

## St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, *Pastor*

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:

The Reverend Father Diran Papazian, *Pastor Emeritus*

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 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.

*May 24, 2015*

*The Armenian Church Year 1464*

### PENTECOST

**THE MOST REVEREND KHAJAG ARCHBISHOP BARSAMIAN - PRESIDING**

**CELEBRANT: V. REV. FR. SIMEON ODABASHIAN**

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

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

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

**Church School / Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարան.....10:15 am**

### SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

**ACTS 2:1-21, JOHN 14: 25-31**

**LECTOR: GAYLE HOPLAMAZIAN**

### *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**

**Pastor's Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30 am—5:00 pm**

**After hours in an emergency, please contact:**

**Pastor's Cell: 248.225.9888**

**Administrator's Cell: 760.832.1142**

**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.

### *Parish Council of St. John Armenian Church 2015*

Jeffrey E. Axt, Chairman  
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# Today's Gospel

**John 14: 25-31**

“These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go hence.”



## Visit the Parish Bookstore

**NEW: Genocide T-Shirts with “Forget-Me-Not” emblem and map on back—\$20.00**

**“When I Was Baptized”—Children’s Board Book—\$12.00**

**Armenian Alphabet Wooden Puzzle—\$35.00**

**The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry, Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many “Made in Armenia” products.**

**SPECIAL: 2-CD SET BY ROGER KRIKORIAN.**

**“FORGET-ME-NOT” FLOWER LAPEL PINS NOW AVAILABLE—\$8.00**

**“OPERATION NEMESIS” by Eric Bogosian—\$28.00 HC**

### **WANTED: USED ARMENIAN BOOKS**

**The Parish Bookstore is accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects written in English for its Used Book Sale at this year’s Festival. Kindly drop off books at the church office during business hours or on Sundays. Receipts available in the church office.**



*Bible Study—Wednesday, May 27, 2015*

*Bring your lunch—we’ll supply the coffee*

**12:00 — 2:00 pm**

*For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248.538.9993*



## Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Fr. Arten Ashjian  
Rose Boudakian  
Cheryl Giesa  
Frank Houhanisin  
Alice Prudian

Stan Armit  
Pam Dayinian  
Nevart Godoshian  
Walter Negosian  
Mary Sarafian

Araxey Barsamian  
George Douroujalian  
Ruben Griffin  
Aida Petrosyan  
Anita Tootikian

## Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servants of God, **Margaret Oknaian & Sirvart Mezian**, who entered their eternal rest this past week. May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon their souls.

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## The Feast of Pentecost

*"Suddenly there came a sound from heaven-like a rushing wind. It filled the entire house where the apostles were sitting. Tongues of fire settled on each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit—and began to speak with other tongues."*

That is how the Bible (Acts 2:2-4) describes the dramatic miracle of Pentecost: the event that the Armenian Church will celebrate on Sunday, May 24th. The apostles had already witnessed the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and later had witnessed His Ascension. Since then, they had been waiting the "comforter" Christ promised—and while they had little idea what this comforter might do, they had faith that the Holy Spirit would inspire them, re-invent them, and make them new.

The promise of "newness," of "re-invention," is a vital message of Pentecost. And it is a promise that persists throughout time. On the first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit inspired the birth of the Christian Church; but it went forth to inspire the conversion of the Armenian people, the founding of parishes across our Diocese, and the faithful acts of countless people down to the present day. Pentecost coincides with "Vocations Day," which reminds us that the Holy Spirit calls every member of the church to a greater purpose, in the service of our Lord. It's a timely message during this Diocesan year dedicated to promoting lay ministry: *The Ministry of the Faithful*.

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## Scholarship Opportunity

The Armenian Renaissance Association (ARA) continues its tradition of honoring local Armenian college students by offering five \$2,000 scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students in 2015. Submission deadline is July 2, 2015. Email ARA at [scholarship.ara@gmail.com](mailto:scholarship.ara@gmail.com) to request an application.

*Detroit Armenian Chorale and Orchestra*  
*Under the Direction of Rubik Mailian*  
*Presents*

# *A 100 Year Journey of Remembrance and Song*



**Friday June 19, 2015 8:00 PM**

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Max M. Fisher Music Center

3711 Woodward Avenue

Detroit, MI 48201

Reserved seating—tickets sold today in the Hall

Or payable by check to Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit and mailed to

Dolly Matoian at 4057 Fox Lake Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

\$10 per person, children 7 and under free

Free bus transportation available by reservation only. Limited seating.

Email *dmatoian@att.net* for reservations.

