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THE MEN'S SOCIETY "MAN UP!"



The Men's Society of St John Armenian Church had their first overnight Retreat of the 21st Century Friday/Saturday, February 3/4, 2012 at Livonia Embassy Suites. The theme of the Retreat "YOU EXPECT ME TO DO WHAT?" was facilitated by Father Tateos Abdalian, Director of Department of Mission Parishes of the Eastern Diocese.

Of the twenty attendees, sixteen were members of the Men's Society, three non-members and the facilitator. The men met for dinner and then an evening session ensued with George Saboonjian's opening remarks on the aspects of what shapes us spiritually, "The Love of God and the Love of Thy Neighbor." Father Garabed Kochakian introduced Father Tateos, whose mission was to build the faith of the attendees by instructing them to LISTEN, LEARN, GO, and DO. These were the watch words of the Retreat.

The attendees were required to take the Grade 11 Sunday School Exam, which proved the adage that they were not smarter than 11th graders. Discussion and bonding was much easier for everyone as a result of the test and,

of course, the evening ended with a homework assignment.

Saturday morning began with a breakfast to energize minds and bodies. Discussions of John 9, verses 1-41, Matthew 28, verses 16-20 and a short movie entitled "Martin the Cobbler" brought about the discovery that each of the attendees now had a purpose for the future: to be the light of our Church. "YOU EXPECT ME TO DO WHAT?" was mentioned more than a few times during the Retreat. The group learned that the Gospel of John is about going from darkness to light, and the attendees of this exceptional Retreat were enlightened often throughout the presentation. Father Tateos made learning about the different parts of the Church service very interesting, enabling the attendees to understand what the words actually mean that parishioners say during the service. When questions were asked concerning expectations and outcomes the answers varied, but many were profound. All agreed that they were looking forward to another inspiring and enjoyable Retreat. Thank you to Father Garabed, Father Tateos, and a special thank you to George Saboonjian and Christopher Korkoian, organizers of the event.



Remembering the Armenian Genocide

St. John Armenian Church will commemorate the 97th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide on Tuesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm with a solemn requiem service in remembrance of the one and one half million Armenian souls who perished at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish Empire during 1915 and thereafter. Survivors of the Genocide will be honored and a wreath laying ceremony will take place at the Martyrs Monument on the church grounds, followed by a traditional *madagh* dinner in the Cultural Hall in memory of our blessed martyrs. All are welcome to share in this complimentary memorial meal.

We are honored to have as our guest speaker, Dr. Sandra Bunn-Livingstone, who will talk on the subject of "97 years after the Armenian Genocide: Can International Law Bring Justice?" Dr. Bunn-Livingstone is an expert in international human rights law.

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APRIL 2012



FROM FATHER GARABED'S DESK.....

An expression of great thanks.....

This issue of *The Torchbearer* I wish to dedicate to our retiring Managing Editor and Layout Designer Mrs. Anna Sarkisian. Throughout the past six years our parish newsletter has undergone several changes. We needed a professional eye to make this happen and Anna willingly stepped forward to volunteer her time, talent and treasure trove of knowledge to improve the quality of communication in print. And that indeed she did. First she embarked upon a redesigning of image and form, consistency of typeface, a better layout for articles, a more business approach to our supporting sponsors, and a more sensible budget with in-house printing, monthly communication with parish organizations, and finally mailing and even e-mailing. All of these improvements are a tribute to her hard work and discipline and we wish to express our gratitude to her. All of this was no less than a herculean effort that has truly made a vast difference in upgrading our effort to stay in touch with our faithful parishioners and readership.

Her ideas, efforts and dedication have been a spark and inspiration to all of us who have worked with her these past six years. We thank God for her gifted ministry not only for *The Torchbearer* but for many of the other printed booklets, flyers, announcements and publications she has played a major role in bringing to light. May the 'light' of her efforts always shine on us even in the future as she will, of course, help with her sharp eye and keen observations.

She remains a resource and guide in our transition to a new layout and managing editor. Anna has already met with Ms. Julia Papiyants and has set her on course. We welcome Julia who will continue this ministry of the printed word to our faithful with this her first issue.

Thank you Anna once again and God keep you close always,

~ Father Garabed

Please take the time to complete the form below so we may better meet the needs of our parish family! Thank you!

