

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Deacon Rubik Mailian, *Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant*

Ms. Margaret Lafian, *Organist*



Sunday Bulletin Կիրակնօրեայ Թերթիկ

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 fill out a contact card 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.

January 29, 2017

The Armenian Church Year 1465

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE OCTAVE OF THEOPHANY

Celebrant: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

Divine Liturgy / Ս.Պատարագ9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Isaiah 62:1-11, II Timothy 2:15-19, John 6:39-47

Lector: DOLLY MATOIAN

****Save the Date****

Please note that the 2017 Parish Assembly will take place
on Sunday, March 5, 2017.

Today's Gospel

John 6:39-47

"And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?' Jesus answered them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Every one who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that any one has seen the Father except him who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life."



Make a Joyful noise to the Lord,...Come into his presence with Singing! (Psalm 100)

The Komitas choir is recruiting new members. Please contact Deacon Rubik Mailian to join. rubik@sjachurch.org or (248) 286-1057

As always, we welcome the Sunday School students to join us anytime during church services.

Day by Day Bible Study

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

12:00 pm — 2:00 pm

For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248-538-9993

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

James Shahbazian
Elina Cobb
Ruben Griffin

Araxey Barsamian
George Douroujalian
Robert Missirlian

Charles Sansone
Cheryl Giesa
Margaret Hagop

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Led by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

For Boys Ages 10-16 Years Old

Saturdays 10am-12pm

February 11, 25

March 11, 25

April 8, 22

May 13, 27

Please **call the Church office to enroll**

Visit the Parish Bookstore

Genocide T-Shirts with “Forget-Me-Not” emblem and map on back — \$20.00

The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry, Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many “Made in Armenia” products.

New: “Armenia, Australia and the Great War” by Vicken Babkenian and Peter Stanley — SC \$35.00

New: “Armenians and Turks: From War to Cold War to Diplomacy” by Tatul Hakobyan — SC \$30.00

New: Armenian Alphabet Wood Puzzle — \$35.00

NEW—JUST ARRIVED

BEAUTIFUL SILVER JERUSALEM CROSSES IN VARIOUS SIZES

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Grace Couyoumjian**, who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral took place at St. John Armenian Church on January 21, 2017.

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Mitchell Topalian**, who entered his eternal rest last week. His funeral took place at St. John Armenian Church on January 26 2017.

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



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST



MARGARET VARTAN, 6th Year, Friend, Benefactor

Requested by AGBU Board of Directors

STAR SARKISSIAN, 1st Year, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Philip, Florence, Lisa & Christina (& Adam Milner) Sarkissian
Barbara Sarkissian

ANDREW DOUROUJALIAN, 4th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Father-in-Law, Uncle, Great-Uncle, Wonderful Friend to Many

Requested by Diane, Bruce & Kirsten Kezlarian
Courtney, Mike & Amelia Abela
Donna Portrey
Ryan, Liz & Cole Portrey
Lindsay & Michael Clark
George, Yvette & Blake Douroujalian
Bryan, Dominic & Hayden Douroujalian and Amanda Munafo

ERVIN VAHRATIAN, 4th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Son, Brother

GARABED VAHRATIAN, 50th Year, Father, Grandfather

NARENE VAHRATIAN, 39th Year, Mother, Grandmother

DETTAD VAHRATIAN, 10th Year, Son, Brother

MARY VAHRATIAN NEGOSHIAN, 11th Year, Daughter, Sister

Requested by Roxanne Vahratian
Donn Vahratian

CHRISTENE MOZIAN, 30th Year, Mother, Grandmother

SIMON MOZIAN, 27th Year, Father, Grandfather

ROSEMARY MOZIAN HINSON, 9th Year, Sister, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Roxanne Vahratian
Donn Vahratian



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN Cont'd
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST



