

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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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.

MARCH 17, 2013—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1463

SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT—ԳԱԼՍՏԵԱՆ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ

THE LORD'S DAY AND GREAT LENTEN SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

Sunrise Service / *Արեւագալի Ժամ*.....9:45 am

followed by Divine Liturgy / *որմէ ետք Ս. Պատարագ*

Church School / *Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարան*.....10:15 am

Wednesday Eve Vigil / *Չորեքշաբթի Երեկոյեան Հսկում*.....7:00 pm

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY TODAY

THIS WEEK: Isaiah 66:1-24, Colossians 2:8-3:17, Matthew 22:34-23:39

NEXT WEEK: Song 1:1-2:3, Zec 9:9-15, Phil 4:4-7, Mt 20:29-21:17

Lector: Charlene Apigian

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: Matthew 22:34-23:39

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your god with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet?' If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions. Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice. They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by men; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues, and salutations in the market places, and being called rabbi by men. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ. He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servant of God

SHAKE OSKANIAN MINASSIAN

who entered her eternal rest this past week.

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

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

**The following gifts were presented on the happy occasion of
Father Diran Papazian's 90th Birthday: (additional)**

Rose Boudakian

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

William Carlin

Gayaneh Kachadourian

Cindy Rauch

Dr. Haig Tashjian

Rev. Fr. Garen Gdanian

Cheryl Giesa

Steve Daniels

Sue Tafralian

Simon Tashjian

**DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH, NOON-2:00 PM
IN THE NURSERY ROOM
BRING YOUR LUNCH AND YOUR BIBLE
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**ARMENIAN YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION!
NEXT SUNDAY—PALM SUNDAY
THE ACYOA AND CHURCH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL
DIVISION WILL HOST A LUNCHEON TO BENEFIT C.A.S.P.
ORPHANS IN ARMENIA**

**DONATION: \$10.00 ADULTS
\$5.00 CHILDREN 12 YRS AND UNDER
FOR INFORMATION, CALL ROSEANN ATTAR 248-990-3221**

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**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2013
GUEST CELEBRANT
V. REV. FR. DANIEL FINDIKYAN
Director, Zohrab Institute
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)**



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

**JACK KARAGOZIAN, 40th Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother,
Uncle**

Requested by Julie Karagozian
Michael & Linda Karagozian
Linda & George Chechopoulos & Family
Jack & Marion Karagozian & Family
Grace Couyoumjian & Family
Alice & Walter Grunwald & Family

**MICHELLE K. ANUSH DANIELIAN, 3rd Year, Daughter, Sister,
Granddaughter**

Requested by Mike & Rozann Vartoogian
Christopher Danielian
Rose Ghoogasian & The Ghoogasian Family

MIKE M. MOUSIGIAN, 4th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Mrs. Clara Mousigian & Family

**JEANNE TASHJIAN, 5th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother,
Sister, Sister-in-law, Aunt, Niece**

**EDWARD TASHJIAN, 24th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather,
Brother-in-law, Uncle, Nephew**

**ARDASH MOORADIAN, 30th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great
Grandfather, Brother-in-law**

**MARIAM MOORADIAN, 15th Year, Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother, Sister-in-law**

**ROUPEN & PERLANTE TASHJIAN, Father-in-Law, Mother-in-Law,
Grandparents, Great-Grandparents, Great-Great Grandparents**

Requested by Tina Schoeny & Family
Bruce Tashjian & Family
Wayne & Deborah Tashjian
Jesse & Susie Siebert & Family
Helen Mooradian
Pearl Mooradian

**HERMAN MISIRLIYAN, 6th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,
Khnamee, Friend**

Requested by Hilda Misirliyan
Mona & Dickran Kurjian
Alec & Vartan Kurjian
Roy, Nayiri, Sevan, Sarine & Ani Misirliyan
Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Jacqueline Oknaian
Nennette Merametdjian
Barur & Ardem Damlama

ARCHY KAHAYIAN, 12th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother

Requested by Hermalene Kahayian
Richard, Arlene, Kristin, Kelly, Ricky & Andrew Hovsepian
Michael & Kathy Kahayian
Jeffrey, Lindsay & Nolin Kahayian
Sima Hayalian

KOKO ISHKANIAN, 16th Year, Loving Brother

ISHKAN ISHKANIAN, 8th Year, Beloved Father

LINDA ISHKANIAN, 2nd Year, Loving Mother

Requested by Ida Ishkanian

PLEASE NOTE

REQUIEM SERVICES WILL NOT BE OFFERED

MARCH 24—PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 31ST—EASTER SUNDAY

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**If your heart is far from God,
the words of prayer are in vain.**



THE SIXTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT

Prayer and Gratitude

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, who with your visible light gladdens all your creatures, and with the knowable light of your commandments, you have enlightened all those who believe in you.

