

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 6, 2012—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1461

APPARITION OF THE HOLY CROSS—Երևման Ս. Խաչի

THE LORD’S DAY—SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

Divine Liturgy/ Ս. Պատարագ9:45 am

Church School / Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարան.....10:15 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY TODAY

THIS WEEK: Acts 17:1-15, 1 John 1:1-10, John 7:14-23

NEXT WEEK: Acts 20:17-38, 1 John 3:2-6

Lector: Mark Mamassian

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 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?"

ALTAR FLOWERS

The floral arrangements adorning the altar today were presented in remembrance of Norman Akarakcian on the second anniversary of his passing by Seta Akarakcian, Glenn and Charlotte Akarakcian.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

Diramayr Virginia Melkonian	Sara Ann Baykian Fakaros	
Vahan Aglamishian	Seta Akarakcian	Hasmig Arslanian
Harry Avagian	Jim Baylerian	Rose Boudakian
Rose Cipriano	Sal Cipriano	Helen Daiyan
Siranush Demirjian	Rachel Ekizian	Agnes Hagopian
Frances Korkoian	Walter Negosian	Ara Ourlian

Men's Society Pancake Breakfast—TODAY

Pancakes, eggs, omelet station, *basturma* & eggs, sausage, hash browns, fruit, coffee, juices, milk + a new breakfast item!

Free Will Offering—Proceeds to upgrade audio system in Church

TODAY
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK

Walk will begin at 1:30 pm at First Baptist Church
Southfield Service Drive, north of Eight Mile

The purpose of this initiative is to support the poor in all parts of the world by helping them become self-sufficient.

Join the CROP Hunger Walk or donate to a walker.
Online donations for Team St. John's Armenian Church
www.cropwalkonline.org/southfieldmi

The Apparition of the Holy Cross – *Yerevman Khatch*

Today is the third feast of the Holy Cross, celebrated on the fifth Sunday of Quinquagesima, 28 days after Easter. This commemoration is in remembrance of the apparition of a bright, luminous cross on May 19, 351 over the skies of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives (where Christ was betrayed and arrested) to Golgotha (where He was crucified). This apparition shone brighter than the sun's light. It was seen by both clerics and lay persons, who rushed to churches to praise the Lord for this miraculous sign.

Bishop Cyril (later St. Cyril of Jerusalem) then Patriarch of Jerusalem wrote a stern yet respectful letter to Emperor Constantine of Byzantium describing the miraculous scene and exhorting the Emperor that it was a sign for him to remain steadfast in his faith, and to stop defending the heretical movement of Arianism* and its promulgators. The patriarch reminded him of the Orthodox Christian Faith of his father Emperor Constantine the Great, and cited the apparition as further proof to convince him to return to orthodoxy. The Armenian translation of this letter has been preserved by the Church, and is read each year on this feast day.

** This heresy or false teaching was about Jesus Christ and that He was not God in the beginning but was a creature or human being that became Divine after He was baptized. This is not orthodox theology, because we believe that Jesus was not created but was Only Begotten and the selfsame nature of the Father.*

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 of the day

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

**ANTONIA ARSLAN, AUTHOR OF SKYLARK FARM
TO VISIT ST. JOHN'S ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012, 7:30 PM**

The highly acclaimed and world-renowned author will speak about her newest novel and sequel to her best-selling book that has become a full-length movie. She will personally sign copies of *Skylark Farm*. (Books are available for a free-will offering.)



Four years ago, Ms. Arslan was invited to St. John's but, due to health issues, was unable to be with us. Not forgetting her promise and anxious to meet and speak to the members of our community, she is making time for this special engagement. Reserve your calendars. You won't want to miss it!

Antonia Arslan, who lives in Padua, Italy, has a degree in archaeology and was professor of modern and contemporary Italian literature at the University of Padua.

**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

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.

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 books off at the Church Office during business hours or on Sundays.



**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.

ALIS TILKI (Brazil), 40th Day, Sister, Aunt

Requested by Barur & Ardem Damlama
Mary & Chris Pozo, Matthew & Michael
Suzi & Bedros Civelek, Justin & Kristen

NORMAN AKARAKCIAN, 2nd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Mrs. Seta Akaracian & Family

ANOUSH KARIBIAN, 2nd Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Albert Karibian & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Vahan Karibian
Kara Karibian
Helen, Adam, Kimmy, Bianca & Adam Karibian
Dominique & Max Lark
Maria, Larry & Gabrielle Suarez
Anjell, Craig, Remi, Juliette & Lucien Bruck

