

# *Sunday Bulletin*

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***ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD  
DEPART TO SERVE HIM***

**FEBRUARY 1, 2009**

**THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YEAR OF 1458**

**ST. SAHAG BARTEV, CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS**

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

Matins - *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*.....9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy - *Սուրբ Պատարագ* .....9:45 am  
Church School - *Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոց*.....10:15 am

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

Today – Isaiah 61:10-62:9, 2 Timothy 2:15-26, John 6:15-21  
Next Week – Isaiah 63:7-18, 2 Timothy 3:1-12, John 6:22-38

**LECTOR: Edward Haic Korkoian**

**THE NICENE CREED WILL BE RECITED IN ARMENIAN**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday – Friday  
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**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH**  
Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Pastor

**SAVE THE DATE...FEBRUARY 8  
BUILD FOR ARMENIA MEETING  
FOR TEAM MEMBERS  
FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES**

**DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT NOON  
Bible Study Leader: Yerezgin Roberta  
Bring your lunch, we will provide the coffee.**

<u>Tracking Our "Treasures"</u>	<u>Sunday, January 25</u>
Plate Donations	\$ 233.00
Candle Donations	\$123.00

**AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE**

**EVERYONE PRAYS AT HOLY ETCHMIADZIN  
DVD - \$20.00**

**NEW CD: GOMIDAS SONGS (Nominated for Grammy Award)  
By Isabel Bayrakdarian - \$20.00**

**WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER?  
By Elise Papazian – Softcover - \$20.00**

**MY GRANDMOTHER: A MEMOIR BY FETHIYE CETIN  
Softcover - \$20.00**

**BACK IN STOCK: YOUR JOURNEY INTO ARMENIA  
By George Mouradian - Softcover - \$12.00**

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, February 3 – Senior Lunch-Noon  
Sunday, February 8 - Morning Prayers 9 am; Divine Liturgy 9:45 am**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

A single arrow is easily broken,  
but not ten in a bundle.

**THE KOMITAS CHOIR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF  
Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music  
Margaret Lafian, Organist**

**USHERS:** Peter Argnian, Mickey Amboyan, Vince Baylerian,  
Mike Boucher, Paul Andonian, Jerry Dayinian

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The floral arrangements adorning the altar today were presented in memory of Maritza Ohannasian on the occasion of her birthday, by Agnes & Harry Tokatlian & Family and Kasper Ohannasian Jr.

**FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD**

We offer prayers for the servant of God

**PAUL TOOTIKIAN**

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Yerezgin Patricia Dagley  
Valeriy Bagdasarian  
Steven Bear (CA)  
Margaret Jamgochian  
Marybeth Sutton  
Lucy Torigian

Robert Ajemian  
Kathy Bandol  
Gregory Derderian  
Mary Semeroff  
Vartouhi Rosette Terian

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: John 6:15-21**

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea rose because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat. They were frightened, but he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

Today's Fellowship Hour is hosted by Father Hrach and Yerezgin Naira Sargsyan in honor of their daughter Tatevi, on the joyous occasion of her first birthday. All are invited to join them in this special celebration.

## BLESSING OF INFANTS ON FEBRUARY 15

Forty days after his birth, Jesus was presented to the Jerusalem Temple by his parents for a special blessing by the high priest, Saint Simeon. This Judaic tradition of presenting the firstborn to the temple and dedicating the child to God has been adopted by the Armenian Church as a day on which newly born or newly baptized infants are blessed by the priest. On February 15, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Garabed will invite all parents with infants to come forward so that their children may receive a special blessing.

### ***St. John Armenian Church Great Lenten Programs***

**ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinners, 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

**The Rest and Peace Services, 7:00 pm**

**Programs will be held in the Vartan Room at 8:00 pm.**

#### ***THE LIFE AND SPIRITUAL MISSION OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN***

**February 25** *Everyone Prays at Holy Etchmiadzin (FILM)*

**March 4** *Etchmiadzin and the Spirit of Ecumenism (FILM)*

**March 11** *The Life and Legacy of Suren Pilafian, Architect of St. John Armenian Church*  
**Guest Speaker: Michael Kapetan**

Mr. Kapetan, a professional artisan of woodworking, created the beautiful candle table in our lobby and the newly installed Holy Letter Է in the church. He was a student of Mr. Pilafian and collaborated with him on several projects.

