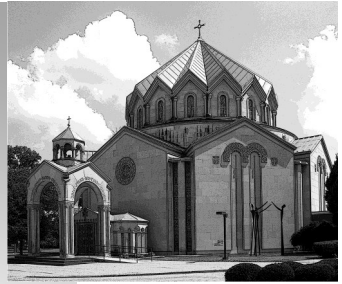


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and *Pastoral Assistant*
Ms. Margaret Lafian - *Organist*

Sunday Bulletin

OUR CHURCH AND PARISH IS A PLACE WHERE . . .

All people are welcome . . . **Every member is a minister** . . .

The world is our collective responsibility . . .

Disciple-making is our goal . . . And worship is our duty and delight.

JUNE 10, 2012—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1461

FEAST OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN

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ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR (DELIVERANCE FROM THE PIT)

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THE LORD'S DAY—SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

Morning Service / *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*9:00 am

Divine Liturgy / *Ս. Պատարագ*9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY TODAY

THIS WEEK: Proverbs 9:1-6, Zecariah 3:7-4:9, Hebrews 9:1-10, John 10:22-30

NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 1:1-15, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 12:1-8

Lector: Noel Slowik

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 sign our Guest Book 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.

TODAY'S GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

It was the feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered round him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

**The following parishioners presented gifts in honor of
Tom and Linda Stamboulian's 40th wedding anniversary:**

Ken and Diane Khezarian

Edward and Yvonne Korkoian

Edward and Janet Mardigian

Dr. and Mrs. Gary Zamanigian

Gifts to the church were presented by:

William and Dawn Derouchie

Pauline Hope O'Shaughnessy

**A gift was presented in honor of Rosalie Torossian's 85th birthday,
by Rose Nevart Godoshian.**

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servant of God

MARYAM SARKISIAN

who entered her eternal rest this past week.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

Ernie Brocher

George Elian

Frances Korkoian

Alice Prudian

Laura Sarkesian

FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY

Today's fellowship hour is being held in memory of Clara Kalayjian on the first year of her passing. Her family asks all parishioners to join them in this special remembrance.

CONGRATULATIONS DETROIT ACYOA SENIORS

Good news to share! This year at the ACYOA Sports Weekend held in Chicago Memorial Day Weekend, the St. John ACYOA Senior Basketball team brought home a new championship trophy and the Babayan Cup. Defeating the ACYOA of Holy Martyrs, Bayside NY with a score of 72-57, our young men, of whom we are indeed proud, brought home the third consecutive championship trophy. Our thanks to Danny Dardarian, St. John's coach, and to all the players for lifting our spirits once again. God bless our boys!

The Sunday Collection / Offertory

As noted previously, the Sunday morning offertory collection will be taken after the Hymn "*Kohanamk*" following Holy Communion and before the final Prayer of St. John Chrysostom, "*Vor Orhnes*."

Arts of Armenia

The premier summer arts program for children and adults

July 9 – 13, 2012

Monday – Friday, 9:30 am–3:30 pm

For registration information, contact

Denise Karakashian 248 489 4076

or denisekar@hotmail.com

Sponsored by Komitas Choir

St. John Armenian Church



**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.

**MARGARET JAMGOCHIAN, 40th Day,, Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother, Great Great-Grandmother, Sister,
Aunt, Friend**

Requested by June Mekjian
Chuck & Rosanne Simon
Robert Simon
Sue & Sam Subotich
Linda & David Bryan & Family
Chuck & Lisa Jamgochian & Family
Dianne Jamgochian
Todd & Jackie Jamgochian & Family
Jeff Simon & Family
Lisah & Rob Millward & Family
Rose Beuyukian
John & Vivian Beuyukian
Grace & Frank Baran & Family
George & Rose Jamgochian
Robert Jameson
Alice & Emma Betrosian
Manuel Cook

**GARABED JAMGOCHIAN, 47th Year, Father, Grandfather,
Great Grandfather, Great Great-Grandfather, Uncle**

Requested by June Mekjian
Chuck & Rosanne Simon
Robert Simon
Sue & Sam Subotich
Linda & David Bryan & Family
Chuck & Lisa Jamgochian & Family
Dianne Jamgochian
Todd & Jackie Jamgochian & Family
Jeff Simon & Family
Lisah & Rob Millward & Family
Robert Jameson

**RICHARD SIMON, 5th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Son,
Brother, Uncle, Cousin**

Requested by Marcia Simon
Jeff Simon & Family
June Mekjian
Chuck & Rosanne Simon
Robert Simon
Lisah & Rob Millward & Family
Sue & Sam Subotich
Linda & David Bryan & Family
Chuck & Lisa Jamgochian & Family
Dianne Jamgochian
Todd & Jackie Jamgochian & Family
Robert Jameson

