

**St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit**

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The Reverend Father Diran Papazian, *Pastor Emeritus*

The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Deacon Rubik Mailian, *Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant*

Ms. Margaret Lafian, *Organist*



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***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 6, 2014**

**SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT—ԳԱԼՍՏԵԱՆ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ**

**THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP**

Morning Service / *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*...8:45 am

Sunrise Service / *Արեւազալի Ժամ*.....9:30 am

Divine Liturgy / *Ս. Պատարագ* .....10:30 am

Wednesday Eve Vigil / *Չորեքշաբթի Երեկոյեան Հսկում*.....7:00 pm

**SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY**

**TODAY:** Isaiah 65:8-25, Philippians 3:1-4:9, Luke 17:20-18:14

**LECTOR:** Roy Callan

**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**

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

**Pastor's Cell: 248-225-9888**

**Administrator's Cell: 248-880-8391**

**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.

**Bulletin** Requiem requests and announcements for the Sunday Bulletin are due in the Church Office by 5:00 pm on Wednesday prior to the Sunday requested.

**Requiem Requests** may be submitted to the Church Office by mail, phone, fax 248-569-0716, or email to [mkafrican@sjachurch.org](mailto:mkafrican@sjachurch.org) no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday prior to the Sunday requested. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby. Ask a Parish Council member.

### PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH , 2014—2015

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## TODAY'S GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34—46

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your god with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet?’ If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?” And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.

## ԱՅՍՕՐՈՒԱՅ ԱԻԵՏԱՐԱՆԸ—ՄԱՏԹԷՈՍ 22:34-46

*Բայց Փարիսեցիները՝ երբ լսեցին թէ ան պապանձեցուց Սադուկեցիները, տեղ մը հաւաքուեցան, եւ անոնցմէ օրինական մը հարցուց՝ զայն փորձելով. «Վարդապետ, ո՞ր պատուիրանը մեծ է Օրէնքին մէջ»: Յիսուս ըսաւ անոր. «ԸբՍիրէ՛ Տէրը՝ քու Աստուածդ՝ ամբողջ սիրտովդ, ամբողջ անձովդ եւ ամբողջ միտքովդ: Ա՛յս է առաջին ու մեծ պատուիրանը: Եւ երկրորդը՝ ասոր նման. ըբՍիրէ՛ ընկերդ բքու անձիդ՝ պէս: Այս երկու պատուիրաններէն կախուած են ամբողջ Օրէնքն ու գՄարգարէները»:*

*Երբ Փարիսեցիները հաւաքուեցան, Յիսուս հարցուց անոնց. «ՂԵՐԻՍՏՈՍԻ մասին ի՞նչ է ձեր կարծիքը. որո՞ւ որդին է»: Ըսին իրեն. «Դաւիթի»: Յիսուս ըսաւ անոնց. «Հապա ի՞նչպէս Դաւիթ Հոգիով զայն Տէր կը կոչէ ու կ'ըսէ. «Տէրը ըսաւ իմ Տէրոջս. «Բազմէ՛ իմ աջ կողմս, մինչեւ որ քու թշնամիներդ պատուանդան դնեն ոտքերուդ»: Ուրեմն եթէ Դաւիթ զայն Տէր կը կոչէ, ի՞նչպէս ան իր որդին կ'ըլլայ»: Ո՛չ մէկը կրնար խօսքո՛ւլ մը պատասխանել անոր: Այդ օրէն տօք՝ ո՛չ մէկը կը յանդգնէր բան մը հարցնել անոր:*

## DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH

NOON-2:00 PM IN THE NURSERY ROOM

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND YOUR BIBLE—ALL ARE WELCOME!

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

George Douroujalian  
Ara Sanjian  
Erin Wilkinson

Edward Jizmejian  
Mary Sarafian

Sha-Kay Kaypejian  
Vin Thompson

Philip Keila  
George Zamanian

## Reflections on Great Lent

“When a man detaches his mind from earth, opens it toward God with the desire to please God, then God reveals His will in various ways. St. Peter of Damascus writes: ‘If a man has a full intention to please God, then God teaches him His will either through thoughts, through some other person or through Holy Scripture.’ Such a man becomes attentive, keen and awaits God's promptings from within and from without. For him, chances cease to exist. The entire world becomes as a ten-stringed harp which does not give out one sound without the finger of God.”

