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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 20 – Senior Lunch - Noon

Sunday, January 26-Morning Service 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy 9:45 am

DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 AT NOON

Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta

Bring your Bible and a meal to share, we will provide the coffee.

Sunday Bulletin

Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր

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

JANUARY 18, 2009

THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YEAR OF 1458

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

LECTOR: John Merigian

THE NICENE CREED WILL BE RECITED IN ARMENIAN

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Pastor

St. John's New Website

Visit our new and expanded website, and submit your comments and suggestions to the webmaster...

**Stjohnsarmenianchurch.org - or -
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ISHKAN ISHKANIAN, Loving Husband, Father

Requested by Linda Ishkanian
Ida Ishkanian

SYBIL KESHIAN, 40th Day, Aunt

Requested by Garry and Patti Javizian

ALEX KING, 24th Year, Father

PEROUZ & MESROB LEKTZIAN, Grandparents

PETER & CONNIE LEKTZIAN, Aunt, Uncle

MELKON & MARY LEKTZIAN, Aunt, Uncle

MELKON LEKTZIAN JR., Cousin

SAM LEKTZIAN, Uncle

DIKRAN LEKTZIAN, Uncle

V. GEORGE LAKTZIAN, Cousin

Requested by Laura King

MARTIN M. MANOOOGIAN, 14th Year, Husband, Father, Friend

Requested by Ann L. Manoogian
Roseann & Bobby Attar
The Kezelian Family

BOB PARSAGHIAN, 15th Year, Father

Requested by Garry and Patti Javizian

RUEBEN PARSAGHIAN, 25th Year, Uncle

Requested by Garry and Patti Javizian

LOIS ROBINSON, Mother, Grandmother, *Khnamee*

Requested by Drs. David & Heidi Aprahamian
Elizabeth Bennett Aprahamian
Elizabeth Aprahamian

**ALBERT N. SARKISIAN, 7th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,
Uncle, *Khnamee***

Requested by Nina Sarkisian
Dr. Edward, Anna & Sdn. Aram Sarkisian
Morgan & Sara (Sarkisian) Bell
Linda, Frank, Diana & George Houhanisin
Barbara, Peter & Matthew Rupas
Lisa & Stephen Derderian
Allan, Rachel, Tyler & Emma Sarkisian
Dr. Haig, Louise, Edward & Ara Yardumian
Leon & Sharon Sarkisian
Melanya Sviridov

GARO YEGHISSIAN, 11th Year, Father, Grandfather, *Khnamee*, Friend

Requested by Dr. Joyce Yeghissian & Dn. Rubik Mailian, Sevana & Areg
Anahid Dilakian & Sarkis Ghazarian, Sevag & Hiyk
Arax Markarian
Ladjvart Grishkyan
Armineh Harutunyan
Lucy Ardash
Elizabeth Aprahamian

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servant of God
Virginia Cheteyan

(Mother of May Kafafian)

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Yeretzgin Patricia Dagley

Robert Ajemian
Steven Bear (CA)
Edgar Hagopian
Marybeth Sutton

Harry Avagian
Harry Carman
Judy Hovnan
Lucy Torigian

Valeriy Bagdasarian
Gregory Derderian
Margaret Jamgochian
Christine Danielian Vaughn

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Prayers for a speed recovery for Dr. Antranik Chalabian
requested by the Detroit ADL Ramgavar Party
and the Tekeyan Cultural Association.

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.

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.

The University of Michigan's Armenian Students' Cultural Association will be hosting their annual **Hye Hop Charity Dance** on Friday, January 23, 2009, at Polo Fields Golf and Country Club (located at 5200 Polo Fields Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103). All profits will be donated to *Mer Doon*, a place dedicated to helping Armenian youth transitioning from orphanages or a disadvantaged life. For more information on the charity, please visit <http://mer-doon.org>.

Tickets are \$25 for Students and \$35 for Adults. The dance features a dinner buffet, cash bar, DJ, and live All-Star Armenian band. Dress attire is semi-formal. Please feel free to bring Armenian non-Armenian friends, non-UMich students, family members, and anyone else! The more guests means the more fun, and therefore the more for charity!

Over the past several years, the Hye Hop Charity Dance has been gaining much popularity. Last year, with over 200 guests in attendance, we were able to donate \$3,000 to the Orran Center of Armenia, a place dedicated to providing life's necessities to at risk children and families.

If you have any questions, or would like to donate in advance, please contact Samantha Simonian at ssimonia@umich.edu or Ani Toumajan at altoumaj@umich.edu.



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.

ESTHER AMADORI, 40th Day, Wife, Mother, Grandmother
Requested by Tony Amadori & Family

ARTHUR A. APKARIAN, 3rd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,
Brother, Uncle, *Khnamee*

Requested by Cynthia Apkarian
Dawn & David Karagosian
Renee and Scott Apkarian
Lynne and Cary Kojamarian
Dana, Tammi, Andrea, Craig, Michael, Caylyn and Reagan
Paulette and Rick Apkarian
Kristen and Christopher Vosbikian
Alex and Rich Apkarian
Florence and Harry Karagosian
Lillian and Jack Kojamarian
Mr. and Mrs. Don Arslanian, Anto, Dawn, Nicole and Lyle
Fred, Jackie and Adam Klugman

HRANT DINK, 2ND Year, Friend

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Herman Hintiryan
Mr. & Mrs. Saro Ozdamar
Mr. Zaven Hintiryan
Mr. & Mrs. Bedros Civelek

GEORGE KRIKOR DOCTORIAN, 28th Year, Father, Grandfather,
Great-Grandfather

JAMES KEROPE DOCTORIAN, 29th Year, Uncle, Great-Uncle

Requested by Nina Sarkisian
Dr. Edward, Anna & Sdn. Aram Sarkisian
Sara & Morgan Bell
Linda, Frank, Diana & George Houhanisin
Barbara, Peter & Matthew Rupas
Lisa & Stephen Derderian
Allan, Rachel, Tyler & Emma Sarkisian

ARZROONI HOVSEPIAN, Beloved Father

Requested by Jerier H. Hovsepian

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 the Main Hall**

Thursday, February 19, 2009

Feast of the Holy Vartanank

Friday, February 20, 2009, 7:30 pm

Annual Parish Assembly

Sunday, February 22, 2009

Boon Barekendan

Monday, February 23, 2009

First Day of Great Lent

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner, 5:30 pm

Lenten Vigil, 7:00 pm

Every Wednesday during Lent

including March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1

Saturday, March 14, 2009

14th Annual Lenten Retreat

Guest Speaker: V. Rev. Vahan Hovhanessian

Topic: "In Remembrance of the Lord"

Warm your heart

Warm your body

Warm the love from God to one who is in need

Can you help 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 or cell (248)980-3221

