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.

September 13, 2015

The Armenian Church Year 1464
FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian

THE LORD'S DAY - SUMMER SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

Divine Liturgy / U. Nuunupuq9:45 am

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Isaiah 49:13 23 Galatians 6:14 18 John 3:13 21

Lector: Linda Tiffany

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.

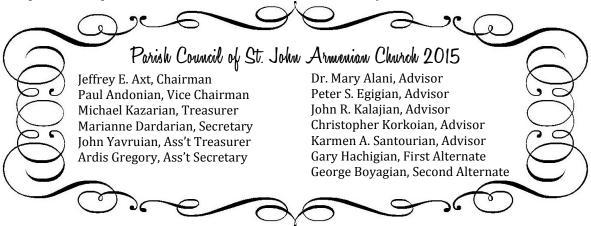
Baptism Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born. For more information, phone the Church Secretary.

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* no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday. requested. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.



Today's Gospel John 3:13 21

"No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Capuchin Soup Kitchen Mission

The Men's Society is asking for used fall and winter men's coat collection to benefit the needy at Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Sport coats and suites also accepted. Drop off your coats at the church kitchen entrance on the clothes rack or bring them to the Veteran's Building on Saturday, September 26th between 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. Please include your name and that it's for the Capuchin Kitchen. For information about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen go to www.cskdetroit.org.

New Artwork on Our Campus

A beautifully framed serigraph with 22 karat gold embellishment entitled "My Madonna" by renowned artist Martiros Manoukian was recently donated to the Alex & Marie Manoogian Museum by Gary & Evelyn Smith of Florida in memory of Sarah V. Arakelian.

The artwork is presently on display in the corridor of the cultural building.



Annual St. John's Festival

September 25 - 27, 2015

Boutique vendor space available. *Please contact Marianne Dardarian at 248.661.0617*

Day by Day Bible Study

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

12:00 — 2:00 pm

For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248.538.9993

Grandma's Attic

We are accepting gently used, clean items for the Festival weekend. Donate household items, small electronics, children's toys, games, puzzles, accessories, belts, purses, scarves, jewelry, books, CDs, DVDs, artwork, collectibles, picture frames, dishes, glassware, vases, etc.

NO CLOTHING OR SHOES.

Please drop off your donations at the Maintenance Office.

Make sure they are properly wrapped, *especially fragile items*.

Receipts available in the church office.

Visit the Parish Bookstore

NEW: Genocide T-Shirts with "Forget-Me-Not" emblem and map on back — \$20.00 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.

Operation Nemesis by Eric Bogosian — \$28.00 HC

Great Fire, One American's Mission to Rescue Victims of the 20th

Century's First Genocide — \$28.00 HC

Homage CD: A Tribute to Detroit Armenian Musicians (PBS) — \$15.00

New Items From Armenia
Variety of "FORGET-ME-NOT" pins, charms, stickers and silver jewelry.

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 are available in the church office.



Please join us for fellowship as we prepare for our annual Festival

The Women's Guild will be baking and cooking:

Khalka led by Cathy Atesian: Monday, September 14th, 9 am - noon. Individual Cheoregs led by Marianne Dardarian: Monday, September 14th, 6 - 8:30 pm. Sou Beoreg led by Anita Arslanian: Tuesday, September 15th, 9 am - noon.

Everyone is welcome and needed to participate! *No experience needed!*

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

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 Belinda Kabodian, 248.767.3689

Festival News

Thursday - Sunday, September 24th to September 27th

100 raffle tickets are available,

Get your tickets today in the church hall Only 130 tickets to be sold 3,000.00 in winnings

Opening Night Dinner and Art Exhibition

Fine Arts Exhibition and Sale featuring works by **Varteni Mosdichian and Kegham Tazian** will open in conjunction with **The Opening Night Dinner**

Hors d Oeuvres and sit down dinner with wine

Entertainment By:

