St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, Pastor

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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.

August 2, 2015

The Armenian Church Year 1464

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRANSFIGURATION

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian

THE LORD'S DAY - SUMMER SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service / Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն...9:15 am

Divine Liturgy / U. Numupuq10:15 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Isaiah 10:12 19 II Corinthians 2:12 3:3 Mark 6:30 44

Lector: Wesley Howe

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.

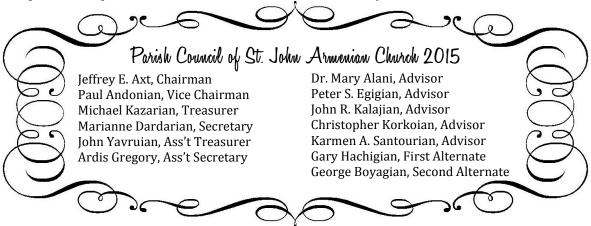
Baptism Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born. For more information, phone the Church Secretary.

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 *office@sjachurch.org* no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday. requested. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.



Today's Gospel Matthew 6:30 44

The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, and got there ahead of them. As he landed he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the hour is now late; send them away, to go into the country and villages round about and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he commanded them all to sit down by companies upon the green grass.

So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.(6:30 44)



Annual Church Punic - Blessing of Grapes

Sunday, August 16, 2015

The Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God Saint Mary — Asdvadzadzin On Church Grounds Come and enjoy!

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> Աստուածածին տօնի առթիւ Հետոյ օրհնութեամբ Խաղողի եւ Սուրբ Պատարագի



Annual St. John's Festival

September 25 - 27, 2015

Boutique vendor space available. *Please contact Marianne Dardarian at 248.661.0617*

Day by Day Bible Study

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

12:00 — 2:00 pm

For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248.538.9993

Grandma's Attic

We are accepting gently used, clean items for the Festival weekend. Donate household items, small electronics, children's toys, games, puzzles, accessories, belts, purses, scarves, jewelry, books, CDs, DVDs, artwork, collectibles, picture frames, dishes, glassware, vases, etc.

NO CLOTHING OR SHOES.

Please drop off your donations at the Maintenance Office.

Make sure they are properly wrapped, *especially fragile items*.

Receipts available in the church office.

Visit the Parish Bookstore

NEW: Genocide T-Shirts with "Forget-Me-Not" emblem and map on back — \$20.00 Armenian Alphabet Wooden Puzzle — \$35.00

The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry, Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many "Made in Armenia" products.

Operation Nemesis by Eric Bogosian — \$28.00 HC

Great Fire, One American's Mission to Rescue Victims of the 20th

Century's First Genocide — \$28.00 HC

Homage CD: A Tribute to Detroit Armenian Musicians (PBS) — \$15.00

New Items From Armenia
Variety of "FORGET-ME-NOT" pins, charms, stickers and silver jewelry.

Wanted: Used Armenian Books!

The Parish Bookstore is accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects written in English for its Used Book Sale at this year's Festival. Kindly drop off books at the church office during business hours or on Sundays.

Receipts are available in the church office.



Please join us for fellowship as we prepare for our annual Festival
The Women's Guild will be baking and cooking:

Cheoreg led by Dolly: Monday, August 3rd, 9 am-noon. Katah led by Terry and Joy: Tuesday, August 4th, 9-noon.

Everyone is welcome to participate! *No experience needed!*

Church Picnic Bake Sale

The church picnic is Sunday, August 16th, and we need donations for the bake sale from the entire St. John community. Cookies, pies, Armenian bread and treats are all welcome. Please contact Nora Noraian at 586.286.7628 or *nnoraian@sbcglobal.net*. Please have your donation marked bake sale with your name and the name of the item. Leave your donation in the church kitchen or in the refrigerator if you are dropping off before Sunday.

Knitting Group: Please contact Linda Assarian at 248.332.0816 or *linda.assarian@gmail.com* for more details.

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

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member. For information please call Belinda Kabodian, 248.767.3689

BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN REOUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

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

NEVART GODOSHIAN, 40th Day, Dear Mother, Grandmother, Great-grand mother, Dear Aunt, Khnamee

Requested by Ron & Jacqueline Godoshian & Family Nancy Panaretos & Family
Peter & Marilyn Sarkesian & Family
John & Melanie Godoshian & Family
Charles Godoshian & Patricia Camazzola & Family
Jim, Patricia, Michael, & Ani Stamboulian
Jeffrey & Jessica Aris
Thomas Sr., & Linda Stamboulian
Charles & Kristen Stamboulian
Thomas Jr., Lucinda, & Lucy Stamboulian
Mary Ann Artinian & Family
Bob & Denise Karakashian & Family
Jack Karakashian
Ed & Cathy Zwinck
Jon & Suzanne Sarkesian Family

