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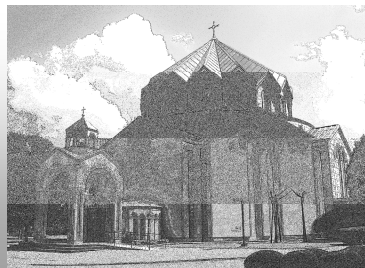
The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian – *Pastor*

The Reverend Father Diran Papazian – *Pastor Emeritus*

Deacon Rubik Mailian – *Director of Sacred Music*

and Pastoral Assistant

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Sunday Bulletin ~ Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր

THE YEAR OF VOCATIONS

ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

DEPART TO SERVE HIM

Encourage our young men to serve the Lord as priests.

March 14, 2010 ~ The Armenian Year of 1459

SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE—ԴԱՏԱՒՈՐԻ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ

CELEBRANT: REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAZIAN

THE LORD'S DAY ~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - <i>Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն</i>	9:00 am
Sunrise Service— <i>Առեւազայ</i>	10:00 am
Lenten Divine Liturgy - <i>Սուրբ Պատարագ</i>	10:30 am
Church School - <i>Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոց</i>	10:15 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Today – Philippians 3:1-4:9, Luke 17:20-18:14

Next Week— Isaiah 66:1-24, Colossians 2:8-3:17, Matthew 22:34-23:39

Lector: Janet Ankers

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. And make sure 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.

**WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET . . .
BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.**

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 17:20-18:14

And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man: and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: "Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Douroujalian

Millie Jingoian

William Pugh

Jack Serce

Agnes Tokatlian

George Krikor Zamanian

Edgar Hagopian

Joan Kurkian

Helen Z. Sahakian

Ralph Snyder

Gloria Vartanian

Joe Kludjian

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

A gift is presented in memory of Dr. Sarkis Derderian on the first year of his passing by Mrs. Helen Derderian, Sarkis & Vicky Derderian & Family, Gregory & Cheryl Derderian & Family, and Paul & Tracy Derderian & Family.

AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY, THURSDAY, MARCH 25 @ NOON

Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta

TRACKING OUR TREASURES - SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Plate Donations of the Day \$222.00

Candle Donations of the Day \$169.00

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 16—Senior Lunch

Wednesday, March 17—ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner-5:30 pm

Lenten Vigil-7:00 pm

Friday, March 19—Kef Klub-Rec Center

Saturday, March 20—15th Annual Lenten Retreat (see below)

Sunday, March 21—**Sunday of the Advent**

15th Annual Lenten Retreat

sponsored in part by the

Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian Endowment Fund

“The Faith that Survives:

Through the Lens of the Nicene Creed”

Saturday, March 20, 2010 9-3:30

Guest Speakers: Very Reverend Father Daniel Findikyan,
Dean, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

HELP US PLAN! Call the church office to REGISTER.

JOIN FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT KEF KLUB

The Gathering Place for ALL Ages

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010, 6:00 pm, Rec Ctr

Tavloo, Cards and Games!

Pasta—Salad—Beverage—Dessert

Adults: \$8 Kids under 12: \$5

2 and under: FREE

Reservations by March 15, please

Diane Ekizian

248.851.4069

Marianne Dardarian

248.661.0617

THE MEANING OF LENT

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry." (Matthew 4:12)

This is the biblical basis of the period called Lent, given to us to prepare for the Feast of Feasts, the Resurrection. Just as we need time to prepare for any great event in life, we need time to make ourselves ready to participate in the blessed and wondrous event commemorated by Easter.

Lent gives us the opportunity to:

Renew our commitment to God

Reflect on our lives and let them be directed by God

Respond to Jesus' call for love and mercy toward all of God's children

Lent is a special time in the year when we guard against worldly distractions and make room for the Holy Spirit to fill us. During Lent we go into our own inner wilderness "caused by sins, spiritual laziness, and empty vanity." Through prayer, fasting, Bible reading, and self-examination, we gain the strength to work at being more loving, humble and gentle. The heart of Lent is inner penitence and reconciliation with God. Begin with self-examination and inner healing. Set aside this period to examine and evaluate your life as a Christian. Spiritual renewal is possible only if you are willing to repent for your sins and change your life for God.

