

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.

AUGUST 26, 2012—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1461

HOLY PROPHETS EZEKIEL, EZRA AND ZECHARIAH,

FATHER OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

DISCOVERY OF THE BELT OF THE HOLY MOTHER-OF-GOD

THE LORD'S DAY—SCHEDULE OF SUMMER WORSHIP

Morning Service / *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*.....8:30 am

Divine Liturgy / *Ս. Պատարագ*9:30 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY TODAY

THIS WEEK: Isaiah 9:8-19, 2 Corinthians 1:1-11, Mark 4:35-40

NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 10:12-19, 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:3, Matthew 10:37-42

Lector: Mark Mamassian

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: Mark 4:35-40

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them, just as he was, in the boat. And other boats were with him. And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" and the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

Father Shnork Kasparian

Gloria Baykian

Tammy Karagosian

Levon Nazoyan

Walter Negosian

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

WILL CONTINUE THRU SEPTEMBER 2ND

Morning Service at 8:30 am Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am
Requiem Service, when offered, immediately after Divine Liturgy

STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, NORMAL WORSHIP HOURS WILL RESUME

Morning Service at 9:00 am Divine Liturgy at 9:45 am

ATTENTION: SENIOR LUNCH DATE CHANGE

**Tuesday, September 4th Senior Lunch has been rescheduled to
Wednesday, September 5th**

**The following Tuesday, September 11th, Senior Lunch will return
to its normal day.**

HAVADK, HOOYS, SER YEV MGRDOOTIOON
Faith, Hope, Love and Baptism
Godparents and Godchildren's Day
Sunday, September 30, 2012

Godparents and godchildren of all ages are invited to join our parish in honor of their sacred bond in Christ. Be in church for a joyous renewal of baptismal vows. Afterwards enjoy our festival food, fun and activities.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 7:00-8:30 PM
LEADER: DR. BADRIK JOOHARIGIAN

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DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, NOON-2:00 PM

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE NURSERY ROOM

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**ADULT BELL CHOIR TO BE
FORMED AT ST. JOHN'S**

Deacon Rubik will be holding rehearsals for an adult bell choir on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Requirements: good command of rhythm; basic knowledge of musical notation. Please phone or email Dn. Rubik if you wish to join:

248-569-3405 or rubik@sjachurch.org



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

Today, during the Divine Liturgy, we offer our prayers as the community of St. John's for the souls of the departed servants of Christ.

ARTHUR KEURAJIAN, 40th Day

Requested by Lucy Keurajian & Family
Sue Tafraian & Family

SAHAK YILDIZ, 2nd Year

Requested by Manushak Yildiz
Mr. & Mrs. Armenak Yildiz
Mr. Sarven Yildiz
Mrs. Ramela Kalktik
Mr. & Mrs. Garo Babaoglu
Mr. & Mrs. John Babaoglu
Mr. & Mrs. Garo Kalktik

KNAR ARMAN, 9th Year, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kerpe Arman & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Santourian & Family

**FESTIVAL WEEK ACTIVITIES
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

Saturday, September 22nd: FREE HEALTH FAIR

Wednesday, September 26th: MUSEUM—SANCTUARY
TOUR AND LUNCH

Thursday, September 27th: OPENING NIGHT AUCTION DINNER
OPENING FINE ARTS EXHIBITION AND SALE

September 28th, 29th & 30th: ARMENIA: LAND OF NOAH'S
ARK - FULL FESTIVAL / BAZAAR

DETAILS COMING SOON!

In Memoriam: Patriarch Abune Paulos (1935-2012)

With great sorrow, the Eastern Diocese learned of the passing of His Holiness Abune Paulos, the Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, who passed away on Thursday, August 16, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He was 76.

Patriarch Paulos became head of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in 1992. He had also served as president of the World Council of Churches, where he was known for his work to combat AIDS, promote interfaith dialogue, and advocate on behalf of refugees worldwide. In 2000 he was awarded the Nansen Medal for Africa by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Ethiopian Orthodox are among the sister communions of the Armenian Church in the Oriental Orthodox family of churches. We extend our condolences to our brothers and sisters in the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

The Holy Belt of the Mother of God St. Mary

Since there are no relics of the Holy Mother's earthly body, her personal belongings became articles of pious devotion. They began to surface publicly after the early church persecutions had subsided. The first of such relics was the holy belt or *koti* as we say in Armenian. It was discovered in Jerusalem during the 5th century.

