

## **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:

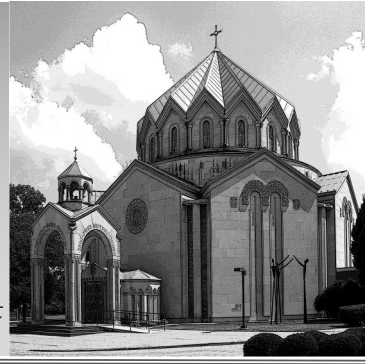
The Reverend Father Diran Papazian

The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian

The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Deacon Rubik Mailian, *Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant*

Ms. Margaret Lafian, *Organist*



## *Sunday Bulletin* **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.

*May 1, 2016*

*The Armenian Church Year 1464*

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE**

**Guest Celebrant and Homilist: V. Rev. Fr. Shahe Dzayrakoyan Vartabed Ananyan**

**Pastor: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian**

### **THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP**

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

**Divine Liturgy / Ս.Պատարագ .....9:45 am**

### **SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY**

**Acts 20:17-38, I John 3:2-6, John 9:39-10:10**

**Lector: DR. BADRIK JOOHARIGIAN**

*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

## *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**

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**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 be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized." 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 [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org) no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday requested. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.

## *Today's Gospel*

**John 9:39-10:10**

Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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### *Special Plate Collection*

Per His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian's Diocesan-wide directive, all churches are to take a collection for the Armenian families of Artsakh who are being victimized in the hostilities. For this reason, **today**, St. John will be taking a collection for this purpose.

This special collection will take place during the Dyptics (Remembrances on page 36). We ask that you be generous towards our fellow countrymen. Should you wish to write a check, please make it payable to St. John Armenian Church and put "Artsakh Relief" in the memo. Should you wish to donate online, you may go directly to [www.armenianchurch-ed.net](http://www.armenianchurch-ed.net)

## *Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized*

Jilber Abajian  
Yn. Roberta Kochakian  
Don McCorkle  
Walter Negosian  
James Shahbazian

David M. Apoian  
Rose Boudakian  
Cheryl Giesa  
Charles Sansone  
James Zaratzian

Araxey Barsamian  
Elina Cobb  
Ruben Griffin  
Aiden Armen Seferian

## *Women's Guild News*

**Knitting Group:** Please contact Linda Assarian at 248.332.0816 or [linda.assarian@gmail.com](mailto:linda.assarian@gmail.com) for more details.

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.  
*For information please call Belinda Kabodian 248.767.3942*



## *Day by Day Bible Study*

Wednesday, May 25, 2016  
12:00 — 2:00 pm

*For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248.538.9993*



## *Home Blessing*

It is the custom to have one's home blessed during the Eastertide (40 days following Easter). Should you desire a house blessing, please call the office to schedule a visit and blessing by the pastor. After you call for a home blessing, the office will notify you when Hayr Soorp will visit.



Today, our guest celebrant and homilist is **V. Rev. Fr. Shahe Dzayrakoyan Vartabed Ananyan**, Director of the Inter-Church office at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. Fr. Shahe was in the U.S. attending the Annual Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly in Cleveland, Ohio.

## *College Scholarships for 2016*

The Armenian Renaissance Association (ARA) will offer five scholarships to Michigan college students in 2016.

Send email request for an application to: [scholarship.ara@gmail.com](mailto:scholarship.ara@gmail.com)



Our Diocese will be granting scholarships to undergraduate students for the academic year 2016-2017. These scholarships are earmarked for Armenian American students attending accredited 4-year undergraduate university programs. Preference will be given to those who are active in the life of the Armenian churches of the Eastern Diocese in the ACYOA, altar servers, Sunday or Armenian school teachers, choir members, etc. The scholarship program is open to U.S. Citizens only.

The application and reference forms must be submitted electronically. You will find the form on the Diocesan website at <http://www.armenianchurch-ed.net/programming/scholarships/>



## *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.

Armenian Genocide DVD, as seen on PBS — \$25.00

Frequently Asked Questions on the Badarak — \$12.00

**New: The Guest Room by Chris Bohjalian — HC \$25.00**

**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**

**New: "Ambassador Morgenthau's Story" by Henry Morgenthau, American Ambassador to Constantinople 1913-1916 — SC \$29.00**

New Items From Armenia



**BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN**  
**REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST**



**ARCHBISHOP YEGHISHE GIZIRIAN, 40th Day**

**YURII AVETISOV, 40th Day, Nephew, Cousin**

Requested by Kazar & Marina Terterian & Family  
Inna Muradyan  
Zhanna Yesayan & Family