**From “The Prologue from Ohrid” Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich**

### ***LOOKING TO JUSTIFY YOUR OWN EGO...***

“A man once came to me and started to recount all his grievances with his wife; when he had finished I said to him: ‘Are you really so stupid?’ ‘What’s so stupid about what I’ve been saying?’ he asked. ‘Everything,’ I replied. ‘This wife of yours loves you deeply.’ ‘I know,’ he said, ‘but look at all the things that she does to me...’ ‘She does all these things to you to sanctify you, but you’re too dimwitted to realize it. Instead of being sanctified, you are infuriated and you make your life hell.’ If only he had had patience and humility, he wouldn’t have missed those opportunities for sanctification”

**From “Wounded by Love” by St. Porphyrios**

## UPDATE ON THE CRISIS OF THE ARMENIANS OF KESSAB

The Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) has escalated its #SaveKessab advocacy by calling upon the leadership of the U.S. House and Senate intelligence committees to launch formal inquiries into Turkey's role in this al-Qaeda linked aggression. In the wake of the March 21st attack on Kessab, launched from Turkey, that drove over 2,000 Christian Armenians from their homes, the [ANCA held meetings launching protests](#) in calling on the U.S. Administration and Congress to confront Turkey's role in anti-Armenian violence.

The [State Department issued a statement](#) that it is "deeply troubled" about these attacks, as did America's Ambassador to the United Nations, Samantha Power. however refrained from criticizing Turkey's role at this time. [Leading members of Congress, including Senator Robert Menendez](#), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, have strongly condemned attacks on Armenians, as have tens of thousands of activists across various social media platforms.

### **GIFTS TO THE CHURCH**

**A gift is presented in honor of Ramela Carman's 100th birthday by the Carman, Doyon and Samarian families. We thank God for the many years He has shared her with us. God bless her!**

**In memory of Miridjan Kralian on the 27th year of his passing,  
Dick Kralian presents a gift to the church.**

### **CONGRATULATIONS—NEWLY ELECTED PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS (TIVAN)**

Chairman	Karmen A. Santourian
Vice Chairman	Jeffrey E. Axt
Treasurer	Michael Kazarian
Ass't Treasurer	Jackie El Chemmas
Secretary	Marianne Dardarian
Ass't Secretary	Ardemis Gregory

### **HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

**During Holy Week there will be religious services as outlined in the Worship Schedule printed in this Bulletin. This is a special time for Armenian Christians, therefore, we focus our entire attention on the prayer life of our church. NO MEETINGS should be scheduled in St. John's Church complex for any reason during Holy Week, beginning Monday, April 14th through Sunday, April 20th.**

**THERE WILL BE NO SENIOR LUNCH ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH.**

**SENIOR LUNCH WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND**

### **AUTOMOBILE DONATIONS NEEDED**

Requests have come to us for used automobiles in good condition. These requests are from families who have fled Syria and Iraq where the persecution of Christians continues to this day. They are new to our Detroit Armenian community and are establishing new lives, which our Social Concerns funding happily contributes to when the need is presented. However, greater needs beyond housing face them, particularly transportation to and from work to help their households survive economically. If you have or know of someone who has an automobile they wish to retire and would like to donate it to the church, we could provide it to meet the needs of these families. Please contact Father Garabed.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL FUNDRAISING DURING LENT**

During the period of Great Lent, our Church School students have a special project which will teach them the importance of helping others by collecting donations for the Diocesan-wide Church School Lenten Drive which will benefit:

### **At home . . . Feeding America**

As the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity, Feeding America distributes food to more than 37 million Americans yearly, including 14 million children and 3 million seniors who need assistance because they cannot make ends meet and are forced to go without food for several meals.

### **In Armenia . . . Berd Soup Kitchen**

On the Azeri border, 125 miles northeast of Yerevan, the town of Berd in Tavush province suffered greatly from war and economic blockade—hunger is a major issue there. The Berd Soup Kitchen serves 100 elderly, disadvantaged families and disabled daily, and is in need of assistance to provide more protein-rich meals.

