

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Deacon Rubik Mailian, *Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant*

Ms. Margaret Lafian, *Organist*



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 sign our Guest Book 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.

APRIL 26, 2015

RED SUNDAY

CELEBRANT: REV. FR. GARABED KOCHAKIAN

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service / Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն...9:00 am

Divine Liturgy / Ս.Պատարագ9:45 am

Church School / Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարան.....10:15 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

ACTS 13:16-43, 1 PETER 5: 1-14, JOHN 5:19-30

LECTOR CHARLENE APIGIAN

Our Church and Parish is a place where . . .

- All people are welcome
- Every person is a minister
- The world is our collective responsibility
- Disciple making is our goal, and
- Worship is our duty and delight

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Pastor's Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30 am—5:00 pm
After hours in an emergency, please contact:
Pastor's Cell: 248-225-9888
Administrator's Cell: 760-832-1142

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 be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized." 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.

Marriage Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date. Wedding packets are available at the Church Office.

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, fax 248-569-0716, or email to mkafrican@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday requested. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.

PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH 2014—2015

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TODAY'S GOSPEL JOHN 5: 19-30

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever he does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all that he himself is doing; and greater works than these will he show him, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, and has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

“I can do nothing on my own authority; as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.”

GIFT TO THE CHURCH

In memory of beloved son, Nadeem Belbeisi,

Lucille Belbeisi presents a gift to the church.



The Men's Society presents a gift in memory of May Kafafian, for her total dedication, love, and service of over 17 years as St John Armenian Church secretary, and so much more. You will always be in our hearts and souls.

Save the Date...

Bible Study—Wednesday, May 20, 2015

12:00 pm

For more information, call Yeretgin Roberta at 248-538-9993

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

Rev. Fr. Artin Ashjian
Rose Boudakian
Cheryl Giesa
Yn. Aurora Jebejian
Alice Prudian
Anita Tootikian

Stan Armit
Pam Dayinian
Ruben Griffin
Walter Negosian
Richard Santourian

Araxey Barsamian
George Douroujalian
Frank Houhanisin
Aida Petrosyan
Mary Sarafian

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

**We offer our prayers for the servant of God,
Ann Sarkisian and Sarkis Bayekian, who entered their eternal rest this past week.
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon their soul.**

**His Holiness Karekin II Catholicos of
All Armenians sends condolences to Ethiopian Church**

April 20th His Holiness Karekin II Catholicos of All Armenians, on behalf of the Armenian Orthodox faithful and in the name of the Supreme Spiritual Council of Armenian Bishops, has sent prayerful condolences to all the faithful members of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and their Supreme Pontiff His Holiness Abuna Matthias for the souls of the Ethiopian Christians who were mercilessly slaughtered by ISIS terrorists in Libya.

During this time when we Armenians are commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide by the Ottoman Turkish Government, it is an imperative that we speak out and against such inhumane actions inflicted upon the innocent peoples of the Cross, our fellow Christians who are presently living under profoundly pressing judgment. We decry such action, pray for the souls and families of the victims and join our voices globally to put an end to such persecution that once again is visiting Christians.

MADAGH

A question was offered by a parishioner regarding Madagh as associated with April 24th. We share with you the following...

What is Madagh? It is not meat, or lamb or fowl. Madagh in the Armenian language means, "unblemished", without scar or any physical imperfection. And, when choosing a fleshly animal, that which is chosen should be pure, clean and not marred.

Among the traditions of the Armenian people is the offering of "Madagh", a ritual of prayer and food [most often lamb meat] done so as gratitude, remembrance and sacrifice. When Christ was born, his parents St. Mary and St. Joseph took him to the Temple to give thanks to God for the gift of His life and offered two Turtle Doves. Thus, the origin of the Armenian practice of Madagh is rooted in Judaic practice.

For our Christian practice, Jesus Christ, the image of the sacrificial Lamb of God is central to our gratitude and thanks to God. It is a tradition of Thanksgiving, Sacrifice and Remembrance. And, it is based upon Jesus, God coming to earth for our salvation, His offering out of love of His Life on the Cross to save us, and His presence in our lives every day through His Sacrifice at the Divine Liturgy. Our church fathers established this ritual and prayer that expresses our gratitude for survival and endurance to overcome evil and, the eternity of the soul and to be with Christ in heavenly life and in the Kingdom of God.

When we offer a madagh, it is primarily done so using meat of a lamb, cooked and shared with family and the needy, as a symbol of Thanksgiving for God's blessings, of deliverance from illness, life's difficulties; but also, an expression of happiness, joy and celebration for all gifts one may receive from God- something good that blessed your life. In the present time, Madagh has been associated more with prayers of requiem and remembrance of the departed - 'Hokehankisd' and particularly on April 24th and the Martyrs who perished in 1915. Soon they will become Saints in our Church; living souls in the presence of God.

With their elevation to rank of Saints, we remember them differently. Not as those who sleep, awaiting resurrection, but as those who 'live' in the Glory of God. The souls who live with God are the Saints and their sacrifices have been crowned as victory and no earthly sacrifice other than the Holy Badarak is done for them, for they are in full communion with God our Heavenly Father, Christ his Son, and the Holy Spirit and have found the sweetness of heaven.

