

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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Sunday Bulletin

OUR CHURCH AND PARISH IS A PLACE WHERE . . .

All people are welcome . . . **Every member is a minister . . .**

The world is our collective responsibility . . .

Disciple-making is our goal . . . And worship is our duty and delight.

DECEMBER 11, 2011—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1460

BAREKENDAN OF THE FAST OF ST. JAMES

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY

ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER

THE LORD'S DAY—SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

Divine Liturgy/ Ս. Պատարագ9:45 am

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

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY TODAY

THIS WEEK: Isaiah 37:14-38, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12, Luke 14:12-24

NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 38:1-8, Hebrews 1:1-14, Luke 17:1-10

Lector: Julia Hogikyan

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.

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Luke 14:12-24

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just." When one of those who sat at table with him heard this, he said to him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God!" But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

Prayers and Visits for the Sick

We ask our faithful that when there is a request for visit or prayers for an ailing or infirm parishioner, a FAMILY MEMBER must call the church office to add a name to our prayer list of request a clergy visit to offer prayers of healing and comfort in person. When we do not have direct notification from the family, we are hesitant to respond as information may not be accurate or reliable. Are any of you sick? Then send for the elders of the church to pray over you. Ask them to anoint you with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5:14

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vahan Aglamishian	Seta Akarakcian	Valrich Andonian
Rose Boudakian	Yetvart Bozajian	Helen Daiyan
Siranush Demirjian	Dr. Harry Dermenjian	George Godoshian
Agnes Hagopian	William Pugh	George Zallakian
Terri Karebian	Susan Yester	Harry Carman
Walter Negosian	Sirvart Mezian	Berj Kurkechian

A Family Christmas Worship
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2011
Carols and Lections at 5: 00 pm

This year as Christmas Eve comes on Saturday, there will be a special service held early enough to allow even our young children to attend with their families. Deacon Rubik Mailian and Anita Arslanian have been teaching our Church School students Christmas songs which the children will sing during worship. Our older youth will offer the readings and relate the Christmas Story - The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Yuletide refreshments in the lobby at 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 25, 2011
Badarak begins at 11:00 am
No requiems will be offered on this day.

CHRISTMAS PARTY!
DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011
12:00-2:00 PM IN THE NURSERY ROOM
PLEASE BRING A DISH FOR ALL TO SHARE!

Family Christmas Dinner—Sunday, January 8, 2012
Following the Blessing of Waters service
Sponsored by the Church School
Please make your reservations by phoning
Alberta Godoshian (248) 476-4638

Living the Divine Liturgy
Church School Students participate in the Divine Liturgy...
Presentation of Gifts: James, Tina & Jackson Schaffner & Sam Baylerian
Tapor/Procession: First grade class of Steve & Lisa Derderian
Kiss of Peace: Eighth Grade class of Arsen Terjimanian
Lections: Julia Hogikyan, Twelvth grade class of Roseann Attar



**BASHDON HOKEHANKSDYAN—REQUIEM SERVICE
FOR THOSE WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST**

**IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 23RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE EARTH-
QUAKE IN ARMENIA AND THE 25,000 VICTIMS WHO PERISHED IN THIS
DEVASTATING EVENT**

Requested by Anahid Dilakian & Sarkis Ghazarian, Sevag & Hiyk
Dr. Joyce Yeghissian & Dn. Rubik Mailian, Sevana & Areg
Anita & Mirijan Arslanian, Armen & Anoush
Lucy Ardash & Family
Elizabeth Aprahamian
Isabelle Vahratian

**ZAVEN DILAKIAN, 23rd Year, Father, Grandfather, Friend
Victim of the 1988 Earthquake in Armenia**

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HAGOP OKNAYAN (California), 40th Day, Brother, Uncle, Great Uncle

Requested by Mike & Jacqueline Oknayan
Mr. & Mrs. Krikor & Elizabeth Oknayan, Talia, Gasia & Armen
Mr. & Mrs. Ara & Barbara Oknayan, Sevag & Raffi
Dr. Roy & Nayiri Misirliyan, Sevan, Sarine & Ani
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kurjian, Alec & Vartan
Hilda Misirliyan

DAVID GHOOGASIAN, 10th Year, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Mike & Roseann Vartoogian
Christopher Danielian
Ghoogasian Family



REQUIEMS—continued

TRVANDA GARABEDIAN, 43rd Year, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

YEGHISAPET SAGHERIAN, 30th Year, Mother, Grandmother

MIHRAN MKSIAN, 28th Year, Father, Grandfather

VARTIVAR SAGHERIAN, 26th Year, Father, Grandfather

AZNIV MKSIAN, 24th Year, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Garo, Maida, Vartivar, Nareg & Laurie Sagherian

