St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

22001 Northwestern Highway | Southfield, MI 48075 248.569.3405 (phone) | 248.569.0716 (fax)

The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian — Pastor
The Reverend Father Diran Papazian — Pastor Emeritus
Deacon Rubik Mailian — Director of Sacred Music
and Pastoral Assistant
Ms. Margaret Lafian - Organist



Sunday Bulletin

OUR CHURCH AND PARISH IS A PLACE WHERE...

All people are welcome . . . Every member is a minister . . .

The world is our collective responsibility . . .

Disciple-making is our goal . . . And worship is our duty and delight.

MARCH 31, 2013—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1463 FEAST OF THE GLORIOUIS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Մուրբ եւ Հրաշափառ Յարութիւն Մեր Տիրոջ Յիսուսի Քրիստոսի

THE LORD'S DAY AND SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service / Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն	9:00 am
Church School / Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարան	10:15 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY TODAY THIS WEEK: Acts 1:15-26, Mark 16:2-8

NEXT WEEK: Acts 5:34-6:7, James 3:1-12, John 1:1-17

Lector: Harry Avagian

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 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.

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Mark 16:2-8

And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

William Carlin Gayaneh Kachadourian Cindy Rauch Steve Daniels

Dr. Haig Tashjian Rev. Fr. Garen Gdanian Cheryl Giesa

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servant of God

SIMON TASHJIAN

who entered his eternal rest this past week. May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon his soul.

TODAY . . . EASTER TEA THE PARISH COUNCIL INVITES ALL PARISHIONERS TO ATTEND THE EASTER TEA PREPARED AND SERVED BY THE WOMEN'S GUILD. ALL ARE WELCOME!

WHAT TO DO WITH LAST YEAR'S PALMS

Do not discard palms in the trash can! The palms have been blessed. The proper way to dispose of them is to burn them to ash and disperse the ashes over the soil of your garden or lawn.

Next Sunday, April 7th, The Men's Society will host its monthly **Pancake Breakfast.** Funds raised by Free Will Offerings will go to support the Men's Society and Komitas Choir's audio/visual project for the Sanctuary. Come and join us and give generously. The members of the Men's Society thank you for your continued support of these functions.

GIFTS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

The cut flowers adorning the empty tomb of our Lord were presented by Edward and Yvonne Korkoian and Family in memory of
Rev. Fr. Haroutiun Dagley, Harry B. Dardarian, Harry A. Kezelian Sr.,
Harry Asadoorian, Harry Sarkisian, grandmothers and great grandmothers
Eugapere Zobian and Yougaper Dardarian, and in honor of David Harry Dardarian, Dr. Harry A. Kezelian, and Harry A. Kezelian III.

In commemoration of the oil bearing women—Yughaperitz—and in loving memory of grandmother Magdalena Chamourian, mother Myrenie Mezian and sister Armenouhie Keleshian, a gift is presented for the lighting of the Resurrection candle at the empty tomb of our Lord, by Sirvart Mezian.

The Easter lilies and potted hydrangeas adorning the main and side altars were presented by Drs. Hashim and Mary Alani in memory of parents Khachick Michaelian and Victoria Sarafian Michaelian.

The potted tulips adorning the main altar were presented in memory of beloved son and brother Nadeem Belbeisi by Lucille Belbeisi,

Alia Belbeisi and Deema Gamal.

In remembrance of Edward S. Jamian and Sophie Nagohosian on this Easter Sunday, altar candles have been donated by the family of Gregory and Sandra Jamian and their children: Alexis, Lia and Natalie Jamian.

In memory of Melkon and Soorpoohi Chiefgian, Nishan and Arshalous Janigian, Dr. Aram Janigian, and Sahak Roy Sahakian, an Easter candle was presented by Silva Sahakian, Susan Janigian and Sally Blegvad.

In memory of Harry S. Carman Jr., a gift is presented on the occasion of his name day by the Carman and Doyon Families.

Patty, Rosemary and Dyana present a gift in honor of the name day of father Harry A. Kezelian Sr., husband and brother Dr. Harry A. Kezelian, son and nephew Harry A. Kezelian III, and *khnamee* Harry B. Dardarian.