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*St. John Armenian Apostolic Church, St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church, St. Vartan  
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*Concert underwritten in honor of Vanerian and Darrejian Families.*



### ***BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN***

#### **REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST**

While we are mourning the loss of our loved ones, we also rejoice as they meet the Lord behind the veil in the Heavenly Jerusalem.

**GEVORG HOVAKIMIAN, 39th Year, Grandfather**

**KHORASAN HOVAKIMIAN, 26th Year, Grandmother**

**STASIK (ANASTAS) HOVAKIMIAN, 49th Year, Brother**

Requested by Harry Hovakimian & Family

**MAY KAFAFIAN**

**ABP. TIRAN NERSOYAN, Former Primate and Founder of the ACYOA**

**V. REV. FR. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN**

**REV. FR. HAROUTIUN & YN. PATRICIA DAGLEY**

**SAM NERSESIAN**

**GREG ARPAJIAN**

**GARO YEPREMIAN**

**ALL DECEASED ACYOA MEMBERS**

Requested by Detroit ACYOA Seniors & Juniors

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### *Help Needed*

Armenian household looking for an Armenian and English speaking Mother's Helper starting in July for twin boys. The family requests she be in good health with reliable transportation, is dog friendly, and can work five days a week. For more information, please phone the church office.



*Monday, May 25, 2015*

The complex will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

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### *Diocesan Assembly News*

It is our pleasure to inform our faithful community that Ms. Roseann Manoogian Attar, one of our Diocesan Delegates who attended this year's Diocesan Assembly in Washington DC, was elected to a four year term to serve on the Eastern Diocesan Council. We congratulate her on behalf of the parish and offer continued prayers of support for her new ministry.

# ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY & SPORTS WEEKEND

## Welcome to Detroit

The ACYOA Seniors of St. John's Armenian Church are delighted to be your hosts this year. Get ready for a fun-filled weekend, because we are excited to show you what Detroit can offer!

Crowne Plaza Hotel - Novi, MI

Thursday, May 21st - Monday, May 24th - 2015



### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY DAY 1,**

**MAY 21ST**

6:00PM-10:00PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY DAY 2,**

**MAY 22ND**

8:00AM - 6:00PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail the Sports Weekend Committee at [DetroitSW2015@gmail.com](mailto:DetroitSW2015@gmail.com). In order to participate in the evening programs, participants must be at least 18 years old.

### EVENING PROGRAMMING

**FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE, MAY 22ND**

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM at Fox Theatre

**ENTERTAINMENT:** DJ M-KAY & DJ ESSO

**SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE, MAY 23RD**

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM at Henry Ford Museum

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Kevork Artinian & Band

After hours: 1:00AM - 3:00 AM at Crowne Plaza Hotel

**ENTERTAINMENT:** DJ ESSO

**AWARDS BANQUET, MAY 24TH**

Alumni Cocktail Hour: 6:30PM - 7:30 at St. John Armenian Church Hall

Dinner & Dance: 7:30PM - 2:00PM at St. John Armenian Church Hall

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Band Including Richard Hagopian, Harding Kazarian, Mel

Bersamian & Michael Kazarian, DJ ESSO

After hours: 2:00 AM - 4:00 AM at Crowne Plaza Hotel

**ENTERTAINMENT:** DJ M-KAY

### SPORTS

**HILLSIDE RECREATIONAL CENTER, MAY 23RD**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**ST. JOHN'S RECREATIONAL CENTER, MAY 24TH**

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sports Finals

### SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

**HONORING OUR MARTYRED SAINTS, MAY 23RD**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM at Hillside Recreational Center

**DIVINE LITURGY, MAY 24TH**

10:30 AM - 12:15 PM at St. John's Armenian Church

**SUNDAY BRUNCH, MAY 24TH**

12:15 PM - 1:00 PM at St. John's Armenian Church Hall

**MONDAY FAIRWELL BRUNCH, MAY 25TH**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Crowne Plaza Hotel

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May 14, 2015

## PRESS RELEASE

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ALYSSA AZARIAN AT (201) 444-7111 or  
[info@azariangroup.com](mailto:info@azariangroup.com)

The John M. Azarian Memorial Armenian Youth Scholarship Fund has extended the deadline to submit applications for the 2015-2016 academic year to July 31, 2015. To download an application and all other necessary forms please visit  
[www.azariangroup.com/scholarship.html](http://www.azariangroup.com/scholarship.html).

