#### St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, Pastor

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community: The Reverend Father Diran Papazian, *Pastor Emeritus* 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.

September 6, 2015

The Armenian Church Year 1464
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE ASSUMPTION
Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian

#### THE LORD'S DAY - SUMMER SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service / Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն...9:15 am

Divine Liturgy / U. Tuunupuq .......10:15 am

#### SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Isaiah 13:1 11
II Corinthians 7:4 16
Mark 7:31 37

Lector: Dr. Salpi Toroyan

### 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: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30 am—5:00 pm

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Cell: 248.225.9888 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.

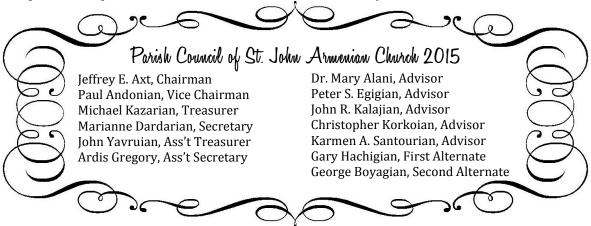
**Baptism** Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born. For more information, phone the Church Secretary.

**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.



# Today's Gospel

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought him to lay his hand upon him. And taking him aside from the multitude privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And he charged them to tell no one; but the more he charged them, the more zeal-ously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well; he even make the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

### Save the Date

Save the date of October 25, 2015, for Father Garabed's Retirement Banquet. It will be held following his last *Badarak*. The planning committee is looking for photos with Father Garabed performing a sacrament (either a baptism or wedding). If you wish to contribute photos, please label pictures with a name, year, and optional caption, and drop them off at the church front office or email digital copies to Dikran Callan at *dikrancallan@yahoo.com*.

# Capuchin Soup Kitchen Mission

The Men's Society is asking for used fall and winter men's coat collection to benefit the needy at Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Sport coats and suites also accepted. Drop off your coats at the church kitchen entrance on the clothes rack or bring them to the Veteran's Building on Saturday, September 26th between 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. Please include your name and that it's for the Capuchin Kitchen. For information about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen go to www.cskdetroit.org.

# Church Schools Opens in September ....

On Sunday, September 13, 2015 - The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross - the St. John Armenian Church School will once again open its doors to begin another year of Christian education and growth. Please check the parish web page for registration forms. On that day, both primary, middle school, and high school students will meet their teachers and be assigned to their classrooms. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Alberta Godoshian, Principal, or Mrs. Roseann Manoogian Attar (High School coordinator). They will be happy to answer your inquiries.



Annual St. John's Festival

#### September 25 - 27, 2015

Boutique vendor space available. *Please contact Marianne Dardarian at 248.661.0617* 

# Day by Day Bible Study

#### Wednesday, September 30, 2015

12:00 — 2:00 pm

For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248.538.9993

### Grandma's Attic

We are accepting gently used, clean items for the Festival weekend. Donate household items, small electronics, children's toys, games, puzzles, accessories, belts, purses, scarves, jewelry, books, CDs, DVDs, artwork, collectibles, picture frames, dishes, glassware, vases, etc.

#### NO CLOTHING OR SHOES.

Please drop off your donations at the Maintenance Office.

Make sure they are properly wrapped, *especially fragile items*.

Receipts available in the church office.

### Visit the Parish Bookstore

NEW: 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.

Operation Nemesis by Eric Bogosian — \$28.00 HC

Great Fire, One American's Mission to Rescue Victims of the 20th

Century's First Genocide — \$28.00 HC

Homage CD: A Tribute to Detroit Armenian Musicians (PBS) — \$15.00

New Items From Armenia
Variety of "FORGET-ME-NOT" pins, charms, stickers and silver jewelry.

### Wanted: Used Armenian Books!

The Parish Bookstore is accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects written in English for its Used Book Sale at this year's Festival. Kindly drop off books at the church office during business hours or on Sundays.

Receipts are available in the church office.



Please join us for fellowship as we prepare for our annual Festival

The Women's Guild will be baking and cooking:

Boorma led by Dolly: Tuesday, September 8th, 6-8:30 pm.

Everyone is welcome and needed to participate! **No experience needed!** 

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

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, 248.767.3689

### Festival News

#### Thursday - Sunday, September 24th to September 27th

100 raffle tickets are available,

Get your tickets today in the church hall Only 130 tickets to be sold 3,000.00 in winnings

Opening Night Dinner and Art Exhibition

Fine Arts Exhibition and Sale featuring works by **Varteni Mosdichian and Kegham Tazian** will open in conjunction with **The Opening Night Dinner** 

Hors d Oeuvres and sit down dinner with wine

**Entertainment By:** 

Harpist Kelly Yousoufian, Violinist Sevahn Merian, Violinist Hester Hasheian Details and reservations will be published soon

Limited to 100 seats \$30.00

### Volunteers

Lets clear a little of your calendar To volunteer for help during the weekend

# Country Store

288 Bottles of Tourshi were made last Tuesday And a variety of home made Jams and Jellies will be available You can expect great things this year from that corner

