenians and Turks: From War to Cold War to Diplomacy” by Tatul Hakobyan — SC \$30.00

New: “Avak Shapat— A Guide to the Holy Week Services of the Armenian Church” by Fr. Daniel Findikyan—SC \$15.00

New: “Forty Days of Lent—Cookbook” by Alice Antreassian—\$15.00

NEW—JUST ARRIVED

BEAUTIFUL SILVER JERUSALEM CROSSES IN VARIOUS SIZES



Next Sunday, April 23rd, 2017 St. John Armenian Church and the Armenian Congregational Church will have a private screening of the movie "The Promise." The movie will be shown at the AMC Star Southfield at 1:30pm. Tickets can ONLY be purchased through the church office beginning Monday morning, April 17th. With the premiere of this movie, there is no better way to honor the memory of the martyrs than to support this major motion picture as a community.

***Fine Arts Committee
Of
St. John Armenian Church

Presents
A Retrospective Exhibition
Of works by***

NORA AZADIAN

*Oils, watercolors
charcoals & tempera
Portraits, Landscapes
Still life-s*

Sunday, April 23, 2017

*Introduction of the artist
and her creative world by*

Dr. Raffi Belian

Chairman, Fine Arts Committee

Opening Reception

12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

***St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Hwy.
Southfield, Michigan***

***Exhibition will continue
through April 27.***



Now with these hands
I pray Lord
With these hands
For the strength Lord
With these hands
For the faith Lord
With these hands
I pray Lord
With these hands
For the strength Lord
With these hands
For the faith Lord
With these hands

Come on rise up!

Come on rise up!

~Bruce Springsteen
"My City of Ruins"



Man Up
PRESENTED BY THE MEN'S SOCIETY &
SPIRITUAL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OF
ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017
8:30AM - 3PM, INCLUDES FULL BREAKFAST & LUNCH

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH
22001 NORTHWESTERN HWY, SOUTHFIELD, MI

ALL MEN THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME

Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian is pleased to present...

"springsteen musical retreat"

It's been 20 yrs in the making blending the music, the artist,
his faith and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Join us for a day of great music, lively discussion,
reflection and a delicious meal.

Reservations required by April 2, 2017:

Ara Belian: 248-320-7529 Chris Korkoian: 248-217-5447
George Saboonjian: 248-952-1903 / 248-251-3064

\$30 check payable to: St. John's Armenian Church
Mail check to: Ara Belian, 7297 Kingswood Dr, Bloomfield 48301

Meet & Greet Dinner - Friday, April 28. Details to follow.

www.stjohnsrmenianchurch.org



St. John Armenian Church Men's Society
presents

Mother's Day Brunch

Spring Bibb & Butter Lettuce Salad
with Citrus Dressing
Baked Crab Cake and Chicken Breast Marsala
Steamed Broccoli, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes
Scones, Fresh Baked Rolls, Blueberry Trifle
Chocolate Fountain
Kids Meals Offered

Wine and Sparkling Wine Available
\$15 per bottle

Sunday, May 14, 2017

immediately following Church

For Reservations or Information Contact
Dr. Gary Zamanigian (248) 322-9393
garzam@me.com

Entertainment

Adults \$30.00
Children \$10.00

**5th Annual Detroit Tiger Fundraiser for FAWN
(Fighting AIDS with Nutrition)**

Sunday June 4, 2017 at 1:10PM at Comerica Park



200 Seats have been purchased in Upper Reserved Section.
The rivalry between these 2 teams is intense. Tickets are expected to sell out quickly

Come and enjoy the game with friends to help support this great cause

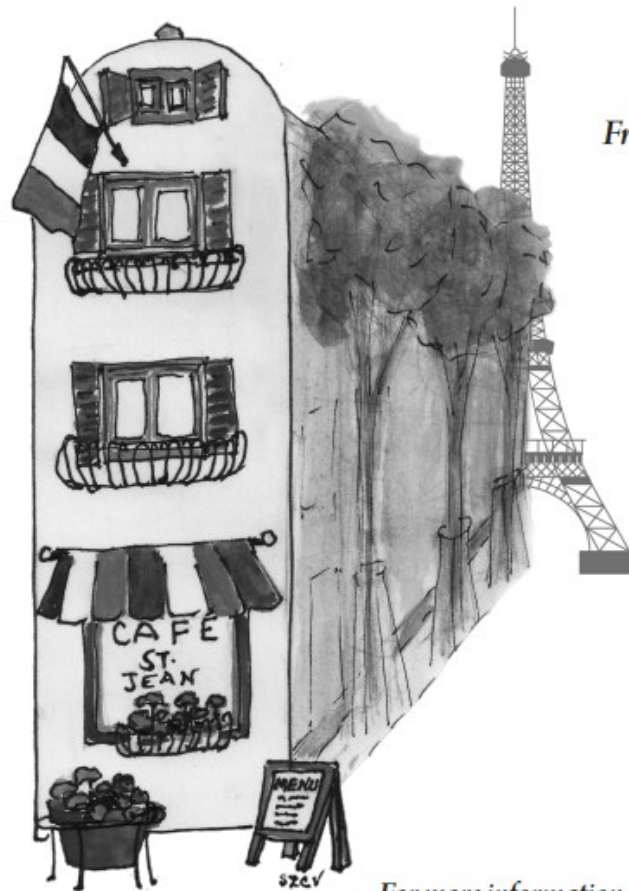
Purchase your tickets early, final date for purchase Friday April 28th!

