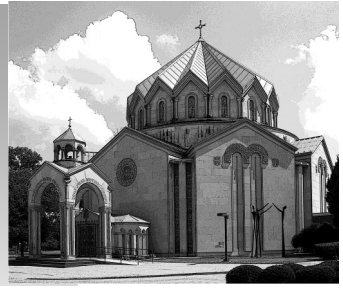


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Sunday Bulletin

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.

FEBRUARY 26, 2012—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1461

SUNDAY OF THE EXPULSION - Արտաքսման Կիրակի

THE LORD'S DAY—SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

Divine Liturgy/ *Ս. Պատարագ*9:45 am

Church School / *Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարան*.....10:15 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY TODAY

THIS WEEK: Isaiah 33:2-22, Romans 12:1-13:10, Matthew 5:17-48

NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 54:11-55:13, 2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1, Luke 15:1-32

Lector: Yeretzgin Shakeh Ohanesian

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: Matthew 5:17-48

"Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are going with him to court, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the Judge to the guard, and you be put in prison; truly, I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that every one who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again you have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'Thou shalt not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you. Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if any one would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well; and if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH—A gift was presented in memory of Nadeem Belbeisi by his family, who miss him very much.

NEWS FROM JERUSALEM

The condition of His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian is unchanged. He rests comatose and is attended to daily by his medical staff, and his family visits his bedside daily. (For more details, see announcement in the lobby from the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem.) Let us keep him in our prayers.

DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
A monthly Bible study group led by
Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian
Wednesdays, April 4 and 25
12:00—2:00 pm in the Nursery Room
There will be no Bible Study in March.

REMINDER: Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11.
On that day, move your clocks forward one hour (SPRING FORWARD!)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

Vahan Aglamishian	Seta Akarakcian	Rose Boudakian
Helen Daiyan	Siranush Demirjian	Rachel Ekizian
Agnes Hagopian	Terri Karebian	Walter Negosian
William Pugh	Sameera Yousif	George Zallakian



**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.

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE 24TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THOUSANDS OF
ARMENIAN VICTIMS MERCILESSLY MURDERED, WHO PERISHED IN THE
PROGRAMS IN SUMGAIT, KIROVABAD AND BAKU, AZERBAIJAN**

VETA DUSCIO, 40th Day, Mother, Sister, Aunt

Requested by Andre & Carol Duscio
Kinar & Garo Goncaer
Gene & Audrey Mitchell Family
Garo Kazan
Jason & Melinda Aldrich

ROBERT D. MARDIGIAN, 40th Day

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mardigian
Grant Mardigian
Matthew Mardigian
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mardigian & Family

ROBERT D. MARDIGIAN, 40th Day

Requested by Mark & Debbie Papazian & Family

**LUCY FUNDUKIAN, 2nd Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister-in-Law,
Aunt, Great Aunt**

Requested by Howard Fundukian
John, Jeff, Ellen & Jack Fundukian
Anita Tootikian
Pat & Gary Hachigian & Family

**FLORENCE KARAGOSIAN, 2nd Year, Loving Wife, Mother, Sister-in-Law,
Aunt, Great Aunt, Khnamee**

Requested by Harry Karagosian & Family
Alice Mavian
Hagop, Diana, Alex, Jessica, Maven, Peter & Hillary Alexanian
Dr. Harry & Cheryl Joboulian & Family
Cynthia Apkarian

ARET HINTIRYAN, 12th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Mrs. Aznif Hintiryan
Dr. Arlet Hintiryan & Arthur Dakessian, Sophie & Lori
Lillian & Sevan Calukyan, Alec & Arlen

REQUIEMS—continued

HAGOP NERSESSIAN, 19th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

SERPOOHI NERSESSIAN, 7th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

Requested by Art & Carol Aprahamian

Hugh & Nancy Ryan

Kelli, Courtney & Sydney Viera

Michael & Beth Ryan

AVEDIS CHOLAKIAN, 30th Year, Father, Grandfather

AZNIV CHOLAKIAN, Mother, Grandmother

CHOLAKIAN, HANAYAN & TERJIMANIAN DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS

Requested by Arsen, Shoghig, Armen, Michael & Stepan Terjimanian

NEW AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

The Forty Days of Musa Dagh by Franz Werfel

Translated from the German by Geoffrey Dunlop and James Reidel

Preface by Dr. Vartan Gregorian - 892 pp - SC - \$23.00

Franz Werfel's masterpiece brought him international acclaim in 1933, and drew the world's attention to the Armenian Genocide. This is the story of how the inhabitants of several Armenian villages chose not to obey the deportation order of the Turkish government. Instead, they fortified a plateau on the slopes of Musa Dagh – Mount Moses—and repelled Turkish soldiers and military police during the summer of 1915 while holding out hope for the Allies to save them.

