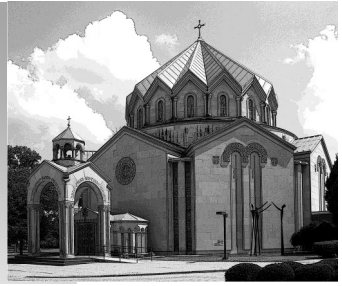


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Deacon Rubik Mailian – *Director of Sacred Music*
and *Pastoral Assistant*
Ms. Margaret Lafian - *Organist*

Sunday Bulletin

OUR CHURCH AND PARISH IS A PLACE WHERE . . .

All people are welcome . . . **Every member is a minister . . .**

The world is our collective responsibility . . .

Disciple-making is our goal . . . And worship is our duty and delight.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2012—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1461

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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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 TODAY

THIS WEEK: Isaiah 49:13-23, Galatians 6:14-18, John 3:13-21

NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 14:3-17, 2 Corinthians 10:18-11:10, Mark 10:1-12

Lector: John Yavruian

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.

TODAY'S GOSPEL: John 3:13-21

No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And 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, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has 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 men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

A gift was presented to the church on the occasion of a Home Blessing by David and Nicole Lee.

FRESH BASIL DONATED ON THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS BY THE FOLLOWING:

**Sara Andonian
David and Marianne Dardarian
Deacon Mihran and Gayle Hoplamazian**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

Father Shnork Kasparian

Ara Hachigian

Walter Negosian

TODAY
THE MEN'S SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO
"FAMILY PORTRAITS SUNDAY"
Come have your portraits taken with family and friends
in the Church Hall following *Badarak*
Photographs by John Lucassian

HAVADK, HOOYS, SER YEV MGRDOOTIOON
Faith, Hope, Love and Baptism
Godparents and Godchildren's Day
Sunday, September 30, 2012

Godparents and their godchildren together are invited to join our parish in honor of their sacred bond in Christ, be in church for a joyous renewal of baptismal vows. Afterwards enjoy our festival food, fun and activities.

DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, NOON-2:00 PM
IN THE NURSERY ROOM

ADULT BELL CHOIR AT ST. JOHN'S

Deacon Rubik will be holding rehearsals for an adult bell choir on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Requirements: good command of rhythm; basic knowledge of musical notation. Please phone or email Dn. Rubik if you wish to join: **248-569-3405** or **rubik@sjachurch.org**

YOU CAN HELP MAKE OPENING NIGHT AUCTION A SUCCESS

The kickoff to the Festival will be the Opening Night
Auction and Dinner on Thursday, September 27th.

Donate an interesting item for the auction!

Bring to church office by Sunday, September 23rd or
contact Julia Papiyants 248-924-7335 / julia@sjacurch.org

THE SEASON OF THE CROSS

September and October feature special commemorations of the Holy Cross. Understandably, the Feasts of the Cross are important to Christians. The Cross is the place where God, who became human to share in and ultimately redeem human suffering and death, was crucified and died. It is also the place where He vanquished death through His resurrection, thereby rendering the cross a powerful symbol of eternal life...



- The crossbars intersect at a midpoint that signifies the four corners of the world meeting at life's center
- The “empty” Armenian cross (as opposed to the Roman Catholic tradition of the Lord's Body displayed on the Cross) emphasizes Jesus' victory over death
- The appearance of vines, grapes, and wheat as decorative motifs in the Armenian cross symbolizes life generating from the Cross which was formerly an instrument of death

Armenians are part of the Holy Cross' rescue and adoration. The Persians had seized the Cross when they conquered the city of Jerusalem. Leading a coalition of forces (including Armenians led by Mjej Gnuni), Emperor Heraclius recapture the cross and in 629 passed through Armenia with it where it was repeatedly raised up and venerated.

The Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross on the Sunday nearest to September 14. Following the Holy *Ba-darak*, the order of *ANTASDAN* takes place, when the four corners of the world are blessed as a symbol for all the world. During *Antasdan*, the processional cross is decorated with *rehan*, fresh sweet basil, because the Cross was discovered laying in a garden bed of sweet basil.

The remaining Feasts of the Cross this year are...

September 30 – The Holy Cross of Varak

October 28 – The Discovery of the Holy Cross

NEW HOPE CENTER FOR GRIEF SUPPORT

An 8-week seminar and support group for people
who are grieving

Begins Thursday, September 27th, 6:30—8:00 pm

Continues for 8 consecutive Thursdays

Sponsored by Northbrook Presbyterian Church
22055 W. 14 Mile Road (at Lahser), Beverly Hills
(248) 642-0200

www.northbrookpc.org

This program is free of charge and all faiths are welcome.

