

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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Sunday Bulletin

OUR CHURCH AND PARISH IS A PLACE WHERE . . .

All people are welcome . . . **Every member is a minister . . .**

The world is our collective responsibility . . .

Disciple-making is our goal . . . And worship is our duty and delight.

AUGUST 19, 2012—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1461

**STS. JOACHIM AND ANNA, PARENTS OF THE HOLY MOTHER-OF-GOD
GRANDPARENTS OF JESUS**

THE LORD'S DAY—SCHEDULE OF SUMMER WORSHIP

Morning Service / *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*8:30 am

Divine Liturgy/ *Ս. Պատարագ*9:30 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY TODAY

**THIS WEEK: Proverbs 11:30-12:4, Zechariah 2:10-13,
2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1, Luke 1:39-56**

NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 9:8-19, 2 Corinthians 1:1-11, Mark 4:35-40

Lector: Michael Boucher

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 sign our Guest Book 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.

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And His mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH FOR THE FEAST OF ASSUMPTION

Mariam Habring, on the occasion of her name day.

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servants of God

DAVID MARK SHAHINIAN

HARRY ARAM KEOLEIAN

GLADYS KASPARIAN

ELIZ SAMARJIAN

MARILYN SERANIAN

who entered their eternal rest last week.

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon their souls.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

Tammy Karagosian

Father Shnork Kasparian

Levon Nazoyan

Walter Negosian

CROWN THEM WITH



GLORY AND HONOR

We rejoice in celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Crowning and
have asked Christ our God to bless the marriage of
RACHEL KAY MARESH & JAMES DAVID BERRYMAN

HAVADK, HOOYS, SER YEV MGRDOOTIOON

Faith, Hope, Love and Baptism

Godparents and Godchildren's Day

Sunday, September 30, 2012

Godparents and godchildren of all ages are invited to join our parish in honor of their sacred bond in Christ. Be in church for a joyous renewal of baptismal vows. Afterwards enjoy our festival food, fun and activities.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 7:00-8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 7:00-8:30 PM

LEADER: DR. BADRIK JOOHARIGIAN

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DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND, NOON-2:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, NOON-2:00 PM

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE NURSERY ROOM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

WILL CONTINUE THRU SEPTEMBER 2ND

Morning Service at 8:30 am Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am
Requiem Service, when offered, immediately after Divine Liturgy



**BASHDON HOKEHANKSDYAN—REQUIEM SERVICE
FOR THOSE WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST**

Today, during the Divine Liturgy, we offer our prayers as the
community of St. John's for the souls of the departed
servants of Christ.

SARA TASHJIAN GOODBALIAN, 40th Day, Friend

Requested by Sandra & Alice Nigoghosian

**MARY ANN NERSESSIAN, 1st Year, Sister, Aunt, Great Aunt, Cousin,
Niece, Khnamee**

Requested by Art & Carol Aprahamian

Hugh & Nancy Ryan

Kelli, Courtney & Sydney Viera

Michael & Beth Ryan

Karen, Greg, Jeff & Emily Movsesian

Diane & Larry Baldwin

Manuel Cook

The Aprahamian Family

**SOUREN APRAHAMIAN, 4th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather,
Uncle, Friend**

**ARMINUHE APRAHAMIAN, 10th Year, Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother, Aunt, Friend**

**DR. ASHOD RHAFFI APRAHAMIAN, 9th Year, Brother, Uncle, Great-Uncle,
Cousin, Friend**

Requested by Drs. Edward & Cynthia Aprahamian

Elizabeth Aprahamian

Edward & Mary Aprahamian

Allison Aprahamian

Jeffrey Aprahamian

Drs. David & Heidi Aprahamian

Elizabeth Bennett Aprahamian

Arthur & Carol Aprahamian

Lucy Ardash

Dr. Joyce Yeghissian & Dn. Rubik Mailian

Anahid Dilakian & Sarkis Ghazarian

**ZOROB KABODIAN, 7th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother,
Uncle, Brother-in-Law, Khnamee, Friend**

