

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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The Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, *Pastor*

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:

The Reverend Father Diran Papazian

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 all who are here today for the celebration of Kotz Badarak or Veiled Divine Liturgy. Communion is not openly offered during Lent. During the period of Great Lent we refrain from taking communion while we are in a state of prayer and fasting. Should anyone feel the need to receive Holy Communion, arrangements can be made with the Pastor at any time. As a reminder, during Lent, Hokehankist or Requiem can be offered and Mas is distributed.

February 28, 2016

The Armenian Church Year 1464

SUNDAY OF THE STEWARD (FOURTH Sunday of Lent)

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Abraham Ohanesian

Sermon: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

The Sunrise Office / Արևադարձ ... 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy / Ս. Պատարագ 9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

ISAIAH 56:1-57:21

EPHESIANS 4:17-5:14,

LUKE 16:1-31

Lector: John Yavruian

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all who ran for church offices during last week's Parish Assembly. We especially congratulate George Boyagian, Marianne Dardarian, Michael Kazarian, Christopher Korkoian and Donn Vahratian. We are waiting on official notification from the Diocese for these positions to be ratified.

Today's Gospel

Luke 16:1-31

He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was washing his goods. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations.

"He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? and if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they scoffed at him. But he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts; for what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

"The law and the prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and every one enters it violently. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one dot of the law to become void.

"Every one who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

"There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this name.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us. And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian
Yn. Roberta Kochakian
Araxey Barsamian
Elina Cobb
Don McCorkle

Jilber Abajian
Rose Boudakian
Cheryl Giesa
Walter Negosian

David M. Apoian
Marge Brothers
Ruben Griffin
Charles Sansone

Women's Guild News

Winter Bake Days

Tuesday, March 1st - 9am - Noon

Cheoreg led by Dolly Matoian

Everyone is welcome to join us. No experience needed!

Come for fellowship and learn how to make your favorite Armenian delicacies.

Knitting Group: Please contact Linda Assarian at 248.332.0816 or
linda.assarian@gmail.com for more details.

Day by Day Bible Study

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

12:00 — 2:00 pm

For more information, call Yeretzhin Roberta at 248.538.9993

Memorial Tea

Ida Habring and family are hosting a tea in memory of beloved family members Armahan Simon, Missak, Maro, Tenjur & Tamar Haroutunian, and Aram Arshagian in the main hall today following Badarak. All are welcome to attend.

Remember

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS SUNDAY,
MARCH 13. SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR.**

Visit the Parish Bookstore

Genocide T-Shirts with “Forget-Me-Not” emblem and map on back — \$20.00

Armenian Alphabet Wooden Puzzle — \$35.00

The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry, Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many “Made in Armenia” products.

The Lenten Journey...A Walk With God — \$10.00

The Armenian Genocide and Problems of Evil — \$20.00

Guardians of Music DVD, “History of Detroit Armenian Music”, as seen on PBS — \$25.00

Armenian Genocide DVD, as seen on PBS — \$25.00

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

Variety of “FORGET-ME-NOT” pins, charms, stickers and silver jewelry.

Youth Basketball Program 2015-2016

If you know of any young Armenian youth that may be interested in joining our basketball program, please have them come to practice or email

Lisa Mardigian at lmardigian@sjachurch.org.

Practice Schedule

TUESDAYS

Biddy A (ages 11 & 12): 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm

Girls (ages 13 & up): 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Junior Boys (ages 13-15)

Intermediate Boys (ages 16-18): 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Joint Practice for conditioning!

THURSDAYS

Biddys (ages 5-8): 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Biddy B (ages 9 & 10): 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

VICTIMS OF THE SUMGAIT-BAKU POGROMS OF 1988-1991

Requested by Pastor & Parish of St. John Armenian Church

ARAX PAPAZIAN, 40th Day, Mother

Requested by Peter and Linda Papazian
Thomas and Arleen Papazian
Christine and George Kordie
Lenore and James Wengert
John Papazian
Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

ROSE MARGOSIAN, 40th Day, Wife, Mother, Grandmother

GARABED MARGOSIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

SUSAN (SHOUSHAN) MARGOSIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

MARGOS MARGOSIAN, Brother, Uncle

Requested by Malkon Margosian
Susan Margosian
Charles Margosian
Eugene Kornetti
Angel Zacharias
Allia Rose
Daniel, Alexander, Christian, & Charles Margosian

BERJ PAUL KURKECHIAN, 1st Year, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Khnamee

Requested by Linda M. Kurkechian
Craig, Arsho, Alex, Sara & Michael Kurkechian
Robert, Isabel, Mia & Christopher Kurkechian
Paul, Linda D., John & George Kurkechian
Lisa, Mike, Jacob, Erin & Andrea Bahm
Parsegh & Takouhy Dellalian
Garbis & Tania Dellalian



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

JOHN MINAS STEPHANIAN, 1st Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Margaret Stephanian
Patricia & Jennifer Morris
Robert Stephanian
Michel, John, & William Stephanian

ROBERT MORRIS, 29th Year, Father

Requested by Jennifer Morris

ARA BERJ ADAM, 2nd Year, Brother, Uncle

Requested by Azniv Hintiryan
Lilian, Sevan, Alec & Arlene Calukyan
Dr. Arlet, Artusu, Sophie & Laurene Dakesian

