

THE GREAT LENTEN SEASON

During the period of Great Lent in the Armenian Church we observe the following:

- *The altar curtain is closed*
- *There is no Kiss of Peace during the Divine Liturgy*
- *Holy Communion is not offered during the Divine Liturgy*
- *The Holy Gospels Book is not venerated after worship*
- *Hymns are sung in penitential melody*
- *Names of saints are not remembered*
- *The organ is not played when you depart from the sanctuary*
- *All should remain silent when exiting the sanctuary after worship in respect to those who remain for devotional prayers*
- *Weddings and Baptisms are not celebrated*

THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL – PSALM 34

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

Օրհնեցից ԿՏէր 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.

**OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday – Friday
(248) 569-3405**

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Cell: (248) 225-9888

Parish Council Chairman's Cell: (248) 877-3456

Administrator's Cell: (248) 802-2861

Sunday Bulletin

Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր



**ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD
DEPART TO SERVE HIM**

**MARCH 22, 2009 - THE ARMENIAN YEAR OF 1458
SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE - ԴԱՏԱԻՈՐ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ
REMEMBRANCE OF THE FORTY MARTYRS OF SEBASTIA
ՔԱՌԱՍՈՒՆ ՄԱՆԿՈՒՆՔ ՍԵԲԱՍՍԻՈՅ**

CELEBRANT: REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAZIAN

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP
Ժամերգութեան ժամանակացոյց

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

Lenten Divine Liturgy - Սուրբ Պատարագ10:00 am

Sunrise Service - Արեւազարի Ժամ11:00 am

Today – Isaiah 65:8-25, Philippians 3:1-4:9, Luke 17:20-18:14
Next Week – Isaiah 66:1-24, Colossians 2:8-3:17, Matthew 22:34-23:39

LECTOR: Harry Avagian

THE NICENE CREED WILL BE CHANTED IN ARMENIAN

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Pastor

WELCOME . . . We welcome our visitors who are attending the Divine Liturgy at St. John's parish, and we pray that your participation has been enriched through word and worship. We invite those visitors who are baptized and/or confirmed in the Armenian Church or are members of a church which is in communion with the Armenian Church to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are a member of the Armenian Church and a newcomer to our community and would like information about our Christian Education program or any of our parish auxiliary groups, please call our office and we will be happy to respond to your questions. The Lord Jesus Christ loves you and desires that you share His love with others, making this holy community your spiritual home.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for weddings in our holy sanctuary are to be made at least eight months in advance. Marriage preparation and counseling are required before the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Marriages are NOT celebrated during the season of Great Lent according to Armenian Church Canon Law.

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

All Baptisms must be scheduled no less than two months in advance. At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Church, i.e. baptized in the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox faith. Baptisms are NOT celebrated during the season of Great Lent according to Armenian Church Canon Law.

CHURCH AND HOME...ONE IN SPIRIT

*If a people progresses, it takes its first step from the family home;
If illuminated, its light derives from the family lamp;
If united, its spirit and bond is the family;
If empowered, its strength and arm is the family;
If it prospers, its treasury and treasurer is the family;
If a people wants to inherit heaven after earth by
Keeping its religion, faith and church, then, yes,
The altar that maintains these holy
Traditions incorruptible and whole is the family.*

Khrimian Hayrig (1820-1907)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 COMMEMORATION OF ARMENIAN MARTYRS AT ST. JOHN'S

7:00 pm Requiem Service in the Sanctuary

7:30 pm *Madagh* Dinner in the Cultural Hall

All Are Welcome

8:00 pm Presentation & Discussion of *Skylark Farm* by
Antonia Arslan in the Cultural Hall

St. John Armenian Church is honored to host Ms. Antonia Arslan, the highly acclaimed author of *Skylark Farm*, as our speaker at the *Madagh* Dinner. *Skylark Farm* is a beautifully crafted story of an Armenian family in Anatolia and their suffering at the hands of the Ottoman Turks in 1915.

In order to prepare our parish for her visit, St. John's is pleased to offer a copy of *Skylark Farm* to each interested dues-paid member/family. In offering the books it is our goal that our parishioners will read it in preparation for her visit and discussion. Books will be available on Sundays after church services, in the lobby, **through Sunday, March 29**. Books are limited and are will be available on a first come, first served basis. Dues paid member/families may only pick up their own personal copies.