Harpist Kelly Yousoufian, Violinist Sevahn Merian, Violinist Hester Hasheian Details and reservations will be published soon

Limited to 100 seats \$30.00

Volunteers

Lets clear a little of your calendar To volunteer for help during the weekend

Country Store

288 Bottles of Tourshi were made last Tuesday And a variety of home made Jams and Jellies will be available You can expect great things this year from that corner

Some activities you might not be aware of:

Health fair 11-2pm, Saturday 9-26

Blood Drive 11-5pm, Saturday 9-26

Backgammon for Kids, Saturday & Sunday 9- 26/27

Petting Zoo, 1-4pm, Sunday 9-27

Mad scientist Kids Demo, 12noon-1pm, Sunday 9-27

Texas Hold'em 8:45pm-12 midnight, Saturday 9-26

Conversational Armenian Class, Saturday 9-26

Times and locations will posted the weekend before the festival

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- ♦ In 610 AD The Persian King Khosrov waged a war against the Byzantine Emperor Heracles.
- ♦ He stole the Holy Cross of Christ from Jerusalem in 614 AD.
- ♦ Armenian resistance forces led by Mjej Gnouni entered the battle assisting Heracles and the Persian King was defeated.
- ♦ The Emperor Heracles brokered an agreement with Khosrov's son, Khoryam, that if the Holy Cross were returned, the war would end.
- ♦ It was returned in 629 AD and it was brought through Armenia en route to the Holy Land and Exalted or lifted up in view of the people.
- ♦ The Cross was adorned with Sweet Basil because, when it was discovered it was found lying in a garden of Sweet Basil.
- On this day the *Antasdan*, or Blessing of the four Corners of the Earth, is celebrated and the Cross is lifted high in view of the congregation remembering the Victory of Christ and Power of God over evil.

Tekevan Cultural Association Working to preserve the Armenian cultural heritage and identity... Metro Detroit Chapter-Movie Night is back! See our Fall schedule below Friday, September 11th "1915" a "must see" documentary by Mark Bedrossian will be screened at the AGBU School-\$5/person includes beverage and refreshment Friday, November 13th—"The World at his Feet" - a documentary about soccer player Christiano Ronaldo with a bonus clip "Henrikh Mkhitaryan" - to be presented at Ultimate Soccer Arena located 867 South Boulevard, Pontiac MI. Note: this program is presented in collaboration with The Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul (CSAI) Please join us and support our efforts to present quality programs designed to Funds raised support preserve our rich Armenian heritage. The Tekeyan "Sponsor a Teacher" For more information you may call program sponsoring schools in Armenia Karine Koundjakian (248) 761-9744 and Karabagh. Diana Alexanian (248) 334-3636 or Sylva Sagherian (248) 592-0825

About the Holy Cross - Did you Know?

- The Cross is considered and referred to in our Armenian Church teaching as *The Tree of Life.*
- ♦ All Crosses used in our Church have been blessed and anointed at the five points, the center and the four wings.
- The most common architecturally layout of an Armenian Church is Cruciform / Cross Shaped.
- ♦ Armenian Crosses generally do not feature the Crucified Body of Christ on it; only during the Great Lenten Season.
- ♦ The appearance of vines and grapes decorating the Armenian Cross symbolize the Blood of Christ which is made from the grapes.
- At the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Matrimony Crosses are used during the celebrations, for the Baptism a Cross is blessed and placed upon the newly Baptized as a sign of salvation and identity. And during the Marriage Sacrament, the Godfather holds a Cross over the heads of the Bride and Groom.



Save the Date

Save the date of October 25, 2015, for Father Garabed's Retirement Banquet.

It will be held following his last *Badarak*. The planning committee is looking for photos with Father Garabed performing a sacrament (either a baptism or wedding). If you wish to contribute photos, please label pictures with a name, year, and optional caption, and drop them off at the church front office or email digital copies to Dikran Callan at *dikrancallan@yahoo.com*.

