St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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The Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:
The Reverend Father Diran Papazian
The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant
Ms. Margaret Lafian, Organist



Sunday Bulletin

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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 fill out a contact card 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.

November 26, 2017 The Armenian Church Year 1466

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

Divine Liturgy / U.Պատարագ9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Isaiah 36:1-9, I Thessalonians 1:1-10, Luke 12:13-31

Lector: EDWARD KORKOIAN

Today's Gospel 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."

Fellowship Tea

Todays Fellowship Tea is hosted by the Parish Council in honor of Nancy L.M. Banks' retirement from the City of Southfield after serving 44 years,

18 of those years as an elected official, the City Clerk of Southfield.

Everyone is welcome to attend after *Badarak*.

Gifts to the Church

Harry and Janice Megerian and Family present a gift to the church in honor of Nancy L.M. Banks' retirement.

Dolly and Mike Matoian present a gift to the church in honor of Nancy L.M. Banks' retirement.

Sandra Kardashian and Michelle Baker present a gift to the church in loving memory of a dear friend Takoohy Mardirosian.

Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning the altar are presented to honor Nancy L.M. Banks on her retirement from the City of Southfield after serving 44 years, 18 of those years as an elected official, the City Clerk of Southfield.

We are so proud of our Sister, Aunt and Godmother. Love, John, Janet, Ani & John Armen Shekerjian and David Malkasian.

Komitas Choir Robes

The St. John Komitas Choir is still collecting money towards the purchase of new and replacement robes for deacons, acolytes and choir members.

Donors will be acknowledged when the robes are blessed.

For more information, pick up a flyer from the main lobby.



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST



ANGELA ANDONIAN, 8th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Cousin

Requested by Paul, Kristine, Matthew, Mark, Carolyn & Kate Andonian Sara Andonian Sema & Stuart Shepard Tom Fadel Sid Tarpinian

MYDA KALANDJIAN, 9th Year, Beloved Mother, Sister

Requested by Taline & Bryan Meyers Maral, Razmig & Tamar Kalandjian Arax, Boris & Brandon Ryvkin

VARTOUHI KRALIAN, 24th Year, Beloved Mother

Requested by Dick Kralian

MARY DARDARIAN, 40th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

Requested by Edward & Yvonne Korkoian and Family Michael Dardarian & Family David, Marianne, Daniel & Karen Dardarian

HAIG SAMARIAN, 67th Year VARSENEK SAMARIAN, 17th Year SARKIS SAMARIAN, 20th Year MELEK SAMARIAN, 12th Year LUCY SAMARIAN, 29th Year BETTY SAMARIAN, 1st Year

Requested by Rose Samarian

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

James Shahbazian Elina Cobb Robert Missirlian Ian McGrath Gearldine Ware Sonia Dedeian

Araxey Barsamian
George Douroujalian
Souren Hovsepian
Mark Giveins
Berjouie Blanche Swidersky

Charles Sansone
Ruben Griffin
Marianne Dardarian
Diramayr Virginia Melkonian
Rev. Fr. Shnork Souin

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.

For information please call Barbara Rupas 248.643.7666 or barbrupas@gmail.com

Visit the Parish Bookstore

Genocide T-Shirts with "Forget-Me-Not" emblem and map on back — \$20.00

The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry,

Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many "Made in Armenia" products.

100 Years 1915-2015 Images of Western Armenia by Hrair Hawk Khatcherian -\$150.00

Khatchkar—\$130.00

One Nation—One Church \$120.00
Armenian Ornamental Script—\$110.00

NEW—JUST ARRIVED

"The Promise" DVD \$24.00

The Vosbikian Band CD Volume 11 has just arrived - \$15.00

NEW FROM ARMENIA

Forget Me Not Pendants, Bracelets and Earrings from Armenia
Mugs, Demitasse Cups, Armenian Alphabet Bookmarks, Worry Beads, etc.
STOP BY AND BROWSE

Sunday Readers

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in reading on Sundays, please submit the names to the church office for consideration.

