

Sunday Bulletin

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

NOVEMBER 16, 2008

THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YEAR OF 1457

BAREKENDAN OF THE FAST OF ADVENT

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INSTRUCTIONAL DIVINE LITURGY

LECTORS: YERETZGIN ROBERTA KOCHAKIAN,

DR. NORMAN HOGIKYAN

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Matins - *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*.....9:00 am

Divine Liturgy - *Սուրբ Պատարագ*9:45 am

Church School - *Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոց*.....10:15 am

Today – Isaiah 25:9-26:7, Philippians 1:1-11, Luke 9:44-50

Next Week – Isaiah 36:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Luke 12:13-31

LECTOR: John Yavruian

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

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ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Pastor

Note change of day!

**DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT NOON
Bible Study Leader: Yerezgin Roberta
Bring your Bible and lunch,
we will provide the coffee.**

<u>Tracking Our "Treasures"</u>	<u>Sunday, November 9</u>
Plate Donations	\$237.00
Candle Donations	\$152.00

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

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

"A compelling and beautifully written account of family stories and secrets, and a heartfelt call to peace and harmony." - Elif Shafak, author of *The Bastard of Istanbul*. Ms. Fethiye Cetin is a human rights lawyer in Turkey. Her book has been translated into Armenian, French, German, Italian and other languages and is in its 7th printing.

"ARMENIAN MUSIC OF GRIKOR MIRZAIAN SUNI"

Featuring Deacon Rubik Mailian & Maro Partamian
Recorded live at The Armenian Congregational Church
DVD - \$30.00 CD - \$20.00

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LORD

By Fr. Vahan Hovhannessian - Softcover - \$20.00

**ONE TAKE by Mal Barsamian - CD - \$18.00
Great Dance Music!!!**

**GADOO: THE CAT, AN ARMENIAN FOLK TALE
By Susan Kadian Gopigian - \$17.00**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 18 – SENIOR LUNCH – Noon
Saturday, November 23 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MATINS AT 9:00 am DIVINE LITURGY 9:45 am

SPECIAL HYMNS FOR TODAY

*Megheti (Melody) – Donemk
Tapor (Processional) – Parekhosootyamp
Jamamood (Intriot) - Miadzin Vorti
Jashou Sharagan (Mid-day Hymn) – Takavor Krisdos
Jashou Alleluia – Hajetsar*

THE KOMITAS CHOIR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music
Margaret Lafian, Organist

USHERS: Berj Kurkechian, George Elian, Gary Javizian, Roger Gregory, Stephen Derderian, Richard Santourian, Jim Berryman, Mike Berryman

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servants of God

ROBIN SUCCAR

DAVID DARAKJIAN

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon their souls.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

H.B. Mesrob Mutafian, Patriarch of Istanbul
Fr. Vahram Hazarian (Chicago)
Yerezgin Patricia Dagley

Donna Adams	Valeriy Bagdasarian
Bud Mulder	Marge Dakesian
Gregory Derderian	Chris Wigent
Margaret Jamgochian	Myda Kalanjian
Steven Bear (CA)	Robert Ajemian
Paul Tootikian	Esther Amadori

**FATHER GARABED WILL BE AWAY NOVEMBER 20-29.
DURING HIS ABSENCE FATHER DIRAN AND FATHER HRACH
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PASTORAL NEEDS**

**FOR SALE TODAY
KUFTE AND CHEOREG
IN MAIN HALL**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:44-50

"Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men." But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, that they should not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask him about this saying. And an argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. But when Jesus perceived the thought of their hearts, he took a child and put him by his side, and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me; for he who is least among you all is the one who is great." John answered, "Master, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he does not follow with us." But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him; for he that is not against you is for you."

TODAY INSTRUCTIONAL DIVINE LITURGY

FOLLOWED BY

A TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

PREPARED AND SERVED BY THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

ADULTS - \$10.00

FAMILY - \$25.00

INSTRUCTIONAL DIVINE LITURGY

Important things to remember...