The Madagh / meal of remembrance offered for 'those who sleep in the Lord', is no longer offered now for they are alive and awake; Saints in the very presence of God.



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN

REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

While we are mourning the loss of our loved ones, we also rejoice as they meet
the Lord behind the veil in the Heavenly Jerusalem.

**MATUSHKA MELANYA SVIRID, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother,
Khnamee**

Requested by Dr. Edward & Anna Sarkisian
Sara, Morgan, & Sona Bell
Deacon Aram Sarkisian
Nina Sarkisian
Frank & Linda Houhanisin & Family
Peter & Barbara & Matthew Rupas
Stephen & Lisa Derderian
Allan & Rachel Sarkisian, Tyler & Emma

PATRICIA DOYON, 1st Year, Mother, Grandmother, Khnamee

Requested by Doyon Families
Kargetta Family
Treacy Families
Carman Families

SHAFIKA ALIYEVA, 6th Year, Mother, Grandmother

Antonyan & Ayrapetyan Families

MOURAD SHIRVANIAN, 9th Year, Husband, Father

MARDIROS BOYACIAN, 9th Year, Uncle, Brother

HATUN BOYACIAN, 24th Year, Mother, Grandmother

BEDROS BOYACIAN, 53rd Year, Father, Grandfather

MARIAM SHIRVANIAN, 36th Year, Mother

ARTIN SHIRVANIAN, 67th Year, Father, Grandfather

VERKIN HACANYAN, 27th Year, Sister, Aunt

VARTANUS BEDIYAN, 22nd Year, Sister, Aunt

ARASHUG, BEDIYAN, 22nd Year, Mother, Grandmother

ARTO EKMEKCIAN, 10th Year, Brother, Uncle

MANASEL KILICIAN, 5 Years, Nephew, Cousin

REQUIEMS CONT'D

KILICIAN FAMILY

Requested by Nazeli Shirvanian
Harutyun Shirvanian
Antrreas Shirvanian
Yeran Shirvanian

IN MEMORY OF DECEASED ADL MEMBERS OF THE RAMGAVAR PARTY IN DETROIT AS OF APRIL 2015

**Hratch Ajemian
Khoren Anusbigian
Khosrov Anusbigian
Armenoui Aprahamian
Nahabed Aprahamian
Dr. Raffi Aprahamian
Souren Aprahamian
Hagop Asadurian
Antranig Chalabian
Charlotte Demirdjian
Araxie Gougasian
Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Kalayjian
Edward & Frances Korkoian, Sr.
Mesrob Kurajian
Neshan Krikorian
Martin Manoogian
Armen Ohanesian
Mr. & Mrs. Zenas Melkonian
Byron Melkonian, Sr.
Rev. Myron Melkonian
Levon Nazoyan
Lucy Perry
Mr. & Mrs. Elia Sarkisian
Mugerdich Selvian
Dickran Shiranian
Mourad Shirvanian
Rhea Shiranian
Levon Souldourian
Charlie Takesian
Douglas Takesian
Leo & Victoria Zamanigian**

Sunday, May 3rd

The St. John's Men's Society

Pancake Breakfast Honoring Mothers

Featuring

Shepherd's pie
Basterma and eggs
Regular Scrambled eggs
Pre-made specialty spinach and feta omelets
Sausage
Assorted Juices
Chocolate fountain!
Hash browns
Ice cream with fudge, syrup, nuts and Oreo cookie crumble toppings
A new specialty coffee and tea station
And of course our famous pancakes!!!

Following Church in the St. John's Cultural Hall.
Please plan on attending.
Free will offerings support our philanthropic projects.

Congratulations to the New Parish Council Tivan for 2015-16!

Chairman — Jeffrey Axt

Vice Chair — Paul Andonian

Treasurer — Michael Kazarian

Secretary — Marianne Dardarian

Hymn to the New Martyr Saints of 1915

Hrashatsan Bagootsmamp

*Astonished and appalled were the heavenly armies
And with terror the nations were petrified
Upon seeing the ancient Eden changed into the scene and arena
Of fire, blazing like Hell, seeing the passion of Cain,
And the new sacrifices of Abel whose blood speaks forever:
Sovereign Lord, holy and true! How long will it be until you judge
And seek Justice?*

Women's Guild News

**Next meeting date: early May meeting, Wednesday 4/29/15 7pm
Knitting Group: Please contact Linda Asarian at 248-332-0816 or
linda.assarian@gmail.com for more details.**

*Take the opportunity to make new and lasting friendships
while doing service for the Lord.*

*The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.
For information please call Terry Palaian, 313-929-0926*

ON LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

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

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.

Յիշեցէ՛՛ Տէր զամենայն Պատարագս քո:

May the Lord remember all your offerings.

The Priest answers:

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

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

May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your counsel in goodness.
(Psalm 20:4)

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 KISS OF PEACE

The GIVER says: Christ is revealed amongst us.

Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

The RECEIVER says: Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

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

THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34

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

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

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

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Come to worship and you will fill it with good news.

Krisdos Haryav ee Merelotz