CLARA KALAYJIAN, 1st Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt

Requested by Carl Kalayjian
Michael Kalayjian
Patricia Fucinari
Mark & Nick Fucinari
Carla & Chris Kyriazis
Christina & Carly Kyriazis
Luke Ananian & Family
The Akkashian Family
Louise Shucklian & Family
Gary & Evie Ezmerlian
Steve & Carol Palaian & Family

JOHN MALKASIAN, 1st Year, Husband, Brother-in-law, Uncle

Requested by Eva Malkasian
Jerry Messelian
Tom & Cindy Messelian
Ben & Karen Mangune

DR. MARCELLO SANTIAGO, 1st Year, Brother-in-law, Uncle, Friend

Requested by Ben, Karen & Brad Mangune
Jerry Messelian



REQUIEMS—continued

JAMES DOLIK, 14th Year, Son, Brother, Uncle, Khnamee, Godson

Requested by Zaven Dolik
Michael & Jill Dolik & Family
David & Randi Dolik & Family
Lisa & Jim Wilson & Family
Souren & Virginia Keoleian
Dn. Mihran & Gayle Hoplamazian

ARMENOUHIE DOCTORIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother MARDIROS KADIAN, Dear Cousin

Requested by Nina Sarkisian
Dr. Edward & Anna Sarkisian & Family
Lisa & Stephen Derderian
Frank & Linda Houhanisin
Peter, Barbara & Matthew Rupas

SEEKING USHERS AND GREETERS FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

If you wish and desire to serve as an usher or a greeter to help the present Usher Corps and Parish Council, it would be our joy to include you on our team. With a community as large as ours and with so many who worship on Sundays, man or women power to help out in these ministries is needful. Why not consider joining us to help guide our flock find their way to Christ each week in prayer.

If you can and would like to help, approach any Parish Council member on Sundays, give them your name and let them know you care to help out. It would be our pleasure.

DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

A monthly Bible study group led by Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

Wednesday, June 27, 12:00—2:00 pm

Bring your Bible and your lunch; we will provide coffee and tea.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FEAST OF THE CATHOLIC (UNIVERSAL) CHURCH OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN

On this day the Armenian Church celebrates its birth! After the declaration of Christianity as the official religion of Armenia in 301 AD, St. Gregory had a vision. He saw the Only Begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ, descend from Heaven, His face lit aglow, and with the strike of a golden hammer, showed St. Gregory the site where the first Armenian Church would be erected. It is this vision which is described in the name **ETCHMIADZIN**. *Etch* means descent, *mi* means only, and *dzin* means begotten.

Holy Etchmiadzin has been the residence of the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians since the fourth century., and is the Mother See of the global Armenian Church, its universal, spiritual and administrative headquarters.

This feast is celebrated 64 days after Easter. During today's Divine Liturgy, a special hymn will be sung, written by the eighth century Catholicos Sahak of Dzorap, telling of the vision and the building of the cathedral. The hymn, "*Etchmiadzin ee Horeh*" is translated below:

The Only Begotten descended from the Father, and the light of glory was with Him. Voices resounded in the abysmal depths (of the earth). Seeing the great light, the patriarch Gregory told of it joyfully to the believing king.

DELIVERANCE OF ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR FROM THE PIT

Today marks the day when in the year 301 AD, the deliverance of St. Gregory the Illuminator from the pit gave start to the "Great Conversion" of Armenia to Christianity. Following the martyrdom of the Christian nuns, led by St. Hripsime and St. Gayane, upon the order of the Armenian pagan King Tiridates (Trdat), the king became seriously ill. The sister of the king, Khosrovidoukht, had a dream where it was revealed that the only remedy for the king's condition was to free St. Gregory, imprisoned in the dungeon, and that he alone could cure the malady. Thirteen years following his imprisonment in the "deep pit" of Artashat, the royal court submitted to the request of Khosrovidoukht and freed the Christian Gregory. With the intercession of Gregory's prayers, the king recovered, Gregory became the patron saint of the Armenian Church, and King Tiridates and Queen Ashkhen became ardent supporters in Gregory's efforts to preach Christianity throughout Armenia, and baptized the Armenian nation. Christianity was proclaimed by the King and the Catholicos to be the state religion of Armenia, the first nation in the world to do so. St. Gregory went to Caesarea, where he was consecrated as the first Pontiff of the Armenian Church, and became the first Catholicos of All Armenians.

**SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
JUNE 24TH THRU SEPTEMBER 2ND**

Morning Service at 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am

Requiem Service immediately after Divine Liturgy

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

If you would like your son or daughter to be included in the *Torchbearer* section on Graduates 2012, please submit information (100 words or less, please) to the church office as soon as possible, or via e-mail to: mkafafian@sjachurch.org. We will not include photos this year due to space limitations.

Summer Conferences at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

For 50 years, St. Nersess has inspired Armenian youth to take pride in their faith and heritage while providing an enjoyable atmosphere during Summer Conferences.

