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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 28, 2013—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1463

APPARITION OF THE HOLY CROSS—ԵՐԵՒՈՒՄՆ Ս. ԽԱՉԻ

THE LORD'S DAY AND SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

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

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY TODAY

THIS WEEK: Acts 17;1-15, 1 John 1:1-10, John 7:14-23

NEXT WEEK: Acts 20:17-38, 1 John 3:2-6, John 9:39-10:10

Lector: Michael Boucher

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: JOHN 7:14-23

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever he does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all that he himself is doing; and greater works than these will he show him, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. "Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, and has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment. "I can do nothing on my own authority; as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me."

ALTAR FLOWERS

The floral arrangements adorning the altar today were presented in loving memory of Nadeem Belbeisi, by Haider and Lucille Belbeisi and Family on the fifth year of his tragic passing. p

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servant of God

HELEN DAIYAN

who entered her eternal rest this past week.

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

Rev. Fr. Garen Gdanian

Ernie Brocher

William Carlin

Steve Daniels

Cheryl Giesa

Gayaneh Kachadourian

Margaret Kachigian

Karen Kapetan

Jack Papazian

Cindy Rauch

Charles Stambouljian

Dr. Haig Tashjian

APPARITION OF THE HOLY CROSS

This feast day always occurs on the fifth Sunday of *Quinquagesima*, which is Latin for “fifty” and is used to designate the fifty-day period between Easter and Pentecost.

In the year 351 AD, a miracle related to the cross of Christ occurred. The countryside around Jerusalem is made up of hills and valleys. One can look from the Old City walls by the Golden Gate where Christ entered the city on Palm Sunday, across to the Mount of Olives. In the sky above the countryside a huge cross appeared one day over Mt. Zion. It was seen stretching from the Mount of Olives to Golgotha (a distance of about 1-1/2 miles). It appeared in the afternoon and was visible to everyone in the area, both Christian and non-Christian.

Think of what it must have been like to see God’s work in the sky over 1600 years ago! The miracle affected everyone. Christians were strengthened in their faith, and many non-believers were converted as a result of this glorious sight.

There is historical proof of this event; a famous letter pertaining to it is preserved by the Armenian Church. The presiding Archbishop of Jerusalem, Guregh, wrote to Emperor Constantine II of Constantinople telling him of this great miracle. Constantine II, a Christian, who was at the time in danger of following the teachings of a heretic named Arius, and thereby causing a possible split in the church, received this letter. His faith was renewed.

CROWN THEM O LORD!

We rejoice in celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Crowning and have asked Christ our God to bless the marriage of

Ara Nason Bush & Anna Pakhchanian

May they grow old on one pillow. (Armenian proverb)



**BASHDON HOKEHANKSDYAN—REQUIEM SERVICE
FOR THOSE WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST**

**REV. ROBERT EDGAR, Former President of the National Council of Churches
and friend of the Armenian Church**

**HAYRIK KASPAR, 40th Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle,
Cousin, Friend**

Requested by the Kasparian Family
The Boghikian Family
Steve, Sonia, Michael & Linda Kalfayan
Sebouh & Arsho Avedikian, Sona & Leah
Mr. & Mrs. Varujan Kabakciyan
Mr. & Mrs. Alliksan Seyranoglu & Family

**SHAKE MINASSIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother, Great-grandmother,
Friend**

Requested by Hagop, Shoushan & Nareg Minassian
Mr. & Mrs. Vatche Minassian & Family
Narine, Peter & Ava Bedrossian
Meri Pabuccian
Mr. & Mrs. Loris & Vartuhi Iskender

MILLIE JINGOZIAN, 1st Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Cousin, Friend

MARY DEMIRJIAN, 6th Year, Sister, Aunt, Great-aunt

SUSIE JINGOZIAN, 13th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-grandmother

