

## 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.*

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(248) 569-3405**

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## *Sunday Bulletin*

*Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր*



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

**MARCH 29, 2009 - THE ARMENIAN YEAR OF 1458  
SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT - ԴԱԼՍԵԱՆ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ**

**CELEBRANT: REV. FR. HRACH SARGSYAN**

**THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP**  
*Ժամերգութեան ժամանակացոյց*

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

*Lenten Divine Liturgy - Սուրբ Պատարագ .....10:00 am*

Today – Isaiah 66:1-24, Colossians 2:8-3:17, Matthew 22:34-23:39  
Next Week – Zeccariah 9:9-15. Philippians 4:4-7, Matthew 20:29-21:17

**LECTOR: Dr. Salpi Toroyan**

**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.

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### **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.

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| 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, APRIL 16 AT NOON**  
**Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta**  
**Bring your Bible and lunch, we will provide the coffee.**

<u>Tracking Our "Treasures"</u>	<u>Sunday, March 22</u>
Plate Donations	\$163.00
Candle Donations	\$119.00

### AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

**NEW: 14K ARMENIAN BIBLE CHARM**  
**INSCRIBED WITH THE "HAYR MER" - \$20.00**  
**ON DISPLAY AT BOOKSTORE - SPECIAL ORDER**

**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 31 – SENIOR LUNCH - Noon

Wednesday, April 1 – ACYOA Lobster & Fish Dinner-5:30 pm

Thursday, April 2 – Komitas Choir Rehearsal-7:00 pm

Sunday, April 5 – PALM SUNDAY

MATINS AT 9:00 am DIVINE LITURGY AT 10:00 am

### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

Who seeks a faultless friend remains friendless.

**THE NICENE CREED WILL BE RECITED IN ARMENIAN**

**USHERS – All three teams**

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

### **TODAY'S GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46**

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your god with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet?' If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.

TODAY, 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?

NEXT WEEK, PALM SUNDAY, we celebrate the triumphant entry into Jerusalem of our Lord Jesus Christ. Next week's Gosepl describes this pivotal event in His life (Matthew 20:29-21:17).

### **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, TEPSEE BEOREG AND RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THREE BASKETS OF ARMENIAN DELICACIES AFTER CHURCH TODAY**

WINTER BAKING - - Margaret Gozmanian is chairing a *Katah* Bake on Tuesday, March 31 at 9 am. Please join us!

#### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

You need NOT be a Women's Guild member to participate.

Our next General Body Meeting is this Wednesday, April 1 at 4 pm in the Ararat Room.

#### **THE TORCHBEARER IS NOW ONLINE!**

As promised, the newly re-designed *Torchbearer* is available online on St. John's web page...

[stjohnsarmenianchurch.com](http://stjohnsarmenianchurch.com)

## **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**



St. John's Komitas Choir Presents  
"Crucifixion and Resurrection"  
A Lenten concert of  
meditation and reflection

Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 pm

PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:  
"SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST,"  
"OOR ES MAYR IM,"  
GOSPEL MUSIC  
AND MORE



**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.

**JEANNE TASHJIAN, 1<sup>st</sup> Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother,  
Sister, Sister-in-law, Aunt, Niece**  
**EDWARD TASHJIAN, 20<sup>th</sup> Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather,  
Brother-in-law, Uncle, Nephew**  
**ARDASH MOORADIAN, 26<sup>th</sup> Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather,  
Brother-in-law**  
**MARIAM MOORADIAN, 11<sup>th</sup> Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great  
Grandmother, Sister-in-law**  
**ROUPEN & PERLANTE TASHJIAN, Father-in-Law, Mother-in-Law,  
Grandparents, Great-Grandparents, Great-Great Grandparents**

Requested by Tina Choeny & Family  
Bruce Tashjian & Family  
Wayne & Deborah Tashjian  
Jesse & Susie Siebert & Family  
Helen Mooradian  
Pearl Mooradian

**GURGEN TUMASYAN, 53<sup>rd</sup> Year, Father**  
**HAMEST TUMASYAN, 13<sup>th</sup> Year, Mother**  
**SEDA TUMASYAN, Sister**  
**VALENTINA SARKISOV, Sister**  
**VLADIMIR SARKISOV, Brother-in-Law**

Requested by Alla Tumasyan

**KHOSROF ASSADOURIAN, Father, Grandfather**  
**YERETZGIN MARY ASSADOURIAN, Mother, Grandmother**  
**DEACON AVAK ASSADOURIAN, Brother, Uncle**  
**GARBIS OHANIAN, Husband, Brother, Uncle**  
**MARIAM ASSATORY, Mother, Grandmother**

Requested by Sirapie Ohanian  
Dr. & Mrs. Neshan Ohanian  
Mr. & Mrs. Rich Apkarian  
Christian Ohanian  
Diana Ohanian  
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Ohanian  
Varujan & Adrine Ohanian  
Ara, Lora, Christina & Stephanie Kazanjian

# ACYOA DAY

## PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

### APRIL 5, 2009



# GUEST SPEAKER:

# ARMEN KETEYIAN

Join the St. John's Community to celebrate  
**ACYOA DAY.**  
A Sunday Brunch and program will follow the  
Divine Liturgy.  
Detroit's own Armen Keteyian, of CBS News,  
will deliver a special message.

R.S.V.P (248) 661-0617 or  
[ddardarian21@yahoo.com](mailto:ddardarian21@yahoo.com)  
for reservations and questions.

DONATION:  
ADULTS: \$15 Age 6-13: \$5  
Children Free



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>th</sup> ACYOA DAY**

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**ARMEN KETEYIAN**  
**EASTER EVE AT ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH**



