

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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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.

APRIL 19, 2015

SUNDAY OF THE WORLD CHURCH

CELEBRANT: REV. FR. GARABED KOCHAKIAN

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

Divine Liturgy / Ս.Պատարագ9:45 am

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

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Acts 9:23-31, I Peter 2:1-10, John 2:23-3:12

LECTOR: ROBERT MAGEE

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 mkafrican@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday requested. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.

PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH 2014—2015

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TODAY'S GOSPEL JOHN 2:23-3:12

Now he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

GIFT TO THE CHURCH

**In memory of beloved husband & father, John Minas Stephanian,
Margaret Stephanian & Family present a gift to the church.**

**In memory of Uncle, John Minas Stephanian,
Joseph & Mary Ann DeGennaro present a gift to the church.**

**Flowers on the altar are presented by the Kafafian and Kourajian Families
in memory of May Kafafian.**

Women's Guild News

Next meeting date: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7pm

*Take the opportunity to make new and lasting friendships
while doing service for the Lord.*

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian
Rose Boudakian
Cheryl Giesa
Yn. Aurora Jebejian
Alice Prudian
Anita Tootikian

Stan Armit
Pam Dayinian
Ruben Griffin
Walter Negosian
Richard Santourian

Araxey Barsamian
George Douroujalian
Frank Houhanisin
Aida Petrosyan
Mary Sarafian

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God,
May Kafafian, who entered her eternal rest this past week.
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

VISIT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: Remembering the Genocide T-Shirts Youth & Adult sizes \$20.00

"When I Was Baptized"—Children's Board Book—\$12.00

"Mariam's Easter Parade" - Children's Book by Marianne Markarian HC \$16

*The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry,
Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many "Made in Armenia" products.*

SPECIAL: 2-CD SET BY ROGER KRIKORIAN.

"FORGET ME NOT" FLOWER LAPEL PINS NOW AVAILABLE—\$8.00

The Fine Arts Committee of
St. John's Armenian Church

Cordially invites everyone to an exhibition entitled
"REBIRTH"

Featuring works of local young Armenian Professional Artists

CATHY JACOBS | LEVON KAFAFIAN | NARINE KCHIKIAN | ANA MIRZOYAN

MICHAEL STAMBOULIAN | ARA LEVON THOROSE

OPENING RECEPTION - TODAY, 1:00-4:00 PM

Fifty Days of Easter

Fifty-day period beginning from the Holy Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ – *Soorp* Haroutiun and lasting until the Feast of Pentecost [the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles] in the Holy Armenian Orthodox Church is called *Hinounk* or *Hinants* period. That period is dedicated to the mystery of Resurrection of the Lord, and that is why it is the Dominical period i.e. Dedicated to Christ the Lord.

The word “*Hinounk*” comes from the Armenian word for fifty... *hisoun*. The first forty days of this period are dedicated to the appearances of the Risen Christ: *For forty days after his death he appeared to them many times in ways that proved beyond doubt that he was alive. They saw him, and he talked with them about the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3).*

On the fortieth day after Easter is the Feast of the Ascension, or as we say in Armenian, *Hampartsoom*. Our Lord Jesus Christ Ascended into Heaven in the ‘Glory of the Father’, as we say in the Nicene Creed...*He ascended into heaven with same body and sat at the right hand of the Father.* The last ten days of the period are a prelude to the Feast of *HOKEKALOOSD*/ Pentecost- when the Holy Spirit came to down from heaven and rested on the Apostles.

According to the Church canon law during this time frame, there are no fasting days the fifty days of *Hinants*, which means that all people can eat everything during that period. Thus, all Wednesdays and Fridays of the week which are observed as days of fasting from meat products, during *Hinounk* this fasting is suspended and we celebrate the feast Easter for a continued fifty days.

The week following Pentecost- the fifty-first day- we return to observing Wednesdays and Fridays as *non-meat* days of fasting.

