

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*

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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

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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 8, 2020

The Armenian Church Year 1469

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Celebrant: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian

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 54:11-55:13. 2 Cor 6:1 -7:1. Lk 15:1-32.

Lector: Yerchanig Callan

Acolytes Serving at the Altar Today

Marty Shoushanian and Zaven Shoushanian

Fr. Armash will be visiting grade 10

Today's Gospel

Lk 15:1-32.

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

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“Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, `Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated, but he answered his father, `Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, `Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'”

Remembering the Victims of Sumgait, Kirovabad and Baku Massacres

St. John will perform requiem services for the souls of the victims of the Sumgait, Kirovabad and Baku massacres on Sunday, March 15th. St. John has a very large Baku-Armenian community that we will honor on this day.

Prayers will be said at the Baku-Sumgait *Khatchkar* on Sunday, March 15th immediately following Divine Liturgy 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



HIS BEATITUDE ARCHBISHOP MESROB II, 1st Year, 84th Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople

Requested by Fr. Aren Jebejian and Fr. Armash Bagdasarian
Cultural Society Of Armenians from Istanbul

ALICE MAVIAN, 40th Day, Dearest Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

Requested by Hagop and Diana Alexanian
Alex, Jessica, Maven, Zoe, and Nola Alexanian
Peter, Mellie Mae, and Joseph Alexanian
Joboulian and Mimnaugh Families

FATHER HENRY DONOGHUE, 1st Year

Requested by Father Garabed and Yerezgin Roberta Kochakian

OHANNES KUCUKYAN

Requested by Fr. Armash and Yerezgin Maran Bagdasarian

JOHN REGISH, 4th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother-in-law, Nephew

Requested by Virginia Regish
Lalena Hale & Family
Sonja Regish
Veronica Gibson & Family
David Apkarian & Family
Richard Apkarian & Family
Edward & Shirley Gopigian
Steven Regish & Family



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



MARY DOUROJALIAN, 10th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Mother-in-law, Aunt, Great-Aunt, and Wonderful Friend to Many

Requested by Diane & Bruce Kezlarian
Courtney, Mike, Amelia & Andrew Abela
Kirsten & Victoria Trebnik
Donna Portrey
Ryan, Liz, Cole & Anne Portrey
Lindsay & Michael Clark
George, Yvette, & Blake Douroujalian
Bryan, Amanda, Dominic, Hayden & Alexandria Douroujalian

FLORENCE KARAGOSIAN, 10th Year, Loving Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Dear Aunt

Requested by Robert Karagosian and Family
Timothy Karagosian and Family
David Karagosian and Family
Harry Karagosian Jr. and Family
Cynthia Apkarian and Family
Scott and Ilene Hill
Joboulian and Mimnaugh Families
Hagop and Diana Alexanian

JEANNE TASHJIAN, 12th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Sister, Sister-in-law, Aunt, Niece

EDWARD TASHJIAN, 31st Year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Brother-in-law, Uncle, Nephew

ARDASH MOORADIAN, 37th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Brother-in-law

MARIAM MOORADIAN, 22nd Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Sister-in-law

ROUPEN & PERLANTE TASHJIAN, Father-in-law, Mother-in-law, Grandparents, Great-Grandparents, Great-Great-Grandparents

HAGOP & PEARL MOORADIAN

HELEN MOORADIAN

Requested by Tina Schoeny & Family
Bruce & Jacqueline Tashjian & Family
Wayne & Deborah Tashjian
Jesse & Susie Siebert & Family



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



HARRY KURJIAN, 14th Year, (Michigan), Father, Grandfather, Father-in-law
ANNA KURJIAN, 9th Year, (Michigan), Mother, Grandmother, Mother-in-law
HERMAN MISIRLIYAN, 13th Year, (Michigan), Husband, Father, Grandfather, Father-in-law
ROSEANN KURJIAN, 8th Year, (California), Wife, Sister, Aunt
SUKI KURJIAN, 16th Year, (New York), Sister, Aunt
SYLVIA SAMARJIAN, 9th Year, (Michigan), Friend

Requested by Hilda Misirliyan

Mona and Dickran Kurjian

Alec and Vartan Kurjian

Gary Johns

Penn and Dominic Johns

Vartan and Natasha Kurjian

Roy & Nayiri Misirliyan, Sevan, Sarine & Ani



Parish Ministry

Belinda Kabodian, RN, Community Health Coordinator at St. John Providence Hospital will be available today for blood pressure screening in the Main Hall. This event is open to everyone and free of charge. Belinda will also be on hand and have information to answer any questions parishioners may have about the coronavirus.

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.

The St. John Women's Guild invites you to come and make choreg with Dolly Matoian this Tuesday, March 10, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All hands are good hands. Bring friends and make friends.

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

Tuesday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. until noon - To Be Determined

Tuesday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. until noon - Famous Soo Boreg!!

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.

New Stewardship Pledge Program

Stewardship Pledge Cards for 2020 have been mailed to parishioners and are also available in the Church Office. We encourage all parishioners to become Stewards of the Church by completing the pledge card and returning it to the Church Office. Remember, there is no minimum Stewardship pledge amount required to be considered a Stewardship Donor of Record – each parishioner is encouraged to give proportionately to their means.

Beginning in April, we will be posting the names of our Stewardship Donors of Record in the Church lobby (replacing the Church Membership list that used to be there). We will also be asked to provide the results of our Stewardship program to the Diocese. No individual Stewardship pledge amounts will be listed or provided to the Diocese. If you have not already completed a pledge card, please do so as soon as possible so that we can include your name as a Stewardship Donor of Record of St. John Armenian Church. If you have any questions, please contact the Stewardship Committee or the Church Office.

Plate Collection

On Lenten Sundays, the plate collection will take place after the song Lord Have Mercy (Der Voghormia) while the choir sings Guardian of All (Bahaban Amenaynee).

“Garj Talk” - Sunday, March 28th

St. John Armenian Church is pleased to invite back the University of Michigan Armenian Studies Program for another in the series of “Garj Talks”. Following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 28th, Dr. Aram Simonyan, Associate Professor of Economics at the International Scientific Educational Centre of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia and visiting Fulbright Scholar at the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan, will be discussing corruption in the Government of Armenia. Curbing corruption in Armenia was one of the main goals of the new Armenian government before the velvet revolution in 2018. According to Transparency International, corruption in Armenia has decreased from 2018 to 2019. Dr. Simonyan’s brief talk will explore the reasons why, and address what might be done as a next step to keep the progress up.

Lenten Dinner Reservations

This week only, please contact Laura Lucassian for reservations
lucassian@gmail.com or cell: (248) 376-3794

LENTEN DINNER & REST SERVICE

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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
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Reservations call church office
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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:

.....

- 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

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CHEOREG KATAH KHALKHA NAZOOG SOUBEOREG & MORE

Women's Guild
Palm Sunday Bake Sale

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH

IN THE CULTURAL HALL

SALES BEGIN AFTER CHURCH

CASH CHECK CREDIT CARD



CHEOREG KATAH KHALKHA NAZOOG SOUBEOREG & MORE



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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

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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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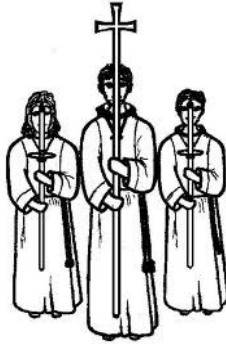
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2019-2020 WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE



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:**

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.

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.

