

# *Sunday Bulletin*

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

**JANUARY 25, 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**

Today – Isaiah 58:13-59:7, 1 Timothy 4:12-5:10, John 3:13-21  
Next Week – Isaiah 61:10-62:9, 2 Timothy 2:15-26, John 6:15-21

**LECTOR: Dr. Badrik Jooharigian**

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

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**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH**

Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Pastor

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

Tracking Our "Treasures"      Sunday, January 4  
Plate Donations                      \$ 338.00  
Candle Donations                    \$ 140.00

Tracking Our "Treasures"      Sunday, January 11  
Plate Donations                      \$ 214.25  
Candle Donations                    \$ 159.00

Tracking Our "Treasures"      Sunday, January 18  
Plate Donations                      \$ 227.00  
Candle Donations                    \$ 73.00

### AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

**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, January 27 – Senior Lunch-Noon  
Sunday, February 1 - Morning Prayers 9 am; Divine Liturgy 9:45 am

### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

Faith is to believe what we do not see,  
and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

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

**USHERS:** Art Barsamian, George Godoshian, Harry  
Karebian, Kevork Terterian, Michael Hovey, Michael Karebian,  
Ardag Tachian

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Yerezgin Patricia Dagley	Robert Ajemian
Valeriy Bagdasarian	Kathy Bandol
Steven Bear (CA)	Gregory Derderian
Mary Davidson	Margaret Jamgochian
Mary Semeroff	Marybeth Sutton
Vartouhi Rosette Terian	Lucy Torigian

### **TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: John 3:13-21**

No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.

### **BUILD FOR ARMENIA**

**If you are interested in building homes in Armenia,  
please contact Jackie El Chemmas (248) 762-1312.**

## 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.

### ***St. John Armenian Church Great Lenten Programs***

**Lenten Fish Dinners, 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

**The Rest and Peace Services, 7:00 pm**

**All programs will be held in the Vartan Room  
beginning at 8:00 pm**

#### ***THE LIFE AND SPIRITUAL MISSION OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN***

**February 25** *Everyone Prays at Holy Etchmiadzin (FILM)*

**March 4** *Etchmiadzin and the Spirit of Ecumenism (FILM)*

**March 11** *The Life and Legacy of Suren Pilafian,  
Architect of St. John Armenian Church  
Guest Speaker: Michael Kapetan*

Mr. Kapetan, a professional artisan of woodworking, created the beautiful candle table in our lobby and the newly installed Holy Letter Է in the church. He was a student of Mr. Pilafian and collaborated with him on several projects.

**March 25** *The Continuing Mission of Holy Etchmiadzin  
(FILM)*

**April 1** *The Pastoral Visit of His Holiness Karekin II  
to St. John's, November 4 - 7, 2007 (FILM)*



#### ***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.**

**STEVE MALONE, Khnamee**

**ANN PERCH KOCHAKIAN, Aunt**

Requested by Father Garabed & Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

**DERON MELIDOSIAN, 40<sup>th</sup> Day, Cousin, Friend**

Requested by Agnes & Harry Tokatlian & Family

**NAZELI ALEXANIAN, 10<sup>th</sup> Year, Beloved Mother, Grandmother**

**ALEXAN ALEXANIAN, Beloved Father, Grandfather**

**DAVID SOULTANIAN, Beloved Father, Grandfather**

Requested by Hagop, Diana, Alex, Jessica & Peter Alexanian

Missak, Denise, Ani & Berj Alexanian

Adrine, Jason & Sarah Avant

George & Debra Alexanian

Krikor, Anahid, Garo, Tina, Tara & Nazeli Donikian

Hratch, Anita, Christina & Ani Gogoshian

**MAGAR ELIAN, 45<sup>th</sup> Year, Father, Grandfather and Great  
Grandfather**

**VEHANOUSH ELIAN, 9<sup>th</sup> Year, Mother, Grandmother and  
Great-Grandmother**

Requested by George Elian

Mary and Berj Kurkechian and Family

Lisa, Michael, Jacob, Erin and Andrea Bahm

**ARPINE MARDIGIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

**KAPRIEL & NAZELI CHAKIRBOGOSIAN, Parents, Grandparents**

**GARABED ISKENDERIAN, Uncle**

**SIRANOUSH, SATENIK & OVSANNA CHAKIRBOGOSIAN, Sisters**

**ONIG BOGOSIAN, Brother**

**JACK SAYIAN, Nephew**

Requested by Arthur & Rose Mardigian

Steven, Armen & Anoush Mardigian

James, Laura & Stephen Armen Leacock

Lisa Mardigian

Zaven, Marilyn & Zaven Charles Dadian

**MASROB S. & EVA KURAJIAN, Parents, Grandparents,  
Great-Grandparents**

Requested by George M. & Victoria Kurajian  
George M. Jr. Lisa, Olivia & Caroline Kurajian  
Matthew C., Peggy, Lisa & Phillip Kurajian  
Mary, Scott & Karen

