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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, January 20 – Senior Lunch - Noon**

**Sunday, January 26-Morning Service 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy 9:45 am**

**DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 AT NOON**

**Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta**

**Bring your Bible and a meal to share, we will provide the coffee.**

*Sunday Bulletin*

*Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր*

***ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD  
DEPART TO SERVE HIM***

**JANUARY 18, 2009**

**THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YEAR OF 1458**

**THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP**

Matins - *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*.....9:00 am

Divine Liturgy - *Սուրբ Պատարագ* .....9:45 am

Church School - *Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոց*.....10:15 am

**SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY**

**LECTOR: John Merigian**

**THE NICENE CREED WILL BE RECITED IN ARMENIAN**

**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Pastor**

**St. John's New Website**

**Visit our new and expanded website, and submit your comments and suggestions to the webmaster...**

**[Stjohnsarmenianchurch.org](http://Stjohnsarmenianchurch.org) - or -  
[Stjohnsarmenianchurch.com](http://Stjohnsarmenianchurch.com)**

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**After hours in an emergency, please contact:**

**Pastor's Cell: (248) 225-9888**

**Administrator's Cell: (248) 802-2861**

**ISHKAN ISHKANIAN, Loving Husband, Father**

Requested by Linda Ishkanian  
Ida Ishkanian

**SYBIL KESHIAN, 40<sup>th</sup> Day, Aunt**

Requested by Garry and Patti Javizian

**ALEX KING, 24<sup>th</sup> Year, Father**

**PEROUZ & MESROB LEKTZIAN, Grandparents**

**PETER & CONNIE LEKTZIAN, Aunt, Uncle**

**MELKON & MARY LEKTZIAN, Aunt, Uncle**

**MELKON LEKTZIAN JR., Cousin**

**SAM LEKTZIAN, Uncle**

**DIKRAN LEKTZIAN, Uncle**

**V. GEORGE LAKTZIAN, Cousin**

Requested by Laura King

**MARTIN M. MANOOOGIAN, 14<sup>th</sup> Year, Husband, Father, Friend**

Requested by Ann L. Manoogian  
Roseann & Bobby Attar  
The Kezelian Family

**BOB PARSAGHIAN, 15<sup>th</sup> Year, Father**

Requested by Garry and Patti Javizian

**RUEBEN PARSAGHIAN, 25<sup>th</sup> Year, Uncle**

Requested by Garry and Patti Javizian

**LOIS ROBINSON, Mother, Grandmother, *Khnamee***

Requested by Drs. David & Heidi Aprahamian  
Elizabeth Bennett Aprahamian  
Elizabeth Aprahamian

**ALBERT N. SARKISIAN, 7<sup>th</sup> Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,  
Uncle, *Khnamee***

Requested by Nina Sarkisian  
Dr. Edward, Anna & Sdn. Aram Sarkisian  
Morgan & Sara (Sarkisian) Bell  
Linda, Frank, Diana & George Houhanisin  
Barbara, Peter & Matthew Rupas  
Lisa & Stephen Derderian  
Allan, Rachel, Tyler & Emma Sarkisian  
Dr. Haig, Louise, Edward & Ara Yardumian  
Leon & Sharon Sarkisian  
Melanya Sviridov

**GARO YEGHISSIAN, 11<sup>th</sup> Year, Father, Grandfather, *Khnamee*, Friend**

Requested by Dr. Joyce Yeghissian & Dn. Rubik Mailian, Sevana & Areg  
Anahid Dilakian & Sarkis Ghazarian, Sevag & Hiyk  
Arax Markarian  
Ladjvart Grishkyan  
Armineh Harutunyan  
Lucy Ardash  
Elizabeth Aprahamian

**FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD**

We offer prayers for the servant of God  
Virginia Cheteyan

(Mother of May Kafafian)

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Yeretzgin Patricia Dagley

Robert Ajemian  
Steven Bear (CA)  
Edgar Hagopian  
Marybeth Sutton

Harry Avagian  
Harry Carman  
Judy Hovnan  
Lucy Torigian

Valeriy Bagdasarian  
Gregory Derderian  
Margaret Jamgochian  
Christine Danielian Vaughn

**GIFTS TO THE CHURCH**

Prayers for a speed recovery for Dr. Antranik Chalabian  
requested by the Detroit ADL Ramgavar Party  
and the Tekeyan Cultural Association.

**BLESSING OF INFANTS ON FEBRUARY 15**

Forty days after His birth, Jesus was presented to the Jerusalem Temple by his parents for a special blessing by the high priest, Saint Simeon. This Judaic tradition of presenting the firstborn to the temple and dedicating the child to God has been adopted by the Armenian Church as a day on which newly born or newly baptized infants are blessed by the priest. On February 15 at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Garabed will invite all parents with infants to come forward so that their children may receive a special blessing.