Apocryphal writings from the early church mention that St. Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles except St. Thomas, who was brought to Jerusalem and saw St. Mary's body being taken to heaven by the angels. He received the girdle/belt from St. Mary as a token to show it to other apostles as a sign that he actually had seen St. Mary after her death. He asked the Apostles to open the tomb; there was no body in it. The Apostles understood that she had been taken up to Heaven, body and soul. The Holy Belt of Virgin Mary which was carried by St. Thomas from the Holy City to various locations and was then established in the cathedral dedicated to the Holy Mother of God in Constantinople.

During the reign of Emperor Leo VI, his wife Zoe was taken ill and by the grace and power attributed to this Holy Belt she was healed. The Belt was originally made by the Virgin Mary herself, for as a young maiden in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and gifted with the skill of sewing, she sewed and created altar pieces. This particular belt was made of camelhair. It later was embroidered with gold thread by the Empress Zoe. During the 12th century an official holiday for the Belt was established on August 31st. Later the Belt was transferred to the Greek Orthodox Monastery of Vatopedi where a portion of it is kept in a silver case. The other two pieces are in a church in Italy and the other in the St. Mary's Soonoro Church in Holms, Syria.

The celebration of the Holy Belt (*Kiud Koti*) was introduced into the Armenian Orthodox Church calendar by Catholicos Simeon Yerevantzi in the 18th century as an official commemoration to be held on the second Sunday following the Feast of the Assumption. He did this because prior to this canonical requirement it was an optional celebration in our church and it was not necessarily observed universally as it is now.

Numerous are the miracles, that have taken place up to today with the Holy Belt. Its value is priceless because it's associated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She has the grace and to her the miraculous power is attributed, which with many ways she transmits to the faithful. Recently it was on public display in Moscow's Cathedral of Our Saviour.

The Holy Belt maintains unaltered the grace of the Most Holy Asdvadzadzin, because it became connected with her person.

500 YEARS OF ARMENIAN BOOK PRINTING

The Library of Congress in Washington, DC has mounted an exhibition entitled, "To Know Wisdom and Instruction: The Armenian Literary Tradition at the Library of Congress" which is on until September 26, 2012," on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the first printed Armenian book and the decision by UNESCO to designate Yerevan as its World Book Capital 2012.

Attendance at the Armenian book exhibit is exceeding expectations. If you plan to visit Washington in September, this is a must see! Those unable to make the trip may view it online at: www.loc.gov/exhibits.

Watch these pages for details of the Greater Detroit area exhibitions commemorating this important milestone of Armenian culture and heritage.

- ◆ The Armenian Research Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn plans an exhibition in October.
- ◆ Our own Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum plans a month-long exhibition starting December 11, 2012.

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

MANY NEW ITEMS FROM ARMENIA!

NEW: The Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian—HC—\$23.00
No. 7 on *The New York Times* Best Sellers List

NEW CD: Lapis Armenus—Armenian Stone
Gregory Vosbikian on Oud —\$15.00

NEW: War Gods / East of Byzantium: Vol 1
Adaptation of Armenian history to a graphic novel
Perfect for teenagers
By Roger Kupelian—SC—\$15.00

NEW: Silver Crosses from Armenia

Stop by and browse!

COMING EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, September 9th

CHURCH SCHOOL OPENS

MEN'S SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 16th

**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS & BLESSING OF BASIL**

FAMILY PORTRAIT SUNDAY

Saturday, September 22nd

FREE HEALTH FAIR

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AND LUNCH

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FULL FESTIVAL / BAZAAR

Friday, October 19th

MEN'S SOCIETY WINE TASTING

Sunday, November 4th

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunday, November 11th

PRIMATE'S VISIT & DEACONS'
ORDINATIONS

Wednesday, November 14th

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Saturday, November 24

ACYOA NOVEMBER DANCE

Saturday, December 8th

The Parish Council and
Apostolic Society of
ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
invite you to

CELEBRATE THE SEASON

featuring the inimitable voice of
ONNIK DINKJIAN

with accomplished musicians...GREGORY

VOSBIKIAN—oud;

LEON JANIKIAN—clarinet;

DAVID HOPLAMAZIAN—violin;

ARA DINKJIAN—keyboard;

CHRISTOPHER VOSBIKIAN—dumbeg.