Strengthen us also, O Lord, during this day and at all times, so that with enlightened minds, we may always do that which is pleasing to you, and may arrive at those good things which are to come, along with your saints. Through the grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

This Sunday is dedicated not only to the Second Coming of Christ but also to His Birth and Incarnation, that is, God **becoming** Jesus, fully God and fully human. He will come again, this time not as a gentle and lowly Savior, but as a righteous judge in the glory of His Father with a retinue of angels. He will sift through the good and the evil just as a shepherd separates the sheep and the goats at day's end. At each Divine Liturgy (*Badarak*), we proclaim in the Creed (*Havadamk*) that He will come "to judge the living and the dead." As Jesus clearly states, we will be judged for all the acts of righteous goodness we have performed. Did we feed the hungry, console those in need of comfort, ease suffering, heal a broken heart? Only on this unequivocal basis will we be received into God's Kingdom and Eternal Life.

Read: Matthew 24: 30-31

Do: Call a neighbor, offer a visit, deliver a baked treat for them to enjoy.

Reflect or discuss as family: What are some ways we have loved our neighbors during these last weeks of the Lenten season? What can we continue to do so that the gifts of the Great Fast / *Medz Bahk* become woven into the very fabric of our daily lives 24/7, 1/365 ?

GETTING READY FOR EASTER SUNDAY DINNER

Traditionally the beauty and main food item for the Easter dinner are red colored eggs. The color is significant and the so is the egg. The egg is a microcosm of the world, Saint Gregory of Datev comments. He allegorizes the shell to be akin to the light of the sky, the membrane to the air, the white to signify water and the yolk is the earth, all important to sustain life. Also, the egg is a symbol of the tomb of Jesus from which He Rose to Life again.

Dyeing eggs red is the Armenian and Orthodox custom, unlike pastel shades or other colors of the rainbow. Why red? It tells us that Christ shed His red Blood for the salvation of the world and as we take the red colored egg in our hands we declare that our salvation is in Christ who rose from the tomb to heaven where we will follow him.

There is a fun tradition often referred to as “*Tak-A-Took*” or the egg fight, wherein one tries to crack the egg of an opponent. It is fun for both adults and children alike. Of course, we should remember why we are cracking each other’s eggs on Easter, and we should declare the Easter Greeting with each attempt.

The person who hits the egg of another person who is holding an egg says: **Christ is Risen—*Krisdos Haryav ee Merelots***. The person holding an egg answers: **Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ—*Orhnial eh Harootiunn Krisdosee***.

NEXT SUNDAY-*TRNPATSEK* / OPENING OF THE DOORS

On Palm Sunday, we remember our Lord’s glorious entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem. In observance of this feast day, the Armenian Church conducts a special ceremony—*TRNPATSEK*. It is normally held at sun-down at Vespers. Most U.S. parishes conduct this service at noon because people do not attend Evening Prayer. At St. John, *TRNPATSEK* will take place at 9:30 am in the lobby at the doors to the temple – *DAJAR*— just prior to the Palm Sunday *Badarak*. *The ceremony is symbolic of Jesus’ Second Coming / Advent and the Last Judgement. The priest kneels before the closed doors to God’s House, knocking, requesting entry into His Kingdom. All present hear the knock and sing, “OPEN TO US, LORD.” A voice from behind the doors continues the conversation until the doors are opened wide an all enter with joy, feeling the Triumph that Jesus brings us—Life Eternal.*

THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP
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SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - Palm Sunday – Ծաղկազարդ

Guest Celebrant: V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan

Matins / Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն **8:45 am**

Opening of the Doors – Դռնբացէք – Երոտսեկ **9:45 am**

Church School Procession with Palms / Divine Liturgy

Թափօր Կիրակնօրեայ Աշակերտութեան՝ Արմաւենիներով /

Ս. Պատարագ 10:15 am

The children of the Church School will gather in the Main Lobby where Father Daniel and Father Garabed with deacons and choir will celebrate the traditional Երոտսեկ – Opening of the Doors. Upon conclusion, all will enter the church in procession. For those attending morning service, please be aware to join the children in the lobby for this special service.

