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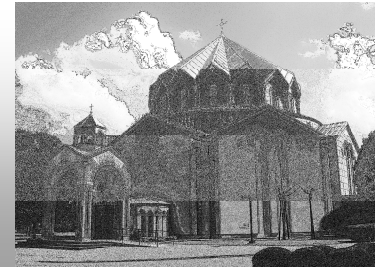
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The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian – *Pastor*

The Reverend Father Diran Papazian – *Pastor Emeritus*

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Sunday Bulletin ~ Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր

***ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD
DEPART TO SERVE HIM***

April 5, 2009 ~ The Armenian Year of 1458

Palm Sunday ~ Ծաղկապարդ

Celebrant: Father Garabed Kochakian

THE LORD'S DAY ~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Ժամերգութեան Ժամանակացոյց

Morning Service / *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*9:00 am

Divine Liturgy / *Ս. Պատարագ*9:45 am

Lector: Karmen Santourian

THE NICENE CREED WILL BE CHANTED IN ARMENIAN

Welcome!

We welcome our visitors who are attending the Divine Liturgy at St. John's parish, and we pray that your participation has been enriched through word and worship. Please sign the Guest Book at either of the entrances to the Sanctuary.

We invite those visitors who are baptized and/or confirmed in the Armenian Church or are members of a church which is in communion with the Armenian Church to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are a member of the Armenian Church and a newcomer to our community and would like information about our Christian Education program or any of our parish auxiliary groups, please call our office and we will be happy to respond to your questions. The Lord Jesus Christ loves you and desires that you share His love with others, making this holy community your spiritual home.

Today - Zechariah 9:9-15, Philippians 4:4-7, Matthew 20:29-21:17

Next Week - Acts 1:15-25, Mark 16:2-8

Today's Gospel: Matthew 20:29-21:17

And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the roadside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent; but they cried out the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" and Jesus stopped and called them, saying, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they received their sight and followed him.

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers."

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings you have brought perfect praise'?" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 12:00 NOON

Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta

Bring your Bible and lunch; we will provide the coffee.

ON LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

<p>Q. What do I say when approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy?</p> <p>You say: <i>Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.</i></p> <p>Յիշեսցէ Աչր զամենայն Պատարագս քո:</p> <p>May the Lord remember all your offerings.</p> <p>The Priest answers: <i>Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev zamenayn khorhoortus koh ee parees na gadarsestseh.</i></p> <p>Տացէ քեզ Աչր ըստ սրտի քում եւ զամենայն խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեսցէ:</p> <p>May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your counsel. (Psalm 20:4)</p>	<p>Q. What do I say when I take Mahs?</p> <p>The GIVER says: <i>Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp Badarakes.</i></p> <p>Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի քեզ ի Ա. Պատարագէս:</p> <p>May this be to you a share and portion of the Holy Sacrifice.</p> <p>The RECEIVER says: <i>Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.</i></p> <p>Բաժին իմ Աստուած հաւիտեան:</p> <p>God is my portion forever.</p>
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THE KISS OF PEACE

<p>The GIVER says: Christ is revealed amongst us <i>Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav</i></p>	<p>The RECEIVER says: Blessed is the revelation of Christ <i>Orhnyal eh haydootyoonun Kreesdosee</i></p>
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THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenyn 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.

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
248.569.3405**

After hours in an emergency, please contact:
Pastor's Cell: 248.225.9888
Parish Council Chairman's Cell: 248.877.3456
Administrator's Cell: 248.802.2861

Men of St. John's: Introducing "Christ Renews His Parish"

You are invited to a spiritual weekend! This is your chance to be part of the first men's **Christ Renews His Parish** weekend. This is an incredible opportunity to renew your faith in Christ, reflect on what Christ has done in your life, and share this time with other men from our parish who are on a similar journey. Come prepared to have a good time and renew your heart with times of prayer, reflection, presentations, discussions, laughter, great food and fellowship. The dates of the weekend are May 16-17, 2009 and it will be hosted by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Fenton, Michigan. The cost is simply a commitment of your time...time that will change your life. Space is limited and is filling up quickly. Please contact John Merigian for further details (734) 483-2884, or via e-mail at: jmsculpture@yahoo.com. Brochures about this program are in the lobby carousel.

