

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

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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 24, 2016

The Armenian Church Year 1464

FOURTH 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 58:13-59:7, I Timothy 4:12-5:10, John 3:13-21

Lector: GAYLE HOPLAMAZIAN

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
John 3:13-21

No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.

Next Sunday, July 31st, Fr. Abraham Ohanesian will be our guest celebrant.

Fr. Aren Jebejian will be at Hye Camp beginning on July 27th (Staff Training) through the first week ending on August 5th. Fr. Aren will be the celebrant on August 7th.

In emergencies, Fr. Aren can be reached on his mobile phone at 773-457-4122 or you may contact Parish Council Chairman Jeffrey Axt at 248-797-8995.

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

Welcome to one and all for Festival Preparation Days.

Monday, July 25, from 9:00 a.m. until noon — Choreg loaf preparation.

Tuesday, July 26, from 9 a.m. until noon — Sou Boreg preparation.

All interested women and men are welcome and appreciated!!

No experience is necessary and all hands are good hands.

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.

For information please call Belinda Kabodian 248.767.3942

Don't miss the Women's Guild Annual Summer Outing

Thursday, August 4th at 4:30 p.m. at Hagopian World of Rugs

850 South Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham MI 48009

Join us to learn the history and traditions of beautiful handmade rugs by Suzanne Hagopian. Curious about a small oriental rug you own? Bring it along.

Dinner will follow at the Phonicia Restaurant.

588 South Old Woodward Avenue Birmingham, MI 48009

For reservations contact Judy Parks at 248-227-7637 or

hyefood@aol.com by July 27, 2016

Day by Day Bible Study

The Bible Study for Wednesday, July 27th has been cancelled.

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

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.

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.

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)

Holy Fathers Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria

St. Athanasius was bishop of Alexandria and one of the most illustrious defenders of the Christian faith. He was born at Alexandria in about the year 297.

At the Council of Nicaea, in 325 A.D., he appears prominently in connection with the Arian dispute, attending the council, not as one of its members (who were properly only bishops or delegates of bishops), but merely as the attendant of Patriarch Alexander. In this capacity, he was apparently allowed to take part in its discussions arguing earnestly for the apostolic doctrines. Within five months after his return, Alexander died and his friend and archdeacon Athanasius, at 30 years of age, was chosen to succeed him as bishop of Alexandria.

The first few years of the episcopate of Athanasius were tranquil, but the storms in which the remainder of his life was passed soon began to gather around him. The Council of Nicaea had settled the creed of Christendom, but had by no means settled the divisions in the church that the Arian controversy had provoked. Arius himself still lived, and rapidly regained influence over the Emperor Constantine. The result of this was a demand made by the emperor that Arius should be re-admitted to communion. Athanasius stood firm, and refused to have any communion with the advocates of a "heresy that was fighting against Christ."

Emperors and bishops alike exiled him because of his truth in Orthodoxy, and heretics like Arius and his followers. If imperious in temper and inflexible in dogmatic determination, Athanasius had yet a great heart and intellect, enthusiastic in devotion to Christ, and in work for the good of the church and of mankind.

His chief distinction as a theologian was his zealous advocacy of the essential divinity of Christ as co-equal in substance with the Father. This was the doctrine of the Homoousion, proclaimed by the Nicene Creed, and elaborately defended by his life and writings. Whether or not Athanasius first suggested the use of this expression, he was its greatest defender; and the universal doctrine of the Trinity has ever since been more identified with his "immortal" name than with any other in the history of the church and of Christian theology.

St. Cyril was the nephew of Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria, who educated him from his youth. He succeeded to his uncle's position in 412, but was deposed through the intrigues of the Nestorian heretics.

(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.