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 27, 2015

The Armenian Church Year 1464

FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS OF VARAK

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Abraham Ohanesian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

Divine Liturgy / U. Nunununuq9:45 am

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Proverbs 3:18 26 Isaiah 65:22 25 Galatians 6:14 18 Matthew 24:30 36

Lector: Charlene Apigian

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.

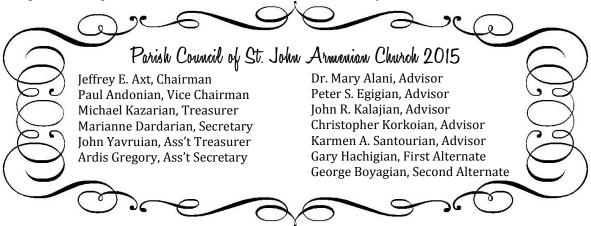
Baptism Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born. For more information, phone the Church Secretary.

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 Matthew 24:30 36

"Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven, and then all of the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

"From the fig tree leam its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."

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 this week! 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.



Armenian American Veterans of Greater Detroit

Honoring all men and women who have served and are serving our Armed Forces Celebrating 70 years of service to our nation and community

Honor Guard - Dinner - Music and Dancing The Nigosian Band featuring Hachig Kazarian Margaret Lafian - Saluting America and the Armed Forces

Saturday, November 14, 2015, 6 pm St. John Armenian Church

Dinner tickets: \$40 and cash bar For reservations please call Edward and Yvonne Korkoian at 248.254.3029

We will have a wall of honor for our veterans. If you would like to participate, send a photo, branch of service, rank, and period of service. Please send all information to Gloria Korkoian, 100 S. York Street, Dearborn, MI 48124

Day by Day Bible Study

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

12:00 — 2:00 pm

For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248.538.9993

Visit the Parish Bookstore

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.

NEW:

The Armenian Apostolic Church in Recent Times - \$20.00

Defending the Faith - \$20.00

The Lenten Journey...A Walk With God - \$10.00

The Armenian Genocide and Problems of Evil - \$20.00

Water as a Sign of Rebirth in the Armenian Church - \$20.00

The History of Armenian Monasticism and the Rank of Vartabeds - \$20.00

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



Women's Guild News

A BIG thank you to all the Guild members and friends of the Guild that helped make our Festival a huge success!

Honoring our Past Celebrating our Future - St. John Armenian Church
Women's Guild Presents "The Armenian Heritage Collection",
Saturday October 17th, 2015.
Reservations are \$55.00, kindly respond by September 30th.
Mail your check to: Marilyn Sarkesian 2338 Heronwood Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

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 Continuing today, September 27th

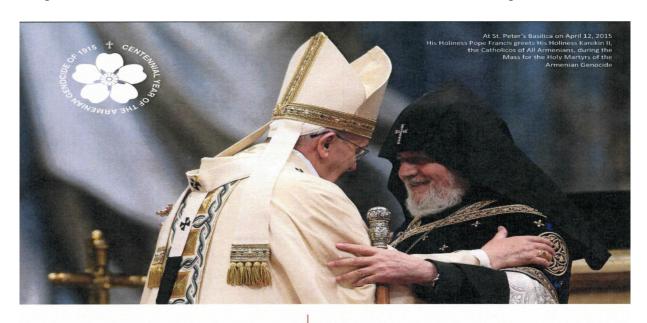
Country Store

A variety of home made Jams, Jellies, and other treats are available!

Some activities you might not be aware of, happening today...

Backgammon for Kids Petting Zoo, 1- 4pm Movie room for young kids New Board Games, Room 109

Forgotten Harvest Can Food Drive and Men's Good Condition Coats are still being collected!



With gratitude and friendship, the clergy and faithful of the Armenian Church of America welcome HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

We will never forget your profound words of RECOGNITION, SUPPORT, and SOLIDARITY offered during this solemn year marking the centennial of the Armenian Genocide of 1915

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) New York City | armenianchurch-ed.net YOU
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Gifts to the Church

A gift has been presented to the Church by Alice Chavdarian, in honor of the Baptism of her great grandson Logan Alexander Daniels.



A gift has also been presented to the Church by Dr. Edward and Mrs. Anna Sarkisian in honor of the Baptism of their granddaughter Anya Rose Bell.

Our New Paster Will Consecrate the New Icon of the Holy Martyrs of 1915

We have received a copy of the new Icon of the Sainted Holy Martyrs of 1915, the original of which was consecrated in Holy Etchmiadzin on April 23, 2015. By order of His Holiness and our Diocesan Primate, it should be placed in a special location in our sanctuaries.

