

Sunday Bulletin

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

**NOVEMBER 23, 2008
THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YEAR OF 1457
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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CELEBRANT: REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAZIAN

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Matins - *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*.....9:00 am
Divine Liturgy - *Սուրբ Պատարագ*9:45 am
Church School - *Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոց*.....10:15 am

Today – Isaiah 36:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Luke 12:13-31
Next Week – Isaiah 36:22-37, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-11, Luke 13:1-9

LECTOR: Bill Derouchie

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THE NICENE CREED WILL BE RECITED IN ARMENIAN

**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Pastor**

DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT NOON
Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta
Bring your Bible and lunch, we will provide the coffee.

Tracking Our "Treasures" Sunday, November 16
Plate Donations \$227.00
Candle Donations \$223.00

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

"ARMENIAN MUSIC OF GRIKOR MIRZAIAN SUNI"

Featuring Deacon Rubik Mailian & Maro Partamian
Recorded live at The Armenian Congregational Church
DVD - \$30.00 CD - \$20.00

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LORD

By Fr. Vahan Hovhannessian - Softcover - \$20.00

ONE TAKE by Mal Barsamian - CD - \$18.00
Great Dance Music!!!

GADOO: THE CAT, AN ARMENIAN FOLK TALE
By Susan Kadian Gopigian - \$17.00

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 25 – SENIOR LUNCH – Noon
Thursday, November 27 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Complex Closed
Saturday, November 29 – ACYOA NOVEMBER DANCE
Sunday, November 30 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
FEAST OF HOLY APOSTLES THADDEUS & BARTHOLOMEW
MATINS AT 9:00 am DIVINE LITURGY 9:45 am

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Today's might oak is merely yesterday's little nut...
that managed to hold its ground.

SPECIAL HYMNS FOR TODAY

Megheti (Melody) – Loosov Asdvadzun
Tapor (Processional) – Parekhosootyamp
Jamamood (Intriot) - Miadzin Vorti
Jashou Sharagan (Mid-day Hymn) – Loosov Asdvadzootyan
Jashou Alleluia – Yegayk yev Desek...

THE KOMITAS CHOIR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music
Margaret Lafian, Organist

USHERS: Art Barsamian, George Godoshian, Harry Karebian,
Kevork Terterian, Michael Hovey, Michael Karebian, Ardag Tachian

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the altar today were presented in memory
of Harry G. Kouzian on the 36th year of his passing
by Ardemis Kalousdian and Family.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

A gift was presented in honor of Mike & Sharon Halagian and
their children Michael & Michelle presenting the Gifts of Bread
and Wine, by Edward & Izabelle Jizmejian.

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servant of God
MARIA ROSE HARRISON
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

H.B. Mesrob Mutafian, Patriarch of Istanbul
Fr. Vahram Hazarian (Chicago)
Yeretzgin Patricia Dagley

Donna Adams	Valeriy Bagdasarian
Bud Mulder	Marge Dakesian
Gregory Derderian	Chris Wigent
Margaret Jamgochian	Myda Kalanjian
Steven Bear (CA)	Robert Ajemian
Paul Tootikian	Esther Amadori
Marybeth Sutton	

FATHER GARABED WILL BE AWAY NOVEMBER 20 through 29.
DURING HIS ABSENCE FATHER DIRAN WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR PASTORAL NEEDS.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:13-31

One of the multitude said to him, "Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?" And he said to them, "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, nor about your body, what you shall put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of this. But if God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O men of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be of anxious mind. For all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things shall be yours as well."

"DECK THE HALLS" OF ST. JOHN'S FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

We will be having a family decorating party on Sunday, November 30 to "deck the halls" of St. John's with garlands, lights and Christmas trees. Please donate any ornaments, trees, lights and decorations, including wreaths and garlands.

Bring your donations to the church office during business hours. Donation letters available.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, January 12, 2009 - Town Hall Meeting, 7:30pm

**Sunday, January 25, 2009 - Fellowship Tea for the Tenth Anniversary of Deacon Rubik's Service to St. John's ...
Details to follow...**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

(SEE POSTED ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BULLETIN BOARD AND IN LOBBY FOR MORE DETAILS)

- **TODAY...in theMain Hall BOOK SIGNING & TEA:** presenting a book of poetry by Elise Papazian, "What Will You Remember?" Sponsored by the Daughters of Vartan.
- **AN EVENING WITH NORA ARMANI: Friday, November 28, 7:30 pm.** Sponsored by the Tekeyan Cultural Association. Location: Hagopian World of Rugs, Birmingham

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ATTENTION WOMEN'S GUILD MEMBERS--Please join us for the exciting events coming up in December.

December 3 - WG Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers. Call Rose Shahinian for reservations 248-624-3978

December 6 - Christmas around the World Dinner Dance Call Roxy Choukourian for tickets 248-706-1234

December 9 - WG Knitting Group-10:00 am-Noon Please tell all your friends that our Dinner-Dance is going to be a night to remember. Come one, come all. Don't miss it!

CALLING ALL ACYOA ALUMNI!!!

The ACYOA Seniors need your help for November Dance this year, which will be held on Saturday, November 29.. We need volunteers for:

Food Preparation
Chaperones
Food Set-Up

Ticket Tables
Bartenders
Sweet Table Donations

If you can help, please contact:

Kelly Callan (734) 945-0689 or hyelita@hotmail.com

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)

St. John Armenian Church Parish Christmas Card



A Holiday Tradition to Support Our Church

Once again, parishioners may extend Christmas and New Year greetings to St. John's members in the Parish Christmas Card, and in so doing support a special program of your choice. Your gift is a testimony of your love and support of the Christian principle of good stewardship.