St. John Women's Guild Joyfully Presents Advent by Candlelight



Wednesday, November 29, 2017 Doors open promptly at 7:00 pm

Guild members are invited to host tables by reservation between October 27 and November 5.

Please look for more information in your Women's Guild newsletter.

Non-Guild individuals may apply to sponsor a table between November 6 and 10.

Please contact Sara Andonian at 248-515-9264.

Day by Day Bible Study

Christmas Party, Wednesday, December 27th, please bring a dish to share

Wednesday, December 27 12:00 pm — 2:00 pm For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248-538-9993

Please note....

For those who did not receive Holy Communion and wish to receive *Mahs*, you may do so after receiving a blessing by kissing the Holy Gospel. *Mahs* may also be taken to someone who is homebound or ill.

There's a new program coming to St. John in Spring 2018!

Fr. Aren invites all little ones baptized since January 2015 for a special blessing at the end of Badarak on December 3, 2017.

After the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Aren and his committee will kick off the brand new Little Saints Program, a new initiative designed to engage families with young children in the St. John Armenian Church community.

A brief introduction to the Little Saints Program will be held in the Vartan Room after a special fellowship tea in the hall.

Further details about this new & exciting program will be released in the coming months, so stay tuned!

Please Join Us! See you December 3!

Contact Lisa Mardigian with inquiries: lmardigian@sjachurch.org or 248.569.3405



NEW! LITTLE SAINTS PROGRAM

St. John Armenian Church Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, Pastor 22001 Northwestern Highway Southfield, MI 48075

Save the Date

Please note that the 2018 Parish Assembly will take place on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

2017 FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

Invites you to

BIBLE STUDY

Presenter: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Bible Study will take place on Monday evenings on the dates listed below: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

December 4

ADULT CATECHISM

Adult Christian Education will take place this Fall/Winter evenings (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.) on the dates listed below:

Thursday, December 14

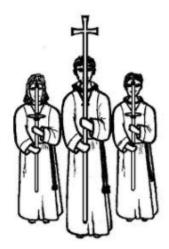
All parishioners and friends and invited to attend these informative sessions.

Admission is Free

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ACOLYTE TRAINING

Led by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
& Dn. Rubik Mailian
For Boys Ages 10-16 Years Old
Saturdays 1:00-3:00pm

December 2, 16

Please call the Church office to enroll



Saint John's 3rd Annual

Coat Drive

Supporting Detroit's Capuchin Soup Kitchen

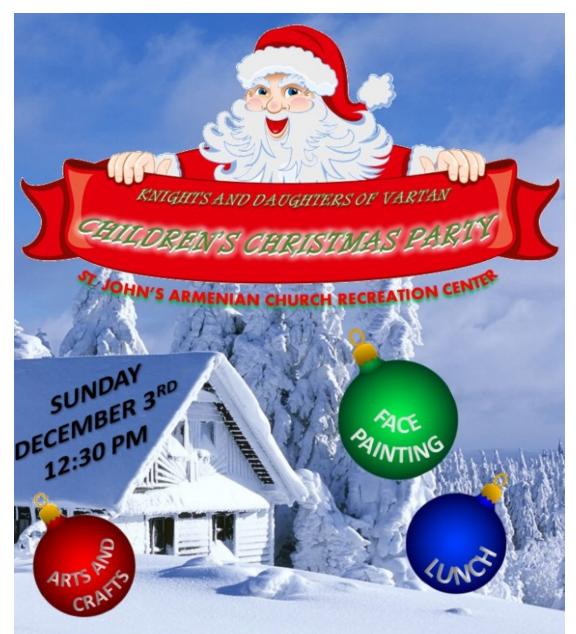
Please donate your new or gently used men's coats and jackets

Drop Off Locations

Boxes located at the main and rear building entrances

Collection rack is in the church lobby.

Donate between now and December 1.



VISIT MR. AND MRS. CLAUS

Please RSVP by December 1st

Joyce Obenhoff 248.281.3006 shortafoot1@gmail.com Children 5 & Under: Children 6 - 12: 13 & Over: Free \$5 \$15

Destination Italy! Wine Tasting and Art Show.