The Priest's clothing

- Head Crown – *Saghavart* - recalls the royalty of Christ the King
- Alb - *Shabik* - a long white tunic worn for baptisms and by the 3rd c. preferred color for clergy
- Stomach Stole - *Porourar* - the official clothing of the priest that symbolizes righteous authority
- Waist Belt - *Kodi* - shows the priest's authority of binding and freeing
- Arm Cuffs - *Pazban* describes the priest with strong arms as a 'worker' for Christ
- Neck Collar - *Vagas* - symbolizes obedience to Christ
- Body Cape - *Shoorchar* - a coat of protection from evil
- Slippers - *Hoghatap* - a sign of honor in standing before God

Vessels used for the Divine Liturgy

- Chalice- *Sugih* - THE CUP to hold Christ's Blood
- Paten- *Maghzmah* - the PLATE to hold Christ's Body
- Censer - *Poorvar* - the container to hold incense to offer in prayer and blessing
- Gospels Book - *Avedaran* - the Good News of Christ's teaching and life
- Candle – *Mohm* - reminds us that Christ is the True Light that shines in the darkness.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

(SEE POSTED ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BULLETIN BOARD AND IN LOBBY FOR MORE DETAILS)

- **LECTURE: Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 8:00 pm**
“English Piracy and New Julfa Merchants in the Mid-18th Century: The Santa Catherina Affair” Speaker: Sebouh Aslanian. Sponsored by Armenian Research Center, U-M Dearborn. Location: AGBU Manoogian School
- **LECTURE: Wednesday, November 19, 5:00 pm**
“Instruments of Power during the Medz Yeghern (Big Holocaust) of Ottoman Armenians: Map, Census, Telegram” - Speaker: Dr. Fuat Dundar. Sponsored by Armenian Studies Program, U-M Ann Arbor. Location: International Institute, 1080 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor
- **CULTURAL EVENING: Friday, November 21, 8:00 pm**
Lecturer: Msgr. Andon Atamian, Subject: Vahan Tekeyan
Sponsored by CSAI. Location: AGBU Manoogian School
- **BOOK SIGNING & TEA: Sunday, November 23, 12:30 pm**
presenting “What Will You Remember?” a book of poetry by Elise Papazian. Sponsored by the Daughters of Vartan. Location: St. John’s Main Hall
- **AN EVENING WITH NORA ARMANI: Friday, November 28, 7:30 pm.** Sponsored by the Tekeyan Cultural Association.
Location: Hagopian World of Rugs, Birmingham
- **DOCUMENTARY: “Everyone Prays in Holy Etchmiadzin”**
will air on ABC-affiliated stations throughout the U.S. beginning December 7, 2008, detailing the history and spiritual heritage of the Armenian Church. To learn more, you may visit the following website: www.interfaithbroadcasting.com/vv.aspx

CALLING ALL ACYOA SENIORS AND ARMENIAN YOUTH TO ACTION

Phonathon 2008 for *Armenia Fund USA* is a major drive to raise funds for a Rural Development Program that will help revitalize and support a number of villages in the Tavush region of Armenia and Martuni region in Karabakh. Raffi ElChemmas, who visited the Martuni region this past June and saw a great cry for help, assures us that every single dollar can make a change.

The Phonathon is scheduled to take place from November 21-23 at St. John’s Armenian Church in Southfield. Spread the word and bring your friends along!

Friday: 5pm - 9pm

Saturday: Noon - 9pm

Sunday: After church - 5pm

Call Raffi if you are interested in participating in the Phonathon 2008, or if you have any questions or comments.

e-mail: Raffielch@gmail.com Tel: 248-701-2779

As a non-profit organization, Armenia Fund USA strongly relies on volunteers for continued success. So please be generous and contribute some of your time to help improve the lives of millions in Armenia and Karabakh! Every minute of your time can make a big difference in the lives of others.

"DECK THE HALLS" OF ST. JOHN'S FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

We will be having a family decorating party on Sunday, November 30 to "deck the halls" of St. John's with garlands, lights and Christmas trees. Please donate any ornaments, trees, lights and decorations, including wreaths and garlands.

Bring your donations to the church office during business hours. Donation letters available.

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)

ACYOA 62ND ANNUAL NOVEMBER DANCE

"A Passage into Midnight"

Saturday, November 29, 2008

Doors Open at 9:00 pm

Featuring The Nigosian Band & DJ Esso

Cash Bar

Donation \$25.00

For more information contact

Karen Dardarian 248.661.0617

Taline Kalandjian 586.354.7127

CALLING ALL ACYOA ALUMNI!!!

The ACYOA Seniors need your help for November Dance this year, which will be held on Saturday, November 29.. We need volunteers for:

Food Preparation
Chaperones
Food Set-Up

Ticket Tables
Bartenders
Sweet Table Donations

If you can help, please contact:

Kelly Callan (734) 945-0689 or hvelita@hotmail.com

ARMENIA FUND USA TELETHON 2008

Thanksgiving Day, November 27

For more information contact: 800.888.8897

www.armeniasfundusa.org

TELECAST IN MICHIGAN ON

WMYD TV 20 12-6PM

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS CH. 3, 6, 10, 20

COMCAST CH. 3, 13, 20

BRIGHTHOUSE NETWORKS CH. 6

WIDE OPEN WEST CH. 20

St. John Armenian Church Parish Christmas Card



A Holiday Tradition to Support Our Church

Once again, parishioners may extend Christmas and New Year greetings to St. John's members in the Parish Christmas Card, and in so doing support a special program of your choice. Your gift is a testimony of your love and support of the Christian principle of good stewardship.