Requested by Paul Jingoziyan
Gary, Nan, Scott & Andrew Tungate
Bill, Michele, Lauren, Armani & Peyton Messner
John, Paula, Gavin & Alex Minni
Isabelle Vahratian
Jerry & Pamela Dayinian & Family
Harry & Alice Terzian
Alex Terzian
Kim & David Najarian Family
Kathy & Tom Steck Family

HAGOP MUTAFIAN, 1st Year, Father, Grandfather

MARGARET MUTAFIAN, 11th Year, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Armen Mutafian, Shant & Narine
Taline Hagopian
Sirarpie Hagopian

NADEEM BELBEISI, 5th Year, Loving Son, Brother, Godchild, Friend

Requested by Lucille Belbeisi
Deema Gamal & Lauren Gamal
Alia Juliette Belbeisi
Garo & Juliette Chevikian
Carolyn Dartt

**MARIAN ELIAN, 6th Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister-in-law,
Aunt, Great-aunt**

VEHANOUSH ELIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-grandmother

MAGAR ELIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great-grandfather

Requested by George Elian
Lisa, Mike, Jacob, Erin & Andrea Bahm
Berj & Mary Kurkechian & Family
Elizabeth Amboian & Family

MOURAD SHIRVANIAN, 7th Year, Loving Husband, Father

MARDIROS BOYACIAN, 7th Year, Brother, Uncle

MANASEL KILICIAN, 3rd Year, First & Second Cousin

GHATUN BOYACIAN, 20th Year, Mother, Grandmother

BEDROS BOYACIAN, 53rd Year, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Nazeli Shirvanian
Haroutyun Shirvanian
Antreas Shirvanian
Yeran Shirvanian

KOKO ISHKANIAN, 16th Year, Loving Brother

ISHKAN ISHKANIAN, 8th Year, Beloved Father

LINDA ISHKANIAN, 2nd Year, Loving Mother

Requested by Ida Ishkanian

MARY BAHADURIAN, 23rd Year, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Friend

Requested by Dr. Joyce Yeghissian & Deacon Rubik Mailian,
Sevana & Areg
Anahid Dilakian & Sarkis Ghazarian, Sevag & Hiyk

ALZAR ALZARIAN, 34th Year, Father, Grandfather

AGHAVNE ALZARIAN, 31st Year, Mother, Grandmother

**IN MEMORY OF ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN
THE 1915 GENOCIDE**

ALZARIAN FAMILIES

VANERIAN FAMILIES

AYRANJIAN FAMILIES

Requested by Peter & Agnes Hovsepien & Family

**Celebration of the Publication of
A Legacy of Armenian Treasures: Testimony to a People
*The Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum***

Thursday, May 16, 2013, 6:30 pm

Reception following presentation

RSVP by May 10: 248-569-3405 or 248-557-5977

Featuring over 160 objects from the Museum collection, this enlightening book brings together the work of nine preeminent international scholars. The book will be available for purchase at a special price on this occasion only.

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

***Armenian Portraits of Faith* by Fr. Garabed Kochakian-HC-\$35.00**

*Full-color reproductions of 25 stained glass icons located at St. Mesrob
Armenian Church, Racine, WI*

NEW! Frequently-Asked Questions on the Badarak

by V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan—SC—\$12.00

***Historical Atlas of Armenia* by Vartan Matiossian-w/CD, SC—\$40.00**

***Nowhere: a Story of Exile* by Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte -SC-\$20.00**

***The Sumgait Tragedy: Pogroms against Armenians in Soviet
Azerbaijan, Volume I—Eyewitness Accounts***

Ed. by Samuel Shahmuration, Forward by Yelena Bonner-HC\$50.00

***An Armenian Sketchbook* by Vasily Grossman—SC—\$15.00**

Russian writer's account of his two months in Armenia

Stylized Armenian alphabet posters by Siroun Yeretizian—\$15.00

***Armenian Holiday Traditions*—SC—\$15.00**

Illustrated guide for children includes a family tree!

