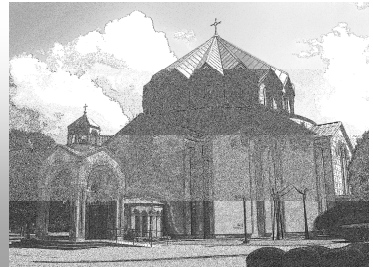


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Sunday Bulletin ~ Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր

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

September 20, 2009 ~ The Armenian Year of 1458

BAREGENTAN OF THE FAST OF THE HOLY CROSS OF VARAK

18TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF ARMENIA

THE LORD'S DAY ~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*9:00 am

Divine Liturgy - *Սուրբ Պատարագ* 9:45 am

Church School - *Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոց*10:15am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Today – Isaiah 14:3-17, 2 Corinthians 10:18-11:10, Mark 10:1-12

Next Week— Proverbs 3:18-26, Isaiah 65:22-25, Galatians 6:14-18,
Matthew 24:30-36

Lector: Deacon Onnig Boyajian

THE NICENE CREED WILL BE CHANTED IN ARMENIAN

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. Please sign the Guest Book at either of the entrances to the Sanctuary.

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.

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MARK 10:1-12

And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again; and again, as his custom was, he taught them. And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." But Jesus said to them, "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one.' So they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

ALTAR FLOWERS

The floral arrangements adorning the altar today were presented by Mark and Dana Peznowski on the joyous occasion of their marriage.

CROWN THEM WITH GLORY AND HONOR

We rejoice in celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Crowning and have asked Christ our God to bless the marriage of
DANA KARAGOŠIAN & MARK PEZNOWSKI

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servants of God
HAYK ŠNKHCHYAN
ROSE MARDOSŠIAN

Who entered their eternal rest this past week. May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon their souls.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Azat Arslanian
Safa Kashat
Knut Shattuck

Ramela Carman
Pat LaFlamme
Kasper Tokatlian

Paul Derderian
Helen Z. Sahakian
Lucy Yazejian

TOWN HALL MEETING

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 12:30 PM

Financial Update / Goals & Objectives for 2010

Watch the mail for a reminder.

NOW AT OUR SENIOR LUNCHE\$; Trimming & Grooming of Eyebrow\$ for both men and women A ministry of love by Lori Kale, known by many of our seniors who attend lunch on Tuesdays. She is a “beauty specialist” and will come each Tuesday to trim, clip and smooth your eyebrows to keep you looking smart and stylish. There will be no charge for her labor of love.

CAN YOU HELP \$TOCK “GRANDMA’S ATTIC?” Dawn Derouchie will be coordinating Grandma’s Attic for the 2009 Festival October 1-4. She will accept gently used household items. Please bring what you can donate to the Maintenance Office during business hours or before church on Sunday. If you would like to donate volunteer hours to help organize the “attic” please contact Dawn at dderou@yahoo.com.

CAN YOU HELP FINDER\$ KEEPER\$ EMPORIUM? —Items needed for the Festival: new and gently used kids’ toys, DVDs, high chairs, games, etc. For details contact Heidi Aprahamian at haradc@aol.com.

WANTED: USED ARMENIAN BOOK\$ The Parish Bookstore will sponsor a Used Book Sale at the upcoming Festival along with regular priced new books. We are accepting donations of gently used books written in English on Armenian subjects. Please drop off books at the Church Office during business hours or on Sundays. Thank you for your support.

\$PONSORING SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR The coffee hour continues through October thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor.. If you wish to help support this weekly hospitality and fellowship, please speak to a Parish Council member.

WHAT IS A BELL CHOIR? Deacon Rubik is in the process of forming a bell choir for ages 11-16. Children participating in this project will learn to play hand-held bells. If you have a good sense of rhythm and some basic music skills and would like to take part in this endeavor, please contact Deacon Rubik during business hours at 248.569.3405 or via email...rubik@sjachurch.org. We plan to debut our Bell Choir on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2009.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS
MORNING BAKING AT 9 AM FOR FESTIVAL

Monday, Sept. 21, we'll be making Khadaif & Bourma.

