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Sunday Bulletin ~ Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր

**THE YEAR OF VOCATIONS
ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD
DEPART TO SERVE HIM**

Encourage our young men to serve the Lord as priests.

February 14, 2010 ~ The Armenian Year of 1459

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - ՏԵԱՌՆԸՆԴԱՌԱԶ

GREAT BAREKENDAN—ԲՈՒՆ ԲԱՐԵԿԵՆԴԱՆ—BOON BAREGENTAN

Infants Blessing

THE LORD'S DAY ~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*9:00 am

Sunrise Service—*Առեւազայ*.....10:00 am

Lenten Divine Liturgy - *Սուրբ Պատարագ*10:30 am

Church School - *Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոց*10:15 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Today – Isaiah 24:21-25:8, Acts 7:47-50, Galatians 4:1-7, Luke 2:41-52

Next Week— Isaiah 33:2-22, Romans 12:1-13:10, Matthew 5:17-48

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. And make sure 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.

**WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET . . .
BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.**

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 2:41-52

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The floral arrangements adorning the altar were presented by Linda Balakian in loving memory of her mother, Anne Balakian, on the 40th day of her passing.

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servant of God

ANYA MELKUMYAN

who entered her eternal rest this past week.

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

PRAVERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Besh	Lucy Fundukian	Shakey Godoshian
Edgar Hagopian	Mary Douroujalian	Millie Jingoian
Peter Merigian	William Pugh	Helen Z. Sahakian
Jack Serce	Agnes Tokatlian	Gloria Vartanian
Joan Victoria Kurkian	George Krikor Zamanian	

"LIVING THE DIVINE LITURGY"

CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE BY

PRESENTING THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE: Remi (First Grade), Juliette (Pre-K) and Lucien (2 years old) accompanied by their parents, Anjell & Craig Bruck

JOINING IN THE TAPOR: Sixth Grade Students of Patricia Hachigian

READING THE LECTIONS: Aram Papazian & Erin Bahm, Sixth Grade Students of Patricia Hachigian

RECITING THE NICENE CREED: High School Students, Grades 9-12

OFFERING THE KISS OF PEACE: Seventh Grade Students of Sara Andonian

TAKE A GOOD LOOK!

TODAY...MEET THE CANDIDATES TEA, VARTAN ROOM

**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY AND ELECTIONS
NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010, 12:30 PM**

All parishioners whose pledges are current as of December 31, 2009 are eligible to participate and vote in the Parish Assembly.

HOME BUILD TEAM HOSTS PRE-ASSEMBLY LUNCH

A Lenten Lunch will be served preceding the Annual Parish Assembly. The proceeds will go towards the group's fundraising. St. John's Home Build Team plans to travel to Armenia this summer to work on building a home under the auspices of the Fuller Center. The team leader is Jackie ElChemmas. Please make your check payable to "Fuller Center-Armenia" and present it on the day of the assembly. Call the Church Office for lunch reservations.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH 20!

5th Annual Lenten Retreat

sponsored in part by the
Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian Endowment Fund

"The Faith that Survives:

Through the Lens of the Nicene Creed"

Saturday, March 20, 2010 9-3:30

Guest Speaker: Very Reverend Father Daniel Findikyan,
Dean, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

Watch the mail for details

**95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENOCIDE OF 1915
OBSERVANCE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010**

**FEATURED SPEAKER: THE HONORABLE JOHN EVANS,
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO ARMENIA**

**DIVINE LITURGY, REQUIEM SERVICE, MADAGH DINNER
FOLLOWED BY PROGRAM**



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

ANYA MELKUMYAN, Wife, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by the Melkumyan Family

ANNE BALAKIAN, 40th Day, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt

Requested by George Balakian

Wesley & Larry Balakian

Linda Balakian

Tamara & Jeff Plane

Harry, Arpie & Debbie Hagopian

VAHAN DEMIRCIOGLU, 40th Day, Brother, Uncle, Friend

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Harutyun Demircioglu

Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Demircioglu

Mr. Rudy Demircioglu

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Hintiryan & Family

Mr. & Mrs. Saro Ozdamar

Mrs. Alice Ekmekeci

SHIRLEY SWAN, 40th Day

Requested by Mary Dirasian & Family

MARGARET DAKESSIAN, 1st Year, Cousin

Agnes & Harry Tokatlian & Family

**IRENE BAHAROZIAN, 5th Year, Mother, Mother in Law, Grandmother,
Cousin**

**GUREGH JAMES BAHAROZIAN, 6th Year, Father, Father in Law,
Grandfather, Cousin**

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Tyrone Baharozian & Family

Dr. & Mrs. Dwayne Baharozian & Family

Mr. & Mrs. James Messer & Family

Dr. Ida Malian

ALICE ATAMIAN, 7th Year, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Diane Curtiss

ANAHID & VAGHARSHAK SARKISIAN, Parents

HARGAN & ROOPAN DICKRANIAN, Grandparents

Requested by Shirley Ann Sarkisian

PIANO RECITAL

Sponsored by the Komitas Choir on Friday, March 12, 2010, 8:00 pm
St. John Armenian Church Cultural Hall
Admission Free Will Offering / Afterglow to Follow
Featuring Pianist Natalia Kazaryan in a return performance

Natalia emigrated from Georgia in 2002 with her family who live in Detroit. She presently attends Julliard School of Music in New York. She has performed at St. John's and has been assisted by the Komitas Choir in pursuit of her musical career. Natalia offers this concert for our community as an expression of gratitude to her parish home. Come and enjoy her musical gifts!

