

Sunday Bulletin

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

NOVEMBER 30, 2008

THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YEAR OF 1457

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY APOSTLES THADDEUS & BARTHOLOMEW

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CELEBRANT: REV. FR. HRACH SARGSYAN

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 36:22-37, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-11, Luke 13:1-9

Next Week – Isaiah 37:14-38, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12, Luke 14:12-24

**OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday – Friday
(248) 569-3405**

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Cell: (248) 225-9888

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LECTOR: Dr. Salpi Toroyan

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 23
Plate Donations \$339.00
Candle Donations \$134.00

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER?

By Elise Papazian – Softcover - \$20.00
(Signed copies available)

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

“ARMENIAN MUSIC OF GRIKOR MIRZAIAN SUNT”

Featuring Deacon Rubik Mallian & 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, December 2 – SENIOR LUNCH – Noon
Sunday, December 7 –THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
BAREKENDAN OF THE FAST OF ST. JAMES
MATINS AT 9:00 am DIVINE LITURGY 9:45 am

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Success is getting what you want...happiness is liking what you get.

SPECIAL HYMNS FOR TODAY

Megheti (Melody) – Ov Bardeezban
Tapor (Processional) – Parekhosootyamp
Jamamood (Intriot) - Miadzin Vorti
Jashou Sharagan (Mid-day Hymn) – Uztakavorn Krisdos
Jashou Alleluia – Oorakh yeghev...

THE NICENE CREED WILL BE RECITED IN ARMENIAN

THE KOMITAS CHOIR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

Deacon Rubik Mallian, Director of Sacred Music
Margaret Lafian, Organist

USHERS: Peter Argnian, Mickey Amboyan, Vince Baylerian, Mike Boucher, Paul Andonian, Bill Derouchie, Jerry Dayinian

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the altar today were presented by
Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian in honor of their children,
Sara, Morgan and Subdeacon Aram.

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servants of God

MYDA M. KALANDJIAN

BETTY DERSTEPANIAN

ESTHER AMADORI

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)

Yeretzgin Patricia Dagley

Donna Adams

Bud Mulder

Gregory Derderian

Margaret Jamgochian

Steven Bear (CA)

Paul Tootikian

Valeriy Bagdasarian

Marge Dakesian

Chris Wigent

Marybeth Sutton

Robert Ajemian

Christine Danielian Vaughn

GOSPEL READING: 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.'"

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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

JERUSALEM CROSSES
Handcrafted in Olive Wood
Blessed in Jerusalem
\$5.00 each

(actual size)

TODAY after Church Services
"DECK THE HALLS" OF ST. JOHN'S
We will be having a family decorating party to "deck the halls" of St. John's with garlands, lights and Christmas trees.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 21, 2008, 12:30 pm
Church School Annual Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 24, 2008, 10:30 pm
Western Christmas Eve Service & ACYOA Tea

Sunday, December 28, 2008
Remembrance of St. Stephen, the First Deacon

Monday, January 5, 2009
Armenian Christmas Eve
Readings at 6:30 pm
Candlelight Divine Liturgy at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 6, 2009
Armenian Christmas
Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

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.

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.**

**ALL WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE ATTACK ON THE
INDIAN CITY OF MUMBAI**

MYDA KALANDJIAN

**MARY KEZELIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Sister-in-
Law, Aunt, Khnamee, Friend**

Requested by Rosemary & Dyana Kezelian
Dr. Harry, Patty, Harry III & Michael Kezelian
Laurie Toomajanian
Randy, Laurie Jayne & Meredith Pepper
Phillip & Elizabeth Shishmian
Philip & Ardith Shishmian
Craig & Chris Shishmian
Peter & Agnes Hovsepian
David, Marianne, Daniel & Karen Dardarian
Richard, Arlene, Kristin, Kelly, Ricky & Andrew Hovsepian
Edward, Yvonne, Laura & Christopher Korkoian
Rick & Paulette Apkarian & Family
Karen & Michael Armoudlian
Roseann & Bobbie Attar
Ann Manoogian
Dicran & Aralynn Haidostian

**LALA MKRTCHYAN who passed away November 10, 2008 at
age 41, Mother of Hripsime and Arevik Mamassian**

Requested by Mark, Maral, Hripsime and Arevik Mamassian
Marie Mamassian and Jeffrey Mamassian
Darwin, Ruth, Laura and Brian Mamassian
Hrayr Toukhanian
Peter, Nicole, Maral and Maxine Toukhanian
Simon & Alice Javizian

WILLIAM KOLOIAN, 18th Year, Uncle
Requested by Alice & Peter Argonian

NOAMI PARTOGIAN, 28th Year, Mother
RADEOS PARTOGIAN, 21st Year, Father
Requested by the Partogian Family

MARY OHANESIAN, 32nd Year, Dear Mother
CHARLES OHANESIAN, 26th Year, Dear Father
ROSEMARY HOPLAMAZIAN, 16th Year, Dear Sister
ALICE HAIG, 5th Year, Dear Sister
Requested by Aram Ohanesian

HARRY & MARY DARDARIAN, Parents, Grandparents
Requested by Edward, Yvonne, Laura & Christopher Korkoian
David, Marianne, Danny & Karen Dardarian
Michael Dardarian & Family

ANAHID & VAGHARSHAG SARKISIAN, Parents
HARGAN & ROOPAN DICKRANIAN, Grandparents
Requested by Shirley Ann Sarkisian

TV DOCUMENTARIES TO WATCH IN DECEMBER

PREMIERING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 9:00 PM-CNN
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

