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SUMMER SHOULD NOT BE A 'VACATION' FROM YOUR CHURCH - JOIN US!

Annual Ceremony Blessing Church School Graduates

An annual event of the spring season in our parish is the ceremony blessing the graduates of St. John's Church School held in the sanctuary of St. John Armenian Church on Sunday, May 15, 2011. This year's graduating class included the following students: Lauren Dolik, Eldari Gogiashvili, Adam Gumushian, Ariana Kabodian, Linda Kalfayan, Leah Mamassian, Sevan Misirliyan, Emily Parks, Carolyn Philip, Ani Stamboulion and Elizabeth Vartabedian.

Fr. Garabed in his homily referenced how this year's graduating class was one that he could personally identify with because their tenure in Church School began when he first came to Detroit to assume his role as pastor of St. John Armenian Church. In addition to his meaningful homily, Ani Stamboulion, chosen Class Speaker by her classmates, presented an inspiring message. Following church services everyone was invited to the Cultural Hall for a tea sponsored by the Church School eleventh grade parents honoring the graduates. The creative talents of Maral Mamassian and her team are appreciated for organizing this year's tea.

In recognition of the achievements of this year's graduates, the church school presented to each graduating senior a gift of books on Armenian subjects, which included: *Armenia: The Sacred Land, The Cradle of Christianity* by Graziella Vigo, *Arshile Gorky: A Retrospective* by Michael Taylor, *Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Church, Bible (NRSV Armenian Edition)*, *New Faith to New World: Stories from the History of the Armenian Church* by Hagop Nersoyan.

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KOMITAS CHOIR + KEF KLUB = FUN!!!!

The Friday, May 20th Kef Klub was sponsored by St. John's Komitas Choir. Over 125 people feasted on *luleh kebab*, *soubeoreg*, pilaf and salad. Much appreciation goes to Anita Arslanian for masterfully preparing the *soubeoreg* and *luleh kebab*. Also, many thanks to choir members who donated all the desserts and fruit.

The highlight of the evening was a slide-show of a pilgrimage to Turkey. Howard and Cathy Atesian, Dr. Vincent and Anna Baylerian, Ed and Yvonne Korkoian, and Isabelle Vahratian presented beautiful pictures of their trip. Ed and Yvonne narrated and described the amazing and breath-taking photos of the villages where their families were from. (See photos at left.) Even dancing the *Sepastatsi Bar* on a 12th century bridge in Sivas/Sepastia! It was also a very emotional journey seeing places where Armenians once lived and prospered. In one town, many buildings oddly enough had bricks with Armenian writing and distinct designs. These had been taken from a destroyed Armenian monastery. Everyone was completely enthralled watching, listening, smiling and even crying seeing the land of their forefathers. It was a wonderful evening.

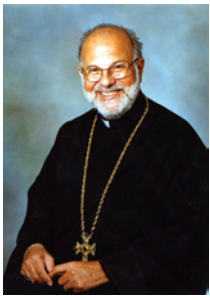
The next Kef Klub is Friday, June 17th and will be sponsored by the Women's Guild. Hope to see you there!

- Marianne Dardarian



Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM

After hours in an emergency, please contact: Pastor's Cell: 248.225.9888 • Administrator's Cell: 248.880.8391



To our graduates of St. John's Church School.....

Today is one of inheriting Paradise, as you celebrate the completion of learning about the faith of the Armenian Church. Though we learn every day, now is the time to start living what has been taught to you and become gardeners of the faith.

Spring is the season to start planting gardens, and become ourselves gardeners. At the very beginning of our Book of Faith, *The Holy Bible*, we read that it was Paradise, where Adam and Eve were placed in a garden and they talked and walked together with God enjoying the beauty of that place as they did not need to garden.

But when they sinned and were expelled, gardening began and with them, our duty and role as gardeners as well, called to undertake the healing which brought harm to God's creation when Adam and Eve slipped out of God's reach into a world that had fallen away from him.

As a child, you were brought to a garden where the possibility of recovering what was lost could take place. You were brought by your parents who themselves are gardeners, and sowers of God's seed...that is YOU. They have watered the seeds, tilled the soil, nourished you with love and made sure that you would finally reach this day, where, like a flower in God's garden, we pray, you will blossom and give off the odor and His Divine fragrance, from what have you learned, how you have behaved, and through the knowledge of Christ's teachings, which you hold important in your hearts.

Some of you will blossom more; others may be late bloomers. Of course time will tell how those seeds of faith will grow. We don't know what will happen to you, but we can only hope and pray that our gardening has taught you to become gardeners of yourselves also. What that means is that we tend not only the garden and take care of what we call Paradise and the nature of God's creation, but also the garden of your own souls and bodies that are the temples of God's Holy Spirit in us.