Tuesday, December 11th

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF 500
YEARS OF ARMENIAN BOOK PRINTING:
1512-2012

Sunday, December 16th

OAKLAND CHORAL SOCIETY
PERFORMS THE MESSIAH

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Saturday, October 13, 2012

DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN
WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, February 2, 2013

KEF TIME KEGHI
IS COMING TO DETROIT!

WELCOMING OTHERS TO CHURCH

You can only make a first impression once. That is why it is so important, and the responsibility of each and every one of us, to warmly welcome visitors to our parish.

If you notice someone who is lost or confused during the Divine Liturgy, assure them that all will be well and lovingly help them. If their child is a bit fussy, mention to them about or direct them to the children's 'bag of blessings' that is available in the lobby entry. Assure them that children are always welcome.

If they have questions answer them as well as you can or refer them to someone you know who can help them. A smile and a welcoming word can make the difference in someone's spiritual life both in this life and the next.

Our ministry is to show love to one another so that fellow worshippers, be they new or a visitor, will know that we are Christ's disciples. We want to be known for our warm hospitality, as was Abraham, working together to make our spiritual home as warm and welcoming as it can be.

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Church School classes will begin Sunday, September 9th. Registration forms have been sent home to returning students and are available on line. Make sure you give the opportunity to your child[ren] to know the Lord God and grow in His love through education and worship.

Classes will commence with a general assembly of welcome by the principal and staff on September 9th. For all questions about our Christian Education Program, please contact the Church School Principal Mrs. Alberta Godoshian at 248-476-4638. For questions about the High School Division, please contact Mrs. Roseann Manoogian Attar at 248-980-3221.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

On Tuesday, August 28th, join us for a free presentation by “PAWS with a Cause” beginning at 11 am. This is a national not-for-profit organization that was founded in Michigan in 1979. The agency is dedicated to serving people with physical disabilities by training and placing Assistance Dogs.

If you plan on attending our luncheons, please make a reservation with May in the church office (248-569-3405) to ensure that our caterer will have ample food available. The cost of lunch is \$7.00 per person.

For those who are “early birds,” consider joining the men and women who come to bake on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am in the main kitchen. Then walk across the parking lot to the Veterans Building for the presentations and lunch.

WANTED: USED ARMENIAN BOOKS

The Parish Bookstore is accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects written in English for its **Used Book Sale** at this year's FESTIVAL. Kindly drop off books at the Church Office during business hours or on Sundays.

We thank all who have been bringing in books for this year's Used Book Sale.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Whether a person goes to church regularly or not does not depend on how far he/she lives from church, but rather how far he/she lives from God.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS



Festival Baking – Please join us 9 am-Noon in St. John's Kitchen. On **Monday, August 27h we will be making Spinach Pie. On Tuesday, August 28th we will be making Katah.** Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Festival baking continues on Mondays and Tuesdays through the month of September. **Any time you can give is appreciated.** For information contact Dolly Matoian 248-737-9055.

General Body Meeting September 5th-Our first meeting of the fall season starts at 7:00 pm.

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 or 248-765-0471.

*The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.
For details, call Terry Palaian, 313.929.0926*

ITEMS NEEDED FOR GRANDMA'S ATTIC RUMMAGE SALE

We need new or gently used clothing, toys and household items to be sold at the Annual Festival. Drop off your donations at the Maintenance Office before September 23rd in a box or bag clearly labeled **GRANDMA'S ATTIC**. It is not possible to have anything picked up from your home. A letter for tax deduction purposes is available from the church office. We thank all who have brought in items for this year's "Grandma's Attic."

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:

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:

Pastor's Cell: 248.225.9888

Parish Council Chairman's Cell: 248.688.1214

Administrator's Cell: 248.880.8391