

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.

MARCH 10, 2013—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1463

SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE— ԴԱՏԱԻՈՐԻ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ

CELEBRANT: REV. FR. ABRAHAM OHANESIAN

THE LORD'S DAY AND GREAT LENTEN SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

Sunrise Service / *Արեւագալի Ժամ*.....9:45 am

followed by Divine Liturgy / *որմէ ետք Ս. Պատարագ*

Church School / *Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարան*.....10:15 am

Wednesday Eve Vigil / *Չորեքշաբթի Երեկոյեան Հսկում*.....7:00 pm

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY TODAY

THIS WEEK: Isaiah 65:8-25, Philippians 3:1-4:9, Luke 17:20-18:14

NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 66:1-24, Colossians 2:8-3:17, Matthew 22:34-23:39

Lector: George Boyagian

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: LUKE 17:20-18:14

And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man: and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary. For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: "Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servants of God

ROSE JOBOULIAN

JOHN REIZIAN

who entered their eternal rest this past week.

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon their souls.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

William Carlin

Gayaneh Kachadourian

Cindy Rauch

Dr. Haig Tashjian

Rev. Fr. Garen Gdanian

Cheryl Giesa

Steve Daniels

TODAY—MEN'S SOCIETY LENTEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come join the Men's Society Celebration today with a Lenten Pancake Breakfast immediately following Church services. We will have Lenten vegetable offerings at our omelet station. All proceeds of the free will offering will be going toward upgrading the Church audio system.

**DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH, NOON-2:00 PM
IN THE NURSERY ROOM
BRING YOUR LUNCH AND YOUR BIBLE
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

MEN'S SOCIETY TO HONOR MOTHERS

Save the date - The Men's Society is hosting a Mother's Day Celebration on Sunday, May 12, 2013. It will be a sit-down dinner and a chance for all of your family to come to Church services and then join us for a celebration. Enjoy the day with friends and family at St. John's rather than another afternoon in a restaurant again this year. Give your grandmothers, mothers, wives and aunts a special day out. The cost of this event is \$25/adult, \$10/6 to 12 years old and free for 5 and under. Reservations are required by May 5, 2013: Judy Cristiano 313-291-3194 or dcristiano3@gmail.com.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

**The following gifts were presented on the happy occasion of
Father Diran Papazian's 90th Birthday: (additional)**

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Mekjian

PLEASE NOTE:

**REQUIEM SERVICES WILL NOT BE OFFERED...
MARCH 24TH—Palm Sunday & MARCH 31ST—Easter**



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

**YERETZGIN VARTENI BARSAMIAN, 40th Day, Beloved Sister-in-law, Aunt,
Great Aunt**

Requested by Agnes Barsamian
Arthur Alan Barsamian
Jeffrey & Beverly Barsamian
Matthew Barsamian
Angela Barsamian

**ANDREW DOUROUJALIAN, 40th Day, In Loving Memory, Father, Grandfather,
Brother, Father-in-law, Uncle, Cousin, Friend**

**MARY DOUROUJALIAN, 3rd Year, In loving memory, Mother, Grandmother,
Mother-in-law, Sister-in-Law, Aunt, Cousin, Friend**

Requested by Donna Portrey & Lindsay
Ryan & Elizabeth Portrey
George & Yvette Douroujalian, Bryan & Blake
Diane & Bruce Kezlarian & Kirsten
Courtney & Michael Abela
Virginia Douroujalian
Many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends

**MARY TOOVALIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Khnamee,
Very Dear Friend**

Requested by Brian & Karen Toovalian & Family
Harry & Suzanne Najarian
David & Kim Najarian & Family
Chris, Pam, Christopher, Shahanna & Ohannes Sarkisian
Jeff, Nicole & Noah Stillman
Shawn, Mary, Grace & John Sarkisian
Nicholas Sarkisian
Dn. Mihran & Gayle Hoplamazian
Dr. Vincent & Anna Baylerian
Vincent & Susan Baylerian & Family
Cindy & Robert Amboian & Family
Alice Derderian
Margie Simonian
Edward & Izabelle Jizmejian
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Negosian
Margaret Arslanian
Anita Saboonjian
Anna Karakashian