SPONSORING SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Because of budget reductions for 2009, the annual amount designated for fellowships which take place after the Divine Liturgy has been eliminated. This does not mean we cannot share a cup of coffee or tea; it can still take place if it is sponsored by any willing parishioner at a rate of \$25.00 per fellowship. If you wish to sponsor a fellowship and keep this tradition of hospitality alive, it is the Parish Council's pleasure to invite your participation. Should you have any questions, a Parish Council member will help you.

We thank the following parishioners who have graciously underwritten the coffee hour for the next four months:

**Mr. & Mrs. Michael Baylerian
Mr. & Mrs. David Dardarian
Mr. Gary Gozmanian
Deacon Mihran & Gayle Hoplamazian
Mr. Aramice Malkhasian
Dr. Edward & Anna Sarkisian**

WANTED: USED ARMENIAN BOOKS

The Parish Bookstore will be sponsoring a Used Book Sale at the upcoming BAZAAR/FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 1, 2, 3 & 4. along with regular priced new books. We are accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects – art, history, novels, cooking, etc. Please drop off books at the Church Office during business hours or on Sundays.

**WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE SALE TODAY will be in the
VARTAN ROOM following church services.**

**WOMEN'S GUILD WILL BE SELLING KHADAYIF, TEPSEE BEOREG,
KATAH, AND RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THREE BASKETS OF ARMENIAN
DELICACIES. RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN TODAY DURING
ACYOA BRUNCH.**

If you would like to join us in membership, the Women's Guild
would happily welcome you. Please call Linda Assarian
248-332-0816 for more information.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S GUILD EVENTS

WG Knitting – To all members...please join us for knitting
and conversation on Tuesday, April 14, 10 a.m. to noon.
If you still have any baby blankets or caps that are finished,
please bring them, and we will begin our "Scarves for Kids"
project to be distributed before next winter.

SAVE THE DATES – Dolly Matoian is chairing the Prepar-
ation of Kharpert Kufta on Tuesday, April 14 and Tuesday,
April 21. Please join us to learn and share in the camaraderie
we enjoy. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**
You need NOT be a Women's Guild member to participate.

COMING FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009
WOMEN'S GUILD KHARPERT KUFTEH FAMILY DINNER
ST. JOHN'S RECREATION CENTER, 6:00 PM
ADULTS \$20 - CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$10
PLEASE CALL ANITA KACHADURIAN FOR RESERVATIONS BY MAY 8
(248) 669-8769

JOIN THE KOMITAS CHOIR!!!

The Komitas Choir welcomes and wants new members. Come and join the Choir and
be a part of a wonderful group of people who add to the beauty of our Divine Liturgy
with their angelic voices. Please contact Deacon Rubik at 248.569.3405 or at
rubik@sjachurch.org.

CAMP ARARAT REUNION COMMITTEE FORMING – Join us on Sunday,
May 3rd 2009 in the Ararat Room at 12:30 pm as we discuss the first Camp Ara-
rat Reunion. For more information, contact Laura Negosian Lucassian at 248-
376-3794.

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: REFLECTIONS OF MY CHILDHOOD
Mangootyan Hoosherus – CD & Songbook
A collection of traditional Armenian children's songs, rhymes & poetry
with CD by Houry Yapoujian Schmeizl - \$28.00

NEW: 14K ARMENIAN BIBLE CHARM—A must see!
INSCRIBED WITH THE ENTIRE "HAYR MER" - \$200.00
ON DISPLAY AT BOOKSTORE – SPECIAL ORDER

NEW: ARMENIAN HISTORY: A Journey for Children
By Helen Norsigian Rowles—SC—\$16.00