**JOHN REGISH, 40th Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Brother**

Requested by Virginia Regish  
Lalena & Michael Hale & Family  
Sonja & Kyle Meyer  
Veronica Gibson & Family  
David & Shannon Apkarian & Family  
Richard Apkarian & Family  
Edward & Shirley Gopigian  
Kathy & Marvin Halcomb & Family  
Paul Godoshian & Family

**ROSE OVOIAN, of RI, 40th Day, Beloved Aunt**

Requested by Margie Simonian & Family

**MARY JO WALKER, Dear Friend**

Requested by Margie Simonian

**AGNES TOKATLIAN, 2nd Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother**

Requested by Harry Tokatlian  
George Tokatlian  
Chris & Mia Pullen  
Connor Pullen  
Liz Tokatlian  
Jacob Tokatlian  
Justin Tokatlian  
Julia Tokatlian



**BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN *Cont'd.***  
**REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST**



**SUZANNE HOVNANIAN, 1st Year, Mother, Grandmother, Sister-in-Law, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Niece, Friend**

**ARMEN HOVNANIAN, 10th Year, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Brother-in-Law, Uncle, Great-Uncle, Nephew, Friend**

Requested by Michael, Stephanie & Armen Hovnanian

Mary Keoleian

Harry & Alice Terzian

Christine, Serena & Justin Chu

Alex Terzian

David & Kim Najarian

Mara & Myles Najarian

Tom & Kathy Steck

Alexana & Cecile Steck

Greg Keoleian

Liz Glynn

Laurie Reizian

Paulina Reizian

Neil & Margeux Nauthton

Charles Keoleian

Audrey Armoudlian

Spencer & Samuel Keoleian

Carole Whitmoyer

Harry & Suzie Najarian

**MILLIE JINGOZIAN, 4th Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Dear Friend**

**SUSIE JINGOZIAN, 16th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

**MARY DEMIRJIAN, 9th Year, Wife, Mother, Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt**

Requested by Paul Jingoian

Demirjian Families

Billy, Michele, Lauren, Armani & Peyton Messner

John, Paula, Gavin & Alex Minni

Gary, Nan, Scott, Andrew & Camilla Tungate

Isabelle Vahratian

**MARIAN ELIAN, 9th year, Mother, Grandmother**

**GEORGE ELIAN, 2nd Year, Father, Grandfather**

**ANTRIAS & KHANEM AMBOIAN, Grandparents**

**MAGAR & VEHANOUSH ELIAN, Grandparents**

Requested by Lisa, Mike, Jacob, Erin & Andrea Bahm



*BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN Cont'd.*  
**REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST**



**MARY BAHADURIAN, 26th Year, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Friend**

Requested by Dr. Joyce Yeghissian & Dn. Rubik Mailian, Sevana & Areg  
Anahid Dilakian & Sarkis Ghazarian, Sevag, Hiyk & Aren

**HAIG & VERKIN SAHAGIAN, Father, Mother**

**ARSHAG & VARTOUHIE KARAGEUSIAN, Father, Mother**

**AGNES AVAKIAN, Grandmother**

**NANCY SUKASIAN, Great-Aunt**

**WALTER SINTERMAN, Husband**

**VALRICH & ANGIE ANDONIAN**

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Mugitch Karageusian  
Mrs. Dana Sinterman

**MOURAD SHIRVANIAN, 10th Year, Beloved Husband, Father**

**MARDIROS BOYAJIAN, 10th Year, Brother, Uncle**

**GHATUN BOYACIAN, 25th Year, Mother, Grandmother**

**BEDROS BOYACIAN, 54th Year, Father, Grandfather**

**MARIAM SHIRVANIAN, 37th Year, Mother-in-Law, Grandmother**

**ARTIN SHIRVANIAN, 68th Year, Father-in-Law, Grandfather**

**VERKIN HACANYAN, 28th Year, Sister-in-Law, Aunt**

**VARTANUS BEDIYAN, 23rd Year, Sister-in-Law, Aunt**

**ARUSIAG BEDIYAN, 23rd Year**

**ARTO EKMEKCIAN, 11th Year, Uncle**

**MANASEL KILICIAN, 6th Year, Nephew, Cousin**

Requested by Nazeli Shirvanian  
Harry Shirvanian  
Alek Shirvanian  
Natalie Shirvanian

**DIKRAN KOLOIAN, 76th Year, Grandfather**

**TAKOUHI KOLOIAN, 43rd Year, Grandmother**

Requested by Alice & Peter Argnian

## *A New Curriculum for St. Nersess Summer Conferences*

St. Nersess Armenian Seminary is pleased to announce a new four-year curriculum for its annual Summer Conferences. The curriculum will prepare Armenian students to become leaders in the Armenian Church, including future Sunday School teachers.