ALZAR ALZARIAN, 33rd Year, Father, Grandfather

AGAVNI ALZARIAN, 30th Year, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Peter & Agnes Hovsepien
Father Garabed & Yeretzgin Roberta
Rick & Susan Vian
Edward & Deanna Carman & Matthew

DIKRAN KOLOIAN, 72nd Year, Grandfather

TAKOUHI KOLOIAN, 39th Year, Grandmother

Requested by Alice & Peter Argnian

MARY JINGOZIAN DEMIRJIAN, Sister, Aunt

SUZIE JINGOZIAN, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Paul Jingoziian Family
Messner Family
Tungate Family
Minni Family

**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

**Summer of Youth
at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary**

Deacons' Training Program: June 25 - July 3

High School Session A: July 6-14

Junior High School Session: July 19-23

High School Session B: July 30 - August 7

Post High-School Session: August 10-17

Visit their website: www.stnersess.edu

DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

A monthly Bible study group led by
Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

Wednesday, May 23, 12:00—2:00 pm

Bring your Bible and your lunch -
we will provide coffee and tea.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**St. John's
Day Camp is back!**

Lisa Mardigian and staff have planned an exciting summer camp experience for Armenian children ages 5-12.

Session 1: June 18-22—RETRO WEEK

Swimming—Roller Skating—Tie Dye

Session 2: June 25-29 —MOTOR CITY FUN

Swimming—Tiger's Game—Detroit Science Center

Session 3: July 9-13—ARTS OF ARMENIA

(in conjunction with the Komitas Choir)

Swimming—Dancing—Arts & Crafts

Session 4: July 16-20—FUN WITH FOOD

Swimming—Baking—Chocolate Factory Trip

Session 5: July 23-27—HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Swimming—Christmas in July—Halloween

Session 6: August 6-10—LET'S MOVE

Swimming—Yoga—Fruit Picking

Session 7: August 13-17—WORLD EXPLORER

Swimming-Hola! Mexicantown—Camping
(overnight optional)

\$125/week; \$25/day

Discount for second child available!

For more information, please contact

Lisa Mardigian at 248-569-3405

lmardigian@sjachurch.org

NEW AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

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

This work of historical fiction takes place on the shores of Lake Huron and is full of mystery and intrigue. There are many sub-plots as Fritz and Aram search for the truth about the Jewish Holocaust, the escape of former Nazis to America and the Armenian Genocide. They discover the U.S. Government's true motives for failing to recognize the 1915 massacres of the Armenians as genocide. Author Jeffrey Paulsen lives in Bloomfield Hills with his wife Diane (of Armenian ancestry) and their three children.

***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!**

Kef Klub with The Men's Society

Friday, May 18, 2012, 6:00-9:30 pm

St. John's Recreation Center

**While the women are watching the fashion show in the
Grand Ballroom, we will be playing basketball...**

"Grumpy Old Men vs. Our Kids"

**A SPECIAL KARATE DEMONSTRATION BY (BLACK BELT)
ROBERT MAGEE AND HIS DAUGHTERS (PURPLE BELT)
GRACE & RAYEANNE**

**Menu: Tossed Green Salad, Shepherd's Pie,
Hot Dogs for the kids, Pop and Coffee, Sweets**

**Adults-\$8. Kids-under 12-\$5. 5 and under-FREE
Family-\$25. 2 Adults + Children**

PLEASE RSVP by May 16 by calling the Church Office

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WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS



Spring into Fashion - Dinner and Fashion Show will be presented by the Women's Guild on Friday, May 18, starting at 6:00 pm. The evening includes fashions by the

Clothing Cove, raffle prizes and more. For reservations, please call Linda Assarian @ 248.332.0816 by April 18.

We are looking for some very special people to support the Women Guild's banquet and fashion show fundraiser. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Marilyn Sarkesian @ 248.332.6570

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 or 248-765-0471.

Knitting Club - Beginner or expert, the knitting club welcomes new members. The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 10 am – Noon in the St. John's Nursery. Contact Linda Assarian for more information. 248 -332-0816. May 8th will be the last meeting day of the season. Please join us in September.

*The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.
For details, call Terry Palaian, 313-929-0926*

ARTS OF ARMENIA

**Sponsored by the Komitas Choir
Back by Popular Demand!**

The Arts of Armenia program will again enable students aged 8-16 years to learn from native Armenian teachers in the fine arts of our culture. First come, first served registration is open now for this one-week only program. Classes will be held Monday-Friday, July 9-13 on the campus of St. John Armenian Church from 9:30 am—3:30 pm. For further information contact Denise Karakashian 248.489.4076, or denisekar@hotmail.com.

ON LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

When approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy, you say:

Heeshestzeh Der zamenayn 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 pareas 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.

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