**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.

## REGULATION OF SACRAMENTAL SERVICES

In accordance with Diocesan discipline mandated by the Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, all sacraments, e.g. funerals, weddings, baptisms and rites of Christian burial may only be administered in the church sanctuary, which has been consecrated for the celebration of these sacred rites.

#### St. John Armenian Church Festival Thursday, October 1 – Sunday, October 4, 2009

# Armenia Land Of Noah's Ark

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR
Each week look for news of upcoming events
that pertain to this year's festival.

The Festival Committee invites you to a special raffle dinner

# Pasta and More

Served in the main hall of St. John Armenian Church Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 5:30 pm \$6.00 per person

Includes: Salad, Bread, Pasta, Green Bean Stew, Pilaf, Dessert, Pop & Coffee

This year's big raffle tickets are \$50.00 Get your raffle tickets before the dinner. Sale starts this Sunday after church Only 320 - \$50.00 tickets will be sold!!!

Please call for dinner reservations 248-569-3405

Other raffle dinner dates all on Wednesdays
May 13 & 20, June 17, July 22, Aug. 19, Sept. 16

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#### St. John's Mission Statement

The Parish of St. John's Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is a fellowship of Christians committed to proclaiming Christ's Gospel of salvation through worship, education, witness, service and a common life in Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith-experience and heritage of the Apostles and of our ancestors. We invite the faithful to know God through Evangelism, to educate God's people through Discipleship and to demonstrate God's love through Service.

#### May 10, 2009 - ARMENIAN CHURCH YEAR 1458 APPARITION OF THE HOLY CROSS - ԵՐԵՒՈՒՄՆ Ս. ԽԱՉኮ MOTHER'S DAY

#### THE LORD'S DAY-SCHEDULE OFWORSHIP

*Ժամերգութեան Ժամանակացոյց* Morning Prayers - *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւ ն......*9:00 am Divine Liturgy - *Սուրբ Պատարագ .....*9:45 am

#### SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Today – Acts 17:1-15, 1 John 1:1-10, John 7:14-23 Next Week – Acts 20:17-38, 1 John 3:2-6, John 9:39-10:10

**LECTOR:** Charlene Goshgarian

#### THE NICENE CREED WILL BE RECITED IN ENGLISH

**USHERS:** Art Barsamian, George Godoshian, Harry Karebian, Kevork Terterian, Michael Hovey, Michael Karebian, Ardag Tachian

#### ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Pastor

# DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY THURSDAY, MAY 21 AT NOON FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - HAMPARTZOOM

Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta Bring your Bible and lunch, we will provide the coffee.

#### Tracking Our "Treasures" - Sunday, May 3

Plate Donations of the Day \$293.00 Candle Donations of the Day \$168.00

#### AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: REFLECTIONS OF MY CHILDHOOD - Mangootyan Hoosherus
A collection of traditional Armenian children's songs, rhymes & poetry
with CD by Houry Yapoujian Schmeizl - \$28.00

NEW: 14K ARMENIAN BIBLE CHARM INSCRIBED WITH THE "HAYR MER" - \$200.00

NEW: THE PEOPLES OF ARARAT by Armen Asher & Teryl Minasian Asher – SC - \$16.00

SILVER JERUSALEM CROSSES - \$20.00
GOMIDAS SONGS - CD - 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, May 12 – Senior Lunch – RC – Noon Wednesday, May 13 – Raffle Spaghetti Dinner - 5:30 pm Friday, May 15 – Kharpert Kufteh Dinner – RC - 6pm Sunday, May 17–Morning Service–9am; Divine Liturgy–9:45 am

#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

A strong woman exercises daily to keep her body healthy...but a woman of strength kneels in prayer to keep her soul healthy.

#### TODAY'S GOSPEL: John 7:14-23

About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. The Jews marveled at it, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me; if any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. He who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. "Why do you seek to kill me?" The people answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all marvel at it. Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man upon the sabbath. If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because eon the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well?"

#### GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In loving memory of our dear mother, Myda Kalandjian who will remain in our hearts always. We love you forever... Taline, Maral, Razmig and Tamar.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Yeretzgin Patricia Dagley
Steven Bear (CA)
Margaret Jamgochian
Jack Hagop Papazian

Valeriy Bagdasarian Paul Derderian Nora March

#### **CROWN THEM WITH GLORY AND HONOR**

We rejoice in celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Crowning and have asked Christ our God to bless the marriage of RONALD KEOLEIAN & SARAH ESCHEDOR

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The floral arrangements adorning the altar today were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Keoleian on the joyous occasion of their marriage.

Today the first grade class will recite the *Hayr Mer* at the conclusion of the *Badarak*. We congratulate them for learning the most important prayer for all Christians

#### Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day Grave Blessings

General Requiem – Hokehankisd Service to be held at the Martyrs Monument in the Etchmiadzin Section of Woodlawn Cemetery at 12 pm in memory of all Armenians who are buried at Woodlawn and Evergreen

> Father Garabed at Woodlawn 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Father Diran at Evergreen Cemetery 1:00 – 3:00 pm

For grave blessings at Evergreen between 10:00 am-12:00 pm, please phone the church office to make arrangements.

#### PICK UP YOUR FREE COPY

For those due-paid church members who have not picked up their free copy of "Skylark Farm", copies are still available for the next 2 weeks. The final date to pick up your free copy is Sunday, May 17, 2009. After hearing excerpts of the book and information about the author at the Memorial Madagh on April 24th, many non-members purchased the book as well. It is available to non-members for \$10, a reduction from the original price of \$14.95.

#### WANTED: USED ARMENIAN BOOKS

The Parish Bookstore will be sponsoring a Used Book Sale at the upcoming ARMENIAN FESTIVAL (BAZAAR), OCTOBER 1, 2, 3 & 4 along with regular priced new books. We are accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects – art, history, novels, cooking, etc. Please drop off books at the Church Office during business hours or on Sundays.

#### ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

The Armenian Renaissance Association Sophia Chapter has released 2009 scholarship guidelines. See lobby carousel. ALSO, Diocesan scholarship applications can be downloaded from armenianchurch.net.

JOIN THE KOMITAS CHOIR!!! The Komitas Choir welcomes and wants new members. Come and join the Choir and be a part of a wonderful group of people who add to the beauty of our Divine Liturgy with their angelic voices. Please contact Deacon Rubik at 248.569.3405 or at rubik@sjachurch.org.

#### **UPCOMING WOMEN'S GUILD EVENTS**

Looking forward to seeing you at KUFTEH NIGHT, FRIDAY, MAY 15, at 6 p.m. Bring your family, friends, tavloo and cards, and have fun. Tickets may be purchased after Church in the hall.

WG Knitting – To all members... please join us for knitting and conversation, Tuesday, May 12, 10 a.m. to noon. If you still have any baby blankets or caps that are finished, please bring them.

We are working on our "Scarves for Kids" project. Finished items will be distributed before next winter.

**Reminder to Women's Guild members...** Book club will be meeting on Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. to discuss <u>Three Cups of Tea</u>, by Greg Mortenson. Copies of the book are available at area libraries, book stores, and possibly Costco.

The Women's Guild invites you to join our membership...For more information, please call Linda Assarian, 248-332-0816.