The John M. Azarian Memorial Armenian Youth Scholarship Fund was formed in 1976 following the untimely death of John M. Azarian, Sr. by his wife, Barbara. The purpose of the John M. Armenian Memorial Armenian Youth Scholarship Fund is to award scholarships to students of Armenian descent who demonstrate compelling financial need, academic achievement, Armenian church related activities and are attending a college or university in the United States in pursuit of an undergraduate degree.

It is the goal of the Azarian Scholarship Fund to assist deserving students with the hope that they will one day return something beneficial to the Armenian community.



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St. Nersess Armenian Seminary continues to prepare leaders for the Armenian Church in North America. Since its establishment, St. Nersess has graduated outstanding young men and women who are serving the Armenian Church faithfully as priests and educators for the Dioceses of North America. Three seminarians will graduate from St. Nersess on May 29. His Eminence Abp. Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) and President of the St. Nersess Board of Directors, will preside at the graduation. Dn. Vahe Bagdasarian, who is originally from Istanbul, will be graduating from the Armenian Church Studies Program at St. Nersess Seminary. In the fall, he will begin an internship as a pastoral assistant at St. Leon Armenian Church in Fair Lawn, NJ. Kathryn Ashbahian, who is from New Jersey, will receive her Master of Arts degree from St. Nersess and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminaries. In the fall, Kathryn will work at the Eastern Diocese in the Department of Youth Ministry. Arpi Nakashian, who was born in Jerusalem, will receive her Master of Arts from St. Nersess and St. Vladimir's Seminaries. She will work at the Eastern Diocese in the Department of Christian Education.

"We are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to the fruits of their education and training in service to the Armenian Church," commented Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Dean. The public is invited to attend the graduation ceremony honoring our three seminarian graduates. Evening service begins at 5:30pm, followed by the program and reception.

## *A Prayer for Intercession*

### **The Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide**

Christ Our God, You crown your saints with triumph and you do the will of all who fear you, looking after your creatures with love and kindness. Hear us from your holy and heavenly realm by the intercession of the Holy Mother of God and by the prayers of all your saints, especially the holy martyrs who gave their lives during the Armenian Genocide for faith and for the homeland, whom we commemorate today. Hear us Lord and show us your mercy. Forgive, redeem, and pardon our sins. Make us worthy thankfully to glorify you with the Father and with the Holy Spirit. Now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

## *Ամբարշտոն Պատկիչ*

Ո՛վ Քրիստոս, Աստուած մեր որ կը պսակես սուրբերդ, եւ կը կատարես կամբը քեզմէ երկիւղածներուն եւ սիրով ու քաղցրութեամբ կը նայիս քու արարածներուդ. լսե՛ մեզ երկնային սրբութենէ բարեխօսութեամբ սուրբ Աստուածածնին եւ աղաջանքովը քու բոլոր սուրբերուդ, եւ մանաւանդ այն սուրբ նահատակներուն, որոնք մարտիրոսացան հայոց ցեղասպանութեան ընդացքին, հաւատքի եւ հայրենիքի համար, եւ որոնց յիշատակն է այսօր:

Լսե՛ մեզ, ով Տէր, եւ ողորմե՛. ներե՛, քաւե՛ եւ թողութիւն շնորհե՛ մեղքերուն:

Արժանի քրե՛ մեզ գոհութեամբ փառաւորելու քեզ, Հօր եւ Սուրբ Հոգւոյդ հետ. այժմ եւ միշտ եւ յաւիտեանս յաւիտենից. Ամէն:

## *Soorperoo B'ragitch*

Ov Krisdos Asdoovadz mer, vor guh basages soorperut, yev guh gadares gamkuh kezmezh yergiuhadzneroon yev sirov oo kaghstrootiamp guh nayeesh koo araradzneroot; luhseh` mez yergnayeesh surpooteneh parekhosootiamp Soorp Asdvadzadzneen yev aghachankovuh koo polor soorperoot, yev manavant ayn Soorp nahadagneroon, voronk mardirosatsan hayots tseghasbanootian uhntatskeen, havadkee yev hayreeneekkee hamar, yev voronts heeshadagn eh aysor.

Arjhanee uhreh` mez kohootiamp paravoreloo kez, Hor yev Soorp Hokvooyt hed, ayjhm yev mishd yev haveedyans haveedeneetz. Amen.