Assorted gift items from Armenia & Jerusalem

**DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, NOON-2:00 PM
IN THE NURSERY ROOM
BRING YOUR LUNCH AND YOUR BIBLE.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A Perfect Armenian: Book Blessing, Launch & Signing

Meet Author Keri Topuzian

Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 7:00-9:00 pm

Traditional Armenian music provided by Ara Topouzian on kanun

Refreshments will be provided.

Location: Hagopian World of Rugs, Birmingham

For more information visit, www.aperfectarmenian.com

See announcements in lobby.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**“Intellectuals Analyzing the Soviet Legacy in
Post-Soviet-Armenia”**

Speaker: Aghasi Tadevosyan

Thursday, May, 2, 2013, 7:30 pm

Cosponsored by the Armenian Research Center,

University of Michigan-Dearborn and the

AGBU Alex and Marie Manoogian School

Light refreshment will be served.; see announcements in lobby.

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 6:30 pm

Mark Geragos Book Signing

Leading criminal defense attorney, Mark Geragos and co-author Pat Harris will be here for a book signing of their book, *MISTRIAL: An Inside Look at How the Criminal Justice System Works...and Sometimes Doesn't*. Partial proceeds will be donated to The Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief (SOAR). Wine and cheese reception to follow. For additional information, please contact Mr. Drew Zamanigian, Detroit SOAR Chapter President 248-322-9393.

***Let the ‘Special Women’ in your life
know how much you care by
including testimonials in our Booklet***

Your special sentiments are limited to two lines.

Examples:

All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my Angel, Mother.

—Abraham Lincoln

For all you do; for all you have done; for all you will do;

For all you are; we love you always. —B.E. Williams

In Honor of.....

From: _____

~or~ In Loving Memory of.....

From: _____

Your special sentiments (two lines):

Contact person if we have questions: _____

Contact phone: _____

**(Each testimonial is \$20)
Make Checks payable and mail to:**

**Men’s Society of St. John’s Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield MI 48075**

**(or leave form and payment in Men’s Society
mailbox in church office)**

***Please Join Your Church Family for a
Mother's Day Celebration***

Sunday, May 12, 2013

(after church services)

Menu

On The Table : Assorted Fresh Fruit, Scones, Muffins, Cheoreg
and Cheese, Cream Cheese, Jam, Butter

Individually Served: Field Greens, Sun Dried Cherries, Walnuts,
Oranges, Citrus Vinaigrette, Grilled Chicken Breast Teriyaki and
Orange Glazed Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Grilled Vegetables
(Children's Meal: Chicken Strips w/ Rice Pilaf)

Sweet Table: Ice Cream Bar with all the toppings
Chocolate Fountains with fresh fruit

Beverage Table: Orange Juice, Sparkling Juice,
White & Chocolate Milk, Coffee

**13 years - adult \$25.00; Kids 6 - 12 \$10.00; Under 6
Free**

**Send check with list of guests and age category to:
Judy Cristiano, 10425 Woodlawn, Taylor, MI 48180
or call 313-291-3194**

The Afternoon Time Line

12:30 pm—Hall Doors Open

12:40 pm —Guests to be Seated

12:50 pm —Blessing

1:00 pm —Lunch Served —Video during lunch

2:00 pm —A Heartfelt Thank You and Closing Prayer

(Social hour for those who wish to stay.)

WITHOUT ASKING . . .

Friends care enough to come without being asked to come. Real friends show up when someone they love is really hurting. Friends don't need an official invitation. Spontaneously, they come.

Friends respond with sympathy and comfort. Sympathy includes identifying with the sufferer. Friends do that. They enter into his or her space for the purpose of feeling the anguish and being personally touched by the pain. Comfort is attempting to ease the pain by helping to make the sorrow lighter. You run errands for them. You take care of the kids. You provide a meal. You assist wherever you can because you want to comfort them.