#### **BRINGING FAITH HOME...**

View the historic 3-day visit of His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians to St. John Armenian Church October 30-November 2, 2007. Included are the following events: Vehapar's arrival, breakfast at Masco, Ecumenical Luncheon, The Pontifical Hrashapar and Armenian Heritage Costume presentation, visits with the students of our Church School, the AGBU School and our ACYOA Young Adults and his final farewell banquet. These were days that blessed us all and the DVD has been prepared for you to recapture the joy Vehapar brought to us. **Now at the bookstore for \$20.00 each.** 

**Special Blessing Tables** The sanctuary is in need of three special wooden tables for conducting blessing services and distributing Holy Communion. The design of tables will be similar to the candle table in the lobby, and the same fabricator will be used to design these new tables with traditional Armenian motifs and designs. If you are interested in contributing toward this project please speak with the pastor

#### **COMING EVENTS**

Wednesday, May 13 - Raffle Spaghetti Dinner

<u>Friday. May 15</u> – A Kharpert Kufteh Family Dinner sponsored by the Women's Guild at 6:00 pm – see announcement in this bulletin

<u>Sunday, May 17</u> - Church School Graduation and Tea All are invited to join the families of the graduates to honor their achievements. Cultural Hall

Tuesday, May 19 - Town Hall Meeting, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 20 - Raffle Spaghetti Dinner

<u>Thursday, May 21</u> - Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - <u>Hampartzoom</u> Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:30 am

Day by Day Bible Study at Noon - Nursery

<u>Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day</u> - see Grave Blessing schedule on separate page

Sunday, May 31 - Pentecost / Hokekalousd

<u>Wednesday, June 17</u> - Raffle Spaghetti Dinner

<u>Saturday, June 27</u> – A NIGHT OF WORLD MUSIC – see full page announcement elsewhere in this Bulletin

<u>Wednesday, July 22</u> - Raffle Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday, August 16 - ANNUAL PICNIC** 

<u>Wednesday, August 19</u> - Raffle Spaghetti Dinner

<u>Wednesday. September 16</u> - Raffle Spaghetti Dinner

<u>Thursday, October 1, Friday, October 2, Saturday, October 3, Sunday, October 4</u> - FESTIVAL (BAZAAR)



#### BASHDON HOKEHANKSDYAN - REQUIEM SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

We offer our prayers as the community of St. John's for the souls of the departed servants of Christ.

#### IN MEMORY OF ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

Requested by the Women's Guild of St. John's

#### MIKE MOUSIGIAN, 40<sup>th</sup> Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Mrs. Clara Mousigian Michael & Susan Mousigian, Marianne, Rosemarie & Samuel Gary & Helga Mousigian Nancy Walters

#### $EMMA\ KHACHATUROVA, 1^{st}\ Year, Mother, Grandmother$

Requested by Inna & Artur Arutyunov, Emily & Eleanor

#### ANN ROOMIAN, 1st Year

Requested by Lucy & Howard Fundukian & Grandchildren

## FREDA VARTOOGIAN, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Friend VARTANOUSH KEZELIAN, 13<sup>th</sup> Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

Requested by Philip & Elizabeth Shishmian Philip & Ardith Shishmian Craig & Chris Shishmian Rosemary & Dyana Kezelian Harry, Patricia, Harry III & Michael Kezelian

### AGNES SOULDOURIAN, 5<sup>th</sup> Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

Requested by Lucy Ardash Dr. John & Nyree Giragosian, Jenna, Lexa, Alec Garin & Carolyn Ardash Vahan Ardash

#### KRIKOR KAYPEKIAN, 22<sup>nd</sup> Year VERGINE KAYPEKIAN, 23<sup>rd</sup> Year GARABED KAYPEKIAN, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

Requested by the Kaypekian Family

#### BERTHA MERTOIAN, 27<sup>th</sup> Year, Beloved Mother, Grandmother MARY ELIZABETH TIFFANY, 5<sup>th</sup> Year, Beloved Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Mike & Linda Tiffany Kevin & Jennifer Tiffany Sven & Kristen Gustafson

#### SUSAN APRAHAMIAN, Mother, Sister-in-law, Nana

Requested by Dr. and Dr. David and Heidi Aprahamian Ms. Elizabeth Aprahamian Elizabeth Bennett Aprahamian

#### LOIS ROBINSON, Mother, Grandmother, Khnamee

Requested by Dr. and Dr. David and Heidi Aprahamian Elizabeth Bennett Aprahamian Ms. Elizabeth Aprahamian

