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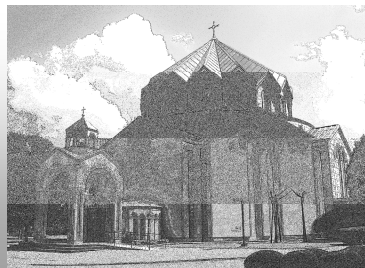
The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian – *Pastor*

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.

May 2, 2010 ~ The Armenian Year of 1459

APPARITION OF THE HOLY CROSS—ԵՐԵՒՈՒՆՆ Ս. ԽԱՉԻ

CELEBRANT: REV. FR. ABRAHAM OHANESIAN

THE LORD'S DAY ~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*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

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: 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 on the sabbath I made a man's whole body well?"

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Norman Akarakcian	Kristen Gustafson	Millie Jingoian
Joan Kurkian	William Pugh	Helen Z. Sahakian
Jack Serce	Ralph Snyder	Charles Stambouljian
Agnes Tokatlian	Misak Tovmassian	Flora Yessayan

MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE BLESSINGS—MONDAY, MAY 31

12:00 pm General Requiem-Martyrs Monument at
Woodlawn Cemetery
in memory of all Armenians buried at Woodlawn & Evergreen
Fr. Diran will be at Woodlawn 10:00 am—12:00 pm
and at Evergreen 1:00—3:00 pm

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servant of God

ROSE HAZERIAN

who entered her eternal rest.

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

**CHURCH SCHOOL GRADUATION—NEXT SUNDAY,
MAY 9, MOTHER'S DAY**

The First Grade Class of Rosemarie Nishanian will recite the
"Hayr Mer"

The Second Grade Class will offer the Kiss of Peace
Lectors: Danielle Sarafian, Megan Haase & Nicholas Chatas

A tea will follow the graduation ceremony. All are invited.
Join us in honoring our graduating class!

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION—HAMPARTSOOM
THURSDAY, MAY 13
DIVINE LITURGY AT 10:00 AM**

**TODAY
MEN'S SOCIETY
BLUEBERRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
AFTER CHURCH**

**HELP THE STS. TARKMANCHATZ ARMENIAN SCHOOL OF
JERUSALEM BY DONATING USED BOOKS**

There is a great need for books in English suitable for Pre-K through 12th Grade students in Jerusalem. Please bring books in good condition to the Mardigian Library by May 15. Donations towards the shipping costs will also be accepted. Make check payable to St. John Armenian Church and indicate "Jerusalem Book Drive" in the memo portion of the check.
See posted announcement.

**GIVE TO ARMENIA'S CHILDREN...HELP ARMENIA'S FUTURE
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

St. John's Armenian Church School

May 8, 2010

Bike & Walk-a-thon



Hines Park 10 or 20K Event

Starting 9:00am at Nankin Mills Picnic Area at Hines Drive & Ann Arbor Trail Roads

Bike & Walk-a-thon proceeds will go to Fund For Armenia Relief (FAR) Homeless Children's Center (HCC). This project cares for neglected and abandoned youth in Armenia by providing basic crisis intervention and temporary shelter. HCC also provides at-risk youth with rehabilitation and counseling programs. To learn more about HCC go to www.farusa.org.

Registration is now open. For a registration package go to
St. John's Website - <http://www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.com/>

or contact Roseann Attar at 248-980-3221 / email - vart@comcast.net or
Lisa Mardigian at 248-569-3405 / email - lmardigian@sjchurch.org

Registration fee: \$20 or \$30 for late fee (on or after April 25)

Participants must be Middle School age and above.

Parents and friends are welcomed to attend. Participate in this charitable event!
Enjoy biking or walking, and a lunch in the park with friends and family.

FYI, Hines Park has 'Saturday in the Park', in which a six mile section of Hines Drive is closed to automobiles from Outer Drive Rd. to Ann Arbor Trail. Every Saturday from May to September between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. St. John's staging area and parking will be at Nankin Mills Picnic Area (Hines Drive & Ann Arbor Trail).

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. (Matthew 24:35)

Day by Day Afternoon Bible Study
A monthly Bible study group led by
Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

Next session: Thursday, May 20—Noon in the Nursery
JOIN US!

INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR EVANS AIRS TONIGHT
ON HARC RADIO PROGRAM

An interview with the former United States Ambassador to Armenia, The Honorable John Evans will air on the Heritage of Armenian Culture Radio, tonight, Sunday, May 2 at 9 p.m. on WNZK 680 AM and on the Internet at <http://www.wnzk.com> -- to access click on "Listen to WNZK" on the right-hand side of the Web page.

