

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

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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

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 9, 2017**

The Armenian Church Year 1465

### PALM SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

#### SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

**Song of Solomon 1:1-2:3, Zechariah 9:9-15,**

**Philippians 4:4-7, Matthew 20:29-21:17**

**Lector: ALEXIS POESZAT**

We would like to thank Mr. Stephen Evarian for the beautiful individual hand made palm crosses being distributed today.

## **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 fulfil 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.

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### **Special Plate Collection**

Today's plate collection is towards the projects of the  
ACYOA Sr.'s and ACYOA Jr.'s of our Parish and  
will take place during the song "Amen yev unt hokvooyt koom"  
(on page 39).

The collection for the church will take place at it's usual time.

### Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning the Altar are presented by  
Fr. Aren Jebejian in honor of our Youth.

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### Palm Sunday Donors

*We thank the following contributors for their generosity in donating the palms for Palm Sunday.*

In loving memory of Alice Zevzavadjian,  
Anita and Greg Boyajian and Family present a gift to the church for the palms.

Paul and Esther Kulhanjian present a gift to the church for the palms.

The palms are presented in honor of Anthony Carman's blessings from God  
for his miraculous recovery by the Carman and Doyon Family.

Judge Lisa L. Asadoorian and Garo present a gift for the palms.  
*Wishing God's blessings for us all.*

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### 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.

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### 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](mailto: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.**

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### 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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

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### FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **George Andonian**, who entered his eternal rest last week. His funeral took place at St. John Armenian Church on April 6, 2017.  
May Christ our Lord shed His Eternal light upon his soul.

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### Tuesday Lunch Club Rescheduled

The lunch on **Tuesday, April 11** is postponed and will instead take place on **Thursday, April 13, at noon** in the Cultural Hall immediately following Last Supper Divine Liturgy which will begin at 10:30 am.  
For reservations, please call the church office at 248.569.3405.

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### SAVE THE DATE

The Fine Arts Committee of St. John's Armenian Church cordially invites everyone to a Retrospective of Works by **Nora Azadian** on Sunday, April 23, 2017.  
Opening reception 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the Vartan Room.  
Exhibition will continue through April 27. Details will follow.

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### 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](http://WWW.SAVETHETOMB.ORG) to learn more about this effort, or make a contribution online.



**2017 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9-PALM SUNDAY**

**Morning Service-9:00 am**

**Church School Procession with Palms / Divine Liturgy-9:45 am**

**Opening of the Doors-1:00-1:20 pm (Service in English)**

**ACYOA DAY**

**\*Fellowship hosted by the ACYOA\***

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11, VESPERS SERVICE**

**Remembering the Wise and Foolish Maidens – Vespers – 7:00 pm**

**(Service in English)**

**Refreshments will be served and hosted by the Church School**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13, GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY**

**Divine Liturgy commemorating the Last Supper-10:30 am**

**Tuesday Lunch Club 12:00 noon in the Cultural Hall**

**Washing of the Feet – 7:30 pm**

**Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord – 8:30 pm**

**7 Gospels – 7 Knots**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14, GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY**

**Order of the Crucifixion of Christ – 11:30 am**

**The Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ – 7:30 pm**



**2017 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP cont'd**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15 – GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY**

Divine Liturgy & Family Service, Holy Communion & Easter Eve Supper  
Reading of Scriptures done by AGBU school students – 4:00 pm  
Divine Liturgy – 5:00 pm

A complimentary Easter supper will be served to all children  
sponsored by the Church School.  
Adults - \$15.00 RSVP (Tables Only)  
Alberta Godoshian – 248-476-4638

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16 – EASTER SUNDAY**

**THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD  
& SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST**

Morning Service – 9 am; Divine Liturgy – 9:45 am  
Home Blessing Service 12:00 noon in the Cultural Hall  
followed by an Easter Tea prepared by the Women's Guild.

**MONDAY, APRIL 17 - MERELTZ (Remembrance of the Dead)**

11 am – 11:15 am  
Requiem/Hokehankist

## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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**

## Women's Guild

### **BAKE SALE TODAY following Badarak**

Be ready for Easter! Pick up your Favorite Armenian Baked goods. The Women's Guild will be selling delicious goods for you and your family to enjoy. Stop by the Women's Guild table in the Cultural Hall after services today. *Please join us for our Traditional Easter Tea, Sunday, April 16. All are welcome.*

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## 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*

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### **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.

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## 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**



# SAVE THE TOMB

## ACYOA DAY PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION



*Hosted by  
St. John's  
ACYOA  
Seniors & Juniors*

**Sunday, April 9, 2017**

*Immediately following Church services*

Good will offering with all proceeds going to the

**SAVE THE TOMB Fund**

for the restoration of Christ's tomb in Jerusalem.

*For more information, please contact the Church office (248) 569-3405*

[www.savethetomb.org](http://www.savethetomb.org)

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](http://www.stjohnsrmenianchurch.org)



## 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](mailto:FrAren@sjachurch.org)**

**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 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](mailto: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 կատարեցէ:**

*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.