

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 31, 2016

The Armenian Church Year 1464

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE OCTAVE 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

Isaiah 63:18-64:12

Titus 1:1-11

John 7:37-52

Lector: Yeretgin Shakeh Ohanesian

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.

Parish Council of St. John Armenian Church 2015

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Today's Gospel

John 7:37-52

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." (7:37-52)

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers adorning the altar today are presented by Vigen, Talin, and Mara Darian in memory of beloved wife and mother Rosemary B. Darian, who is remembered today.

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
Don McCorkle
Richard Norsigian

Women's Guild News

Winter Bake Days

Monday, February 22nd, evening bake from 6 - 8 pm: *Choreg* led by Marianne Dardarian

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.

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

Day by Day Bible Study

Wednesday, February 24th
12:00 — 2:00 pm

For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248.538.9993

Parish Assembly Ballot

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. Please contact Yvonne Korkoian with questions or for more information at 248.254.3029.

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

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 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



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

ROSEMARY B. DARIAN, 40th Day, Wife, Mother, Sister, Cousin, Khnamee, Friend

Requested by Dr. Vigen, Talin, & Mara Darian

Carole Bagdasarian

Christine, Joshua, & Ari Keillor

George & Linda Bagdasarian

Scott Bagdasarian

George & Julie Houhanisin & Family

Vrejouhi Darian

Michael, Linda, & Ani Karibian

Armen Darian

Merametdjian Family

14 Karat Card Group:

Rose Babayan

Nancy Banks

Carol Cholmakjian

Marianne Dardarian

Carole Hovsepian

Denise Karakashian

Patty Kezelian

Sandy Manoogian

Diane Nolf

Susie Reizian

Marilyn Sarkesian

Joanne Todd

Barb Widener

Debbie Zazaian

ALBERT PELER PEHLEVANIAN, 40th Day, Brother

Requested by Rose Peler & Family

Matigian Family

Paulian Family

Elanjian Family

Ohannesian Family

Iguidbashian Family

ERVIN VAHRATIAN, 3rd Year, Father

Requested by Donn Vahratian

VARTAN KALANGIAN, 17th Year, Brother, Uncle, Brother-in-Law

Requested by Rev. Fr. Abraham & Yn. Shakeh Ohanesian & Family

LESTER & MARGARET BAGDASARIAN, Parents, Grandparents, Khnamees

LESTER BAGDASARIAN, JR., Brother, Uncle, Khnamee

Requested by Dr. Vigen, Talin, & Mara Darian

LESTER & MARGARET BAGDASARIAN & LESTER BAGDASARIAN, JR., CONTINUED...

Requested by Carole Bagdasarian
Christine, Joshua, & Ari Keillor
George & Linda Bagdasarian
Scott Bagdasarian
Vrejouhi Darian
Michael, Linda, & Ani Karibian
Armen Darian

JORDAN BESH, Father, Grandfather
MARY BESH, Mother, Grandmother
MARGOS & MARIAM BESHIRIAN, Grandparents
DICKRAN PAPAIZIAN, Grandfather
SARKIS AGLAMISHIAN, Brother-in-law, Uncle
MOUSHEGH & ARSHALOOYS SHAMALIAN, Friends

Requested by Barbara, Richard, Shant, & Jordan Norsigian

NEVART & CHARLES KUZIRIAN, Parents
GOLDIE & HAIRABED APIGIAN, Parents
ISGUHY & BOGHOS KEVORKIAN, Grandparents
ELIZABETH & HAGOP KUZIRIAN, Grandparents
HAMAS & TOROS NAJARIAN, Grandparents
SONA & HOVSEP APIGIAN, Grandparents

Requested by Charlene & Ardash Apigian

HAROUTIUN KRIKORIAN
LUCY KRIKORIAN
KRIKOR KRIKORIAN
GARABED KRIKORIAN
KERMANOUHI KRIKORIAN
ALIS KRIKORIAN

Requested by Anaheet Krikorian & Family

ARAM NORSIGIAN, Father, Grandfather
ZAROOHY NORSIGIAN, Mother, Grandmother
KHATOON CHAVOOSHIAN, Grandmother
MARDIROS CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle
ARDASH CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle
MAMPRE CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle
MAMIGON CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle
PARAVON CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle
HAGOPJAN NORSIGIAN, Uncle
HOVHANNES NORSIGIAN, Uncle
ALEX PETROSIAN, Brother-in-law, Uncle

Requested by Richard, Barbara, Shant, & Jordan Norsigian

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 and Festival events this year. These are important events for St. John, especially with this year being the Church's 85th anniversary. The Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 14th. The Festival is the weekend of October 21st - 23rd. 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.

The Feast of Vartanank

by Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian, as posted on Facebook

Under this name are commemorated all those martyrs who in the year 451A.D. fell on the battle field of Avarayr for the defense of Christianity against Zoroastrianism (Persian fire worship). The Battle of Vartanantz was the ultimate outcome of the policy of the Persian Court, which aimed at eradicating Christianity both in Persia and its neighboring countries, including Armenia. Vartan and his men proved noble, pious witnesses, inspired by the revitalizing spirit of the Gospel.

