

WELCOME . . . We welcome our visitors who are attending the Divine Liturgy at St. John's parish, and we pray that your participation has been enriched through word and worship. We invite those visitors who are baptized and/or confirmed in the Armenian Church or are members of a church which is in communion with the Armenian Church to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are a member of the Armenian Church and a newcomer to our community and would like information about our Christian Education program or any of our parish auxiliary groups, please call our office and we will be happy to respond to your questions. The Lord Jesus Christ loves you and desires that you share His love with others, making this holy community your spiritual home.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for weddings in our holy sanctuary are to be made at least eight months in advance. Marriage preparation and counseling are required before the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Marriages are NOT celebrated during the season of Great Lent according to Armenian Church Canon Law.

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

All Baptisms must be scheduled no less than two months in advance. At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Church, i.e. baptized in the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox faith. Baptisms are NOT celebrated during the season of Great Lent according to Armenian Church Canon Law.

CHURCH AND HOME...ONE IN SPIRIT

*If a people progresses, it takes its first step from the family home;
If illuminated, its light derives from the family lamp;
If united, its spirit and bond is the family;
If empowered, its strength and arm is the family;
If it prospers, its treasury and treasurer is the family;
If a people wants to inherit heaven after earth by
Keeping its religion, faith and church, then, yes,
The altar that maintains these holy
Traditions incorruptible and whole is the family.*

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Khrimian Hayrig (1820-1907)

DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT NOON
Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta
Bring your lunch, we will provide the coffee.

Tracking Our "Treasures" Sunday, February 8
Plate Donations \$ 431.00
Candle Donations \$121.00

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: ARMENIAN COLORING BOOK FOR CHILDREN
Created by Taline Najarian – Softcover - \$16.00

EVERYONE PRAYS AT HOLY ETCHMIADZIN
DVD - \$20.00

NEW CD: GOMIDAS SONGS (Nominated for Grammy Award)
By Isabel Bayrakdarian - \$20.00

WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER?
By Elise Papazian – Softcover - \$20.00

MY GRANDMOTHER: A MEMOIR BY FETHIYE CETIN
Softcover - \$20.00

BACK IN STOCK: YOUR JOURNEY INTO ARMENIA
By George Mouradian - Softcover - \$12.00

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 17 – Senior Lunch-Noon
Sunday, February 22 - Morning Prayers 9 am; Divine Liturgy 9:45 am
Boon Barekendan – Great Barekendan
Closing of the Curtain

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
Every complaint is an opportunity.

Sunday Bulletin

Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր

ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD
DEPART TO SERVE HIM

FEBRUARY 15, 2009
THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YEAR OF 1458
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD TO THE TEMPLE
ՏԵԱՌՆԸՆԴԱՌԱՋ – DIARNUNTARACH
BLESSING OF INFANTS

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP
Matins - Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն.....9:00 am
Divine Liturgy - Սուրբ Պատարագ9:45 am
Church School - Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոց.....10:15 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY
Today – Isaiah 63:18-64:12, Titus 1:1-11, John 7:37-52
Next Week – Isaiah 58:1-14, Romans 13:11-14:25, Matthew 6:1-21

THE NICENE CREED WILL BE RECITED IN ENGLISH

THE KOMITAS CHOIR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music
Margaret Lafian, Organist

USHERS: Berj Kurkechian, George Elian, Ardis Gregory, Roger Gregory, Stephen Derderian, Richard Santourian, Bill Derouchie

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In loving memory of her dear brother **Albert Kabak**,
a gift is presented by **Ms. Susan Kapagian** on the occasion of
his birthday, February 16th.

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD
We offer prayers for the servants of God
who entered their eternal rest this past week.

KATHLEEN DEANNE CODD
MARGARET DAKESSIAN

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon their souls.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: John 7:37-52

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. "When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee."

