

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit
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The Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, *Pastor*
The Reverend Father Armash Bagdasarian, *Assistant Pastor*

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:
The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

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



Sunday Bulletin

Կիրակնօրեայ Թեորթիկ

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.

February 16, 2020
The Armenian Church Year 1469

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE OCTAVE

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
Is 63:18-64:12. Ti 1:1-11. Jn 7:37-52.

Lector: SEVANA MAILIAN

Acolytes Serving at the Altar Today
Myles Najarian and Michael Boyajian

Fr. Aren will be visiting Church School Grade 7 today.
All grades will take communion and stay for the Children's Sermon.

Today's Gospel

Jn 7:37-52.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee."

Holy Communion

Please note that next Sunday is Poon Barekendan and will be a closed-curtain Divine Liturgy. Today will be the last opportunity to take communion before Palm Sunday. Although Holy Communion is not openly administered during Great Lent, should any of the faithful wish to receive Holy Communion at any time during Great Lent, they may do so by making arrangements with the Pastor.

Blessing of Unbaptized Children

On February 14, the Armenian Church celebrated the Feast of *Dyarnuntarach*—the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple. For this occasion, today, at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, we will have a special blessing of any and all unbaptized children.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Emma Betrosian

Elina Cobb

John Brycz

Margaret Chubukchian

Vartkes Chubukchian

Dr. Elizabeth Baise - Bergeron

Araxey Barsamian

George Douroujalian

Darlene Lane

Stepan Telebzdza

John Avedisian

Charles Sansone

Doris Carter

Elizabeth Shehigian

Anna-Maria Grigorian

Visit the Parish Bookstore

NEW: Lavash—Armenian Recipe Book by Kate Leahy, John Lee, Ara Zada - \$25.00 HC

NEW: Mobile phone stand – Available in two different images: Mary and Christ Child or Forget Me Not flower. \$10.00

NEW: ARMENIA, A lavishly illustrated catalogue of the Armenia Exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum in New York edited by the curator of the exhibition, Dr. Helen Evans. HC \$65.00

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: Armenian Proverbs and Expressions

A Collection from the Early Detroit Armenian Community in Delray and Elsewhere

By Susan Kadian Gopigian

Special introductory price: \$25.00 HC

SILVER CROSSES FROM JERUSALEM, VARIOUS SIZES—\$35.00 - \$75.00

“The Promise” DVD \$20.00

JUST ARRIVED—NEW ITEMS FROM ARMENIA AND KARABAGH

Sterling silver Armenian initials: \$35.00 - \$50.00

14Kt Gold letter ի (eh): \$100.00

Sterling silver letter ի (eh): \$35.00

Knit caps \$20.00

**Table runners, tablecloths, shawls and scarves from Armenia
and much more!**

STOP BY AND BROWSE



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO ARE ASLEEP IN CHRIST



BOGHOS DANEYELIAN, 40th Day, Father, Grandfather
OHAN SETRAK OHANIAN, Cousin
Requested by Daneyelian Family

GEORGE MANOOGIAN, 1st Year, Father, Grandfather
Requested by the Heath, DePietro and Manoogian Families

HARRY S. CARMAN, JR., 8th Year, Father, Grandfather
Requested by Lydia, Tamara, Kyle, Anjel & Bryce Doyon

MIKHAIL BASOV, Husband, Father, Grandfather
OLGA TUBOLSOVA, Grandmother
Requested by Nadya Basova
Vlad and Lyuba Ayrapetyan and Family

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Arthur Markarian**,
who entered his eternal rest last week.
His funeral took place at St. John Armenian Church on February 10, 2020.
May Christ our Lord shed His Eternal light upon his soul.



Feast of St. Leontius and His Companions

Divine Liturgy Service on Tuesday, February 18th at 10:00am

The Feast of St. Leontius is celebrated each year on the Tuesday before the Feast of St. Vartanantz. The feast day honors the sacrifices made by a group of martyred priests, known collectively as the Levontian (or Ghevontian) Fathers, who gave their lives for their Christian faith and the Armenian nation.

In 451 A.D., the Persian Army descended upon Armenia again and the very lop-sided battle (300,000 Persians versus 66,000 Armenians) took place on the field of Avarayr. St. Vartan Mamigonian led the forces, but it was St. Levontius and other priests who fought along with the soldiers, on the front lines, firing the soldiers' zeal and courage as they struggled to defend their faith. Many lives were lost in this famous battle. Hundreds were sentenced to die on the spot. Following the initial Vartanantz battle in 451 A.D, the Levontian Fathers were abducted by the Persian king and imprisoned. Eventually, they were brutally tortured and killed.