Friends openly express the depth of their feelings. They have ways of doing that. It is not unusual for the friend to express deep feelings. Casual acquaintances don't usually do that. Genuine friends make their feelings known. Friends are not turned off by distasteful sights. On the contrary, they come alongside and get as close as possible.

Friends don't walk away because the bottom has dropped out of your life and you are at wits' end. On the contrary, that draws them in. Friends understand, so they say very little. Words are not always what they need. What they need is you.

From *Insight for Living* by Charles Swindoll

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THURSDAY, MAY 9TH, DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

FORTY DAYS AFTER THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS APOSTLES. THIS IS BOTH A HISTORICAL AND THEOLOGICAL CELEBRATION—CHRIST OPENING THE WAY FOR US TO HEAVEN. COME AND ATTEND THE LITURGY OF OUR JOURNEY HOME TO CHRIST WHO ASCENDED IN THE GLORY OF THE FATHER.

Սիրոյ Պատուիրանը

Յիսուս Իր վերջին պատուիրանը տուաւ Իր ընտրած աշակերտներուն եւ անոնց միջոցաւ մեզմէ իւրաքանչիւրին: «Այս է Իմ պատուիրանս՝ որ սիրէք զիրար ինչպէս որ ես սիրեցի ձեզի: Աւելի մեծ սէր ոչ որ ունի քան այն՝ որ իր կեանքը կու տայ իր բարեկամներուն համար» *Յով. ԺԵ 12-13*

«Եթէ դուք զիրար սիրէք՝ ատով ամենքը պիտի գիտնան, թէ դուք Իմ աշակերտներս էք» *Յով. ԺԳ 35*

Հարցը այս է. այսօր մենք զմեզ Քրիստոնէայ կը կոչենք Յիսուսի անունով. արդեօք որքանո՞վ մեր սիրտերը, միտքը եւ կեանքը լեցուած է Յիսուսի տուած իրարու նկատմամբ սիրոյ օրինակով:

MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE BLESSINGS MONDAY, MAY 27TH

*Grave Blessings at Woodlawn
10:00 am—Noon, Fr. Garabed*

*12:00 pm—General Requiem
in memory of all Armenians buried at
Woodlawn & Evergreen
Woodlawn Martyrs' Monument
offered by Fr. Garabed and Fr. Abraham*

*Grave Blessings at Evergreen
1:30—2:30 pm, Fr. Abraham*

**FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2013, 7:30 PM
HIGH SCHOOL ATRIUM**

**THE AGBU ALEX & MARIE MANOOGIAN SCHOOL PRESENTS
A SILENT AUCTION**

**for a casual evening with friends, fun & fabulous
Mezza, Open Bar and Music**

**\$30.00 per person
For tickets call 248-569-2988**

See announcement posted in hallway.

**EASTERTIDE: THE SACRED PERIOD THAT
FOLLOWS EASTER**

The 50-day period from Easter Sunday to the Sunday of Pentecost (May 19) is called Eastertide. The first 40 days of Eastertide culminate with the Feast of the Ascension (May 9). During this 40-day period, the Easter greeting in the Armenian Church outside the Divine Liturgy is:

***KRISDOS HARYAV EE MERELOTS!
ՔՐԻՍՏՈՍ ՅԱՐԵԱՒ Ի ՄԵՌԵԼՈՑ
CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!***

***ORHNYAL EH HAROOTYOONN KRISDOSEE!
ՕՐՀՆԵԱԼ Է ՅԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՆ ՔՐԻՍՏՈՍԻ
BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!***

Please note that this greeting is NOT part of the Divine Liturgy. During the *Badarak* the greeting for the Kiss of Peace remains unchanged. See Bulletin back cover for the correct greeting.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION BEFORE RECEIVING
HOLY COMMUNION**

**In faith do I taste of Your Holy and Life-Giving
and Saving Body,**

O Christ my God, Jesus, for the remission of my sins.

**In faith do I drink of this, Your Sanctifying and
Cleansing Blood,**

O Christ my God, Jesus, for the remission of my sins.

