

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, *Pastor*

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:

The Reverend Father Diran Papazian, *Pastor Emeritus*

The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Deacon Rubik Mailian, *Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant*

Ms. Margaret Lafian, *Organist*



Sunday Bulletin

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.

MARCH 22, 2015

SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT

CELEBRANT: REV. FR. ABRAHAM OHANESIAN

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service / Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն	8:45 am
Sunrise Service / Արեւագալի Ժամերգութիւն	9:30 am
Divine Liturgy / Մ.Պատարագ	10:30 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

ISAIAH 66:1-24, COLOSSIANS 2:8-3:17, MATTHEW 22:34-45, 23:37-39

LECTOR: MARK MAMASSIAN

Our Church and Parish is a place where . . .

- All people are welcome
- Every person is a minister
- The world is our collective responsibility
- Disciple making is our goal, and
- Worship is our duty and delight

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Pastor's Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30 am—5:00 pm
After hours in an emergency, please contact:
Pastor's Cell: 248-225-9888
Administrator's Cell: 760-832-1142

Visits to the Hospitalized and Homebound Please phone the Church Office when you or someone you love is admitted to the hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor. If you have an upcoming surgery, please consider requesting your name be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized." Those who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home should phone the Church Office.

Home Blessing If you would like the Pastor to visit your home and offer a home blessing, please contact the Church Office.

Baptism Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born. For more information, phone the Church Secretary.

Marriage Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date. Wedding packets are available at the Church Office.

Parish Membership If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. John parish, please speak to a Parish Council member on Sunday, or phone the Church Office.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin are due in the Church Office by 5:00 pm on Wednesday preceding the date of service.

Requiem Requests may be submitted to the Church Office by mail, phone, fax 248-569-0716, or email to mkafrican@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday requested. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.

PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH 2014—2015

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TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-45, 23:37-39

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.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken and desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

- *Father Garabed*

Perhaps many of you have heard that our secretary May Kafafian has taken a leave of absence because of difficult health issues that she is confronted with. We certainly miss her in our family and office space every day. We are pleased to have two individuals attending to office duties during this time. In the meanwhile, we the pastor and Parish Council, carry her pain with us. As a parish community, we offer our prayers for May during these difficult days, that the Lord grant her comfort and strength every day, and as well for her husband and children.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

Sara Apigian	Stan Armit	Araxey Barsamian
Rose Boudakian	Pam Dayinian	George Douroujalian
Cheryl Giesa	Ruben Griffin	Frank Houhanisin
May Kafafian	Walter Negosian	Aida Petrosyan
Alice Prudian	Richard Santourian	Mary Sarafian
Anita Tootikian		

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God

Kasper Ohannasian and Valrich "Andy" Andonian

Who entered his eternal rest this past week.

May Christ our Lord shed His Eternal light upon his soul.

Matushka Melanya Sviridov

Mother of Anna Sarkisian

Fell Asleep In the Lord

***Funeral services were held Saturday, March 21 2015 at
St. Michael's Archangel Russian Orthodox Church, Redford, MI
Interment—Woodmere Cemetery***

VISIT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: Remembering the Genocide T-Shirts Youth & Adult sizes \$20.00

"When I Was Baptized"—Children's Board Book—\$12.00

"Mariam's Easter Parade" - Children's Book by Marianne Markarian HC \$16

***The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry,
Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many "Made in Armenia" products.***

SPECIAL: 2-CD SET BY ROGER KRIKORIAN.



ACYOA LENTEN LOBSTER DINNER

THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25—5:30-6:30

Vegan option available!

\$20—CALL 248-569-3405

DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY IN THE NURSERY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015

NOON—2 PM

BRING YOUR BIBLE AND YOUR LUNCH

ALL ARE WELCOME.

What is Canonization?

Many have been inquiring about the forthcoming canonization of the Martyrs of the 1915 Genocide and what it means to be a saint. Here is a brief explanation.

It is the final declaration by the head of the Church, whereby the soul of a person or a group of persons are declared to be with God in heaven. After the declaration, the veneration [which means great honor] of the person(s) sainted is not only permitted, but ordered for the entire Church. Normally, the process of canonization is conducted with the full consent of the Synod of Bishops in the Orthodox Church and the Sacred Congregation of Rites in the Roman Catholic Church. Afterwards, the final declaration is made by the Patriarch or by the Supreme Pontiff. Canonization as a formal process and declaration started in the tenth century.

In the primitive Church, martyrs and later confessors were the first to be publicly venerated/ honored...in Armenian յարգանք/ harkank or մեծարանք medzarank ...by the faithful. Until the tenth century, individuals among the faithful who had lead exemplary and "venerable" lives were accepted as "saints" անույն/ Soorp, Holy without formal canonization by the Church.

Who are the Saints?

The saints are an integral part of the Tradition of the ancient Churches. "The doctrine of the Church comes alive in the lives of the true believers, the saints. Actually Saint Paul addresses in many of his letters from the Bible, his audience as ‘the saints’ who literally share the holiness of God. *'Be holy, for I your God am holy.'* (Leviticus 11:44; 1 Peter 1:16) The lives of the saints bear witness to the authenticity and truth of the Christian gospel, the sure gift of God's holiness to men." The Armenian word for witness is վկայ/ vugah

When a person is canonized, certain honors are conferred upon that individual:

The name of the saint is listed among the other saints of the church and thus included in the liturgical calendar of the Church.