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Yeretzgin Patricia Dagley
Valeriy Bagdasarian
Steven Bear (CA)
Margaret Jamgochian
Mary Semeroff
Lucy Torigian

Robert Ajemian
Kathy Bandol
Gregory Derderian
Walter Negosian
Marybeth Sutton
Alice Melidosian

**Friday, February 20, 2009, 7:00 pm
Annual Parish Assembly**

**Come early for delicious Armenian dinner of
loula kebab, pilaf and salad - \$10 per person -
served at 5:30 pm**

**For reservations please call the church office
248.569.3405**

**"LIVING THE DIVINE LITURGY"
CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE BY**

**PRESENTING THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE:
Kate Andonian, Kindergarten Student of Lena
Montgomery, accompanied by her parents
Paul and Chris**

**THE TAPOR: First Grade Students of Rosemarie
Nishanian**

**READING THE LECTIONS: Spencer Keoleian, Fifth
Grade Student of Linda Darian Karibian**

**TODAY
The 2008 Annual Report will be available
for pickup by dues-paid members**

St. John's New Website

We have launched a new and expanded website for our parish and the world! There are many new additions to keep you informed on what is going on in our community. Visit soon and submit your comments and suggestions to the webmaster.

Stjohnarmenianchurch.org OR
Stjohnsarmenianchurch.com

ANTONIA ARSLAN TO SPEAK HERE APRIL 24

Ms. Antonia Arslan, author of *Skylark Farm*, will be our speaker at the Friday, April 24th Genocide Commemoration Madagh Dinner. In order to prepare our parish for her visit, St. John's is pleased to offer a copy of *Skylark Farm* to each interested dues-paid member/family. In offering the books it is our goal that our parishioners will read it in preparation for her visit and discussion. Books will be available on Sundays after church services, in the lobby, **starting today thru Sunday, March 29**. Books are limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Dues paid member/families may only pick up their own personal copies.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ADL/Tekeyan MASQUERADE BALL

Saturday, February 21, 7:30 pm

RSVP: 248.334.3636

WARM YOUR HEART . . . WARM YOUR BODY

WARM THE LOVE FROM GOD TO ONE WHO IS IN NEED.

CAN YOU DONATE TOWARD OUR BLANKET PROJECT??

The Sunday School students (grades 9 - 12) will be making blankets for the Salvation Army to provide children and families in need. If you can donate to this valuable Blanket Project, please contact Roseann Attar: vart@comcast.net or cell 248-980-3221

DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

GUEST SPEAKER: V. REV. FR. VAHAN HOYHANESSIAN

FOR MORE DETAILS. SEE BULLETIN BOARD



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

Today during the Divine Liturgy we offer our prayers as the community of St. John's for the souls of the departed servants of Christ.

**ZAROUG MEYDAN (Istanbul), 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother,
Great-Grandmother**

Requested by Arslan, Shnorhig & Oskyan Bars
Anita & Hagop Ashik & Family
Ani & Viken Tufenkjian & Family

JANE TANIELIAN, 40th Day, Sister-in-Law, Aunt

Requested by Lucille Tanielian
Gloria & Arthur Melkonian
Mary Davidson

MIHRAN SEYRANOGLU, 6th Year

GARBUS GIRICI, 31st Year

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Aleksan Seyranoglu & Family

**MARTIN CHOLAKIAN, 15th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,
Brother-in-Law, Uncle**

JOHN & ALICE KEISHIAN, Parents, Grandparents

ANNA KEISHIAN, Aunt

HAIG VAHRADIAN, 40th Day, Cousin

Requested by Violet & Susan Cholakian
Karen, Michael, Sophia, Marissa Alice, Alexan Kazarian
Sarah Dergazarian
Annette, Greg, Anna, Leah Mamassian