Tickets for adults are \$25.00. Children 12 and under are \$10.00. To make reservations for the banquet, please contact Isabelle Vahratian at 248.890.2185 or make checks payable to St. John Armenian Church and mail them to Isabelle directly at:

28535 Quail Hollow Rd Farmington Hills, MI 48331





Today, Sunday, September 13, 2015

Come join us for

Basterma and Eggs
Pre-made Omelets
Pancakes
Sausage
Hash Browns
Fruit, Juices, Coffee
&
More

Free Will offerings accepted

This Day of Infany



This Friday marked 14 years since the dreadful event that altered the land-scape of our country—in ways both literal and figurative. Who will ever forget, having lived through September 11, 2001, the horror and outrage we felt, as we confronted the terrible loss of life, and the prospect of an evil enemy who would willfully extinguish those lives?

We pray for the souls of those who were cruelly taken from this world in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and we ask our Lord to grant peace to those who have suffered loss and hardship in the long aftermath of that infamous day.

As Armenian Christians — who are no strangers to the sufferings of destruction and death — we may cast our thoughts upon the Holy Cross: once a fearsome instrument of death, but transformed, through the suffering of our Lord, into a sign of divine life. In the Cross of Christ, we receive our highest assurance of God's loving solidarity with mankind — even in our deepest pain and suffering.

With Grotitude

We wish to thank

Sara Andonian Louise Brocher David and Marianne Dardarian Jane Hovsepian

For their basil contribution for today's Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.



The Daughters of Vartan, Zabelle Chapter, will present their Merit Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence at a dinner on Wednesday, June 8, 2016. The awards in 2016 will be \$1,500 each. In order to apply you must be a child or grandchild of a member of the Knights or Daughters of Vartan (living or deceased) in good standing, and attend full-time at an accredited college or university. If you wish to receive an application form or for further information, please contact Jane Hovsepian at 248.544.1552 or jane.hov@att.net.



Honoring our Past Celebrating our Truture

St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild Presents

The Armenian Heritage Collection

Dinner and Program Saturday, October 17, 2015

Kindly Respond by September 30th Reservations@\$55.00

Make checks payable to: St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild

Mail to: Marilyn Sarkesian 2338 Heronwood Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 Please list the names of those individuals you would like to be seated with along with your check. Your check is your reservation. Cash bar available prior to the program.

Remembering 9/11

We remember today in our prayers during *Der Voghormia* the souls of thousands who perished in the great tragedy at the World Trade Center, in the airplane crashes and those who sacrificed their lives to save others in the great suffering of our nation on September 11, 2001. May the Lord God rest the souls of all these innocent victims

The major Hymns sung today on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

Jashou Hymn

Haghtogh yev uznor orhnootiun mishd ee partzoons yerkestsook Takavoreen Krisdosee, havadazyal jhogovoort.

O faithful people, let us sing a new and triumphant song of praise to Christ the King in the highest.

Aysor yev mek dohnestsook uznavagadees Soorp Khacheen, yev Prgogheen madoostsook parrk yev badeev haveedyan.

Today let us also celebrate the feast of the dedication of the Holy Cross and offer glory and honor forever to the Redeemer.

Khachee ko Krisdos Before Thy Cross O Christ

Khachee ko Krisdos yergeerbakanemk. Yev uz Soorp uztaghoom'n ko medzatsootsanemk. Yev uz Soorp uzHartootiun't ko paravoremk.

O Christ, we bow down and adore Your Cross. And we magnify Your Burial. And your Holy Resurrection we glorify.

Yegayk havadatsyalk yergurbakestsook Keesdosee Asdoodzoh mero vasun zee yegn ee dzerun khacheen yooroh shnoryats bakevs ashkharee.

O faithful believers come and let us also worship Christ our God because He came and by His Cross bestowed His gifts upon the earth.

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 gadarestseh.

Sացէ 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 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.

Oրհնեցից 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.