ACYOA DAY - Երիտասարդաց Օր

Lenten Luncheon hosted by the ACYOA and Church School High School Division to benefit C.A.S.P. orphans in Armenia—Contact Roseann Attar 248-980-3221

Donation: \$10.00-adults; \$5.00 children 12 and under

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 - Great & Holy Tuesday – Աւագ Երեքշաբթի

Remembering the Wise and Foolish Virgins – Յիշատակ Տասն Կուսանացն

Vespers / Երեկոյեան Ժամերգութիւն **7:30 pm**

Refreshments will be served in the Main Lobby after the service.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 - Great and Holy Thursday – Աւագ Հինգշաբթի

Divine Liturgy commemorating the Last Supper **10:00 am**

Washing of the Feet / Ոտնլույց / Vodnluva **7:30 pm**

Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord / Խաւարում / Khavaroom **8:30 pm**

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 - Great and Holy Friday – Աւագ Ուրբաթ

Order of the Crucifixion of Christ – Կարգ Խաչելութեան Զրիստոսի **11:30 am**

The Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ– Կարգ Թաղման Զրիստոսի **7:30 pm**

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 - Great and Holy Saturday – Աւագ Շաբաթ

Divine Liturgy & Family Service, Holy Communion & Easter Eve Supper

Reading of Scriptures / Ընթերցումներ **4:00 pm**

Divine Liturgy / Ս. Պատարագ **5:00 pm**

A complimentary Easter supper will be served to all children by the Church School.

Adults - \$18.00 RSVP (Tables Only) - Alberta Godoshian - 248.476.4638.

Տօնական ընթրիք պիտի սպասարկուի Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոցի կողմէ:

Մուտքի նուէր \$18.00 - Աշակերտներու՝ ձրի

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

ՍՈՒՐԲ ԵՒ ՀՐԱՇԱՓԱՆ ԶԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ ՏԻՐՈՋ ՅԻՍՈՒՍԻ ԶՐԻՍՏՈՏԻ

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

Divine Liturgy / Ս. Պատարագ **9:45 am**

The Blessing of the Four Corners of the Earth – *Antasdan* – will take place in the sanctuary immediately after the Divine Liturgy. Then all are invited to Easter Tea prepared by the Women's Guild.

Ս. Պատարագէն յետոյ՝ Անդաստանի արարողութիւնը պիտի կատարուի որմէ ետք: Տիկնանց Միութիւնը պիտի սպասարկէ Ջատկուայ Թէյասեղան մը:

FASTING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

In accordance with Armenian Church Canon Law, all church members should receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Easter. For persons in good health, it is necessary to fast, abstain from food and participate in the sacrament of Confession before receiving Holy Communion. For those of ill health who are on special medication, a light breakfast is permitted. For the evening *Badarak*, fasting should begin after the midday meal and continue until the evening *Badarak* has been celebrated.

YUGHAKIN – EASTER OFFERING

It is the pious tradition in the Armenian Church to make a special offering to our parish home for the perpetuation of religious and educational programs as well as charitable deeds to be offered in the name of our Saviour. We pray that you will respond to this special appeal and thereby keep alive and vibrantly burning the spiritual flame ignited by Christ and transmitted to us by our illustrious Illuminator Saint Gregory over 1700 years ago.

HOME BLESSINGS

Easter is the season to renew the sanctity and holiness of the home and family. Father Garabed would like to visit your home and bring the blessings of the Holy Resurrection. Please contact the church office at (248) 569-3405 to schedule a day and time when he may visit.

PASCHAL CANDLE DONATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

Please contact the church office by Monday, March 15 for donations of candles. Your donation can be your personal gift to Christ to remember or honor a loved one.



**ACYOA Juniors
2013 Lenten Fish Dinners
are back again!
Every Wednesday during Great Lent**

March 20th - LOBSTER & FISH DINNER!!
Dinners will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Fish Dinner Donation \$10.00/adult
Lobster Dinner Donation is \$20.00 (adults & kids)
\$5.00/child (fish or grilled cheese)

***Please make your reservations in advance with the
Church Office 248-569-3405***

***LENTEN VIGIL SERVICE AT 7:00 PM
IN THE SANCTUARY FOLLOWING DINNER***

CHURCH SCHOOL FUNDRAISING DURING LENT

During the period of Great Lent, our Church School students have a special project which will teach them the importance of helping others by collecting donations for the Diocesan-wide Church School Lenten Drive which will benefit:

Relief for Syrian Armenians—The need is ongoing and the crisis is not over. Thousands of Armenians are facing dangers, food shortages, and extreme wartime conditions in Syria.