**In this season of Lent, please give generously**

### **AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE**

**MADE IN ARMENIA...**Unique handcrafted colorful worry beads, tablecloths, table runners, silver items, and something sweet for your table from Armenia,

**Apricot-White Cherry Preserves—\$5.00**

**DAVID OF SASSOUN—An Armenian epic retold by David Kherdian—SC—\$17.00**

**THE MELODY OF FAITH by Dr. Vigen Guroian—SC—\$14.00**

**ARMENIAN CHURCH HYE Q—\$20.00**

**A game of cards to achieve Armenian Church literacy**

**LOST AND FOUND IN ARMENIA—DVD—\$18.00**

**Newly arrived . . . Vosbikian CDs**

### **Author Chris Bohjalian to Speak in Greater Detroit**

#### **Sponsored by the Birmingham Library**

**Wednesday, April 30th at 2 pm** at the Birmingham Community House - this is a ticketed event and Baldwin Library cardholders can request tickets from the library.

**Wednesday, April 30th at 7 pm** at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue - this is an open event. Other libraries including Southfield, W. Bloomfield, Farmington or Farmington Hills will have tickets as well, so everyone should call their library to see if they are participating and request tickets. Even if you are not interested in attending, the tickets may be distributed to those who are interested.

**Do you like to sing?**

**Do you know someone who would like to sing?**

Deacon Rubik Mailian is recruiting singers for two major concerts in 2015 to present Armenian culture and heritage in vocal music, and to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Singers of all backgrounds and experience are invited to join. Musical selections will include sacred, folk and patriotic songs. Knowledge of Armenian is not required.

**ADULT MALE—FEMALE CHOIRS**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR ages 7-13**

Let your voice be heard. Celebrate our culture and heritage on this historic and momentous occasion. For joining, contact Deacon Rubik Mailian 248.569.3405 or via e-mail [rubik@sjachurch.org](mailto:rubik@sjachurch.org)

**MEN'S SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY**

They are having their usual lenten fare plus made-to-order cheese and vegetable omelets and special items such as spaghetti, lentil stew, tossed salad and fresh fruit salad. Funds raised by the Free Will Offerings will go to support the Men's Society projects. Please come join us and give generously. The members of the Men's Society thank you for your continued support of these functions.

***Are you thinking of joint replacement surgery?***

Are you in pain and unsure of what lies ahead? Come and hear Eric Crisenbery from Manoogian Manor discuss the key to "Joint Replacement." The presentation will be at 11 am on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 just before the weekly Tuesday Lunch Club. Stop by for lunch and for some tips on relieving your pain.

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

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY**

Morning Service-8:45 am; Opening of the Doors-9:45 am  
Church School Procession with Palms / Divine Liturgy-10:15 am

The Church School students will gather in the Main Lobby where Father Garabed, deacons and choir will celebrate the Opening of the Doors. Then all will enter the church in procession. For those attending morning service, please join the children in the lobby for this special service.

### **ACYOA DAY**

The ACYOA Seniors present “Ayo! Local Solutions to Local Challenges,” an interactive demonstration by guest speaker Andre Berg of new charity Ayo! at their annual Palm Sunday fellowship following the Divine Liturgy.

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 15 - GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY**

Remembering the Wise and Foolish Virgins - Vespers-7:30 pm  
Refreshments will be served BY THE Church School in the Main Lobby after the service.

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 17 - GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY**

Divine Liturgy commemorating the Last Supper – Fr. Abraham Ohanesian, Celebrant -10:00 am  
Washing of the Feet-7:30 pm  
Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord - 8:30 pm

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 18 - 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 19 - GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY**

Divine Liturgy & Family Service, Holy Communion & Easter Eve Supper  
Reading of Scriptures-4:00 pm; Divine Liturgy-5:00 pm

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 20 - EASTER SUNDAY**

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

Morning Service-9:00 am; Divine Liturgy-9:45 am

The Blessing of the Four Corners of the Earth will take place in the sanctuary immediately after the Divine Liturgy. Then all are invited to Easter Tea prepared by the Women’s Guild.

