

WELCOME . . . We welcome our visitors who are attending the Divine Liturgy at St. John's parish, and we pray that your participation has been enriched through word, and worship. We invite those visitors who are baptized and/or confirmed in the Armenian Church or are members of a church which is in communion with the Armenian Church to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

If you are a member of the Armenian Church and a newcomer to our community and would like information about our Christian Education program or any of our parish auxiliary groups, please call our office and we will be happy to respond to your questions.

The Lord Jesus Christ loves you and desires that you share His love with others, making this holy community your spiritual home.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for weddings in our holy sanctuary are to be made at least eight months in advance. Marriage preparation and counseling are required before the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Marriages are NOT celebrated during the season of Great Lent according to Armenian Church Canon Law.

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

All Baptisms must be scheduled no less than two months in advance. At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Church, i.e. baptized in the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox faith. Baptisms are NOT celebrated during the season of Great Lent according to Armenian Church Canon Law.

REGULATION OF SACRAMENTAL SERVICES

In accordance with Diocesan discipline mandated by the Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, all sacraments, e.g. funerals, weddings, baptisms and rites of Christian burial may only be administered in the church sanctuary, which has been consecrated for the celebration of these sacred rites.

Sunday Bulletin
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St. John's Mission Statement

The Parish of St. John's Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is a fellowship of Christians committed to proclaiming Christ's Gospel of salvation through worship, education, witness, service and a common life in Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith-experience and heritage of the Apostles and of our ancestors. We invite the faithful to know God through Evangelism, to educate God's people through Discipleship and to demonstrate God's love through Service.

APRIL 26, 2009 - ARMENIAN CHURCH YEAR 1458
SUNDAY OF THE WORLD CHURCH - ԱՇԽԱՂՀԱՄԱՏԵԱՆ
GREEN SUNDAY - ԿԱՆԱԶ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ

CELEBRANT: REV. FR. GARABED KOCHAKIAN

THE LORD'S DAY-SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Ժամերգութեան ժամանակացոյց

Morning Prayers - *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*.....9:00 am
Divine Liturgy - *Սուրբ Պատարագ*9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Today – Acts 9:23-31, 1 Peter 2:1-10, John 2:23-3:12
Next Week – Acts 13:16-43, 1 Peter 4:12-19, John 5:19-30

LECTOR: John Kalajian

THE NICENE CREED WILL BE RECITED IN ARMENIAN

USHERS: Art Barsamian, George Godoshian, Harry Karebian, Kevoork Terterian, Michael Hovey, Michael Karebian, Ardag Tachian

St. John's Armenian Church School

May 9, 2009 Bike-a-thon



Hines Park 20K Event

Starting 9:00am at Nankin Mills (Hines Drive/Ann Arbor Trail Rds)

The 2009 Bike-a-thon proceeds will go to **Our Home - Mer Doon, Inc.**, a project which allows a more permanent solution to the continuing needs of young women in Armenia over the age 18 years. Mer Doon is dedicated to transitioning these youth from six orphanages or disadvantaged backgrounds into becoming employed and productive Armenian citizens.

For more information on Mer Doon, Bike-a-thon registration (Middle-High School Students, Parents & Friends ± 11 years old), event sponsorships, or volunteer to help, please contact:

Roseann Attar – 248-980-3221 / vart@comcast.net

Lisa Mardigian – 248-569-3405 / lmardigian@sjachurch.org

Or download participant packages at St. John's Website – <http://www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.com/>

Register early – \$20 now thru May 3, \$30 after May 3

FYI, Hines Park has "Saturday in the Park", in which a six mile section of Hines Drive is closed from 9:00 am -3:30 pm to automobiles from Outer Drive Rd to Ann Arbor Trail. St. John's staging area and parking will be at Nankin Mills Picnic Area (Hines Drive & Ann Arbor Trail).

St. John Armenian Church Festival
Thursday, October 1st – Sunday October 4th 2009

Armenia



Land Of Noah's Ark

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR

Each week look for news of upcoming events that pertain to this year's festival.