ZAVEN OHANNES HINTIRYAN, 33rd Year, Father-in-law, Grandfather

Requested by Azniv Hinitiryan

Lillian, Sevan, Alec & Arlen Calukyan

Dr. Arlet, Arthur, Sophie & Lorin Dakessian

WOODROW HARRY FERHADSON, Father

WOODROW V. M. FERHADSON, Brother

SARKIS TALASLIAN, Uncle

Requested by Earl & Mary Ann Shaw

CHARLES & MARY OHANESIAN, Parents, Grandparents,

Great Grandparents

ALICE HAIG, Sister, Aunt, Great Aunt

ROSEMARY HOPLAMAZIAN, Sister, Aunt, Great Aunt

Requested by the Kurajian Family

FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY

Today's fellowship tea is sponsored by Anahid Dilakian, Anita Arslanian and Friends in commemoration of the 23rd anniversary of the Armenian earthquake, and in memory of Zaven Dilakian and the 25,000 victims who perished in the devastating event. All are welcome to join them in this special remembrance.

THE CONCEPTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD ST. MARY

We don't know how many children St. Anne, the mother of St. Mary bore, but, we do believe that from the moment of her conception [being given life], Mary was chosen by God for a special role in His plan to bear His Son Jesus Christ. In choosing her, God knew she would be fully obedient and open to the direction her life would take. None of us lives our lives without sin, but nonetheless we can say yes to God's plan of salvation as did St. Mary. So often we don't think that every time we say the words, *Thy will be done*, we place ourselves in obedience to God's will. This is something important to remember, because we can forget. But St. Mary, from the very beginning of her life, never forgot the words, *Thy will be done*. In fact when she was chosen by God and received the news of her 'call' she said the following, *Behold, let it be according to your word*.

In our own times of prayer we can question the direction that God wills our lives to take and then we too can say, *Be it be done according your word*, confirming our will is in harmony with what God calls us to do by His will. As Mary the Mother of the Lord hastened to coming of the future glory of God in His Son Jesus the Christ, she was overshadowed or better put embraced, protected and moved by the Holy Spirit, because she said YES- *May it be done unto me*. We too, each in our own way in life, are called to participate in God's plan and work of salvation, working always on our own and ministering to others to help them find the YES that will hasten their own salvation. St. Mary's motherhood is a model for how all members of the Church should live their YES to God call.

Gracious Lord, St. Mary who fully lived a sinless life and who conceived and bore your Only Begotten Son, hear the words of our prayers that we might draw closer to you and one day share in your everlasting Glory. *By the intercession of the Holy Mother of God, Our Lord, receive our supplications and save us.*

Sunday Offering / Collection

The offertory - your monetary donation given each week during the Divine Liturgy - will be hereafter taken by the Parish Council and Ushers just prior to the singing of *Der Voghormia*. Our giving to the Lord and His Church is an expression of gratitude and thanksgiving for the many good works and blessings we receive in His name. Time and talent is one way we give to glorify God and help build up His church, but also our love is expressed through our donations, however great or humble to assure that the mission of His church continues.

After the curtain closes for your personal time of prayer and reflection, the offertory will take place; then with thanksgiving we invite you all to kneel and sing *Der Voghormia* with the choir.

NOTICE REGARDING REQUIEM SERVICES

Beginning in December 2011 and throughout 2012, prayers for requiem service—*hokehanksdyan bashdon*—will be offered every Sunday with the exception of the five tabernacle feast days, Palm Sunday and Pentecost:

Western Christmas Day - **December 25, 2011**

Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord—**January 6, 2012**

Palm Sunday – **April 1, 2012**

Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter) - **April 8, 2012**

Pentecost – **May 27, 2012**

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord - **July 15, 2012**

Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God-**August 12, 2012**

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross—**September 16, 2012**

Also, from time to time, requiem prayers will not be offered when special rites are designated for celebration of other feasts and remembrances. A listing of these dates will appear in the Sunday Bulletin.

As before, requests for requiems should be received in the church office by Thursday afternoon at the latest.

CPR/AED TRAINING & CERTIFICATION CLASS

Thanks to the recommendation of the Parish Council Medical Committee and support of the Parish Council, a CPR/AED Training & Certification class has been scheduled for January 12, 2012, 2:00-4:30 pm at the City of Southfield Parks and Recreation Building Basement, led by Captain Tom Colombo, EMS Coordinator of the Southfield Fire Department. Upon successful completion of the class, students will receive an AHA card. If any member of our parish would like to register for this class (funded by St. John's), please contact the church office. Space is limited to the first 25 individuals who RSVP.

MAN UP

**The Men's Society announces its
First Overnight Retreat of the 21st Century!**

"YOU EXPECT ME TO DO WHAT?

Building Our Faith Through Self Discovery"

Retreat Leader: Fr. Tateos Abdalian

Friday & Saturday, February 3 & 4, 2012

Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia

RSVP by December 20, 2011

George Saboonjian 248.952.1903, or

Christopher Korkoian 248.217.5447

ckorkoian@aol.com

(see flyers in lobby for details)

The Nominating Committee is...

