

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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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 fill out a contact card 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.

Following Primate Bishop Daniel's directive related to protecting our clergy and parishioners during the COVID-19 pandemic, no one except clergy are permitted to enter the church during services this week. We respectfully ask our parishioners to stay home and prayerfully join us via the live streaming of the services which can be seen on the St. John Armenian Church public Facebook page.

April 5, 2020

The Armenian Church Year 1469

PALM SUNDAY

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian

Pastor: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Song of Solomon 1:1-2:3, Zechariah 9:9-15,

Philippians 4:4-7, Matthew 20:29-21:17

Today's Gospel

Matthew 20:29-21:17

And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the roadside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent; but they cried out the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" and Jesus stopped and called them, saying, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they received their sight and followed him.

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers."

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings you have brought perfect praise'?" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Emma Betrosian
Elina Cobb
John Brycz
Margaret Chubukchian
Vartkes Chubukchian
Rose Baise

Araxey Barsamian
George Douroujalian
Darlene Lane
Stepan Telebzda
John Avedisian
Dr. Badrik Joocharigian

Charles Sansone
Doris Carter
Elizabeth Shehigian
Anna-Maria Grigorian
Susie Janigian

Seerov Jash

In this time of difficulty and uncertainty, our loving and Christian spirit is called upon to pull together to help others, primarily the elderly, the sick, single parents, recent immigrants and others in our parish and our community that needs support. Last week, staff and volunteers of our newly formed outreach program, *Seerov Jash* -- meals made with love from the St. John's kitchen -- prepared over 170 meals which were either picked up at the church or delivered to those not able to leave the home during this virus pandemic. We will be preparing our next *Seerov Jash* meal for pickup or delivery on Tuesday, April 7th. If you would like a meal, or know someone who does, please call Lisa Mardigian at 586-808-2202 or e-mail her at sjacoutreach@gmail.com.

Church Office

In light of Michigan's Stay Home Stay Safe executive order, most of the staff in the Church Office will be working from home until at least April 13th. We will continue to check our emails and voice-mail messages, so please feel free to reach out to us when necessary. If it is an emergency, please contact the Pastor or Parish Administrator at the mobile phone number on the back page of the Sunday Bulletin.

Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Alice Chavdarian**, who entered her eternal rest on March 29, 2020.
May Christ our Lord shed His Eternal light upon her soul.

Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday Flowers, Lily Plants and Candle Donors

We thank the following contributors for their generosity in donating the palms, Easter Lily Plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ and candles for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Susie Janigian donated toward the palms for Palm Sunday, the Easter Lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar in loving memory of Melkon & Soorpoohi Chiefgian, beloved grandparents, Nishan & Arshalous Janigian, beloved parents, Dr. Aram Janigian, beloved brother, Salina Blegvad, beloved sister and Silva & Sahak Roy Sahakian, beloved sister and her husband.

Judge Lisa L. Asadoorian and Garo donated toward the palms for Palm Sunday, the Easter Lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar.
Wishing God's blessings for us all.

Dr. & Mrs. Gregory and Karen Movsesian donated toward the palms for Palm Sunday, the Easter Lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar in loving memory of Dorothy Varjabedian Cook, Manuel Cook, and Movses Movsesian.

Isabelle Vahratian donated toward the palms for Palm Sunday, the Easter Lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar in loving memory of dearest husband Richard Vahratian, dearest friends Millie Jingoian and Pamela Dayinian.

Alice & Peter Argnian donated toward the palms for Palm Sunday, the Easter Lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar in loving memory of grandparents Dikran & Takouhi Koloian, mother Mary Argnian, father Sam Argnian and uncle William Koloian.

Gloria Melkonian and Family donated toward the candles for the Holy Altar in loving memory of Arthur Melkonian.

Anonymous donation toward the palms for Palm Sunday, the Easter Lily plants,
flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar.

In honor of the name day of their father, David Harry Dardarian; uncle, Dr. Harry Kezelian;
and cousin, Harry Kezelian III and in loving memory of their grandfather, Harry Dardarian
and uncle Harry Kezelian, Sr., Daniel and Karen Dardarian make a gift toward the
palms for Palm Sunday, the Easter Lily plants,
flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar.

Arthur A. Barsamian donated toward the palms for Palm Sunday, the Easter Lily plants,
flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar
in loving memory of his father, Arthur Barsamian.

Karen and Ben Mangune donated toward the candles for the Holy Altar
in memory of Jerry and Clara Messelian.

Michael Graham donated toward the palms for Palm Sunday, the Easter Lily plants,
flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar
in loving memory of Arthur Melkonian.

Anahed Lovalenti and Family donated toward the candles for the Holy Altar
for Gregory, Stephan, and Phillip.

Anonymous donation toward the palms for Palm Sunday, the Easter Lily plants,
flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar
in loving memory of mother Wesal Markarian.

Anonymous donation toward the palms for Palm Sunday, the Easter Lily plants,
flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar in loving memory of
all members of the Mavian family who are no longer with us.

Rose Karageusian donated toward the candles for the Holy Altar
in loving memory of her husband, Mugitch Karageusian.

Khatchig and Marcia Hamamdjian donated toward the palms for Palm Sunday,
the Easter Lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar
in memory of the deceased Hamamdjian and Gaffney family members.

John and Terrie Karebian donated toward the palms for Palm Sunday,
the Easter Lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar.

Patricia and Bernard Akkashian donated toward the Easter Lily plants.

Timothy Deuby donated toward the palms for Palm Sunday.

Ronald and Kay Torigian donated toward the candles for the Holy Altar.

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flowers for the Tomb of Christ and the candles for the Holy Altar.



General Information

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

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Mobile: (773) 457-4122 e-mail: FrAren@sjachurch.org

Fr. Armash's email: FrArmash@sjachurch.org

Parish Administrator's Mobile: (586) 817-2974

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 to be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized" list. 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. We encourage parents to baptize their children between 40 days and 3 months.

Marriage Please make sure to confirm your wedding date with the Pastor before booking your reception hall. Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date.

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 or email to Tamara@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby. Requiem may be offered every Sunday of the year except for the five Tabernacle Feast Days.

