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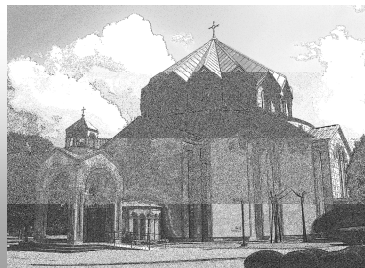
The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian – *Pastor*

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and *Pastoral Assistant*

Ms. Margaret Lafian - *Organist*



Sunday Bulletin ~ Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր

THE YEAR OF VOCATIONS

ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

DEPART TO SERVE HIM

Encourage our young men to serve the Lord as priests.

March 28, 2010 ~ The Armenian Year of 1459

PALM SUNDAY—ԾԱՆԿԱԶԱՐԴ

THE LORD'S DAY ~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*9:00 am

Divine Liturgy - *Սուրբ Պատարագ*9:45 am

Church School - *Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոց*10:15 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Today – Song of Solomon 1:1-2:3, Zecariah 9:9-15, Philippians 4:4-7,
Matthew 20:29—21:17

Next Week—Acta 1:15-26, Mark 16:2-8

Lector: John Kalajian

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. And make sure 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.

**WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET . . .
BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.**

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:29-21:17

And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the roadside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent; but they cried out the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" and Jesus stopped and called them, saying, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they received their sight and followed him.

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers."

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings you have brought perfect praise'?" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Norman Akarakcian
Millie Jingoian
Helen Z. Sahakian
Agnes Tokatlian

Mickey Amboyan
Joan Kurkian
Jack Serce
Gloria Vartanian

Edgar Hagopian
William Pugh
Ralph Snyder
Flora Yessayan

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servant of God

MICHELLE DANIELIAN

who entered her eternal rest this past week.

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY, THURSDAY, APRIL 22 @ NOON

Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta

TRACKING OUR TREASURES - SUNDAY, MARCH 21

Plate Donations of the Day \$191.00

Candle Donations of the Day \$240.00

Give to Armenia's Children...Help Armenia's Future
St. John's Women's Guild Schoolbag Project needs your support.

A donation of \$20 will provide a needy Armenian student in Armenia with a schoolbag filled with school supplies.

For more information, please phone Laurie Reizian
at (248) 348-1928

or e-mail Laurie at ldreizian@yahoo.com

CONGRATULATIONS NEW ACYOA SENIORS BOARD

Chairman—Karen Dardarian

Vice Chair—Taline Kalanjan

Treasurer—Kelly Callan

Recording Secretary — Harry Kezelian

Corresponding Secretary —Daniel Dardarian

Advisor — Margeaux Reizian

Commemorative Memory Book

Attention ACYOA Alumni! We are proud to announce that the ACYOA will publish its first ever Commemorative Memory Book just in time to celebrate its 65th anniversary. This beautiful hardcover book will be filled with your memories, pictures and stories. Please email Karen Dardarian—karendardarian@gmail.com for submissions and more information.

WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR PARISH BOOKSTORE

New Faith to New World: Stories from the History of the Armenian Church by Hagop Nersoyan—Softcover—\$20.00

FROM JERUSALEM: Silver cross and chain—420.00

KOMITAS CHOIR PLANS OCTOBER 9 CONCERT TO BENEFIT ST. JOHN'S

We are in need of additional voices. Interested individuals should contact Deacon Rubik at 248.569.3405 or . . .rubik@sjachurch.org.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Bernie & Pat Akkashian have made a donation honoring the Walled Lake Western High School Choir, which is performing a concert here today. Their grandson, Ryan Sirian, is a member of the choir and will travel with them to perform in Europe.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sirian, Ryan and Cameron have made a donation in honor of the Walled Lake Western Europe Choir Concert being held here today.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TO BEGIN MARCH 29

The Pastor and Parish Council are pleased to inform our faithful that Mr. Thomas Stambouljian Jr. has accepted the position as our new parish Administrator. He will be working with David Dardarian during a brief period of transition and orientation. Mr. Dardarian will officially finish his work with us as administrator March 26. We offer our prayers of thanks to God for his sound and creative leadership, and for Mr. Stambouljian's new ministry in our midst.

CAMP REUNION—SATURDAY MAY 22, 2010, 6:30 PM ST. JOHN'S CULTURAL HALL

Remember the Great Times: Clear Lake Camp, Camp Ararat & Hye Camp. Renew old friendships. Receive a Free CD of Camp Photos with Advanced Ticket Purchase.

Contact Isabelle Vahratian (248) 890-2185 for more information. This event is open to everyone. See poster on bulletin board.

JOIN FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT KEF KLUB The Gathering Place for ALL Ages FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010, 6:00 pm, Rec Ctr

St. John's Armenian Church School
May 8, 2010

Bike & Walk-a-thon

Hines Park 10 or 20K Event

**Starting 9:00 am at Nankin Mills Area
at Hines Drive & Ann Arbor Trail Roads**

**Proceeds will go to Fund for Armenia Relief (FAR) Homeless
Children's Center in Armenia.**

See poster on bulletin board for details.

