

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:

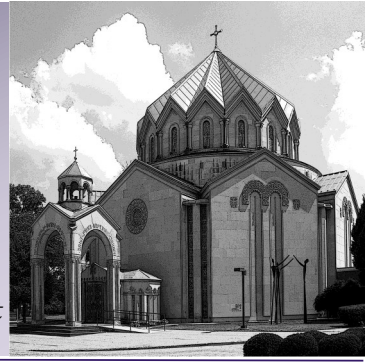
The Reverend Father Diran Papazian

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 **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.

November 29, 2015

The Armenian Church Year 1464

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

Divine Liturgy / Ս.Պատարագ9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Isaiah 36:22 37:11

I Thessalonians 4:1 12

Luke 13:1-9

Lector: John Yavruian

Our Church and Parish is a place where . . .

- ◆ All people are welcome
- ◆ Every person is a minister
- ◆ The world is our collective responsibility
- ◆ Disciple making is our goal, and
- ◆ Worship is our duty and delight

General Information

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Pastor's Office Hours To Be Announced

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Cell: 773.457.4122

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 be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized." 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.

Marriage Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date. Wedding packets are available at the Church Office.

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 office@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday requested. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.

Parish Council of St. John Armenian Church 2015

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George Boyagian, Second Alternate

Today's Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

There were some present at that very time who told him of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered thus? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Lo, these three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Let it alone, sir, this year also, till I dig about it and put on manure. And if it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Day by Day Bible Study

Wednesday, December 30th, 12:00 — 2:00 pm

For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248.538.9993

Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 12:30 pm

Children's Christmas Party

Hosted by the Knights & Daughters of Vartan at St. John Armenian Church Recreation Center

Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus | Lunch | Arts and Crafts | Face Painting

Children Under 5: Complimentary | Children 6-12: \$5 | 13 and Over: \$12

Please RSVP by December 3rd to Maro Bush at 248.722.0464

When in the Lord's House

Please be advised that according to the tradition of the Armenian Church, members of the congregation are strongly reminded to refrain from walking in and out of the Sanctuary while services are in progress. You are especially reminded not to do so during the Reading of Lections until the Creed is recited, the Chalice Procession, the Hymn "Der Voghormia," Singing of *Hayr Mer* – Lord's Prayer, during Confession and Communion, and during the Sermon. Please wait in the vestibule until such time when it is proper to enter the Sanctuary.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Jilber Abajian
Rose Boudakian
Ruben Griffin
Richard Norsigian

Araxey Barsamian
Elina Cobb
Fr. Untzag Nalbandian
Charles Sansone

Marge Brothers
Cheryl Giesa
Walter Negosian
James Shahbazian

Women's Guild News

Get ready for Christmas!

Please stop at the Women's Guild baked goods table following *Badarak* for your last chance at purchasing delicious holiday treats!

Knitting Group: Please contact Linda Assarian at 248.332.0816 or linda.assarian@gmail.com for more details.

Advent by Candlelight 2015 – Guide Us to Thy Perfect Light

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 7 pm.

For details, please contact Sara Andonian at 248.515.9264.

The Women's Guild will hold its annual Members Christmas Dinner & Installation of Officers on Monday, December 7th at 6:00 pm. Members may bring a guest to this event. For reservations, please contact Elizabeth Amboian by November 24th by calling 248.346.4602 or ejamboian@gmail.com.
Donation is \$15 per person.

Take the opportunity to make new and lasting friendship while doing service for the Lord.

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.
For information please call Belinda Kabodian, 248.767.3942

We Need Your Help!

The St. John's Greater Detroit Parish was established in 1931. In honor of our 85th anniversary in 2016, we plan to have a year-long celebration of special events involving all of our auxiliary groups and parishioners. We are looking for volunteers willing to work with Fr. Aren and the Parish Council to oversee the planning and coordination of these events. The first 85th anniversary committee meeting is on Wednesday, December 16th at 8:00 pm. If you would like to be involved in this very special celebration and serve on the St. John Jubilee Committee, please contact one of the Parish Council members or the church office.

Visit the Parish Bookstore

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

Armenian Alphabet Wooden Puzzle — \$35.00

The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry, Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many "Made in Armenia" products.