#### ARMINUHE APRAHAMIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great grandmother

Requested by: Ms. Elizabeth Aprahamian Dr. and Dr. David and Heidi Aprahamian Elizabeth Bennett Aprahamian

#### MARY ARGNIAN TAKOUHI KOLOIAN

Requested by Alice & Peter Argnian

# NUSHAN & HAZEL HOVSEPIAN, Beloved Parents, Grandparents, Great-Grandparents, Khnamee EMMA HOVSEPIAN, Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Khnamee FRANK LEVON & HAMASPYR BAYLERIAN, Beloved Parents, Grandparents, Great-Grandparents, Khnamee LILLIAN HOVSEPIAN, Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Khnamee

Requested by Peter & Agnes Hovsepian David, Marianne, Daniel & Karen Dardarian Harry, Patricia, Harry III & Michael Kezelian Richard, Arlene, Kristin, Kelly, Ricky & Andrew Hovsepian Rosemary & Dyana Kezelian Edward, Yvonne, Laura & Christopher Korkoian

#### **ALBERT KABAK, Beloved Brother**

Requested by Susan Kapagian

# Diocesan Assembly Elections Results Hosted by the SS Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church of Wynnewood, PA, April 30-May 1

#### **Diocesan Council (lay members)**

Oscar Tatosian of St. Gregory Armenian Church Evanston II.
James Kalustian of Holy Trinity Armenian Church Cambridge MA
Dr. Raffi Hovhanessian of St. Leon Armenian Church Fairlawn NJ
Papken Megherian of SS Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church
Wynnewood PA

#### **Diocesan Council (clergy members)**

Father Arakel Aljalian, St. James Armenian Church Watertown MA Father Aren Jebejian of St. Gregory Armenian Church Chicago

#### **Nominating Committee**

Dr. Gary Zamanigan of St. John Armenian Church Southfield MI Ara Jeknavorian- Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church Chelmsford MA Father Bedros Kahdjian, St. Peter Armenian Church Watervliet NY Mona Karoghlanian, St. Gregroy of Narek Armenian Church Cleveland OH

Father Shnork Souin of St. Mary Armenian Church Livingston NJ

#### **Proposals Committee**

Bruce Ashbahian of Holy Martyrs Armenian Church Bayside NY Howard Atesian of St. John Armenian Church Southfield MI Jackie El Chemmas of St. John Armenian Church Southfield MI Douglas Tashjian of St. Leon Armenian Church Fairlawan NJ Father Yeprem Kelegian, St. Mesrob Armenian Church Racine WI

#### **Auditing Committee**

Karen Dederyan of St. James Armenian Church Watertown MA

#### **Diocesan Board of Trustees**

Alex Dadourian of Holy Martyrs Armenian Church Bayside NY Thomas Ashbahian of St. Leon Armenian Church Fairlawn NJ v

#### MOTHER'S DAY

The earliest celebration of Mother's Day is traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece honoring pagan goddesses. In the 1600s, England began a day of remembrance called Mothering Sunday in tribute to mothers who were the hearts of the homes. As Christianity grew, the focus of celebration was to honor the *Mother* Church, the spiritual power that gives all of life its meaning and purpose and so this evolved as a day for both the Church and for all mothers as well. In America, Julia Ward Howe, who wrote the words of the famous song The Battle Hymn of the Republic, began the idea for a Mother's Day in 1872 in Boston. By 1907, Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia promoted this idea and established a tradition in her town of Grafton, W. VA. on the second anniversary of her own mother's passing - the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of May. Her campaign met success and by 1911 Mother's Day was observed everywhere. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed Mother's Day as an American holiday to be observed each year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of May.

Today is Mother's Day once again, and we remember with great love our mothers, grandmothers, aunts as well as all women in our lives who have mothered us with loyal support, guidance and unconditional love. We thank God for being his hands when we needed them, his heart to lift us up when we were down, and his wisdom when we needed to make good choices. We pray for all those important women who helped make a difference in our lives.