#### Some activities you might not be aware of:

Health fair 11-2pm, Saturday 9-26

Blood Drive 11-5pm, Saturday 9-26

Backgammon for Kids, Saturday & Sunday 9- 26/27

Petting Zoo, 1-4pm, Sunday 9-27

Mad scientist Kids Demo, 12noon-1pm, Sunday 9-27

Texas Hold'em 8:45pm-12 midnight, Saturday 9-26

**Conversational Armenian Class,** Saturday 9-26

Times and locations will posted the weekend before the festival



#### 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

#### SARKIS DONIKIAN (BEIRUT), 40th Day, Brother-in-law, Cousin

Requested by George & Vart Mikhjian & Family

Barbara Haroutunian

Dr. Gary & Mariann & Drew Zamanigian

#### VAROUJ YERANOSIAN, 40th Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Juliette Yeranosian

Elizabeth & Aramice Malkhasian

Rafi Yeranosian

Nayree & Gevork Sarkisyan

#### EDWARD ASADORIAN, 1st Year, Godfather, Uncle, Friend

Requested by Lucy Merzian

Charles Merzian

Peter and Leslie Merzian

Harout Merzian

#### GEORGE A. KRIKORIAN, 2nd Year, Friend

Requested by Richard Territo

Pam Bruno

David Vettraino

#### MARY KARAMANIAN, 12th Year

Requested by Edward Karamanian

Kirk, Kathleen, & Kyle Karamanian

Craig, Gina, Gabriel, & Natalie Karamanian

ARAM NISHON, 60th Year

ARAXIE NISHON, 17th Year

BETTY NISHON, 41st Year

EDWARD NISHON, 2nd Year

BERYL NISHON, 1st Year

Requested by Dennis, Gary, & Eric Nishon

### Hours of Worship

Please note that starting Sunday, September 13th, we will be returning to our regular hours of worship.

Morning Service - 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy - 9:45 am

Church School - 10:15 am

### Tekeyan Cultural Association

Working to preserve the Armenian cultural heritage and identity...

Metro Detroit Chapter-Movie Night is back! See our Fall schedule below

Friday, September 11th "1915" a "must see" documentary by Mark Bedrossian will be screened at the AGBU School—\$5/person includes beverage and refreshment

Friday, November 13th—"The World at his Feet" - a documentary about soccer player Christiano Ronaldo with a bonus clip "Henrikh Mkhitaryan" - to be presented at Ultimate Soccer Arena located 867 South Boulevard, Pontiac MI.

Note: this program is presented in collaboration with The Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul (CSAI)

Funds raised support The Tekeyan "Sponsor a Teacher" program sponsoring schools in Armenia and Karabagh.

Please join us and support our efforts to present quality programs designed to preserve our rich Armenian heritage. For more information you may call Karine Koundjakian (248) 761-9744 Diana Alexanian (248) 334-3636 or Sylva Sagherian (248) 592-0825

# Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Every autumn, the Armenian Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross — one of the five major feasts of the Church, and the most important of the four feasts of the Holy Cross. The Exaltation refers to the True Cross on which Christ was crucified, which according to Church tradition was ceremoniously elevated for veneration on three occasions. It was first elevated by St. James the Apostle, the first Bishop of Jerusalem, who lifted the cross with the words "We bowbefore Thy Cross, O Christ"—a formulation still used in the Armenian liturgy.

The second celebration was its discovery in A.D. 326, by Queen Helena, the mother of the Byzantine Emperor Constantine. According to tradition, Queen Helen found the True Cross overgrown with aromatic basil, which is used in the commemoration of the Feast of the Exaltation that will be celebrated next week September 13th.

After conquering the city of Jerusalem in the 7th century, the Emperor Heraclius recaptured the cross stolen by the Persians. When he returned it to the Holy City, he passed through Armenia, where the cross was repeatedly raised up and venerated - *exalted*. Next week, September 13th, at the end of the Divine Liturgy, the "*Antasdan*" service of the four corners of the earth the Cross adorned with basil will be carried and lifted.

# How does your garden grow?

Sweet Basil donations are needed for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, *Khach Veratsee Dohn* - Խաչ Վերացի Տoն

#### Sunday, September 13th

On that day the traditional Blessing of the Four Corners of the World will be held with the Holy Cross adorned with Sweet Basil.

Bring your basil plants or pickings to the church kitchen by Friday, September 11th.

Donations will be acknowledged in the Sunday Bulletin. Please phone the church office with your name and any special requests.

# New Clergy Assignments

My blessings to you all.

With this directive, I wish to inform our leadership of some recent clergy assignments in our Diocese.

The Very Reverend Fr. Mesrob Parsamyan, a member of the Brotherhood of Holy Etchmiadzin, has been assigned as visiting pastor of the Holy Shoghagat Church of Belleville, Illinois, effective September 7. Fr. Parsamyan's first badarak as visiting pastor will be celebrated on Sunday, September 13. We convey our good wishes to Fr. Parsamyan, and to the parishioners of our Belleville church.

In addition, two clergy-in-training will assume internships under the guidance of experienced pastors.

**The Reverend Fr. Tatev Terteryan** has been assigned to do a one-year internship at the St. Mary Church of Washington, D.C., under the guidance of its pastor, the Rev. Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan. The assignment went into effect on June 1.

**The Rev. Deacon Vahe Bagdasarian** has been assigned to do a one-year internship at the St. Leon Church of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, under the guidance of its pastor, the Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian. The assignment went into effect on September 1.

We convey our good wishes to both clergy-in-training, and their families, as well as to the local parishioners.

In all these assignments, we pray that our Lord will guide his servants as they continue their respective ministries in his vineyard.

With prayers,

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian

# Labor Day

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

# The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country. The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.

For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confess, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!

# 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.

#### Յիշեսցէ 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.

#### Sացէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ զամենայն խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեսցէ։

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 orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.

### Oրհնեցից 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.