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- ☐ I would like to receive information on becoming a member of St. John's and/or becoming a Steward.
- ☐ I would like to make a donation to the success of *The Torchbearer*. I have enclosed a check.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL.....

For those who were not able to make it to the Parish Assembly, you will be surprised to hear the meeting ended early! As Chairman I would like to share my deep gratitude to the members of the Council who will be leaving and welcome the new members who will be picking up the Torch.

Sara Andonian completed her sixth consecutive year of service. As the Treasurer for the Council, she brought her passion for the Church and a rich knowledge of our Church's institutional history which was invaluable. She will be sorely missed.

David Aprahamian completed his sixth year of diaconal service on the Council after a two year hiatus. Currently, he is serving as the Men's Society Chairman and as a subdeacon at the altar. We are deeply grateful for the services David continues to provide the Church.

It is with deep sadness we say goodbye to George Boyagian. He served as the Parish Council's Recording Secretary for the past two years. We have lived long enough to know that when one door is closed another opens. In George's case, there is no doubt that God has many doors waiting for him to open. George is a servant from whom we can all learn. He is quiet, steady and filled with faith. He sings in the Choir, gives rides to those in need and is not afraid to say "yes" when asked.

The new Torch Bearers on the Council are not strangers to the community. Far from it, they are some of the Church's most intelligent and dedicated servants. The Assembly chose wisely. Our future is bright. We give thanks to Our Lord for bringing them to us. Those elected who were not already seated on the Council are Marianne Dardarian, Karmen Santourian and Linda Tiffany. Incumbents Ardemis Gregory, Gary Hachigian and John Yavruian were re-elected.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide our Community and Council as we carry the Torch, the Light of our Lord, in order that we may find our way on the path He has set before us.

KOMITAS CHOIR NEWS.....

"Arts of Armenia" To Return This Summer

The Komitas Choir of St. John Armenian Church is pleased to announce that the "Arts of Armenia" will return to our community this summer. The workshop will be for a one week period from July 9th thru July 13th. The hours for the workshop will be from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. Professional educators from Armenia will teach the Dance and Art classes all in that one week. (During the most recent Dance and Art seminar several years ago extremely positive assessments were expressed by the young people who attended the workshops.)

Adults who wish to participate in this program during evening hours, please be aware that an announcement will be forthcoming at a later date. Individuals who have additional questions about this seminar may contact Deacon Rubik Mailian at rubik@sjchurch.org or 248.569.3405 Ext. 206.



The 18 Midwest Armenian Clergy who gathered at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat Center in Mundelein, Illinois March 12-14th. His Eminence Archbishop Khajag is seated at the center. The retreat theme was "Come Follow Me."

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS.....

The Women's Guild has kept things warm this winter by baking delicious Armenian food. We meet every Tuesday in the kitchen starting at 9:00 am. It is a great way to spend the morning with friends new and old. The food created on Tuesday is available for purchase the following Sunday after church services. Items include *cheoreg*, *sou beoreg*, *cheese beoreg*, spinach pie, *khalka*, and *katah*.

In the Christian spirit of giving, the Women's Guild Knitting Club donated handmade baby blankets and caps, and scarves for older children to Children's Hospital of Michigan to be distributed to those in need. The Knitting Club meets the second Tuesday of the month from 10:00 am to noon and welcomes new members.

On Saturday, January 14th, Chairman Dawn Karagosian and Lynne Kojamian accompanied Father Garabed Kochakian and members of the Komitas Choir to the Manoogian Manor. As Father Garabed offered the blessing of the season, *cheoreg* and cheese was served to the residents. We encourage others to join us on our next visit in August. An enjoyable day was spent on January 18th at the Detroit Institute of Arts as members viewed the exhibit "Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus." We explored the life of Jesus and the evolution of his image presented through the artist's paintings. The outing ended with lunch in the atrium of the DIA's Kresge Court.

Roseann Manoogian-Attar, owner of the Martin M. Manoogian accounting firm was the speaker at our February 1st evening meeting. Roseann gave an informative presentation on tax preparation and deductions. Upcoming presentations include "Saintly Women of the Armenian Church" in March and in April, Dr. Philip A. Philip, a well-regarded oncologist at Karmanos Cancer Center will speak on Women's Health.