In public prayers and in the Divine Liturgy, the name of a new saint is *invoked or called to* խնդրել / Khuntrel which is *request* or աղաչել/ aghachel *call for*. Even Churches are dedicated to God in a saint's name and festive days are designated to celebrate his/her memory. Pictorial or iconographical representations are painted showing the image[s] and displayed in our churches as visible reminders of the good and holy ones we love. In addition, the relics of the saint is enclosed in precious or decorated vessels and are publicly honored.

Sainthood in the Armenian Church and how it is declared.

There has been no set rite in the Armenian Church by which a person is declared to be a saint. The Armenian Church has not canonized any person for the past 500 years. The last holy person who was declared a saint was St. Gregory of Tatev (1346-1410), an eminent theologian, teacher and an abbot, under whose instruction and training great leaders flourished in the Armenian Church.

Most obviously the reason for such a long period was the conquest of Constantinople by the Ottomans in 1453 and later the Genocide of 1915.

It has taken 500 years for the Armenian Church to address sainthood. And, this year 2015 on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, decisive action by the Bishop's Synod which includes the Catholicate of the Great House of Cilicia, the Patriarchates of Istanbul and Jerusalem and the bishops of all dioceses throughout the world under the authority of the Supreme Catholicos and Patriarch of the Armenian Church, His Holiness Karekin II, they have thus taken the necessary steps and actions to declare the fallen Martyrs as ‘those who have perished in 1915 as witness to their Christian Faith and identity have now arrived at the Throne of God our Father and are declared Saints who can pray for us as we have for 100 years prayed for them. *Yeghitzee ee Hishadag ee Soorp Badarakus* aghachemk...let them hereafter Be Remembered in the Holy Liturgy now and forever.



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

While we are mourning the loss our loved ones, we also rejoice as they meet the Lord
behind the veil in the Heavenly Jerusalem

HARRY KAREBIAN, 1st Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Eugenie Karebian
John & Terrie Karebian
James & Lillian Durham
Tara, Nicholas, Christopher & Brittany

MICHELLE K. DANIELIAN, 5th Year, Daughter, Granddaughter, Sister, Friend

Requested by Rozann & Michael Vartoogian
Rose Ghoogasian
Chris Danielian
Mike & Linda Tiffany
Ardo & Charlene Apigian
Dennis & Nancy Kevonian

ALICE KAREBIAN, 13th Year, Sister-in-Law, Aunt, Great-Aunt

Requested by Eugenie Karebian
John & Terrie Karebian
James & Lillian Durham
Tara, Nicholas, Christopher & Brittany

ANNA CHROVIAN, 17th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

Requested by Vince & Anna Baylerian
Cindy & Rob Amboian & Family
Vinnie & Sue Baylerian & Family
Gary & Linda Assarian & Family

HAYRIK KASPAR, 2nd Year, Father and Grandfather

Requested by Mrs. Kohar Kaspar
Mr. and Mrs. Murat Kasparian & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Onnig Boghikian & Family

ALICE ZEVZAVADJIAN, 7th Year, Mother & Grandmother

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

LOCK DOWN PROCEDURES ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

The final stage of the St. John's Armenian Church Emergency Plan is now complete. Stage 1 is the Fire Drill and Emergency Evacuation Plan. Stage 2 is the Tornado Drill and Emergency Evacuation Plan. Stage 3 is the Lockdown Emergency Plan. For the convenient use of our staff, these plans are easily accessible in the red bags located in various places around the church complex. Church staff has been trained to help guide parishioners in case of emergencies. Below is the plan for a lockdown emergency **warning** and a **lockdown with an intruder** to our complex. Please take the time to review this within your families. While we don't anticipate a problem like this, we must always be prepared when it comes to the safety of our community.

TWO TYPES OF LOCK DOWN: **LOCK DOWN** with **WARNING** = Threat outside the building.

LOCK DOWN with **INTRUDER** = Threat or intruder inside the building.

1. **LOCK DOWN WITH WARNING:** All outer doors to the building should be locked. No one may enter or leave the building without a Parish Council member guiding the person in or out of the building. Activities within the building continue as usual. Building remains locked down until an ALL CLEAR has been given by the Pastor, Building Administrator, or Parish Council Chairman.
2. **LOCK DOWN WITH INTRUDER: OPTIONS: EVACUATE - HIDE - FIGHT**

EVACUATE: **IF** near an exit door and **IF** possible, a decision can be made to run out of the building and get as far away as possible. If a decision is made to run, make sure hands are raised above your head with fingers spread to show police you are not armed or dangerous.

HIDE: When evacuation is not possible, everyone should get out of the hallways and into **rooms that can be locked** or are out of the intruder's view. **LOCK DOORS.**

Call 911 – give as much information as you can. Close window blinds and turn off lights. If time allows, blockade the door with heavy furniture or chairs. Silence cell phones or anything else that may make noise. Hide in the farthest corner of the room, away from hall windows and the door.

