

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 3, 2016

The Armenian Church Year 1464

OCTAVE OF EASTER (NEW SUNDAY)

Celebrant: 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 5:34-6:7, James 3:1-12, John 1:1-17

Lector: YERCHANIG CALLAN

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 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.



Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Jilber Abajian
Yn. Roberta Kochakian
Elina Cobb
Don McCorkle
Aiden Armen Seferian

David M. Apoian
Rose Boudakian
Cheryl Giesa
Walter Negosian
James Shahbazian

Araxey Barsamian
Marge Brothers
Ruben Griffin
Charles Sansone

Women's Guild News

LAST CHANCE FOR WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE SALE
After services **today**

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.

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.



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

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

Deadline is June 1, 2016



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST



ARTHUR PAPAZIAN, 40th Day, Father, Brother-in-Law, Uncle, Cousin, Dear Friend

Requested by Matthew Papazian
Anne Okolovich
Pauline & Tom Sanderson
Michele & Matthew Bucher
Merey & John Bialek
Gulhatier, Thomas & Leah Tyrell
Victoria Brentwood
Sylvia & Lisa Aglamishian
The Morgan Family
Ken & Mary Rose Allor
Simon Javizian
Rose Samarian
Bowen Family
Czop Family

SEROP MARKAR, 40th Day, Brother, Uncle

Requested by Soseq Markar
Sherak Batrosyan
Masees Batrosyan

BAHADUR PULURIAN, 40th Day, Brother-in-Law, Kerayr, Khnamee

Requested by Norayr & Hasmig Shirvanian
Varant, Narine & Ararad Shirvanian
Mrs. Nevart Torian

SIRVART MEZIAN, 1st Year

Requested by Father Garabed & Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

HARRY KAREBIAN, 2nd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Eugenie Karebian
John & Terrie Karebian
James & Lillian Durham
Tara, Nicholas, Christopher & Brittany

ALICE KAREBIAN, 14th Year, Sister-in-Law, Aunt, Great-Aunt

Requested by Eugenie Karebian
John & Terrie Karebian
James & Lillian Durham
Tara, Nicholas, Christopher & Brittany



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



HAYRIK KASPAR, 3rd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Kasparian Family

BOGHOS PAUL TORIAN, 5th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Mrs. Nevart Torian

Norayr & Hasmig Shirvanian

Varant, Narine & Ararad Shirvanian

EDGAR HAGOPIAN, 5th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle

Requested by Sarah Hagopian & Family

ALICE ZEYZAVADJIAN, 8th Year, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Anita & Gregory Boyajian

Raffi, Marissa & Gregory Boyajian

HAGOP JACK TORIAN, 15th Year, Son, Brother, Uncle

Requested by Mrs. Nevart Torian

Norayr & Hasmig Shirvanian

Varant, Narine & Ararad Shirvanian

MINAS SHIRVANIAN, 24th Year, Father, Grandfather, Khnamee

Requested by Norayr & Hasmig Shirvanian

Varant, Narine & Ararad Shirvanian

Mrs. Nevart Torian

MARY LOUISE BUTTRUM, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Aunt

Requested by Dan & Judy Cristiano

Kelly, Sean, Logan & Brady Horne

Danielle Cristiano

Suzanne Nazoyan & Family

RAYMOND & SERPOUHI KEMISH, Father, Mother, Grandparents, & Great-Grandparents

Requested by Dan & Judy Cristiano

Kelly, Sean, Logan & Brady Horne

Danielle Cristiano

JOHN CRISTIANO, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

Requested by Dan & Judy Cristiano

Danielle Cristiano

Kelly, Sean, Logan & Brady Horne



Visit Armenia with the ACYOA

The annual ACYOA Armenia Service Program provides participants (ages 18 and up) the opportunity to travel, serve, and worship in their homeland. This year's ASP will run July 2-17, under the leadership of the Rev. Fr. Tadeos Barseghyan, pastor of St. Sahag Church of St. Paul, MN.

This summer, the ACYOA members will undertake some new service programs and endeavors, in partnership with the Fund for Armenian Relief. Participants will work with children at a summer camp, visit the FAR Children's Center, experience innovative programs, such as "Ayo!," and spend an unforgettable day harvesting apricots side-by-side with local villagers in the fertile Armenian heartland. The group will also visit religious and cultural sites throughout Armenia, including Yerevan, Etchmiadzin, and Sevan.

All participants will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Dadourian Foundation—bringing the cost of the trip to the lowest it has been in a decade.

The registration deadline is March 20. Click on the following links to view a flyer and to download an application form, and visit www.acyoa.org to learn more. For questions, contact Jennifer Morris, the Diocese's director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org, or (248) 648-0702.

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/>

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.)

Gifts to the Church

Isabelle Vahratian presented a gift to the church for Easter flowers.

A gift has been presented to the church by Mary Boyadjian 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.

In loving memory of and prayers for Harry Karebian who passed away March 21, 2014. A gift of money is presented to the church in his memory by his loving wife, Eugenie Karebian, children John and Terrie Karebian, James and Lillian Durham and four adored grandchildren Tara, Nicholas, Christopher and Brittany.

In memory of and prayers for Alice Karebian who passed away on March 25, 2002. This gift of money is presented to the church in her memory by sister in law Eugenie Karebian, nieces and nephews John and Terrie Karebian, James and Lillian Durham and grand nieces and nephews Tara, Nicholas, Christopher and Brittany.



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

Mariam's Easter Parade by Marianne Markarian (children's book) — HC \$15.00

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 Items From Armenia

Upcoming Events

Baseball Opening Day Celebration

Sponsored by Men's Society of St. John Armenian Church

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES TODAY, APRIL 3rd

All are welcome

Hot Dogs, Polish Sausage, Chicken Rollups, Cole Slaw, Popcorn, Chips, Ice Cream and Sodas

Adults \$10 Children 12 & under \$5

Baseball attire welcome

For more information please call Mark Mamassian at 248.644.0475



Man Up

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Presented by the Men's Society of St. John Armenian Church

8:30 am - 3 pm

Breakfast and Lunch will be served

Please call Ara Belian 248-626-8374 or George Saboonjian 248-952-1903

for reservations by April 3, 2016

\$25 check payable to St. John Armenian Church



101st Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide

The Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit Genocide Commemoration Committee will host the 101st anniversary commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on April 24th at St. John Armenian Church, The Divine Liturgy and Service in Honor of the Sanctified Martyrs of the Genocide will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The Rev. Fr. Hrant Kevorkian, pastor of St. Sarkis Armenian Church, will celebrate the Holy Badarak and the Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, Pastor of St. John Armenian Church, will deliver the homily. A reception will follow in St. John's Cultural Hall.

On Sunday, April 17th at 2:00 p.m., the Armenian Churches Committee will host a presentation on understanding the significance of the Sanctified Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide at the Armenian Congregational Church. 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, will be the presenter.

Please join us to honor our Sanctified Martyrs.

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 offerings.

The Priest answers:
*Datseh kez Der usd srdee
koom yev*

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

*Mahs yev pazheen yegheet-
seen kez ee Soorp Ba-
darakes.*

**Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցին քեզ
ի Սուրբ Պատարագէ:**
May this be to you a share and
portion of the Holy Sacrifice.

The RECEIVER says:
*Pahjeen eem Asdvadz
haveedyan.*

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.