ANTRANIG MIGIRDICHIAN

ARUSYAK MIGIRDICHIAN

GARABET TOKLAR

FRANSUHI TOKLAR

GARBIS OOSAK

ZEPUR OOSAK

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Edmond Megerian

Thursday, February 19, 2009, 7:00 pm
Feast of *Vartanank*

at

St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church
at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church
29125 W. Six Mile Rd. (East of Middlebelt – South of Six Mile)
Afterglow prepared by St. Vartan's Women's Guild

WOMEN'S GUILD WILL BE SELLING KHALKHA AFTER CHURCH

TWO WINTER BAKING DATES THIS WEEK

ONE EVENING – On **Monday, February 16, 6 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.** Marianne Dardarian is chairing a **Cheoreg EVENING BAKE.** Take advantage of the opportunity to experience the camaraderie that those of us who participate in the daytime baking have.

ONE MORNING – On **Tuesday, February 17, at 9 A.M.** Anita Arslanian is chairing a **Sou Beoreg bake day.** Come help and have fun as “Many hands make light work!” All are welcome.

You need **NOT** be a Women's Guild member to participate.

ATTENTION WOMEN'S GUILD MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!

On **Saturday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rec Center** we will be making “No-Sew Fleece Blankets” to donate to the Methodist Children's Village in Redford. Join us (no experience necessary!) to spend a morning of helping hands and conversation. A light lunch will be served. To attend please call Linda Assarian 248-332-0816.

COMING EVENT

Women's Guild Overnight Retreat will be on **Friday, March 27,** beginning at 6 p.m. through **Saturday, March 28,** 3 p.m. Contact Pam Dayinian, 248-644-8028, for more information.

**The Komitas Choir
Welcomes and Wants New Members.
Join the Choir and Enjoy the Following Benefits**

- Choir members are always privileged to receive communion first.
- Offering plate is never passed to the choir.
- It's exactly like singing in the shower, except you're wearing a robe and people are actually listening.
- Sitting with a group in the first rows every Sunday is excellent practice in case you're ever called for jury duty.
- Being at rehearsal every Thursday evening definitely beats watching the "ER" or "Grey's Anatomy."
- If you can sing the melody loudly but can't read music you will be placed in the soprano section.
- No matter how packed the church is on Easter or Christmas, you'll be assured of having a great seat in the sanctuary, and you will be the first one to meet the Catholicos when he comes for a visit.
- You will travel to different cities/countries for concerts and sightseeing.
- And finally, you will make new friends and will be part of a wonderful group of people who add to the beauty of our service by their dedication.

**Please contact Deacon Rubik at (248) 569-3405 or e-mail:
rubik@sjachurch.org**

**ACYOA JUNIORS
LENTEN FISH DINNERS
WEDNESDAYS DURING GREAT LENT**

FEBRUARY 25, MARCH 4, 11, 18 & 25

LOBSTER DINNER: APRIL 1

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

DINNER SERVED AT 5:30 PM

**DINNERS INCLUDE FISH ENTRÉE,
VEGETABLE, POTATO & SALAD,
BEVERAGE AND DESSERT
\$10.00 PER PERSON**

**Please phone the church office to make
reservations for dinner: (248) 569-3405**



**SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOLLOWING
LENTEN VIGIL SERVICE**

**FEBRUARY 25 - FILM
EVERYONE PRAYS AT HOLY ETCHMIADZIN**

**MARCH 4 - FILM
ETCHMIADZIN AND THE SPIRIT OF ECUMENISM**

**MARCH 11 - THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SUREN
PILAFIAN, ARCHITECT OF ST. JOHN ARMENIAN
CHURCH
GUEST SPEAKER: Michael Kapetan**

MARCH 18 - No program scheduled

**MARCH 25 - FILM
THE CONTINUING MISSION OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN**

**APRIL 1 - FILM & MUSICAL PROGRAM
THE PASTORAL VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS KAREKIN II
TO ST. JOHN'S NOVEMBER 4-7, 2007
KOMITAS CHOIR TO PRESENT A PROGRAM OF**