**TODAY . . . ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL REPORT MAY BE PICKED UP
BY DUES-PAID MEMBERS IN THE VARTAN ROOM
AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY.**

REQUIEM PRAYERS

Hokehankisd / Requiem prayers will be offered on:
February 28 March 14 and 21 April 11 and 25

PREPARING FOR GREAT LENT

To assist you in your Lenten journey, the Diocesan Department of Education has prepared a guide for the six weeks of Great Lent, featuring prayers, daily readings, and activities to make this journey more meaningful. These can be found in the Lobby Carousel..

CLOSING OF THE ALTAR CURTAIN

Today, the Altar Curtain will be closed and will remain closed for the forty days of Great Lent. It will be reopened on Palm Sunday, March 28.

There will be no offering of Holy Communion during the Divine Liturgy. However, should anyone desire to receive Holy Communion outside the Sunday Divine Liturgy, please speak to Father Garabed.

Other changes in worship during this period on back cover.

KOMITAS CHOIR PLANS OCTOBER CONCERT

Our Komitas Choir is planning a major concert in October 2010. We have designated this concert as a fundraiser for St. John's. We are in need of additional voices. Interested individuals should contact Deacon Rubik at 248.569.3405 or . . . rubik@sjachurch.org.

ACVOA TO SPONSOR MICHIGAN/OHIO JUNIORS RETREAT MARCH 5-7 WEEKEND AT CAMP OHIYESA, HOLLY, MI

Registration packets in Lobby Carousel
Open to all Michigan/Ohio youth ages 13-18
Completed registration packets must be submitted to
Lisa Mardigian no later than Monday, February 22

THE MEN'S SOCIETY SAYS "THANK YOU"

We thank all of those who supported our first pancake breakfast for 2010.
We greatly appreciate your attendance.

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST: SUNDAY, MARCH 7

ATTENTION: MEN OF OUR PARISH

If you missed the first Men's Society meeting, we invite you to attend the next meeting on **Wednesday, February 17 at 8:00 pm** in the Vartan Room following Lenten Worship.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Focus Middle East 2010 at the Schoolcraft College International Institute will present a multi-media lecture by Marjorie Nanian entitled, "**The Armenian Genocide and its Impact on the World Today.**" Using documentary images, Ms. Nanian will explain how these events unfolded and how they reverberate today. The lecture will take place **Tuesday, February 23, 1:00—2:30 pm**, Schoolcraft College, Liberal Arts Bldg., Room 200. Best entry is South Parking Lot on Haggerty Rd. between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Ms. Nanian is Adjunct Assistant Professor, Political Science at Schoolcraft College. The event is free and open to the community. For more information, call 734.462.4400, ext. 5067.

LECTURE & BOOK DISCUSSION: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Mitch Kehetian, local Detroit journalist, author will discuss his recently released memoir "Giants of the Earth"

Hagopian World of Rugs Showroom, Birmingham, 7:00 pm

See flyer on bulletin board and in church lobby for more details.

WOMEN'S GUILD TO SELL TEPSEE & CHEESE BEOREG, CHEOREG, SMALL TRAYS OF 16 INDIVIDUAL BEOREGS TODAY

WINTER BAKING HAS BEGUN! ITEMS, WHEN AVAILABLE, WILL BE SOLD SUNDAYS, AFTER CHURCH THROUGH MARCH.

An evening CHEOREG Bake is set for **Monday, February 15, at 6 pm.** We will make SOU-BEOREG on Tuesday, March 2 at 9am. On **Tuesday, March 9 AT 9am** we will make KHALKHA. **EVERYONE** is welcome -- Women's Guild membership is not required. Please join us and enjoy working and learning, while serving our Church.

The Women's Guild has formed a Moms & Tots Club, a program for tots ages 1-5 with their moms to get together to socialize at St. John's. **At their first get together they renamed themselves, St. John's Moms and Manoogs.** Women's Guild membership is not required. It's not too late to join the group. For more information, please phone Linda Tiffany at 248.549.7106.

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.

For more information, please call Linda Assarian, 248.332.0816.

**ACYOA LENTEN FISH DINNERS BEGIN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 THROUGH MARCH 24
Seating at 5:00 pm; Dinner at 5:30 pm
HELP SUPPORT OUR ACYOA YOUTH
Please phone church office for reservations!
FOLLOWING DINNER A LENTEN VIGIL WILL BE
OFFERED IN THE SANCTUARY AT 7:00 PM**

**DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT NOON**

Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta

TRACKING OUR TREASURES - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Plate Donations of the Day	\$278.00
Candle Donations of the Day	\$105.00

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 16—Senior Lunch
Wednesday, February 17—ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner-5:30 pm
Thursday, February 18—Afternoon Bible Study-Noon
Lenten Vigil-7:00 pm
Sunday, February 21—**Sunday of the Expulsion**

THE GREAT LENTEN SEASON

*During the period of Great Lent in the Armenian Church
we observe the following:*

- *The altar curtain is closed*
- *There is no Kiss of Peace during the Divine Liturgy*
- *Holy Communion is not offered during the Divine Liturgy*
- *The Holy Gospels Book is not venerated after worship*
- *Hymns are sung in penitential melody*
- *Names of saints are not remembered*
- *The organ is not played when you depart from the sanctuary*
- *All should remain silent when exiting the sanctuary after worship in respect to those who remain for devotional prayers*
- *Weddings and Baptisms are not celebrated*

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.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited...
until you try to sit in their pews.

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

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

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