MEN'S SOCIETY WINE TASTING—FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 6:30 PM
ST. JOHN'S CULTURAL HALL

Please join us for a wine tasting event that features wines from around the world. It will include *mezza* prepared by the families of the Men's Society. The cost is \$35.00 per person and includes a newly published booklet (one per family) highlighting the six Armenian regions of historic Western Armenia. This is an open seating walk-around event featuring food stations and wine-tasting stations.

An additional feature for parents will be a complimentary, supervised play area with pizza, snacks and games for the young children of those attending the event. For more information, contact Paul Yousoufian at pramy1@gmail.com or 313-310-3508.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

But the Lord said to Samuel:

"Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature,
Because I have rejected him.

Not as man sees does God see,

Because man sees the appearance

But the Lord looks into the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

CAMP REUNION—SATURDAY MAY 22, 2010, 6:30 PM

ST. JOHN'S CULTURAL HALL

Remember the Great Times: Clear Lake Camp, Camp Ararat & Hye Camp and renew old friendships. Receive a Free CD of Camp Photos with Advanced Ticket Purchase.

Contact Isabelle Vahratian (248) 890-2185 for more information. This event is open to everyone. (See posted announcements.)

WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR PARISH BOOKSTORE

SPECIAL: Skylark Farm by Antonia Arslan—SC—\$5.00

New Faith to New World: Stories from the History of the Armenian Church by Hagop Nersoyan—SC—\$20.00
Illustrated by Kyle Harabedian

FROM JERUSALEM: Silver cross and chain—\$20.00

Various reprints of original 1918 Near East Relief posters for Aid to Armenia (approx. 13" x 19")—\$10.00

WANTED: USED ARMENIAN BOOKS

The Parish Bookstore is accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects in English for its Used Book Sale at the 2010 Festival. Drop books off at the Church Office during business hours or on Sundays.

ACYOA 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.

SANCTUARY PAGE-TURNER

Thank you for letting us know of the problem with the page-turner. We are beginning the project of getting a new sign.

SHARE YOUR STORY: A new Initiative from the Men's Society

The Men's Society is in search of anecdotes for a booklet being prepared about the six Historic Western Provinces of Armenia: Erzerum, Van, Bitlis, Kharpert, Diyarbekir and Sepastia

"A Personal Memory" section of this book will share treasured stories of family life in historic Armenia. They are looking for uplifting, humorous, heartwarming stories. These anecdotes will be added to St. John's Archives and placed in the Edward and Helen Mardigian Library for future generations to enjoy. Booklet will be handed out at the June 11th Men's Society Wine Tasting.

The booklet will also include a brief history of each province with maps and pictures, selected Armenian proverbs, useful Armenian phrases, etc. To submit stories and photos by May 7, 2010 via email to: dcristiano@sbcglobal.net If you have questions: please contact

Dan Cristiano 313.291.3194 or Liz Aprahamian 248.851.3119

ARMENIAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY: The Men's Society is in the process of preparing a Directory of Armenian Business Owners and Armenians in Business. If you would like to promote your own business or the business you are working for, please complete the form in the lobby carousel. There is no cost for any dues paying member of St. John Armenian Church. Any Armenians who are not dues paying members will be charged \$25.00 per year. If you would like to be included or have questions, please contact the following:

Glenn Akarakian: PlatinumDevelopmentCorp@comcast.net

Jim Berryman: jberryman@wideopenwest.com

Craig Johnson: cjohns06@sbcglobal.net

Paul Yousoufian: pramy1@gmail.com or 313.310.3508

ARTS OF ARMENIA RETURNS TO ST. JOHN'S IN JULY

Summer fine arts program for aspiring artists and dancers

Two sessions from July 5—30, 2010

Sponsored by the Komitas Choir

Contact Nicole Matoian: nmatoian@comcast.net or 248-562-7553

**KOMITAS CHOIR PLANS OCTOBER 9 CONCERT
TO BENEFIT ST. JOHN'S**

We are in need of additional voices. Interested individuals should contact Deacon Rubik at 248.569.3405 or . . . rubik@sjchurch.org.

ON LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

Q. What do I say when approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy?

You say:

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.

Յիշեցէ՛ Տէր վամենայն Պատարագս քո:

May the Lord remember all your offerings.

The Priest answers:

Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev zamenayn khorhoortus koh ee pareas na gadarsestseh.

Տացէ՛ քեզ Սէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ վամենայն խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեսցէ:

May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your counsel.
(Psalm 20:4)

Q. What do I say when I take Mahs?

The GIVER says:

Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp Badarakes.

Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի քեզ ի Սուրբ Պատարաքէս:

May this be to you a share and portion of the Holy Sacrifice.

The RECEIVER says

Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.

Բաժին իմ Աստուած յաւիտեան:

God is my portion 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 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.

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After hours in an emergency, please contact:

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