

# *Sunday Bulletin*

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

**NOVEMBER 23, 2008  
THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YEAR OF 1457  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
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**CELEBRANT: REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAŽIAN**

**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 36:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Luke 12:13-31  
Next Week – Isaiah 36:22-37, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-11, Luke 13:1-9

**LECTOR: Bill Derouchie**

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**THE NICENE CREED WILL BE RECITED IN ARMENIAN**

**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH  
Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Pastor**

**DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT NOON**  
**Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta**  
**Bring your Bible and lunch, we will provide the coffee.**

**Tracking Our "Treasures"      Sunday, November 16**  
Plate Donations                      \$227.00  
Candle Donations                    \$223.00

**AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE**

**"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 25 – SENIOR LUNCH – Noon  
Thursday, November 27 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!  
Complex Closed  
Saturday, November 29 – ACYOA NOVEMBER DANCE  
Sunday, November 30 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
FEAST OF HOLY APOSTLES THADDEUS & BARTHOLOMEW  
MATINS AT 9:00 am    DIVINE LITURGY 9:45 am

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

Today's might oak is merely yesterday's little nut...  
that managed to hold its ground.

**SPECIAL HYMNS FOR TODAY**

*Megheti (Melody) – Loosov Asdvadzun*  
*Tapor (Processional) – Parekhosootyamp*  
*Jamamood (Intriot) - Miadzin Vorti*  
*Jashou Sharagan (Mid-day Hymn) – Loosov Asdvadzootyan*  
*Jashou Alleluia – Yegayk yev Desek...*

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

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers adorning the altar today were presented in memory  
of Harry G. Kouzian on the 36<sup>th</sup> year of his passing  
by Ardemis Kalousdian and Family.

**GIFTS TO THE CHURCH**

A gift was presented in honor of Mike & Sharon Halagian and  
their children Michael & Michelle presenting the Gifts of Bread  
and Wine, by Edward & Izabelle Jizmejian.

**FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD**

We offer prayers for the servant of God  
**MARIA ROSE HARRISON**  
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

H.B. Mesrob Mutafian, Patriarch of Istanbul  
Fr. Vahram Hazarian (Chicago)  
Yeretzgin 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
Marybeth Sutton	

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

## **GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:13-31**

One of the multitude said to him, "Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?" And he said to them, "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, nor about your body, what you shall put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of this. But if God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O men of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be of anxious mind. For all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things shall be yours as well."

### **"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.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Monday, January 12, 2009 - Town Hall Meeting, 7:30pm**

**Sunday, January 25, 2009 - Fellowship Tea for the Tenth Anniversary of Deacon Rubik's Service to St. John's ...  
Details to follow...**

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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

- **TODAY...in the Main Hall BOOK SIGNING & TEA:** presenting a book of poetry by Elise Papazian, "What Will You Remember?" Sponsored by the Daughters of Vartan.
- **AN EVENING WITH NORA ARMANI: Friday, November 28, 7:30 pm.** Sponsored by the Tekeyan Cultural Association. Location: Hagopian World of Rugs, Birmingham

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**ATTENTION WOMEN'S GUILD MEMBERS**—Please join us for the exciting events coming up in December.

**December 3 - WG Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers.** Call Rose Shahinian for reservations 248-624-3978

**December 6 - Christmas around the World Dinner Dance** Call Roxy Choukourian for tickets 248-706-1234

**December 9 - WG Knitting Group-10:00 am-Noon** Please tell all your friends that our Dinner-Dance is going to be a night to remember. Come one, come all. Don't miss it!

## **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 [hyelita@hotmail.com](mailto:hyelita@hotmail.com)

**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)

*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.

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**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.

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**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.

**YERETZGIN ROSALIE PAPAIZIAN, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, Wife, Mother,  
Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Cousin**

Requested by Father Diran Papazian  
The Papazian Family

**KAMER GONCAER (Istanbul), 40<sup>th</sup> Day, Nephew, Cousin**

Requested by Garo & Knar Goncaer  
Audrey & Jim Mitchell  
Hilda Misirliyan  
Barur & Ardem Damlama  
Bedros & Suzy Civelek  
Mr. & Mrs. Harutun Vaporciyan