ARSHALOUYS KAZAZIAN, 1st Year, Mother

Requested by Hairabet Kazazian Elizabeth Yeghyaian Karnik & Manya Kazazian Antranig & Seta Kazazian

HAYK SNKHTCHYAN, 6th Year, Father, Grandfather, SONA MELKONYAN, 8th Year, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Snkhtchyan Family

TOM KRALIAN, 11th Year, Beloved Brother

Requested by Dick Kralian

JOHN MICHAEL SARKISSIAN, 20th Year, Beloved Son, Brother, Uncle

Requested by George & Star Sarkissian Philip & Florence Sarkissian Barbara Sarkissian Lisa & Christina Sarkissian

CHRISTIE ALTOUNIAN, Daughter, Sister

Requested by Manouk & Nancy Altounian Mary Altounian Marty, Becky, Sophia, Ava, & Neena Altounian

Guest Archbishop to Visit St. John's in August

His Eminence Archbishop Avak Asadourian, Primate of the Armenian Church in Iraq, will journey from Baghdad to the United States in the month of August. Srpazan Hayr will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday August 9, 2015 here at St. John's. Following the Badarak, His Eminence will be honored at a special reception and tea in the Cultural Hall. He will also present a short program on the status of the Armenian Christian community, in Baghdad, Mosul, Tacit and other cities where there are faithful brothers and sisters who have been suffering the problems of persecution by ISIS, and in the crossfire of the Shiites and Sunni Muslims. The community has suffered much loss over these past few years particularly and Srpazan will give an assessment of the present and future of the Armenian Christians in Iraq. Please place this important date on your calendars and plan to attend.

Հրոր Արբեպիսկոպոս Այսելութիւև

Աւագ Արքեպիսկոպոս Ասատուրեանը Առաջնորդ Հայոց Թեմի, Իրաքի Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ պիտի այցելե Միացեալ Նահանգներու Օգոստոսի ամսուա։ Սրբազան Հայրը պիտի գտնուի մեձագոյն Տիդրոյթի եւ Սուրբ Պատարագը պիտի մատուցանե Կիրակի 9 -ին Օգոստոս 2015 թ.։ Ս. Պատարագի մատուցման անմիջապես յետոյ՝ հատուկ եւ փառաւոր ընդունելոըթիւն մը տեղի պիտի ունենայ ի պատիւ Սրբազան Հօր, մեր մշակութային սրահին մեջը. ։ Ան նաեւ՝ կարճ զեկոյց մը պիտի ներկայեացնե մեր բարեպաշտ ժողովուրդի համար, կարգավիճակի հայոց քրիստոնեայ հաւատացեալ համայնքի Իրաքին մեջը, եւ իրենց վատ եւ ցաւալի կացութեան պարագային միջարավելգի պատերազմի պաճարաւ նաեւ հաայմքին անթիւու կորուտները վերջին մի քանի տարիններ ընթացքում։ Սիրով կը հրաւիրենքմեր հաւատացեալ ժողովուրդը ներկալ գտնուելու։

ضيف المطران لزيارة القديس يوحنا في أغسطس

، مطران الكنيسة الأرمنية في العراق، سيأتي من بغداد الى الولايات لمتحدة في أغسطس. Avak Asadourian نيافة المطران وقال انه سيتم تكريم وقال انه سوف نحتفل المقدسة القداس الإلهي يوم الأحد 9 أغسطس 2015، هنا في سانت جون كنيسة الأرمينية. خدمة ما بعد، وقال انه سيتم تكريم واستقبال في حفل استقبال خاص الشاي في قاعة الثقافية. وقال انه أيضا توفير برنامج قصير عن حالة المجتمع المسيحي الأرمني في بغداد والموصل والشيعة والمسلمين السنة سيتم SISIوتكريت وغيرها من المدن التي إخواننا وأخواتنا الذين يعانون من مشاكل الاضطهاد من قبل المؤمنين تقييم الحاضر والمستقبل من Eminence مناقشتها. عانت الأرمينية الجماعة خسائر كبيرة خلال السنوات القليلة الماضية على وجه الخصوص، ومشيته المراق.

Архиепископ Посетит Сент-Джонс в августе

Рады сообщить, что Его Преосвященство архиепископ Авак Асадурян, архепископ Армянской церкви в Ираке, прибывает из Багдада в США в августе этого года. Он будет проводить Святую Божественную литургию в воскресенье 9 августа 2015 в нашей церкви. После службы в его честь будет организовонно чаепитие в зале. Он также расскажет о положении армянской христианской общины в Багдаде, Мосуле, Тикрите и других городах, где наши братья и сестры страдают от преследования ISIS-а и также от шиитских и суннитских мусульман. Армянская община понесла большие потери за последние несколько лет, и Его Преосвященство даст оценку настоящему и будущему армян-христиан в Ираке. Пожалуйста, сделайте отметку этого важного события и планируйте посетить.