The Festival (Bazaar) Committee invites you to the first Raffle Spaghetti Dinner in the main hall of St. John Armenian Church

Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 5:30 pm

\$6.00 per person

Includes: Salad, Bread, Main Course, Dessert & Coffee, Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Tomato Basil Sauce

This year's big raffle tickets are \$50.00.

Get your raffle tickets before the dinner sale starts this Sunday after church.

Only 320 - \$50.00 tickets will be sold!!!!

Please call for dinner reservations

248-569-3405

DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY, MAY 21 AT NOON

Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta

Bring your Bible and lunch, we will provide the coffee.

Tracking Our "Treasures" - Sunday, April 19

Plate Donations of the Day \$522.00

Candle Donations of the Day \$212.00

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: ARMENIAN GOLGOTHA: A Memoir of the Armenian Genocide, 1915-1918 by Grigoris Balakian, Translated by Peter Balakian with Aris Sevag – HC - \$28.00

NEW: REFLECTIONS OF MY CHILDHOOD - *Mangootyan Hoosherus*
A collection of traditional Armenian children's songs, rhymes & poetry with CD By Houry Yapoujian Schmeizl - \$28.00

NEW: 14K ARMENIAN BIBLE CHARM INSCRIBED WITH THE "HAYR MER" - \$200.00

NEW: THE PEOPLES OF ARARAT by Armen Asher & Teryl Minasian Asher – SC - \$16.00

SILVER JERUSALEM CROSSES - \$20.00

GOMIDAS SONGS – CD - by Isabel Bayrakdarian - \$20.00

WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER? by Elise Papazian - \$20.00

MY GRANDMOTHER: A MEMOIR by Fethiye Cetin - \$20.00

YOUR JOURNEY INTO ARMENIA by George Mouradian - \$12.00

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 28 – Senior Lunch – RC - Noon

Sunday, May 3 – Red Sunday

Morning Service – 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy – 9:45 am

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The key to a perfect marriage... is not expecting perfection.

SPECIAL HYMNS FOR TODAY

Megheti (Melody) – Ov Bardizban

Tapor (Processional) – Parekhosootyamp

Jamamood (Introit) – Krisdos Haryav ee Merelots

Jashou Sharagan (Mid-day Hymn) – Kovy Yeroosaghem

Jashou Alleluia – Kovy Yeroosaghem

ST. JOHN'S KOMITAS CHOIR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DEACON RUBIK MAILIAN; ORGANIST: MARGARET LAFIAN

ALTAR FLOWERS

The floral arrangements on the altar today were presented in memory of Ardemis Kalousdian on the 40th day of his passing by Raffi Kalousdian & Kathleen Hennessey and Sona Kalousdian & Ira D. Lawrence.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH FOR MARTYRS DAY

The *madagh* which was blessed and served here on Armenian Martyrs Day, Friday, April 24 was offered and donated by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Manoogian in loving memory of parents, Alex & Marie Manoogian.

The red carnations which were presented to our dear survivors of the Genocide, who we were honored on April 24, were donated by Andrew & Anne Tarpinian in loving memory of their parents, Hagop & Hripsime Arzoomanian, Manuel & Araxie Tarpinian.

SPONSORING SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Because of budget reductions for 2009, the annual amount designated for fellowships which take place after the Divine Liturgy has been eliminated. This does not mean we cannot share a cup of coffee or tea; it can still take place if it is sponsored by any willing parishioner at a rate of \$25.00 per fellowship. If you wish to sponsor a fellowship and keep this tradition of hospitality alive, it is the Parish Council's pleasure to invite your participation. Should you have questions a Parish Council member will help you.