KRIKOR & LUSINE AVAKIAN, Father, Mother

JAMIL ITA, Father-in-Law

Requested by Vatche Avakian

ARPINE MARDIGIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

HARRIET ZALKE, Sister, Aunt

KAPRIEL & NAZELI CHAKIRBOGOSIAN, Parents, Grandparents

GARABED ISKENDERIAN, Uncle

SIRANOUSH, SATENIK & OVSANNA CHAKIRBOGOSIAN, Sisters

ONIG BOGOSIAN, Brother

JACK SAYIAN, Nephew

ANTHONY JOHN BOGOSIAN, Nephew

Requested by Arthur & Rose Mardigian

Steven, Armen & Anoush Mardigian

James, Laura & Stephen Armen Leacock

Lisa Mardigian

Zaven, Marilyn & Zaven Charles Dadian

NEVART AND CHARLES KUZIRIAN, Parents

GOLDIE AND HAIRABED APIGIAN, Parents

SOSIE ARPAJIAN, Cousin

Requested by Ardash and Charlene Apigian

ANTRANIG MIGIRDICHIAN

ARUSYAK MIGIRDICHIAN

GARABED TOKLAR

FRANSUHI TOKLAR

GARBIS OOSAK

ZEPUR OOSAK

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Edmond Megerian



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN Cont'd
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST



TOROS ZAZAIAN, 19th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather
MICHAEL & ARAXIE ZAZAIAN
GARABED & MARITZA DAKESIAN
JOHN & ARMEN DAKESIAN
GIDEON & NANCY DAKESIAN
LUCY DAKESIAN
GARABED & ANTARA REIZIAN
ART AMROIAN

Requested by Sadie Zazaian

Patricia, Chris, Erik & Katherine Makaroff

Fellowship Tea

Today's Fellowship Tea is sponsored by the AGBU Board of Directors in loving memory of Margaret Vartan, a friend and a benefactor.
Everyone is welcome to attend after *Badarak*.

**Next Sunday, February 5th, Fr. Aren will have a meeting with ACYOA Juniors
at 12:30 pm in church.**

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

Invites you to

BIBLE STUDY

Presenter:

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

**Monday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
on the dates listed below:**

February 6, 20

March 6, 20

April 3, 17

May 8, 22

June 26

**St. John Armenian Church of
Greater Detroit**

Invites you to

Catechism

Presenter:

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

**Thursday Evenings
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
on the dates listed below:**

February 16

March 16

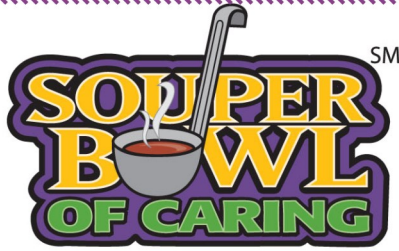
April 6

May 18

June 29

**All parishioners and friends are invited to attend these informative sessions.
Admission is Free**

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HUNGER

St. John Armenian Church ACYOA has teamed up with the *Super Bowl of Caring* to fight hunger and poverty in our community. Super Bowl of Caring is a global organization that has distributed over \$1 million to hungry people. You can help with a cash donation or place one item of food in the marked bins in the main lobby. Help us reach our goal of **four bins of food and \$500**. We have an anonymous donor willing to match cash donations up to \$500. The collection will take place until February 5th, 2017!



100% of donations will go to
Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit, MI.



For more information go to www.superbowl.org or contact Anahit Movsesyan at anahitmoveses@gmail.com

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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES**

BATTER UP

OPENING DAY CELEBRATION



**STADIUM BEEF HOT DOGS, CHILI DOGS,
BRATWURSTS, CHICKEN RANCH ROLLUPS,
NACHOS, COLE SLAW, POTATO CHIPS,
POPCORN, SODAS, ICE CREAM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
MARK MAMASSIAN
248. 644-0475**

adults \$10, children 12 & under \$5

February 19, 2017

Holy Fathers Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria

St. Athanasius was bishop of Alexandria and one of the most illustrious defenders of the Christian faith. He was born at Alexandria in about the year 297.