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian—HC—\$23.00
On *The New York Times* Hardcover Best Sellers List

NEW CD: *Lapis Armenus—Armenian Stone*
Gregory Vosbikian on Oud —\$15.00

NEW: *War Gods / East of Byzantium: Vol 1*
Adaptation of Armenian history to a graphic novel
By Roger Kupelian—SC—\$15.00

NEW: *Silver Crosses from Armenia*

Stop by and browse...

500 YEARS OF ARMENIAN BOOK PRINTING

The Library of Congress in Washington, DC has mounted an exhibition entitled, “To Know Wisdom and Instruction: The Armenian Literary Tradition at the Library of Congress” until September 26, 2012,” on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the first printed Armenian book and the decision by UNESCO to designate Yerevan as its World Book Capital 2012.

View the exhibit online at: www.loc.gov/exhibits.

Watch these pages for details of a joint exhibition, “Celebrating the Legacy of 500 Years of Armenian Book Printing: 1512-2012” being planned by the Armenian Research Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn and the Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum.

A Celebration of Service

Sunday, November 11, 2012

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Diocesan Primate

will celebrate the Divine Liturgy and ordain to the
Holy Order of the Diaconate
Subdeacons Dr. David Aprahamian and Aram Sarkisian

Divine Liturgy...9:45 am

Following the Divine Liturgy and ordination service,
join us in the Cultural Hall for the first annual "Celebration of Service"
honoring members of our parish for their love, devotion
and long years of service.

THE SAINT GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR MEDAL AND *GONTAG*
(Encyclical) will be presented from His Holiness the Catholicos of
All Armenians to **Mrs. Emma Sogioian.**

The Diocesan ST. VARTAN AWARD will be presented to:
Howard Atesian, Dr. Vincent Baylerian, Simon Javizian,
Edward H. Korkoian, Arthur Mardigian, Deacon Richard Norsigian,
Dr. Edward Sarkisian, Dr. Gary Zamanigian.

The newly established ST. JOHN THE FORERUNNER AWARD, hereafter to
be annually presented in our parish, will be given this year to the
following parishioners:

Deacon Ohannes Boyajian, , Almas Derderian, Peter Egigian,
Mary Egigian, Alberta Godoshian, Sooren Gozmanian,
Agnes Carman Hovsepien, , Harry Keoleian [posthumously],
Sirvart Mezian, , Edward Papelian, Charles Stambouljian,
Simon Tashjian,

Details for dinner reservations will be in the mail.

Highlights of Armenia-Land of Noah's Ark Festival

Sunday, September 16

Today after Church stop with your family for a
Family Portrait or a picture with your friends

Pick up the pictures during Festival weekend

Saturday, September 22, 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Free Health Fair, screenings of hearing, eye, back, cholesterol, sugar

Free flu shots for the first 100 people

Seminars, raffles, car show, snacks

Interactive kids programs teaching healthy living and illness prevention

Wednesday, September 26, 10:00 am

Church and Museum Tour followed by a luncheon

Call Diane Ekizian for reservations 248-851-4069

Thursday, September 27, 5:30 pm

Opening Night Dinner and Auction, 5:30 pm

See menu in lobby, call Dan or Judy for reservations 313-291-3194

Fine Art Exhibition and Sale , Opening Reception 7:00-10:00 pm

Bazaar Weekend—Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Live Armenian Music, Hye Bar, Fine Arts Exhibition and Sale,
Armenian dinners, Homemade Armenian Delicacies, Country Store,
Grandma's Attic, 19 Vendors throughout the building

Friday, September 28, Bazaar Begins

AGBU Students Dance Performance 7:00 pm, Guided Tour of Sanctuary 7:30 pm,
Johnites Band 7:30-11:30 pm, and much more

Saturday, September 29

Build- A- Bear 10am, Basketball Clinic 12 noon, Blood Drive 11am,

Guided Tour of Sanctuary 4:00 pm, Bell Choir Performance 4:30 pm,

Vespers Service 5:30 pm, Nigosian Band 7:00-11:30 pm, Texas Hold'em 8:45pm

Sunday, September 30

Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Music by Harry Kezelian 1:00 pm,

Tavloo Tournament, 1:30 pm, Raffle winners announced 3:00 pm

For more information, visit

www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org

COMING EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

AT ST. JOHN'S

Saturday, September 22nd
FREE HEALTH FAIR

Wednesday, September 26th
MUSEUM—SANCTUARY TOUR
AND LUNCH

Thursday, September 27th
OPENING NIGHT AUCTION DINNER
OPENING FINE ARTS EXHIBITION
AND SALE

September 28th, 29th & 30th
ARMENIA: LAND OF NOAH'S ARK
FULL FESTIVAL / BAZAAR

Friday, October 19th
MEN'S SOCIETY WINE TASTING

Sunday, November 4th
DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunday, November 11th
PRIMATE'S VISIT & DEACONS'
ORDINATIONS

Wednesday, November 14th
ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
RECEPTION AT 6:30 PM

Saturday, November 24
ACYOA NOVEMBER DANCE

Saturday, December 8th

The Parish Council and
Apostolic Society of
ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
invite you to

CELEBRATE THE SEASON

featuring the inimitable voice of
ONNIK DINKJIAN
with accomplished musicians...GREGORY
VOSBIKIAN—oud;
LEON JANIKIAN—clarinet;
DAVID HOPLAMAZIAN—violin;
ARA DINKJIAN—keyboard;
CHRISTOPHER VOSBIKIAN—dumbeg.

