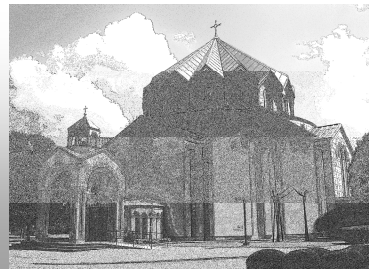


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*Sunday Bulletin ~ Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր*

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

**January 3, 2010 ~ The Armenian Year of 1459**

**Seventh Sunday of Advent—Եօթերորդ Կիրակի Յիսնակաց**

**CELEBRANT: REV. FR. HRACH SARGSYAN**

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

Morning Service - *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 51:15-52:3, Hebrews 13:18-25, Luke 22:24-30

Next Week— Hebrews 12:18-27, Luke 1:39-56

**Lector: Dr. Badrik Jooharigian**

*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. Please sign the Guest Book at either of the entrances to the Sanctuary.

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.

## **TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 22:24-30**

After the Last Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ:

A dispute also arose among them, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For which is the greater, one who sits at table, or one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at table? But I am among you as one who serves. "You are those who have continued with me in my trials; as my Father appointed a kingdom for me, so do I appoint for you that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

|                   |                 |                   |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Mary Besh         | Irene Burchill  | Shakey Godoshian  |
| S. Gregory        | V. Gregory      | Edgar Hagopian    |
| Queenie Hazergian | Millie Jingoian | Jeannine Mantis   |
| William Pugh      | Liz Roberts     | Helen Z. Sahakian |
| Gloria Vartanian  |                 |                   |

### **GIFTS TO THE CHURCH**

A gift is presented on the occasion of Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Mekjian and their 66th Wedding Anniversary  
January 2, 2010.

### **REQUIEM PRAYERS**

*Hokehankisd* / requiem prayers will be offered on  
January 10 and 24      February 14 and 28      March 14 and 21

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY HONORS REV. FR. HRACH  
SARGSYAN AS HE BEGINS A NEW PAGE IN HIS LIFE AND  
ASSUMES HIS FIRST PASTORATE IN THE U.S. AT  
ST. SAHAG CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Church Complex Business Administrator

### Minimum Requirements:

Undergraduate degree or equivalent experience in business administration.

Technical expertise or knowledge of computer software and hardware.

Experience in financial accounting.

Comprehension of building grounds and maintenance systems.

Supervising of current office and custodial staff.

Overseeing building and property management.

Assist in rental and catering function.

Reviewing all financial accounting and more.

### Specific qualifications not limited to:

Highly organized multitasking ability with excellent communication skills.

A leader to develop the unique talents of people and material resources of the Church.

The minimum time commitment is 40 hours per week usually 8:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday with some after hour time required for meetings with organization, elected boards and committees.

Salary and benefits shall commensurate with qualifications presented.

Send your résumé with salary requirements  
no later than February 6, 2010 to:

[hr@sjachurch.org](mailto:hr@sjachurch.org)

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**CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAMILY LUNCHEON  
NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010, 12:30 PM  
ADULTS \$15.00 CHILDREN—GRATIS  
ALL ARE WELCOME  
FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL CHURCH OFFICE.**

**BLESSING OF INFANTS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14  
IN THE SANCTUARY FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY  
FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
TO THE TEMPLE - DIARRNUNTARRACH**

## **REVEREND FATHER HRACH SARGSYAN—A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY**

Reverend Father Hrach Sargsyan was born in Armavir, Armenia on October 10, 1982, one of two sons of Simon and Zmroukhd Sargsyan. He was christened Hovhannes, and received his early schooling and elementary education in local Armenian schools. In 2000 at the age of 18, he felt the calling to become a priest and was admitted to the Vaskenian Seminary at Lake Sevan where he studied for four years. Meanwhile he served as *canon sacrist* of Soorp Arakelotz Church adjacent to the seminary, having diverse responsibilities for the care and maintenance of the church, its sacred vessels and vestments, and religious services.

In 2004 Father Hrach continued his theological studies at the Gevorgyan Seminary of Holy Etchmiadzin, graduating in 2006. During this period, he was responsible for preparing radio programs on religious subjects for transmission throughout Armenia

In 2002 he was ordained an Acolyte at Holy Etchmiadzin by Archbishop Nerses Bozabalian of blessed memory, who later ordained him as a deacon on February 23, 2006 on the Feast of Vartanantz. He was ordained into the holy priesthood by Archbishop Vicken Aykazian at Holy Etchmiadzin on June 24, 2007

While a deacon and priest, he was appointed to the position of General Secretary in the Interchurch /Ecumenical Department of the Holy See. There his duties included correspondence and public relations. Meanwhile he continued his studies at the American University of Yerevan with focus on English language studies, and also served as Deacon at Yerevan's Holy Trinity Church.

After his ordination, he was appointed to his first pastorate at St. Hovhannes Church in Sisyan in southern Armenia. Following this assignment, he returned to Yerevan to serve as assistant pastor at Holy Trinity Church for one year.

In 2008, he was assigned by Catholicos Karekin II to serve an internship in the U.S. at the Eastern Diocese, and at the direction of the Primate Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, he was assigned as intern priest at St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit in Michigan. Here he served almost two years under the guidance of Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, pastor of St. John's. During this time, he continued to study English, completed the Dale Carnegie course, attended English classes at Wayne State University in Detroit, and successfully completed a five-month program in Clinical Pastoral Education at Sinai-Grace Hospital. During his internship in the U.S., he made pastoral visits to various parishes in the Eastern Diocese, as well as actively participating in the parish life of his host parish, St. John's.

Father Hrach will assume the pastorate of St. Sahag Armenian Church in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota beginning January 2, 2010.