The translators revised the 1934 translation throughout, incorporating the stronger meanings and content – intended for readers living in Nazi Germany – as well as undoing the virtual censorship of Werfel's original text.

REQUIEMS WILL BE OFFERED: March 4, 11, 18, 25

HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION!

St. John's Food Pantry is open year-round! There are large green containers in all the lobbies for the collection of non-perishable food items. Once a month the food we collect is given to Forgotten Harvest for distribution to the needy. Don't wait for a holiday to bring in your donation to the Food Pantry. Many thanks for your help.

**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS
A LECTURE AND SLIDE PRESENTATION BY
DR. LEVON PETROSYAN
Manoogian Foundation Post-doctoral Fellow
at the University of Michigan**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012, 7:30 PM, VARTAN ROOM
(FOLLOWING LENTEN WORSHIP)**

TOPIC:

**"SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK AND THE NAREKIAN FATHERS:
THE MYSTERY OF LOVE FROM THE COMMENTARY OF THE SONG OF
SONGS IN THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS"**

This lecture will examine the life, poetry and theological school of Gregory of Narek, who spent his life in the Monastery of Narek with his father Bishop Khosrov and his teacher Abbot Anania. These three authors form the School of Narek.

At a young age Gregory of Narek prepared a Commentary on the Song of Songs which considerably influenced his teaching method. He became a singer of the Divine Love, erotic and agapic at the same time, and he taught people the Sacramental way of its Consumption. Over the years, the poetic style of Gregory of Narek achieved a high level of perfection and he presented his Book of Lamentation as a speech of the Bride to her beloved Groom, a soul's discourse to God. If the Divine Love is the poetic muse of Gregory of Narek, the discourse with God is the expression of his deep feelings for Him: Love should be always confessed!

Manoogian Foundation post-doctoral fellow **Levon Petrosyan** received his Pd.D. in history from the University of Paris and Pd.D. in Theology from St. Sergius Orthodox Theological Institute of Paris in 2008 and 2006 respectively. In 2010 his Pd.D. dissertation titled "Grégoire de Narek. Commentaire sur le Cantique des cantiques" ("Gregory of Narek. Commentary on the Song of Songs") was published in Rome. His areas of research interest include Armenian literature, history of Armenia and the Armenian Church, and intercultural and interreligious dialog. Dr. Petrosyan is teaching a course in winter 2012 on Armenian Christianity.

Refreshments to follow program

TODAY ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY AND ELECTIONS

All parishioners whose pledges are current as of December 31, 2011 are eligible to participate and vote in the Annual Parish Assembly.

Child care will be available during the Assembly.

ST. JOHN'S HOME BUILD TEAM WILL PREPARE & SERVE PRE-ASSEMBLY LUNCH

A Lenten Lunch will be served preceding the Annual Parish Assembly. The menu will consist of salad, bulghur pilaf, green beans, lentil kufteh, dessert and beverages. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. The proceeds will benefit the team's travel to Armenia this summer to build a home under the auspices of the Fuller Center for Housing-Armenia. The team leader is Jackie ElChemmas.

Please make check payable to "Fuller Center-Armenia."

MEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

Lenten Breakfast next Sunday, March 4, 2012

Menu: crepe station, hash browns, pancakes, scrambled eggs, fruit, coffee, assorted juices, milk

Join us for breakfast and fellowship!

**St. John's Cultural Hall after church service
Free Will Offering**

**Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 21
Vartan Room, 8:30 pm**

All men of our parish are welcome to join!

THE SUNDAYS OF LENT

The six Sundays of Lent take us through the history of God's relationship with us, from Creation to the present moment, by relating parables from the Bible.

