

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.

March 15, 2020
The Armenian Church Year 1469

SUNDAY OF THE STEWARD

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian

Pastor: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Guest Homilist: Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

The Sunrise Office - 9:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 a.m.

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Is 56:1-57:21. Eph 4:17-5:14. Lk 16:1-31.

Lector: Charlene Goshgarian

Today's Gospel

Lk 16:1-31.

He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was washing his goods. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations.

"He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? and if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they scoffed at him. But he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts; for what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

"The law and the prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and every one enters it violently. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one dot of the law to become void.

"Every one who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

"There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom.

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The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this name.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us. And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Remembering the Victims of Sumgait, Kirovabad and Baku Massacres

Today, St. John will perform requiem services for the souls of the victims of the Sumgait, Kirovabad and Baku massacres.

Immediately following Divine Liturgy, prayers will be said at the Baku-Sumgait *Khatchkar* as we remember the victims of the massacres.

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

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

Visit the Parish Bookstore

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

NEW: *"I Ask You, Ladies and Gentlemen"* by Leon Surmelian - \$25.00 SC

(This out-of-print book, first published in 1945, a best seller in its time, was internationally acclaimed. The new reprint of Surmelian's memoirs has added photographs, a map & historical context.)

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

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 է (eh): \$100.00

Sterling silver letter է (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



VICTIMS OF THE SUMGAIT, KIROVABAD AND BAKU POGROMS OF 1988-1991

Requested by Pastors & Parish Council of St. John Armenian Church

ARTHUR BARSAMIAN, 9th Year, Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Agnes Barsamian

Arthur Alan Barsamian

Jeffrey and Beverly Barsamian

The family of Matthew and Angela Manosky

MATTHEW DAVID BARSAMIAN, 1st Year, Beloved Son, Brother, Grandson, Nephew, Husband, Uncle

Requested by Jeffrey and Beverly Barsamian

The family of Angela and Matthew Manosky

Agnes Barsamian

Arthur Alan Barsamian

Lauren Barsamian

ZAVEN DOLIK, 1st Year, Beloved Father, Grandfather, Khnamee

Requested by Michael & Jill Dolik

Lisa & Jim Wilson

David & Randi Dolik

Corey & Constantina Dolik, Michael

Stephanie & Sam Hagopian, Anna

Nicholas Dolik

Dan Wilson

Tim Wilson & Rebecca Braun

Matthew Wilson

Lilly Wilson

Lauren Dolik

Alex Dolik

Leah Dolik

Eddie & Mary Dolikian, Michael & Christine

Armen Dolikian Family

Virginia Keoleian

Dr. Gary & Laurie Keoleian, Michael, Sophia & Gabriella



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



SAMUEL BITCHAKJIAN, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Kevork, Galina and Harout Wartersian

JANET RASHO BAKOYAN, Mother

Requested by Maral & Diar Rasho

Tzoghig Bakoyan



Gift to the Church

Greg and Edith Baise present a gift to the church
on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Position Opening – Parish Secretary

As many of you know, Tamara Martirosyan, our parish secretary, and her husband are expecting their third child this summer. Tamara has indicated her intention to step down from her position at the end of May. Consequently, the Parish Council is actively recruiting a full-time replacement and asks that anyone interested in applying for the position submit their qualifications, with cover letter, to the Parish Council Chairman directly or via email to hr.sjac@gmail.com, no later than April 1, 2020.

Please contact the Church Office directly for detailed job description.

Holy Communion

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.

Day by Day Bible Study

Wednesday - 12:00 pm — 2:00 pm

March 25, April 22

For more information, call Yerezgin Roberta at (248) 538-9993

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild of St. John has begun Palm Sunday Bake Sale Preparation Days. We look forward to the participation of all interested parishioners. Come and join in the fun. Make friends and bring a friend. See you there!

The Women's Guild will once again, be preparing Soo Boreg for our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Anyone interested in pre-ordering, please contact Joy Callan, 248-533-6320. Your advanced payment is your guarantee. We are happy to report that once again, we were sold out in advance of the bake sale in 2019.

Tuesday, March 17, 9:00 a.m. until noon - Khalkha

Tuesday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. until noon - Soo Boreg

Tuesday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. until noon - Choreg

Questions?? Please call or text Joy Callan
249-533-6320 or yerchanigc@gmail.com

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.

For Sale

Frozen Kufta (\$20/dozen)

Proceeds to benefit the Women's Guild

Please contact Denise Karakashian (248) 489-4076

Morning Service During Lent

On all Sundays during Great Lent (beginning March 1st), Morning Service (Matins) will be replaced with The Sunrise Office (*Arevakal*) at 9:30 am. Divine Liturgy will take place at 10:00 am. We will return to our regular schedule of having Morning Service (Matins) at 9:00 am on Palm Sunday with Divine Liturgy beginning at 9:45 am.

Rest Service

Lenten fish dinners are cancelled, however, the rest services will take place each Wednesday at 7:00p.m. with the following speakers after the rest service.

March 18th—Women's Guild: Denise Karakashian

March 25th—Sunday School: Alberta Godoshian

April 1st-ACYOA: Nubar Gambourian & Mara Najarian

ST. JOHN HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

**2020 PALMS, EASTER LILY PLANTS, FLOWERS
AND CANDLE DONATIONS**

We are offering parishioners and friends of St. John Armenian Church the opportunity to donate palms, Easter Lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ and candles to beautify the Holy Altar and sanctuary for Holy Week. These items will serve as a loving memorial and tribute to those whom you wish to remember in a special way before the Lord.

If you would like to donate any of these items in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please fill out the form below providing all the information needed. You may take a Lily plant home following Divine Liturgy on Easter Sunday as a remembrance of this Holy occasion.

Please mail this form to the Church Office or drop it in the mailbox just outside the church office with a check made payable to St. John Armenian Church.

Orders must be placed by April 1, 2020

All donors' names will be printed in the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Bulletin

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Donor Name.....

In Honor/Memory of:

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- I wish to donate Palms for Palm Sunday - \$30.00 \$ _____
- I wish to donate _____ Easter Lily Plants at \$30.00 each _____
- I wish to donate Flowers/Plants for Good Friday Tomb of Christ - \$25.00 _____
- I wish to donate Candles for the Holy Altar - \$25.00 _____
- I wish to donate for all of the above - \$100.00 _____
- (Easter Lily Plant, Candles for the Altar, Flowers/Plants and Palms)
- Total: \$ _____**

**For further information, please call the Church Office at 248-569-3405 or
e-mail Tamara at Tamara@sjachurch.org**

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR ACYOA DAY
FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY

**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN
CHURCH CULTURAL HALL**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM ACYOA
SENIOR MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

**LERNA LACINIAN
CELINE PHILIP**

FOR INFORMATION CALL: 248.569.3405

EMAIL: OFFICE@SJACHURCH.ORG

**OPENING OF THE DOORS
SERVICE FOLLOWS AT 1:15 PM**

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Women's Guild

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH

IN THE CULTURAL HALL

SALES BEGIN AFTER CHURCH

CASH CHECK CREDIT CARD



PREORDER SOUBEOREG CALL JOY CALLAN (248)533-6320

2020 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 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 - Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey through
Holy Week in the Armenian Church
Presenter: Fr. Armash**

April 22, May 27

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

Admission is Free
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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.

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.

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 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.