Car Show Sunday, August 16th

Bring your classic or car of interest to the St. John's Church Picnic For information, call Bob Karakashian at 248.477.7776

Motive

According to Armenian Church Canon Law, there will be no Hokehankist/Requiem Requests offered on August 16, 2015, as we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary, Asdvadzadzin.

Name Day Remembrances

In the Armenian Church tradition for centuries the remembrance of one's particular Name Day was a special observance. Especially on the major feast days of the Church and commemoration of popular saints. Often this was perceived even more important than a Birthday or Anniversary. Even when a child was born, they given a name because they were born either on or near a special observance of Armenian Christian life. Still today, Name Day remembrances are observed.

After the Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings, a lighted candle is brought to the home and given to the person whose name day may have been commemorated during the past week. The names of Saints commemorated from Wednesday through Tuesday of the following week appear in the weekly Sunday Bulletin/Lrakir.

Today, according to the Liturgical Calendar of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, we remember the following Saints of our Church and congratulate anyone who has been blessed to be named after them.

HOSEA, AMOS, MICAH, JOEL, OBADIAH, NAHUM, HABAKKUK, JONAH, ZEPHANIA, HAGGI, ZACHARIAH (ZACHERY), MALACHI SOPHIA, PISTIS (FAITH) ELPIS (HOPE), AKABE(LOVE), ATHANASIUS (ATANAS), CYRIL (GUIREGH), GREGORY 'THE THEOLGIAN' (GRIGOR)

Remember, the rules have not changed...

The Ten Commandments

- ♦ I am the Lord, your God.
- ♦ Thou shall bring no false idols before me.
- ♦ Do not take the name of the Lord in vain.
- ♦ Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
- ♦ Honor thy father and thy mother.
- ♦ Thou shall not kill/murder.
- ♦ Thou shall not commit adultery.
- ♦ Thou shall not steal.
- ♦ Thou shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- ♦ Thou shall not covet your neighbor's wife (or anything that belongs to your neighbor).

...from the Old Testament Book of Exodus 20: 2-17

Please Remember ...

We kindly request that all parishioners please park their vehicles only in the designated marked spots in our parking lot. The Southfield Police Department does monitor the Church complex for parking violations and will ticket any vehicle not legally parked along the curb, in front of fire hydrants, or in spots marked "no parking". Please help us keep the parking lot accessible for ambulances and fire trucks in case of an emergency at our Church. Thank you for your cooperation.

Newly Ordained Priests

A Press Release from the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin



Divine Liturgy was held On July 26, with the blessing of His Holiness His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians in the Mother Cathedral of Holy and Divine Liturgy, during which there was also a priestly ordination.

During the Liturgy, Bishop Vartan Navasardyn called to the holy priesthood, anointing their foreheads and hands with the Holy Muron and the granting of new spiritual names.

Haig Deacon Tadevosyan renamed **Father Tadeos**, Deacon. T. Vardanyan renamed **Father Torgom**, Deacon Avedis Asadryan renamed **Father Arshavir**, Deacon Vartan Zeynalyan renamed **Father Pargev**, Deacon Arman Shokhikyan renamed **Father Gregory**, Deacon David Gharibyan renamed **Father Karapet**, Deacon Arman Martirosyan renamed **Father Abraham**.

The ordination of the first novice priests conveyed their blessing. Then Bishop, ordaining seven priests, congratulated the Catholicos of All Armenians, clergy class, parents of the newly ordained, and Christ believers. He particularly noted, "The Armenian Apostolic Church is still continuing the triumphal progress of the resurrection of God's grace is a testimony. The liturgy of The Holy Eucharist, during each of the seven sacraments of the Church in our prayers, have kept sacred the Ordination Rites. The Armenian Church, dear friends, is the true Rock; the true Word of our Lord Jesus Christ, the apostolic continuation, the Holy Pontiff, monks, priests and deacons sacrifice, the utter self-devotion and

Service continues its mission of service to the Body of Christ.

Today, these seven witnesses of faith are devoted servants who will serve the Lord in the tabernacle in the spiritual life of our love for God and for true healing by making it part of their lives.



Visit to Manoogian Manor Scheduled

On August 19, 2015, the Women's Guild will join Father Garabed and gather at the newly renovated Manoogian Manor to offer the service of the Blessing of the Grapes on the occasion of the Feast Day of the Holy Mother of God. If you are desirous to attend, please contact Guild chair Yerchanig Joy Callan.



Thoughts by the Sainted Mother Teresa of Calcutta

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

We all too often would prefer to pick apart WHY we cannot help someone rather than treat them with unconditional love and kindness.

This quote is to put next to your computer for a daily reminder on how to live each day of your life:

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it... Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is a gift, give it. Life is life, fight for it.

Amen.

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.

Յիշեսցէ 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.

Sացէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ զամենայն խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեսցէ։

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.

Oրհնեցից 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.