Please complete the form below and forward to the church office with a minimum donation of \$50.00, check payable to:

St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075, **no later than Sunday, November 30, 2008.**

Please print your name below as you would like it to appear on the Parish Christmas Card. **Thank you for your generosity.**

-----**Detach here.**-----

Enclosed is my gift for: **Please Circle Your Choice:**

Social Concern Fund Church Web Site Development Fund

General Expense Fund

Please include the name(s) in the Parish Christmas Card as written below.

Donation enclosed to be received by November 30, 2008: \$ _____

If you would like a confirmation that we received your gift, please include an email address or phone number.



**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.

**DIRAMAYR MARY KOCHAKIAN
DIRAHAYR ROOPEN KOCHAKIAN**

Requested by Fr. Garabed & Yn. Roberta Kochakian
Rosalind & Edward Malone

ARAM JOBOULIAN, 3rd Year, Brother, Brother-in-Law

Requested by Mihran Joboulian
Rose Joboulian

VARTOUHI KRALIAN, 15th Year, Beloved Mother

No mother had greater love
Requested by Dick Kralian

LEVON MERTOIAN, 18th Year, Father, Grandfather

ROBERT TIFFANY, 9th Year, Father, Grandfather

HARRY MERTOIAN, 33rdYear, Brother

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

**DR. MARGARET HOGIKYAN, 19th Year, Mother, Grandmother,
Aunt**

DR. AZAD HOGIKYAN, 29th Year, Father, Grandfather, Uncle

Requested by Robert, Claire, Megan & Spencer Hogikyan
Edward Hogikyan
John, Barbara, Laura & Allison Hogikyan
Norman, Patricia, Emily, Julia & Lauren Hogikyan
Lucy & Ani Vardanian

What are doing when we come to the Divine Liturgy/*Soorp Badarak*?

Jesus commanded His disciples, and us by extension, to receive the bread and wine - *Take eat... take drink*.

By partaking of the Holy Table of the Lord, we remember Jesus who gave His life as ransom for the sins of the world and we remember the words He said, *Do this in remembrance of me*.

Through the communion of His Body and Blood, we share in the blessings and the benefits of His redemptive death on the Cross. **He is saying that “in my sacrificial death you will find forgiveness of sins, reconciliation with God, life here and now, and the hope of life eternal in His Kingdom.”**

In the invitation to us at the *Badarak* [Holy Sacrifice], the priest tells us exactly what we are to receive from Our Lord. Bringing forth the Chalice in which rests Our Lord’s Body and Blood, the priest announces...*In holiness let us partake of the most holy and precious Body and Blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who descending from heaven, is distributed among us. This is LIFE, HOPE, RESURRECTION, EXPIATION, and FORGIVENESS OF SINS.*

In summation, then, the *Badarak* is a celebration of a new life in Christ, a celebration of faith anchored in the Son of Man who came into the world to save you, and assure you that death does not and cannot conquer the life He offers if we open our hearts, souls and minds to Him. **At *Badarak* then, we are entering into the presence of Christ and are experiencing a foretaste of what Heaven IS.**

What must we do in order to participate fully in the *Badarak*?

First we need to become a child of our heavenly Father through Baptism. Through this Sacrament we become children of God, members of His family, the Church. We enter into a **covenant [promise]** to live according to the will of God pursuing a life of faithful devotion to His obligations and commandments, and through our obedience derive the pleasure of His blessings, His goodness and His love.

Next we must love as God loves: without precondition or expectation, by regarding and respecting our neighbors. Jesus says clearly, *This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

We must match our lives with the Holy Gospel, living a life of His Gospel and not making His Gospel fit our lives for our convenience, our personal opinions or views. This is why we examine our consciences, seek forgiveness for our wayward thinking and behavior, checking to see if we are loving as God is loving. Confessing our sins and seeking a restored relationship makes us worthy to receive His Communion.

Finally the *Badarak* can change us, so that we may, in turn, change a world that needs change. If we experience the purity and goodness of God and receive Him in Christ’s Body and Blood, then we are fortified and strengthened to make right what needs to be corrected. We can then reach out to the lost, build His kingdom here on earth, so we will recognize the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Kingdom to come.