St. Paul beautifully describes this when he wrote a letter to the Christians in ancient Corinth. He said, "It is not the gardeners with their planting who count, but GOD, who makes it grow." God in you, that power of Faith, Hope and Love.

You and I are fellow-workers in God's great garden, but we are ourselves gardens with a body and soul: a place of growth, blossoming, flowering, and imparting the fragrance of Christ our Lord and God on this earth.

We are seeds become flowers. But there are two kinds of flowers, annuals, which blossom only once a year, and you have to plant them every year. Then there are perennials, the flowers whose seeds regenerate the blossoms every year and show their beauty and exude their smell and fragrance because the eternal seed makes it happen. We pray that you are one of those, always full of faith to grow and blossom every year.

But the test is still to come because the garden in you always needs care. What will you do, after your formal training, now that Sunday Church School has come to its fulfillment? Who will water you? Will you tend to yourselves, your Spirit, the image of God - living in you?

I am reminded of a beautiful parable that Jesus told about gardening, seeds and faith and what faith produces. From the Gospel of St. Matthew, Jesus said:

"Behold a gardener went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside [those who gave up on themselves] and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on the stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no deep root in the earth. And when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had not root they withered away [they were lacking something obviously]. And, others fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them [because they were tempted and distracted]. But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."
[Matthew 13:1-9]

Enough about the gardens, it is time to enjoy the flowers, the fragrance and the faith that is in you.

So, dear graduates, we commend you, thank your parents for their efforts, celebrate the years that your teachers invested in you, and all here at St. John's that have in any small or large way made you the bouquet that we place before God's Holy Altar today.

As you fell on good ground and yielded a good crop, when Jesus spoke about good seeds, begin, now, a new life and continue to grow, never ceasing to blossom remembering... ***It is not the gardeners with their planting who count, but GOD, who makes it grow.***

~Father Garabed

Major Feast Days this Summer

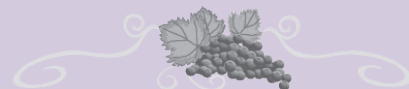
**SUNDAY, JULY 31—FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST—VARTAVAR**

Please note change of date for . . .

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC & CAR SHOW

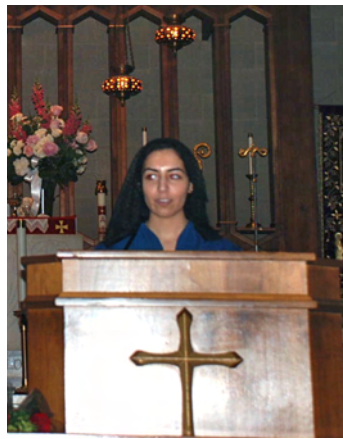
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**AUGUST 14—FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE HOLY MOTHER-OF-GOD
BLESSING OF GRAPES**

The senior high school students of St. John's Church School have established a new tradition of choosing one student to address the congregation as Class Speaker graduation day. This year Ani Stambouljian (pictured at right) was chosen unanimously by her fellow graduating classmates. She is the daughter of Jim and Patricia Stambouljian. Ani delivered the following address on Sunday, May 15, 2011 in the sanctuary of St. Johns:



When I look at this beautiful, timeless church I see history. Generations among generations have entered the real world shaped by the stone walls surrounding us. And, yes, we are (and will continue to be) part of that history, graduates.

My history with this church starts long before my time. My great grandfather helped build St. John's, and one day I hope to carry on the tradition in my family to serve this blessed sanctuary.

Saying good-bye is always hard for me. Mainly, because you never want to feel like an experience is over. No more chance to reminisce with that something or someone you are losing. And, will you lose a piece of yourself when you say good-bye? Because, I can honestly say this church, my classmates, the teachers (everyone... even St. Nersess and Hye Camp) are part of my heart. They are who I am.

However, I am not here to talk about myself. Not just my classmates, but everyone listening...Wherever life takes you, do not turn your back on God. Because even if you forget your faith, He will never forget you.

We might think our true test of Christianity is over with, now being graduates of St. John's Sunday School. Sorry, that is far from the truth. The true test of being a Christian is never ending. You will fail often and pass seldom, but God is a fan of second chances. That is, if you ask with meaning.

I will finish with this: When you are scared of what lies ahead, just look up and know you are never alone when you have faith in Christ. This is not good-bye; it is hello to a new beginning.

- Ani Stambouljian

Attention!