**MARDIROS GODOSHIAN, 26th Year, Father, Grandfather,
Great Grandfather, Brother**

**KAGAZIG GODOSHIAN, 25th Year, Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother**

MIKE GODOSHIAN, 17th Year, Brother, Uncle, Great Uncle

**SIROUHI KEMSUZIAN, 9th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt,
Great Aunt**

SEMA DAKESIAN, 6th Year, Wife, Sister, Aunt, Great Aunt

GIRAGOS KABODIAN, 37th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

ANNIG KABODIAN, 21st Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

**HROG KABODIAN, 12th Year, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle,
Brother-in-Law, Friend**

JANICE KABODIAN, 1st Year, Niece, Cousin

PARAMAZ & RAFFI KABODIAN, Brothers

Requested by Sally Kabodian

Aram, Judy, Rachel & Aaron Kabodian

Armen, Belinda, Ariana & Margaux Kabodian

Tamara, Arthur, Taleen, Lucine & Zaven Markarian

Ara, Molle, Ryan, Madison, Michael, Andrew & Matthew Kabodian
Harry Dakesian

ZOROB KABODIAN, 7th Year, Khnamee

Susan Ameriguian & Family

**AGHAVNI NIGOGHOSIAN, 9th Year, Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother, Khnamee**

SIRABION NIGOGHOSIAN, 66th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

OHANNESS & HANOUM VARTANIAN, Grandparents, Great Grandparents

STEPHAN & SANDTOUKH NIGOGHOSIAN, Grandparents, Great Grandparents

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE VARTANIAN & NIGOGHOSIAN FAMILIES

Requested by Alice & Sandra Nigoghosian

George & Karen Nigoghosian

Marc & Georgie Nigoghosian

Greg & Laura Nigoghosian, Ariana, Victoria, Krikor & Eliza

Taleen & C.J. Baldwin IV, Stella & Sona

Edward, Yvonne, Laura & Christopher Korkoian

Frances & Gloria Korkoian

HELEN SARKISIAN ERVIN & BILL ERVIN, Friends

Requested by Alice & Sandra Nigoghosian



REQUIEMS—continued

ROSE YEGHISSIAN, 8th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Khnamee, Friend
YERVANT BAHADURIAN, 53rd Year, Grandfather, Great Grandfather,
Khnamee, Friend

GEORGE BAHADURIAN, 42nd Year, Uncle, Great Uncle, Khnamee,
Friend

Requested by Dr. Joyce Yeghissian & Dn. Rubik Mailian,
Sevana & Areg

Anahid Dilakian & Sarkis Ghazarian, Sevag & Hiyk

Arax Markarian

Mars & Roobina Haghnazarian & Family

Lucy Ardash

Elizabeth Aprahamian

GIRAGOS KABODIAN

ANNIG KABODIAN

HROG KABODIAN

ZOROB KABODIAN

PARAMAZ KABODIAN

RAFFI KABODIAN

JANICE KABODIAN

Remembered with love by the Kabodian, Asadoorian, Romanelli
& Jackson Families

Faith and Perseverance: Saints Anna & Joachim
Good parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Grandparents of our Savior, Jesus Christ,

When life seems barren, help us to trust in God's mercy.

When we are confused, help us to find the way to God.

When we are lost in the desert, lead us to those whom God has
called us to love.

When our marriage seems lifeless, show us the eternal youth of the Lord.

When we are selfish, teach us to cling only to that which lasts.

When we are afraid, help us to trust in God.

When we are ashamed, remind us that we are God's children.

When we sin, lead us to do God's will.

You who know God's will for husband and wife, help us to live chastely.

You who know God's will for the family, keep all families close to you. Amen.

THE HOLY FAMILY AND GRANDPARENTING

In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. The names *Joachim* and *Anne* were identified more than a century after Jesus died. Saints Joachim and Anne represent to us generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah in a quiet and humble way.

This is the "feast of grandparents." It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come. They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.

The family is the foundation of society. In it the various generations come together and help one another to grow wise and to harmonize personal rights with the other requirements of social life.

COMING EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, September 9th
CHURCH SCHOOL OPENS
MEN'S SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 16th
**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS & BLESSING OF BASIL**
FAMILY PORTRAIT SUNDAY

Saturday, September 22nd
FREE HEALTH FAIR

Wednesday, September 26th
MUSEUM—SANCTUARY TOUR
AND LUNCH

Thursday, September 27th
OPENING NIGHT AUCTION DINNER
OPENING FINE ARTS EXHIBITION
AND SALE

September 28th, 29th & 30th
ARMENIA: LAND OF NOAH'S ARK
FULL FESTIVAL / BAZAAR

Friday, October 19th
MEN'S SOCIETY WINE TASTING

Sunday, November 4th
DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunday, November 11th
PRIMATE'S VISIT & DEACONS'
ORDINATIONS

Saturday, November 24
ACYOA NOVEMBER DANCE

Saturday, December 8th

The Parish Council and
Apostolic Society of
ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
invite you to

CELEBRATE THE SEASON

featuring the inimitable voice of
ONNIK DINKJIAN
with accomplished musicians...GREGORY
VOSBIKIAN—oud;
LEON JANIKIAN—clarinet;
DAVID HOPLAMAZIAN—violin;
ARA DINKJIAN—keyboard;
CHRISTOPHER VOSBIKIAN—dumbeg.

Tuesday, December 11th
CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF 500
YEARS OF ARMENIAN BOOK PRINTING:
1512-2012

Sunday, December 16th
OAKLAND CHORAL SOCIETY
PERFORMS THE MESSIAH

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Saturday, October 13, 2012
DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN
WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, February 2, 2013
KEF TIME KEGHI
IS COMING TO DETROIT!