Source: armenianchurch.net/worship/len/index.html

WHAT CAN I DO AT HOME DURING LENT?

- At the dinner table, pray each night for peace in the world and in your family.
- Ask Christ to show you as a family how to communicate better and share your thoughts and hopes.
- Always ask for each other's forgiveness before eating. It will certainly make the meal tastier.
- Observe a moment of silence to think about Jesus before you eat. This is better than the salt and pepper we put on our food.
- Read from the Holy Bible.

Father Garabed

ACYOA DAY—PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH-MARCH 28

*Detroit ACYOA member Subdeacon Aram Sarkisian
will enlighten us with his experiences in Jerusalem focusing on:*

“Prayers Shall Be Offered In Jerusalem:

The Armenian Church in the Holy Land”

*As a special treat, after the brunch and program, Walled Lake High
School Youth Touring Choir will present a brief concert in the sanctuary.*

For reservations and more information:

E-mail Karen Dardarian: Detroitacyoa@gmail.com

Or call (248) 661-0617

**SAVE THE DATE: BIKE-ATHON/WALK-ATHON
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 8:30 AM AT HINES PARK
PICNIC AT THE PARK, WEATHER PERMITTING
SPONSORED BY ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SCHOOL
ALL ARE WELCOME . . . More details will follow.**

**St. John's Women's Guild Schoolbag Project needs your support.
A donation of \$20 will provide a needy Armenian student in Armenia
with a schoolbag filled with school supplies.**

**For more information, please phone Laurie Reizian at
(248) 348-1928**

or E-mail Laurie at ldreizian@yahoo.com

**ST. NERSES ARMENIAN SEMINARY PRESENTS
WORTHY AND RIGHT: THE DIVINE LITURGY OF THE
ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**Streaming Weekly Lectures on the Meaning of the Badarak
by V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findkiyan
Dean and Professor of Liturgical Studies**

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, January 27 - May 12, 2010

Classes are archived on St. Nersess website for viewing anytime...

www.stnersess.edu



**BASHDON HOKEHANKSDYAN — REQUIEM SERVICE
FOR THOSE WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST**

ANYA MELKUMYAN, 40th Day, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Friend

Requested by Stepan Melkumyan & Family

Roger & Ardis Gregory

Robert & MaryJo Gregory

PETER MERIGIAN, 40th Day

LUCY ARAM, 1st Year

Requested by her children & grandchildren

DR. SARKIS DERDERIAN, 1st Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Mrs. Helen Derderian

Sarkis & Vicky Derderian & Family

Gregory & Cheryl Derderian & Family

Paul & Tracy Derderian & Family

BYOUZAND GHARIBIAN, 1st Year, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Sebouh & Arsho Avedikian, Sona & Leah

**HERMAN MISIRLIYAN, 3rd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,
Khnamee, Friend**

Requested by Hilda Misirlilyan

Dickran & Mona Kurjian, Alec & Vartan

Roy & Nayiri Misirliyan, Sevan, Sarine & Ani

Anna Kurjian

Barur & Ardem Damlama

Nennette Merametdjian

Mike & Jacqueline Oknayan

Osep & Nadyan Sarafian

JUSTIN MAZMANIAN, 6th Year, Grandson

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. William Mazmanian

RICHARD NALBANDIAN, 14th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Mary Nalbandian

Beverly & Mark Madden & Family

Charles Nalbandian

MARDIROS MAGHAKYA GHORYAN, 11th Year, Husband, Father

Requested by Sameera Yousif
Robik Ghoryan
Sylvia Ghoryan & Family
Lisa Ghoryan & Family
Levon Ghoryan & Family
Moreen Ghoryan & Family