Daniel and Karen Dardarian make a donation in honor of the name day of father, David Harry Dardarian; uncle Dr. Harry Kezelian Jr.; cousin, Harry Kezelian III; and in loving memory of grandfather Harry Dardarian; great uncle Harry Kezelian, Sr., and uncle Rev. Fr. Haroutiun Dagley.

In memory of husband Dr. Sarkis Derderian and son Dr. Paul Derderian, an Easter candle has been donated by Mrs. Helen Derderian.

THE PASTOR AND PARISH COUNCIL THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR PARTICIPATING IN HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Tuesday Remembrance of Wise and Foolish Virgins

Allison Amboian Caylin Kojamanian
Katherine Amboian Grace Magee
Anoush Arslanian Mariam Habring Lia Toovalian

Cecile Koceyan Stephanie Toovalian

Holy Thursday Feet Washing Service

Nicholas Boyadjian

Zachery Brown

Nicholas Couyoumjian

Masis Habring

Stevie Hagopian

Kyle Kalajian

Alex Koceyan

Michael Ohanesian

Vartan Ohanesian

Noah Stillman

Kyle Johnson

Nazar Yeranosian

We thank the students from the AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian School who read the Scriptures in Armenian on Holy Saturday

EASTER GREETING . . . During the period we call Eastertide, the Easter greeting outside the Divine Liturgy is:

Kreesdos Haryav ee Merelots! Orhnyal eh Harootyoonun Kreesdosee!

(See the back page for the Kiss of Peace greeting exchanged during the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, which does not change.)

THE PASTOR AND PARISH COUNCIL THANK THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS..

- Alberta Godoshian and Church School parents who prepared the sweets for the reception on Holy Tuesday after the Wise and Foolish Virgins Service.
- Arthur and Rose Mardigian for donating and preparing the butter blessed and given to the faithful on Holy Thursday.
- Norman and Janet Ankers for decorating our Lord's Tomb for the Holy Friday Service of the Burial of Our Lord.
- ♦ The members of the Women's Guild for undertaking the preparation of the Easter Sunday Fellowship.
- The Men's Society and family members who worked diligently Monday evening making countless Nushkhars to be distributed at the Easter Tea today:

Fr. Garabed

Glen Akarakcian and his daughter Isabelle,

Greg Baise

George Boyagian

Daniel and Judy Cristiano

David Dardarian

Gjon Ivezaj and sons Caleb and Noah

Craig Johnson

Robert Magee and daughters Grace and Rebecca

John Pochas

Fric Slowik

Peter Toukhanian and daughter Maral

Paul Yousoufian

WHAT TO DO WITH A BLESSED NUSHKHAR? Take it home and place it in a jar of rice, bulghur wheat, lentils, flour, sugar, salt or any dry grain or pasta. The Nushkhar will keep the flavors and foods of the home prepared with these dry ingredients filled with Christ's blessings for always.

HOME BLESSINGS . . . Call the church office to arrange to have Der Hayr come and bless your home. It is a pious custom to begin the liturgical year with the blessings of our Lord's Resurrection.

An Easter Sermon

A re there any who are devout lovers of God?

Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!

Are there any who are grateful servants?

Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

Are there any weary from fasting?

Let them now receive their due!

 \mathbf{I} f any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their reward If any have come after the third hour, let them with gratitude join in the feast! Those who arrived after the sixth hour, let them not doubt; for they shall not be short-changed. Those who have tarried until the ninth hour, let them not hesitate; but let them come too. And those who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let them not be afraid by reason of their delay. For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. The Lord gives rest to those who come at the eleventh hour, even as to those who toiled from the beginning. To one and all the Lord gives generously. The Lord accepts the offering of every work. The Lord honors every deed and commends their intention. Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!

First and last alike, receive your reward.

Rich and poor, rejoice together!

Conscientious and lazy, celebrate the day!

You who have kept the fast, and you who have not, rejoice, this day, for the table is bountifully spread!

Feast royally, for the calf is fatted.

Let no one go away hungry.

Partake, all, of the banquet of faith.

Enjoy the bounty of the Lord's goodness!