High School & College Graduates of 2011

If you would like to be included in *The Torchbearer* listing of graduates which is scheduled to appear in the Summer Issue, please submit information by June 15, 2011. Please include the name and location of the high school or university, diploma or degree received, major/minor, awards and distinctions, etc. We ask that submissions not exceed 100 words. Due to space limitations, we cannot publish photos. Please submit text by phoning the church office 248-569-3405, faxing 248-569-0716 or emailing: mkafafian@sjachurch.org or sarksark@comcast.net.

Ascension Day is a very important church feast because it recalls and celebrates the final earthly event in Christ's life. It is, in a way, the fulfillment of all of Christ's earthly ministry as saviour of the world.

The story of Christ's ascension to heaven and His sitting at the right hand of the Father is recounted only in two of the gospels, Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-51). Luke also mentions the Ascension in the Acts of the Apostles. We know that the apostles returned to Jerusalem after Christ's ascension and spent their time in prayer in the Upper Room where they had eaten the last supper with Jesus. At this time they felt the need to restore the number of apostles to twelve, electing Matthias to replace Judas (Acts 1:24-26).

The traditional Armenian "vijag" (casting of lots) ceremony is derived from this event in the life of the young church. Casting of lots is not unique to Armenians. We know that the twelve tribes of Israel received their inheritance of land by lot (Numbers 26:55-56). Also, the order of priestly service for the tribe of Levi was determined by casting of lots.

This folk custom of "vijag" on Ascension Day reflects the Armenian peasant's close link with and love of nature. The Armenian people believed that on the eve of Ascension the skies would be illumined with unusually bright lights as the heavens opened to receive the victorious Christ into the presence of God the Father. At this time, folk culture tells us, all of created nature, the sky and the earth, mountains and valleys, rocks, trees and vegetation, and the waters would enter into a profound joy, embracing each other in a mystical language. They would convey to each other their healing powers. People believe that anyone who watched for this fleeting moment of joyous celebration would also understand nature's language and any of their good desires would be granted.



Church School Graduation, continued

While the committed and long dedicated efforts of these young people who completed the required curriculum of the Church School deserve the commendations that have been expressed, much appreciation should also be directed to Church School Superintendent Alberta Godoshian and High School Division Coordinator and Senior Class Teacher Roseann Attar (pictured above with the class) and to all the teachers and teaching assistants whose years of dedicated service culminated in the graduation celebrated on this day.

-Harry Avagian

U.S. Embassy 2011 Summer Outreach Program

The U.S. Embassy in Armenia is pleased to announce the summer 2011 Outreach Program. Embassy staff will host a discussion every other Thursday from June 9th through August 18th. The discussion will cover U.S. assistance to Armenia, as well as other questions regarding the American presence in Armenia. The sessions are open to all U.S. citizens, and we encourage Armenian-Americans, who are visiting Armenia, to attend. The presentations will be given on the following dates and times:

June 9, 2011 at 2:00 pm
June 23, 2011 at 2:00 pm
July 7, 2011 at 2:00 pm
July 21, 2011 at 2:00 pm
August 4, 2011 at 2:00 pm
August 18, 2011 at 2:00 pm

To register, please send the names of all the persons you wish to attend to: yerevansummeroutreach@state.gov. We kindly ask that registration requests be sent as soon as possible.

All sessions will be held at the U.S. Embassy, located at 1 American Avenue, Yerevan, Armenia. We ask that you arrive at the Embassy 15 minutes before the scheduled start time to pass through security. You must bring your U.S. passport to gain entry to the Embassy. We look forward to seeing you in Yerevan this summer.

May 19, 2011

Dear Father Garabed Kochakian:

On behalf of the officers and members of the Metropolitan Christian Council-Detroit Windsor, I want to express my sincere appreciation for your participation at the 2011 Interfaith National Day of Prayer. We are grateful for your time, your prayer and the spirit in which you presented it. Please know that Metropolitan Christian Council-Detroit Windsor will present the National Day of Prayer for 2012 and we would be ever so grateful if you would consider participating. If Metropolitan Christian Council-Detroit Windsor can be of service to you or your organization, please feel free to contact us. Thank you again

Rev. Priscilla Tucker
Executive Director

A copy of your cookbook was a Mothers Day gift to me. This is one fine Armenian cookbook for today's budding chef -- grandchildren!

Easy to follow, good instructions, sometimes several choices for the recipe.

Thanks for the work that went into this tremendous project.

Violet Karagozian
Los Angeles, CA

First Wine Making Class

On Saturday, April 3rd the Men's Society began a new commitment to St. John Armenian Church by making the Sacramental Wine for use at the Holy *Badarak*.