## **CHRISTMASTIDE: The Sacred Period after Christmas**

The first 40 days of Christmastide culminate with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple on February 14. During this 40-day period, the Christmas greeting in the Armenian Church is:

**KRISDOS DZUNAV YEV HAYDNETSAV!  
ORHYAL EH HAYDNOOTYOONN KRISDOSI!**

**CHRIST IS BORN AND IS REVEALED!  
BLESSED IS THE REVELATION OF CHRIST!**

**ՔՐԻՍՏՈՍ ԾՆԱԻ ԵՒ ՅԱՅՏՆԵՑԱԻ  
ՕՐՀՆԵԱԼ Է ՅԱՅՏՆՈՒԹԻՒՆՆ ՔՐԻՍՏՈՍԻ**

Please note that this greeting is **NOT** part of the Divine Liturgy. During the Badarak the greeting for the Kiss of Peace remains unchanged. See Bulletin back cover for the correct greeting.

The University of Michigan's Armenian Students' Cultural Association will be hosting their annual **Hye Hop Charity Dance** on Friday, January 23, 2009, at Polo Fields Golf and Country Club (located at 5200 Polo Fields Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103). All profits will be donated to *Mer Doon*, a place dedicated to helping Armenian youth transitioning from orphanages or a disadvantaged life. For more information on the charity, please visit <http://mer-doon.org>.

Tickets are \$25 for Students and \$35 for Adults. The dance features a dinner buffet, cash bar, DJ, and live All-Star Armenian band. Dress attire is semi-formal. Please feel free to bring Armenian non-Armenian friends, non-UMich students, family members, and anyone else! The more guests means the more fun, and therefore the more for charity!

Over the past several years, the Hye Hop Charity Dance has been gaining much popularity. Last year, with over 200 guests in attendance, we were able to donate \$3,000 to the Orran Center of Armenia, a place dedicated to providing life's necessities to at risk children and families.

If you have any questions, or would like to donate in advance, please contact Samantha Simonian at [ssimonia@umich.edu](mailto:ssimonia@umich.edu) or Ani Toumajan at [altoumaj@umich.edu](mailto:altoumaj@umich.edu).



## **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.

**ESTHER AMADORI, 40<sup>th</sup> Day, Wife, Mother, Grandmother**  
Requested by Tony Amadori & Family

**ARTHUR A. APKARIAN, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,**  
**Brother, Uncle, *Khnamee***

Requested by Cynthia Apkarian  
Dawn & David Karagosian  
Renee and Scott Apkarian  
Lynne and Cary Kojamanian  
Dana, Tammi, Andrea, Craig, Michael, Caylyn and Reagan  
Paulette and Rick Apkarian  
Kristen and Christopher Vosbikian  
Alex and Rich Apkarian  
Florence and Harry Karagosian  
Lillian and Jack Kojamanian  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Arslanian, Anto, Dawn, Nicole and Lyle  
Fred, Jackie and Adam Klugman

**HRANT DINK, 2<sup>ND</sup> Year, Friend**

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Herman Hintiryan  
Mr. & Mrs. Saro Ozdamar  
Mr. Zaven Hintiryan  
Mr. & Mrs. Bedros Civelek

**GEORGE KRIKOR DOCTORIAN, 28<sup>th</sup> Year, Father, Grandfather,**  
**Great-Grandfather**

**JAMES KEROPE DOCTORIAN, 29<sup>th</sup> Year, Uncle, Great-Uncle**

Requested by Nina Sarkisian  
Dr. Edward, Anna & Sdn. Aram Sarkisian  
Sara & Morgan Bell  
Linda, Frank, Diana & George Houhanisin  
Barbara, Peter & Matthew Rupas  
Lisa & Stephen Derderian  
Allan, Rachel, Tyler & Emma Sarkisian

**ARZROONI HOVSEPIAN, Beloved Father**

Requested by Jerier H. Hovsepien

# 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.*

Khrimian Hayrig (1820-1907)

## COMING EVENTS

**Sunday, February 15**

***Diarrnuntarach***

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple  
Infants Blessing at the conclusion of Badarak  
Candidates' Tea in the Main Hall**

**Thursday, February 19, 2009**

**Feast of the Holy Vartanank**

**Friday, February 20, 2009, 7:30 pm**

**Annual Parish Assembly**

**Sunday, February 22, 2009**

**Boon Barekendan**

**Monday, February 23, 2009**

**First Day of Great Lent**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2009**

**ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner, 5:30 pm**

**Lenten Vigil, 7:00 pm**

**Every Wednesday during Lent**

**including March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1**

**Saturday, March 14, 2009**

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Retreat**

**Guest Speaker: V. Rev. Vahan Hovhanessian**

**Topic: "In Remembrance of the Lord"**

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*Warm your heart*

*Warm your body*

*Warm the love from God to one who is in need*

*Can you help 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](mailto:vart@comcast.net) or cell (248)980-3221

