

## St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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## *Sunday Bulletin*

### **OUR CHURCH AND PARISH IS A PLACE WHERE . . .**

All people are welcome . . . **Every member is a minister . . .**

The world is our collective responsibility . . .

Disciple-making is our goal . . . And worship is our duty and delight.

**APRIL 1, 2012—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1461**

**PALM SUNDAY - ԾԱՂԿԱԶԱՐԴ**

### **THE LORD'S DAY—SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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

Divine Liturgy/ *Ս. Պատարագ* .....9:45 am

Church School / *Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարան*.....10:15 am

### **SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY TODAY**

**THIS WEEK: Song 1:1-23, Zechariah 9:9-15, Philippians 4:4-7, Matthew 20:29-21:17**

**NEXT WEEK: Acts 1:15-26, Mark 16:2-8**

**Lector: Dr. Anne Marie Ameriguian**

### **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.

## **TODAY'S GOSPEL: Matthew 20:29-21:17**

And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the roadside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent; but they cried out the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" and Jesus stopped and called them, saying,

"What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they received their sight and followed him.

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers."

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings you have brought perfect praise'?" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED**

Vahan Aglamishian	Seta Akarakcian	Harry Avagian
Jim Baylerian	Rose Boudakian	Helen Daiyan
Siranush Demirjian	Rachel Ekizian	Agnes Hagopian
Terri Karebian	Walter Negosian	Alice Prudian
William Pugh	George Zallakian	



## **TODAY . . . ACYOA DAY**

*Honoring Lisa Mardigian*

*St. John's Armenian Church*

*Youth Coordinator*

*20 years of devoted service*

*Brunch Donation: \$10.00 to "ACYOA Seniors"*

*Gifts in honor of Lisa to be donated to:*

*St. John's Armenian Church "Youth Fund"*

### **GIFTS TO THE CHURCH FOR PALM SUNDAY**

**The palm crosses distributed today were graciously  
donated by Stephen Evarian.**

**A donation for palms was presented in honor of cousin and  
godparents Garo and Juliette Chevikian, by Lucille Belbeisi,  
Alia Belbeisi, and Deema Gamal.**

**Donations for the floral arrangements and potted plants  
adorning the altar were presented by:**

**Shirley Ann Sarkisian in memory of Anahaid and Vagharshak  
Sarkisian, and Roopan and Hargan Dickranian**

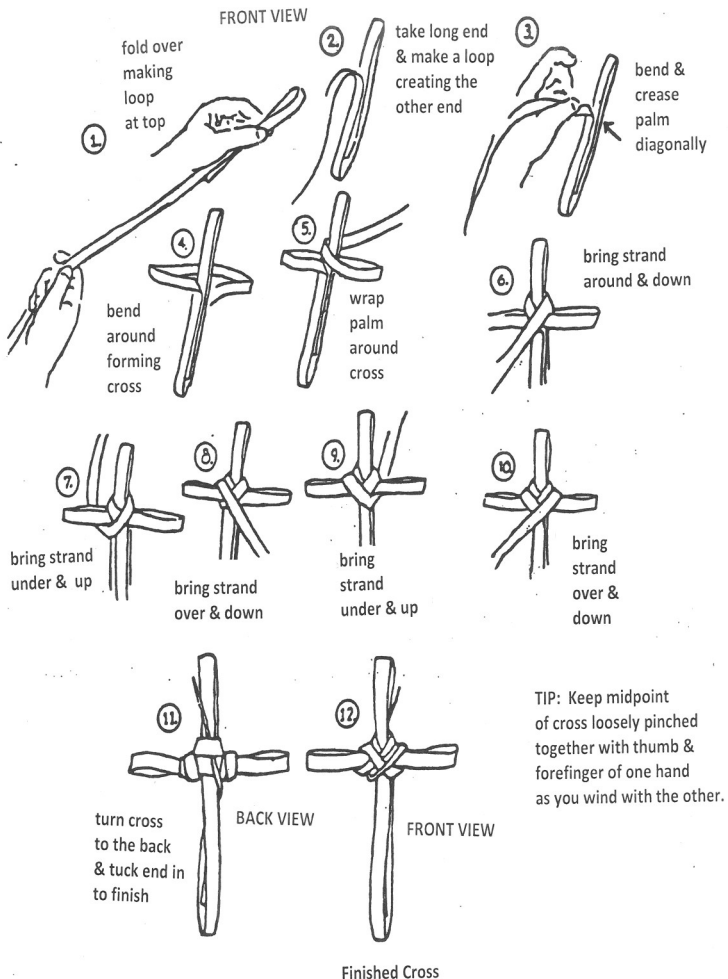
**The Richard Torigian Family.**

### **UPDATE FROM JERUSALEM**

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag informed us that His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, in his comatose condition, was transferred to a hospice facility for ongoing care. We continue our prayers for his comfort.