We will honor the sacrifices of these Saints and celebrate the Feast of St. Leontius with Divine Liturgy service on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 10:00am.
All are welcome to come and worship on that day.

Tuesday Lunch Club

Following Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, February 18th,
TLC will take place in the Main Hall at noon.

Women's Guild

Interested in joining Women's Guild? We'd love to have you.
Contact Paulette Apkarian for more information at 248-896-2339 or
pauletteapkarian@aol.com.

First bake day of the year is Tuesday, February 25, 9-12:00 pm. We will be making choreg for our annual Palm Sunday bake sale.
Many hands are needed and anyone interested is welcome.

Annual Parish Assembly

Annual Parish Assembly—February 23, 2020 after Divine Liturgy

There will be a light buffet lunch served prior to the Assembly with the proceeds to benefit St. John Armenia Build Fuller Center for Housing. Donation: \$12.00

The 2020 Nominating Committee of St. John is looking for candidates for Parish Council, Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee to serve our parish.

Please contact Laura Negosian Lucassian at 248-376-3794 or lucassian@tbeonline.org if you or someone you know is interested.

A meet-the-candidates Pancake Breakfast will take place today after Divine Liturgy.

Dues paid members of the church can pick up their copy of the 2019 Annual Report from the Church Office.

Gifts to the Church

The following Diocesan Delegates present a gift to the church in honor of Fr. Armash Bagdasarian receiving a Pectoral Cross from the Patriarch of Istanbul for his dedicated service to the Armenian Church:

Howard Atesian	Edward H. Korkoian
Roseann Attar	Dn. Richard Norsigian
Jackie El Chemmas	Dr. Gary Zamanigian
Michael Kazarian	

On the occasion of Father Armash receiving the honor to wear the pectoral cross, a donation has been made by Mr. & Mrs. James Berryman to St. John Armenian Church.

In honor of Lucie Jacobs' 90th Birthday, Karen and Cross Mooradian, Mary Andonian, and Rhea Sautter present a gift to the church.

Knights of Vartan presents a gift to the church on the occasion of the Feast of Sts. Vartanank.

Please Note

Due to changes in tax law, the church will not be mailing tax statements itemizing 2019 donations to parishioners. Church members who require a statement may call the Church Office to request one.

For Sale

Frozen Kufta (\$20/dozen)
Proceeds to benefit the Women's Guild
Please contact Denise Karakashian (248) 489-4076

Day by Day Bible Study

Wednesday - 12:00 pm — 2:00 pm
February 26, March 25, April 22
For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at (248) 538-9993

Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning the altar today are presented by Nadya Basova and Vlad and Lyuba Ayrapetyan and Family, in loving memory of Mikhail Basov and Olga Tubolsova.



Sunday, February 16, 2020

St. John Armenian Church, Main Hall

Following Church Services from Noon-2 pm

Meet the Candidates



Breakfast Menu

Fruit

Pancakes

Eggs

Sausage

Hash Browns

**"The St. John's Men's Society
Pancake Breakfast"**

Adults \$10

Children \$5 (6-12 Years old)

Under 6 Free

Hosted by St. John's Men's Society

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH 25TH ANNUAL REV. FR. DIRAN & YN. ROSALIE PAPAIZIAN PARISH RETREAT

“Come Back to Me”

REPENTANCE AND BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

RETREAT
LEADER **BISHOP DANIEL**



THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL

● PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLES OR SMART PHONE WITH BIBLE APP ●

WHEN: Saturday, February 29th, 2020

WHERE: St. John Armenian Church • VARTAN ROOM

TIME: 9:00 a.m. • Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Program

SUGGESTED

DONATION: \$15 in advance • \$20 at door
Includes Materials • Continental Breakfast • Lunch

RSVP BY: 2/23/2020

TO REGISTER:

EMAIL: azallakian@gmail.com OR

CALL: Anne Marie Ameriguan
734.771.9148

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

St. John Armenian Church (memo: Lenten Retreat)

MAIL TO: Dr. Anne Marie Ameriguan
PO Box 690, Grosse Ile, MI 48138

Sponsored in part by the Rev. Fr. Diran and Yerezgin Rosalie Papazian Endowment Fund