**No requiem prayers will be offered on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.**





**ACYOA Juniors**  
**2014 Lenten Fish Dinners are back again**  
**every Wednesday during Great Lent**

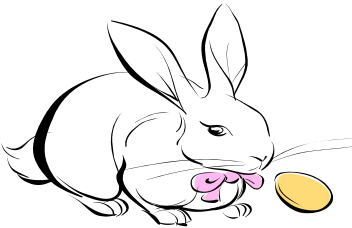
**April 9th - *LOBSTER DINNER!!!***

*Dinners served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm*  
*Donation for lobster dinner \$20.00 per person*

*Donation for fish dinner \$10.00/adult;*  
*\$5.00/child (fish or grilled cheese)*

**Please make your reservations in advance with the Church Office**  
**(248) 569-3405 or [mkafafian@sjachurch.org](mailto:mkafafian@sjachurch.org)**

***LENTEN VIGIL SERVICE AT 7:00 PM***  
***IN THE SANCTUARY FOLLOWING DINNER***



Hippity, Hoppity, Hooray!

**The Palm Sunday Bake Sale**  
is on its way!

**Next Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Featuring wonderful Armenian breads, baked goods  
and pastries baked by Women's Guild members.

Included in the sale will be: *Cheoreg, Katah, Nazoug, Sou Beo-*  
*reg, Bourma, Tepsee Beoreg, Cheese Beoreg* and more.

**Come see us in the Cultural Hall after services.**

**Sunday, April 27, 2014**  
**DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF MARTYRS' SHRINE**

**St. John's has received the bone relics of the Armenian Martyrs of 1915 who perished in the Syrian Desert of Der El Zor.**

**Respectfully honoring their memory, their mortal remains will be enshrined in a specially designed reliquary and kept permanently in the Holy Sanctuary.**

**Following the Divine Liturgy, requiem prayers will be offered for their souls, and the shrine will be blessed.**

**Please mark your calendars to be present for this prayerful gathering.**

**WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS**

**Winter Baking**—On April 8th we will be baking in the church kitchen from 9 am – Noon. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will be making Sou Beoreg. Contact Dolly Matoian at 248.737.9055 for information.

**Small trays of SOU BEOREG** will be available at the Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Call Dolly Matoian to reserve a tray. This size is only made at this time of year, not Festival time.

**Bake Sale Today**—Delicious baked goods are available for purchase after church.

**Knitting Group**—The group will meet on Thursday, April 10th in the church nursery room from 10am-Noon. All knitters are welcome, from expert to novice. For information contact Linda Assarian at 248-332-0816.

**Do you want to feel more connected to the church?  
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.*

**The April 24, 2014 Joint Commemoration  
on the 99th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide**  
under the auspices of

St. John Armenian Church                      St. Sarkis Armenian Church  
St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church    Armenian Congregational Church

**Vespers and Requiem—7:00 pm**  
**Candle Lighting & Blessing of *Madagh*—8:00 pm**

**Thursday, April 24, 2014**  
**at St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church**  
**19300 Ford Road, Dearborn**

Following services community *Madagh* sharing will take place  
with an update on the 100th Joint Commemoration next year  
Please save the date and let us all participate.

**GENOCIDE COMMEMORATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY**

- **SATURDAY, APRIL 26 AT 7:30 PM, ANC OF MI & GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE PRESENT GUEST SPEAKERS ARA PAPIAN & ARAM HAMPARIAN, LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 27 AT 2:00 PM—THE DETROIT UNITED COMMITTEE PRESENTS KEYNOTE SPEAKER RAFFI BEDROSYAN, AGBU SCHOOL**
- **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 AT 7:00 PM—ARMENIAN RESEARCH CENTER U-M, DEARBORN PRESENTS GUEST SPEAKER PROFESSOR MAUD MANDEL**

**(SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BULLETIN BOARD FOR COMPLETE  
DETAILS OF THESE AND OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES)**

## THE GREAT LENTEN SEASON

*During the period of Great Lent in the Armenian Church  
we observe the following:*

- *The altar curtain is closed.*
- *There is no Kiss of Peace during the Divine Liturgy.*
- *Holy Communion is not offered during the Divine Liturgy.*
- *The Holy Gospels Book is not venerated after worship.*
- *Hymns are sung in penitential melody.*
- *Names of saints are not remembered.*
- *The organ is not played when departing from the sanctuary.*
- *All should remain silent when exiting the sanctuary after worship in respect to those who remain for devotional prayers.*
- *Weddings and Baptisms are not celebrated.*

### 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.**