## HOW TO MAKE A PALM CROSS

On Palm Sunday, Armenians receive blessed palms in memory of the glorious procession of Jesus into Jerusalem. We read in John 12:12-13 how people "took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying 'Hosanna'," Traditionally these palms are fashioned into small crosses and displayed in the home all year long.



## WHY CAN WE TAKE COMMUNION ON PALM SUNDAY?

Actually, the Great Lent fasting period of 40 days ends on the Friday before Palm Sunday. The day before Palm Sunday is called Lazarus Saturday. These two fast days constitute a preparation for Holy Week, which is another 5-day fasting period before Easter. In total, pre- Easter fasting is for 47 days and ends at sundown on Easter Eve.

Receiving Holy Communion on Palm Sunday is allowed because it is the pre-feast of Christ's Resurrection, and the Divine Liturgy is celebrated with an open curtain that allows the normal distribution of the blessed sacrament.

Even though Palm Sunday falls within the 47 days of pre-Easter fasting, according to the Liturgical Calendar, the Armenian Church invites her faithful to the Eucharist because it is the moment when the Savior Himself seeks us out to restore our separated relationship with God in the fullest way possible--receiving Holy Communion. We culminate this relationship with the Resurrected Lord again on Easter.

Our union with God the Father---interrupted by our Lenten fasting, the closed curtain, and the absence of a normal rhythm of receiving Holy Communion-- is restored and begins again on Palm Sunday - a day that stands at the threshold of a union with God that comes with Christ's entry into our hearts and minds, a restored relationship, and so we enter that union with, in, by Christ and His Communion.

Also, Holy Communion is offered during Holy Week on the morning of Holy Thursday during the Holy *Badarak* remembering the Last Supper, and this Divine Liturgy is celebrated with an open curtain.

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**DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY**  
**A monthly Bible study group led by**  
**Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian**

**Wednesdays, April 4 and 25**  
**12:00—2:00 pm in the Nursery Room**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Oakland Choral Society presents Johann Sebastian Bach's**  
**The Passion According to St. John**

**Sunday, April 1, 2012, 3:30 pm**

**St. Mary Catholic Church**  
**730 S Lafayette, Royal Oak**

**See announcement on bulletin board for details.**

**ANNUAL GOURMET DINNER AND PROGRAM**  
**SPONSORED BY**  
**TEKEYAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

**HONORING DEACON MIHRAN HOPLAMAZIAN**  
**"Man of the Year"**

**Saturday, April 14, 2012, 7:30 pm**

**St. John's Cultural Hall**

**See announcement on bulletin board for details**

**REQUIEMS WILL BE OFFERED:**

**APRIL 15, 22, 29;     MAY 6, 13, 20, 27**

**NO REQUIEMS ON EASTER**

**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH  
COMMEMORATES THE  
97TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012**

**REMEMBERING THE ONE AND ONE HALF  
MILLION ARMENIAN SOULS  
WHO PERISHED AT THE HANDS  
OF THE OTTOMAN TURKISH EMPIRE**

**SOLEMN REQUIEM SERVICE AT 7:00 PM  
FOLLOWED BY MADAGH DINNER**

**GUEST SPEAKER:  
DR. SANDRA BUNN-LIVINGSTONE  
(with PowerPoint presentation)**

***97 YEARS AFTER THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE:  
CAN INTERNATIONAL LAW BRING JUSTICE?***



Dr. Bunn-Livingstone, a recipient of numerous degrees from prestigious universities, is an expert in international law. She has taught law in the US and China, and has worked for the US State Department and several law firms in the U.S. and abroad. Her most recent book, *Juricultural Pluralism vis-à-vis Treaty Law*, is an expose on how culture influences the way in which nation states practice international human rights law. Currently she serves as Executive director of Jus Cogens, a law firm dedicated to promoting human rights worldwide.

## **NEW AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE**

### ***A Trip Through Historic Armenia Through Dance—\$25.00***

*An instructional DVD in 2 parts with pre-1915 Armenian folk dances*

### ***The Forty Days of Musa Dagh* by Franz Werfel**

Translated from the German by Geoffrey Dunlop and James Reidel

Preface by Dr. Vartan Gregorian - Softcover **\$23.00**

Franz Werfel's masterpiece brought him international acclaim in 1933, and drew the world's attention to the 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 all over the Near and Middle East.

### ***Hayr Mer Silver Charm***

This tiny book-shaped charm—1/2" high—contains the complete text of the *Hayr Mer* in Armenian on pages that actually turn. It may be worn on a bracelet or on a necklace.