The Armenian Apostolic Church in Recent Times — \$20.00

Defending the Faith — \$20.00

The Lenten Journey...A Walk With God — \$10.00

The Armenian Genocide and Problems of Evil — \$20.00

Water as a Sign of Rebirth in the Armenian Church — \$20.00

The History of Armenian Monasticism and the Rank of Vartabeds — \$20.00

Guardians of Music DVD, "History of Detroit Armenian Music", as seen on PBS — \$25.00

Hand painted Forget-Me-Not Christmas ornaments — \$7.00

Armenian Genocide DVD, as seen on PBS — \$25.00

New Items From Armenia

Variety of "FORGET-ME-NOT" pins, charms, stickers and silver jewelry.

Youth Basketball Program 2015-2016

St. John's Basketball begins next week! If you know of any young Armenian youth that may be interested in joining, please have them come to practice or email

Lisa Mardigian at lmardigian@sjachurch.org

Practice Schedule

TUESDAYS

Biddy A (ages 11 & 12): 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm

Girls (ages 13 & up): 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Junior Boys (ages 13-15)

Intermediate Boys (ages 16-18): 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Joint Practice for conditioning!

THURSDAYS

Biddys (ages 5-8): 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Biddy B (ages 9 & 10): 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN

REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

While we are mourning the loss our loved ones, we also rejoice as they meet
the Lord behind the veil in the Heavenly Jerusalem

**FRANK HOUHANISIN, 40th Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Brother-in-Law,
Uncle, Great Uncle, Cousin**

Requested by Linda Houhanisin
Diana & Omar Badr & Aiden
George Houhanisin & Dr. Sarah Johnson
Nina Sarkisian
George & Julie Houhanisin & Family
Bob & Rosamond Houhanisin & Family
Dr. Edward & Anna Sarkisian
Sara & Morgan Bell, & Sona & Anya
Dn. Aram Sarkisian
Barbara, Peter, & Matthew Rupas
Stephen & Lisa Derderian
Allan, Rachel, Tyler, & Emma Sarkisian
Dr. & Mrs. Haig Yardumian
Ara Yardumian
Edward, Eva, & Kennedy Priscilla Yardumian
Dolly & Mike Matoian & Family
Harry & Janice Megerian & Family
Jim & Marge Nardell

PEARL PAPAZIAN, 40th Day

Requested by Arthur & Matthew Papazian
Merey & John Bialek
Thomas & Gulhatier Tyrell
Leah Tyrell
Victoria Brentwood
Matthew & Michele Bucher & Sons
Ralph & Roxanne Kourtjian & Sons
Thomas & Pauline (Torigian) Sanderson
Anne (Torigian) Okolovitch
Bowen Family
Czop Family

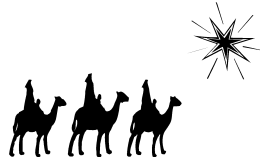
WILLIAM KOLOIAN, 25th Year, Uncle

Requested by Alice & Peter Argnian

ANGELA ANDONIAN, 6th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Cousin

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

St. John Armenian Church Parish Christmas Card



A Holiday Tradition to Support Our Church

Once again, parishioners may share their Christmas and New Year greetings with their fellow St. John's members in our Parish Christmas Card, and in so doing support a special program of your choice. All proceeds will go to the Social Concerns Fund or the General Expense Fund. Your gift is a testimony of your love and support in Christian stewardship for the works of Christ in our spiritual home.

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**

Checks should be received no later than Wednesday, December 9, 2015.

If you wish to charge your gift, please phone the Church Office.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Enclosed is my gift for: (please circle your choice)
Social Concern Fund General Expense Fund

Please include the name(s) in the 2015 Parish Christmas Card as written below.

Donation enclosed: \$_____

*The Pastor and Parish Council thank you for your patronage and wish you
and your loved ones all of God's blessings for New Year and Christmas.*

On Leaving the Sanctuary After Badarak

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

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym 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 khorhoortus koh ee parees na
gadarestseh.*

**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 yegheetseen
kez ee Soorp Badarakes.*

**Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցին 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:**

My portion is God 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 haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

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

The Psalm of Dismissal- Psalm 34

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham
ornhootyoon 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.