Let no one grieve being poor,
for the universal reign has been revealed.
Let no one lament persistent failings,
for forgiveness has risen from the grave.
Let no one fear death,
for the death of our Saviour has set us free.
The Lord has destroyed death by enduring it.
The Lord vanquished hell when he descended into it.
The Lord put hell in turmoil even as it tasted of his flesh.
Isaiah foretold this when he said,
"You, O Hell, were placed in turmoil when he encountering you below"

Hell was in turmoil having been eclipsed.

Hell was in turmoil having been mocked.

Hell was in turmoil having been destroyed.

Hell was in turmoil having been abolished.

Hell was in turmoil having been made captive.

Hell grasped a corpse, and met God.

Hell seized earth, and encountered heaven.

Hell took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see.

O death, where is your sting?

O hell, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and you are cast down!
Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen!
Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!
Christ is risen, and life is set free!
Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead.
For Christ, having risen from the dead,
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
To Christ be glory and power forever and ever. Amen!

Michigan Opera Theatre "Sextuplets and a Baby Grand" comes to St. John Armenian Church! Sunday, April 14, 2013, 3:00 pm St. John's Cultural Hall

Seating is limited!

Join us for an afternoon of operatic favorites with commentary from MOT General Director David DiChiera. The program will feature artists from the company's spring season, with highlights from its productions of "Fidelio" and "Aida."

* * *

Tickets: St. John's Church Office (248) 569-3405

\$25 adults \$10 students and children under 18

All tickets are general admission.

Please make check payable to: Komitas Choir of St. John

Sponsored by St. John Armenian Church Music Guild

The Easter Lily

For many, the beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life—the spiritual essence of Easter.

Often called the tles of hope," lilies in the Garden of Christ's agony. Tradibeautiful white lilies Christ's drops of ground in his final deep distress. this tradition at Easttheir altars and sures with masses of



"white-robed aposwere found growing Gethsemane after tion has it that the sprung up where sweat fell to the hours of sorrow and Churches continue er time by banking rounding their cross-Easter Lilies, to com-

memorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

Most importantly, the pure white lily has long been closely associated with the Virgin Mary. In early paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured extending to the Virgin Mary a branch of pure white lilies, announcing that she is to be the mother of the Christ Child. In other paintings, saints are pictured bringing vases full of white lilies to Mary and the infant Jesus. St. Joseph is depicted holding a lily-branch in his hand, indicating that his wife Mary was a virgin.

Our Church tradition tells us that when the Virgin Mary's tomb was visited three days after her burial, it was found empty save for bunches of majestic white lilies. Early Church fathers and writers as well as iconographers [religious artists] have included the lily as a symbol, particularly of the Annunciation [as visibly shown in the icon on our side altar], and images of the Resurrection of the Virgin, the pure white petals signifying her spotless body and the golden anthers her soul glowing with heavenly light.

Whether given as a gift or enjoyed in your own home, the Easter lily, along with other Easter flowers, serves as a beautiful reminder that Easter is a time for rejoicing, celebrating and praising Christ with His Victory of Life over death.

DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN HOSTING RECEPTION FOR BARONESS CAROLINE COX

The Detroit Chapter of the Daughters of Vartan is hosting a Reception for Baroness Caroline Cox on Tuesday April 30, 2013. It will take place in the Vartan Room at St. John Armenian Church from 5:30-7:30 pm. It is open to the public. There is no charge.



Lady Cox will be in the Detroit area on April 27, 2013 to give the Commencement Address for the School of Health Sciences and School of Nursing at Oakland University. She was awarded an honorary degree of Doctorate of Humanities *Honoris Causa* by Oakland University. Her global humanitarian efforts led Oakland University's School of Nursing's REACH (Research, Education and Advocacy for Children's Health) to name an endowed chair in her honor. They are work-

ing to establish a partnership with the American University in Armenia to provide student-faculty exchanges.

Baroness Cox was appointed a Life Peer of the British House of Lords by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in 1982 and served as Deputy Speaker of the House form 1985 – 2005. She is now Chancellor of Liverpool Hope University and Vice President of the Royal College of Nursing.

She has become one of Britain's most outspoken activists for human rights, is a defender of human rights in the House of Lords, United Kingdom, and is a distinguished educator and author. She is the chief executive of Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART). She is also a strong supporter of self-determination for the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh.