NATIONAL COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE CENTENNIAL

info@armeniangenocidecentennial.org

www.armeniangenocidecentennial.org

On May 7, 8 and 9, 2015, thousands will gather in Washington, D.C. to commemorate the centennial of the Armenian Genocide. While remembering those who were lost, we will also give thanks for the creation of a new Armenia and for thriving Armenian communities around the world. Please refer to the announcement in the main lobby for details.

THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL, MAY 7, 7:00 PM

His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, and His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, will lead Armenian clergy and representatives of other faiths in an ecumenical service. Present will be Armenia's President Serge Sargsyan and other dignitaries.

THE MUSIC CENTER AT STRATHMORE, MAY 8, 8:00 PM

The acclaimed Hover Chamber Choir of Armenia and other renowned musicians will present "A Journey Through 100 Years of Armenian Music." The program will include a range of music from the classic melodies of Komitas Vartabed to contemporary pieces composed for this centennial.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MAY 9, 10:00 AM

His Holiness Karekin II and His Holiness Aram I will lead a unified celebration of the Armenian Divine Liturgy. The liturgy will be sung by a united choir from Armenian churches around the country. The 3,000-seat basilica is on the campus of Catholic University.

THE MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL, MAY 9 AT 6:00 PM

A reception and banquet offer "A Time to Give Thanks." The keynote speaker will be Dr. Vartan Gregorian, President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Mark Giragos will host the evening of musical performances and awards.

EXHIBITIONS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, MAY 7-9

Innovative workshops, films, and exhibits will be mounted in public spaces in the nation's capital and around the Marriott Marquis. Activities will be provided for children, with entertainment and childcare available during the banquet.

TO OBTAIN THE NCAGC SPECIAL ROOM RATE OF \$159 PER NIGHT, BOOK THROUGH THIS LINK: resweb.passkey.com/go/441f5d02

METRO DETROIT EVENTS FOR THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE CENTENNIAL

www.armeniangenocidecentennialmi.com

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 7:30 PM— Ecumenical Service, St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Basilica, 18100 Merriman Rd., Livonia. Clergy from various faiths have been invited to take part. Choirs from Armenian churches will sing. Principal homilist, Abp. Allen Vigneron, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Detroit. Sponsored by 4 Armenian churches of Detroit.

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 19— St. John's Komitas Choir will sponsor a concert to celebrate Armenian culture by the Armenian Community Chorale at the Max Fisher Orchestra Hall, Detroit.

Save the date: Sunday, May 3, 2015

The Men's Society is having another Pancake Breakfast. We plan on serving Basterma & Eggs, Sheppard's Pie, Chocolate Fountain, Specialty Coffee/Tea Table and much more. Plan on joining us for food and to help us honor our Mothers. As usual, it will be a good will offering to help the Men's Society in doing our projects for our Church Community.



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN

REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

While we are mourning the loss of our loved ones, we also rejoice as they meet the Lord behind the veil in the Heavenly Jerusalem.

ARCHBISHOP GRIGORIS BOURNOUTIAN, 40th Day

Requested by Pastor & Parish of St. John Armenian Church

HARRIET ALEXANDER, 40th Day, Cousin

Requested by Father Garabed & Yeretzing Roberta Kochakian

ZEPUR BEKRI, 40th Day, Mother

Requested by Janet Frangulyan & Family

BERJ KURKECHIAN, 40th Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Khnamee, Friend

Requested by Mary & Linda M. Kurkechian
Paul, Linda D., John & George Kurkechian
Robert, Isabel, Mia & Christopher Kurkechian
Craig, Arsho, Alex, Sara & Michael Kurkechian
Edward & Evelyn Kurkechian
Jerry & Juanita Kurkechian & Family
Richard & Diana Kurkechian & Family
Parsekh & Takouhi Dellalian
Garbis & Tania Dellalian
Lisa, Mike, Jacob, Erin & Andrea Bahm
Elizabeth Amboian & Family
Armen Boladian
Charlie & Alice Noorian

KASPER OHANNASIAN, 40th Day, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Brother, Brother-in-law, Uncle

