

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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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.

Following Primate Bishop Daniel's directive related to protecting our clergy and parishioners during the COVID-19 pandemic, no one except clergy are permitted to enter the church during services this week. We respectfully ask our parishioners to stay home and prayerfully join us via the live streaming of the services which can be seen on the St. John Armenian Church public Facebook page.

May 17, 2020

The Armenian Church Year 1469

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian

Pastor: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Acts 20:17-38. 1 Jn 3:2-6. Jn 9:39-10:10.

Today's Gospel

Jn 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."

Altar Flowers

The beautiful floral arrangements adorning the altar are in loving memory of Michael Avedis Aginian presented by his family.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Emma Betrosian
Elina Cobb
John Brycz
Margaret Chubukchian
Vartkes Chubukchian
Rose Baise

Araxey Barsamian
George Douroujalian
Darlene Lane
Stepan Telebzda
John Avedisian
Dr. Badrik Joocharigian

Charles Sansone
Doris Carter
Elizabeth Shehigian
Anna-Maria Grigorian
Susie Janigian
Louise Aram Duchesneau

Seerov Jash

In this time of difficulty and uncertainty, our loving and Christian spirit is called upon to pull together to help others, primarily the elderly, the sick, single parents, recent immigrants and others in our parish and our community that needs support. Last week, staff and volunteers of our newly formed outreach program, *Seerov Jash* -- meals made with love from the St. John's kitchen – prepared over 270 meals which were either picked up at the church or delivered to those not able to leave the home during this virus pandemic. We will continue preparing our next *Seerov Jash* meal for pickup or delivery on Tuesday, May 5th. If you would like a meal, or know someone who does, please call Lisa Mardigian at 586-808-2202 or e-mail her at sjacoutreach@gmail.com.

Church Office

In light of Michigan's Stay Home Stay Safe executive order, most of the staff in the Church Office will be working from home until May 28th. We will continue to check our emails and voice-mail messages, so please feel free to reach out to us when necessary. If it is an emergency, please contact the Pastor or Parish Administrator at the mobile phone number listed on the back page of the Sunday Bulletin.

Special Prayer Service

On Thursday, May 21st, there will be a special prayer service at 7:00pm. This service will be dedicated to all of those who have become ill or died due to COVID-19. In addition, we will also honor and pray for our frontline workers. This service will be live-streamed on the St. John Armenian Church public Facebook page.



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO ARE ASLEEP IN CHRIST



THOMAS FADEL, 40th Day, Father, Nephew, Cousin

Requested by Tara and Adam Patten
Sema and Stuart Shepard
Sidney Tarpinian
Paul, Kristine, Matthew, Mark, Carolyn and Kate Andonian
Sara Andonian

MICHAEL AVEDIS AGINIAN, 1st Year, Father, Brother, Uncle, Brother-in-law, Cousin

Requested by Julie Aginian
Richard & Diana Aginian
Dawn Aginian
Marla, Eric, Aren & Raffi Whaley (Seattle)
Robert, Jeanette, Alex & Andrew Aginian
Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
Rev. Fr. Nersess & Yerezgin Aurora Jebejian
Ara & Roslyn Basherian
Gary Melikian
Steve, Rena, Mari & Garen Megrdochian

MRS. VERJIN ALTUNKARA

Requested by Father Armash and Yerezgin Maran Bagdasarian



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN



REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO ARE ASLEEP IN CHRIST

**VERY REV. FR. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN, DZAYRAKOUYN VARATABED, 20th Year, Brother,
Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, Beloved Friend**

Requested by Jacqueline & Faouzi ElChemmas

Johnny & Sevana, Van and Aria ElChemmas

Raffi & Martha, Nina and Vartan ElChemmas

Taline Muskat & Ani Gurdjian

Jerry, Olivia & Adrian Muskat Martin

Marge Kleinsmith

Marge Kleinsmith & Dan Hildenbrand & Family

Kevin & Ann Kleinsmith & Family

Keith & Tomla Kleinsmith & Family

Suzanne Saganich & Damon Troyan

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Father Garabed & Yerezgin Roberta Kochakian



Welcome New Parish Secretary

As we have previously announced, our beloved parish secretary, Tamara Martirosyan, will be leaving her position at the end of May as she and her husband, Karen, prepare for the birth of their third child. Parish Council has conducted a search for her replacement and is happy to announce that parishioner Anna Tokmajyan will be the Church's new parish secretary beginning June 1st. Anna will be working in the office for a few hours each week in May as she transitions with Tamara.

Please welcome Anna to our Church staff and thank Tamara for her many years of dedicated service.

Online Bible Study - Every Monday at 7p.m. Led by Fr. Aren and Fr. Armash

To register and receive the Zoom video link, please send an email to discoverthearmenianchurch@gmail.com
(if you attended a previous Online Bible Study and already have the link or the Zoom meeting ID, there is no need to register again).

General Information

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

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Mobile: (773) 457-4122 e-mail: FrAren@sjachurch.org

Fr. Armash's email: FrArmash@sjachurch.org

Parish Administrator's Mobile: (586) 817-2974

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 to be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized" list. 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. We encourage parents to baptize their children between 40 days and 3 months.

Marriage Please make sure to confirm your wedding date with the Pastor before booking your reception hall. Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date.

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 or email to Tamara@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby. Requiem may be offered every Sunday of the year except for the five Tabernacle Feast Days.

