

**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 all who are here today for the celebration of Kotz Badarak or Veiled Divine Liturgy. Communion is not openly offered during Lent. During the period of Great Lent we refrain from taking communion while we are in a state of prayer and fasting. Should anyone feel the need to receive Holy Communion, arrangements can be made with the Pastor at any time. As a reminder, during Lent, Hokehankist or Requiem can be offered and Mas is distributed.

*March 6, 2016*

*The Armenian Church Year 1464*

**SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE (FIFTH Sunday of Lent)**

**Celebrant: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian**

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

**The Sunrise Office / Արևադարձ ...9:00 am**

**Divine Liturgy / Առաքելություն ...9:45 am**

**SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY**

**ISAIAH 65:8-25**

**PHILIPPIANS 3:1-4:9**

**LUKE 17:20-18:14**

**Lector: Peter Toukhanian**

*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](mailto:office@sjachurch.org) no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday requested. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.

## *Congratulations*

Congratulations to all who ran for church offices during last week's Parish Assembly. We especially congratulate George Boyagian, Marianne Dardarian, Michael Kazarian, Christopher Korkoian and Donn Vahratian. We are waiting on official notification from the Diocese for these positions to be ratified.

## Today's Gospel

**Luke 17:20-18:14**

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Lo, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. And they will say to you, 'Lo, there!' or 'Lo, here!' Do not go, do not follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the arch, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was in the days of Lot they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom fire and sulphur rained from heaven and destroyed them also will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, let him who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other left." And they said to him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

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."

## *Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized*

Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian  
Yn. Roberta Kochakian  
Araxey Barsamian  
Elina Cobb  
Don McCorkle

Jilber Abajian  
Rose Boudakian  
Cheryl Giesa  
Walter Negosian

David M. Apoian  
John Brycz  
Ruben Griffin  
Charles Sansone

## *Women's Guild News*

### **Winter Bake Days**

Tuesday, March 8, 9:00 a.m..

We will be making Khalkha with Cathy Atesian.

### **PRE-PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE**

Sunday, March 13, following Badarak and

**Palm Sunday, March 20, following Badarak**

**Knitting Group:** Please contact Linda Assarian at 248.332.0816 or  
*[linda.assarian@gmail.com](mailto:linda.assarian@gmail.com)* for more details.

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.

## *Day by Day Bible Study*

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

12:00 — 2:00 pm

*For more information, call Yeretzing Roberta at 248.538.9993*

## *Home Blessing*

It is the custom to have one's home blessed during the Eastertide (days following Easter). Should you desire a house blessing, please call the office to schedule a visit and blessing by the pastor. After you call for a home blessing, the office will notify you when Hayr Soorp will visit.

## *Senior Lunch Rescheduled*

Senior Lunch on **Tuesday, March 22nd** is cancelled and will take place instead on **Thursday, March 24th, at noon** in the Cultural Hall immediately following Last Supper Divine Liturgy which will begin at 10:30 am. For reservations, please call the church office at 248.569.3405.

## *Remember*

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS SUNDAY,  
MARCH 13. SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR.**

## *A New Curriculum for St. Nersess Summer Conferences*

St. Nersess Armenian Seminary is pleased to announce a new four-year curriculum for its annual Summer Conferences. The curriculum will prepare Armenian students to become leaders in the Armenian Church, including future Sunday School teachers.

Participants will study such topics as early church history, the sacraments, Armenian religious art, Armenian language, and comparative Christian traditions. At the conclusion of the four-year curriculum, students will receive a certificate of completion from St. Nersess Seminary.

Below is the schedule of this year's summer conferences. For more information, visit [www.stnersess.edu](http://www.stnersess.edu).