**Let Your Incorruptible Body be to me for Life, and Your
Holy Blood for the expiation and remission of my sins.**



**ԱՂՕԹՔ ԽՈՍՏՈՎԱՆՈՒԹԵԱՆ
ՍՈՒՐԲ ՀԱՂՈՐԴՈՒԹԵՆԷ ԱՌԱՋ**

***Հաւատքով կը ճաշակեմ քու սուրբ, կենդանարար եւ
փրկագործ Մարմինդ, ով Քրիստոս Յիսուս
Աստուած, մեղքերուս թողութեան համար:***

***Հաւատքով կը խմեմ սրբարար եւ մաքրիչ Արիւնդ,
ով Քրիստոս Յիսուս Աստուած, մեղքերուս
թողութեան համար:***

***Քու անապական Մարմինդ ինձի ըլլայ կեանք, եւ
սուրբ Արիւնդ՝ իմ մեղքերուս քաւութիւն եւ
թողութիւն:***

**DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN HOSTING
RECEPTION FOR BARONESS CAROLINE COX
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013**

The Detroit Chapter of the Daughters of Vartan is hosting a Reception for Baroness Caroline Cox on Tuesday, April 30, 2013. It will take place in the Vartan Room at St. John Armenian Church from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. It is open to the public. There is no charge.



Lady Cox will be in the Detroit area on April 27, 2013 to give the Commencement Address for the School of Health Sciences and School of Nursing at Oakland University. She was awarded an honorary degree of Doctorate of Humanities *Honoris Causa* by Oakland University. Her global humanitarian efforts led Oakland University's School of Nursing's REACH (Research, Education and Advocacy for Children's Health) to name an endowed chair in her honor. They are working to establish a partnership with the American University in Armenia to provide student-faculty exchanges.

Baroness Cox was appointed a Life Peer of the British House of Lords by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in 1982 and served as Deputy Speaker of the House from 1985 – 2005. She is now Chancellor of Liverpool Hope University and Vice President of the Royal College of Nursing.

She has become one of Britain's most outspoken activists for human rights, is a defender of human rights in the House of Lords, United Kingdom, and is a distinguished educator and author. She is the chief executive of Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART). She is also a strong supporter of self-determination for the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh.

On February 15, 2006 she was awarded the Mkhitar Gosh Medal by the President of the Republic of Armenia Robert Kocharyan. The Daughters of Vartan awarded Lady Cox their first Humanitarian of the Year Award in July 2009.



*A Royal Luncheon and
Somerset Fashion Show
Saturday, May 18, Noon*

Guests will experience a little bit of Britain with a lovely lunch, raffle and fashion show from the **Somerset Collection** of Troy. This fundraiser will benefit the church and the community. There are over 60 fabulous raffle prizes. The Women's Guild asks for your support by purchasing raffle tickets, becoming a sponsor and attending the event with friends and family. **Please make your reservations by May 1st.**

For reservations and raffle tickets, contact:

Joyce Obenhoff at 586-754-2984 or shortafoot@comcast.net.

To become a donor for this event contact Diane Khachaturian at 248-647-1725.

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. For more information contact Kristen Gustafson at **kris-teng@outlook.com** or 248-765-0471.

Knitting Club – Join us on **Thursday, May 16th from 10:00-12:00 Noon**. Please contact **Linda Assarian at 248-332-0816** if you are interested in participating.

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

Women's Guild Best-Selling Cookbook

ARMENIAN CUISINE

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

is available in our Church Bookstore. This beautifully photographed hard cover cookbook includes all festival recipes, as well as hundreds of kitchen-tested Armenian favorites from our community.

\$25.00

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
gadarsestseh.*

**Տաճէ՛ 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-
seen 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 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.

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

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Cell: 248.225.9888

Parish Council Chairman's Cell: 248.688.1214

Administrator's Cell: 248.880.8391