

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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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 Կիրակնօրեա Թերթիկ 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 fill out a contact card 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.

July 10, 2016

The Armenian Church Year 1464

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRANSFIGURATION

Celebrant: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

Divine Liturgy / Ս.Պատարագ9:30 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Isaiah 3:16-4:1, I Corinthians 1:25-30, Matthew 18:10-14

Lector: SARA ANDONIAN

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

Today's Gospel
Matthew 18:10-14

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety nine on the hills and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

New St. John Communications Committee (SJCC)

The next SJCC meeting will take place on **Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 pm.**
Those who may have new ideas are welcome to bring their participation.

Gift to the Church

Alma Krikorian presents a gift to the church in honor of
Mary Sarafian's 95th Birthday on July 12, 1921.

Fellowship Tea

Today's Fellowship Tea is hosted by the family of Awanees Yeraniosian in his loving
memory. Everyone is welcome to attend after Badarak.

Next Sunday, July 17th, Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian will be the guest celebrant.
Fr. Aren invited Fr. Garabed to celebrate Divine Liturgy on the occasion of his
40th year anniversary of sacred ordination to priesthood.



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST



KORA SOLAKIAN JAMIAN, 40th Day, Beloved Wife, Beloved Mother, Mother-in-Law, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt

Requested by Christina & Dr. Steven Johnson & Family
Sandra & Gregory Jamian & Family
Cynthia & John Jamian & Family
Marilyn Boladian
Roxy S. Keurajian
Dr. John, Carol, Lauren, Jessica & John Paul Garry (from California)
Diane L. Keurajian (from California)

ROSE KEVONIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

Requested by Nancy and Dennis Kevonian
Melissa & Kyle Kevonian
Myron & Barbara Couyoumjian & Family

ROSE PAPAIZIAN, 40th Day, Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Khnamee, Cousin, Friend

Requested by Harry Papazian
Suzanne, Adam, Alexis, Hailey & Marisa Vahratian
Aram, Aram Jr. & Sophie Papazian
Terry & Marge Kasparian
Sylvia Constan
Lateena Brogdon
Deborah Yopp
Adam & Louise Vahratian
Debbie, Lucy & Bryan Koukoudian
Carol Koloian



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



JAMES ZARATZIAN, 40th Day, Friend

Requested by Stephen & Lisa Derderian

AWANEES YERANOSIAN, 1st Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

JYRAN AKSARELIAN

ARDASH AKSARELIAN

REBECA & BYATREES MALKHASIAN

Requested by Juliet Yeranorian

Rafi & Seta Yeranorian

Elizabeth, Aramice & Lena Malkhasian

Saren, Viken & Nazar Yeranorian

Nayree & Gevork Sarkisyan

MIKE KAYSSEIRIAN, 5th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother-in-Law, Uncle

Requested by Sarah Kaysserian

Dr. Kerry, Donna, Kevin & Mallory Kaysserian

Robert, Kiana, Kylie & Michael Rose

Simon Javizian

Lynn and William Ring, Kelsi & Dylan

Semon & Suzan Javizian & Alex

Garry, Patti & Gregory Javizian



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



EDWARD S. JAMIAN, 11th Year, Loving Husband, Loving Father, Father-in-Law, Grandfather

Requested by Christina & Dr. Steven Johnson & Family
Sandra & Gregory Jamian & Family
Cynthia & John Jamian & Family

HAGOP KACHADURIAN, 21st Year, Father, Grandfather

GLADYS KACHADURIAN, 53rd Year, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Nancy & Dennis Kevonian
Melissa & Kyle Kevonian

HRANT (HENRY) KEVONIAN, 37th Year, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Nancy & Dennis Kevonian
Melissa & Kyle Kevonian
Myron & Barbara Couyoumjian & Family

BARBARA NORSIGIAN, Beloved Wife, Beloved Mother (on her birthday)

Requested by Richard, Shant & Jordan Norsigian

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Haroutioun Warteressian**, who entered his eternal rest last week. His funeral took place at St. John Armenian Church on July 8, 2016.

May Christ our Lord shed His Eternal light upon his soul.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Jilber Abajian
Ramela Carman
Ruben Griffin
Jean Merzigian

Araxey Barsamian
Elina Cobb
Cheryl Giesa
Charles Sansone

Rose Boudakian
George Douroujalian
Don McCorkle
James Shahbazian

Women's Guild News

Please come and join us for festival preparations. No experience is necessary.