At the Council of Nicaea, in 325 A.D., he appears prominently in connection with the Arian dispute, attending the council, not as one of its members (who were properly only bishops or delegates of bishops), but merely as the attendant of Patriarch Alexander. In this capacity, he was apparently allowed to take part in its discussions arguing earnestly for the apostolic doctrines. Within five months after his return, Alexander died and his friend and archdeacon Athanasius, at 30 years of age, was chosen to succeed him as bishop of Alexandria.

The first few years of the episcopate of Athanasius were tranquil, but the storms in which the remainder of his life was passed soon began to gather around him. The Council of Nicaea had settled the creed of Christendom, but had by no means settled the divisions in the church that the Arian controversy had provoked. Arius himself still lived, and rapidly regained influence over the Emperor Constantine. The result of this was a demand made by the emperor that Arius should be re-admitted to communion. Athanasius stood firm, and refused to have any communion with the advocates of a "heresy that was fighting against Christ."

Emperors and bishops alike exiled him because of his truth in Orthodoxy, and heretics like Arius and his followers. If imperious in temper and inflexible in dogmatic determination, Athanasius had yet a great heart and intellect, enthusiastic in devotion to Christ, and in work for the good of the church and of mankind.

His chief distinction as a theologian was his zealous advocacy of the essential divinity of Christ as co-equal in substance with the Father. This was the doctrine of the Homousion, proclaimed by the Nicene Creed, and elaborately defended by his life and writings. Whether or not Athanasius first suggested the use of this expression, he was its greatest defender; and the universal doctrine of the Trinity has ever since been more identified with his "immortal" name than with any other in the history of the church and of Christian theology.

St. Cyril was the nephew of Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria, who educated him from his youth. He succeeded to his uncle's position in 412, but was deposed through the intrigues of the Nestorian heretics.

Nestorius, a presbyter of the Church of Antioch, called the Mother of God not "Asdvadzadin" (Theotokos or Birth-giver of God) but rather "Khristorditsa" (Christotokos or Birth-giver of Christ), implying that she gave birth not to God, but only to the man Christ. This led to the convening of the Holy Ecumenical Council in the city of Ephesus in 441. Two hundred bishops from the Christian world, including Armenia, attended. St. Cyril presided at this Third Ecumenical Council that censured the Nestorian blasphemy against the Most Holy Mother-of-God. His wise words demonstrated the error of this false doctrine. St Cyril departed to the Lord in the year 444.

(This article was taken from the Diocesan Website)

General Information

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

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Cell: 773-457-4122 e-mail: FrAren@sjachurch.org

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 to be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized" list. 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. We encourage parents to baptize their children between 40 days and 3 months.

Marriage Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date.

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 Tamara@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.

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On Leaving the Sanctuary After Divine Liturgy

**When approaching the Holy Gospel at the end
of the Divine Liturgy you say:**

Յիշեցէ Տէր զամենայն Պատարագս քո:

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.

May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.

The Priest answers:

**Տացէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ զամենայն
խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեցէ:**

*Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev
zamenayn khorhoortus koh ee parees na
gadarestseh.*

May the Lord grant you according to your own
heart, and fulfill all your desires.
(Psalm 20:4)

**When taking *Mahs* the
GIVER says:**

**Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի քեզ ի
Սուրբ Պատարագէս:**

*Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee
Soorp Badarakes.*

May this be to you a share and
portion of the Holy Sacrifice.

The RECEIVER says:

Բաժին իմ Աստուած յաւիտեան:

Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.

My portion is God forever.

The Kiss of Peace

Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

The GIVER says: Christ is revealed amongst us.

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

The RECEIVER says: Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

**Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ: / Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնս
Քրիստոսի:**

The Psalm of Dismissal - Psalm 34

**Օրհնեցից ըզՏէր յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ,
օրհնութիւն նորա ի բերան իմ:**

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.*

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be at all times in my mouth.