On February 15, 2006 she was awarded the Mkhitar Gosh Medal by the President of the Republic of Armenia Robert Kocharyan. The Daughters of Vartan awarded Lady Cox their first Humanitarian of the Year Award in July 2009.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Holocaust Remembrance Day / Yom Hashoah (in Hebrew)

Father Garabed will join Archbishop Allen Vigneron and other clergy to take part in a community-wide interfaith observance and special musical liturgy, the first of its kind, dedicated to Yom Hashoah on Sunday, April 7th, 4:00 pm at Orchestra Hall. The performance will include the cantata "I Believe - A Shoah Requiem" written by Daniel Gross, Cantor of Adat Shalom Synagogue in West Bloomfield, as well as poetry of Holocaust survivors. It is the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising. The Day begins the evening of April 7th and ends the evening of April 8th. The remembrance occurs in the month of April every year. Reserved seating for the general public is sold out. Call 248-851-5100 to be wait-listed. Read more online: http://www.wxyz.com/dpp/news/events-highlighting-

holocaust-remembrance-day#ixzz2NwnPj9xd

Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 7:00 pm **Holocaust Memorial Center** 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

"Two Survivors' Perspectives: The Armenian Genocide and the **Holocaust Through the Experiences of Survivors** Who Outwitted Their Killers"

Professor Robert Melson, Professor Emeritus at Purdue University, will address the history of the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust through the eves of two survivors. Free admission—Reception will follow

Sponsored by Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University Voice/Vision Holocaust Survivor Oral History Archive The Armenian Research Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 6:30 pm, St. John's

Leading criminal defense attorney, Mr. Mark Geragos will be here for a book signing of his book, MISTRIAL: An Inside Look at How the Criminal Justice System Works...and Sometimes Doesn't. Partial proceeds will be donated to The Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief (SOAR). Wine and cheese reception to follow. For additional details, please contact Mr. Drew Zamanigian, Detroit SOAR Chapter President 248-322-9393.

The Detroit United Committee presents the 98th Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide Special Keynote Speaker
Dr. Susan Karamanian, International Law Expert

Saturday, April 20, 2013, 7:00 pm AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian School Emcee: Judge Lisa Asadoorian

Dr. Susan Karamanian, a leading expert on international law, serves as Associate Dean for International and Comparative Legal Studies at George Washington University's Law School. Dr. Karamanian will explore the possibilities for Armenians to pursue justice through the U.N. International Courts for Human Rights and the International and Criminal Court, both located at the Hague.

The program will include a presentation by the Alex & Marie Manogian AGBU High School students.

Everybody is cordially invited - Reception to follow

Sponsored by
ADL Detroit Chapter, AGBU, Armenian Congregational Church,
Armenian Research Center at U of M Dearborn,
CSAI, Detroit Armenian Women's Club,
Knights of Vartan, Daughters of Vartan, Tekeyan Cultural Association

DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH, NOON-2:00 PM IN THE NURSERY ROOM

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND YOUR BIBLE ALL ARE WELCOME!

APRIL 24: A DUAL REMEMBRANCE AT ST. JOHN'S WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013, 7:00 PM

St. John Armenian Church will commemorate the 98th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm. A solemn Requiem Service will be offered in memory of the one and one half million Armenian souls who perished at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish Empire during 1915 and thereafter. We will also honor the survivors of the Genocide residing in the metro Detroit area. Following the requiem service, clergy, deacons, choristers and congregation will walk outdoors for the *madagh* blessing and wreath-laying ceremony.

A much-awaited event that will take place this evening is the dedication of the new monument (artist's rendering pictured at right) on our grounds adja-

cent to the Martyrs Monument. This new monument will bring to mind the countless innocent Armenians who perished in the forgotten Armenian Genocide – Pogroms in Azerbaijan that began 25 years ago in February 1988 in Kirovabad, and continued in Sumgait and Baku until 1990. After two years of fundraising and planning, the community of St. John Armenian Church proudly erects this monument so that Armenians and non-Armenians alike will come to know about this modern-day Genocide, with its proper recognition and place in history.



