

**St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit**

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*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.

**MAY 20, 2012—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1461**

**SECOND PALM SUNDAY—ԵՐԿՐՈՐԴԻ ԾԱՂԿԱԶԱՐԴ**

**THE LORD’S DAY—SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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

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

**SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY TODAY**

**THIS WEEK:** Acts 23:12-25, 1 John 5:13-21, John 12:12-23

**NEXT WEEK:** Acts 2:1-21, John 14:25-31

**Lector: Yeretzgin Shakeh Ohanesian**

**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: John 12:12-23**

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" and Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see that you can do nothing; look, the world has gone after him." Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

## **GIFTS TO THE CHURCH**

**A gift is presented to the church by Edward Papelian  
in loving memory of his wife Lucille Papelian,  
and his daughter Edwina Papelian Michalski.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED**

Diramayr Virginia Melkonian		Sara Ann Baykian Fakaros
Vahan Aglamishian	Harry Avagian	Rose Boudakian
Rose Cipriano	Sal Cipriano	Siranush Demirjian
George Elian	Agnes Hagopian	Frances Korkoian
Ara Ourlian	Ruben Gonzalez	Laura Sarkesian
Alice Prudian	William Pugh	

## **DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY**

**A monthly Bible study group led by Yerezgin Roberta Kochakian  
Wednesday, May 23, 12:00—2:00 pm  
Bring your Bible & your lunch; we'll provide coffee, tea.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH  
CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES  
OF OUR CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2012**

**Mark Andonian  
Son of Paul and Kristine Andonian**

**Sona Dagley  
Daughter of the late Father Haroutiun and Patricia Dagley  
Niece of Dr. Sharon Dardarian**

**Mara Darian  
Daughter of Dr. Vigen and Rosemary Darian**

**Ashley Derderian  
Daughter of George and Zonica Derderian**

**Julia Hogikyan  
Daughter of Dr. Norman and Patricia Hogikyan**

**Ani Karibian  
Daughter of Michael and Dr. Linda Darian Karibian**

**Hripsime Mamassian  
Daughter of Maral and Mark Mamassian**

**Grace Mangigian  
Daughter of Deacon Steven and Lisa Mangigian**

**Hunter Toomajian  
Son of Jennifer and Michael Toomajian**

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**The Senior Class has chosen Julia Hogikyan as Class Speaker**

**All are invited to the Cultural Hall  
for a tea honoring our Church School graduates.**

**We thank the Junior Class mothers for organizing  
the Graduation Tea.**

## **Guidelines for Reverence and Respect during the Divine Liturgy—*Soorp Badarak***

In the Armenian Orthodox Church when we enter the Holy Temple/*Dajar* for our sacred service, it is important to remember where we are and who else is present. It is, therefore, necessary to maintain decorum and regard for other worshippers in our dress and attire as well as our behavior, taking note that others present are praying and we should not be a distraction to them when we enter the church while *Badarak* is taking place. Therefore, please observe the following to guide you in your worshipful behavior and dress code:

- As you enter Christ's Church where God is present ... bless yourself with the sign of the Cross, when exiting and also when you cross or walk by the Holy Altar. Jesus Christ is present always in His Body and Blood, therefore whenever passing by the Altar (whether at the back or front of the church), stop and face the Holy Altar and reverence Him by bowing and blessing yourself.
- Refrain from any long conversation with anyone you encounter. We are here to pray, not to have conversations. A friendly smile or greeting by handshake or embrace is fine, but then turn your attention to the Holy Altar and the service itself.
- If you have a candle to offer a prayer before the icons, do so quietly before taking your place in the pew. When reaching your seat, bow your head and bless yourself with the sign of the Cross to begin and enter the prayers of the *Badarak*.
- Use good judgment in your dress on Sundays. Short mini-skirts are not permitted nor are strapless, low cut dresses or blouses, especially if you are to receive Holy Communion. Short shorts and bare feet with thongs in the summer months are not proper either.