Please complete the form below and forward to the church office with a minimum donation of \$50.00, check payable to:

*St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway,
Southfield, MI 48075, **no later than Sunday, November 30, 2008.***

*Please print your name below as you would like it to appear on the Parish Christmas Card. **Thank you for your generosity.***

-----**Detach here.**-----

Enclosed is my gift for: **Please Circle Your Choice:**

Social Concern Fund Church Web Site Development Fund

General Expense Fund

Please include the name(s) in the Parish Christmas Card as written below.

Donation enclosed to be received by November 30, 2008: \$ _____

If you would like a confirmation that we received your gift, please include an email address or phone number.



BASHDON HOKEHANKSDYAN - REQUIEM SERVICE
FOR THOSE WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST
We offer our prayers as the community of St. John's
for the souls of the departed servants of Christ.

**YERETZGIN ROSALIE PAPA ZIAN, 3rd Year, Wife, Mother,
Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Cousin**

Requested by Father Diran Papazian
The Papazian Family

KAMER GONCAER (Istanbul), 40th Day, Nephew, Cousin

Requested by Garo & Knar Goncaer
Audrey & Jim Mitchell
Hilda Misirliyan
Barur & Ardem Damlama
Bedros & Suzy Civelek
Mr. & Mrs. Harutun Vaporciyan

**GEORGE MARK JEVARJIAN, 40th Day, Husband, Father, Son,
Brother, Uncle, Cousin, Nephew, Friend**

Requested by Teresa, Richard & Emily Jevarjian
George Jevarjian
Larry & Graceann Nishon
Carolyn & Erica Nishon
Pearl Nishon
Isabelle Vahratian
Dr. Anjel Vahratian
Charlotte Boshnakian
Adam & Louise Vahratian
Greg & Debbie Koukoudian & Family
Adam Joel & Suzanne Vahratian & Family

PAUL POLADIAN, 19th Year, Father, Grandfather, Khnamee

Requested by Rick & Paulette Apkarian
Christopher & Kristen Vosbikian
Rich & Alexandra Apkarian
Cynthia Apkarian
Dawn & David Karagosian & Family
Renee & Scott Apkarian & Family
Lynne & Cary Kojamian & Family
Fred, Jackie & Adam Klugman
Don & Carolyn Arslanian
Dawn, Anto, Lyle & Nicole Dadian

MARTIN APKARIAN, 19th Year, Father, Grandfather, Khnamee

Requested by Rick & Paulette Apkarian
Christopher & Kristen Vosbikian
Rich & Alexandra Apkarian
Cynthia Apkarian
Dawn & David Karagosian & Family
Renee & Scott Apkarian & Family
Lynne & Cary Kojamian & Family
Fred, Jackie & Adam Klugman
Don & Carolyn Arslanian
Dawn, Anto, Lyle & Nicole Dadian

ZABEL PANOSIAN, 6th Year, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by J. R. & Alice Patrick
Gary & Donna Panosian, Lauren & Brendan (California)

EDUARD AYRAPETYAN, 8th Year, Husband, Father, Uncle, Brother

Requested by Firuza Ayrapetyan & Family

HARRY G. KOUZIAN, 36th Year, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Ardemis Kalousdian
Sona Kalousdian & Ira D. Lawrence
Raffi Kalousdian & Kathleen Hennessey

JACK & AMELIA BOLADIAN, Parents

JOHN & MARY HOROMIAN, Grandparents

ELIZABETH HOROMIAN, Aunt

ARTHUR HOROMIAN, Uncle

FRANCISCO & MARY OROZCO, Uncle & Aunt

Requested by Marilyn Boladian
John & Grace Boladian, Elizabeth & Elexi

HAIG SAMARIAN

VARSANEK SAMARIAN

SARKIS SAMARIAN

MELEK SAMARIAN

Requested by Rose Samarian

MIHRAN NISHANIAN, Father

HAIGOUHI NISHANIAN, Mother

BENON NISHANIAN & FAMILY, Brother

PAROUNAG, KHACHADOUR, ARDASHES & ANOUSH

NAZARIAN & FAMILY, Cousins

Requested by Ramela Carman

TV DOCUMENTARIES TO WATCH IN DECEMBER

PREMIERING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 9:00 PM

Amanpour Takes On Genocide in CNN Special International Correspondent Reports on Atrocities

CNN Presents: Scream Bloody Murder, a two-hour documentary featuring chief international correspondent Christiane Amanpour's reporting of systematic terror and violence through the years.

From ethnic slaughters in Armenia to the Holocaust to appalling violence in Cambodia, Rwanda, Iraq and Darfur, Amanpour reports on the recurring nightmare of genocide and the largely unknown struggles of the heroes who witnessed evil—and “screamed bloody murder” for the international community to stop it. As the 60th anniversary of the United Nations' Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide approaches, CNN chronicles world leaders at the key moments of history as they happened and leverages this direct experience and depth of knowledge.

BEGINNING DEC.EMBER 7 ON ABC-AFFILIATED STATIONS

Everyone Prays in Holy Etchmiadzin details the history and spiritual heritage of the Armenian Church. To learn more, you may visit the following website: www.interfaithbroadcasting.com/vv.aspx

ARMENIA FUND USA TELETHON 2008 Thanksgiving Day, November 27

For more information contact: 800.888.8897

www.armeniasfundusa.org

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