

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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The Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, *Pastor*

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:

The Reverend Father Diran Papazian

The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian

The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

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.

February 14, 2016

The Armenian Church Year 1464

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO THE TEMPLE

Celebrant: Fr. Aren Jebejian



THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

The Sunrise Office / Մթնալոյս ...9:00 am

Divine Liturgy / Ս.Պատարագ9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Isaiah 24:21-25:8

Acts 7:47-50

Galatians 4:1-7

Luke 2:41-52

Lector: Anne Marie Ameriguian

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: 773.457.4122

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 office@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 2015

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George Boyagian, Second Alternate

Today's Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

In Loving Memory of Y. Gladys Barsamian on the 40th day of her passing.

Lighting of the Candles presented by sisters, Araxey Barsamian, Elizabeth Barsamian, Leona Asher, Pat and Hillard Rodgers; niece and nephew Lisa and Ron Schlesinger, Dr. Armen and Dr. Vartouhi Asherian and Family.

Altar Flowers are offered by dear friend Dr. Rose M. Berberian and family.

When in the Lord's House

Please be advised that according to the tradition of the Armenian Church, members of the congregation are strongly reminded to refrain from walking in and out of the Sanctuary while services are in progress. You are especially reminded not to do so during the Reading of Lections until the Creed is recited, the Chalice Procession, the Hymn "Der Voghormia," Singing of *Hayr Mer* – Lord's Prayer, during Confession and Communion, and during the Sermon. Please wait in the vestibule until such time when it is proper to enter the Sanctuary.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian
Araxey Barsamian
Elina Cobb
Don McCorkle
James Shahbazian

Jilber Abajian
Rose Boudakian
Cheryl Giesa
Walter Negosian

David M. Apoian
Marge Brothers
Ruben Griffin
Charles Sansone

Women's Guild News

Winter Bake Days

Monday, February 22nd, evening bake from 6 - 8 pm: *Choreg* led by Marianne Dardarian

Everyone is welcome to join us. No experience needed!
Come for fellowship and learn how to make your favorite Armenian delicacies.

Knitting Group: Please contact Linda Assarian at 248.332.0816 or
linda.assarian@gmail.com for more details.

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.
For information please call Belinda Kabodian, 248.767.3942

Day by Day Bible Study

Wednesday, February 24th
12:00 — 2:00 pm

For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248.538.9993

Parish Assembly Ballot

2016 Parish Assembly Ballot: The Nominating Committee of St. John Armenian Church is currently recruiting members in good standing for positions on the 2016 Parish Assembly Ballot. The committee has recently begun the process of contacting members for positions on Parish Council, Nominating Committee, Auditor, Secretary of the Day and Chairman of the Day. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the Nominating Committee members if you are interested in filling any of these positions. Please contact Yvonne Korkoian with questions or for more information at 248.254.3029.

Visit the Parish Bookstore

Genocide T-Shirts with "Forget-Me-Not" emblem and map on back — \$20.00

Armenian Alphabet Wooden Puzzle — \$35.00

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

The Armenian Apostolic Church in Recent Times — \$20.00

Defending the Faith — \$20.00

The Lenten Journey...A Walk With God — \$10.00

The Armenian Genocide and Problems of Evil — \$20.00

Guardians of Music DVD, "History of Detroit Armenian Music", as seen on PBS — \$25.00

Armenian Genocide DVD, as seen on PBS — \$25.00

New: The Guest Room by Chris Bohjalian — HC \$25.00

New Items From Armenia

Variety of "FORGET-ME-NOT" pins, charms, stickers and silver jewelry.

Youth Basketball Program 2015-2016

If you know of any young Armenian youth that may be interested in joining our basketball program, please have them come to practice or email

Lisa Mardigian at lmardigian@sjachurch.org.

Practice Schedule

TUESDAYS

Biddy A (ages 11 & 12): 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm

Girls (ages 13 & up): 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Junior Boys (ages 13-15)

Intermediate Boys (ages 16-18): 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Joint Practice for conditioning!