In our sanctuary it will be placed on the wall above the Shrine of the Martyrs where the blessed relics of the Martyrs for Der Zor have been placed.

Sunday, November 8th, following the Divine Liturgy, our new pastor Father Aren Jebejian will consecrate this Icon with Holy Muron marking it with the sign of the Holy Cross thus designating this sacred image to be venerated by the faithful.

Following *Badarak* on that Sunday a special video will be shared with our faithful at the fellowship hour.



Honoring our Past Celebrating our Triture

St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild Presents

The Armenian Heritage Collection

Dinner, Program and Cocktails 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. 248.322.6570

Reservations are Filling Up - 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

September 27th Minron Orlinek

Today, Sunday, September 27th, On the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak, His Holiness Lord Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, will be celebrate the Blessing of Holy Miuron. The tradition of blessing the holy oil used for the sacred services and Sacraments of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is traditionally blessed every seven years. This year, as a significant one in the life of the Armenian Church, though it is sooner than the seven year cycle and coinciding with the 100th Anniversary of the Genocide of 1915 and the Canonization of the Neo Martyrs who perished during these dark days of our history, the Holy Miuron will be blessed by decision of the Pontiff of the Armenian Church. Also, last month at the Catholicate of Cilicia in Antelias, Lebanon, HH Aram I the Catholicos of Cilicia consecrated this Holy Oil.

The Ceremony begins at 5:00 pm. The Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin invites the prayers of the faithful on this blessed occasion.

Tekeyan Cultural Association

Working to preserve the Armenian cultural heritage and identity...

Metro Detroit Chapter-Movie Night is back! See our Fall schedule below

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. Bring your family and enjoy this inspiring true story.

Funds raised support The Tekeyan "Sponsor a Teacher" program sponsoring schools in Armenia and Karabagh.

Please join us and support our efforts to present quality programs designed to preserve our rich Armenian heritage. For more information you may call Karine Koundjakian (248) 761-9744 Diana Alexanian (248) 334-3636

BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

While we are mourning the loss our loved ones, we also rejoice as they meet the Lord behind the veil in the Heavenly Jerusalem

EVA MALKASIAN, 40th Day, Dear Aunt, Sister-in-law

Requested by Anne & Nick Derderian

Denise & Brigitte Chiroyan

Jennifer & Daniel Scappaticci

Ron & Pat Derderian

Kristin & Tom Marten & Family

Ryan & Carrie Derderian & Family

MARY KALOUSTIAN, 1st Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother ALBERT KALOUSTIAN, 27th Year, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Gerald and Crystal Reeves

Tim, Melissa, & Alexander Kanasty

Richard Kaloustian

Karen, Ben, & Brad Mangune

HELEN R. TORIGIAN, 2nd Year, Dear Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Great Aunt

Requested by Mark & Deanna Torigian; Alec, Andrew, Jenna

Kathryn Torigian

Eric & Nicole Torigian; Viviana

Karen & Jeff Kalajian; Kyle

Sadie Sarajian

Izabelle Jizmejian

Sharon Jizmejian

Carol Jizmejian

Don Hutchinson

Michelle Halagian

Michael Halagian

ARMENOUHI FERESHETIAN, 11th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother SAMUEL BOYADJIAN, 7th Year, Father, Grandfather

(Armenouhi Fereshetian & Samuel Boyadjian requiem continued)

Chuck, Terry, Brent & Erika Palaian

Bruce, Annette, Elliott, Kayla & Joshua Boyadjian

Bryan, Lisa, Jordan, Nicholas & Victoria Boyadjian

NISHAN GULUZIAN, 17th Year

Requested by Sirvart Guluzian (wife)

Together with their children, grandchildren, & their respective families

GORDON KOURKEN DIRASIAN, 18th Year

Requested by: Mrs. Mary Dirasian

Mr. & Mrs. Jirair Kaypekian

Mr. & Mrs. John Bogosian

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Gureghian

Greg Dirasian

Mr. & Mrs. Gjon Ivezaj and Family

Mr. & Mrs. Raffi Bogosian and Family

Ara Kaypekian

JASMINA MURADYAN, 23rd Year, Mother, Grandmother, Sister ASHOT MURADYAN, 23rd Year, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Kazar, Marina, Ani, & Tigran Terterian

Inna Muradyan

Zhanna, Tamara, & Zaven Yesayan

ARAXIE SERKAIAN TERTERIAN, 49th Year, Mother, Grandmother KEVORK TERTERIAN, 5th Year, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Kazar, Marina, Ani, & Tigran Terterian

Arpina, Ronald, Christopher Devio

Allen & Araxie Grant

Father Abraham & Yeretgzin Shakeh Ohanesian & Family

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.