St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, Pastor

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community: The Reverend Father Diran Papazian, *Pastor Emeritus* 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.

August 23, 2015

The Armenian Church Year 1464
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE ASSUMPTION
Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian

THE LORD'S DAY - SUMMER SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

Divine Liturgy / U. Mumumuq10:15 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Luke 2:1 7 Proverbs 11:30 12:4 Zechariah 2:10 13 II Corinthians 6:16 7:1 Luke 1:39 56

Lector: Harry Kezelian

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.

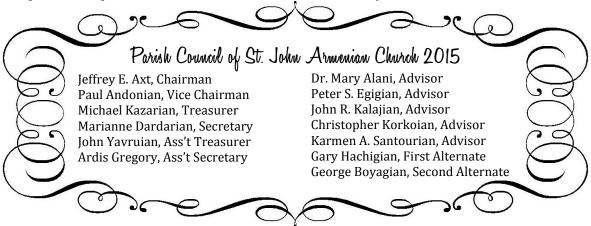
Baptism Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born. For more information, phone the Church Secretary.

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

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And His mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

Church Schools Opens in September

On Sunday, September 13, 2015 - The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Crossthe St. John Armenian Church School will once again open its doors to begin another year of Christian education and growth. Please check the parish web page for registration forms. On that day, both primary, middle school, and high school students will meet their teachers and be assigned to their classrooms. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Alberta Godoshian, Principal, or Mrs. Roseann Manoogian Attar (High School coordinator). They will be happy to answer your inquiries.



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 Attio

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:

Khalkha led by Charlene: Monday, August 24th, 9 am-noon. Meat Beoreg led by Dolly: Tuesday, August 25th, 9 am-noon.

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

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

Food for Thought...

The Christian Church's teaching on Holy Communion can be consider by some a shocking reality that the *living, divine, life-giving Son of God is present among us and offers Himself* to us during the Divine Liturgy. This makes our Christian faith more than just one religion among many. But if we consider Jesus' words in the Holy Gospels as merely poetic ritual, then Jesus Christ is really no more than an admirable moral guide and martyr as he is perceived in other religions, and Christianity is just another spiritual-moral ideology with a few unique features.

But what we believe about God and His Incarnation, coming to Earth in humanity, is the heart of our faith and a profound recognition that in the life of the Church, the *Badarak/* Divine Liturgy is central to our human existence and Jesus Christ, the Son of God, offers Himself to us frail mortals in His Holy Communion as the ultimate life-giving gift of Almighty God. Nothing short of this graphic truth could explain to our Armenian faithful the uncompromising, sacrificial allegiance to Jesus Christ through our long-suffering history and the miracle of our survival.

In the prayers of the Badarak the priest prays... "Be with me always according to your unfailing promise that, 'whoever eats my Body and drinks my Blood dwells in me and I in him' (John 6:56). You said it, loving Lord. Uphold the words of your divine and irrevocable commandments. For you are the God of mercy and compassion and of love toward mankind, the giver of all good things."

Capuchin Soup Kitchen Mission

The Men's Society is asking for used fall and winter men's coat collection to benefit the needy at Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Sport coats and suites also accepted. Drop off your coats at the church kitchen entrance on the clothes rack or bring them to the Veteran's Building on Saturday, September 26th between 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. Please include your name and that it's for the Capuchin Kitchen.

For information about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen go to www.cskdetroit.org

Mother Teresa's Words of Wisdom

An esteemed new Saint in the Roman Catholic Church, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, India, known for her charity and love to the poor, was born August 26th in 1910 and entered her eternal rest September 5, 1997. She devoted her entire life as a Nun to helping others and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. Her legacy lives today and her quotes are some of the most used and read. She had a gift for putting things simply and yet profoundly. We again share with you this week, her golden words of wisdom.

Live simply so others may simply live.

Live within your means and give the excess that God has blessed you with to help the less fortunate. You can put this quote into action by putting budgeting your life, time, talent and treasure.

Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.

Too often we pray for how we want God to answer something rather than surrender to God and His will and let Him answer. When praying do so with complete surrender.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Sometimes one of the hardest things to do is to share kind words daily with family and friends. Positive words can influence your relationship in the home and with people in your social groups and at the same time teach your children especially how to use kind words to impact the world.

Making Tourshee...

Join us for a Tourshee making party! Come as a family and learn how to make your own Tourshee, all while helping to support the Annual Festival's Country Store! Dinner will be provided! Last year we had 30+ volunteers and it was a blast! All ages welcome!

When: Tuesday September 1st, 5pm until finished, join us at any time!

Where: The Vets Building

For more info email ara.hachigian@gmail.com

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 were 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 and congratulate anyone who has been blessed to be named after Saint Mary.

Jeremiah, Makar, Jerry, Jeremy, Joachim, Anna, Ann, Ani, Yiughaper

We need your help!

Our Special Spring Edition *Torchbearer*, which includes material from the April 24th commemoration, will be going out to 2,200 households - but we can't do it without your assistance! If you are able to volunteer your time and come help with the mailing, please phone the church office at 248,569,3405.

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.

