

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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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.

DECEMBER 28, 2014

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

Divine Liturgy / *Ս. Պատարագ*9:45 am

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

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

ISAIAH 41:4-14, HEBREWS 7:11-25, LUKE 19:12-28

LECTOR: YERETZGIN SHAKEH OHANESIAN

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: LUKE 19:12-28

He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive kingly power and then return. Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten pounds, and said to them, 'Trade with these till I come.' But his citizens hated him and sent an embassy after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' When he returned, having received the kingly power, he commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by trading. The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your pound has made ten pounds more.' And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your pound has made five pounds.' And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your pound, which I kept laid away in a napkin; for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man; you take up what you did not lay down, and reap what you did not sow.' He said to him, 'I will condemn you out of your own mouth, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow? Why then did you not put my money into the bank, and at my coming I should have collected it with interest?' And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the pound from him, and give it to him who has the ten pounds.' (And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten pounds!') 'I tell you, that to every one who has will more be given; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them before me.'"

And when he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

In observance of Christmas and New Year, the Tuesday Lunch Club will not meet on December 30th and January 6th, but will resume January 13th.

Please Note: Women's Guild will serve lunch on January 6th in the Main Hall.

Please phone the church office to reserve: 248-569-3405.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

All Parishioners are welcome to an Armenian Christmas Day Luncheon,

Tuesday, January 6th Armenian Christmas Theophany and Epiphany Festal Divine Liturgy will take place on Tuesday, January 6th at 10:30 am. The Women's Guild will host a holiday luncheon following services for all parishioners. Our chairs for this event are Sara Andonian and Alberta Godoshian. A free will offering is appreciated. Call the church office for reservations. 248-569-3405.

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

Stan Armit
Cheryl Giesa
Richard Santourian
Anita Tootikian

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian
Pam Dayinian
Frank Houhanisin
Mary Sarafian

George Douroujalian
Aida Petrosyan
Sue Tafralian

ALTAR FLOWERS - FESTAL CANDLES

The red and pink poinsettias adorning the altars of our church during this holy season were presented in honor of Nicolas Sarafian being Godfather of the Cross on Armenian Christmas, by grandparents Alberta & Masis Godoshian and parents Matthew & Christine Sarafian.

In loving memory of Melkon & Soorpoohi Chiefgian, Nishan & Arshalous Janigian, Dr. Aram Janigian, and Sahak Roy Sahakian, the four Christmas candles were presented by Silva Sahakian, Susan Janigian and Sally Blegvad.

***DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY IN THE NURSERY ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, NOON-2 PM
BRING YOUR BIBLE AND YOUR LUNCH. ALL ARE WELCOME!***



VISIT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: 2-CD SET BY ROGER KRIKORIAN

The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: boxed Christmas tree ornament featuring St. Vartan, jewelry, Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many “Made in Armenia” products—great stocking stuffers! Our Parish Bookstore is the largest retailer of Armenian books, recordings and gift items in the Midwest.

STOP BY AND BROWSE!



Christmas Schedule



***THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015—NEW YEAR’S DAY DIVINE LITURGY—11AM
FEAST OF ST. BASIL / SOORP PARSEGH / GAGHANTEE OR***

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015 - ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS EVE / JRAKALOOYTS
Vespers and Reading of Prophecies - 6:00 pm; Divine Liturgy - 7:00 pm

***TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015 - THEOPHANY-EPIPHANY
DON ASDVADZAHAYDNOOTIAN***

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Festal Divine Liturgy - 10:30 am Blessing of the Waters – *Chrorhnek*

Godfather of the Cross: Nicolas Sarafian

The Women’s Guild will host an Armenian Christmas Luncheon in the
Cultural Hall following worship services on January 6th.

Please RSVP by January 2nd to the Church Office at 248.569.3405.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015—DIVINE LITURGY

Church School Christmas Luncheon in the Cultural Hall following worship.

Adults \$15.00; Children—no charge

RSVP: Tables of 8 or more to Alberta Godoshian 248.476.4638

PROGRAM

“The Journey of a Pilgrim” will be presented by ACYOA Senior Alexandra Hachigian about her experiences in Jerusalem and Armenia this summer.

Everyone is welcome.



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.

AGNES DOURJALIAN, 40th Day, Dear Godmother, Aunt

Requested by Barb & Rick Widener
Denise & Bob Karakashian & Family
Mark & Patty Dourjalian & Family
Nancy & Fred Beattie & Family
John Dourjalian

MADELINE MERDINIAN, 8th Year, Beloved Sister, Aunt

ANGEL MERDINIAN, 4th Year, Beloved Mother, Grandmother

NICHOLAS, MERDINIAN, 32nd Year, Beloved Father, Grandfather

Requested by Joan & Ron Beck
Stacey Beck
Sharon Merdinian
Ryan Beck

GEORGE GODOSHIAN, 3rd Year

Requested by Rose Nevart Godoshian
Ronnie & Jacqueline Godoshian
Sarah, Andrea, George & Henry Godoshian
Nancy Panaretos
Julie Panaretos
Dana, Mike, Suzy & Roxie Collins
Marilyn, Peter, Alex, Lauren, & Chris Sarkesian
John & Melanie Godoshian
Monica & Valerie Godoshian
Dr. Charles & Patricia Godoshian, Andy, Laura, Josh, Stephanie & Johnny

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015

A Special Children's Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:15 am.

***A shorter Badarak of 1-hour duration will be
celebrated with the full participation of Church School students.***

Our children will sing the responses of the Badarak with the senior Komitas Choir.

Morning Service on this Sunday will begin at 9:30 am.

THE GOSPEL LECTIONS FOR ADVENT AND WHAT THEY TEACH US

December 28th - Luke 19:12-28

**When we strongly show our faith, what we believe even more [strength to believe]
will be given to us.**

January 4th - Luke 22:24-30

Those who are the greatest are those who serve others.

Have you paid your annual pledge for 2014?

If not, there is still time before the deadline of December 31, 2014.

**Pledges may be paid by phone and charged to your
Visa, Mastercard or Discover card.**

**Please phone the church office between the hours of
8:00 am and 5:00 pm 248-569-3405**

***REMINDER: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY AND ELECTIONS***

It's not just about Christmas or is it?

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, TUESDAY JANUARY 13, & 20, 2015

7:00 PM, CONFERENCE ROOM 107

A BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUTH

Conducted by St. Nersess Seminarian Harry Kezelian

**Three sessions will explore the Holy Scriptures and how they are lived out in the
Armenian Church and tradition**

COME-HEAR-LEARN --- you'll love it!

Bring YOURSELF...Bible Materials will be provided

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015, 2:00 PM

MEET THE CANDIDATES TEA

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015, 2:00 PM

**Nor Keghi Association Informational Meeting at St. Sarkis Church
All Keghetzis and friends are invited. Please join us.**

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.*

Տաղէ 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.