Tovuz Village Day Care Center in Armenia—Children aged 3-6 are looked after in a day care setting that provides two small meals per day, beds and bedding for rest, love and psychological support in a sub-standard building without water and electricity. We can help Tovuz villagers renovate their day care center and provide healthy meals.

When you are approached by a Church School student with a Lenten Canister, please give generously.

St. John Armenian Church
18th ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT SEMINAR

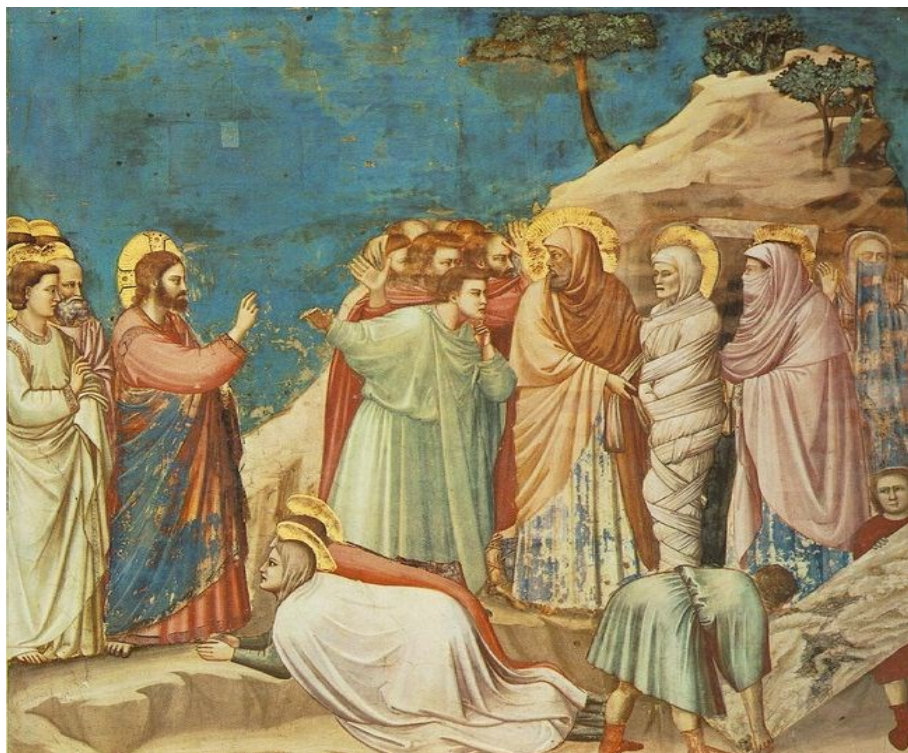
Sponsored in part by the Yeretzhin Rosalie Papazian Endowment Fund

Next Saturday, March 23, 2013

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

St. John's Cultural Hall

The Face of Lazarus: Faith, Healing & Revival



Guest Speaker: Very Rev. Father Daniel Findikyan

Director, Zohrab Information Center

Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church, New York

**DONATION: \$15 INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH. TO REGISTER, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 248-569-3405 BY MARCH 18TH . PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH (MEMO: RETREAT)
22001 NORTHWESTERN HWY, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075**

**The Detroit United Committee presents the
98th Commemoration of the
Armenian Genocide**

**Special Keynote Speaker
Dr. Susan Karamanian
International Law Expert**

**Saturday, April 20, 2013, 7:00 pm
AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian School
Emcee: Judge Lisa Asadoorian**

Please join us for this commemoration event as we honor our ancestors and seek justice for the loss of 1.5 million Armenians at the hand of the Ottoman Turks in 1915-1923.

Dr. Susan Karamanian, a leading expert on international law, serves as Associate Dean for International and Comparative Legal Studies at George Washington University's Law School. Dr. Karamanian will explore the possibilities for Armenians to pursue justice through the U.N. International Courts for Human Rights and the International and Criminal Court, both located at the Hague.

The program will include a presentation by the Alex & Marie Manoogian AGBU High School students.

Everybody is cordially invited - Reception to follow

Sponsored by
ADL Detroit Chapter, AGBU, Armenian Congregational Church,
Armenian Research Center at U of M Dearborn,
CSAI, Detroit Armenian Women's Club,
Knights of Vartan, Daughters of Vartan, Tekeyan Cultural Association

APRIL 24: A DUAL REMEMBRANCE AT ST. JOHN'S...

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013, 7:00 PM

St. John Armenian Church will commemorate the 98th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm. A solemn Requiem Service will be offered in memory of the one and one half million Armenian souls who perished at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish Empire during 1915 and thereafter. We will also honor the survivors of the Genocide residing in the metro Detroit area. Following the requiem service, clergy, deacons, choristers and congregation will proceed outdoors for the *madagh* blessing and wreath-laying ceremony.