# *The Declaration and Establishment by the Universal Bishops Assembly of the Armenian Church*

## **The Holy Martyrs, who perished in the Genocide of Armenians for the Faith and For their Nation**

*In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

**We the Catholicos of All Armenians, Karekin II and Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, Aram I**  
*By the grace given Power of the Holy Trinity, bequeathed [to us] through The Lord Jesus Christ and by the first Illuminators of Armenia, The Holy Apostles SS. Thaddeus and Bartholomew and through the Holy Mother of God, the Second Enlightener of Armenia Saint Gregory and through the intercession of all the saints, the decision of the Supreme Bishops Conclave, and by the witness of the Christian life of our people, Canonize*  
**The martyred victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915**

*And Declare*

*April 24<sup>th</sup> as the “Saints Day of the Holy Martyrs who offered their sacrifices during the Genocide of Armenians for the Faith and nationhood”*

*Now we eternally remember*

*With our collect invocation implore that they*

*Accept our prayers and interceded for us,*

*So that we unceasingly with respectful love and voices for them*

*May offer Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit*

*Now and forever, and ever.*

*Amen*

## *Հրչակագիր*

*Արքայ Առաքարական որդի կաթողիկոս Յրթապո Տեղապետութեան Հայոց  
վասն հաւաքոյ վասն հայրենեայ*

**Հրչակումն**

**ՅԱՆՈՒՆ ՀՕՐ ԵՆ ՈՐԴՈՑ ԵՆ ՀՈԳԻՈՅՆ ՍՐԲԸՕ,**

Մենք՝ Գարեգին Բ Ծայրագոյն Պատրիարք եւ Կաթողիկոս Ամենայն Հայոց եւ Արամ Ա Կաթողիկոս Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիո Սուրբ Երորդութեան շնորհաբաշխ, Տէր Յիսուսից տրուած եւ Հայաստանայց առաջին լուսաւորիչներ՝ Թադէոս եւ Բարդուղիմէոս առաքեալներու փոխանցուած իշխանութեամբ, Սուրբ Աստուածամօր, Հայոց երկրորդ Լուսաւորիչ Սուրբ Գրիգորի եւ ամենայն սրբոց բարեխօսութեամբ, Եպիսկոպոսաց Ժողովի որոշմամբ եւ մեր ժողովուրդի Բրիստօնէական կեանքի վկայութեամբ՝ կը ՍՐԲԱԴԱՍԵՆՔ Հայոց Տեղասպանութեան Նահատակներուն եւ Կը Հրչակենք Ապրիլ -ը « Յիշատակ Սրբոց Նահատակաց, որբկատարեցան յընթացս Տեղասպանութեան Հայոց վասն հաւատոյ վասն հայրենեաց եւ արդ,

Սուրբ Նահատակներ, անմորաց յիշմամբ, Օրհնաձայն հայցմամբ կ'աղաչենք ձեզ,

Ընդունէք մեր աղօթքները եւ բարեխօսեցէք մեզ համար,

Ըրպեսզի մենք անդադար ձայնով եւ աներկիւղ սիրով

ճառք վերարաքենք Հօր, Որդուոյ եւ Սուրբ Հոգւոյն,

Այժմ եւ միշտ եւ հաւիտեանս հաւիտենից. Ամէն

*The ACYOA of St. John Armenian Church*  
*invites you to attend*

An Alumni Cocktail Hour and Awards Banquet  
in conjunction with the 2015 Sports Weekend

Sunday, May 24, 2015  
6:30 pm Alumni Cocktail Hour  
7:30 pm Dinner-Dance

Music by:  
Richard Hagopian, Hachig Kazarian,  
Mal Barsamian & Michael Kazarian

Guest Awards Presenter:  
Armen Keteyian  
St. John Armenian Church Hall  
22001 Northwestern Highway  
Southfield, Michigan



For more information:  
Marianne Dardarian 248.661.0617  
Patty Kezelian 248.644.8247

Donation:  
Alumni Cocktail Hour & Dinner Dance \$75  
Dinner Dance \$65  
Dance (after 10 pm) \$40

### *In Gratitude...*

On behalf of the Paros Foundation, I'd like to thank everyone who donated their bottles and cans to help buy materials in support of the Paros Foundation projects in Armenia. In total, I raised approximately \$620 from bottle/can returns and check donations from the Detroit Armenian Community.

The Paros Foundation is very thankful for all your support. I can't wait to share my experience in Armenia with all of you. Thank you!