For us there is a very special significance in this event of the defense of our faith, because through this defense we find meaning in our existence. The battle of Vartanank acts as an instrument to cement and unify the Armenian Church and the Armenian people. The outcome of this battle proved conclusively that the faith and the the spirit of the Armenian people are invincible and that no power on earth can destroy this spirit.

Yeghishe the historian of the battle of Vartanank with marvelous skill of expression, describes the invincibility of the Armenian faith. In reply to the incomparably powerful king of Persia, the Armenian people express their convictions and indomitable courage, saying "From this faith no one can shake us, neither angels, nor men; neither sword, nor fire, nor water, nor any horrid tortures."

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The Armenian people are convinced of the impregnability of their faith which is intangible and beyond the reach of the human hand. Vartan, the commander-in chief of the Battle, in his address to his army says, " He who thought that we donned Christianity like a garment has now discovered that as man cannot change the color of the skin so he cannot and will never succeed in altering our minds, because the foundation of Christianity are firmly set on an immovable rock, not only on this earth, but in heaven, where neither rains fall, nor winds blow, nor floods are formed. Although we are on this earth in flesh, we are established in heaven by our faith, where no one can reach the structure built by Christ without the touch of the hand."

Despite the fact that they were convinced of the certainty of death, the Armenian people went into battle ready to sacrifice their lives for immortality. Through Vartanank, the Armenian people raised their merits to a new level. The measure of these merits is the Battle we fought and continue to fight throughout the centuries.

The Battle of Vartanank is not history which we set aside merely as an incident in our past. Rather it is reality and vitality which is repeated and felt from generation to generation. The Battle of Vartanank is ever present; it lives within ourselves. It is no longer a battle of weapon; the time and scene have changed. We are now waging a battle against evil which destroys the family and society; a battle against ignorance and bigotry; a battle against us progressive ideals and ideas; and finally a battle to spread the light of Armenian culture, history, language, arts, and faith. Through these battles will the souls of Vartanank rest in peace and thus shall be truly glorified, to us the message of Vartanank must rekindle an enthusiasm for and belief in the precepts of the Armenian Church, it's values and its traditions. The message must create within us a feeling of brotherly love, and dedicated living in order to carry on the mission of our Church.

Manoogian Manor Is Hiring!

Manoogian Manor is looking for dietary aides - all shifts.
Please contact Stephanie Dallakian by calling 734.522.5780

Daughters of Vartan Presents

Manti & More

A family evening filled with good food, family, friends, and lots of fun.

Friday, February 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Adults: \$30 | Children 12 and under: \$10

For reservations and information please be in touch with Gloria Korkoian at:

313.730.6698 or gkorkoian@gmail.com

100 S. York Street, Dearborn, MI 48124

Women's Guild Presents

A Luncheon & Fashion Show

Dedicated to all Mothers

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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Celebrating the 85th Anniversary of the Consecration of St. John Armenian Church.

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

Tickets on sale March 15th

Poon Paregentan - Sunday of Good Living

Sunday, February 7th

Sponsored by the St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild with Armenian
dancing and sounds by the Harry Kezelian Band

Please join us immediately after church for lunch, music, dancing, and a variety of children's activities including face painting, piñata, cookie decorating, crafts, and games.

REMINDER! Reservations are **greatly appreciated** for planning purposes. Please call Renee Baharian at 248.348.5474 to leave your family name and the number that will attend. A free will offering will be collected at the door. Please contact Kim Kalajian, Tricia Magee, or Heidi Aprahamian at 734.536.4680 with any questions.

To donate food for the event, please sign up at goo.gl/pWUgYs. Please note that this link is case sensitive.

Upcoming Events

Calling all newborns!

Father Aren will be blessing all unbaptized newly born babies at the end of Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 14th in celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of Christ to the Temple in Jerusalem.

Children's Sermon Sunday

Mark your calendars for a special Sunday, February 7th, where Fr. Aren will conduct a Children's Sermon.

Men's Society Pancake Breakfast and "Meet the Candidates" for Parish Assembly

Sunday, February 14th following *Badarak*

Featuring a Lent observant menu with an omelette station, pasta, vegetable soup, scrambled eggs, assorted vegetables, hashbrowns, waffles, pancakes, and ice cream. Free will offering is accepted.

Annual Parish Assembly and Council Elections

Sunday, February 21st following *Badarak*

Lenten Lunch will be served
Donation is \$10 to support the Fuller House Project

Volunteer Help

The Front Office needs your help! As a one of the biggest parishes in the Diocese, we have a large volume of incoming phone calls. If you are available any time from 9 am to 5 pm, your help would be greatly appreciated with answering the telephones and helping the office run more smoothly. For more information, kindly contact Fr. Aren at 248.569.3405.

Fellowship Hour Today

Today's Fellowship Hour is being hosted by Anaheet Krikorian in memory of her family members Haroutiun, Lucy, Krikor, Garabed, Kermanouhi, and Alis Krikorian.
All are welcome to join in the special remembrance.

On Leaving the Sanctuary After Badarak

When approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy you say:

Heeshetzeh 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.