After the dedication service, the traditional *madagh* dinner in memory of our blessed martyrs will be served in the Cultural Hall. All are welcome to share in this complimentary memorial meal.



Noted author Chris Bohjalian (pictured at left) will speak at 8:00 pm. The grandson of Armenian survivors, Bohjalian will share his thoughts on this solemn occasion with reflections on **The Sandcastle Girls**, which was published in July 2012 to great acclaim. It is a love story set in the midst of the Armenian Genocide. It debuted at #7 on the **New York Times** best-seller list. **USA Today** called it "stirring ... a deeply moving story of survival and enduring love."

At 6:00 pm, prior to the Requiem Service, Mr. Bohjalian will be available to sign copies of his book, which may be purchased at that time.

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

Historical Atlas of Armenia, Edited by Vartan Matiossian-with CD, SC-\$40.00

Armenian geography, history, culture in Armenian and English—

an excellent reference book for all ages

The Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian-HC-\$23.00

Nowhere: a Story of Exile by Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte - SC - \$20.00 Diary entries of an Armenian girl documenting the organized terror in Baku, her life as a refugee, and her struggle to find herself

The Sumgait Tragedy: Pogroms against Armenians in Soviet

Azerbaijan, Volume I—Eyewitness Accounts

Edited by Samuel Shahmuratian, Forward by Yelena Bonner-HC - \$50.00

The long awaited sequel to A Summer Without Dawn
The Young Man in the Gray Suit by Agop Hacikyan—SC - \$20.00

An Armenian Sketchbook by Vasily Grossman—SC—\$15.00
Russian writer's account of his two months in Armenia

Stylized Armenian alphabet posters by Siroun Yeretzian—\$15.00

Assorted Aprons and Tablecloths from Armenia

St. John's Parish Bookstore is the largest retailer of Armenian books, recordings and gifts in the Midwest.

Stop by and browse . . .

MEN'S SOCIETY TO HONOR MOTHERS

Save the date - The Men's Society is hosting a Mother's Day Celebration on Sunday, May 12, 2013. It will be a sit-down dinner and a chance for all of your family to come to Church services and then join us for a celebration. The cost of this event is \$25/adult, \$10/6 to 12 years old and free for 5 and under.

Reservations are required by May 5, 2013. Contact Judy Cristiano 313-291-3194 or dcristiano 3@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Easter Tea—Hostesses Lisa Boyadjian and Nyree Giragosian invite everyone to the annual Easter Tea after services today.

Moms and *Manoogs* meet for social interaction and fun activities. Our meeting days are flexible and we'd love to have you and your *Manoogs* join our group. For more information contact Kristen Gustafson at **kristeng@outlook.com** or **248-765-0471.**

Knitting Club – Join us on Thursday, April 18th from 10:00-12:00 Noon. Please contact Linda Assarian at 248-332-0816 if you are interested in participating.



A Royal Luncheon and Fashion Show Saturday, May 18, Noon

Experience a little bit of Britain at A Royal Luncheon and Fashion Show featuring fashions from the Somerset Collection of Troy, raffle prizes and more! For reservations please contact:

Joyce Obenhoff at 586-754-2984 or shortafoot@comcast.net.

Tepsee Cheese Beoreg is available for purchase in the kitchen after church services today from Women's Guild members. During the week, contact May at the church office at 248-549-3405.

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member. For information please call Terry Palaian, 313-929-0926.

Women's Guild Best-Selling Cookbook

ARMENIAN CUISINE – PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

is available in our Church Bookstore. This beautifully photographed hard cover cookbook includes all festival recipes, as well as hundreds of kitchen-tested Armenian favorites from our community.

\$25.00

ON LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

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

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.

Յիշեսցէ Տէր զամենայն Պատարագս քո։

May the Lord remember all your offerings.

The Priest answers:

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

Տացէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ զամենայն խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեսցէ։

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

When taking *Mahs* the GIVER says:

Mahs yev pazheen yegheetseen kez ee Soorp Badarakes.

Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցին 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։

My portion is God forever.

THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34
Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.
Oրhնեցից ըզՏէր յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ,
oրինութիւն 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:

Pastor's Cell: 248.225.9888

Parish Council Chairman's Cell: 248.688.1214

Administrator's Cell: 248.880.8391