IN OUR COMMUNITY. . .

Programs Honoring Lady Caroline Cox

Recently Lady Cox was appointed to a permanent visitor professorship at Oakland University. In this capacity, she will be championing the Armenian cause through various avenues, including teaching.

To honor her humanitarian efforts for Armenia and Karabagh, Oakland University will establish a *Chair of Global Studies* and will sponsor a number of programs related to her ministry for Research and Education Advocacy for Children's Health (REACH). These programs will ultimately benefit Armenia and Karabagh.

The following programs will take place, which are open to the general public. The local Armenian community are invited to take part.

- | | |
|----------|---|
| April 21 | 3:00-5:00 pm Reception/TEA at St. John's sponsored by the Daughters of Vartan |
| April 22 | 6:00-10:00 pm Institute Dinner Honoring Lady Cox at Meadow Brook Hall of Oakland University |
| April 23 | 3:00-4:00 pm Public Lecture at Meadow Brook Hall |

For questions, contact Dr. Robert Kachadourian (248) 310-7307.

DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY, MARCH 26 AT NOON
Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta
Bring your Bible and lunch, we will provide the coffee.

Tracking Our "Treasures" **Sunday, March 15**
Plate Donations **\$235.00**
Candle Donations **\$129.00**

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: GATES OF CONSTANTINOPLE by Garo Lacinian
Photographs of ancient Byzantine structures surrounding
Constantinople with translation of Greek & Latin
inscriptions - Softcover - \$65.00
Proceeds to benefit St. John's & Terchoonian Home for
Orphans in Gumri, Armenia

SILVER JERUSALEM CROSSES - \$20.00

GOMIDAS SONGS by Isabel Bayrakdarian - **\$20.00**

WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER? by Elise Papazian - **\$20.00**

MY GRANDMOTHER: A MEMOIR BY FETHIYE CETIN - \$20.00

YOUR JOURNEY INTO ARMENIA by George Mouradian - **\$12.00**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 24 – SENIOR LUNCH - Noon
Wednesday, March 25 – ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner-5:30 pm
Thursday, March 26 – Komitas Choir Rehearsal-7:00 pm
Sunday, March 29 – SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT
MATINS AT 9:00 am DIVINE LITURGY AT 10:00 am
SUNRISE SERVICE AT 11:00 am

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Its better to remain silent and be thought a fool,
then to speak and remove all doubt.

USHERS

Berj Kurkechian, George Elian, Ardis Gregory,
Roger Gregory, Stephen Derderian, Richard Santourian,
Bill Derouchie

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Valeriy Bagdasarian Steven Bear (CA)
Gregory Derderian Margaret Jamgochian
Nora March

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servants of God
who entered their eternal rest this past week.

ROBERT AJEMIAN

JOHN KAZARIAN

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon their souls.

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Luke 17:20-18:14

And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man: and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary/ For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: "Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

A gift to the church was presented by Garabed Hoplamazian.

TODAY, THE SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE, we read about a judge who will not help a poor widow until she breaks him down with her persistence. In light of this example, can we doubt that God in His infinite love for us will help us? We are asked to continue to pray and listen.

NEXT WEEK, THE SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT, points us toward the time when Jesus will come again not as a gentle savior but as a righteous judge in the glory of His Father. We will be judged for the acts of goodness we have performed. Did we feed the hungry? Console the suffering?

EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to remember a loved one with a donation of Easter flowers, please call the church office to make the necessary arrangements.

SPONSORING SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Because of budget reductions for 2009, the annual amount designated for fellowships which take place after the Divine Liturgy has been eliminated. This does not mean we cannot share a cup of coffee or tea; it can still take place if it is sponsored by any willing parishioner at a rate of \$25.00 per fellowship. If you wish to sponsor a fellowship and keep this tradition of hospitality alive, it is the Parish Council's pleasure to invite your participation. Should you have any question, a Parish Council member will help you.

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND PARENTS

The Church Office has information on scholarships for students of Armenian ancestry. Please contact us for details. The Armenian Renaissance Association Sophia Chapter has released 2009 scholarship guidelines. See lobby carousel.

WOMEN'S GUILD WILL BE SELLING KHADAYIF AND CHEOREG AFTER CHURCH TODAY

Reminder to Women's Guild members... Book Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m.** to discuss The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Ann Barrows. The book is available at area libraries or may be purchased at Costco or Borders.