Requested by Cheryl & Keith Messisco
Keith Brandon, Cole & Ava
Kasper Allen, Tonya Ohannasian
Nick, Gracie, Sarah & Dan, Jessica & Rich
Peighton & Olivia
Nancy & Manouk Altounian
Harry Tokatlilian
George, Mia & Chris
Mary, Marty & Becky
Sophia, Ava & Neena

JOHN MINAS STEPHANIAN, 40th Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Cousin

Requested by Margaret Stephanian
Patti & Jenni Morris
Robert Stephanian
Michael, Jonathon, & William Stephanian
Ann Kale
Art & Liz Kale
Mary Ann, Joe, Marco, & Gina DeGennaro
Peter & Agnes Hovsepian
Father Garabed & Yeretzing Roberta Kochakian
Richard & Susan Vian
Edward, Deanna, & Matthew Carman

REQUIEM PRAYERS Cont'd.

JOHN MINAS STEPHANIAN, 40th Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Cousin

Laurie Sorge
Al Papazian
Anthony, Susan & Dion DeGennaro
Kelly, Kaitlyn & Jaclyn Cobb
Margaret Jonikian
Gayle & Elliot Lewkow & Family

KHURMA AZATYAN, Grandmother of Yeretzgin Naira Sargsyan, In Armenia

Requested by Father Garabed & Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

TONY IAFRATE, 6th Month, Beloved Uncle

STEPHEN BOYAJIAN, 23rd Year, Father, Grandfather

NELLIE BOYAJIAN, 19th Year, Mother, Grandmother

VAHRAM BOYAJIAN, 33rd Year, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

MANUSHAG BOYAJIAN, 23rd Year, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

ANDREAS SOULTANIAN, 57th Year, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

MARGARET SOULTANIAN, 21st Year, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

Requested by Stephanie Boyajian (Dallakian) & Stefan Dallakian

GEORGE ELIAN, 1st Year, Father, Grandfather

MARIAN ELIAN, 8th Year, Mother, Grandmother

VEHANOUSH & MAGAR ELIAN, Grandparents

KHANEM & ANTRIAS AMBOIAN, Grandparents

Requested by Lisa, Mike, Jacob, Erin and Andrea Bahm
Elizabeth Amboian
Robert & Cindy Amboian & Family
Kim & Bob Simonian & Family
Armen Boladian

AGNES TOKATLIAN, 1st Year, Wife, Mother, Sister, Aunt

Requested by Harry Tokatlian
George Tokatlian
Mia Tokatlian
Nancy & Manouk Altounian
Mary, Marty, Becky
Sophia, Ava, Neena
Cheryl & Keith Messisco & Family
Kasper Allen, & Tonya Ohannasian & Family

ANABELL STAMBOULIAN, 3rd Year, Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother, Sister-in-law

CHARLES STAMBOULIAN, 2nd Year, Father, Father-in-law, Grandfather, Brother

Requested by Thomas & Linda Stambouliau
Thomas Jr. & Lucinda Stambouliau
Jim & Patricia Stambouliau
Charles Edward Stambouliau
Kristen Stambouliau
Jeffrey & Jessica Aris
Michael Stambouliau
Ani Stambouliau
Nevart Godoshian

REQUIEM PRAYERS Cont'd.

NORMAN K. AKARAKCIAN, 5th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Seta Akaracian
Arlene, David & Aaron Pincus
Correne Akaracian
Glenn, Charlotte, Isabelle, & Madeline Akaracian

JOHN LUCAS, 5th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

APRIL LUCAS, 4th Year, Daughter, Niece, Cousin

Requested by Virginia Lucas
John & Sheri Lucassian & Family
Harry & Peggy Lucas & Family
Fred & Kathy Lucas & Family
Val Moreton & Family

JEANNE TASHJIAN, 7th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Sister, Sister-in-law, Aunt, Niece

EDWARD TASHJIAN, 26th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Brother-in-law, Uncle, Nephew

ARDASH MOORADIAN, 32nd Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Brother-in-law