- During the General Confession follow along, kneel and respond saying **MEGHA ASDOODZOH** when instructed by the Deacons.
- During Communion do not chew gum. Women, please remove smudging lipstick. And for all, do not hold conversations while standing in the Communion lines. By tradition, it is customary to wait until after Holy Communion is distributed before returning to your pews, but due to the large number of communicants you may return immediately to your seats.

**If you arrive while the Liturgy is in progress, please respectfully wait before entering as instructed by the ushers. Please do not move about during...**

- Processions at the Altar or around the Church during the reading of the day's lections from the chancel and at the Holy Altar
- During the recitation of the Nicene Creed
- During the Consecration of the Host and Wine
- During the singing or reciting of the *Hayr Mer*—(The Lord's Prayer)
- During the Sermon or Homily

**At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and after the final blessing is offered, it is customary to approach the Holy Gospel and kiss it before departing. Again, standing in line to receive the blessing in the main aisle, please refrain from chit chat and conversations. The persons ahead or behind you may be in thoughtful prayer, so PLEASE be respectful to them. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.**

**- Father Garabed**

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

The Armenian Renaissance Association is hosting a book signing for "BLUEPRINT FOR GENOCIDE" by Jeffrey Paulsen on Tuesday, June 5th from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Armenian Congregational Church in Southfield. This historical fiction is a story of family, an idyllic summer at a Michigan cottage on Lake Huron and the discovery of a connection between the Holocaust and the Armenian Genocide. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Please RSVP by May 25th to Linda Lutz—[lindalutz48@yahoo.com](mailto:lindalutz48@yahoo.com).

### **ARMENIA FEST @ ROYAL OAK FARMERS MARKET**

**Saturday, July 14, 2012, 5:00-10:00 pm**

**Featuring Live Armenian Music**

**Performance by Hamazkayin Dance Ensemble**

**Armenian Food and Vendors**

**Art Show for Young Armenian Emerging Artists**

**Open to the general public**

**Admission and parking are free**

**SAVE THESE DATES . . . MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

### **SOUTHFIELD INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

**Weekend of October 5-7, 2012**

### **DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM**

**"A Woman's Life" Saturday, October 13, 2012**

### **ST. JOHN'S PARISH COUNCIL & APOSTOLIC SOCIETY**

**"Celebrate the Season" Saturday, December 8, 2012**

**KEF TIME KEGHI is coming to Detroit**

**Saturday, February 2, 2013**

## **NEXT SATURDAY**

**Race for the Cure Team Hye Steppers**  
**We are looking for parishioners to join our team.**

**Event: Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on**  
**Saturday, May 26th at Comerica Park, 8:00 am**

Choose from two race options! Coed 5K (3.1 mile) run/walk or a One-mile walk. Online registration at:

**[www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthecure](http://www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthecure)**

**Team name: Hye Steppers**

Or sign up TODAY in the Main Hall. Donations accepted for the Hye Steppers Team. Please make checks payable to RACE FOR THE CURE. Questions: Contact Team Captain, Barb Rupas, 248.643.7666.

### **MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE BLESSINGS** **MONDAY, MAY 28**

*Grave Blessings at Woodlawn*  
*10am—Noon , Fr. Garabed*

*12:00 pm—General Requiem*  
*in memory of all Armenians buried at*  
*Woodlawn & Evergreen*  
*Woodlawn Martyrs' Monument*  
*offered by Fr. Garabed and Fr. Abraham*

*Grave Blessings at Evergreen*  
*1:30—2:30 pm, Fr. Abraham*

**Detroit Masonic Temple Tour  
Sponsored by Men's Society of  
St. John Armenian Church**

John Kalajian of the Men's Society of St. John Armenian Church has set up a tour of the Detroit Masonic Temple for Saturday, July 14, 2012. The tour is a family event and children are welcome. The tour will begin at 10 am and last about two hours. There is free parking in the rear of the building off of Second Street. The cost of the tour is a nominal fee of \$5/person which will be donated to the Detroit Masonic Temple Library Fund.

