

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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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.

June 15, 2014

**REMEMBRANCE OF THE PROPHET ELIJAH/ Յիշատակ Եղեա Մարգարէին
FATHER'S DAY—Յայրերու Օր**

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service / *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*...9:00 am

Divine Liturgy / *Ս. Պատարագ*9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

TODAY: 1 Kings 18:29-46, 2 Kings 2:1-15, James 5:16-20, Luke 4:25-30

LECTOR: Sara Andonian

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 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.

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TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 4:25-30

"But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land; and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and put him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong. But passing through the midst of them he went away.

ԱՅՍՕՐՈՒԱՅ ԱՒԵՏԱՐԱՆԸ—ՂՈՒԿԱՍ 4:25-30

Ճշմարտապէս կը յայտարարեմ ձեզի. ըբՇատ այրիներ կային Իսրայէլի մէջ՝ Եղիայի օրերը, երբ երկինք գոցուեցաւ երեք տարի ու վեց ամիս, եւ մեծ սով եղաւ ամբողջ երկրին մէջ. բայց Եղիա անոնցմէ ո՛չ մէկուն ղրկուեցաւ, հապա միայն Սիդոնացիներուն Սարեփթա քաղաքը բնակող այրի կնոջ մը: Նաեւ շատ բորոտներ կային Իսրայէլի մէջ՝ Եղիսէ մարգարէին ատենը, եւ անոնցմէ ո՛չ մէկը մաքրուեցաւ, հապա միայն՝ Նէեման Ասորին»: Ժողովարանին մէջ բոլորն ալ զայրոյթով լեցուեցան՝ երբ լսեցին այս խօսքերը. ուստի կանգնելով՝ դուրս հանեցին զայն քաղաքէն, եւ տարին զայն մինչեւ այն լեռան ցցուած ծայրը՝ որուն վրայ իրենց քաղաքը կառուցանուած էր, որպէսզի բարձր տեղէն վար նետեն զայն: Բայց ինք՝ անոնց մէջէն անցնելով՝ գնաց:

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

A gift to the church in honor of Virginia (Javezian) Megregian's 100th birthday, was presented by Simon Javizian.

A gift to the church in honor of Nicolas Sarafian, son of Matthew & Christine Sarafian, who was ordained on May 17, 2014, was presented by Armenouhi (Amo) Sarafian.

**FELLOWSHIP TEA TO WELCOME SEMINARIAN LEVON ASDOURIAN
SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

George Douroujalian
Edward Jizmejian
George Keurajian
Aida Petrosyan
Mary Sarafian

Jennifer Gregory
Shnorhig Karougian
Isaac Hensley (infant)
Ara Sanjian
Erin Wilkinson

ALTAR FLOWERS

Floral arrangements adorning the altar today were presented by the Goshgarian Family to celebrate the Baptism of Luke Bedros Goshgarian.

Floral arrangements adorning the altar today were presented by Matthew and Diana Mardigian on the joyous occasion of their marriage.

CROWN THEM WITH GLORY & HONOR

*We rejoice in celebrating the Sacrament
of Holy Crowning and have asked Christ
our God to bless the marriage of*

*Matthew Mardigian
and
Diana York*

**DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON
BIBLE STUDY
THE NURSERY ROOM, NOON-2 PM
WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 25TH
JULY 30TH, AUGUST 27TH
BRING YOUR LUNCH AND
YOUR BIBLE
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER DAY CAMP / Ages 5—12

St. John's Recreation Center—Beginning June 23rd

See flyer/registration form in lobby

MIDWEST HYE CAMP / Two-week Sessions / Ages 8—15

1st Week: July 27—August 2 2nd Week: August 3—9

For information, visit www.armenianchurch-ed.net

Click on Programming for Diocesan Youth Camps

**SATURDAY, JULY 12TH, 5:00—10:00 PM
ARMENIAFEST @ ROYAL OAK FARMERS MARKET**

FATHER'S DAY: CONTROVERSY AND COMMERCIALISM

During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to scrap Mother's Day and Father's Day altogether in favor of a single holiday, Parents' Day. Every year on Mother's Day, pro-Parents' Day groups rallied in New York City's Central Park—a public reminder, said Parents' Day activist and radio performer Robert Spere, “that both parents should be loved and respected together.” Paradoxically, however, the Depression derailed this effort to combine and de-commercialize the holidays. Struggling retailers and advertisers redoubled their efforts to make Father's Day a “second Christmas” for men, promoting goods such as neckties, hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs and other sporting goods, and greeting cards. When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution. In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts.