WOMEN'S GUILD RETREAT This year's theme is "**GOD...OUR HOPE**," and our featured speaker will be **Yn. Valerie Goekjian Zahirsky**. Our overnight retreat will be held at the **St. John's Retreat Center** in **Plymouth, MI**, from **6 pm on Friday, March 27 through 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28**. This has been a highly praised event in the past, so if you are interested in attending, please contact **Pam Dayinian, (248-644-8028) ASAP**, for more information and to sign up. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

SAVE THE DATE – Margaret Gozmanian is chairing a **Katah Bake** on **Tuesday, March 31 at 9 am**. Please join us! **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING TIME CHANGE:

The **Wednesday, April 1 General Body Meeting** will begin at **4 pm**, just prior to the **Lenten Fish & Lobster Dinner**.

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN BERKOWITZ GALLERY, MARDIGIAN LIBRARY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 in the Berkowitz Gallery 7:00 pm Refreshments; 7:30 pm Presentations & Discussion

Featured Speakers:

Samuel Totten, The University of Arkansas

"Confronting the Scourge of Genocide: From Knowledge to Action"

Roger Smith, College of William and Mary

"Should We Teach About Genocide? And If So, What Should We Teach?"

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 27, 2009 TO: 313-593-5236 or by email at: library-event-rsvp@umd.umich.edu

ACYOA Juniors

Lenten Fish & Lobster Dinner Wednesdays during Great Lent

March 25 – Fish Dinner – \$10.00

**Lobster Dinner
April 1 - \$20.00**

**Dinner served from 5:30p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Alternate Dinner: Grilled Cheese \$5.00**

RESERVATIONS PLEASE: 248 569-3405



LENTEN VIGIL SERVICE AT 7:00 PM

PROGRAMS FOLLOWING VIGIL SERVICE

MARCH 25 - FILM

**THE CONTINUING MISSION OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN
SPEAKER: FR. HRACH SARGSYAN
VARTAN ROOM**

APRIL 1 - CONCERT

**KOMITAS CHOIR TO PRESENT A CONCERT OF
SACRED LENTEN MUSIC IN THE SANCTUARY.
SELECTIONS INCLUDE:
“SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST,”
“OOR ES MAYR IM,”
GOSPEL MUSIC**

+ BASHDON HOKEHANKSDYAN – REQUIEM SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

Today during the Divine Liturgy we offer our prayers as the community of
St. John’s for the souls of the departed servants of Christ.

**FOR THE SOULS OF THE 40 MARTYRS OF SEPASTIA AND ALL
DEPARTED MEMBERS OF THE PAN SEPASTIA REHABILITATION
UNION OF DETROIT**

Requested by David, Marianne, Danny & Karen Dardarian

ARDEMIS KALOUSDIAN, 40th Day, Lifetime Friend

Requested by Laura Sarkesian & Family

**JEANNE TASHJIAN, 1st Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great
Grandmother, Sister, Sister-in-law, Aunt**

**EDWARD TASHJIAN, 20th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great
Grandfather, Brother-in-law, Uncle**

**ARDASH MOORADIAN, 26th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather,
Brother-in-law**

**MARIAM MOORADIAN, 11th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great
Grandmother, Sister-in-law**

Requested by Tina Choeny & Family

Bruce Tashjian & Family

Wayne & Deborah Tashjian

Jesse & Susie Siebert & Family

Helen Mooradian

Pearl Mooradian

ALICE ZEVZAVADJIAN, 1st Year, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Greg & Anita Boyajian, Raffi, Marissa & Gregory
Christine Zevzavadjian

FRED DEMIRJIAN, 2nd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Nora Demirjian

Elise & Kenneth Landis, Joseph, John, and Michael

Denise & John Pochas, Allison and Christian

ARCHIE KAHAYIAN, 9th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother

Requested by Hermalene Kahayian

Richard & Arlene Hovsepian, Kristen, Kelly, Ricky & Andrew

Michael & Kathy Kahayian, Jeffrey, Lindsay & Nolan

Arpena Kahayian

EGIYA UZUNJIAN, Grandfather

TAKUHI UZUNJIAN, Grandmother

OHAN UZUNJIAN, Father

SIRANUS UZUNJIAN, Mother

Requested by Deacon Shahin & Azat Uzunjian