He is married to Naira Azatyan, and they are the proud parents of daughters Tatev, 2, and Mane, 5 months.

## **WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS**

The Women's Guild will host its annual Armenian Christmas Luncheon immediately following the Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, January 6, 2010**. All are welcome to attend. Please make your reservations by Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at the church office 248.569.3405.

St. John's Women's Guild would like to start a **Moms and Tots Club** for children ages 1-5 and their moms to get together to socialize on weekdays in the nursery at St. John's. Membership in Women's Guild is not required. Please help us get this organized by completing a short survey available in the nursery each Sunday. You may leave your response with

## **ARMENIA SERVICE PROGRAM 2010 PROJECT**

Fr. Garabed has prepared a special packet containing details of the program and the application form, which is on the literature carousel in the Church Lobby.

## **U-M STUDENTS TO HOST HYE HOP CHARITY DANCE**

The University of Michigan's Armenian Students' Cultural Association will be hosting their annual **Hye Hop Charity Dance** on Saturday, January 23, 2010, at the Michigan Union 2nd Floor Rogel Ballroom (located at 530 State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109). 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, and a live All-Star Armenian band. Dress attire is semi-formal. Please feel free to bring Armenian and non-Armenian friends, non-UMich students, family members, and anyone else! The more guests means more fun, and more for the charity!

Over the past several years, the Hye Hop Charity Dance has been gaining much popularity. Last year, with over 150 guests in attendance, we were able to donate \$2,000 to the Mer-Doon, with which they were able to finish their facilities for the young adults!

**CAMP ARARAT REUNION COMMITTEE WILL MEET SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 17 IMMEDIATELY AFTER BADARAK IN THE  
CONFERENCE ROOM OPPOSITE THE MUSEUM.**

## **TRACKING OUR TREASURES - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**

Plate Donations of the Day \$000.00

Candle Donations of the Day \$000.00

### **DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28**

Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta

### **FIRST MONTHLY "KEF KLUB" JANUARY 15, 2010**

At St. John's Recreation Center beginning January 15, 2010

Anyone interested in sponsorship or volunteering for this exciting new initiative, please contact Diane Ekizian at 248.851.4069 or Marianne Dardarian at 248.661.0617.

### **NEW MEN'S SOCIETY START-UP MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 7PM, VARTAN ROOM ALL INTERESTED MEN ARE WELCOME**

#### **AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE**

The Holy Bible—Armenian Church Edition— Hardcover -\$15.00

Silver Jewelry from Armenia

Silver Crosses from Jerusalem

NEW...Artie Barsamian CDs—Assorted Titles

#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, January 5**—NO SENIOR LUNCH

Armenian Christmas Eve

Vespers & Reading of Prophecies—6:00 pm

Festal Divine Liturgy—7:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 6**—Armenian Christmas

Festal Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Waters-10:00 am

Christmas Luncheon hosted by Women's Guild

**Sunday, January 10**—Fifth Day of the Octave of Theophany

Church School Armenian Christmas Family Luncheon

#### **ARMENIAN PROVERB OF THE WEEK**

*A ship is safe in a harbor, but that's not what ships are built for.*

**Նաւը նաւահանգիստի մէջ ապահով է,**

**սակայն ատոր համար չէ շինուած:**

*Navuh navahankeesdee mech abahov eh,*

*sagayn ador hamar cheh sheenvadz.*

## **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP**

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS EVE**

Vespers & Reading of Prophecies—6:00 pm  
Candlelight Divine Liturgy—7:00 pm

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, THEOPHANY & EPIPHANY FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

Festal Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Waters—10:00 am  
Godfather of the Cross: Jacob Bahm  
Christmas Luncheon hosted by Women's Guild  
Free will offering accepted—All are Welcome  
RSVP: Church Office

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS FAMILY WORSHIP**

Matins-9:00 am; Divine Liturgy-9:45 am; Requiem Service-11:30 am  
Christmas Family Luncheon hosted by the Church School  
Adults \$15.00; Children-Gratis; RSVP: Church Office

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE OFFERED ON ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS AS WELL AS EVERY SUNDAY**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS... ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY AND ELECTIONS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010, 12:30 PM**

### **ACVOA SENIORS ELECT 2010-2011 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Karen Dardarian, Chairman  
Taline Kalandjian, Vice Chairman  
Kelly Callan, Treasurer  
Harry Kezelian, Recording Secretary  
Daniel Dardarian, Corresponding Secretary  
Margeaux Reizian, Advisor/Alternate

### **PIANIST NAREH ARGHAMANYAN AT THE FISHER**

Pro Musica of Detroit will present a talented Armenian pianist in concert on January 15, 2010, 8:30 pm at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.. Ms. Arghamanyan is winner of the 2008 Montreal International Music Competition, where she also received the Audience Choice Award. She has performed internationally since 2004 and is the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships. See brochure in church lobby for ticket details.

## ON LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

**Q. What do I say when approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy?**

**You say:**

*Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.*

**Յիշեցէ՛ Տէր վամենայն Պատարագս քո:**

May the Lord remember all your offerings.

**The Priest answers:**

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

**Տացէ՛ քեզ Սէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ վամենայն խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեցէ՛:**

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

**Q. What do I say when I take Mahs?**

**The GIVER says:**

*Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp Badarakes.*

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

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

**The RECEIVER says**  
*Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.*

**Բաժին իմ Աստուած յաւիտեան:**

God is my portion forever.

## THE KISS OF PEACE

**The GIVER says:**

Christ is revealed amongst us  
*Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetnav*

**The RECEIVER says:**

Blessed is the revelation of Christ  
*Orhnyal eh haydootyoonun Kreesdosee*

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.

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**Parish Council Chairman's Home: 734.998.1183**

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