Prayer Recited by the Priest just prior to the singing of the *Hayr Mer*

God of truth and Father of mercy, we thank you, who have exalted our nature, condemned as we were, above that of the blessed patriarchs; for you were called God to them, whereas in compassion you have been pleased to be named Father to us. And, O Lord, we beseech you, make the grace of so new and precious a naming of yourself shine forth and flourish day by day in your holy Church.

What is a Dad?

- A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall, but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.
- A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes, but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart might break in silence when you get hurt.
- A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.



REQUIEM SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

VREJOUHI MARASHLIAN, 7th Day, Sister-in-law

HAGOP & ANGEL MARASHLIAN, Parents

HRANT & NOYEM HAGOPIAN, Parents

Requested by Sarkis & Luiza Marashlian

GARY CHARLES KEURAJIAN, 40th Day, Son, Brother, Uncle

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. George P. Keurajian

Dr. & Mrs. John Garry, Lauren, Jessica & John Paul

Ms. Diane Keurajian

JULIETTE DEROHANESSION, 40th Day

Requested by the Haroian Family

SEROP DEROHANESSION

SIRANOUSH DEROHANESSION

Requested by the Haroian & Derohanessian Families

HARTUON KNAJIAN

Requested by Ani Derohanessian

ANN LAKTZIAN, 1st Year, Dear Aunt

VASKEN GEORGE LAKTZIAN, Dear Uncle

Requested by Agnes Pittman

JAMES DOLIK, 16th Year, Son, Brother, Uncle, Godchild, Khnamee

Requested by Zaven Dolik

Michael & Jill Dolik & Family

David & Randi Dolik & Family

Lisa & James Wilson & Family

Dn. Mihran & Gayle Hoplamazian & Family

Virginia Keoleian

HARRY & AZADOUHIE GOSHGARIAN

HAGOP & MARY ARAKELIAN

GARABED & SARAH OULOUSIAN

KHAYAJAN & ANNA GARABEDIAN

PAUL & AZNIV MOORADIAN

PETER BEDROS & MARGARET MOORADIAN

MARY MOURADIAN

BETTE MOURADIAN

DIRAMAYR MARY & DIRAHAYR ROOPEN KOCHAKIAN

Requested by Dr. Harry & Charlene Goshgarian

Matthew, Kaylie & Kyla Goshgarian

Dr. Chris, Danielle & Luke Bedros Goshgarian

David Goshgarian

GARBIS GIRICI, 36th Year

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Alexan Seyranoglu, Serena & Leda

GARABED JOOHARIGIAN, Loving Father

HARRY JOOHARIGIAN, Loving Brother

Requested by Dr. Badrik Jooharigian

BEDROS MERZIAN, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Lucy, Charles, Peter & Leslie, & Harry Merzian

FEASTS OF ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR

St. Gregory (258-325), the patron saint of the Armenian Church, is referred to as "Our Holy Father St. Gregory the Illuminator." After years of persecution, he converted the king of Armenia to Christianity and inspired the king to proclaim Christianity Armenia's state religion. He was consecrated the first Catholicos of the Armenian Church and founded the Holy See of the Armenian Church at Etchmiadzin in accordance with a vision he had of Christ descending on that spot in AD 303. He then brought Christianity to Georgia and Aghvank (Caucasian Albania, present-day Gharabagh and Azerbaijan). St. Gregory died in 325, the year of the Council of Nicaea. The Armenian Church has three feasts commemorating the key events in the life of St. Gregory: **Commitment to the Pit (April), Deliverance from the Pit (June), Discovery of the Relics (July).**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE PIT—June 21st