On **Monday, July 11** we will be preparing *Choreg Loaves* and on **Tuesday, July 12** we will be preparing *Katah*, both days from 9am until noon.

Everyone is welcome. All hands are good hands.

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, July 27th, 2016

12:00 — 2:00 pm

For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248.538.9993

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.

Receipts available in the church office.

Visit the Parish Bookstore

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

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

New: The Hundred Year Walk,

An Armenian Odyssey by Dawn Anahid MacKeen — HC \$24.00

New: Bronze Armenian Cross 5”X 3 1/2”

Suitable to hang on a wall or above a doorway — \$40.00

**“Ambassador Morgenthau’s Story” by Henry Morgenthau, American
Ambassador to Constantinople 1913-1916 — SC \$29.00**

**New: Truth Held Hostage, by John M. Evans, Former American Ambassador
to Armenia — HC \$32.00**

New: Armenian Alphabet Wood Puzzle — \$35.00

**New: “The Festal Works of St. Gregory of Narek” by Abraham Terian —
HC \$40.00**

New Items From Armenia

Arts of Armenia

This summer Arts of Armenia program will be from July 11 – 15, 2016
everyday from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

This highly acclaimed summer activity for our youth ages 8 - 13 is unique in its
goals of teaching Armenian Arts by professional educators.

Please contact Lisa Mardigian at lmardigian@sjachurch.org
for application and information.
or visit www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/artsofarmenia.html

DVD ON SALE NOW

The Detroit Armenian Chorale, A 100 - Year Journey of Remembrance and Song, memorable performance at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall DVD is available for sale for **\$10** at the book store. The DVD includes, the Chorale singing, Stories from Genocide, the Hamazkayin Arax Dance Ensemble and the Karapetyan Quartet performances under the direction of Deacon Rubik Mailian.

In Celebration of our 85th Anniversary

Annual Picnic **Sunday, August 14, 2016**

After church, at 12:00 pm, following the Blessing of the Grapes

Picnic Menu:

**Salad,
Peda Bread,
Chicken, Lamb,
Loulou or Veggie Kabobs**

**Rice or Bulgur Pilaf,
Watermelon,
Soft Drinks, Coffee**

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Hot Dogs for the kids

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Women's Guild Bake Sale

Activities

- Live Armenian Music
 - Slip n Slide
 - Moonwalk
- Kid's Tattoo Artist
 - Car Show

Baking Contest

- Contact Terry Palaian
tpalaian4@gmail.com

50/50 Raffle

Cash Prizes for
1st, 2nd and 3rd
Place

Contact Donn Vahratian
(248) 444-2174

Bring your Tavloo Boards and Cards

(Parents don't forget to bring a towel for the kids)

Pope In Armenia

"Even the greatest pain, transformed by the saving power of the Cross, can become a seed of peace for the future. Armenians are heralds and witnesses of this power." The words belong to His Holiness Pope Francis, spoken in the course of his visit to Armenia last weekend.

"The whole world needs this message," Pope Francis assured the people of our homeland. "It needs your presence; it needs your purest witness. Khaghaghoutiun amenetzoun!"

It was just one of many uplifting moments in the Pope's deeply affecting pilgrimage to the world's first Christian nation.

His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, welcomed his brother pontiff to Armenia on Friday, June 24. Over the course of three days, the two would stand side-by-side in services at Holy Etchmaidzin, Yerevan's Republic Square, the Dzidzernagapert Genocide Memorial, Gyumri's Azdvadzadzin church, and Khor Virab monastery (the site of St. Gregory the Illuminator's imprisonment), among other locales.

He met with Armenia's President Serge Sargsyan and dignitaries from the Armenian Church and government. But most of all, his presence was felt among Armenia's people-often in spontaneous moments of personal contact with children and their families, which vividly brought to life the Pope's tender pastoral qualities.

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese, and Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, the Diocese's Legate and Ecumenical Director, were prominent among the clergy participating in the services and various functions of the weekend. And a group of pilgrims from the Eastern Diocese also traveled to Armenia to witness the visit. (See below to read about the special contribution one member of our Diocese made to the occasion.)