**ERVIN VAHRATIAN, 40th Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle,
Brother-in-law, Cousin, Friend**

Requested by Roxanne Vahratian

Kim & John Wolford

Donn Vahratian

Erin Fronrath

Scott Fronrath

Tom & Katherine Negoshian & Family

George & Kathleen Negoshian

Alice Dobson

Margaret Altovilla

**LUCY FUNDUKIAN, 3rd Year, Loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother,
Sister-in-law, Auntie**

Requested by Howard Fundukian

John, Jeff, Ellen & Jack Fundukian

Anita Tootikian

Gary, Patricia, Ara, Rachel & Alexandra Hachigian

Austen & Khalan Isbell

**PAUL TOOTIKIAN, 4th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,
Great grandfather**

Requested by Anita Tootikian

Gary, Patricia, Ara, Rachel & Alexandra Hachigian

Austen & Khalan Isbell

ANNA CHROVIAN, 15th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

Requested by Dr. Vincent & Anna Baylerian

Vincent & Susan Baylerian & Family

Cindy & Robert Amboian & Family

**KOKO ISHKANIAN, 16th Year, Loving Brother
ISHKAN ISHKANIAN, 8th Year, Beloved Father**

LINDA ISHKANIAN, 2nd Year, Loving Mother

Requested by Ida Ishkanian

RICHARD NALBANDIAN, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Mary Nalbandian

Charles Nalbandian

Beverly Madden & Family



THE FIFTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE

A Prayer to Remember Blessings by St. Gregory of Narek, Prayer 24

Dear Lord, I pray...that I might be honored with clothing of light,
from which I have been stripped
that I might touch the hand of Him, from whom I am separated
that I might receive my daily bread, for which I have not worked
that I might be showered with rewards which I have not earned
that I might remember all my blessings which I always forget. Amen.

The story is one of the more familiar ones in the Bible. A woman keeps pestering a judge to hear her case and decide in her favor. Now this man cares little for humankind or God but tires of the woman's pleas and so gives her justice to be rid of her. Jesus is very clear as to the meaning of the parable: it is to "show the disciples that they should always pray and not give up" (Luke 18:1). For, if a simple flawed judge can dispense justice for the wrong reasons, won't the Almighty God deliver justice to his beloved creation? And as in so many of his parables, Jesus ends with a question: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (18:8) He is asking us to put ourselves in the story and consider how persistent we would be. Are we as constant in prayer as this widow was in her request? Persistence does pay. But remember, this isn't a case of demanding something enough times from God and expecting that it will be given. Rather, it is about the importance of praying continually (1 Thessalonians 5: 17) in the confidence that we will be heard.

Read: Luke 18: 1-8

Do: Create a prayer bowl or basket for the kitchen table and leave pencils and small squares of paper nearby. Jot down prayers on a regular basis and put them in the basket. Once a week, open prayers, read them, and pray together.

Reflect or discuss as a family: How is prayer like a conversation? How can you incorporate prayer into your lives on a regular basis? Where and when do you pray?

NEW AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

Historical Atlas of Armenia , Edited by Vartan Matiossian

With CD, SC-\$40.00

Armenian geography, history, culture from ancient times to the present, illustrated with photos and full-page maps in color, in Armenian and English—an excellent reference book for all ages.

Stylized Armenian alphabet posters by Siroun Yeretian

\$15.00

Nowhere: a Story of Exile

by Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte - SC - \$20.00

A riveting, heart-wrenching story told through the diary entries of an 8-year old Armenian girl documenting the organized terror in Baku, her life as a refugee, and her struggle to find herself.

The Sumgait Tragedy: Pogroms against Armenians in Soviet Azerbaijan, Volume I—Eyewitness Accounts

Edited by Samuel Shahmuratian, Forward by Yelena Bonner

HC - \$50.00

The long awaited sequel to *A Summer Without Dawn*

The Young Man in the Gray Suit by Agop Hacikyan

SC - \$20.00

A Summer Without Dawn by Agop Hacikyan-SC - \$20.00

Forty Days of Lent Cookbook

Selected Armenian Recipes by Alice Antreassian

Spiral-bound SC - \$15.00

Includes Lenten meal plans, detailed recipes and interesting facts about Lenten customs and traditions.

Stop by and browse . . .



**ACYOA Juniors
2013 Lenten Fish Dinners
are back again!
Every Wednesday during Great Lent**

March 13th—FISH DINNER

March 20th - LOBSTER & FISH DINNER!!

Dinners will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Fish Dinner Donation \$10.00/adult

\$5.00/child (fish or grilled cheese)

Please make your reservations in advance with the

Church Office (248) 569-3405

Lobster Dinner (March 20th only) Donation is \$20.00

LENTEN VIGIL SERVICE AT 7:00 PM

IN THE SANCTUARY FOLLOWING DINNER

CHURCH SCHOOL FUNDRAISING DURING LENT

During the period of Great Lent, our Church School students have a special project which will teach them the importance of helping others by collecting donations for the Diocesan-wide Church School Lenten Drive which will benefit:

Relief for Syrian Armenians—The need is ongoing and the crisis is not over. Thousands of Armenians are facing dangers, food shortages, and extreme wartime conditions in Syria.