St. Khosrovidukht, the sister of King Trdat had a dream that only Gregory could heal her brother from his malady of insanity, and told his Court that Gregory was still alive. They sent men to the pit and to their amazement found Gregory alive after his thirteen-year imprisonment. When Gregory was taken to Trdat, the ailing King knelt down before Gregory and confessed, saying, "Your God is my God, your religion is my religion." The king was healed. Gregory then resumed his ministry, preaching and converting the Armenian nation to Christianity. He baptized the king and royal family into Christianity and conducted mass baptisms throughout Armenia. After being anointed bishop by the Metropolitan of Caesarea, Leontius, Gregory assumed the leadership of the Armenian church as its first Catholicos, a post he held for 25 years.

TRADITIONS OF ST. GREGORY - The Lamp of the Illuminator

The church of St. Gregory in Khor Virap (*deep pit*) lies in the shadow of Mt. Ararat and is one of the most sacred sites of the Armenian Church. Pilgrims may descend into the pit where St. Gregory was held captive and then delivered. One of the many national traditions about St. Gregory relates to the Lamp of the Illuminator, which the faithful may see hanging above Mt. Aragats. According to one tradition, when Trdat put down his sword, St. Gregory picked it up and threw it in the direction of the Sebouh mountains. While the sword was flying through the air, it turned into a glowing cross. The light of this cross is the Lamp of the Illuminator which hangs without a cord (in Armenian, *an-paran*, *an*=without, *paran* = rope, which is the name of the region around Aragats called Aparan), above the four peaks of Mt. Aragats, the second highest mountain in the Armenian Highlands.



The **Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God** will be celebrated on August 17, 2014. After the Divine Liturgy, it will be **PICNIC TIME** with delicious dinners, beautiful baked goods, raffle prizes, activities for the children and fun for all.

The Picnic Committee under the expert guidance of **Chairman David Dardarian** is busy planning another wonderful event; however, they still need some help before we can all enjoy the day.

Will you help by placing the advance order for the meat, bread, vegetables, other foods, and disposable products?

(Confirm any existing inventory with SJAC staff, meet once with Gordon Food or other vendors, follow the order data from last year, and then place final order-job done!)

Will you help by picking up the fresh bread from Yasmeen Bakery, (13900 W. Warren Ave.), in Dearborn, Michigan?

(Early morning on 8/17/2014 drive to Dearborn, pickup bread and return it to Church by 9:00AM-this is an easy task and being the first to smell all that delightful bread during the ride back is a treat!)

Please think about volunteering some time to help your Church. Please as soon as possible contact Karmen Santourian, knasantourian@comcast.net for more information. Thank you for your consideration!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. John's Parish Council is seeking volunteers with knowledge/expertise in building security to help with the final phase of lock-down emergency planning for our complex. If

interested, please contact: Karmen Santourian knasantourian@comcast.net or

Tom Stambouljian stambo@sjachurch.org.

REMEMBERING STS. HRIPSIME AND GAYANE AND THEIR COMPANIONS

St. Hripsime and St. Gayane, along with their companions in martyrdom, are venerated as the first martyrs in Armenian history, and are remembered by the Armenian Church on June 16 and 17. According to legend, Hripsime and her 35 female companions formed a group of devout Christian nuns who lived as hermits in a Roman monastery around 300 A.D. Hripsime was extremely beautiful and had attracted the attention of the Roman emperor Diocletian, who vowed to marry her. To avoid his forceful advances and to maintain her chastity, Hripsime, her fellow nuns, and their leader Gayane, fled Rome and finally arrived in the vicinity of Vagharshapat in Armenia, where, it is said, they found an old building of an abandoned wine press and settled there.