A much-awaited event that will take place this evening is the dedication of the new monument (*artist's rendering pictured at right*) on our grounds adjacent to the Martyrs Monument. This new monument will remember the countless innocent Armenians who perished in the forgotten Armenian Genocide – Pogroms in Azerbaijan that began 25 years ago in February 1988 in Kirovabad, and continued in Sumgait and Baku until 1990. After two years of fundraising and planning, the community of St. John Armenian Church proudly erects this monument so that Armenians and non-Armenians alike will come to know about this modern-day Genocide, with its proper recognition and place in history.



After the dedication service, the traditional *madagh* dinner in memory of our blessed martyrs will be served in the Cultural Hall. All are welcome to share in this complimentary memorial meal.



Noted author Chris Bohjalian (*pictured at left*) will speak at 8:00 pm. The grandson of Armenian survivors, Bohjalian will share his thoughts on this solemn occasion with reflections on ***The Sandcastle Girls***, which was published in July 2012 to great acclaim. It is a love story set in the midst of the Armenian Genocide. It debuted at #7 on the *New York Times* best-seller list. *USA Today* called it “stirring ... a deeply moving story of survival and enduring love.”

At 6:00 pm, prior to the Requiem Service, Mr. Bohjalian will be available to sign copies of his book, which may be purchased at that time.

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

Historical Atlas of Armenia , Edited by Vartan Matiossian

With CD, SC-\$40.00

*Armenian geography, history, culture in Armenian and English—
an excellent reference book for all ages*

The Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian-HC-\$23.00

Nowhere: a Story of Exile by Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte - SC - \$20.00

*Diary entries of an Armenian girl documenting the organized terror in
Baku, her life as a refugee, and her struggle to find herself*

*The Sumgait Tragedy: Pogroms against Armenians in Soviet
Azerbaijan, Volume I—Eyewitness Accounts*

Edited by Samuel Shahruraturian, Forward by Yelena Bonner
HC - \$50.00

MEN'S SOCIETY TO HONOR MOTHERS

Save the date - The Men's Society is hosting a Mother's Day Celebration on Sunday, May 12, 2013. It will be a sit-down dinner and a chance for all of your family to come to Church services and then join us for a celebration. Enjoy the day with friends and family at St. John's rather than another afternoon in a restaurant again this year. Give your grandmothers, mothers, wives and aunts a special day out. The cost of this event is \$25/adult, \$10/6 to 12 years old and free for 5 and under. Reservations are required by May 5, 2013: Judy Cristiano 313-291-3194 or dcristiano3@gmail.com.

Michigan Opera Theatre Concert

Sunday, April 14, 3:00 pm in the Cultural Hall

Join us for an afternoon of operatic favorites with commentary from MOT General Director David DiChiera. The program will feature artists from the company's spring season performing highlights from its productions of "Fidelio" and "Aida."

Tickets: St. John's Church Office (248) 569-3405

\$25 adults

\$10 children

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS



Armenian Baked Goods will be available for purchase after church today.

Winter Baking—The final day of winter baking is **Tuesday, March 19th at 9 am** in the church kitchen. **Marianne Dardarian** will lead us in making ***Cheoreg & Khalkha***. Everyone is welcome. For questions contact **Marianne at 248-661-0617**.

Moms and Manoogs meet for social interaction and fun activities. Our meeting days are flexible and we'd love to have you and your *Manoogs* join our group. For more information contact Kristen Gustafson at kristeng@outlook.com or 248-765-0471.

Knitting Club – Join us on **Thursday, March 21st from 10:00-12:00 Noon**. Please contact Linda Assarian at 248-332-0816 if you are interested in participating.



A Royal Luncheon and Fashion Show-Saturday, May 18 at Noon

Experience a little bit of Britain at A Royal Luncheon and Fashion Show featuring fashions from the Somerset Collection of Troy. Raffle prizes and more! For reservations please contact Joyce Obenhoff at 586-754-2984 or shortafoot@comcast.net.

*The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.
For information please call Terry Palaian, 313-929-0926.*

Women's Guild Best-Selling Cookbook

ARMENIAN CUISINE – PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

is available in our Church Bookstore.

This beautifully photographed hard cover cookbook includes all festival recipes, as well as hundreds of kitchen-tested Armenian favorites from our community.

\$25.00

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 departing 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, hamenayn 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.

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 Cell: 248.688.1214

Administrator's Cell: 248.880.8391