LENTEN DINNER & REST SERVICE

HOSTED BY
ACYOA JUNIORS



WEDNESDAYS

dinner served 5:30 to 6:30 pm
rest service 7 pm

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

- february 26th - Men's Society: Danny Cristiano
- march 4th - Music Guild: John Yavruian
- march 11th - Komidas Choir: Marianne Dardarian
- march 18th - Women's Guild: Denise Karakashian
- march 25th - Sunday School: Alberta Godoshian
- april 1st - ACYOA: Nubar Gambourian & Mara Najarian

DONATIONS

adults \$10 / children \$5
vegan options available

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Cultural Hall
22001 Northwestern Hwy
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Reservations call church office
(248) 569-3405 or email
office@sjachurch.org

*The Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church
Presents
Saintly Women's Day
Church Service Luncheon Meeting*



*Commemorating the lives of
Saint Junia
and
Saint Khosrovitookht,
Leaders of the early
Christian Church*



*Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Short service to honor
Saints at 11 am
Lenten Luncheon at noon
\$10.00*

Please RSVP to Denise Karakashian (248)489-4076

Women's Guild meeting immediately following the luncheon

*St John's Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075
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ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH VOLUNTEER DAYS AT WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF 2020 CALENDAR

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MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE USED
LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF
21725 MELROSE AVENUE, SOUTHFIELD
OFF LAHSER, BETWEEN 8 AND 9 MILE ROADS

SATURDAYS

MARCH 7, 9 AM - 11:30 AM

JUNE 13, 9 AM - 11:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 12, 9 AM - 11:30 AM

DECEMBER 12, 9 AM - 11:30 AM

CONTACT EDITH BAISE WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE
AND TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION. (313) 673-3325

DRESS IS CASUAL AND COMFORTABLE.
SHORTS ARE FINE, BUT SHOES MUST BE CLOSED TOE FOR SAFETY REASONS.
FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE ALSO WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.

AGES START AT MIDDLE SCHOOL AND UP AND ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT.

2019 WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

Invites you to

BIBLE STUDY

Starting from The Gospel of Luke

***Presenters: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
and Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian***

Bible Study will take place on Monday evenings
on the dates listed below: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**March 9, March 23, April 13, April 27,
May 4, May 18, June 8**

ADULT CATECHISM

Adult Christian Education will take place
on the dates listed below: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

March 26, April 22, May 27

All parishioners and friends are invited to attend these informative sessions.

Admission is Free

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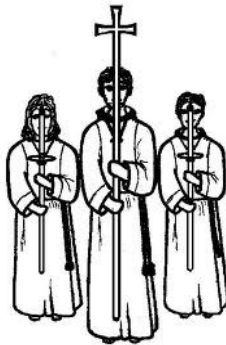
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2019-2020 WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE



ACOLYTE TRAINING

*Led by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian,
Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian
and Dn. Rubik Mailian*

For Boys Ages 10-16 Years Old

**Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
on the dates listed below:**

***February 22,
March 7, March 28, May 2***

Please call the church office to sign up

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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.

Պատարագէն Յետոյ Եկեղեցիէն Դուրս Գալու Ժամանակ

On Leaving the Sanctuary After Divine Liturgy

When approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the
Divine Liturgy you say:

Յիշեցէ՛ Տէր զամենայն Պատարագս քո:

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.

May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.

The Priest answers:

Տացէ՛ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ զամենայն
խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեսցէ:

*Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev
zamenayn khorhoortus koh ee parees na gadarestseh.*

May the Lord grant you according to your own heart,
and fulfill all your desires.

(Psalm 20:4)

When taking *Mahs* the
GIVER says:

Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի քեզ ի Սուրբ
Պատարագէս:

*Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee
Soorp Badarakes.*

May this be to you a share and
portion of the Holy Sacrifice.

The RECEIVER says:

Բաժին իմ Աստուած յաւիտեան:

Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.

My portion is God forever.

The Kiss of Peace

Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

The GIVER says: Christ is revealed amongst us.

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

The RECEIVER says: Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ: / Օրհնեալ է
յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:

The Psalm of Dismissal - Psalm 34

Օրհնեցից ըզՏէր յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ,
օրհնութիւն նորա ի բերան իմ:

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.*

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be at all times in my mouth.