This Tuesday, Sept. 22, we'll be making Katah.

Come help and have fun.

Any and all help would be greatly appreciated!

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, we will be making Yahlanchee.

BOOK CLUB will meet on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm at church to discuss "The Shack," by Wm. Paul Young.

Please call Esther Kulhanjian, 248-642-1879, and let her know what you will donate for the Bake Table for Festival

NEW PROJECT FOR THE WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild is asking all of our parishioners for their favorite "traditional" or "new" Armenian recipes for an exciting project, a user-friendly Armenian cookbook from St. John's. Recipes from various regions in historic Armenia and countries where Armenians live will be gladly accepted. Please send your tried and true recipes with exact measurements and step-by-step directions (including special hints) to:

Pam Dayinian
31070 River's Edge Ct.
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Please understand that due to space limitations, we cannot guarantee that all submitted recipes will be included in the cookbook. Deadline for recipes is December 1, 2009.

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

For more information, please call Linda Assarian,

248-332-0816.

WOMEN'S GUILD ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT
DECEMBER 2, 2009
SAVE THE DATE!

GOD'S ACCURACY

How lovely to think about the way our Creator God planned everything so carefully and perfectly. God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs. For example: the eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days; those of the canary in 14 days; those of the barnyard hen in 21 days. The eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days; those of the mallard in 35 days. The eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days. Note: All are divisible by 7.

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other Quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation! God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains.

- Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.
- Each orange has an even number of segments.
- Each ear of corn has an even number of rows..
- Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.
- Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

The waves of the sea roll in on shore 26 to the minute in all kinds of weather.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks.

The Lord specified thirty-fold, sixty-fold, and a hundred-fold ~ all even numbers.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day, so that Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

Thus the Lord in His wonderful grace can arrange the life that is entrusted to His care in such a way that it will carry out His purposes and plans, and will be fragrant with His presence.

Only the God-planned life is successful.

Only the life given over to the care of the Lord is safe.

- Author Unknown

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF FESTIVAL 2009
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
October 2, 3 and 4

FOOD Armenian dinners, mezza, breads, pastries, Country Store Deli, specialty drinks, snack shops, Hye Bar...

MUSIC Armenian bands and DJ, Teen Dance, line dancing, folk dance performance & dance lesson, Harpbeat children's band, Komitas Choir concert

GAMES Kids' carnival games for prizes, arts & crafts tables, cake walk to win pastries, Armenian face painting, caricature artist...

DISPLAYS Southfield fire truck, ambulance, FBI tent, state police bomb vehicle, Buddy Buckle Bear, petting zoo, Lego display & play area, CHIP (Child Identification Program) ...

IN THE SANCTUARY: CHURCH TOURS, CHOIR CONCERT & VESPER SERVICE

SHOPPING Fine Arts Exhibition & Sale, Oriental Rugs, Vendor Booths @ GIFTARAMA, Grandma's Attic, Finders Keepers Emporium, St. John's Bookstore, Country Store ...

FINE ARTS EXHIBITION Opening on Thursday, October 1
Featuring paintings by Emil Kazaz & Kevork Yeghiazarian, and paintings by a select group of Armenian artists ...

CULTURE Mini Armenian language classes, Armenian story-telling, Armenian authors book signings, video screenings ...

SPECIAL FEATURES Armenian Hye Tea for kids and parents, Yoga class, car show, mini Health-o-rama, Texas Hold 'Em, Tavloo, raffles, auctions, Adopt-A-Pet, massage therapy, and much, much more...

FOR SCHEDULES & EVENT LOCATIONS, CONSULT ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE OR BROCHURE COMING SOON IN YOUR MAILBOX.