**JACK HAGOP MOORADIAN, Brother, Uncle**

Requested by Phillip, Catiana & Sion Mooradian

**ZAROOHY NORSIGIAN, Mother, Grandmother**

**ARAM NORSIGIAN, Father, Grandfather**

**DICKRAN AND KHATOON CHAVOOSHIAN, Grandparents,  
Great Grandparents**

**MARDIROS CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle**

**ARDASHES CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle**

**MAMPRE CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle**

**MAMIGON CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle**

**PARAVON CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle**

Requested by Richard, Barbara, Shant, & Jordan Norsigian

**PETER & ELIZABETH BEDROSIAN**

**GIRAGOS & MARY OHANIAN**

**HERB & HELEN OHANIAN**

**MARTHA & NAHABED BEROSIAN**

**AND ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD**

Requested by Patrick G. Bedrosian

**UPCOMING WOMEN'S GUILD EVENTS**

**General Body Meeting on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 4, at 7 P.M.**  
We are delighted to announce that **Elise Papazian will be our guest speaker.** Her topic, **What Will You Remember?**, is also the title of her book, which is available in our church bookstore. Elise will explain how she came to write her book, and she will also read several selections from it.

**WINTER BAKING** – Marianne Dardarian is chairing a **Cheoreg EVENING BAKE on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.** Take advantage of the opportunity to experience the camaraderie that those of us who participate in the daytime baking have. Come and enjoy. Everyone is welcome. You need **NOT** be a Women's Guild member to participate. **SAVE THE DATE**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Cheoreg EVENING BAKE on MONDAY, FEB. 16, 6:00– 8:30 P.M.**

**MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE**

**My country 'tis of thee  
Sweet land of liberty  
Of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died  
Land of the pilgrims' pride  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring!**

**Our fathers' God, to thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God our King.**

**Winter Advisory**

**During the winter months when severe weather may impact our Sunday Liturgy, listen to Radio WWJ 950 AM for church closing information.**

**WOMEN'S GUILD BOOK CLUB**

Reminder to Women's Guild members...We look forward to seeing you at Book Club which will meet on Wed., Jan. 28 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss My Grandmother by Fethiye Cetin.

# 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 - Feast of the Holy Vartanank

Friday, February 20, 2009, 7:30 pm  
Annual Parish Assembly

Sunday, February 22 - Boon Barekendan

Monday, February 23 - First Day of Great Lent

Wednesday, February 25 - ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner  
5:30 – 6:30 pm; Lenten Vigil, 7:00 pm  
(see program offerings elsewhere in Bulletin)

Friday, February 27 – Sunday, March 1  
Michigan/Ohio Regional ACYOA Jrs. Retreat  
Camp Ohiyesa, Holly MI  
Sponsored & Led by the Diocesan Department of Youth  
& Education

For information contact: Youth Coordinator Jenny  
Morris

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## DIOCESAN SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM 2009

In partnership with AGBU Summer Intern Program, an 8-week internship will be offered to three young adults aged 20-26 at the Diocesan Center in New York. All application and participation fees will be covered by the Diocese. Application deadline is March 6, 2009. To apply, please contact Julie Hoplamazian, College Ministry Facilitator, at 212.293.1254 or [julieh@armeniandiocese.org](mailto:julieh@armeniandiocese.org)

**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!**

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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.

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

**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**

**Community Event**

**Detroit Armenian Women's Club presents a Family  
Game Night on Friday, January 30, 2009, 7pm  
AGBU School Library**

**Don't Miss The Annual Lenten Retreat**

**A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY INTO THE DIVINE  
LITURGY. . .**

**NOURISHMENT FOR THE SOUL**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009**

**9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**St. John's Cultural Hall**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Very Reverend Father Vahan  
Hovhannessian**

Pastor of Holy Martyrs Armenian Church, Bayside, NY  
Author of a newly published book,  
**In Remembrance Of The Lord**  
available in St. John's Bookstore

**Donation: \$12.00 (includes materials, continental  
breakfast and lunch)**

**Call (248) 569-3405 by March 9<sup>th</sup> to register  
Make checks payable to St. John's Armenian Church  
and mail to 22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075**

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