"Spring Into Fashion, Ladies Night Out" is our next big event on the evening of May 18. It includes a delicious dinner, fashion show by the Clothing Cove of Milford and raffle prizes. Carol Ohanesian and Linda Lutz are co-chairing this event. For reservations, contact Linda Assarian at 248.332.0816.



Greetings, my dearest *Torchbearer* readers! It is with great excitement that I join the Church in editing the newsletter we here lovingly call *The Torch*. For those who don't know me, I hope to meet you face to face sometime soon; for now, however, please let this serve as a small introduction for who I am. My mother courageously came to the United States after becoming a victim of the pogroms in Baku in 1988, and I became the first generation Armenian-American with *Bakutsi* ancestry. I have lurked around the Armenian community for quite some time, but my involvement with the Church has intensified only recently, as I have become an active participant and cheerleader in the plan to create the Baku-Sumgait Monument on St. John's Church grounds. This project is something I am passionate about, constantly working on a way to keep it moving.

My plan was to simply fundraise for the monument, but as they say, "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." *God and Father Garabed* had a different idea: to involve me in the Church on a completely different level. For that, I am ever grateful. Since then, the Church has become a place I enjoy coming to and doing things for; the people that have come to know me are kind and caring, true gems. It is my pleasure to have also met with Mrs. Anna Sarkisian, the former editor of *The Torchbearer*. Without her guidance, patience, time and care, I could not have put together this issue. Anna, I thank you for the e-mails making sure I was on track, constant offers for help, and wonderful tips. You made this transition much smoother than I could have imagined. I only hope to be half as great a managing editor as you were. You have my deepest appreciation.

I look forward to helping the Church "spread the word" through *The Torchbearer*. If at any time you feel the need to contact me for suggestions, corrections, or additions to the newsletter, please do not hesitate to do so. I can be reached through julia@sjchurch.org.

Until next time,

~ Julia Papigants

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE.....

Dear Father Garabed,

Thank you so much for the warm and gracious welcome we received on our visit to St. John's yesterday. We felt very welcomed and enjoyed meeting St. John's parishioners and our conversations with them at the coffee hour. Please extend our thanks to Ardis for her warm greetings on our arrival. Thank you, Father Garabed, for the wonderful background you provided us about the Armenian Church, its architecture, and its history in the Detroit and now the Southfield area. It was, of course, a very special treat to be able to tour the Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum -- so many beautiful sights and so much to learn. I know I speak for many who attended that we would love to return for another museum visit.

On a personal note, it is always very special for me to come to St. John's, the place where I have my earliest memories of being in a Holy space and in the presence of God.

~ Edna Buday

***The Forty Days of Musa Dagh* by Franz Werfel** **Softcover \$23.00**

Translated from German by Geoffrey Dunlop and James Reidel, with a preface by Vartan Gregorian

Franz Werfel's masterpiece brought him international acclaim in 1933, and drew the world's attention to the Armenian Genocide. This is the story of how the inhabitants of several Armenian villages chose not to obey the deportation order of the Turkish government. Instead, they fortified a plateau on the slopes of Musa Dagh - Mount Moses - and repelled Turkish soldiers and military police during the summer of 1915 while holding out hope for the Allies to save them. The current translators revised the 1934 translation throughout, incorporating the stronger meanings and content - intended for readers living in Nazi Germany - as well as undoing the virtual censorship of Werfel's original text.

A Trip Through Historic Armenia Through Dance **2-DVD set \$25.00**

The Aradzani Dance Group, under the direction of Robert Haroutunian, provides instruction and performances of pre-1915 Armenian folk dances from the regions of Dikranagerd, Palu, Kharpert, Sepasdia, Malatya and Gesaria. The DVD includes archival and present-day video and slide footage of these towns and villages in historic Armenia, historical background, traditional music and costumes, and interviews with survivors of the 1915 Armenian Genocide.

The Complete Middle East Cookbook by Tess Mallos **Softcover \$35.00**

Richly illustrated with color photographs, this 374-page cookbook contains easy to follow recipes from countries in the Near and Middle East, and includes an introduction to each chapter examining the food, lifestyle and cooking methods of each country.