TODAY'S GOSPEL: John 2:23-3:12

Now he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man. Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Yeretzgin Patricia Dagley	Valeriy Bagdasarian
Steven Bear (CA)	Theodore Bourgeois
Paul Derderian	Margaret Jamgochian
Araxie Kurajian	Nora March
Rose Mardirosian	Jack Hagop Papazian

WANTED: USED ARMENIAN BOOKS

The Parish Bookstore will be sponsoring a Used Book Sale at the upcoming ARMENIAN FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 1, 2, 3 & 4 along with regular priced new books. We are accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects – art, history, novels, cooking, etc. Please drop off books at the Church Office during business hours or on Sundays.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS
The Armenian Renaissance Association Sophia Chapter has released 2009 scholarship guidelines. See lobby carousel. ALSO, Diocesan scholarship applications can be downloaded from armenianchurch.net.

JOIN THE KOMITAS CHOIR!!! The Komitas Choir welcomes and wants new members. Come and join the Choir and be a part of a wonderful group of people who add to the beauty of our Divine Liturgy with their angelic voices. Please contact Deacon Rubik at 248.569.3405 or at rubik@sjachurch.org.

CAMP ARARAT REUNION COMMITTEE FORMING - Join us on Sunday, May 3, 2009 in the Ararat Room at 12:30 pm as we discuss the first Camp Ararat Reunion. For more information, contact Laura Negosian Lucassian at 248.376.3794.

TODAY . . . ON DETROIT PUBLIC TV
WTVS-TV CHANNEL 56: 2:30 - 3:30 PM
"EVERYONE PRAYS IN HOLY ETCHMIADZIN"
This inspiring program about the Armenian Church is sponsored by the National Council of the Churches of Christ USA and the Catholicate of Holy Etchmiadzin.

BRINGING FAITH HOME . . .

View the historic 3-day visit of His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians to St. John Armenian Church October 30–November 2, 2007. Included are the following events: Vehapar's arrival, breakfast at Masco, Ecumenical Luncheon, The Pontifical Hrashapar and Armenian Heritage Costume presentation, visits with the students of our Church School, the AGBU School and our ACYOA Young Adults and his final farewell banquet. These were days that blessed us all and the DVD has been prepared for you to recapture the joy Vehapar brought to us. **Now at the bookstore for \$20.00 each.**

TEACHERS NEEDED The Armenian Culture and Heritage Lyceum needs teachers for the fall semester in the areas of Armenian arts, music, dance and cooking. Please contact Deacon Rubik at the church office if interested.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S GUILD EVENTS

Plan on attending our next Women's Guild meeting, Wednesday, May 6 at 7 pm. An advanced master gardener, Mary Schwark, will be our guest speaker and her topic will be perennial gardening . . . right plant, right place.

Reminder to Women's Guild members... Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, May 27 at 7 pm to discuss Three Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson. Copies of the book are available at area libraries, book stores, and possibly Costco.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR MEMBERSHIP, the Women's Guild would happily welcome you. Please call Linda Assarian at 248.332.0816 for more information.

Men of St. John's:

Introducing "Christ Renews His Parish"

You are invited to a spiritual weekend! This is your chance to be part of the first men's **Christ Renews His Parish** weekend. This is an incredible opportunity to renew your faith in Christ, reflect on what Christ has done in your life, and share this time with other men from our parish who are on a similar journey. Come prepared to have a good time and renew your heart with times of prayer, reflection, presentations, discussions, laughter, great food and fellowship. The dates of the weekend are May 16-17, 2009 and it will be hosted by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Fenton, Michigan. The cost is simply a commitment of your time...time that will change your life. Space is limited and is filling up quickly. Please contact John Merigian for further details (734) 483-2884, or via e-mail at: jmsculpture@yahoo.com. Brochures about this program are in the lobby carousel.

Special Blessing Tables The sanctuary is in need of three special wooden tables for conducting blessing services and distributing Holy Communion. The design of tables will be similar to the beautiful candle table which graces our lobby area. In fact the same fabricator will be used to design these new tables with traditional Armenian motifs and designs. If you are interested in contributing toward this project please approach the pastor or call the office to speak with him.



BASHDON HOKEHANKSDYAN - REQUIEM SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

Today during the Divine Liturgy we offer our prayers as the community of St. John's for the souls of the departed servants of Christ.