This experience was made available to anyone seeking to learn how to make wine. Our Men's Society resident winemaker, John Lucassian, presented a hands-on three-part class on producing red and white wine. Joining the classes were Shirley Sarkisian, Jack Kojamarian, Greg Mamassian, Drs. Hashim and Mary Alani, and Dr. Khatchig and Marcia Hamamdjian. From purchased grape juice, they learned how to start and stop the fermentation process, filter the wine, measure the alcohol content and bottle. Those who attended the winemaking classes received a bottle of red and white wine to take home for aging.

The first edition of St. John Wines will debut at the Men's Society Wine Tasting event to be held June 10th, where guests will be able to taste the wine made during the classes in addition to sampling a variety of other wines and spirits. The majority of the red wine made by the Men's Society will go to St. John's for use at the Divine Liturgy throughout the year.

Photo Road Rally Scavenger Hunt Saturday, August 6, 2011

St. John's Men's Society invites you to a great afternoon adventure open to the first 48 brave souls who register! This is how it will work: at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, August 6th participants will meet at St. John's, enjoy munchies, get the rules and the clues, and form teams of 4. At 1:00 pm it will be time for teams to hit the road with a snack bag and one digital camera per car. At 4:00 pm get your pictures developed at a CVS or wherever you like and meet back at St. John's by 5:00 pm to assemble your photos for scoring. Dinner will be at 5:30 pm and winners will be announced at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each plus any expenses your team has in developing the film. Flyers/registration forms are available in the church lobby. For questions, email John Lucassian at hyejohn@yahoo.com.

Please save the date for a:

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St. John Armenian Church***

Saturday, October 22, 2011

***featuring Hachig Kazarian, Richard Hagopian,
Bruce Gigarjian, Michael Kazarian
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SUMMER FUN - SUMMER GROWTH.....

What is Hye Camp?

Hye Camp is a unique, week long, Christian-based youth camp for Armenian children 8 to 15 years of age who want to learn more about their heritage and the teachings of the Armenian Church. The program includes a variety of educational and fun activities. Through the leadership of caring and concerned clergy, staff, parents, and teachers, Hye Camp promotes the Christian values of good character, responsibility, and sportsmanship. Lifelong friendships are created by the bonding among campers during daily worship as well as classes in culture, religion, sports, arts and crafts, and swimming. The camp is located at: 26202 W. Nippersink Rd. in Ingelside, IL. V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian is camp director.

Sessions and Costs:

Hye Camp offers one session from **July 30-August 6, 2011**. The cost for campers is \$400 and the cost for CITs is \$200 and includes three meals a day, lodging, snacks, and a camp t-shirt. There are no refunds.

Camp Registration

For more information, please contact Jennifer Morris, coordinator of youth outreach, by calling (212) 686-0710, ext. 118, or via email – jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org. Visit the website of the Armenian Diocese: www.armenianchurch.net and select "Diocesan Camps" for more information and registration materials.

Summer Christian Youth Enrichment Program

Reaching Higher has been motivating youth and adults to live a life of awakened purpose with passion and confidence for over 13 years in Southeastern Michigan. Traditionally offered in public schools and community organizations, our program helps people reach their full potential and experience more joy in daily life. We are very pleased to offer a new FAITH BASED curriculum to the St. John's community. This class explores key subject areas including goal setting, managing stress, and making healthy choices, while adding in a spiritual aspect that allows participants to deepen their relationship with God.

Our Program:

- Overcoming Your Fears
- Realizing Goals
- Handling Stress & Pressure
- Making Positive Life Choices
- Building Connections With Others
- Finding More Joy in Life!

JOIN US MONDAY – THURSDAY, JUNE 27 – 30TH IN SOUTHFIELD!

Class is open to teens, ages 13 and older (family and friends outside of St. John's parish are welcome). Class meets on Monday through Thursday, June 27 – 30, 2011 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at St. John's Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075. Investment is just \$115 per person which includes all sessions, books and materials.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ENROLL, PLEASE CALL:

Lisa Bahm at (248) 231-6511 or email at LBahm1@gmail.com

Registration Deadline: June 8th

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER DAY CAMP—2011 SEASON

St. John Armenian Church is pleased to again offer a **Summer Day Camp** for children ages 5 to 12, a wonderful opportunity for our children to get acquainted with other Armenian children, learn about their heritage and share in the exciting experience of summer day camp. **Contact Summer Day Camp Director Lisa Mardigian with any questions 248-569-3405 or lmardigian@sjachurch.org**. Campers have a week of indoor/outdoor supervised, safe, fun activities including swimming, sports, games, special themes, crafts, nature walks and more. **Wednesdays feature Armenian baking, religious and cultural activities with special guests!**

DAY CAMP SESSION THEMES & FIELD TRIPS

SESSION 1: JUNE 20-24 PURE MICHIGAN TENTATIVE-BASED ON ENROLLMENT!