MARIAM MOORADIAN, 17th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Sister-in-law

ROUPEN & PERLANTE TASHJIAN, Father-in-law, Mother-in-law, Grandparents, Great Grandparents, Great-Great-Grandparents

Requested by Tina Schoeny & Family
Bruce Tashjian & Family
Wayne & Deborah Tashjian
Jesse & Susie Siebert & Family
Helen Mooradian
Pearl Mooradian

MARGARET JAMGOCHIAN, 3rd Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Sister, Friend

Requested by June Mekjian
Chuck & Rosanne Simon
Robert Simon
Jeff Simon & Family
Lisah & Rob Millward & Family
Susan & Sam Subotich
Linda & David Bryan & Family
Charles & Lisa Jamgochian & Family
Dianne Jamgochian
Todd & Jackie Jamgochian & Family
Rose Beuyukian
Manuel Cook

RICHARD SIMON, 8th Year, Father, Grandfather, Son, Brother, Uncle, Cousin

Requested by Jeff Simon & Family
June Mekjian
Chuck & Rosanne Simon
Robert Simon
Lisah & Rob Millward & Family
Susan & Sam Subotich
Linda & David Bryan & Family
Charles & Lisa Jamgochian & Family
Dianne Jamgochian
Todd & Jackie Jamgochian & Family

MICHAEL SIMON, 12th Year, Brother, Uncle, Grandson, Nephew, Cousin

Requested by Jeff Simon & Family
June Mekjian
Chuck & Rosanne Simon
Robert Simon
Lisah & Rob Millward & Family

REQUIEM PRAYERS Cont'd.

MICHAEL SIMON, 12th Year, Brother, Uncle, Grandson, Nephew, Cousin

Susan & Sam Subotich
Linda & David Bryan & Family
Charles & Lisa Jamgochian & Family
Dianne Jamgochian
Todd & Jackie Jamgochian & Family

HARRY DERDERIAN, 10th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

NERSES NERSESIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

ARSHALOYS NERSESIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

STEPHEN DERDERIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

BAIZAR DERDERIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

MARY EGIGIAN, Sister-in-law, Aunt

PETER EGIGIAN, Brother-in-law, Uncle

NERSESIAN, ARZOUMANIAN, DERDERIAN & MAHTERIAN FAMILIES

Requested by Margaret Derderian
Stephen & Lisa Derderian
Mike, Kathy, David & Rebecca Derderian
Denise Derderian
Kevin & Melina Kelchner

AROOSIAG MOCOSSIEN LAFIAN, 12th Year, Mother, Survivor of the 1915 Armenian Genocide

MARDIRO S MOCOSSIEN, Grandfather, Victim of the 1915 Genocide in Sepastia

SEBOUH MOCOSSIEN, Uncle, 14 year old victim of the 1915 Genocide in Sepastia

Requested by Margaret Lafian & Family

SUZIE JINGOZIAN, 15th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt

MARY DEMIRJIAN, 8th Year, Sister, Aunt, Cousin

MILLIE JINGOZIAN, 3rd Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Cousin, Dear Friend

Requested by Paul Jingoian
Bill & Michele Messner
John & Paula Minni
Gary & Nan Tungate & Family
Jerry & Pam Dayinian & Family
Isabelle Vahratian
Harry & Alice Terzian & Family
Alex Terzian
David & Kim Najarian & Family
Tom & Kathy Steck & Family

EDWARD B. KORKOIAN, 16th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Khnamee, Dear Friend

Requested by Edward & Yvonne Korkoian & Family
Gloria Korkoian
Karen & George Nigoghosian & Family
David & Marianne Dardarian & Family
Alice & Sandra Nigoghosian
Ohanesian, Lutz, & Findikyan Families

RICHARD KRIKORIAN, 16th Year, Godfather, Uncle

VIRGINIA KRIKORIAN, 7th Year, Godmother, Aunt

Requested by Ohanesian, Lutz, & Findikyan Families

FLORENCE OHANESIAN, 16th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Dear Friend

JAMES OHANESIAN, 13th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Dear Friend

Requested by Ohanesian, Lutz, & Findikyan Families
Edward & Yvonne Korkoian & Family
Gloria Korkoian
George & Karen Nigoghosian & Family

REQUIEM PRAYERS Cont'd.

