

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

*Ornetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.*

Օրհնեցից ԿՏէր 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: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday – Friday
(248) 569-3405**

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Sunday Bulletin

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**ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD
DEPART TO SERVE HIM**

**MARCH 29, 2009 - THE ARMENIAN YEAR OF 1458
SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT - ԴԱԼՍԵԱՆ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ**

CELEBRANT: REV. FR. HRACH SARGSYAN

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP
Ժամերգութեան ժամանակացոյց

Morning Service - Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն.....9:00 am

Lenten Divine Liturgy - Սուրբ Պատարագ10:00 am

Today – Isaiah 66:1-24, Colossians 2:8-3:17, Matthew 22:34-23:39
Next Week – Zeccariah 9:9-15. Philippians 4:4-7, Matthew 20:29-21:17

LECTOR: Dr. Salpi Toroyan

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Pastor

WELCOME . . . We welcome our visitors who are attending the Divine Liturgy at St. John's parish, and we pray that your participation has been enriched through word and worship. We invite those visitors who are baptized and/or confirmed in the Armenian Church or are members of a church which is in communion with the Armenian Church to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are a member of the Armenian Church and a newcomer to our community and would like information about our Christian Education program or any of our parish auxiliary groups, please call our office and we will be happy to respond to your questions. The Lord Jesus Christ loves you and desires that you share His love with others, making this holy community your spiritual home.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for weddings in our holy sanctuary are to be made at least eight months in advance. Marriage preparation and counseling are required before the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Marriages are NOT celebrated during the season of Great Lent according to Armenian Church Canon Law.

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

All Baptisms must be scheduled no less than two months in advance. At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Church, i.e. baptized in the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox faith. Baptisms are NOT celebrated during the season of Great Lent according to Armenian Church Canon Law.

CHURCH AND HOME...ONE IN SPIRIT

*If a people progresses, it takes its first step from the family home;
If illuminated, its light derives from the family lamp;
If united, its spirit and bond is the family;
If empowered, its strength and arm is the family;
If it prospers, its treasury and treasurer is the family;
If a people wants to inherit heaven after earth by
Keeping its religion, faith and church, then, yes,
The altar that maintains these holy
Traditions incorruptible and whole is the family.*

Khrimian Hayrig (1820-1907)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 COMMEMORATION OF ARMENIAN MARTYRS AT ST. JOHN'S

7:00 pm Requiem Service in the Sanctuary

7:30 pm *Madagh* Dinner in the Cultural Hall

All Are Welcome

8:00 pm Presentation & Discussion of *Skylark Farm* by
Antonia Arslan in the Cultural Hall

St. John Armenian Church is honored to host Ms. Antonia Arslan, the highly acclaimed author of *Skylark Farm*, as our speaker at the *Madagh* Dinner. *Skylark Farm* is a beautifully crafted story of an Armenian family in Anatolia and their suffering at the hands of the Ottoman Turks in 1915.

In order to prepare our parish for her visit, St. John's is pleased to offer a copy of *Skylark Farm* to each interested dues-paid member/family. In offering the books it is our goal that our parishioners will read it in preparation for her visit and discussion. Books will be available on Sundays after church services, in the lobby, **through Sunday, March 29**. Books are limited and are will be available on a first come, first served basis. Dues paid member/families may only pick up their own personal copies.

IN OUR COMMUNITY. . .

Programs Honoring Lady Caroline Cox

Recently Lady Cox was appointed to a permanent visitor professorship at Oakland University. In this capacity, she will be championing the Armenian cause through various avenues, including teaching.

To honor her humanitarian efforts for Armenia and Karabagh, Oakland University will establish a *Chair of Global Studies* and will sponsor a number of programs related to her ministry for Research and Education Advocacy for Children's Health (REACH). These programs will ultimately benefit Armenia and Karabagh.

The following programs will take place, which are open to the general public. The local Armenian community are invited to take part.

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| April 21 | 3:00-5:00 pm Reception/TEA at St. John's sponsored by the Daughters of Vartan |
| April 22 | 6:00-10:00 pm Institute Dinner Honoring Lady Cox at Meadow Brook Hall of Oakland University |
| April 23 | 3:00-4:00 pm Public Lecture at Meadow Brook Hall |

For questions, contact Dr. Robert Kachadourian (248) 310-7307.

DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY, APRIL 16 AT NOON
Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta
Bring your Bible and lunch, we will provide the coffee.

<u>Tracking Our "Treasures"</u>	<u>Sunday, March 22</u>
Plate Donations	\$163.00
Candle Donations	\$119.00

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: 14K ARMENIAN BIBLE CHARM
INSCRIBED WITH THE "HAYR MER" - \$20.00
ON DISPLAY AT BOOKSTORE - SPECIAL ORDER

NEW: GATES OF CONSTANTINOPLE by Garo Lacinian
Photographs of ancient Byzantine structures surrounding
Constantinople with translation of Greek & Latin
inscriptions - Softcover - \$65.00

Proceeds to benefit St. John's & Terchoonian Home for
Orphans in Gumri, Armenia

SILVER JERUSALEM CROSSES - \$20.00

GOMIDAS SONGS by Isabel Bayrakdarian - \$20.00

WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER? by Elise Papazian - \$20.00

MY GRANDMOTHER: A MEMOIR BY FETHIYE CETIN - \$20.00

YOUR JOURNEY INTO ARMENIA by George Mouradian - \$12.00

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 31 – SENIOR LUNCH - Noon

Wednesday, April 1 – ACYOA Lobster & Fish Dinner-5:30 pm

Thursday, April 2 – Komitas Choir Rehearsal-7:00 pm

Sunday, April 5 – PALM SUNDAY

MATINS AT 9:00 am DIVINE LITURGY AT 10:00 am

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Who seeks a faultless friend remains friendless.