With much appreciation,

*Nicole Sarkisian*

### *Memorial Day Grave Blessings*

**Monday, May 25th**

This year the National ACYOA Sports Weekend and General Assembly will be hosted by the Detroit St. John's ACYOA Seniors. The concluding day, May 25th, ends the national gathering of youth. Due to the morning concluding gathering Grave Blessings will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery only. We shall gather at the noon hour for a general requiem at the Armenian Altar in the Etchmiadzin section of the cemetery. If you wish to have individual names remembered please bring a typed list of names to give to Father Garabed who will remember them during the Hokehankisd service. Individual grave blessings will not be done this year.



*Take the opportunity to make new and lasting friendship while doing service for the Lord.*

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.

For information please call Terry Palaian, 313.929.0926

We will begin Festival cooking on Tuesday, June 2nd starting with Kufteh. Everyone is welcome to participate!! Please join us & learn how to make your favorite Armenian foods: 9am – noon.

In May Kafafians' memory, The Women's Guild will host a Tea after church services Sunday May 31st. Everyone is welcome.

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# *Today the Armenian Church Also Celebrates the Prophet Elijah*

## **The Prophet Elijah - ՍՈՒՐԲ ԵՂԻԱ ՄԱՐԳԱՐԷ**

In Hebrew *Eliyahu*, meaning "My God is Yahweh" or "My God Is Jah" or **Elias** in Greek, *Elías* in Syriac, **Yeghia in Armenian**, was a prophet and a wonder-worker in the northern kingdom of Israel during the reign of Ahab (9th century BC), according to the biblical Books of Kings.

According to the Books of Kings from the Old Testament, Elijah defended the worship of Yahweh over that of the Canaanite idol Baal. He also had God do miracles for him, which included raising the dead, bringing fire down from the sky, and having him be taken up, "by a whirlwind".

In the Book of Malachi also from the Old Testament, Elijah's return is prophesied "before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord", making him a harbinger of the Messiah and the eschaton (the last days) in various faiths that revere the Hebrew Bible. References to Elijah appear in the Jewish Talmud, the *Mishnah*/Oral Torah, the Christian New Testament and the Muslim Qur'an.

In Judaism, Elijah's name is invoked at the weekly Havdalah ritual that marks the end of Shabbat, and Elijah is invoked in other Jewish customs, among them, the Passover seder and the Brit milah (ritual circumcision). He appears in numerous stories and references in the Haggadah and rabbinic literature, including the Babylonian Talmud.

In Christianity the New Testament describes how both Jesus and John the Baptist are compared with Elijah and on some occasions thought by some to be manifestations of Elijah, and Elijah appears along with Moses during the Transfiguration of Jesus. Elijah is also a figure in various Christian folk traditions, often identified with earlier pagan thunder or sky gods.

In the Qur'an and certain Islamic traditions, Elijah is described as a great and righteous man of God and one who powerfully preached against the worship of Baal.

*Elijah was a regular man who made mistakes, who was afraid sometimes, yet when it really mattered he trusted God. Elijah did amazing things with God's help and God did amazing things for Elijah.*

*There was a king named Ahab who believed in a god named Baal (the weather god). He and most of the people worshipped this god and did many things that the Bible says we shouldn't do.*

*King Ahab also had a wife named Jezebel. They made Israel a place that God did not like. That's why God empowered Elijah, to show the people that God was more powerful and the one they should be worshipping instead.*

*Elijah was told by God to deliver a message to King Ahab. Elijah went to Ahab informing him thusly, My God has told me that there will be no rain or even dew in the next three years. Three years had passed without a drop of water from the sky.*

*During this time the King's wife, the evil Jezebel was trying to rid all the prophets of God from amongst the people, particularly Elijah.*

*God spoke to Elijah and told him, "Go to Ahab and I will send rain." So Elijah went to find Ahab and speak with him. He confronted the King for his disregard for God's commandments and for following Baal the false God of Israel. Now send for all the people of Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. Bring all the prophets of Baal and the false prophets of Jezebel."*

*All the people gathered on Mount Carmel. After a series of challenges and a miracles Elijah prayed to God on Mount Carmel so rain would come. While he was praying he asked his servant to go look towards the sea for a rain cloud. The servant came back and said, "There is nothing in the sky Elijah."*

*Elijah then asked the servant seven more times to keep looking, on the seventh time the servant returned and said, "This time when I went to look there was a very small cloud, as small as a man's fist coming this way." The small cloud grew bigger and bigger and the sky became darker and darker. The wind started to blow and it began to pour and pour and pour... and the drought was over. Elijah did amazing things with God's help. Great and wonderful things occur from the smallest and least and blossom only if we have faith and never cease to pray.*



# 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.*

Յիշեցէ՛ 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 gadarestseh.*

Տաղէ 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 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 յաիտեան:

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.