**GEORGE MARK JEVARJIAN, 40<sup>th</sup> Day, Husband, Father, Son,  
Brother, Uncle, Cousin, Nephew, Friend**

Requested by Teresa, Richard & Emily Jevarjian  
George Jevarjian  
Larry & Graceann Nishon  
Carolyn & Erica Nishon  
Pearl Nishon  
Isabelle Vahratian  
Dr. Anjel Vahratian  
Charlotte Boshnakian  
Adam & Louise Vahratian  
Greg & Debbie Koukoudian & Family  
Adam Joel & Suzanne Vahratian & Family

**PAUL POLADIAN, 19<sup>th</sup> Year, Father, Grandfather, Khnamee**

Requested by Rick & Paulette Apkarian  
Christopher & Kristen Vosbikian  
Rich & Alexandra Apkarian  
Cynthia Apkarian  
Dawn & David Karagosian & Family  
Renee & Scott Apkarian & Family  
Lynne & Cary Kojamarian & Family  
Fred, Jackie & Adam Klugman  
Don & Carolyn Arslanian  
Dawn, Anto, Lyle & Nicole Dadian

**MARTIN APKARIAN, 19<sup>th</sup> Year, Father, Grandfather, Khnamee**

Requested by Rick & Paulette Apkarian  
Christopher & Kristen Vosbikian  
Rich & Alexandra Apkarian  
Cynthia Apkarian  
Dawn & David Karagosian & Family  
Renee & Scott Apkarian & Family  
Lynne & Cary Kojamarian & Family  
Fred, Jackie & Adam Klugman  
Don & Carolyn Arslanian  
Dawn, Anto, Lyle & Nicole Dadian

**ZABEL PANOSIAN, 6<sup>th</sup> Year, Mother, Grandmother**

Requested by J. R. & Alice Patrick  
Gary & Donna Panosian, Lauren & Brendan (California)

**EDUARD AYRAPETYAN, 8<sup>th</sup> Year, Husband, Father, Uncle, Brother**

Requested by Firuza Ayrapetyan & Family

**HARRY G. KOUZIAN, 36<sup>th</sup> Year, Father, Grandfather**

Requested by Ardemis Kalousdian  
Sona Kalousdian & Ira D. Lawrence  
Raffi Kalousdian & Kathleen Hennessey

**JACK & AMELIA BOLADIAN, Parents**

**JOHN & MARY HOROMIAN, Grandparents**

**ELIZABETH HOROMIAN, Aunt**

**ARTHUR HOROMIAN, Uncle**

**FRANCISCO & MARY OROZCO, Uncle & Aunt**

Requested by Marilyn Boladian  
John & Grace Boladian, Elizabeth & Elexi

**HAIG SAMARIAN**

**VARSANEK SAMARIAN**

**SARKIS SAMARIAN**

**MELEK SAMARIAN**

Requested by Rose Samarian

**MIHRAN NISHANIAN, Father**

**HAIGOUHI NISHANIAN, Mother**

**BENON NISHANIAN & FAMILY, Brother**

**PAROUNAG, KHACHADOUR, ARDASHES & ANOUSH**

**NAZARIAN & FAMILY, Cousins**

Requested by Ramela Carman

## TV DOCUMENTARIES TO WATCH IN DECEMBER

**PREMIERING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 9:00 PM**

### **Amanpour Takes On Genocide in CNN Special International Correspondent Reports on Atrocities**

*CNN Presents: Scream Bloody Murder*, a two-hour documentary featuring chief international correspondent Christiane Amanpour's reporting of systematic terror and violence through the years.

From ethnic slaughters in Armenia to the Holocaust to appalling violence in Cambodia, Rwanda, Iraq and Darfur, Amanpour reports on the recurring nightmare of genocide and the largely unknown struggles of the heroes who witnessed evil—and “screamed bloody murder” for the international community to stop it. As the 60th anniversary of the United Nations' Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide approaches, CNN chronicles world leaders at the key moments of history as they happened and leverages this direct experience and depth of knowledge.

**BEGINNING DEC.EMBER 7 ON ABC-AFFILIATED STATIONS**

*Everyone Prays in Holy Etchmiadzin* details the history and spiritual heritage of the Armenian Church. To learn more, you may visit the following website: [www.interfaithbroadcasting.com/vv.aspx](http://www.interfaithbroadcasting.com/vv.aspx)

### **ARMENIA FUND USA TELETHON 2008 Thanksgiving Day, November 27**

For more information contact: 800.888.8897

[www.armeniasfundusa.org](http://www.armeniasfundusa.org)

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