Tickets are \$30.00 each adults, children 12 and under, and
student pharmacists \$25 each

For tickets contact: Greg Baise
Phone: 313 632-4962 Email: gbaiserph@gmail.com

St John Armenian Church Women's Guild
presents

Paris Nights...Paris Lights



*An Evening of
French Dining ♦ Entertainment
Dancing*

Saturday, June 10, 2017
6:30 pm

St. John Cultural Hall

\$50 per guest
\$25 per Women's Guild member

Honoring our ten, twenty-five, forty,
fifty and sixty-year members as well as
our new and honorary members.

For more information, contact:

Cathy Zwinck

248.471.3882 ♦ cathyzwinck@gmail.com

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Eastertide (Sacred Period that Follows Easter)

From Easter to the Sunday of Pentecost is a 50-day period called **Eastertide (also known as Quinquagesima)**. The first 40 days of Eastertide culminate with the **Feast of the Ascension**, celebrated on the Thursday of the sixth week. This entire period is dedicated solely to the mystery of the resurrected Savior's encounters with His Apostles and followers, with the exception of four special remembrances that do not detract from the preeminence of the Resurrection.

The first of these special remembrances is the **Decapitation of St. John the Baptist**, which occurs on the first Saturday of Eastertide. It is remembered by the lection (during the Morning Service) of the Gospel of St. Mark, which describes the episode.

The second is **New Sunday**, which is the first Sunday after Easter. Its purpose is to emphasize the wondrous Resurrection, with only minor variables in the hours services.

The next is the **Sunday of the World Church**, which follows New Sunday and commemorates the establishment in Jerusalem of the first Christian Church. According to some, it was founded in the Chapel on Zion, where the Upper Room was and where our Lord established the Sacrament of Holy Communion. (According to others it is the Cathedral of the Holy Sepulcher.)

The last is the fifth Sunday of Quinquagesima, when the **Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross** over Jerusalem is celebrated. This event took place during the time of Emperor Constants of Byzantium and Patriarch Cyril of Jerusalem.

After the Feast of the Ascension, which commemorates our Lord's ascent into heaven, the ensuing nine days until Pentecost celebrate Christ's Resurrection and Ascension.

The **Seventh Sunday of Eastertide**, which falls within this 10-day period, combines an ecclesiastical and national tradition, which is recalled in the *sharagan* of the day.

According to tradition, an angel visited St. Gregory the Illuminator daily during his imprisonment in Khor Virab; yet on one day the angel did not appear. On the following day when the saint asked the angel about his absence, the angel explained that each day a rank of heavenly hosts celebrated Christ's Ascension and since it was the fourth day and he belonged to the fourth rank he took part in the celestial celebration.

This Sunday is also known as the **Second Palm Sunday** because the gospel readings of Sunday recall Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem (on Palm Sunday).

The final feast of the Resurrection series is the **Advent of the Holy Spirit**, which takes place on the 50th day of Quinquagesima (a Sunday 10 days after the Ascension). It commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles in the Upper Room in tongues of fire, granting power and grace to them for the establishment of the Christian Church.

In ancient times this feast was celebrated only one day, since the next day the Fast of Elijah commenced. In the 12th century, St. Nersess the Graceful established the 7-day celebration of **Pentecost** retaining the fast.

(This article was taken from the Diocesan website)

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 e-mail: FrAren@sjachurch.org

Administrator's Cell: 760-832-1142

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 to be included in the “Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized” list. 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. We encourage parents to baptize their children between 40 days and 3 months.

Marriage Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date.

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 Tamara@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby. Requiem may be offered every Sunday of the year except for the five Tabernacle Feast Days.

Պատարագէն Յետոյ Եկեղեցիէն Դուրս Գալու Ժամանակ

On Leaving the Sanctuary After Divine Liturgy

**When approaching the Holy Gospel at the end
of the Divine Liturgy you say:**
Յիշեցէ՛ Տէր զամենայն Պատարագս քո:

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.

May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.

The Priest answers:
**Տացէ՛ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ զամենայն
խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեսցէ:**

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

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

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

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

*Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp
Badarakes.*

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

The RECEIVER says:
Բաժին իմ Աստուած յաւիտեան:

Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.

My portion is God forever.

The Kiss of Peace

Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

The GIVER says: Christ is revealed amongst us.

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

The RECEIVER says: Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

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

The Psalm of Dismissal - Psalm 34

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

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

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