Outside of Armenia, the Pope's visit was widely shared on social media, notably via the Twitter hashtag #PopeInArmenia, where commenters offered their impressions of the visit in real time. The trip also made international news headlines; click on the following links to read a story in the New York Times, and a pre-visit interview with Archbishop Barsamian that ran in the National Catholic Register.

But to feel the meaning of the Pope's sojourn in Armenia, nothing compares to watching the recordings of Pope Francis and Catholicos Karekin II praying together among the crowds of faithful Armenians. Click on the following video links to watch full recordings of the Pope's welcome service, the prayer at the Genocide Memorial, the ecumenical gathering in Republic Square, and the farewell event at Khor Virab.

(This article was taken from the Diocesan website)

St. Santoukhd, the First Martyr

The story of St. Santoukhd, the first Armenian saint, is inextricably bound to that of Saint Thaddeus. Thaddeus, one of Christ's holy disciples, was charged by Peter, leader of the disciples, to spread Christianity in Armenia in the 1st century A.D.

In his travels to Urfa, St. Thaddeus healed King Abgar, king of the Armenians and Assyrians. This miracle, witnessed by others, led to the king's conversion as well as the baptism and conversion of all the people of Edessa. Here St. Thaddeus built a church and ordained priests and deacons.

After leaving Urfa, the apostle traveled to northern Armenia, bearing the spear given him by Peter and a letter from King Abgar. He finally arrived at the town of Shavarshan, where King Sanadroug lived in the province of Arda. He preached the Word of Life, performed many astonishing miracles there, and baptized many believers.

One night the young and beautiful Princess Santoukhd, the king's daughter, went to see Thaddeus to find out about the new religion herself. According to accounts, she changed her royal garments and dressed in ordinary clothes and was led by a servant to a house where these early Christian meetings were held. Santoukhd received instruction from Thaddeus, and when she declared her belief in Christ and was baptized, a sign from heaven designated her as a holy virgin.

Those who witnessed this event immediately believed. The news enraged her father, King Sanadroug, who ordered all believers to be slain. As the soldiers were about to kill Thaddeus, a tremor and bright light streaked across the sky, frightening the unbelievers and sparing the apostle. Some time after this, however, the king's soldiers came and arrested Thaddeus as well as Princess Santoukhd.

Despite the king's punitive actions, the number of Christians increased. Even some of the king's soldiers who witnessed the miracles of Thaddeus became believers and converted. Further enraged, yet feeling some pity for his daughter, the king summoned Santoukhd from prison to give her a last chance to renounce her new faith and to claim allegiance to her father and his pagan gods.

Santoukhd was forced to choose between the crown and the sword. Because of her decision to stand firm in her Christian faith and reject her father's false gods, she was subjected to torture and ultimately ordered to be executed. During these times when she was weak and at her lowest, she drew strength from St. Thaddeus who encouraged her to hold fast, reminding her that she was a holy virgin and would soon see Christ face to face.

One account of her death states that immediately after one of the soldiers thrust his sword into the holy virgin's heart "a sweet fragrance filled the air and a light shone from heaven in the form of a fiery pillar that hovered over Santoukhd's body for three days and three nights." The more than 2,000 people that witnessed these events, it is said, all converted and were baptized that night. St. Santoukhd's body was buried and entombed by St. Thaddeus at the same site.

St. Santoukhd was martyred on the 15th of December, and the apostle St. Thaddeus, eight days later.
(This article was taken from the Diocesan website)

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 to be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized" list. 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 Tamara@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.

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On Leaving the Sanctuary After Divine Liturgy

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

Յիշեցէ Տէր զամենայն Պատարագս քո:

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.

May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.

The Priest answers:

Տացէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ զամենայն խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեցէ:

*Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev
zamenayn khorhoortus koh ee parees na
gadarestseh.*

May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your desires.
(Psalm 20:4)

When taking *Mahs* the GIVER says:

Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի քեզ ի Սուրբ Պատարագէս:

Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp Badarakes.

May this be to you a share and portion of the Holy Sacrifice.

The RECEIVER says:

Բաժին իմ Աստուած յաւիտեան:

Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.

My portion is God forever.

The Kiss of Peace

Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

The GIVER says: Christ is revealed amongst us.

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

The RECEIVER says: Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

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

The Psalm of Dismissal - Psalm 34

**Օրհնեցից ըզՏէր յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ,
օրհնութիւն նորա ի բերան իմ:**

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.*

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be at all times in my mouth.