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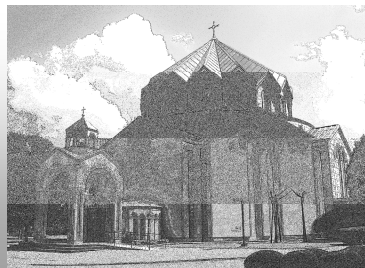
The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian – *Pastor*

The Reverend Father Diran Papazian – *Pastor Emeritus*

Deacon Rubik Mailian – *Director of Sacred Music*

and Pastoral Assistant

Ms. Margaret Lafian – *Organist*



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 21, 2010 ~ The Armenian Year of 1459

SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT—ԳԱԼՍՏԵԱՆ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ

GUEST CELEBRANT: V. REV. FR. DANIEL FINDIKYAN

DEAN OF ST. NERSESS ARMENIAN SEMINARY

THE LORD'S DAY ~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն9:00 am

Divine Liturgy - Սուրբ Պատարագ9:45 am

Church School - Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոց10:15 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

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

Next Week— Song of Solomon 1:1-2:3, Zecariah 9:9-15, Philippians 4:4-7,
Matthew 20:29—21:17

Lector: Dr. Norman Hogikyan

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: MATTHEW 22:34-45 (abridged)

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Michelle Danielian

Millie Jingoian

William Pugh

Jack Serce

Agnes Tokatlian

George Krikor Zamanian

Edgar Hagopian

Joan Kurkian

Helen Z. Sahakian

Ralph Snyder

Gloria Vartanian

NEXT SUNDAY

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.

Adults \$10

Age 6-13 \$5

Children Free

For reservations and more information:

E-mail Karen Dardarian: Detroitacyoa@gmail.com

Or call (248) 661-0617

AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY, THURSDAY, MARCH 25 @ NOON

Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta

TRACKING OUR TREASURES - SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Plate Donations of the Day \$330.10

Candle Donations of the Day \$179.00

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 23—Senior Lunch

Wednesday, March 24—ACYOA Lenten Lobster & Fish Dinner-5:30 pm

Lenten Vigil-7:00 pm

Thursday, March 25-Afternoon Bible Study—Noon

Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday

ACYOA Day Brunch

JOIN FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT KEF KLUB

The Gathering Place for ALL Ages

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010, 6:00 pm, Rec Ctr

CAMP ARARAT REUNION COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY AFTER CHURCH IN CLASSROOM 105

CAMP REUNION—SATURDAY MAY 22, 2010

Remember the Great times at Clear Lake Camp, Camp Ararat and Hye Camp. Contact Isabelle Vahratian (248) 890-2185 for more information. This event is open to everyone. Watch for more details.

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

**NEW BOOK FROM DIOCESE: NEW FAITH TO NEW WORLD
STORIES FROM THE HISTORY OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH
BY HAGOP NERSOYAN**

Art Consultant: Fr. Garabed Kochakian

Illustrated by parishioner Kyle Harabedian

SOFTCOVER—\$20.00

NEW FROM JERUSLEM: SILVER CROSS AND CHAIN-\$20.00

Available again. . . *Vergeen* by Mae Derdarian

Softcover—\$15.00

SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Sunday of Advent, the Last Sunday of Lent, reminds us of the end of the present order of the world, the second coming of the Christ, the resurrection of the dead, the Last Judgment and the creation of a new earth and a new heaven. The Gospel for Matins according to St. Mark articulates Jesus' prophecy about the future end times. Jesus gave His followers a prophetic picture of the end times. Jesus warns His followers about the future to provide them with a guide to live by glorifying God in the present age to prepare for the future fulfillment of the Kingdom. Many predictions Jesus made in this passage have not yet been fulfilled, but they were made to help the faithful remain spiritually alert and prepared at all times as the Church eagerly waits for His Second Coming.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TO BEGIN MARCH 29

The Pastor and Parish Council are pleased to inform our faithful that Mr. Thomas Stambouljian Jr. has accepted the position as our new parish Administrator. He will be working with David Dardarian during a brief period of transition and orientation. Mr. Dardarian will officially finish his work with us as administrator March 26. We offer our prayers of thanks to God for his sound and creative leadership, and likewise for Mr. Stambouljian's new ministry in our midst.

FLOWER 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.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

In all things blessed are you O Lord!
I bless you, I praise you.
I give thanks to you.
I pray to you
O Lord my God.

Hymn "Hamenaynee" from the Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Church

**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**

**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
TO BENEFIT FAR HOMELESS CHILDREN'S CENTER
This project cares for neglected and abandoned youth
in Armenia by providing basic crisis intervention
and temporary shelter.
ALL ARE WELCOME**

**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**

**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 Findikyan
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
Grigoriy & Lana Melkumyan
Liana & Vladimir Karamzins
Seda & Zaiad Jamardov
Roger & Ardis Gregory
Robert & MaryJo Gregory

DR. HAMAZASP DARIAN, 1st Year

Requested by Mrs. Vrejoui Darian
Michael, Linda & Ani Karibian
Vigen, Rosemary, Talin & Mara Darian
Armen Darian
Verjin Lucassian & Family
Ms. Carole Bagdasarian
Mrs. Ann Laktzian
Nenette Merametdjian

**MIKE M. MOUSIGIAN, 1st Year, In loving memory, Husband, Father,
Grandfather**

Requested by Mrs. Clara Mousigian
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Edward & susan Mousigian
Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Helga Mousigian
Mrs. Nancy Walters
Grandchildren Marianne, Rosemarie & Samuel

ALICE ZEVZAVADJIAN, 2nd Year, Mother

Requested by Christine Zevzavadjian
Anita & Greg Boyajian, Raffi, Marissa & Gregory

**JEANNE TASHJIAN, 2nd Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother,
Sister, Sister-in-law, Aunt, Niece**

**EDWARD TASHJIAN, 21st Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather,
Brother-in-law, Uncle, Nephew**

**ARDASH MOORADIAN, 27th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grand-
father, Brother-in-law**

**MARIAM MOORADIAN, 12th 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

**ARCHY KAHAYIAN, 9th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,
Brother-in-Law, Khnamee**

Requested by Hermalene Kahayian

Richard, Arlene, Kristin, Kelly, Ricky & Andrew Hovsepien

Michael & Kathy Kahayian

Jeffrey, Lindsay & Nolin Kahayian

David, Marianne, Danny & Karen Dardarian

Arpena Kahayian

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

EGIYA UZUNJIAN, Grandfather

TAKUHI UZUNJIAN, Grandmother

OHAN UZUNJIAN, Father

SIRANUS UZUNJIAN, Mother

Requested by Deacon Shahin & Azad Uzunjian

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@sjachurch.org.

**ACYOA LENTEN FISH DINNERS—1 MORE LEFT
LOBSTER & FISH DINNER: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24,**

Dinner served at 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.

Commemorative Memory Book

Attention ACYOA Alumni! We are proud to announce that the ACYOA will publish its first ever Commemorative Memory Book just in time to celebrate its 65th anniversary. This beautiful hardcover book will be filled with your memories, pictures and stories. Please email Karen Dardarian—karendardarian@gmail.com for submissions and more information.

NOTICE

If you have a computer or know of someone with a computer, here is a site to enjoy the wonders of God:

wandascountryhome.com/pinetrees/index

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.

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 Manooqs 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

Advance reservations required

Marilyn Sarkesian

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 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.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

God doesn't call the qualified...
He qualifies the called.

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