THURSDAYS

Biddys (ages 5-8): 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Biddy B (ages 9 & 10): 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

Y. GLADYS BARSAMIAN, 40th Day, Sister, Sister-in-Law, Aunt, Cousin, Dear Friend

Requested by Araxey Barsamian
Elizabeth Barsamian
Hillard & Patsy Rodgers
Leona Asher
Ron & Lisa Schlesinger
Dr. Armen & Dr. Vartouhi Asherian & Family
Dr. Rose Berberian & Family
Margaret, Rosemary, Johanna, & Alex Barsamian
Dn. Mihran & Gayle Hoplamazian
Yerchanig & Roy Callan
Alberta & Masis Godoshian
Christine & Raffi Sarafian
Katherine & Mark Haase
Dn. Richard & Barbara Norsigian
Rose Samarian

HARRY CARMAN, JR., 4th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle

Requested by Rosemary Carman
Roxan Carman
Stephan Carman
Anthony, Roupina, Nayri, & Vaughn Carman
Lydia, Steve, Tamara, Kyle, Anjel, & Bryce Doyon

ERVIN VAHRATIAN, 3rd Year, Father

Requested by Donn Vahratian

IRENE BAHAROZIAN, 11th Year, Mother, Mother-in-Law, Grandmother, Cousin

GUREGH JAMES BAHAROZIAN, 12th Year, Father, Father-in-Law, Grandfather

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Tyrone Baharozian & Family
Dr. & Mrs. Dwayne Baharozian & Family
Mr. & Mrs. James Messer & Family

PAYLAG HAGOPIAN, Father

JANET HAGOPIAN, Mother

Requested by Sosi Hagopian

Michigan & Ohio ACYOA Juniors Retreat

Feb 26-28

A weekend of prayer, discussion & fellowship for ages 13-18



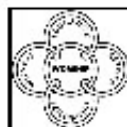
**The retreat will be held at:
Michigan Christian Youth Camp
820 North Lake George Road
Attica, MI 48142**

**Begins Friday at 7:30 PM
Concludes Sunday at 1:30 PM**

**Contact your parish priest or youth adviser
to receive a registration packet.
Registration deadline is February 17.**

**Sponsored and Led by:
Diocese of the Armenian Church
Dept. of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
Jennifer Morris, Director
Phone: 248-648-0702
Email: JenniferM@armeniandiocese.org**

**Please make checks payable to:
Diocese of the Armenian Church
\$125.00 per person for lodging and food**



We Need Your Help!

We are looking for parishioners willing to work with the Parish Council in organizing and being our chairpersons for the Annual Church Picnic and Festival events this year. These are important events for St. John, especially with this year being the Church's 85th anniversary. The Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 14th. The Festival is the weekend of October 21st - 23rd. No previous experience is necessary; just a desire to serve the Church, work with other parishioners, and have fun. If you would like to be involved or want additional information, please contact one of the Parish Council members or the church office.

Manoogian Manor Is Hiring!

Manoogian Manor is looking for dietary aides - all shifts.

Please contact Stephanie Dallakian by calling 734.522.5780

Help Needed for Armenian Family

An elderly brother and sister are looking for light help around the house. Ethnic cooking is a plus! Located in Royal Oak - compensation is negotiable.

For more information, please call 773.251.7195 or 847.867.9312

Volunteer Help

The Front Office needs your help! As a one of the biggest parishes in the Diocese, we have a large volume of incoming phone calls. If you are available any time from 9 am to 5 pm, your help would be greatly appreciated with answering the telephones and helping the office run more smoothly. For more information, kindly contact Fr. Aren at 248.569.3405.



Behind the Feast of the Presentation

The story of the Presentation is told in Luke 2:22-29. Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews and observed their religious customs. An important custom was for the couple to take their first-born son to the Temple. The baby

was taken to the Temple forty days after his birth and was dedicated to God. In addition, if the parents were wealthy, they were to bring a lamb and a young pigeon or a turtle dove to be offered as a sacrifice at the Temple. The custom provided that if the parents were poor, they were to offer two pigeons or two turtle doves for the sacrifice.

When Jesus was forty days old, Mary and Joseph took Him to the Temple in Jerusalem. They were not wealthy, so they took two turtle doves with them to offer as a sacrifice at the Temple. As they arrived at the Temple, Mary and Joseph were met by a very old man named Simeon. He was a holy man and was noted as a very intelligent scholar. Simeon spent much time studying about the prophets of Israel. It was during his studies that he learned of the coming of the Messiah.