Deacons' Training Program: June 25-July 3

Directed by Fr. Daniel Findikyan

High School Summer Conference A: July 15-24

Directed by Fr. Ghevond Ajamian

High School Summer Conference B: July 29- August 7

Directed by Fr. Shnork Souin

Post-High School Summer Conference: August 9-13

Directed by Fr. Samuel Rith-Najarian



## *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](http://www.diocesansummercamps.org)



**BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN**  
**REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST**



**EDISHER GOGIASHVILI, in Republic of Georgia, 5th Day, Father,  
Father-in-Law, Grandfather, Friend**

Requested by Michael & Ofeliya Gogiashvili  
Lali & Eldari Gogiashvili  
Kazar, Marina, Ani & Tigran Terterian  
Inna Muradyan  
Zhanna, Zaven & Tamara Yesayan  
Ashot & Amalia Kazaryan & Family  
Vladimir & Luda Gess & Family

**GAFFIOF BEDROSSIAN, in Montreal, 7th Day, Cousin**

Requested by George and Vart Mikhjian & Family

**JUDITH MAZETTA GIBLEY, 8th Day, Khnamee**

Requested by Fr. Garabed and Yn. Roberta Kochakian

**KRIKOR G. DONIKIAN, 40th Day, Brother-in-law, Uncle**

Requested by Missak, Denise, Ani & Berj Alexanian  
Hagop & Diana Alexanian  
Alex & Jessica Alexanian & Family  
Peter Alexanian  
George & Debra Alexanian  
George & Vart Mikhjian & Family

**ALICE DAVIDSON, 10th Year, Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt**

Requested by Mary Davidson  
Gloria & Arthur Melkonian & Family

**HAGOP FITHGYAN, 15th Year, Brother**

Requested by Barur & Ardem Damlama  
Chris & Meri Pozo  
Bedros & Suzy Civelek  
Matthew & Michael Pozo  
Justin & Kristin Civelek

**ANNA CHROVIAN, 18th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

Requested by Anna & Vincent Baylerian  
Vincent & Susan Baylerian & Family  
Cindy & Robert Amboian & Family  
Gary & Linda Assarian & Family



***BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN Cont'd.***  
**REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST**



**ARMEN PAPAGHANIAN, 20th Year, Son, Dear Friend**

Requested by Vahram & Arpi Papaghanian  
Varastad & Houpi Janikian & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Hintiryan  
Mr. & Mrs. Saro Ozdamar  
Mr. Zaven Hintiryan  
Bedros Civelek  
Barur Damlama

**NELLIE SOULTANIAN-BOYAJIAN, 20th Year, Mother**

**STEPEN BOYAJIAN, 24th Year, Father**

**MARGARET KELEKIAN-SOULTANIAN, 22nd Year, Grandmother**

**ANDREAS SOULTANIAN, 58th Year, Grandfather**

**MANUSHAG PAULIAN-BOYAJIAN, 24th Year, Grandmother**

**VAHRAM BOYAJIAN, 34th Year, Grandfather**

Requested by Stephanie Dallakian Family  
Chris Boyajian Family

**ANTONIO IAFRATE, Husband**

**ANDREAS SOULTANIAN, Father**

**MARGARET SOULTANIAN, Mother**

**NELLIE BOYAJIAN, Sister**

**STEPHEN BOYAJIAN, Brother-in-Law**

**SARKIS SAM SOULTANIAN, Brother**

Requested by Mariann Iafrate & Family

**MIRIDJAN KRALIAN, 29th Year, Beloved Father**

Requested by Dick Kralian

**FLORENCE KARAGOSIAN, Wife, Mother**

Requested by Harry Karagosian & Four Sons

### *Flowers for Holy Week*

If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of altar flowers, palms, candles, incense or charcoal for the Holy Altar during Holy Week and Easter Sunday, please contact the church office 248-569-3405 by