Deacons' Training Program: June 25 - July 3

High School Session A: July 6-14—CLOSED

Junior High School Session: July 19-23

High School Session B: July 30 - August 7

Post High-School Session: August 10-17

Visit their website: www.stnersess.edu

***Scholarships are available for children of St. John's parishioners.
Please contact Linda Assarian 248.332.0816.***

SUMMER ATTIRE

Soon the heat of summer will be upon us. With that said, it is important to remember how we dress when attending worship for *Badarak*, Baptisms, Wedding and Funerals.

For Adults

Men and women – Shorts, beach thongs, tank tops are not allowed.

Men - You may put aside the suit coat and neck tie for the summer, if you wish.

Women – please remember short mini-skirts and low cut blouses are not proper attire for worship. You may need a sweater anyway because the AC may be too cool for some.

For Children

Parents: use good judgment to dress our little ones in their Sunday best.

WHEN BADARAK IS CONCLUDED...

Upon exiting the church after the last blessing is given, please maintain quiet, not shouting or yelling while walking out of the church. Be respectful to people venerating the Holy Gospel as they are leaving, and those remaining in their pews for post-*Badarak* prayer and reflection.

Please be respectful of the celebrant as you are leaving. Often, after the final blessing, a special blessing service for engaged couples, newborn infants, or *madagh* may be taking place. Therefore, please refrain from loud conversations until you enter the lobby.

Thank you. Father Garabed

IN THE COMMUNITY

ARMENIA FEST @ ROYAL OAK FARMERS MARKET

Saturday, July 14, 2012, 5:00-10:00 pm

Featuring Live Armenian Music; Performance by Hamazkayin Dance

Ensemble; Armenian Food and Vendors; Art Show for Young

Armenian Emerging Artists; Open to the general public;

Admission and parking are free

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

Armenian Dictionary in Transliteration—SC—\$20.00

Flavors with History—SC—\$25.00

Beautifully illustrated cookbook with Armenian regional recipes

The Forty Days of Musa Dagh by Franz Werfel—SC \$23.00

New Revised Edition

Hayr Mer Silver & Enamel Charm—\$40.00

Something for everyone! Stop by and browse!

WANTED: USED ARMENIAN BOOKS

The Parish Bookstore is accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects written in English for its Used Book Sale at this year's FESTIVAL. Kindly drop off books at the Church Office during business hours or on Sundays.

DETROIT MASONIC TEMPLE TOUR FOR FAMILIES SPONSORED BY THE MEN'S SOCIETY

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2012, 10:00 AM-NOON

Please contact John Kalajian at jrkalajian@gmail.com or phone Dan Cristiano at 313-291-3194 for information and reservations.

Sunday, August 12, 2012

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PICNIC

September 28, 29 & 30, 2012

ST. JOHNS ARMENIAN FESTIVAL / BAZAAR

Saturday, October 13, 2012

DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, December 8, 2012

ST. JOHN'S PARISH COUNCIL & APOSTOLIC SOCIETY

"Celebrate the Season"

Saturday, February 2, 2013

KEF TIME KEGHI is coming to Detroit

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Festival Baking Please join us beginning at 9 am in St. John's kitchen. This Tuesday will be *Kufteh* forming. *Kufteh* forming will continue this month on Tuesday, June 12th, 19th and 26th and on Monday, June 25th. Everyone is welcome to join the fun. For information contact Dolly Matoian 248-737-9055.

Moms and Manooqs meet for social interaction and fun activities. Our meeting days are flexible and we'd love to have you and your Manooqs join our group. Contact Kristen Gustafson for further information. frissy10@hotmail.com or 248-765-0471.

*The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.
For details, call Terry Palaian, 313.929.0926*

KEF KLUB'S TALENT SHOW

Friday, July 20, 2012

sponsored by St. John's Komitas Choir

Special Feature: "A Children's Talent Show" for ages 6—17

Interested participants, please contact

Marianne Dardarian 248-661-0617 by June 30th

Kef Klub—Friday, June 15, 2012, 6:00 pm

Hosted by the Women's Guild

Open Mic Joke* Night

*Jokes suitable for family audiences please

Also. . . tavloo, cards and bring your games.

Menu: Chicken and Pilaf Dinner

Adults-\$8. Kids-under 12-\$5. Age 5 and under-FREE

Family (Two Adults and Children)-\$25.

St. John's Recreation Center

PLEASE RSVP by June 10—248.569.3405

ON LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

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

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.

Յիշեցէ Տէր զամենայն Պատարագս քո:

May the Lord remember all your offerings.

The Priest answers:

Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev zamenayn kho-rhoortus koh ee parees na gadarsestseh.

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

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

When taking *Mahs*, the GIVER says:

Mahs yev pazheen yegheet-see 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:

THE KISS OF PEACE

The GIVER says: Christ is revealed amongst us.
Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

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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After hours in an emergency, please contact:

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Parish Council Chairman's Cell: 248.688.1214

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