**March 25** *The Continuing Mission of Holy Etchmiadzin (FILM)*

**April 1** *The Pastoral Visit of His Holiness Karekin II to St. John's, November 4 - 7, 2007 (FILM)*



### ***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.**

**PAUL TOOTIKIAN, 7<sup>th</sup> Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather**  
Requested by Anita Tootikian & Family  
Gary & Patricia Hachigian & Family

**OSKYAN ARSLANIAN, 40<sup>th</sup> Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather,  
Brother, Uncle**  
Requested by Paris Arslanian & Family  
Minas Arslanian & Family  
Anna Kurjian & Family

**ANGEL MUGERDICHIAN, 40<sup>th</sup> Day, Sister, Aunt**  
Requested by Arthur & Margaret Vartabedian  
Drs. Robert & Jeri Vartabedian  
Ted Vartabedian  
Dr. Paul & Lisa Vartabedian  
Ara Vartabedian

**DR. ARMEN SHEKERJIAN, 40<sup>th</sup> Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather,  
Khnamee**  
Requested by the Shekerjian Family  
Rose & David Malkasian  
Tom & Nancy Banks, Jonathan & Amanda

**TOROS ZAZAIAN, 11<sup>th</sup> Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather  
MICHAEL & ARAXIE ZAZAIAN  
GARABED & MARITZA DAKESIAN  
JOHN & ARMEN DAKESIAN  
GIDEON & NANCY DAKESIAN  
GARABED & ANTARA REIZIAN**  
Requested by Sadie Zazaian  
Patricia, Chris, Erik & Katherine Makaroff

**MARITZA OHANNASIAN**  
Requested by Agnes & Harry Tokatlian & Family  
Kasper Ohannasian Jr.

**WELCOME** . . . We welcome our visitors who are attending the Divine Liturgy at St. John's parish, and we pray that your participation has been enriched through word and worship. We invite those visitors who are baptized and/or confirmed in the Armenian Church or are members of a church which is in communion with the Armenian Church to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are a member of the Armenian Church and a newcomer to our community and would like information about our Christian Education program or any of our parish auxiliary groups, please call our office and we will be happy to respond to your questions. The Lord Jesus Christ loves you and desires that you share His love with others, making this holy community your spiritual home.

### **MARRIAGES**

Arrangements for weddings in our holy sanctuary are to be made at least eight months in advance. Marriage preparation and counseling are required before the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Marriages are NOT celebrated during the season of Great Lent according to Armenian Church Canon Law.

### **BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS**

All Baptisms must be scheduled no less than two months in advance. At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Church, i.e. baptized in the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox faith. Baptisms are NOT celebrated during the season of Great Lent according to Armenian Church Canon Law.

### **CHURCH AND HOME...ONE IN SPIRIT**

*If a people progresses, it takes its first step from the family home;  
If illuminated, its light derives from the family lamp;  
If united, its spirit and bond is the family;  
If empowered, its strength and arm is the family;  
If it prospers, its treasury and treasurer is the family;  
If a people wants to inherit heaven after earth by  
Keeping its religion, faith and church, then, yes,  
The altar that maintains these holy  
Traditions incorruptible and whole is the family.*

Khrimian Hayrig (1820-1907)

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, February 15 - *Diarrnuntarach***  
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple  
Infants Blessing at the conclusion of Badarak  
Candidates' Tea in Main Hall

**Thursday, February 19 - Feast of the Holy Vartanank**

**Friday, February 20, 2009, 7:00 pm**  
Annual Parish Assembly

**Sunday, February 22 - Boon Barekendan**

**Monday, February 23 - First Day of Great Lent**

**Wednesday, February 25 - ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner**  
5:30 – 6:30 pm; Lenten Vigil, 7:00 pm  
(see program offerings elsewhere in Bulletin)

**Friday, February 27 – Sunday, March 1**  
Michigan/Ohio Regional ACYOA Jrs. Retreat  
Camp Ohiyesa, Holly MI  
Sponsored by the Diocesan Dept. of Youth & Education  
Contact: Youth Coordinator Jenny Morris  
[jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org](mailto:jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org)

**DIOCESAN SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM 2009**  
In partnership with AGBU Summer Intern Program, an 8-week internship will be offered to three young adults aged 20-26 at the Diocesan Center in New York. All application and participation fees will be covered by the Diocese. Application deadline is March 6, 2009. To apply, please contact Julie Hoplamazian, College Ministry Facilitator, at 212.293.1254 or [julieh@armeniandiocese.org](mailto:julieh@armeniandiocese.org)

## **CHRISTMASTIDE: The Sacred Period after Christmas**

The first 40 days of Christmastide culminate with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple on February 14. During this 40-day period, the Christmas greeting in the Armenian Church is:

**KRISDOS DZUNAV YEV HAYDNETSAV!  
ORHYAL EH HAYDNOOTYOONN KRISDOSI!**

**CHRIST IS BORN AND IS REVEALED!  
BLESSED IS THE REVELATION OF CHRIST!**

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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.