THE EXPULSION - Fallout and Recovery: making chaos work for the good. Today we are reminded of our great sin: pride. Humankind had all they needed in the Garden of Eden; their lives with God were complete. But Satan appealed to their pride and tempted them to eat the fruit of the forbidden tree. When Jesus was later tempted to turn stones into bread in the wilderness, He knew that we do not live by bread alone but by God's Word.

THE PRODIGAL SON (March 4): Forgiveness: making mistakes and correcting them.

THE STEWARD (March 11): A time to commit and care

THE JUDGE (March 18): Persistence and Reward

THE ADVENT (March 25): We make great things happen, so come home.

PALM SUNDAY (April 1): Homecoming

FUND RAISING DURING THE LENTEN SEASON

Charity and good deeds are known as "ALMSGIVING." Our children should embrace the great benefactors of our parish and community by offering their help in the spirit of love and compassion for those who do not enjoy the same comforts they do. This is the sacrifice of Great Lent, giving up and giving over to others. This year the projects which will receive the proceeds of the Diocesan-wide Lenten fundraising are:

Feeding America

Nor Hajn Soup Kitchen (in Armenia)

Give generously when students of our Church School approach you.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

IMPORTANT – There is NO BAKING scheduled for Tuesday, February 28. Please check the St. John website to see if this has changed, and/or for the full bake schedule.

FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TO PLAN AHEAD: We'll be preparing the following on:

Tuesday, March 6, 9 am – Khalkha

Monday, March 12, EVENING BAKE @ 6 pm Cheoreg

Tuesday, March 13, 9 am.– Cheoreg

Tuesday, March 20, 9 am– Khalkha

Tuesday, March 27, 9 am – Katah

Knitting Club - beginner or expert, the knitting club welcomes new members. The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 10 AM – noon in the St. John's Nursery. Contact Linda Assarian for more information. 248 -332-0816.

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*

Kef Klub

The Gathering Place for All Ages...Make it a Family Reunion!

Friday, March 16, 2012, 6:00 pm

St. John Recreation Center

Lenten meal will be served.

Tavloo, Cards and Games!

Adults-\$8. Kids-under 12-\$5. 5 and under-FREE

Family-\$25. 2 Adults + Children

PLEASE RSVP St. John's Church Office: 248-569-3405



ACYOA Juniors 2012 Lenten Fish Dinners

February 22 & 29, March 7, 14, 21

March 28 *LOBSTER DINNER!!*

Dinners will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Fish Dinner \$10.00/adult; \$5.00/child

Lobster Dinner (March 28 only) \$20.00

Grilled Cheese Dinners \$5.00

***Please make your reservations with the
Church Office (248)569-3405***

***LENTEN VIGIL SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY AT 7:00 PM
FOLLOWING DINNER***

SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN ARMENIA

The ACYOA Central Council is offering young people ages 20 and older a unique hand-on learning experience: a ten-week internship from May 29—August 8, 2012 at the FAR Children's Support Center in Yerevan, Armenia. Those interested should contact ACYOA Executive Secretary Nancy Basmajian at acyoa@armeniandiocese.org or 212.293.1248.

St. John Armenian Church
17th ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT SEMINAR

Sponsored in part by the
Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian Endowment Fund

Saturday, March 10, 2012

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

St. John's Cultural Hall

**Topic: The Armenian Genocide -
Forgiving the Unforgivable**

Guest Speaker:

Father Vasken Kouzouian

Pastor, Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cambridge, MA



Is this even possible? This year's Lenten retreat topic certainly promises to be thought-provoking, captivating, and potentially explosive. Father Vasken Kouzouian will use God's word to help us understand forgiveness on personal and universal levels.

This is such a timely topic -- particularly to Armenians.

Donation: \$15 includes materials, continental breakfast & lunch.

To register, call the Church Office by March 4 at 248-569-3405.

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THE GREAT LENTEN SEASON

*During the period of Great Lent in the Armenian Church
we observe the following:*

- *The altar curtain is closed .*
- *There is no Kiss of Peace during the Divine Liturgy.*
- *Holy Communion is not offered during the Divine Liturgy.*
- *The Holy Gospels Book is not venerated after worship.*
- *Hymns are sung in penitential melody.*
- *Names of saints are not remembered during the week.*
- *The organ is not played when departing from the sanctuary.*
- *All should remain silent when exiting the sanctuary after worship in respect to those who remain for devotional prayers.*
- *Weddings and Baptisms are not celebrated.*

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.**

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