SOPHIE NAGOHOSIAN, 4th Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by John Nagohosian
Michele Ducato
Sandra and Gregory Jamian
Nicole and Anthony O'Donovan
Michael Ducato
Alexis, Lia, & Natalie Jamian

ARET HINTIRYAN, 16 Years, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Azniv Hintirian
Lilian, Sevan, Alec & Arlene Calukyan
Dr. Arlet, Artusu, Sophie & Laurene Dakesian

ARMAHAN SIMON

MISSAK HAROUTUNIAN

MARO HAROUTUNIAN

TENJUR HAROUTUNIAN

TAMAR HAROUTUNIAN

ARAM ARSHAGIAN

Requested by Ida Habring & Family

Flowers for Holy Week

If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of altar flowers, palms, candles , incense or charcoal for the Holy Altar during Holy Week and Easter Sunday please contact the church office 248-569-3405 by Monday, **March 14**. Donors will be acknowledged in the Easter Bulletin.

What is Great Lent?

Great Lent is the 40-day period of spiritual preparation that leads to Easter. In Armenian, the term for Great Lent is Medz Bahk, which means Great Fast. It is the longest and most significant of all the periods of feasting and prayer that precede other Church feasts. It recalls the 40 days Jesus tested and prayed in the wilderness, away from family, friends, food and all distractions.

Read about the story in Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13 and Luke 4:1-13.

When did Great Lent Originate?

The first reference to Great Lent is from the 4th century by St. Athanasius. In one of his letters, he refers to a 40-day fast beginning the sixth week before Easter and including Holy Week. By the year 340, Lent became universally recognized and practiced, and by the year 384,

When in the Lord's House

Please be advised that according to the tradition of the Armenian Church, members of the congregation are strongly reminded to refrain from walking in and out of the Sanctuary while services are in progress. You are especially reminded not to do so during the Reading of Lections until the Creed is recited, the Chalice Procession, the Hymn "Der Voghormia," Singing of *Hayr Mer* – Lord's Prayer, during Confession and Communion, and during the Sermon. Please wait in the vestibule until such time when it is proper to enter the Sanctuary.

Remembering the Victims of Sumgait, Kirovabad, and Baku Massacres

Armenian churches throughout the Diocese will perform requiem services for the souls of the victims of the Sumgait, Kirovabad, and Baku massacres. St. John's has a very large Baku-Armenian community that we honor on this day.

Requiem prayers for the victims of these pogroms, which occurred from 1988-1991, will be said during *Badarak* today. A blessing will be said at the Baku-Sumgait *khatchkar* as we remember the victims of the massacres immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

Help Needed for Armenian Family

An elderly brother and sister are looking for light help around the house.

Ethnic cooking is a plus! Located in Royal Oak - compensation is negotiable.



For more information, please call 773.251.7195 or 847.867.9312

St. John Armenian Church is Hiring!

St. John's is looking to hire a parish secretary to assist with the day-to-day functions of the church. We are seeking someone with advanced computer knowledge, experience in Microsoft Suite, and English-Armenian language skills. This is a full-time position. For more information, kindly email hr@sjachurch.org.



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@armenianidiocese.org, or (248) 648-0702.

We Need Your Help!

We are looking for parishioners willing to work with the Parish Council in organizing and being our chairpersons for the Annual Church Picnic this year. This is an important event for St. John, especially with this year being the Church's 85th anniversary. The Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 14th. No previous experience is necessary; just a desire to serve the Church, work with other parishioners, and have fun. If you would like to be involved or want additional information, please contact one of the Parish Council members or the church office.

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

Crepe 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

Women's Guild Presents

A Luncheon & Fashion Show

Dedicated to all Mothers

Saturday, May 21, 2016

10:00 am Boutiques and 12:00 pm Luncheon and fashion show

Adults: \$55 | Children 12 and under: \$20

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For reservations and information please be in touch with
Linda Assarian by emailing her at linda.assarian@gmail.com

Tickets go on sale March 15th

Upcoming Events

ACYOA Jrs. Present

Lenten Fish Dinner

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

And every Wednesday until March 16th

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Lenten vigil service beginning at 7:00 pm

Adults: \$10.00 | Children: \$5.00

Vegan options available.

Save the date for our highly anticipated *Lenten Fish and Lobster Dinner* on March 16th!

For reservations, please contact 248.569.3405 or email office@sjachurch.org

Crisis in the Middle East: Impact on Armenians

Guest speakers Dr. Ara Sanjian, Edmond Azadian, Dr. Vahe Sahakyan

Saturday, March 5th at 7 pm

AGBU School Multipurpose Room

Parish Retreat

Sponsored by the St. John Women's Guild

Saturday, March 12, 2016

9 am - 3 pm

Topic - St. Mary: Then and Now | Led by Fr. Aren Jebejian

Suggested donation: \$15

Please make checks payable to St. John Armenian Church

and mail to the church with attention to the

Women's Guild. Please put "Retreat" in the memo. This retreat is open to all!

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

On Leaving the Sanctuary After Badarak

When taking *Mahs* the GIVER says:

Mahs yev pazheen yegheetseen kez ee Soorp Badarakes.

Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցին 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:

My portion is God forever.

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.