WELCOMING OTHERS TO CHURCH

You can only make a first impression once. That is why it is so important, and the responsibility of each and every one of us, to warmly welcome visitors to our parish.

If you notice someone who is lost or confused during the Divine Liturgy, assure them that all will be well and lovingly help them. If their child is a bit fussy, mention to them about or direct them to the children's 'bag of blessings' that is available in the lobby entry. Assure them that children are always welcome.

If they have questions answer them as well as you can or refer them to someone you know who can help them. A smile and a welcoming word can make the difference in someone's spiritual life both in this life and the next.

Our ministry is to show love to one another so that fellow worshippers, be they new or a visitor, will know that we are Christ's disciples. We want to be known for our warm hospitality, as was Abraham, working together to make our spiritual home as warm and welcoming as it can be.

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Church School classes will begin Sunday, September 9th. Registration forms have been sent home to returning students and are available on line. Make sure you give the opportunity to your child[ren] to know the Lord God and grow in His love through education and worship.

Classes will commence with a general assembly of welcome by the principal and staff on September 9th. For all questions about our Christian Education Program, please contact the Church School Principal Mrs. Alberta Godoshian at 248-476-4638. For questions about the High School Division, please contact Mrs. Roseann Manoogian Attar at 248-980-3221.

ADULT BELL CHOIR TO BE FORMED AT ST. JOHN'S

Deacon Rubik will be holding rehearsals for an adult bell choir on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Requirements: good command of rhythm; basic knowledge of musical notation. Please phone or email Dn. Rubik if you wish to join:

248-569-3405 or rubik@sjachurch.org

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

Tuesday, August 14th Julie Jenkins from Manoogian Manor Assisted Living spoke on the subject of "Watch Your Step" and how to reduce your risk of falls. She addressed how to avoid slips and falls and provided tips on how to safeguard your home from trip hazards.

On Tuesday, August 21st, join us after lunch for a movie documentary entitled "From ARARAT to ZION" beginning at 1:30 pm.

On Tuesday, August 28th, join us for a free presentation by "PAWS with a Cause" beginning at 11 am. This is a national not-for-profit organization that was founded in Michigan in 1979. The agency is dedicated to serving people with physical disabilities by training and placing Assistance Dogs.

If you plan on attending our luncheons, please make a reservation with May in the church office (248-569-3405) to ensure that our caterer will have ample food available. The cost of lunch is \$7.00 per person.

For those who are "early birds," consider joining the men and women who come to bake on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am in the main kitchen. Then walk across the parking lot to the Veterans Building for the presentations and lunch.

WANTED: USED ARMENIAN BOOKS

The Parish Bookstore is accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects written in English for its **Used Book Sale** at this year's FESTIVAL. Kindly drop off books at the Church Office during business hours or on Sundays.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS



Festival Baking – Please join us 9 am-Noon in St. John's Kitchen. On **Monday, August 20th we will be making Cheoreg.** On **Tuesday, August 21st we will be making Meat Beoreg.** Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Festival baking continues on Mondays and Tuesdays through the summer months. **Any time you can give is appreciated.** For information contact Dolly Matoian 248-737-9055.

Evening Bake - Tomorrow!! On **Monday evening, August 20th** we will be making **Cheoreg** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for those of you who cannot join the daytime bakes. Please contact Marianne Dardarian 248-661-0617 for information.

Moms and Manoogs meet for social interaction and fun activities. Our meeting days are flexible and we'd love to have you and your Manoogs join our group. Contact Kristen Gustafson for further information. frissy10@hotmail.com or 248-765-0471.

*The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.
For details, call Terry Palaian, 313.929.0926*

ITEMS NEEDED FOR GRANDMA'S ATTIC RUMMAGE SALE

We need new or gently used clothing, toys and household items to be sold at the Annual Festival. Drop off your donations at the Maintenance Office before September 23rd in a box or bag clearly labeled **GRANDMA'S ATTIC**. It is not possible to have anything picked up from your home. A letter for tax deduction purposes is available from the church office.

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian—HC—\$23.00
No. 13 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Best Sellers List

NEW CD: *Lapis Armenus—Armenian Stone*
Gregory Vosbikian on Oud —\$15.00

NEW: *War Gods / East of Byzantium: Vol 1*
Adaptation of Armenian history to a graphic novel
By Roger Kupelian—SC—\$15.00

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 zamenayn kho-rhoortus koh ee parees na gadarsestseh.

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 counsel in goodness. (Psalm 20:4)

When taking *Mahs*, the GIVER says:

Mahs yev pazheen yegheet-see kez ee Soorp Badarakes.

Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի 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:

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 haydootyoonun Kreesdosee.

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

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Cell: 248.225.9888

Parish Council Chairman's Cell: 248.688.1214

Administrator's Cell: 248.880.8391