VICTIMS OF THE 1915 ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

ALEX & MARIE MANOOGIAN

ROBERT AJEMIAN, 40th Day, Cousin, Friend

Requested by Ani Agadzhanian
Harry & Mary Keoleian

DR. SARKIS DERDERIAN, 40th Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Mrs. Helen Derderian
Dr. Sarkis & Vicky Derderian & Family
Dr. Greg & Cheryl Derderian & Family
Dr. Paul & Tracy Derderian & Family

OSCAR SIY EKIZIAN (California), 40th Day, Uncle

Requested by Ekizian & Kludjian Families

BYOUZAND GHARIBIAN, 40th Day, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Sebouh & Arsho Avedikian, Sona & Leah

ARDEMIS KALOUSDIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Cousin

DIRAN KALOUSDIAN, 17th Year, Father, Cousin

ZABEL KOUZIAN, 24th Year, Grandmother, Aunt

HARRY G. KOUZIAN, 37th Year, Grandfather, Uncle

Requested by Sona Kalousdian & Ira D. Lawrence
Raffi Kalousdian & Kathleen Hennessey
Lucy Ardash & Family

LUCY TORIGIAN, 40th Day

ARIS TORIGIAN, 46th Year

VERTCHALOUS TORIGIAN, 26th Year

HELEN TORIGIAN, 14th Year

HERMAN TORIGIAN, 22nd Year

NERSES TORIGIAN, 13th Year

ARCHIE TORIGIAN, 8th Year

Requested by Edward, Yvonne & Christopher Korkoian

MARGARET DAKESSIAN, Cousin

Requested by Agnes & Harry Tokatlian

**LESTER BAGDASARIAN, JR., 1st Year, Husband, Brother, Uncle,
Khnamee**

**LESTER GHAZAROS BAGDASARIAN, SR., 17th Year, Father,
Grandfather, Khnamee**

**MARGARET BAGDASARIAN, 10th Year, Mother, Grandmother,
Khnamee**

Requested by Josephine Allton

Carole Bagdasarian

Christine & Joshua Keillor

George, Linda & Scott Bagdasarian

Rosemary, Vigen, Talin & Mara Darian

Vrejouhi Darian

Michael, Linda & Ani Karibian

The Lazarian Family

**MARY METZIGIAN, 1st Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister,
Godmother, Cousin**

Requested by John Metzgian

Shirah Metzgian

Harry & Jenny Shooshanian

Mr. & Mrs. Richard L. Kalajian & Family

**MARIAN ELIAN, 2nd Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister,
Sister-in-law, Aunt, Great Aunt**

**ANTRIAS AMBOIAN, Father, Father-in-Law, Grandfather, Great-
Grandfather, Uncle**

**KHANEM AMBOIAN, Mother, Mother-in-Law, Grandmother, Great-
Grandmother, Aunt**

Requested by George Elian

Lisa, Mike, Jacob, Erin and Andrea Bahm

Berj & Mary Kurkechian

Rose and Mickey Amboyan

Elizabeth Amboian

Robert, Kim, Samantha, Lauren & Nicholas Simonian

Nicholas, Susan & Matthew Curtiss

Robert, Cindy, Allison & Katherine Amboian

Armen Boladian

MARY DEMIRJIAN, Wife

NEVART DEMIRJIAN, Mother

Requested by all the Demirjian Families

MOURAD SHIRVANI, 3rd Year, Beloved Husband, Father

MARDIRO BOYACIYAN, 3rd Year, Brother, Uncle

KHATUN BOYACIYAN, 17th Year, Mother, Grandmother

BEDROS BOYACIYAN, 47th Year, Father, Grandfather

ARTIN SHIRVANI, Father-in-Law, Grandfather

MARIAM SHIRVANI, Mother-in-Law, Grandmother

VERKIN HACANYAN, Sister-in-Law, Aunt

VARTANOUSH BEDIAN, Sister-in-Law, Aunt

AROUSIAG BEDIAN, Sister-in-Law, Aunt

Requested by Nazeli Shirvanian

Harutyun Shirvanian

Antreas Shirvanian

Yeran Natalie Shirvanian

**AROUSIAG MOCOSSI LAFIAN, 6th Year (1903-2003), Mother,
Grandmother, Great-Grandmother – Survived 1915 Genocide-Sepastia**