**Silver \$30.00**

**Silver with Enamel \$40.00**

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## **PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN -DEARBORN, ARMENIAN RESEARCH CENTER**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 7:30 pm**

**"The Nagorno-Karabagh Conflict: Structural, Political, Socio-Economic  
and Cultural /Perceptual Factors"**

**Lecture by Dr. Ohannes Geukjian**

**Armenian Community Center, Dearborn**

**Thursday, May 3, 2012, 7:30 pm**

**"Race and Space: the Armenian Genocide in the Context of Population  
and Territory"**

**Lecture by Ugur Umit Ungor**

**AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian School, Southfield**

**(For details, see announcements in lobby and on bulletin board.)**



## WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

**Palm Sunday Bake Sale Today!** Traditional Armenian treats will delight your guests for the holiday. An assortment of pastries and bread will be available for purchase in the Cultural Hall following *Badarak*. Items available today include: **Spinach Pie, Cheese Beoreg, Cheoreg, Sou Beoreg, Khalkha and Katah** just to name a few.

**Dinner and Fashion Show**—On May 18 starting at 6:00 pm, the Women's Guild presents: **Spring into Fashion**. The evening includes fashions by the Clothing Cove, raffle prizes and more. For reservations, please call Linda Assarian @ 248.332.0816.

**Moms and Manoogs** meet for social interaction and fun activities. Our meeting days are flexible and we'd love to have you and your Manoogs join our group. Contact Kristen Gustafson for further information. [frissy10@hotmail.com](mailto:frissy10@hotmail.com) or 248-765-0471.

**Knitting Club** - Beginner or expert, the knitting club welcomes new members. The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 10 am – Noon in the St. John's Nursery. Contact Linda Assarian for more information. 248 -332-0816.

*The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.  
For details, call Terry Palaian, 313-929-0926*

## Kef Klub

The Gathering Place for All Ages...Make it a Family Reunion!

**Friday, April 20, 2012, 6:00 pm**

St. John Recreation Center

Tavloo, Cards and Games!

Adults-\$8. Kids-under 12-\$5. 5 and under-FREE

Family-\$25. 2 Adults + Children

**PLEASE RSVP St. John's Church Office: 248-569-3405**

# **ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME CROP HUNGER WALK**

**Join Team St. John's Armenian Church  
Sunday, May 6, 2012 (after worship)  
Contact Team Leader Lisa Mardigian  
lmardigian@sjachurch.org  
or call 248-569-3405**

**The purpose of this initiative is to support the poor in all parts of the world by helping them become self-sufficient.**

**\$25** can provide a farm family with everything they need to make succulent, nutritious honey –hives, training and equipment.

**\$50** can provide 400 lbs. of much-needed food for a local church-run food pantry.

**\$100** can provide 250 cute and useful baby chicks, who will grow up to be egg-producing chickens.

**Join the CROP Hunger Walk or donate to a walker.**

**Online donations for Team  
St. John's Armenian Church  
[www.cropwalkonline.org/southfieldmi](http://www.cropwalkonline.org/southfieldmi)**

## **THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP**

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 3 - Great & Holy Tuesday**

Remembering the Wise and Foolish Virgins Vespers —**7:30 pm**

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 5 - Great and Holy Thursday**

Divine Liturgy commemorating the Last Supper—**10:00 am**

Washing of the Feet / *Vodnluva*—**7:30 pm**

Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord / *Khavaroom*—**8:30 pm**

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 6 - Great and Holy Friday**

Order of the Crucifixion of Christ —**11:30 am**

The Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ —**7:30 pm**

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 7 - Great and Holy Saturday**

Divine Liturgy & Family Service, Holy Communion & Easter Eve  
Supper

Reading of Scriptures —**4:00 pm**

Divine Liturgy —**5:00 pm**

**After worship a complimentary Easter supper will be served to all children by the Church School. Adults - \$18.00**

**RSVP (Tables Only) - Alberta Godoshian - 248.476.4638.**

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 8 - EASTER SUNDAY**

## **THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST**

Morning Service —**9:00 am**    Divine Liturgy—**9:45 am**

**The Blessing of the Four Corners of the Earth – *Antasdan* –  
will take place immediately after the Divine Liturgy.**

**All are invited to Easter Tea  
prepared by the Women's Guild.**

## 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 kho-rhoortus koh ee parees na gadarsestseh.*

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 yegheet-see kez ee Soorp Badarakes.*

Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի 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:

God is my portion 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 haydootyoonun Kreesdosee.*

## THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenyn zham orhnootyoon 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.

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

**After hours in an emergency, please contact:**

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