ASK THE PASTOR

Q. How does the Armenian Church view and respond to cremation and is cremation acceptable?

A: Cremation is a form of burial acceptable and practiced by non-Christian religions. In recent times in the U.S. it has been chosen by some members of the Armenian Church. While there is no canon law forbidding the burning of the flesh and crushing of bones, cremation is not the standard set by Jesus Our Lord who Himself was placed in the tomb, buried whole and holy. We follow His example as we honor the body, the temple in which the Spirit of God's breath and our Soul lives. While we live, we care for our bodies and when death comes we honor our bodies, keeping them whole as they are buried. By nature we are born, of nature our bodies pass away while the Soul as it departs lives on forever. Thus, we honor that temple and body/Soul created by God by burying it whole and intact. This is the Christian way.

All funeral services in the Church are offered with the body present. If a person chooses to be cremated, this is done after the Church funeral service. There is no service for cremains.

WASH YOUR HANDS !!!

With the increase in concerns about the **H1N1 Flu** and other strains of flu that will come with the fall and winter seasons, we want you to know that **thorough hand washing, whether in church or at home, IS VERY IMPORTANT.** Our hands—even though they do the Lord's work—can be a very inviting location for germs to fester and grow. Touching unclean surfaces, exchanging hand shakes, and then touching your eyes with your hands are some of the ways flu germs can enter our bodies. Let us all try to observe good hygiene at all times, especially with many of the events taking place at our church that will engage hand contact.

ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

JANUARY 15-24, 2010

**CO-SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN DIOCESE &
KNIGHTS AND DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN**

For registration and detailed itinerary, see brochures in lobby carousel.

ONE TO GO—SPECIAL BLESSING TABLE NEEDED We are half-way to meeting our goal of funding for 2 wooden tables for conducting blessing services and distributing Holy Communion. The design of the tables will be similar to the candle table in the lobby, with traditional Armenian motifs and designs. If you are interested in helping us complete this project with one more table, please speak with the pastor..

ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN THE ARMENIAN LYCEUM CLASSES The Armenian Heritage and Culture Lyceum classes will start from **Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am**. For more information please contact Dn. Rubik Mailian, rubik@sjachurch.org or call (248) 569-3405. You may also visit <http://www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org> under Lyceum program.

ST. NERSESS COMES TO ST. JOHN'S . . . AN AFTERNOON OF DISCOVERY All ACYOA Juniors & Seniors are invited to attend a special workshop at St. John's on **Saturday, October 24, 2009, 9:30 am—3:00 pm** (breakfast & lunch included), led by Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian, Director of Youth & Vocations at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, and 2 seminarians studying for the priesthood in the Armenian Church.

JOHN MERIGIAN COMPETES FOR GRAND RAPIDS ART PRIZE St. John parishioner and sculptor, John Merigian, the creator of the monumental sculpture of three figures that adorn our grounds, is participating in an art competition being held in Grand Rapids next week. Read about John's entry in the competition, "Plaza Promenade," made of welded steel nearly 13 feet tall, at: artprize.org/artist/id/2363. Please vote for his work from September 23-30 at: blog.artprize.org/2009/09/02/voting-instructions-and-the-iphone-app

The top ten entries will be announced October 1 and voting for the winner will take place October 1-7. Winner to be announced on October 8.

RETREAT COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST MEETING TODAY The Retreat Committee will meet today in the Nursery at 12:30 pm to begin plans to organize St. John's Annual Spiritual Retreat which will take place on Saturday, March 20, 2010. All who are interested in helping the committee are welcome to attend.

DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta
Bring your Bible and lunch, we will provide the coffee.

NOTICE - REQUIEMS 2009

Requiems will be offered on September 27, October 11 and 25, November 8 and 22, December 13 and 27.

TRACKING OUR TREASURES - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Plate Donations of the Day	\$466.00
Candle Donations of the Day	\$105.00

KITCHEN STAFF NEEDED AT FESTIVAL...CAN YOU HELP?

Help us save over \$1500 by volunteering to help in the kitchen during the 2009 Festival, A few hours of your time is all that is needed. No experience is necessary. All are welcome, including teenagers, non-members, guests, etc. **Bill Derouchie is coordinating this activity and can be contacted personally or at billderouchie@gmail.com or 248-592-9614.**

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE: A STORY OF THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF ARMENIAN, 1915-1920
BY ROBERT GEORGE KOOLAKIAN—SC-25.00

NEWLY ARRIVED GIFT ITEMS FROM ARMENIA!!!