**EASTER EVE AT ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
FOR ALL CHILDREN & FAMILIES
SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2010**

Reading from the Holy Scriptures - 4:00 pm

Easter Divine Liturgy - 5:00 pm

Church School students will join the Komitas Choir and sing the hymns of the *Soorp Badarak* and receive Holy Communion with their families.



**AT THE CONCLUSION OF
WORSHIP SERVICES,
EASTER EVE SUPPER
WILL BE SERVED BY THE
CHURCH SCHOOL
IN THE CULTURAL HALL**

**CHILDREN: GRATIS
ADULTS: \$15.00**

*Please reserve for tables of 8-10 by
phoning Alberta Godoshian
(248) 476 - 4638*

***THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915
ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY COMMEMORATION
AT ST. JOHN 'S
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010***

***DIVINE LITURGY—10 AM
FOLLOWED BY A
SOLEMN REQUIEM SERVICE &
WREATH LAYING CEREMONY
AT MARTYRS MONUMENT,
MADAGH DINNER & PROGRAM***

***SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:
HONORABLE JOHN M. EVANS
FORMER U. S. AMBASSADOR
TO ARMENIA***

***LET US HONOR OUR
MARTYRS AND SHOW OUR
GRATITUDE TO
AMBASSADOR EVANS***



THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Tuesday, March 30—Great & Holy Tuesday
Remembering the Wise & Foolish Virgins
Vespers @7:30 pm
Church School Tea to follow service

Thursday, April 1 — Great & Holy Thursday
Divine Liturgy @ 10:30 am
Washing of Feet @ 7:30 pm
Betrayal & Passion of Our Lord @ 8:30 pm

Friday, April 2—Great & Holy Friday
Order of Crucifixion of Our Lord @ 11:30 am
Entombment of Our Lord @ 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 3 -Great & Holy Saturday
Scripture Readings @ 4:00 pm
Divine Liturgy @ 5:00 pm
Easter Supper @ 7:00 pm (see details on previous page)

Sunday, April 4—EASTER
Morning Service @ 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy @ 9:45 am
Women's Guild Easter Tea

**SAVE THE DATE . . . SUNDAY, APRIL 18
TOWN HALL MEETING . . .AFTER CHURCH**

MEN'S SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH OMELET STATION SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Includes: Sausage, Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Coffee, Milk—OR:
Chef George Boyagian and his team will prepare an omelet of your choice
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO "HYE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND"

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Today, the Guild will be selling KATAH, KHALKHA, KHADAYIF, CHEOREG AND TEPSEE BEOREG AND MORE.

On **Monday April 5 at 5pm** we need help preparing Kharpert Kufteh. On **Tuesday, April 6 at 9 am** we will finish making Kharpert Kufteh. **EVERYONE** is welcome. Women's Guild membership is not required. Please join us; enjoy working and learning, while serving our Church.

Moms and Manooos will meet regularly the *first and third Tuesday each month at 10:00 am*. It gives moms a chance to meet new people within the St. John's family while their children interact and play. **Currently the group meets in the Nursery** which is filled with a wonderful array of toys, but as the weather clears, we will plan outings, such as the zoo, parks, etc. Belonging to this group is a wonderful introduction to Church life for young moms and children. Please contact Kristen Gustafson (248) 765-0471 for more information and to sign up for our next play date. We hope to see you there. Membership in the Women's Guild is not required.

We invite you to become a member of St. John's Women's Guild. Membership will provide you with opportunities to work, learn, and enjoy fellowship with old friends and new in service to our church and community. You will be able to select activities that match your interest and fit your schedule. We would love to have you join us in time for our June membership dinner! Please call Linda Assarian, 248.332.0816.

A Kharpert Kufteh Family Dinner
Friday, April 9, 2010, 7:00 pm
RSVP by April 1 to Joyce Obenhoff 586.754.3984

*The Women's Guild of St. John's Armenian Church
cordially invites you to attend
The Wedding Party
a luncheon and fashion show of vintage wedding attire
Saturday, the eighth of May
Two thousand and ten
Cocktail Reception at twelve o'clock
Luncheon and Fashion Show at twelve-thirty
St. John's Armenian Church Cultural Hall
Donation \$40.00
Advance reservations required*

*Marilyn Sarkisian
248.332.6570*

ON LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

Q. What do I say when approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy?

You say:

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.

Յիշեցէ՛ Տէր Վաճնայն Պատարագս քո:

May the Lord remember all your offerings.

The Priest answers:

Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev zamenayn khorhoortus koh ee pareas na gadarsestseh.

Տացէ՛ քեզ Սէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ Վաճնայն խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեսցէ:

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

Q. What do I say when I take Mahs?

The GIVER says:

*Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee
kez ee Soorp Badarakes.*

Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի 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:

God is my portion 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 haydootyoonun
Kreesdosee*

THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenyn zham
orhnootyoon 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.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

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Parish Council Chairman's Home: 734.998.1183

Administrator's Cell: 248.880-8391