

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 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.

January 10, 2016

The Armenian Church Year 1464

FIFTH DAY OF THEOPHANY

Celebrant: Fr. Aren Jebejian



THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

Divine Liturgy / Ս.Պատարագ9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

First Letter of John 1:18-28

Hebrews 12:18-27

Luke 1:39-56

Lector: Yerchanig Joy Callan

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

Pastor's Office Hours To Be Announced

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.

Parish Council of St. John Armenian Church 2015

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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.

Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer prayers for the servant of God, **Y. Gladys Barsamian** who entered her eternal rest this past week. May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

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.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Jilber Abajian
Rose Boudakian
Cheryl Giesa
Fr. Untzag Nalbandian
Charles Sansone

David M. Apoian
Marge Brothers
Ruben Griffin
Walter Negosian
James Shahbazian

Araxey Barsamian
Elina Cobb
Dan McCorkle
Richard Norsigian

Women's Guild News

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

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.
For information please call Belinda Kabodian, 248.767.3942

Upcoming Events

The Women's Guild and Komitas Choir visit to Manoogian Manor has been rescheduled to next Saturday, January 16th at 11 am.

Next Sunday, January 17th will be the Children's Sermon Sunday.
Father Abraham Ohanesian will be celebrant while Fr. Aren gives the sermon.

2016 Parish Assembly Ballot: The Nominating Committee of St. John Armenian Church is currently recruiting members in good standing for positions on the 2016 Parish Assembly Ballot. The committee has recently begun the process of contacting members for positions on Parish Council, Nominating Committee, Auditor, Secretary of the Day and Chairman of the Day. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the Nominating Committee members if you are interested in filling any of these positions.

Blessing of the Water Today, January 10th

Following the Blessing of the Water service today, we kindly ask that the faithful approach ushers who will provide a disposable cup of blessed water. Following consumption of the blessed water, please place the used cup in the specially marked receptacle. **Those who wish to take blessed water home, may do so with the plastic cups and lids provided. We ask that the plastic containers are returned to the church for proper disposal.**

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 Armenian Apostolic Church in Recent Times — \$20.00

Defending the Faith — \$20.00

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

The Armenian Genocide and Problems of Evil — \$20.00

Water as a Sign of Rebirth in the Armenian Church — \$20.00

The History of Armenian Monasticism and the Rank of Vartabeds — \$20.00

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

Hand painted Forget-Me-Not Christmas ornaments — \$10.00

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

New Items From Armenia

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

Youth Basketball Program 2015-2016

St. John's Basketball begins next week! If you know of any young Armenian youth that may be interested in joining, 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

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ARMENIAN STUDENTS' CULTURAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

The 2016 Hye Hop Charity Dance

Raising funds for the Children of Armenia Fund

FEATURING

Dinner Buffet
Raffle
Cash Bar

With musical performances by
Kef Tones with special guest Mark Gavoor on oud and DJ M-Kay

Saturday, January 30, 2016
8:00 pm - midnight

Polo Fields Country Club
5200 Polo Fields Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

PRE-ORDER TICKETS

\$25 Students
\$35 Adults

Pay for your ticket in advance by sending a check
(made out to Armenian Students' Cultural Association) or cash to:

ASCA c/o: John Balavitch/ Mara Darian
315 S. Division Apt 1
Ann Arbor, MI, 48104

Tickets are also available after *Badarak*. Please look for ASCA's table in the front lobby.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please e-mail: hyehop2016@gmail.com
Visit: <https://www.coafkids.org>
Facebook: Hye Hop 2016

Tsez yev mez Medz Avedis — Kreesdos Dzunav yev Haydnetsav

Ղեկ էր Մկրտիկ Մկրտիչ — Քրիստոս Օհն էր Յայնճեցար

Christ is Born and Revealed — Blessed is the Revelation of Christ!

Gift to the Church

In honor of Matthew Curtiss being Godfather of the Cross on January 6, 2016, we wish to thank

Armen Boladian

Elizabeth Amboian

Robert & Kim Simonian & Family

Robert & Cindy Amboian & Family

Michael & Lisa Bahm & Family

For their gift to St. John Armenian Church.

Correction

Under the *Hokehankist* (Requiem Prayer) list last week, it should be noted that prayers were said for Robert Partogian on the fortieth day of his passing. Prayers were also said for Naomi Partogian on her 35th year of passing. May they rest comfortably with the Lord.

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 khorhoortus koh ee parees na
gadarestseh.*

**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 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 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 haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ: / Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:

The Psalm of Dismissal - Psalm 34

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham
ornhootyoon 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.