Remain calm and quiet until **POLICE** have given an ALL CLEAR to leave the room. Follow all directions of the police.

FIGHT: As a **LAST RESORT**, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the intruder. Act as aggressively as possible. Throw items at the intruder, yell and commit to your actions (don't be tentative).

2015 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 –PALM SUNDAY

Morning Service-8:45 am, Opening of the Doors-9:45 am

Church School Procession with Palms / Divine Liturgy-10:15 am

The children of the Church School will gather in the Main Lobby where Father Garabed, with deacons and choir, will celebrate the traditional Opening of the Doors. Upon conclusion, all will enter the church in procession. For those attending morning service, please leave the church after morning worship is completed and join the children in the lobby as we will all enter together after this special service.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29—ACYOA DAY

Fellowship hosted by the ACYOA and Sports Weekend Committee

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, VESPERS SERVICE

Remembering the Wise and Foolish Virgins - Vespers-7:30 pm

**Refreshments will be served and hosted by the Church School in the
Main Lobby after the service.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

Divine Liturgy commemorating the Last Supper -

Fr. Abraham Ohanesian, Celebrant—10:00 am

Washing of the Feet-7:30 pm

Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord - 8:30 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Order of the Crucifixion of Christ-11:30 am

The Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ-7:30 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 - GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

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

Reading of Scriptures-4:00 pm; Divine Liturgy-5:00 pm

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

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

Morning Service-9:00 am; Divine Liturgy-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.**

No requiems will be offered on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

**Flower and candle donations will be graciously received. Call the office to
make your offering, 248-569-3405**

***Holy Week Private Confessions* – Though General Form of Confession is
done each Sunday, if there are any parishioners seeking private confes-
sion and counsel, please call the pastor. During the Holy Paschal season of
Easter, there are no fasting days or Saint's Day Commemorations.**

**Home Blessings – It is the custom to have one's home blessed during the
Eastertide (days following Easter). Should you desire a house blessing,
please call the office to schedule a visit and blessing by the pastor. After
you call for a home blessing, the office will notify you when Der Hayr will
visit.**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21, (TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED) -
“VOICES FROM THE LAKE: THE SECRET GENOCIDE” by J. Michael Hagopian**

GIFT TO THE CHURCH

In loving memory of and prayers for Harry Karebian, a gift is presented to the church by his loving wife, Eugenie Karebian, children John & Terrie Karebian, James & Lillian Durham, and four adored grandchildren, Tara, Nicholas, Christopher & Brittany.

In memory and prayers for Alice Karebian, a gift is presented to the church in her memory by sister-in-law Eugenie Karebian, nieces & nephews, John & Terrie Karebian, James & Lillian Durham, & grand-nieces & nephews, Tara, Nicholas, Christopher & Brittany.

The Fine Arts Committee
of
St. John's Armenian Church

Cordially invites everyone to an exhibition entitled

“REBIRTH”

Featuring works of local young Armenian Professional Artists

**CATHY JACOBS
LEVON KAFAFIAN
NARINE KCHIKIAN
MICHAEL STAMBOULIAN**

*OPENING RECEPTION
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015
1:00-4:00 PM*

HELP NEEDED FOR AN ARMENIAN HOUSEHOLD

An elderly parishioner is seeking a woman for light housekeeping, driving, and shopping two days a week. If you or anyone you know may be suitable for this position please call 549-689-6538.

FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK—WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of flowers or candles for the Holy Altar during Holy Week and Easter, it would be greatly appreciated.

Donors for Easter Lilies, Palm Sunday flowers, and flowers for the Holy Tomb of Christ are needed. If you wish to make a donation please call the Church Office at 248-569-3405

Donors will be acknowledged in the Easter Bulletin.

Women's Guild News

Be ready for Easter! Pick up your favorite Armenian Baked Goods.

The Women's Guild will be selling delicious baked goods for you & your family to enjoy. Stop by the Women's Guild table in the Cultural Hall after services today. We will have several items for sale: large and small cheoreg, cheese beoregs, tepsee beoregs, katah, nazoog, simit, boorma, and sou beoreg. You can pre-order your sou beoregs.

Winter Bake Days: Everyone is welcome to participate!! Please join us for our following bake days to learn how to make your favorite Armenian delicacies. Monday, March 23 from 6-8 pm: Cheoreg (Chairman Marianne Dardarian), 9 am-noon: Tuesday, March 24, Boorma (Chairman Yn. Roberta Kochakian). Please contact Dolly Matoian 248-737-9055 for details.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 1 pm.

Knitting Group: Please contact Linda Assarian at 248-332-0816 or linda.assarian@gmail.com for more details.

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.

Take the opportunity to make new and lasting friendships while doing service for the Lord.

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

For information please call Terry Palatian, 313-929-0926

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 khorhoortus koh ee parees na gadarestseh.

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 yegheetseen kez ee Soorp Badarakes.

Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցին 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:

My portion is God forever.

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 haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ: / Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:

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.