ANNA CHROVIAN, 12th Year

Requested by Vince & Ann Baylerian
Vincent, Susan, Courtney & Nicholas Baylerian
Cindy, Rob, Allison & Katherine Amboian
Rose Assarian
Michael Assarian
Dr. & Mrs. Gary Assarian, Carolyn, Jaclyn & Steven
Mr. & Mrs. Dietrich Sneideraitis, Derek, Anita & Kristen

AGNES NISHANIAN, 12th Year, Mother

Requested by Rosemarie Nishanian
John Nishanian

**FLOWER & PASCHA CANDLE DONATIONS
FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

Please contact the church office for donations of candles and flowers.
Your donation can be your personal gift to Christ
to remember or honor a loved one.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGES 20-26

DATES: JUNE 13-AUGUST 7, 2010

**THE EASTERN DIOCESE WILL OFFER AN 8-WEEK INTERNSHIP IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AGBU SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM**

Application and participation fees (as well as housing) will be covered by
the Diocese. The application deadline is May 1, 2010.

Contact Nancy Basmajian at (212) 293-1248 or by email at:

acyoa@armeniandiocese.org

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

Available again. . . *Vergeen* by Mae Derdarian
Softcover—\$15.00

Stop by and browse...

2010 Sunday School Lenten Drive

This year's Diocesan-wide Sunday School Lenten Drive will benefit: The Children of Haiti and the Gavar School of Armenia

The Children of Haiti—Thousands of children have been orphaned as a result of the January 12 earthquake in Haiti, and they will be needing long-term shelter, care and sustenance.

The Gavar School is the only school in all of Armenia completely devoted to the education of children aged 6-18 with mental and physical disabilities aged. Established in 1976 with a current enrollment of 90, this school cares for children with challenges ranging from autism to Down's syndrome. Among other pressing needs, the physical training facility requires extensive renovation; incredibly, the school is without handicapped access.

And the righteous will answer Him: "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? And the King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me..." Matthew 25:37-40

In this season of Lent, please give generously.

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COLLEGE STUDENTS—TAKE NOTE

Detroit Armenian Women's Club announces the Dabanian Memorial Scholarship in memory of Hranoush Dabanian and Rose Dabanian, being offered by the Sarkesian-Dabanian Family to college students for the fall of 2010 in the amount of \$1,500.

Inquiries: Carole Basmajian 248.879.8637

Send requests to: **DAWC07@aol.com**

Completed application forms must be postmarked no later than
June 30, 2010

**EASTER EVE AT ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
FOR ALL CHILDREN & FAMILIES
SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2010**

Reading from the Holy Scriptures - 4:00 pm

Easter Divine Liturgy - 5:00 pm

Church School students will join the Komitas Choir and sing the hymns of the *Soorp Badarak* and receive Holy Communion with their families.



**AT THE CONCLUSION OF
WORSHIP SERVICES, E
ASTER EVE SUPPER
WILL BE SERVED BY THE
CHURCH SCHOOL
IN THE CULTURAL HALL**

**CHILDREN: GRATIS
ADULTS: \$15.00**

*Please reserve for tables of 8-10 by
phoning Alberta Godoshian
(248) 476 - 4638*

**THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915
ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY COMMEMORATION
AT ST. JOHN 'S
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010**

**DIVINE LITURGY—10 AM
FOLLOWED BY A
SOLEMN REQUIEM SERVICE &
WREATH LAYING CEREMONY
AT MARTYRS MONUMENT,
MADAGH DINNER & PROGRAM**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:
HONORABLE JOHN M. EVANS
FORMER U. S. AMBASSADOR
TO ARMENIA**

**LET US HONOR OUR
MARTYRS AND SHOW OUR
GRATITUDE TO
AMBASSADOR EVANS**



KOMITAS CHOIR PLANS OCTOBER CONCERT

Our Komitas Choir is planning a major concert on Saturday, October 9, 2010. We have designated this concert as a fundraiser for St. John's. We are in need of additional voices. Interested individuals should contact Deacon Rubik at 248.569.3405 or . . . rubik@sjchurch.org.