Tuesday, December 11th
CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF 500
YEARS OF ARMENIAN BOOK PRINTING:
1512-2012

Sunday, December 16th
OAKLAND CHORAL SOCIETY
PERFORMS THE MESSIAH

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Saturday, October 13, 2012
DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN
WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, February 2, 2013
KEF TIME KEGHI
IS COMING TO DETROIT!

The Parish Council and Apostolic Society
of St. John Armenian Church
invite you to

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Onnik Dinkjian

with

Gregory Vosbikian—oud Leon Janikian—clarinet
David Hoplamazian—violin Ara Dinkjian—keyboard
Christopher Vosbikian—dumbeg

Saturday, December 8, 2012
Strolling Dinner at 7:00 pm

St. John Armenian Church Cultural Hall
Donation \$65 Open Bar \$30 after 10:00 pm

Please list guests at your table and return this reservation form with
your check payable to: St. John Armenian Church
Mail to: Mrs. Marilyn Sarkesian, 2338 Heronwood Dr,
Bloomfield Hills MI 48302

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Reservation for ____ @ \$65.00 each —Total enclosed \$_____

Limited seating available—Reservation by check only
For additional information, please call Marilyn Sarkesian
248.332.6570

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

On Tuesday, September 11th at 11:00 am, Julie Jenkins from Ma-noogian Manor will discuss colds, the flu and measures you can take to help prevent catching these illnesses. If you plan on attending our luncheons, please make a reservation with May in the church office (248-569-3405) to ensure that our caterer will have ample food available. The cost of lunch is \$7.00 per person.

For those who are “early birds,” consider joining the men and women who come to bake on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am in the main kitchen. Then walk across the parking lot to the Veterans Building for the presentations and lunch.

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. We thank all who have been bringing in books for this year's Used Book Sale.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR GRANDMA'S ATTIC RUMMAGE SALE

We need new or gently used clothing, toys and household items to be sold at the Annual Festival. Drop off your donations at the Maintenance Office before September 23rd in a box or bag clearly labeled **GRANDMA'S ATTIC**. It is not possible to have anything picked up from your home. A letter for tax deduction purposes is available from the church office. WE thank all who have brought in items for this year's “Grandma's Attic.”

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**Without God our days would be: Sinday, Mournday, Tearsday,
Wasteday, Thirstday, Fightday and Shatterday**

**So stay prayed up and keep God in your life,
making every day SONDAY.**

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS



Festival Baking – Festival baking continues on every Monday and Tuesday in September. Please join us in the church kitchen beginning at 9 am. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Festival baking continues on every Monday and Tuesday through the month of September.

On Monday, 9/17 we will be making Boorma and Khadayif. On Tuesday, 9/18 we will be making Khalkha. Any time you can give is appreciated. For information contact Dolly Matoian 248-737-9055.

Evening Bake—Please join us on **Monday evening, September 17th from 6:00-8:00 pm.** This is a great opportunity for those of you who cannot join the day time bakes. Please contact Marianne Dardarian 258-661-0617 for information.

Moms and Manoogs We happily welcome Lindsay Lehrer, Alek and Armen to our group! Please join us this fall for trips to the cider mill, pumpkin patch and more. For more information, please contact Kristen Gustafson at (248) 765-0471 or email at kristeng@outlook.com

*The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.
For details, call Terry Palaian, 313.929.0926*

WOMEN'S GUILD OUTREACH PROJECT

During the month of October, the Women's Guild Social Services Committee will be collecting new pajamas (any size) and/or books for underprivileged children, infant to young adult. We will be delivering them to Orchard Children Services in Southfield, which will distribute them through "Pajama Project," a national organization. Look for the collection bins that will be placed throughout the church complex. We hope you will help us in our outreach project to help make a difference for children in our area who are in need. Thank you!

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 kho-rhoortus koh ee parees na gadarsestseh.

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 counsel in goodness. (Psalm 20:4)

When taking *Mahs*, the GIVER says:

Mahs yev pazheen yegheet-see kez ee Soorp Badarakes.

Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի 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:

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 haydootyoonun Kreesdosee.

THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenyn 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.

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

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Cell: 248.225.9888

Parish Council Chairman's Cell: 248.688.1214

Administrator's Cell: 248.880.8391