Swim Day-Greenfield Village-Detroit Zoo

SESSION 2: JUNE 27– JULY 1 SPORTS & FITNESS

Wave Pool-Basketball-Zumba-Tiger Game

MINI SESSION 3: JULY 6-8 SCAVENGER HUNT

Swim Day-Paddleboating-Scavenger hunts

SESSION 4: JULY 11-15 FOOD NETWORK

Swim Day-California Pizza Kitchen

SESSION 5: JULY 18-22 ART & CREATIVITY

Swim Day-Tiger Baseball Game-DIA

SESSION 6: JULY 25-29 CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Swim Day-Karaoke-Tiger Baseball Game-Hard Rock Cafe

NO CAMP July 30 - August 6 due to **HYE CAMP 2011**

SESSION 7: AUGUST 8-12 CULTURAL WEEK

Swim Day-Arab American Museum
Holocaust Museum

SESSION 8: AUGUST 15-19 SURPRISE THEME

Swim Day-Surprise Adventure

SCHEDULE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TIME: Check in 9:00-9:30 am; Dismissal 4:00 pm.

FEE: \$125.00 per week (\$25.00/day)

with discount for second child

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of Armenian books, CDs and gifts in the Midwest.
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IN OUR PARISH.....

A Big "Thank You!"

It was a long hard battle to build awareness at the State level of our problem, but when it is a personal issue (our church)Kudos to Nancy Banks, Southfield City Clerk, and Greg Jamian, Oakland County Road Commission Vice-Chairperson for getting a new road in front of our church!

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Would you be interested in serving St. John Armenian Church to drive parishioners to church who are unable to drive themselves? If so, please phone Ardis Gregory at 248.682.6936.

**Kroger Community Rewards Program:
An Update**

If you wish to continue, or become part of the Kroger Community Awards Program, by which St. John's receives a percentage of your purchases at area Kroger stores, then you must enroll or re-enroll at:

krogercommunityrewards.com

During the last quarter, 25 participants donated

\$125.69

to St. John's, and it is much appreciated!

Baptisms

May

- 11 Jahr McPherson Turchan - Adult
- 13 Edgar Levon
Son of Levon & Liana Snkhtchyan
Godparents: Edward & Hasmik Snkhtchyan
- 15 Adriana Victoria
Daughter of Aleksandr & Elina Mazmanian
Godparents: Michael Babayan & Narina Bagdasarova
- 21 Mariam Anoush
Daughter of William & Armenouhi Kemler
Godparents: Armen Boghossian & Mary Clark
- 21 Maven Grace
Daughter of Alex & Jessica Alexanian
Godparents: Peter Alexanian & Katlyn Abbott

Weddings

May

- 7 Lisa A. Ornekian & Adam Frank Thomas
Khachyeghpayr: Derek Ornekian
Bestman: Alan Kish
Maid of Honor: Catherine Ornekian
- 14 Lisa Marie Joboulian & Mark Evert Mimnaugh
Bestman: Robert Anderson Jr.
Matron of Honor: Michelle Dziadula

Funerals

May

- 18 Susanna Babayan, 50, Oakview
- 20 Laurie L. Toomajanian, 88, White Chapel
- 23 Armenouhi Gopigian, 101, Woodlawn

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.

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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:

stjohnsarmenianchurch.com

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.....

June

- 2 Feast of the Holy Ascension - *Hampartsoom*
- 5 Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
- 6 Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin
- 10 Men's Society Wine & Spirits Tasting
- 12 Feast of Pentecost – *Hokekalousd*
- 17 Kef Klub
- 22 Afternoon Bible Study

July

- 3 Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
- 4 Complex Closed for Independence Day
- 15 Kef Klub
- 27 Afternoon Bible Study
- 31 **Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord - Vartavar; ANNUAL PICNIC**

August

- 6 Men's Society Photo Road Rally
- 7 Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
- 14 **Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God - Asdvadzadzin**
(Note: Annual Picnic date has changed.)
- 19 Kef Klub

Dates in bold are Tabernacle Feasts.

Moms and Manooogs

- play group first and third Wednesdays in the Nursery at 10:30 am.

Note: All events at St. John's Church and Cultural Hall unless specified.

Day by Day Afternoon Bible Study

will be held on Wednesdays each month.

The next gathering will be June 22 at 12 noon in the conference room.

This monthly Bible study group is led by Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian.

Bring your Bible and your lunch - coffee will be provided.

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