Dear Father Garabed,

I was so happy to present the result of my research in St. John Armenian Church. My public lecture at the University of Michigan did not have the same feedback, probably because of lack of spiritual background of faculty members and students.

Certainly, without spiritual vision it is impossible for academics to understand the philocalic spirituality of Grigor Narekatsi. For me as researcher and faithful it is important to share the spiritual beauty of Grigor Narekatsi with my sisters and brothers in Christ. And thanks to God your parish members have spiritual vision to understand the depth of the Narekian spirituality.

I appreciate very much the union that we have together, union in God and His Son Jesus.

~ Dr. Levon Petrosyan

Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Near Eastern Studies
University of Michigan

MEN'S SOCIETY THROWS SUPER BOWL PARTY.....

Following the Men's Society's first overnight retreat on Friday-Saturday, February 3-4, we gathered again on Sunday, February 5th for the Men's Society Annual Super Bowl Party. We began with a buffet dinner of lemon lime basted cod, roast pork loin and all the trimmings. For those who wanted to partake, John Lucassian held a beer tasting of ten special microbrew beers, a great new experience for the tasters.

After the Super Bowl started, some of the youth went to the gym, some adults played cards, and the rest did the couch potato thing on comfortable seating donated by John Lucassian. At the half-time break, the group ate a record-breaking 75 chili and hot dogs.

Thanks go to David Dardarian, John Lucassian, John Kalajian, Peter Toukhanian, Danny Cristiano and Mark Mamassian for their help in making the night a success. It was a great time with plenty of food and drink, and something to do for everyone. We look forward to next year.

Poun Paregentan at St. John's: A Time of Merriment, Reflection and Generosity

The start to Great Lent at St. John's was truly an auspicious event. After church services on February 19, 2012, a delicious strolling luncheon and silent auction was held to raise funds for the Baku-Sumgait monument the Church will be placing on its grounds. Deacon Richard Norsigian educated spectators and spoke about the survivors' fate after the massacres of Armenians during 1988-1991. Father Garabed Kochakian excited the room even further by reciting a beautiful poem called "*Hye Em Es*," involving the audience and setting a great tone for the room. After blessing the table, the positive energy was undeniable - hungry parishioners enjoyed a divine and plentiful meal including cheese *beoreg*, *pierogis*, Baku-style meat blintzes, roasted ham, and desserts fit for a king. The silent auction began with items to please everyone; from salon and spa services, beautiful art, fine liquors, baskets of goodies and professionally hand knit children's wear, people were quick to bid - and out bid!

The three hour auction was fun-spirited and also very successful in bringing together our fellow Armenians and raising over \$4,000 to benefit the memorial. This was genuinely a team effort and would not be possible without the generous time, effort, and help of many. We owe a debt of gratitude to all who cooked and brought in dishes of food for such a fantastic feast, for all those who volunteered, and we especially thank our generous donors for the auction items they provided.



Poun Paregentan continued.

Special thanks to Paul Yousoufian and our generous donors and volunteers below.

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- Dickran and Anahit Toumajan
- Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte
- Uptown Catering
- Uptown Entertainment
- Westborn Market

Baptisms

January 2012

- 15 Alek David
Son of Robert & Lindsay Lehrer
Godparents: William F. Lehrer II & Jennifer K. Lehrer
- 29 Annabelle Florence
Daughter of Robert & Arminee Apoian
Godfather: Edward Apoian

February 2012

- 16 Rita Sahakian - Adult
Godparents: Vladimir Sahakian & Nelly Sahakian

Weddings

December 2011

- 18 Maria Ivanova & Hayk Grigoryanbvbvn
Bestman: Garush Danielyan
Maid of Honor: Narine Margaryan

Funerals

January 2012

- 16 Robert D. Mardigian, 59, White Chapel
18 Veta Duscio, 85, Woodlawn
19 Anabell Stambouljan, 88, North Farmington
26 George Tirakian, 87, Evergreen

February 2012

- 16 Saten Manoian, 90, White Chapel
18 Roseann Kurjian Johns, 60, Sherman, NY
20 Harry S. Carman Jr., 81, Woodlawn

March 2012

- 2 Sophie Naghosian, 85, Woodlawn
5 Haritun Demircioglu, 67, Woodlawn
7 George Jevardjian, 90, Woodlawn
14 Louie L. Hagopian, 88, Woodlawn
28 Beatrice (Betty) Gurunian, 83, Woodmere

Marriages

Arrangements for weddings are to be made at least eight months in advance. Marriage preparation and counseling are required before the celebration of the sacrament. The Bestman (Khachyeghpayr) must be a member of the Armenian Orthodox Church. The parish office will make all necessary arrangements for the deacon, organist and soloist. Marriages are not celebrated during Great Lent.