**Monday, March 14.** Donors will be acknowledged in the Easter Bulletin.

### *Memorial Day of Easter (Merelotz-Remembrance of the Dead)*

It is a centuries old tradition to remember all deceased loved ones the day after a major feast day known as *Merelotz*. Please give the full name of the person or persons you wish to have remembered on the sign-up sheet placed on the desk in the lobby. **A donation of \$5 for each family will be appreciated.** Hokehankist, Requiem Service, for the repose of the souls of the departed will not be offered during Holy Week or on Easter Sunday. Requests for Hokehankist during this period will be fulfilled on **Monday, March 28, 2016 at 11 am -11:15 am.**

### *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 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: The Hundred Year Walk, An Armenian Odyssey by Dawn Anahid MacKeen — HC \$24.00**

New Items From Armenia

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

### *Gift to the Church*

A gift to the church is presented by Joe Kludjian  
in honor of his birthday on March 5th.

### *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 this year. This is an important events for St. John, especially with this year being the Church's 85th anniversary. The Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 14th. 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.





**July 2-17, 2016**

# **ARMENIA** **service program**

## **Visit Armenia with the ACYOA**

The annual ACYOA Armenia Service Program provides participants (ages 18 and up) the opportunity to travel, serve, and worship in their homeland. This year's ASP will run July 2-17, under the leadership of the Rev. Fr. Tadeos Barseghyan, pastor of St. Sahag Church of St. Paul, MN.

This summer, the ACYOA members will undertake some new service programs and endeavors, in partnership with the Fund for Armenian Relief. Participants will work with children at a summer camp, visit the FAR Children's Center, experience innovative programs, such as "Ayo!," and spend an unforgettable day harvesting apricots side-by-side with local villagers in the fertile Armenian heartland. The group will also visit religious and cultural sites throughout Armenia, including Yerevan, Etchmiadzin, and Sevan.

All participants will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Dadourian Foundation—bringing the cost of the trip to the lowest it has been in a decade.

The registration deadline is March 20. Click on the following links to view a flyer and to download an application form, and visit [www.acyoa.org](http://www.acyoa.org) to learn more. For questions, contact Jennifer Morris, the Diocese's director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at [jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org](mailto:jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org), or (248) 648-0702.

## **College Scholarships for 2016**

Our Diocese will be granting scholarships to undergraduate students for the academic year 2016-2017. These scholarships are earmarked for Armenian American students attending accredited 4-year undergraduate university programs. Preference will be given to those who are active in the life of the Armenian churches of the Eastern Diocese in the ACYOA, altar servers, Sunday or Armenian school teachers, choir members, etc. The scholarship program is open to U.S. Citizens only.

The application and reference forms must be submitted electronically. You will find the form on the Diocesan website at <http://www.armenianchurch-ed.net/programming/scholarships/>

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

## *Mother's Day Celebration*

**Sunday, 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

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Women's Guild Presents

## *A Luncheon & Fashion Show*

*Dedicated to all Mothers*

**Saturday, 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](mailto:linda.assarian@gmail.com)

Tickets go on sale March 15th

## Upcoming Events

ACYOA Jrs. Present

### ***Lenten Fish Dinner***

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

And every Wednesday 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 anticipated *Lenten Fish and Lobster Dinner* on March 16th!

For reservations, please contact 248.569.3405 or email [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org)



### ***Parish Retreat***

*Sponsored by the St. John Women's Guild*

Saturday, March 12, 2016

9 am - 3 pm

**LOCATION -ST. JOHN'S VETERAN'S BUILDING**

Topic - St. Mary: Then and Now | Led by Fr. Aren Jebejian

Suggested donation: \$15

Please make checks payable to St. John Armenian Church

and mail to the church with attention to the

Women's Guild. Please put "Retreat" in the memo. This retreat is open to all!



### ***Man Up***

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Presented by the Men's Society of St. John Armenian Church

8:30 am - 3 pm

Breakfast and Lunch will be served

Please call Ara Belian 248-626-8374 or George Saboonjian 248-952-1903

for reservations by April 3, 2016

\$25 check payable to St. John Armenian Church

# *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.