Friday, December 8th 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Sean Blackman Trio providing Music

Delicious Food Many flavorful wines to sample and enjoy

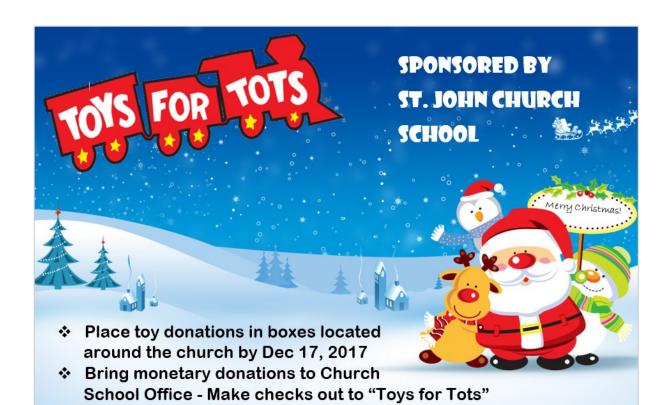
Tickets are \$45 each with reservations \$50 After December 1st and at the door

For Reservations Greg and Edith Baise 313 673-3325 Or email at sjms.events@gmail.com

Complimentary Babysitting

Hosted by the Saint John's Men's Society

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Contact Church School Office (248-569-3405)

with questions

Any Armenian youth interested in joining the St. Johns' Armenian Church Basketball program please come to practice or email Lisa Mardigian Imardigian@sjachurch.org

TUESDAYS

Biddy A (ages 11 & 12) 5:30-7 pm Junior Girls (ages 13-18) 6:30-8:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Junior Boys (ages 13-15) Intermediate Boys (ages 16-18) 6-8:00 pm

THURSDAYS

Biddys (ages 5 & 6) 5-5:45 pm

Biddy C (ages 7 & 8) 6-7 pm

Biddy B (ages 9 & 10) 6-7pm

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH BASIKETBALL PROGRAM



General Information

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm After hours in an emergency, please contact: Pastor's Cell: 773-457-4122 e-mail: FrAren@sjachurch.org Administrator's Cell: 760-832-1142

Visits to the Hospitalized and Homebound Please phone the Church Office when you or someone you love is admitted to the hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor. If you have an upcoming surgery, please consider requesting your name to be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized" list. Those who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home should phone the Church Office.

Home Blessing If you would like the Pastor to visit your home and offer a home blessing, please contact the Church Office.

Baptism Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born. For more information, phone the Church Secretary. We encourage parents to baptize their children between 40 days and 3 months.

Marriage Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date.

Parish Membership If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. John parish, please speak to a Parish Council member on Sunday, or phone the Church Office.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin are due in the Church Office by 5:00 pm on Wednesday preceding the date of service.

Requiem Requests may be submitted to the Church Office by mail, phone, fax 248-569-0716, or email to Tamara@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby. Requiem may be offered every Sunday of the year except for the five Tabernacle Feast Days.

Պատարագէն Յետոյ Եկեղեցիէն Դուրս Գալու Ժամանակ

On Leaving the Sanctuary After Divine Liturgy

When approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy you say: Յիշեսցէ Տէր զամենայն Պատարագս քո։

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.

May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.

The Priest answers: Տացէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ զամենայն խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեսցէ։

Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev zamenayn khorhoortus koh ee parees na aadarestseh.

May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your desires.

(Psalm 20:4)

When taking *Mahs* the GIVER says:

Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի քեզ ի Սուրբ Պատարագէս։

Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp Badarakes.

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

The RECEIVER says: Բաժին իմ Աստուած լաւիտեան։

Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.

My portion is God forever.

The Kiss of Peace

Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.
The GIVER says: Christ is revealed amongst us.
Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.
The RECEIVER says: Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ։ / Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի։

The Psalm of Dismissal - Psalm 34

Oրհնեցից ըզՏէր յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ, օրհնութիւն նորա ի բերան իմ։

Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be at all times in my mouth.