The Jewish people were waiting for the Messiah to come and deliver Israel from their conquerors. From that time on, Simeon spent his time praying for the Messiah to come. He spent many years in prayer. Finally, while Simeon was praying he heard the voice of God. God promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.

When Simeon saw Jesus, he took the baby in his arms and blessed the Lord and said:

"Lord, now let Your servant go in peace according to Your promise, because my eyes have seen Your salvation which you have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory to your people Israel."

Also in the Temple was Anna the Prophetess. She had been a widow for many years. Anna was about eighty-four years old and spent her time in the Temple worshiping, fasting, and praying. When she saw the Christ Child she praised God and spoke of him to all who were awaiting the Messiah.

After Jesus was presented in the Temple, the family returned to Galilee to the town of Nazareth. The Bible tells us that Jesus grew and became strong, and was filled with wisdom.

Hosted by the St. John's Men's Society

Mother's Day Celebration

May 8, 2016

Following *Badarak* in the Main Hall

Adults: \$25 | Children 6-12: \$10 | Children five and under: free

Assorted artesian dinner rolls, scones, cream cheese, jams and butter

Baby spinach leaves with sliced almonds, tomatoes, red onions,
Romano cheese tossed in a balsamic basil vinaigrette

A combination plate of:

Grilled chicken breast with sundried tomatoes, mushrooms
Lemon and chive encrusted salmon
Anna potatoes, sugar snap peas

For the children: Tossed greens with Italian dressing
Chicken strips, ranch dressing, served with rice pilaf

Creme Brûlée

Chocolate fountain with fresh fruit, assorted cookies, pretzels, marshmallows and assorted dipping goodies
Orange, cranberry and apple juices
Chocolate milk, regular coffee and tea

Limited seating. Table service - reservations required by May 1st.
For reservations contact: Dr. Gary Zamanigian at 248.322.9393

Women's Guild Presents

A Luncheon & Fashion Show

Dedicated to all Mothers

May 21, 2016

10:00 am Boutiques and 12:00 pm Luncheon and fashion show

Adults: \$55 | Children 12 and under: \$20

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For reservations and information please be in touch with
Linda Assarian by emailing her at linda.assarian@gmail.com

Tickets on sale March 15th

Upcoming Events

ACYOA Jr.s Present

Lenten Fish Dinner

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
And all Wednesdays until March 16th

5:30 - 6:30 pm
Lenten vigil service beginning at 7:00 pm

Adults: \$10.00 | Children: \$5.00

Vegan options available.

Save the date for our highly awaited Lenten Fish and Lobster Dinner on March 16th!

For reservations, please contact 248.569.3405 or email office@sjachurch.org



Annual Parish Assembly and Council Elections

Sunday, February 21st, following *Badarak*

Lenten Lunch will be served - donation is \$10 to support the Fuller House Project



Crisis in the Middle East: Impact on Armenians
Guest speakers Dr. Ara Sanjian, Edmond Azadian, Dr. Vahe Sahakyan

Saturday, March 5th at 7 pm
AGBU School Multipurpose Room



Parish Retreat

Save the Date: Saturday, March 12, 2016

Details to follow

Men's Society Pancake Breakfast and "Meet the Candidates" for Parish Assembly

Today, Sunday, February 14th following *Badarak*

Featuring a Lent observant menu with an omelette station, pasta, vegetable soup, scrambled eggs, assorted vegetables, hashbrowns, waffles, pancakes, and ice cream. Free will offering is accepted.

2016 Diocesan Summer Camp Programs

St. Vartan Camp

Ararat Center, Greenville, NY

Staff Training: June 22-25

Session A: June 26-July 9 | Session B: July 10-July 23 | Session C: July 24-August 6

Campers ages 8-15

CITs ages 16 and 17; Staff and volunteers ages 18+

Hye Camp

Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL

Staff Training: July 27-30

Two Week Session: July 30-August 13

Week 1: July 30-August 6 | Week 2: August 6-13

Register online by visiting www.diocesansummercamps.org

On Leaving the Sanctuary After Badarak

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 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.