Tovuz Village Day Care Center in Armenia—Children aged 3-6 are looked after in a day care setting that provides two small meals per day, beds and bedding for rest, love and psychological support in a sub-standard building without water and electricity. We can help Tovuz villagers renovate their day care center and provide healthy meals.

When you are approached by a Church School student with a Lenten Canister, please give generously.

St. John Armenian Church
18th ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT SEMINAR

Sponsored in part by the Yeretzhin Rosalie Papazian Endowment Fund

Saturday, March 23, 2013

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

St. John's Cultural Hall

The Face of Lazarus: Faith, Healing & Revival



Guest Speaker: Very Rev. Father Daniel Findikyan

Director, Zohrab Information Center

Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church, New York

**DONATION: \$15 INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH. TO REGISTER, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 248-569-3405 BY MARCH 18TH . PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH (MEMO: RETREAT)
22001 NORTHWESTERN HWY, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075**

LENTEN SERIES: THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS—Part IV

During Great Lent, we reflect on this season of penance and spiritual renewal and think more deeply upon the Sacrament of Confession and the seven great sins we acknowledge. We ask God to forgive and restore us to his grace and communion from the actions of **Pride, Envy, Anger, Sloth, Covetousness, Gluttony and Lust.**

7. The last Deadly Sin - Lust - in Armenian *Pughchakhohootiun*

From Lycra-clad professional cheerleaders and sports competitors to dancing babes on MTV videos, late night talk shows with Leno, Letterman, Fallon, lust is ubiquitous and everywhere in modern American society. It is the single most profitable industry on the Internet.

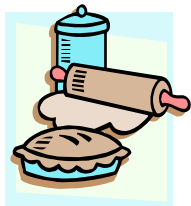
Lust keeps us from connecting in the most meaningful ways of this life God has given to us, diverting that desire in a direction that ultimately does not satisfy but ruins the Good Life. If there was ever proof and evidence of Satan, Evil, The Devil, The Slanderer, The Tempter who lured Adam and Eve, then here he is today doing damage galore in the world, as we the Church in all our energy in preaching and teaching becomes engaged in Damage Control of the Spiritual Warfare.

All the sins which we recite and list each week at worship have their roots in chaos and disorder. This is what Satan wants and works so hard for. Human freedom allows us an ambiguous privilege not granted to the rest of creation: We can throw the balance of God's creation out of joint. We can accumulate in such a way as to deprive others, through wars ultimately destroy them and ourselves as well. The entire planet shudders at the result of SIN and attempts to make ourselves and not God the center of existence.

Regarding the Seven Deadly Sins, PRIDE, ENVY, ANGER, SLOTH, COVETOUSNESS, GLUTTONY AND LUST – I share with you the following reflection by Thomas Merton, a Cistercian Monk in the Roman Catholic Church.

And to try to be happy by being admired by men, or loved by women, or warm with liquor, or full of lust, or getting possessions and treasures; that turns you away, soon from the love of God; then...men, women, and drink and lust and greed take precedence over God; and they darken His light. And then we are unhappy and afraid and angry and fierce and impatient and cannot pray, and cannot sit still. That is the bitter yoke of Sin for which we leave the mild and easy yoke of Christ.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS



Armenian Baked Goods will be available for purchase after church today.

Winter Baking is on **Tuesday, March 12th at 9 am** in the church kitchen. **Terry Palaian** will lead us in making **Katah**. Everyone is welcome. For questions contact **Terry at 313-929-0926**.

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. For more information contact Kristen Gustafson at kristeng@outlook.com or 248-765-0471.

Knitting Club – Join us on **Thursday, March 21st from 10:00-12:00 Noon**. Please contact Linda Assarian at 248-332-0816 if you are interested in participating.



A Royal Luncheon - Saturday May 18, 2013 at Noon

Save the date for a special event as the Women's Guild presents an elegant lunch and program.

*The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.
For information please call Terry Palaian, 313-929-0926.*

Women's Guild Best-Selling Cookbook

ARMENIAN CUISINE – PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

is available in our Church Bookstore.
This beautifully photographed hard cover cookbook includes all festival recipes, as well as hundreds of kitchen-tested Armenian favorites from our community.

\$25.00

THE GREAT LENTEN SEASON

During the period of Great Lent in the Armenian Church we observe the following:

- *The altar curtain is closed .*
- *There is no Kiss of Peace during the Divine Liturgy.*
- *Holy Communion is not offered during the Divine Liturgy.*
- *The Holy Gospels Book is not venerated after worship.*
- *Hymns are sung in penitential melody.*
- *Names of saints are not remembered.*
- *The organ is not played when departing from the sanctuary.*
- *All should remain silent when exiting the sanctuary after worship in respect to those who remain for devotional prayers.*
 - *Weddings and Baptisms are not celebrated.*

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.

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