ALZAR ALZARIAN, 36th Year, Father

AGHAVNEE ALZARIAN, 33rd Year, Mother

MARY ALZARIAN KECHECHIAN, 65th Year

Requested by Peter & Agnes Hovsepien

Father Garabed & Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

Richard & Susan Vian

Edward, Deanna, & Matthew Carman

HARRY BEDROS DARDARIAN, 36th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Khnamee

Requested by Yvonne & Edward Korkoian & Family

David & Marianne Dardarian & Family

Michael & Diana Dardarian & Family

Gloria Korkoian

Karen & George Nigoghosian & Family

Alice & Sandra Nigoghosian

ALL EVEREG-FENESSEE HAYRANAGITZNER WHO WERE VICTIMS OF THE 1915 GENOCIDE, AND FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED AREA MEMBERS

GOLDIE HARGREAVES

ANTONIO IAFRATE

EDWARD JIZMEJIAN

JOHNNY JOHNS

DELPHINE SOULTANIAN

AGNES TOKATLIAN

Requested by Evereg-Fenesse Educational Society

HAIG & VERKIN SAHAGIAN, Parents

WALTER SINTERMAN, Husband

ARSHAG & VARTOHE KARAGEUSIAN, Parents

AGNES AVAKIAN, Grandmother

NANCY SUKASIAN, Great Aunt

VALRICH & ANGIE ANDONIAN

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Mugitch Karageusian

Mrs. Dana Sinterman

ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY & SPORTS WEEKEND

Welcome to Detroit

The ACYOA Seniors of St. John's Armenian Church are delighted to be your hosts this year. Get ready for a fun-filled weekend, because we are excited to show you what Detroit can offer!

Crowne Plaza Hotel - Novi, MI
Thursday, May 21st - Monday, May 24th - 2015



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DAY 1,

MAY 21ST

6:00PM-10:00PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DAY 2,

MAY 22ND

8:00AM - 6:00PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel

EVENING PROGRAMMING

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE, MAY 22ND

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM at Fox Theatre

ENTERTAINMENT: DJ M-KAY & DJ ESSO

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE, MAY 23RD

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM at Henry Ford Museum

ENTERTAINMENT: Kevork Artinian & Band

After hours: 1:00AM - 3:00 AM at Crowne Plaza Hotel

ENTERTAINMENT: DJ ESSO

AWARDS BANQUET, MAY 24TH

Alumni Cocktail Hour: 6:30PM - 7:30 at St. John Armenian Church Hall

Dinner & Dance: 7:30PM - 2:00PM at St. John Armenian Church Hall

ENTERTAINMENT: Band including Richard Hagopian, Hecding Kazanian, Mat Barsamian & Michael Kazanian, DJ ESSO

After hours: 2:00 AM - 4:00 AM at Crowne Plaza Hotel

ENTERTAINMENT: DJ M-KAY

SPORTS

HILLSIDE RECREATIONAL ST. JOHN'S RECREATIONAL

CENTER, MAY 23RD

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sports Finals

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

HONORING OUR MARTYRED SAINTS, MAY 23RD

11:30 AM - 12: 30 PM at Hillside Recreational Center

DIVINE LITURGY, MAY 24TH

10:30 AM - 12: 15 PM at St. John's Armenian Church

SUNDAY BRUNCH, MAY 24TH

12: 15 PM - 1: 00 PM at St. John's Armenian Church Hall

MONDAY FAREWELL BRUNCH, MAY 25TH

10: 00 AM - 1: 00 PM at Crowne Plaza Hotel

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail the Sports Weekend Committee at DetroitSW2015@gmail.com. In order to participate in the evening programs, participants must be at least 18 years old.

