

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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The Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, *Pastor*

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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 17, 2016

The Armenian Church Year 1464

RED SUNDAY

Guest Celebrant and Homilist: V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan

Pastor: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

The Sunrise Office / Մթնազալ ...9:00 am

Divine Liturgy / Ս.Պատարագ ...9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Acts 13:16-43, I Peter 5:1-14, John 5:19-30

Lector: MARK MAMASSIAN

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

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 no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday requested. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.

Today's Gospel

John 5:19-30

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever he does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all that he himself is doing; and greater works than these will he show him, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, and has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

"I can do nothing on my own authority; as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me."

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 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

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 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 Very Rev. Fr. 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, is our guest celebrant and homilist.
Fr. Aren is with the Church School Students.

Gifts to the Church

In honor of Nina Sarkisian's 90th Birthday, Christine, Nicole and Noah Matoian
present a gift to the church.

Gloria Korkoian 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

Variety of "Forget-Me-Not" pins

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



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST



ARCHBISHOP TAVIT SAHAKIAN, of FRANCE, 40th Day

ANOOSH BAGHDASSARIAN, 19 Years Old, Daughter, Sister

Requested by Baghdasar & Yvonne Baghdassarian
Ara Baghdassarian
Armine Baghdassarian

ANN (DEMBICKI) SARKISIAN, 1st Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother

DAKES SARKISIAN, 50th Year, Father

ARIXIE SARKISIAN, 42nd Year, Mother

ROSE (ERGANIAN) SARKISIAN, 6th Year, Sister, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

Requested by Noray Sarkisian
Noray Michael Sarkisian
Deborah Ann (Stamp) Sarkisian & Family
Ann (Bockel) Sarkisian
Erganian Family, (Saint Joseph, Missouri)

ROSE BEUYUKIAN, 1st Year, Aunt, Great Aunt, Great Great Aunt

Requested by June Mekjian
Chuck & Rosanne Simon
Robert Simon
Jeff Simon & Family
Lisah Millward & Family
Susan & Sam Subotich
Linda & David Bryan & Family
Charles & Lisa Jamgochian & Family
Dianne Jamgochian
Todd & Jackie Jamgochian & Family

MARGARET JAMGOCHIAN, 4th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Friend

Requested by June Mekjian
Chuck & Rosanne Simon
Robert Simon
Jeff Simon & Family
Lisah Millward & Family
Susan & Sam Subotich
Linda & David Bryan & Family
Charles & Lisa Jamgochian & Family
Dianne Jamgochian
Todd & Jackie Jamgochian & Family
Manuel Cook



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN Cont'd.
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST



RICHARD SIMON, 9th Year, Father, Grandfather, Son, Brother, Uncle, Cousin

Requested by Jeff Simon & Family
June Mekjian
Chuck & Rosanne Simon
Robert Simon
Lisah Millward & Family
Susan & Sam Subotich
Linda & David Bryan & Family
Charles & Lisa Jamgochian & Family
Dianne Jamgochian
Todd & Jackie Jamgochian & Family

MICHAEL SIMON, 13th Year, Brother, Uncle, Grandson, Nephew, Cousin

Requested by Jeff Simon & Family
June Mekjian
Chuck & Rosanne Simon
Robert Simon
Lisah Millward & Family
Susan & Sam Subotich
Linda & David Bryan & Family
Charles & Lisa Jamgochian & Family
Dianne Jamgochian
Todd & Jackie Jamgochian & Family

MUSHEGH AGASIAN, 5th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Levon Agasian & Family
Rosa Agasian & Family
Samvel Agasian & Family
Arpik Agasian & Family
Sofya Agasian & Family
Stepan Agasian & Family
Mher Agasian & Family



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN Cont'd.
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST



FLORENCE OHANESIAN, 17th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Dear Friend

JAMES OHANESIAN, 14th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Dear Friend

RICHARD KRIKORIAN, 17th Year, Godfather, Uncle

VIRGINIA KRIKORIAN, 8th Year, Godmother, Aunt

Requested by Ohanesian, Lutz and Findikyan Families

Edward & Yvonne Korkoian & Family

Gloria Korkoian

George & Karen Nigoghosian & Family

HARRY DERDERIAN, Husband, Father, Grandfather

NERSES NERSESIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

ARSHALOOYS NERSESIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

STEPHEN DERDERIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

BAIZAR DERDERIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

MARY EGIGIAN, Sister-in-Law, Aunt

PETER EGIGIAN, Brother-in-Law, Uncle

NERSESIAN, ARZOUMANIAN, DERDERIAN & MAHTERIAN FAMILIES

Requested by Margaret Derderian & Family

ALZAR & AGAVNE ALZARIAN, Grandfather, Grandmother, Father, Mother, Great-Grandparents

Requested by Peter & Agnes Hovsepian

Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian & Yeretzgin Roberta

Rick & Susan Vian

Edward & Deana Carman

Matthew Carman

MIRIDJAN & VARTOUHI KRALIAN

TOM KRALIAN

HARRY ANDONIAN

Requested by Mary Andonian



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN *Cont'd.*
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST



LUCY TORIGIAN, 7th Year, Dear Friend

Requested by Edward & Yvonne Korkoian & Family

EDWARD B. KORKOIAN, 17th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Khnamee, Dear Friend

Requested by Edward & Yvonne Korkoian & Family

Gloria Korkoian

George & Karen Nigoghosian & Family

Sandi & Alice Nigoghosian

David & Marianne Dardarian & Family

Michael & Diana Dardarian & Family

Ohanesian, Lutz and Findikyan Families

HARRY B. DARDARIAN, 37th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Khnamee

Requested by Edward & Yvonne Korkoian & Family

David & Marianne Dardarian & Family

Michael & Diana Dardarian & Family

Gloria Korkoian

George & Karen Nigoghosian & Family

Alice Nigoghosian & Sandi Nigoghosian

Sharon Dardarian

Sunday, May 1st

On Sunday, May 1st, our guest celebrant will be **Very. Rev. Fr. Shahe Ananyan**, Director of the Inter-Church office at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. Fr. Shahe will be in the U.S. attending the Annual Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly in Cleveland, Ohio.



**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

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.

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

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

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

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+

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

Creme 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



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.)

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Anne P. Derderian** who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral took place at St. John Armenian Church on April 5, 2016.

May Christ our Lord shed His Eternal light upon her soul.



We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Rose Minasian** who entered her eternal rest this week. Her funeral took place at St. John Armenian Church on April 15, 2016.

May Christ our Lord shed His Eternal light upon her soul.



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:

Heeshetzeh 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.