The Masonic Temple is 14 stories tall, has 1037 rooms, has approximately 12 million cubic feet of space, and the main theater stage is the second largest stage in the United States. Besides the seven Craft Lodge Rooms (each having different decorative treatments/styles), there are several ballrooms, a cathedral and a mammoth drill hall comprising 17,500 square feet of open floor space and one of only three "floating floors" to be found in the United States.

If there is a very large request to attend we would try and get a second date made available. RSVP's are required to ensure we have enough tour guides present for our group. Please contact John Kalajian by email [jrkalajian@gmail.com](mailto:jrkalajian@gmail.com). For those of you, who do not have email, please call Dan Cristiano at 313-291-3194 and he will make sure John is made aware of your request.

**Men's Society Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, June 3, 2012**

**Immediately after Badarak  
Free Will Offering Accepted**

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**Next Men's Society Meeting  
Wednesday, June 20th, 7pm  
All men of our parish are welcome!**



## **Lessons from the Geese**

When we all work together the end result is greater than if each of us acts independently. There is a great deal to be learned from the teamwork shown in “Lessons from the Geese.”

As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird following. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

**Lesson: *People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.***

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

**Lesson: *If we have as much sense as a goose, we will join in formations with those who are headed where we want to go.***

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position.

**Lesson: *It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership - with people, as with geese, interdependent with one other.***

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

**Lesson: *We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging - not something less helpful.***

When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow their fellow member down to help provide protection. They stay with this member of the flock until he or she is either able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation, or catch up with their own flock.

**Lesson: *If we have as much sense as the geese, we will stand by each other as they do.***

## **NEW AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE**

*NEW: Blueprint for Genocide by J. F. Paulsen—SC—\$25.00*

*Walking Through the Armenian History and Faith: Instructional Handbook by V. Rev. Fr. Nareg Berberian—SC \$15.00*

*A Trip Through Historic Armenia Through Dance—DVD \$25.00*

*The Forty Days of Musa Dagh by Franz Werfel—SC \$23.00  
New Revised Edition*

*Hayr Mer Silver & Enamel Charm—\$40.00*

The largest retailer of Armenian books, recordings and gifts  
in the Midwest! Stop by and browse!

**Annual Church Grounds Clean-up  
sponsored by Joe Sanjian  
of Motor City Land Management  
Volunteers welcome  
Starting at 10am on  
Saturday, June 2nd**

**Kef Klub—Friday, June 15, 2012, 6:00 pm  
Hosted by the Women's Guild  
Open Mic Joke\* Night**

\*Jokes suitable for family audiences please

In addition there will be tavloo, cards and bring your games.

**Menu: Chicken and Pilaf Dinner**

Adults-\$8. Kids-under 12-\$5. Age 5 and under-FREE  
Family (Two Adults and Children)-\$25.

**St. John's Recreation Center**

**PLEASE RSVP by June 10 by calling the Church Office**

**248.569.3405**

## WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

**Membership Dinner**—Our annual Membership, Initiation and Awards Dinner will take place on Wednesday, June 6th at 6:00 pm. Please contact Linda DePietro for reservations 248-335-3472.

**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. Contact Kristen Gustafson for further information. [frissy10@hotmail.com](mailto:frissy10@hotmail.com) or 248-765-0471.

*The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.  
For details, call Terry Palaian, 313.929.0926*

### **KEF KLUB'S TALENT SHOW**

**Friday, July 20, 2013**

**sponsored by St. John's Komitas Choir**

**Special Feature:  
"A Children's Talent Show"**

**Interested participants, please contact  
Marianne Dardarian 248-661-0617 by June 30th**

### **WANTED: USED ARMENIAN BOOKS**

The Parish Bookstore is accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects written in English for its Used Book Sale at this year's FESTIVAL. Kindly drop off books at the Church Office during business hours or on Sundays.

## 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 kho-rhoortus koh ee parees na gadarsestseh.*

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 yegheet-see kez ee Soorp Badarakes.*

Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի 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:

### 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 haydootyoonun Kreesdosee.*

### 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.

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**After hours in an emergency, please contact:**

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