MADE IN DETROIT, WE ARE THE LEGACY

FISH: A SYMBOL OF CHRIST



Did you know that the sign of the fish is an early symbol for the early Christian church adopted even before the Cross?

Fish are often mentioned in the gospels. This is what one would expect, if Jesus did most of his teaching in the Galilee. The synoptic gospels state that fish were a staple in the diet of Galilee (Some gospel verses which mention fish are: Mark 1:17; Matthew 12:40; Matthew 14:17; Luke 5:6; John 21:6; 1 Corinthians 15:39). Christians believe that the second link between Christianity and the fish symbol is to be found in the Greek word for fish (*ichthys*, spelled: Iota (i) Iēsous (Ἰησοῦς), Jesus; Chi (ch) Christos (Χριστός), Christ; Theta (th) Theou (Θεοῦ), God's; Ypsilon (y) (*h*)*yios*^[3] (Υἱός), Son; Sigma (s) *sōtēr* (Σωτήρ), Savior). This is an acrostic with many translations in English.

According to historians, during Roman persecutions of Christ's followers in the first centuries after Christ, Christians used the fish symbol to mark meeting places and tombs, or to distinguish friends from enemies. For instance, when a Christian met a stranger in the road, they sometimes drew one arc of the simple fish outline in the dirt. If the stranger drew the other arc, both believers knew they were in good company.



Also, the first meal after Christ's Resurrection that he shared with two men was a meal consisting of fish. That is why the fish is such an important icon of sharing Christ both in life and death. In fact, it is most proper to serve fish at a memorial *hokejash* after a funeral rather than a meat product because *we believe in the resurrection of the deadand the life to come.*

MADAGH

A question was offered by a parishioner regarding Madagh as associated with April 24th. We share with you the following...

What is Madagh? It is not meat, or lamb or fowl. Madagh in the Armenian language means, "unblemished", without scar or any physical imperfection. And, when choosing a fleshly animal, that which is chosen should be pure, clean and not marred.

Among the traditions of the Armenian people is the offering of "Madagh", a ritual of prayer and food [most often lamb meat] done so as gratitude, remembrance and sacrifice. When Christ was born, his parents St. Mary and St. Joseph took him to the Temple to give thanks to God for the gift of His life and offered two Turtle Doves. Thus, the origin of the Armenian practice of Madagh is rooted in Judaic practice.

For our Christian practice, Jesus Christ, the image of the sacrificial Lamb of God is central to our gratitude and thanks to God. It is a tradition of Thanksgiving, Sacrifice and Remembrance. And, it is based upon Jesus, God coming to earth for our salvation, His offering out of love of His Life on the Cross to save us, and His presence in our lives every day through His Sacrifice at the Divine Liturgy. Our church fathers established this ritual and prayer that expresses our gratitude for survival and endurance to overcome evil and, the eternity of the soul and to be with Christ in heavenly life and in the Kingdom of God.

When we offer a madagh, it is primarily done so using meat of a lamb, cooked and shared with family and the needy, as a symbol of Thanksgiving for God's blessings, of deliverance from illness, life's difficulties; but also, an expression of happiness, joy and celebration for all gifts one may receive from God- something good that blessed your life. In the present time, Madagh has been associated more with prayers of requiem and remembrance of the departed - 'Hokehankisd' and particularly on April 24th and the Martyrs who perished in 1915. Soon they will become Saints in our Church; living souls in the presence of God.

With their elevation to rank of Saints, we remember them differently. Not as those who sleep, awaiting resurrection, but as those who 'live' in the Glory of God. The souls who live with God are the Saints and their sacrifices have been crowned as victory and no earthly sacrifice other than the Holy Badarak is done for them, for they are in full communion with God our Heavenly Father, Christ his Son, and the Holy Spirit and have found the sweetness of heaven.

The Madagh / meal of remembrance offered for 'those who sleep in the Lord', is no longer offered now for they are alive and awake; Saints in the very presence of God.

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 khorhoortus koh ee parees na gadarestseh.

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 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.

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.