Participants will study such topics as early church history, the sacraments, Armenian religious art, Armenian language, and comparative Christian traditions. At the conclusion of the four-year curriculum, students will receive a certificate of completion from St. Nersess Seminary.

Below is the schedule of this year's summer conferences. For more information, visit [www.stnersess.edu](http://www.stnersess.edu).

Deacons' Training Program: June 25-July 3

Directed by Fr. Daniel Findikyan

High School Summer Conference A: July 15-24

Directed by Fr. Ghevond Ajamian

High School Summer Conference B: July 29- August 7

Directed by Fr. Shnork Souin

Post-High School Summer Conference: August 9-13

Directed by Fr. Samuel Rith-Najarian

**Please see Fr. Aren, Lisa Mardigian, or front office for a conference or scholarship application. Deadline is June 1, 2016**



## *2016 Diocesan Summer Camp Programs*

### **Hye Camp**

Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL

Staff Training: July 27-30

Two Week Session: July 30-August 13

Week 1: July 30-August 6 | Week 2: August 6-13

Register online by visiting [www.diocesansummercamps.org](http://www.diocesansummercamps.org)

**Please see Fr. Aren or Lisa Mardigian for a scholarship application.  
Deadline is June 1, 2016**

### **St. Vartan Camp**

Ararat Center, Greenville, NY

Staff Training: June 22-25

Session A: June 26-July 9 | Session B: July 10-July 23 | Session C: July 24-August 6

Campers ages 8-15

CITs ages 16 and 17; Staff and volunteers ages 18+

Hosted by the St. John's Men's Society

## *Mother's Day Celebration*

**Sunday, May 8, 2016**

**Following *Badarak* in the Main Hall**

Adults: \$25 | Children 6-12: \$10 | Children five and under: free

Assorted artesian dinner rolls, scones, cream cheese, jams and butter

Baby spinach leaves with sliced almonds, tomatoes, red onions,  
Romano cheese tossed in a balsamic basil vinaigrette

*A combination plate of:*

Grilled chicken breast with sundried tomatoes, mushrooms  
Lemon and chive encrusted salmon  
Anna potatoes, sugar snap peas

*For the children:* Tossed greens with Italian dressing  
Chicken strips, ranch dressing, served with rice pilaf

Creme Brûlée

Chocolate fountain with fresh fruit, assorted cookies, pretzels, marshmallows and assorted dipping goodies  
Orange, cranberry and apple juices  
Chocolate milk, regular coffee and tea

Limited seating. Table service - reservations required by May 1st.

For reservations contact: Dr. Gary Zamanigian at 248.322.9393 or email at garzam@me.com



St. John's Women's Guild presents...

## *"Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon"*

Honoring all Mothers

**Saturday, May 21, 2016**

**St. John's Cultural Hall**

10:00 am – Boutique Shopping

Noon – Luncheon, Fashion Show & Raffle

Donation \$55.00 under 12: \$20.00

Please send your reservation and check payable to: St. John's Women's Guild by May 11th to:  
Linda Assarian, 3050 Bloomfield Crossing, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 Tel: 248-332-0816  
(Please indicate those you wish to be seated with.)

## *Birthday Tea*

The Habring Family invites everyone to join them for a coffee hour in the main hall **today** following Badarak to celebrate their daughter Mariam's 13th Birthday.



## *Gifts to the Church*

Edward & Yvonne Korkoian and Family make a donation to St. John Armenian Church in honor of Peter Hovsepian's 95th Birthday.

Rosemary Kezelian & Dyana Kezelian present a gift to the church in honor of Peter Hovsepian's 95th Birthday.



**DVD ON SALE NOW!** A 100-Year Journey of Remembrance and Song.  
On sale in the bookstore. **Price: \$10.00**

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## **FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD**

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Jack Hagop Mekjian**, who entered his eternal rest last week. His funeral took place at St. John Armenian Church on April 28, 2016.  
May Christ our Lord shed His Eternal light upon his soul.



## On Leaving the Sanctuary After Badarak

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

*Heeshetzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.*

**Յիշեցէ՛ Տէր զամենայն Պատարագս քո:**

May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.

**The Priest answers:**

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

**Տացէ՛ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ զամենայն  
խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեցէ:**

May the Lord grant you according to your own  
heart, and fulfill all your desires.  
(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 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 haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.*

**Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ: / Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն  
Քրիստոսի:**

## The Psalm of Dismissal - Psalm 34

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn 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.