NEW: GATES OF CONSTANTINOPLE by Garo Lacinian
Photographs of ancient Byzantine structures surrounding Constantinople
with translation of Greek & Latin inscriptions – SC - \$65.00
Proceeds to benefit St. John's & Terchoonian Home for Orphans I
n Gumri, Armenia

SILVER JERUSALEM CROSSES - \$20.00
GOMIDAS SONGS by Isabel Bayrakdarian - CD - \$20.00
WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER? by Elise Papazian - SC - \$20.00
MY GRANDMOTHER: A MEMOIR BY FETHIYE CETIN - SC - \$20.00
YOUR JOURNEY INTO ARMENIA by George Mouradian - SC - \$12.00

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Tuesday, April 7 – Service in Remembrance of the Wise and
Foolish Virgins – 7:30 pm followed by a fellowship tea
Holy Thursday, April 9 – Divine Liturgy – 10:30 am
Washing of the Feet – 7:30 pm
Betrayal & Passion of Our Lord – 8:30 pm
Holy Friday, April 10 – Order of the Crucifixion – 11:30 am
Entombment – 7:30 pm
Holy Saturday April 11 - Scripture Readings – 4pm
Divine Liturgy – 5:00 pm
Sunday, April 12 – Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord
Morning Service – 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy – 9:45 am
Blessing the Four Corner of the Earth

USHERS – All three teams

PALM SUNDAY GIFTS

The palms on the altar and the palms for blessing and distribution to the faithful, as well as the potted flowering plants and floral arrangements on the altar were donated in memory of Varsenick Apkarian's one year memorial by Rick and Paulette Apkarian, Cynthia Apkarian, Dawn and David Karagosian, Kristen and Christopher Vosbikian, Renee and Scott Apkarian, Lynne and Cary Kojamarian, Alexandra and Rich Apkarian, Dana, Tammi, Andrea, Craig and Caylyn, Michael & Reagan.

The palm crosses on the altar and the miniature palm crosses for distribution to the upper grade Church School students were prepared and donated by Steven Evarian.

The Gregory Jamian Family of Sandra, Alexis, Lia and Natalie present a gift to the church in observance of Palm Sunday.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Yeretzgin Patricia Dagley
Valeriy Bagdasarian
Gregory Derderian

Nora March
Steven Bear (CA)
Margaret Jamgochian

NAME DAY REMEMBRANCES – Dzaghig, Armaveni, Armavir, Florence, Flora, Zartar, Ossana, Ovsanna, Hosanna, Takouhi, Queenie, Takvor, Lazarus, Filor, Khazar, Ghazaros, Yeghiazar, Martha, Mary

HOW TO DISPOSE OF OLD PALMS

Burn old palms on Palm Sunday or the night before. Sprinkle the ashes in the garden. Do not dispose of palms in household trash!

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Tracking Our "Treasures"

Plate Donations
Candle Donations

Sunday, March 29

\$250.00
\$137.00

A.C.Y.O.A . SENIORS & JUNIORS

PROJECT WHITE CROSS

Sunday, April 19th

Immediately following church services

**Please join our Project White Cross Co-Chairmen
Raffi ElChemmas & Jonathan Banks
in preparing for**

APRIL 24 COMMEMORATION

**We are placing 1500 white crosses on the
front lawn of our complex in memory of the
1.5 million Armenians lost in the 1915 Genocide.**

EVERYONE'S HELP

WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24
COMMEMORATION OF ARMENIAN
MARTYRS DAY AT ST. JOHN'S**

7:00 pm Requiem Service in the Sanctuary
7:30 pm *Madagh* Dinner in the Cultural Hall

All Are Welcome

8:00 pm Presentation & Discussion of *Skylark Farm* by
Antonia Arslan in the Cultural Hall

St. John Armenian Church is honored to host Ms. Antonia Arslan, the highly acclaimed author of *Skylark Farm*, as our speaker at the *Madagh* Dinner. *Skylark Farm* is a beautifully crafted story of an Armenian family in Anatolia and their suffering at the hands of the Ottoman Turks in 1915.