**WARM YOUR HEART . . . WARM YOUR BODY  
WARM THE LOVE FROM GOD TO ONE WHO IS IN NEED.  
CAN YOU DONATE TOWARD OUR BLANKET PROJECT??**

The Sunday School students (grades 9 - 12) will be making blankets for the Salvation Army to provide children and families in need. If you can donate to this valuable Blanket Project, please contact Roseann Attar: [vart@comcast.net](mailto:vart@comcast.net) or cell 248-980-3221

### **St. John's New Website**

We have launched a new and expanded website for our parish and the world! There are many new additions to keep you informed on what is going on in our community. Visit soon and submit your comments and suggestions to the webmaster.

[Stjohnarmenianchurch.org](http://Stjohnarmenianchurch.org) OR  
[Stjohnsarmenianchurch.com](http://Stjohnsarmenianchurch.com)

### **Winter Advisory**

**During the winter months when severe weather may impact our Sunday Liturgy, listen to Radio WWJ 950 AM for church closing information.**

## **Don't Miss The Annual Lenten Retreat**

**A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY INTO THE DIVINE  
LITURGY. . .**

**NOURISHMENT FOR THE SOUL**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009**

**9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**St. John's Cultural Hall**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Very Reverend Father Vahan  
Hovhannessian**

Pastor of Holy Martyrs Armenian Church, Bayside, NY

Author of a newly published book,

**In Remembrance Of The Lord**

available in St. John's Bookstore

**Donation: \$12.00 (includes materials, continental  
breakfast and lunch)**

**Call (248) 569-3405 by March 9<sup>th</sup> to register**

**Make checks payable to St. John's Armenian Church  
and mail to 22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075**

**Sponsored in part by the Yeretgin Rosalie Papazian  
Endowment Fund**

**The 2008 Annual Report will be available  
for pickup by dues-paid members on  
Sunday, February 15.**

**UPCOMING WOMEN'S GUILD EVENTS**

General Body Meeting on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 4 at 7 P.M.  
We are delighted to announce that Elise Papazian will be our guest speaker. Her topic, What Will You Remember?, is also the title of her book, which is available in our church bookstore. Elise will explain how she came to write her book, and she will also read several selections from it.

**WINTER BAKING** – Marianne Dardarian is chairing a **Cheoreg EVENING BAKE** on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.** Take advantage of the opportunity to experience the camaraderie that those of us who participate in the daytime baking have. **2<sup>nd</sup> Cheoreg EVENING BAKE** on **Monday, FEBRUARY 16, 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.** Roxie Choukourian and Yerezgin Roberta are chairing a **Khalkha Bake Day** on **Tuesday, February 10 at 9 A.M.** Come help and have fun as “many hands make light work!” All are welcome. Come and enjoy. You need **NOT** be a Women’s Guild member to participate.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Daughters of Vartan MANTI AND MORE**  
**Friday, February 6, 7pm**  
**RSVP: 313.730.6698**

**Friday, February 13, 7:30 pm**  
**AGBU Manoogian School Las Vegas Night/  
Texas Hold'em Tournament @ Rec Center**  
**Phone 248.569.2988 for reservations**

**ADL/Tekeyan MASQUERADE BALL**  
**Saturday, February 21, 7:30 pm**  
**RSVP: 248.334.3636**

**APRIL 24  
ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY**

**7:00 pm**  
**REQUIEM SERVICE**  
**WREATH PLACEMENT**  
**MADAGH DINNER**

**8:30 pm**  
**LECTURE, DISCUSSION &**  
**BOOK SIGNING**  
**SKYLARK FARM**  
**by Antonia Arslan**

**Thanks to the generosity of a donor,  
St. John's is pleased to provide a free copy  
of Skylark Farm to each dues-paid  
member/family beginning Sunday,  
February 15 and continuing through  
Sunday, March 29.**  
**Visit special table in church lobby to pick  
up your copy. Supply is limited.**

**Copies of Skylark Farm are also available  
for sale at the Parish Book Store**