Books, CDs, DVDs for all ages, assorted crosses and jewelry
Stop by and browse!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, September 21—Festival Baking, 9:00 am
Tuesday, September 22— Festival Baking, 9:00 am
Senior Lunch, Noon
Thursday, September 24—Afternoon Bible Study—Noon
Saturday, September 26—Armenian Lyceum Classes Begin
Sunday, September 27—Morning Service, 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy, 9:45 am

ARMENIAN PROVERB OF THE WEEK

Wit is the salt of conversation, not its nutrient.

Սրամստութիւնը խօսակցութեան աղն է եւ ոչ սնունդը:
Sramudootyoonuh khosagsootyán aghn eh yev voch snoontuh.

The Festival Committee
wishes to thank all who supported
its Wednesday raffle dinners.

Spread the word about our wonderful Festival
and see you in October.

If you have not purchased this year's big raffle tickets,
they will be on sale on Sundays after church.
Only 320 - \$50.00 tickets will be sold!!!!

PLAN TO ATTEND
"LAND OF NOAH'S ARK FESTIVAL"
October 1, 2, 3 & 4, 2009

WATCH THE MAIL FOR COMPLETE DETAILS &
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

In the meantime, start saving canned goods and
non-perishable food items to bring with you
to support a valued Festival partner

FORGOTTEN HARVEST

Your donations will go directly to this Detroit area pro-
vider of food for the hungry. Our goal is to fill up a truck
with food for the needy.

Canned goods drop-off points are at each entrance.

BOOK SIGNINGS @ FESTIVAL 2009

Friday, 6-9pm—*The Repatriate*— Tom Mooradian
Saturday, 3-6pm—*Struggle for Justice*— Robert Koolakian
Sunday, 1-3pm—*What will you remember?*—Elise Papazian
Sunday, 1:30pm—*Bachik, the Birthday Kiss* – Lori Wagner

A New Concept is Born

“Opening Night Dinner” at Festival 2009

When: Thursday, October 1, 2009, 5:30 pm

Where: St. John’s Cultural Hall

Why is it so special? This dinner will kick off the exciting Festival 2009 and will feature small businesses of Michigan which are owned and operated by Armenians associated with St. John Armenian Church.

What will be included? **Wine and Mezza Reception** followed by a sit-down dinner that will boost some of the Armenian talent within our church community. In addition, a special **Silent and Live Auction** will be held to give you an opportunity to bid and win some of our best auction items ever.

Donation: \$30.00 per person (dinner is valued at \$65.00)

This event is limited to 115 guests. Payment in advance is required for your reservation. Please make your check payable to St. John Armenian Church and indicate “Opening Night Dinner” in memo.

Reservations: Contact Haic or Yvonne Korkoian at 248.541.8325

After dinner, visit the **Fine Arts Exhibition** and the **Nigosian Oriental Rug & Boutique**.

The following sponsoring companies are donating their products and services for “Opening Night Dinner” -

Crave Creative Group—Owner Lilly Marinelli

Faouzi’s Catering - Chef Faouzi Elchemmas

insalata—Owner Mickey Mardirosian

Mexico Lindo Restaurant—Chef Kasper Tokatlian

Michigan Harp Center—Harpist Kelly Yousoufian

Sweet & Savory Bakery –Pastry Chef Christina Papazian

Uptown Catering—Chef Gary Reizian

Westborn Market—Anusbigian Brothers

Zingerman Coffee—Owner-Partner Steve Mangigian

Check St. John’s website for updates on menu and auction items:

stjohnsarmenianchurch.com Select: 2009 Festival

ON LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

Q. What do I say when approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy?

You say:

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.

Յիշեցէ՛ Տէր վամենայն 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 gadarsestseh.

Տացէ՛ քեզ Սէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ վամենայն խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեցէ:

May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your counsel. (Psalm 20:4)

Q. What do I say when I take Mahs?

The GIVER says:

Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee 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:

God is my portion 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 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.

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