#### **EASTERTIDE: The Sacred Period that follows Easter**

The 50-day period from Easter Sunday to the Sunday of Pentecost (May 31) is called Eastertide (or Quinquagesima). The first 40 days of Eastertide culminate with the Feast of the Ascension on May 21.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009, 10:30 AM

DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE CELEBRATED BY FATHER DIRAN PAPAZIAN

#### HARRY A. KEZELIAN, SR., 14<sup>th</sup> Year, Father, Grandfather, Brotherin-Law, Uncle, Khnamee, Friend

Requested by Rosemary & Dyana Kezelian

Harry, Patricia, Harry III & Michael Kezelian

Peter & Agnes Hovsepian

David, Marianne, Daniel & Karen Dardarian

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

Edward, Yvonne, Laura & Christopher Korkoian

Philip & Elizabeth Shishmian

Philip & Ardith Shishmian

Craig & Chris Shishmian

Ann Manoogian

Roseann & Bobby Attar

DIRAMAYR MARY KOCHAKIAN MARY MOORADIAN YIUGHAPER MERJANIAN ROSE VARTER NAJARIAN ARAXIE CARAMANIAN MARGARET LONG MARGARET HATCHERIAN MARY KECHECHIAN AGHAVNE ALZARIAN

Requested by Father Garabed & Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

MARGARET MOORADIAN – Beloved Mother & Grandmother
ASA GOSHGARIAN – Beloved Mother & Grandmother
MARY ARAKELIAN – Beloved Grandmother
SARAH ALOSIAN – Beloved Grandmother
AZNIV MOORADIAN – Beloved Grandmother
ANNA GARABEDIAN – Beloved Grandmother
MARY MOORADIAN – Beloved Aunt
BETTE MOORADIAN – Beloved Aunt

**DIRAMYAR MARY KOCHAKIAN – Beloved Aunt**Requested by Harry, Charlene, Matt, Chris & David Goshgarian

#### KHACHIG TACHKAPOULIAN ARDASHES & VARTANOUSH TACHKAPOULIAN

Requested by Ardag, Salpi, Alex & Tamara Tachian Yeran Tachkapoulian NERSES NERSESIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather ARSHALOOYS NERSESIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

STEPHEN DERDERIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather BAIZAR DERDERIAN, Mother Grandmother, Great-Grandmother HAGOP NERSESSIAN, Uncle SERPOUHI NERSESSIAN, Aunt NERSESIAN, ARZOUMANIAN, DERDERIAN & MAHTERIAN FAMILIES

Requested by Mrs. Margaret Derderian & Family

DOROTHY VARJABEDIAN COOK, Cherished Mother, Grandmother TAKOUHI VARJABEDIAN, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother MARY COOK, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother SATENIG KASHIGIAN, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother NERGIZ MOVSESIAN SARKISIAN, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother SERPOOHI NERSESSIAN, Aunt, Great-Aunt SARAH BUDA, Aunt, Great-Aunt

Requested by Greg, Karen, Jeff, and Emily Movsesian Larry and Diane Baldwin

#### NOTICE

Requiem prayers will not be offered next Sunday, May 17, due to the Church School Graduation Program.

ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009, 7:00 PM Meet the New Parish Council Financial Updates Review of 106th Diocesan Assembly

#### **MAY 2009 TORCHBEARER**

The May 2009 Torchbearer is now accessible on the church web site: stjohnsarmenianchurch.com. The May issue covers Martyrs Day, Annual Retreat, Palm Sunday ACYOA Day, and other news. Look for the complete text of Sub-deacon Aram Sarkisian's "Meditation" on the publications page under "Torchbearer."

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

invites you to

A Kharpert Kufteh Family Dinner

Friday, May 15, 2009 ~ 6:00 p.m. St. John's Recreation Center

Call for reservations by May 8 Anita Kachadurian at 248.669.8769

Donation \$20.00 ~ Adults \$10.00 ~ Children under 12