**Looking for Members that are interested in running for any
of the positions below at the upcoming Annual Parish As-
sembly to be held on Sunday, February 26, 2012:**

**Chairman of the Day, Parish Council, Auditor,
M&S Advisory Board, Nominating Committee**

**Stop by and visit with us in the Church lobby Sunday
December 11 & 18, 2011**

or

Contact Dave Dardarian @ (248) 661-0617

Haiganoush Mengushian/Gloria and Robert Ajemian Foundation
St. John Armenian Church School Scholarship Established

Beginning with the 2011-12 academic year, the Church School of St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit will annually offer a scholarship to a college bound senior who successfully completes and graduates from the St. John's Church School Christian education program. The award will be announced on the day of graduation, May 20, 2011.

Robert Ajemian, a pious servant of the Lord and faithful parishioner of St. John Armenian Church, was passionate about Christian education during his lifetime, and saw the need to foster and support the education of our Armenian youth. Following his death we were informed that he had named the St. John Armenian Church School for a bequest to establish a scholarship. It is to be awarded annually to a graduating student from the Church School for college expenses.

In accord with the wishes of his will, a seven-member scholarship selection committee comprised of St. John's parish members was organized by the Pastor, Fr. Garabed Kochakian, in order to construct the process of application and eligibility requirements for students.

For more details about eligibility and requirements, please contact the Church School Superintendent Mrs. Alberta Godoshian at (248) 476-4638.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED
WOMEN'S GUILD BOARD 2011-12**

Chair	Dawn Karagosian
V. Chair	Nora Noraian
Treas.	Marilyn Sarkesian
Asst. Treas.	Diane Khachaturian
Rec. Sec.	Pam Dayinian
Cor. Sec.	Virginia Mekjian
Programs	Debbie Krikorian
Newsletter	Karmen Santourian
Advisor	Joyce Obenhoff

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

This Christmas Season, Women's Guild members will have enjoyed participating in Advent by Candlelight, our annual Christmas Dinner, and community outreach projects.

Moms and Manoogs meet for social interaction and fun activities.

Our meeting days are flexible and we'd love you and your Manoogs to join our group Contact Kristen Gustafson for more information: frissy10@hotmail.com or 248-765-0471.

*The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.
For details, call Linda Assarian, 248-332-0816.*

MEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

**Christmas Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, December 18, 2011**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING,
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2011, 7:00 PM
(All men of our parish are invited to attend.)**

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

**"It's Christmas: A Musical Journey" by Harry Hovakimian
Christmas CD—\$10.00**

Proceeds will go to Baku Monument Fund

NEW TALINE DVD FOR KIDS: Let's Have Fun in Armenian—\$20.00

Armenian Cross Handbag Hanger with pouch—\$10.00

Armenian Cuisine—Preserving Our Heritage—HC—\$25.00

Armenian Dictionary in Transliteration —SC—\$20.00

Who are the Armenians? (with CD)—SC—\$20.00

Kef Time CDs—\$15.00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Knights and Daughters of Vartan Children's Christmas Party

The entire Armenian Community is invited.

Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 12:30 pm

St. John's Recreation Center

Children under 5 -complimentary; Children 6 -12 - \$5

Children 13 and over and adults—\$12

Please RSVP by December 9 to Gloria Korkoian

313-730-6698 or gakorkoian@gmail.com

V.A. Approves Armenian Cross for Vets' Graves

The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs recently approved the Armenian cross as an official "Emblem of Belief" to mark the graves of Armenian-American veterans. The effort was led by the family of the late Shavasp Hanesian of Niagara Falls, NY, who served in the U.S. Army during World War II. To date the Department of Veteran Affairs has approved more than 45 "Emblems of Belief." The emblems representing the religious background of the veteran are installed at grave sites by cemetery officials. Families of deceased Armenian-American veterans who would like to place the Armenian cross on the graves of their loved ones should contact mps.headstones@va.gov to obtain an application.

St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

Christmas Conference

January 2-6, 2012

Open to college-age men and women

Director: Deacon Benjamin Rith-Najarian

Chaplain: V. Rev. Daniel Findikyan

Cost including tuition, materials, room and board—\$300.00

Enrollment is limited to 25 people

**For further information: www.stnersess.edu
or call (914) 636-2003**

ON LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

Q. What do I say 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 za-
menayn khorhoortus koh ee parees na
gadarsestseh.*

**Տացէ 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)

**Q. What do I say when I take
Mahs?**

The GIVER says:

*Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee
kez ee Soorp Badarakes.*

**Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի 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:

God is my portion 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
Kreedosee.*

THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenyn 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.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Cell: 248.225.9888

Parish Council Chairman's Cell: 248.688.1214

Administrator's Cell: 248.880.8391