THE NICENE CREED WILL BE RECITED IN ARMENIAN

USHERS – All three teams

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Valeriy Bagdasarian	Steven Bear (CA)
Gregory Derderian	Margaret Jamgochian
Nora March	

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

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.

TODAY, THE SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT, points us toward the time when Jesus will come again not as a gentle savior but as a righteous judge in the glory of His Father. We will be judged for the acts of goodness we have performed. Did we feed the hungry? Console the suffering?

NEXT WEEK, PALM SUNDAY, we celebrate the triumphant entry into Jerusalem of our Lord Jesus Christ. Next week's Gosepl describes this pivotal event in His life (Matthew 20:29-21:17).

SPONSORING SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Because of budget reductions for 2009, the annual amount designated for fellowships which take place after the Divine Liturgy has been eliminated. This does not mean we cannot share a cup of coffee or tea; it can still take place if it is sponsored by any willing parishioner at a rate of \$25.00 per fellowship. If you wish to sponsor a fellowship and keep this tradition of hospitality alive, it is the Parish Council's pleasure to invite your participation. Should you have any question, a Parish Council member will help you.

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND PARENTS

The Church Office has information on scholarships for students of Armenian ancestry. Please contact us for details. The Armenian Renaissance Association Sophia Chapter has released 2009 scholarship guidelines. See lobby carousel.

WOMEN'S GUILD WILL BE SELLING KHADAYIF AND CHEOREG, TEPSEE BEOREG AND RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THREE BASKETS OF ARMENIAN DELICACIES AFTER CHURCH TODAY

WINTER BAKING - - Margaret Gozmanian is chairing a *Katah* Bake on Tuesday, March 31 at 9 am. Please join us!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

You need NOT be a Women's Guild member to participate.

Our next General Body Meeting is this Wednesday, April 1 at 4 pm in the Ararat Room.

THE TORCHBEARER IS NOW ONLINE!

As promised, the newly re-designed *Torchbearer* is available online on St. John's web page...

stjohnsarmenianchurch.com

ACYOA Juniors

Lenten Fish & Lobster Dinner Wednesdays during Great Lent

March 25 – Fish Dinner – \$10.00

**Lobster Dinner
April 1 - \$20.00**

Dinner served from 5:30p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Alternate Dinner: Grilled Cheese \$5.00

RESERVATIONS PLEASE: 248 569-3405



St. John's Komitas Choir Presents
"Crucifixion and Resurrection"
A Lenten concert of
meditation and reflection

Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 pm

PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:
"SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST,"
"OOR ES MAYR IM,"
GOSPEL MUSIC
AND MORE



**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.

**JEANNE TASHJIAN, 1st Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother,
Sister, Sister-in-law, Aunt, Niece**
**EDWARD TASHJIAN, 20th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather,
Brother-in-law, Uncle, Nephew**
**ARDASH MOORADIAN, 26th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather,
Brother-in-law**
**MARIAM MOORADIAN, 11th 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 Choeny & Family
Bruce Tashjian & Family
Wayne & Deborah Tashjian
Jesse & Susie Siebert & Family
Helen Mooradian
Pearl Mooradian

GURGEN TUMASYAN, 53rd Year, Father
HAMEST TUMASYAN, 13th Year, Mother
SEDA TUMASYAN, Sister
VALENTINA SARKISOV, Sister
VLADIMIR SARKISOV, Brother-in-Law

Requested by Alla Tumasyan

KHOSROF ASSADOURIAN, Father, Grandfather
YERETZGIN MARY ASSADOURIAN, Mother, Grandmother
DEACON AVAK ASSADOURIAN, Brother, Uncle
GARBIS OHANIAN, Husband, Brother, Uncle
MARIAM ASSATORY, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Sirapie Ohanian
Dr. & Mrs. Neshan Ohanian
Mr. & Mrs. Rich Apkarian
Christian Ohanian
Diana Ohanian
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Ohanian
Varujan & Adrine Ohanian
Ara, Lora, Christina & Stephanie Kazanjian

ACYOA DAY

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

APRIL 5, 2009



GUEST SPEAKER:

ARMEN KETELYAN

Join the St. John's Community to celebrate
ACYOA DAY.
A Sunday Brunch and program will follow the
Divine Liturgy.
Detroit's own Armen Keteyian, of CBS News,
will deliver a special message.

R.S.V.P (248) 661-0617 or
ddardarian21@yahoo.com
for reservations and questions.

DONATION:
ADULTS: \$15 Age 6-13: \$5
Children Free



SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY, APRIL 5th ACYOA DAY

GUEST SPEAKER
ARMEN KETELYAN
EASTER EVE AT ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