Festival News

Be a supporter of Saint Johns Festival / Bazaar this year.
Show your appreciation to all those who have been working
so hard most of the year to give you
a warm and exciting Armenian experience.
For a donation of \$50.00, your name will appear on the list of supporters in the festival booklet.

This will mean a great deal to everyone.

Print Your Name Here: ______

Deadline: checks must be received by August 30^{th} Drop off or mail your donation to the church or catering office

Larger ad sizes and prices

Full Page-Interior-Black and White	\$250
Half Page-Interior-Black and White	\$125
Quarter Page-Interior-Black and White	\$ 75

Opening Night Dinner and Art Exhibition

Fine Arts Exhibition and Sale featuring works by

Varteni Mosdichian And Kegham Tazian

will open in conjunction with

The Opening Night Dinner

Hors d Oeuvres and sit down dinner with wine

Entertainment By:

Harpist Kelly Yousoufian

Violinist Sevahn Merian

Violinist Hester Hasheian

Details and reservations will be published

The week of August 24th

Limited to 100 seats

BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN

REQUIEM 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

SEDA ATAYAN HOVSEPIAN, 1st Year, Mother

Requested by Jerier Hovsepian

ZOROB KABODIAN, 10th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Brother-in-Law, Khnamee, Friend

MARDIROS GODOSHIAN, 29th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Brother KAGAZIG GODOSHIAN, 28th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother MIKE GODOSHIAN, 20th Year, Brother, Uncle, Great Uncle SIROUHI KEMSUZIAN, 12th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Great Aunt, Great Grandmother

SEMA DAKESIAN, 9th Year, Wife, Sister, Aunt, Great Aunt HARRY DAKESIAN, 2nd Year, Husband, Brother, Uncle, Great Uncle GIRAGOS KABODIAN, 40th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather ANNIG KABODIAN, 24th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother HROG KABODIAN, 15th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Brother-in-Law, Friend

JANICE KABODIAN, 4th Year, Niece, Aunt, Great Aunt, Cousin PARAMAZ KABODIAN & RAFFI KABODIAN, Brothers

> Requested by Sally Kabodian Aram, Judy, Rachel, Robbie, & Aaron Kabodian Armen, Belinda, Ariana & Margaux Kabodian Tamara, Arthur, Taleen, Lucine & Zaven Markarian Ara, Molle, Ryan, Madison, Michael, Andrew & Matthew Kabodian

ZOROB KABODIAN, 10th Year, Brother, Uncle, Great Uncle, Khnamee

Requested by Hazel Kabodian Alice Asadoorian Adam Asadoorian Judge Lisa L. Asadoorian & Garo Tanya & Robert Romanelli, Quintino & Vincenzo Susan Ameriguian Robert & Annemarie Ameriguian & Family

AGHAVNI NIGOGHOSIAN, 12th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother SIRABION NIGOGHOSIAN, 69th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather OHANNESS & HANOUM VARTANIAN, Grandparents, Great Grandparents DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE NIGOGHOSIAN & VARTANIAN FAMILIES HAGOP MANOUKIAN, 40th Day, Cousin

Requested by Alice & Sandra Nigoghosian

(Requiems Continued...)

George & Karen Nigoghosian Marc & Georgie Nigoghosian

Greg & Laura Nigoghosian, & Ariana, Victoria, Krikor, & Eliza

Taleen & C.J. Baldwin IV, & Stella & Sona

KRIKOR AVAKIAN, 15th Year, Father LUCINE KAPLANIAN, 18th Year, Mother IAMIL ATTI, 4th Year, Father-in-Law

Requested by Vatche Avakian & Family

ROSE YEGHISSIAN, 11th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Khnamee, Friend

Requested by Dr. Joyce Yeghissian & Dn. Rubik Mailian, Sevana & Areg Arax Markarian

Martik & Roobina Haghnazarian, Garooneh, & Naera

Lucy Ardash

Elizabeth Aprahamian

Isabelle Vahratian

YERVANT BAHADURIAN, 56th Year, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Khnamee GEORGE BAHADURIAN, 45th Year, Uncle, Great Uncle, Khnamee

Requested by Dr. Joyce Yeghissian & Dn. Rubik Mailian, Sevana & Areg

HOVHANES MAILIAN, 18th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Arax Markarian

Dn. Rubik Mailian, Dr. Joyce Yeghissian, Sevana & Areg Martik & Roobina Haghnazarian, Garooneh & Naera

MASA CARMAN, 20th Year, Husband HARRY CARMAN, Father-in-Law

ARAXIE CARMAN, Mother-in-Law

EDDIE CARMAN, Brother-in-Law

MARGIE HACHERIAN, Sister-in-Law

HARRY CARMAN, JR., Brother-in-Law

Requested by Ramela Carman

HELEN SARKISIAN ERVIN & BILL ERVIN, Friends

Requested by Alice and Sandra Nigoghosian

HERMINE M. NIGOSIAN, Mother

Requested by Gregory Nigosian Richard Nigosian

JENNIE (EVGENIA) MITSIS

Requested by Mardy Weissman

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.