**DAN DONIG LAFIAN, 34th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great
Grandfather**

MARDIRO MOCOSSI, Grandfather, Martyred 1915-Sepastia

SEBOUH MOCOSSI, Uncle–Martyred 1915–Sepastia, Age 14

GLENN LE CLAIR, 6th Year, Son, Nephew, Cousin

Requested by Margaret Lafian

Danny Lafian & Son Daniel, Jr.

Agavne (Lafian) LeClair

FORREST H. WOLFE, 6th Year, Grandfather

FLORENCE VALENTINE PERINGIAN, 4th Year, Grandmother

JOHN ANTHONY PELLICIA, 20th Year, Father

Requested by Sub-Dn. Ghazaros, Valerie & the Der-Ghazarian Family

ALZAR ALZARIAN, 30th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

AGAVNE ALZARIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

MARY ALZARIAN KECHECHIAN, Sister, Aunt

VANERIAN, ALZARIAN, AYRANJIAN FAMILIES WHO

PERISHED IN THE 1915 GENOCIDE

Requested by Peter & Agnes Hovsepian

Der Garabed & Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

Susan & Rick Vian

Edward & Deanna Carman, Ryan & Matthew

NISHANIAN, NAZARIAN & KAPRIELIAN FAMILIES

VICTIMS OF THE 1915 GENOCIDE

Requested by Ramela Carman

HARRY DARDARIAN, 30th Year, Father, Grandfather,

Great-Grandfather, Khnamee

Requested by Edward, Yvonne, Laura & Christopher Korkoian
David & Marianne Dardarian & Family
Michael Dardarian & Family
Frances Korkoian
Gloria Korkoian
Karen & George Nigoghosian & Family

GARABED JOOHARIGIAN, Loving Father
JRAIR JOOHARIGIAN, Loving Brother
RUTH JOOHARIGIAN, Loving Sister
Requested by Virginia & Dr. Badrik Joocharigian

SARKIS SAMARIAN
MELEK SAMARIAN
Requested by Rose Samarian

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EASTERTIDE: The Sacred Period that follows Easter
The 50-day period from Easter Sunday to the Sunday of Pentecost (May 31) is called Eastertide (or Quinquagesima). The first 40 days of Eastertide culminate with the Feast of the Ascension celebrated on Thursday, May 21. During this 40-day period, the Easter greeting in the Armenian Church outside the Divine Liturgy is:

KRISDOS HARYAV EE MERELOTZ!
ՔՐԻՍՏՈՍ ՅԱՐԵԱՒ Ի ՄԵՆԵԼՈՅ
CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!

ORHNYAL EH HAROOTIUNN KRISDOSEE!
ՕՐՀՆԵԱԼ Է ՅԱՐՈՈԹԻՒՆՆ ՔՐԻՍՏՈՍԻ
BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!

Please note that this greeting is NOT part of the Divine Liturgy. During the Badarak the greeting for the Kiss of Peace remains unchanged. See Bulletin back cover for the correct greeting.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 9 – Bike-A-Thon – see announcement in this bulletin

Friday, May 15 – A Kharpert Kufteh Family Dinner sponsored by the Women’s Guild at 6:00 pm – see announcement in this bulletin

Sunday, May 17 – Church School Graduation and Tea All are invited to join the families of the graduates to honor their achievements. Cultural Hall

Thursday, May 21 - Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - *Hampartzoom* Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:30 am

Day by Day Bible Study at Noon – Nursery

Saturday, June 27 – MUSICAL CABARET –details to follow

Sunday, August 16 – ANNUAL PICNIC

Thursday, October 1, Friday, October 2, Saturday, October 3, Sunday, October 4 – FESTIVAL (BAZAAR)