Baptisms and Chrismations

All baptisms must be scheduled at least two months in advance. Pre-baptismal preparation for the parents and godparents is required. At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Orthodox Faith.

Regulation of Sacramental Services

In accordance with Diocesan discipline mandated by the Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, all sacraments, e.g. funerals, weddings, baptisms and rites of Christian burial, can only be administered in the church sanctuary, which has been consecrated for the celebrations of these sacred rites.

ACYOA Summer Internship Opportunity in Armenia

The ACYOA Central Council, in partnership with the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) and Birthright Armenia, is offering young people ages 20 and older a unique hands-on learning experience: a ten-week internship from May 29-August 8, 2012 at the FAR Children's Support Center in Yerevan, Armenia. The center provides psycho-social and medical treatment to children ages 3-18. The application deadline is April 20, 2012. Those interested should contact ACYOA Executive Secretary Nancy Basmajian at acyoa@armeniandiocese.org or 212.293.1248.

Corrections

In the February issue of *The Torchbearer* regarding the Primate's visit to our Parish in December for the **Annual Appeal**, His Eminence thanked those gathered for their support and acknowledged many St. John's parishioners present who serve the Diocese on various committees and boards. Along with those the Primate recognized that evening, our own Diocesan Delegate Deacon Richard Norsgian's name was regrettably omitted. Deacon Richard has served our Diocese as Chairman of Diocesan Assemblies and more recently as the Chairman of the Diocesan Bylaws Committee for the past seven years. We applaud his commitment and service in addition to Ms. Jennifer Morris, Coordinator of Youth Outreach; Deacon Rubik Mailian, Chairman of Sacred Music Council; Howard Atesian, Assistant Treasurer, Diocesan Council; Edward Korkoian and Janet Mardigian, Board of Trustees members; Roseann Attar, member of ACEF Board; Edward S. Mardigian, member of FAR; Dr. Gary Zamanigian, member of the Diocesan Nominating Committee; Kathy Mekjian, Women's Guild Central Council Treasurer; and Karen Dardarian, Vice Chairman of the ACYOA Central Council.

The 2011 Yearbook **Gifts to the Church** listing "\$2,000 Terry & Judy Parks & Family - For Automated External Defibrillator at Recreation Center" did not include that this life-saving equipment was donated in loving memory of parents: Edward & Lucille Nazarian and Jack & Marie Parks.

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We invite you to visit the St. John web site for up-to-date calendar information, the Sunday Bulletin, *The Torchbearer*, event information and links to internet sites of interest to our parishioners:

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April

- 1 Palm Sunday; ACYOA Day Tea honoring Lisa Mardigian
 3 Great & Holy Tuesday
 4 Day by Day Afternoon Bible Study
 5 Great & Holy Thursday
 6 Great & Holy Friday
 7 Great & Holy Saturday
 Church School Family Dinner
 Annunciation of the Virgin Mary
8 Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter
 Easter Tea
 Kef Klub
 20 Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
 22 Armenian Martyrs Day Requiem Service, *Madagh*
 24 Dinner & Program
 25 Day by Day Afternoon Bible Study

May

- 1-2 Annual Clergy Conference (offsite)
 3-5 Annual Diocesan Assembly (offsite)
 6 Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
 "Crop Hunger Walk" sponsored by the ACYOA Juniors
 17 Holy Ascension - *Hampartsoom*
 18 Kef Klub
 Women's Guild "Spring into Fashion Ladies Night Out"
 19 An Evening with Antonia Arslan, *Skylark Farm* author
 20 Church School Graduation & Tea
 23 Day by Day Afternoon Bible Study
 27 Pentecost - *Hokekalousd*
 28 Memorial Day - Complex Closed
 Grave Blessings at area cemeteries

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Deadline: June 30, 2012

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