The Roman emperor asked the pagan Armenian King Drtad's help in returning the nuns to Rome. However, when King Drtad's soldiers discovered where the nuns were hiding and King Drtad saw the beautiful Hripsime, he, too, fell in love with her and commanded her to marry him. She refused, as it meant giving up her Christian faith. Hripsime and Gayane escaped from the palace and returned to the winery. Because of her refusal, the king's forces inflicted fiendish tortures upon Hripsime, Gayane, and the other sisters. They perished as a result of their tortures.

The martyrdom of these women took place in the last year of St. Gregory the Illuminator's 13-year imprisonment in the deep pit by King Drtad. Upon his delivery from the pit in the early 4th century, St. Gregory built chapels over the relics of the nuns. Later, during the time of St. Sahag Bartev, these chapels were rebuilt and, during the pontificate of Catholicos Gomidas (7th century), two beautiful cathedrals were erected; one of these, the Cathedral of St. Hripsime, remains a monument of Armenian architecture.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**A truly happy person
is one who can enjoy the scenery
on a detour.**

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

IN THE AFTERMATH OF GENOCIDE: ARMENIANS AND JEWS IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY FRANCE by Maud S. Mandel—SC—\$30.00

2015 Genocide Remembrance T-shirts
Map of Genocide areas is on back of shirts
Children's & Adult Sizes—\$20.00

MADE IN ARMENIA Unique handmade silver and wood crosses
Apricot-White Cherry Preserves and Peach Preserves (from Armenia)—\$5.00

***ARMENIAN CHURCH HYE Q*—\$20.00**
A game of cards to achieve Armenian Church literacy

***LOST AND FOUND IN ARMENIA*—DVD—\$18.00 (English subtitles)**
An American's adventures in Armenia after being mistaken for a spy—hilarious!

ROAD TO HOME by David Kherdian—SC—\$9.00

NEW! *THE FIRST CRUSADE* by George Mouradian—SC—\$15.00

Variety of Armenian cookbooks

The largest selection of Armenian books and recordings in the Midwest!

Stop by and browse . . .

HELP US GET READY FOR THE FESTIVAL!!!

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. Receipts available in the Church Office.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC is now accepting gently used and clean items for the Festival weekend. Donate household items, small electronics, children's toys, games, puzzles, accessories (belts, scarves, jewelry), books, CDs, DVDs, artwork, collectibles, picture frames, dishes, glassware, vases, etc. **NO CLOTHES OR SHOES.** Please drop off your donations at the Maintenance Office. Make sure they are properly wrapped, *especially fragile items*. Receipts are available in the Church Office.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Festival Summer Baking – Calling All Parishioners. WE NEED YOU! Ladies, men and non-Women's Guild members are welcome and encouraged to join us this summer in the church kitchen beginning at 9:00 am. You will learn to make delicious traditional Armenian delicacies and have fun at the same time. We will be preparing *Kharpert Kufteh* on Tuesday, June 17th. Contact Dolly Matoian at 248-737-9055 for information .

Evening Cheoreg Bakes – Evening *cheoreg* bakes for the Fall Festival will take place on Mondays, July 21st and August 18th from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the church kitchen. The time spent working together is a great way to meet new and old friends. Please contact Marianne Dardarian at 248-661-0617 for information.

Grape Leaves Needed for Yalachi Sarma—The next month is the perfect time to pick grape leaves. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. Please prepare and freeze the leaves according to the WG Cookbook. Contact Dawn Aginian at 248-225-7176 for information.

Knitting Group meets on Thursday, June 19th in the nursery from 10–Noon. All knitters are welcome, from expert to novice. The group is currently working on baby clothes and blankets for children in need. Contact Linda Assarian at 248-332-0816.

Take the opportunity to 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

Save the Date!

ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend 2015

Thursday, May 21 – Monday, May 25, 2015

Hosted by the St. John's ACYOA Seniors Chapter

Including a Commemorative Genocide Walk and Program

Volunteers are needed!!! To join our Email List or Steering Committee, please contact Christine Santourian (csantourian@gmail.com or 248.931.4549) Volunteer opportunities for the whole family!

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 khorhoortus 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 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 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 haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

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.