ACYOA LENTEN FISH DINNERS—2 MORE LEFT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 5:30 pm

LOBSTER DINNER: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 5:30 pm

Please phone church office for reservations!

EASTER CRAFTS & GAMES FOR KIDS AT 5:00 PM

LENTEN VIGIL IN THE SANCTUARY AT 7:00 PM

NEXT MEN'S SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST-APRIL 11

Next Men's Society meeting: **Wednesday, March 17 at 8:00 pm** in the Vartan Room following Lenten Worship.

POST OFFICE ISSUES ARSHILE GORKY STAMP

On March 11 the U. S. Post office began selling a First Class stamp illustrated with a painting by **Arshile Gorky** (April 15, 1904? – July 21, 1948). Born in Van, Armenia, **Vostanik Manoog Adoyan** came to the U.S. and is well-known as an [American](#) painter who had a great influence on [Abstract Expressionism](#). Let's get behind this to maximize exposure for this stamp, use it for your mail, and get the word out to non-Armenians.

LEARN ABOUT THE ARMENIAN LEGION

"Legion Armenienne: The Armenian Legion and Its Heroism in the Middle East 1916-1920" Armenian Research Center U-M, Dearborn hosts month-long exhibition For more details, see poster on bulletin board and announcement in church lobby.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

WINTER BAKING CONTINUES! ITEMS, WHEN AVAILABLE, WILL BE SOLD SUNDAYS, AFTER CHURCH THROUGH MARCH. Today, the Guild will be selling KHALKHA, KHADAYIF, SOU BEOREG, CHEOREG AND TEPSEE BEOREG.

An evening Cheoreg bake is scheduled for Monday, March 15 at 6 pm. We will make Katah on Tuesday, March 23 at 9 am. We will make Kharpert Kufteh on Monday & Tuesday, April 5 & 6 at 9 am. EVERYONE is welcome. Women's Guild membership is not required. Please join us; enjoy working and learning, while serving our Church.

Moms and Manooogs will meet regularly the *first and third Tuesday each month at 10:00 am*. It gives moms a chance to meet new people within the St. John's family while their children interact and play. **Currently the group meets in the Nursery** which is filled with a wonderful array of toys, but as the weather clears, we will plan outings, such as the zoo, parks, etc. Belonging to this group is a wonderful introduction to Church life for young moms and children. Please contact Kristen Gustafson (248) 765-0471 for more information and to sign up for our next play date. We hope to see you there. Membership in the Women's Guild is not required.

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.

For more information, please call Linda Assarian, 248.332.0816.

A Kharpert Kufteh Family Dinner

Friday, April 9, 2010, 7:00 pm

Donation: \$25—Adults; \$10 Children under 12

RSVP by April 1 to Joyce Obenhoff 586.754.3984

The Women's Guild of St. John's Armenian Church

cordially invites you to attend

The Wedding Party

a luncheon and fashion show of vintage wedding attire

Saturday, the eighth of May

Two thousand and ten

Cocktail Reception at twelve o'clock

Luncheon and Fashion Show at twelve-thirty

St. John's Armenian Church Cultural Hall

Donation \$40.00

Marilyn Sarkesian

Advance reservations required

248.332.6570

THE GREAT LENTEN SEASON

*During the period of Great Lent in the Armenian Church
we observe the following:*

- *The altar curtain is closed*
- *There is no Kiss of Peace during the Divine Liturgy*
- *Holy Communion is not offered during the Divine Liturgy*
- *The Holy Gospels Book is not venerated after worship*
- *Hymns are sung in penitential melody*
- *Names of saints are not remembered*
- *The organ is not played when you depart from the sanctuary*
- *All should remain silent when exiting the sanctuary after worship in respect to those who remain for devotional prayers*
- *Weddings and Baptisms are not celebrated*

THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34
*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenyn zham
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.*

**Օրհնեցից ըսէր 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.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

We don't change the message . . .
the message changes us.

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

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Cell: 248.225.9888

Parish Council Chairman's Home: 734.998.1183

Administrator's Cell: 248.802.2861