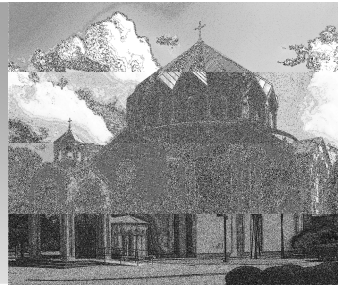


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The Reverend Father Diran Papazian – *Pastor Emeritus*
Deacon Rubik Mailian – *Director of Sacred Music*
and *Pastoral Assistant*
Ms. Margaret Lafian - *Organist*

Sunday Bulletin ~ Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր

**THE YEAR OF VOCATIONS
ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD
DEPART TO SERVE HIM**

Encourage our young men to serve the Lord as priests.

MAY 15, 2011—THE ARMENIAN YEAR 1459

RED SUNDAY—Կարմիր Կիրակի

THE LORD'S DAY ~ SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

Morning Service9:00 am

Divine Liturgy9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Acts 13:16-43, 1 Peter 5:1-14, John 5:19-30

Lector: Adam Gumushian

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. And make sure 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: JOHN 5:19-30

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever he does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all that he himself is doing; and greater works than these will he show him, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, and has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

"I can do nothing on my own authority; as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me."

ALTAR FLOWERS

The floral arrangements adorning the main altar today were presented in memory of Rose Malkasian on the first year of her passing by Tom and Nancy Banks, Jonathan and Amanda, John & Janet Shekerjian, Ani & John Armen, and David Malkasian.

Altar flowers were presented also by Mark & Lisa Mimnaugh on the joyous occasion of their marriage blessing.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Yetvart Bozajian

Siranush Demirjian

Alexandra Hachigian

Clara Kalayjian

William Pugh

Rozann Vartoogian

Dr. George Chatas

Paul Derderian

Agnes Hagopian

David Najarian

Helen Z. Sahakian

George Zallakian

Helen Daiyan

Robert Vartan Gregory

Carl Kalayjian

Alice Prudian

Albert Serrajian

Harry Gregorian

THE EASTER GREETING

DURING THE 50-DAY PERIOD WE CALL EASTERTIDE FROM EASTER SUNDAY THROUGH PENTECOST (JUNE 12), THE EASTER GREETING OUTSIDE THE DIVINE LITURGY IS:

***KREESDOS HARYAV EE MERELOTS!
ORHNYAL EH HAROOTYOONUN KREESDOSEE!***

See the back page for the Kiss of Peace greeting exchanged during the Divine Liturgy each Sunday of the year, which does not change.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

***A gift is presented to the church in honor of father, grandfather
George Elian on the joyous occasion of his 80th Birthday,
by Michael, Lisa, Andrea, Erin and Jacob Bahm.***

MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE BLESSINGS—MAY 30

***Grave Blessings at Woodlawn 10:00 am—12:00 pm
12:00 pm General Requiem, Martyrs' Monument, Woodlawn
In memory of all Armenians buried at Woodlawn & Evergreen
Grave Blessings at Evergreen 12:30-1:30 pm by appointment only***

CROWN THEM WITH

*We rejoice in celebrating the
ing and have asked Christ our God to bless the marriages of*

GLORY AND HONOR

Sacrament of Holy Crown-

***LISA ORNEKIAN & ADAM THOMAS
LISA JOBOULIAN & MARK MIMNAUGH***

HOME BLESSINGS

It is time for home blessing during this holy season of Eastertide. Phone the office to arrange to have *Der Hayr* come and bless your home. It is a pious custom to always begin the liturgical year with the Blessings of our Lord's Resurrection.

TRACKING OUR TREASURES—SUNDAY, MAY 8

Plate Donations	\$315.00	Candle Donations	\$136.00
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KEF KLUB

Friday, May 20, 2011 at 6:00 pm—St. John's Recreation Center

Special photo presentation of major cities in Eastern Anatolia

Dinner: Lule Kebab, Sou-boreg, Salad, Beverage, Dessert

Proudly sponsored by St. John Komitas Choir

Donation: \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12, 5 & under free

Reservations: [248-569-3405](tel:248-569-3405) no later than May 17

Grounds Clean-Up – This Saturday May 21, 2011

Outdoor flower donations are welcome. Help beautify your church grounds by offering perennial or annual flowers that you find beautiful. Volunteers are also welcome for the pick up of litter, weeding, mulch, planting and watering flowers. Stop by with your gardening gloves and hat anytime 10am – 4pm Saturday. Stay as short or as long as you like. Light lunch & refreshments provided. RSVP requested by Friday, May 20 to the church office. Thank you.

A SPECIAL APPEAL FROM TERRY PALAIAN, JACKIE EL CHEMMAS, BARBARA HAROUTUNIAN & NORA NORAIAN

We are working to raise money to help Sofya Yenokyan, a 22-year old woman in Armenia born with a large dark birthmark surrounding her right eye. 100% of the money will be used to help Sofya defray her medical expenses. We've reached 50% of our goal and would appreciate your help. Please consider making your tax-deductible donation to help defray travel expenses and related costs to:

**Medical Outreach for Armenians, Inc., noting
"Sofya Yenokyan Project." Please mail your check to:
Terry Palaian, 41224 Coventry Road, Novi MI 48375**

Deadline for donations is May 30, 2011

You can reach Terry at 313-929-0926 or tpalaian@yahoo.com

To all St. John's college, high school and middle school students:

**ST. NERSESS ARMENIAN SEMINARY IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2011
SUMMER CONFERENCES. FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

CHECK THE LOBBY, CALL LINDA ASSARIAN (248-332-0816),

OR CHECK THE ST. NERSESS WEB SITE: www.stnersess.edu/conferences

**SESSIONS FILL QUICKLY, SO APPLY SOON! AND REMEMBER THAT THE
SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FOR ALL ST. JOHN'S STUDENTS.**

**THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES
OF OUR CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2011**

Lauren Dolik

Daughter of David and Randi Dolik

Eldari Gogiashvili

Son of Mikhail and Ofelia Gogiashvili

Adam Gumushian

Son of Gary and Barbara Gumushian

Ariana Kabodian

Daughter of Dr. Armen and Belinda Kabodian

Linda Kalfayan

Daughter of Steve and Sonia Kalfayan

Leah Mamassian

Daughter of Greg and Annette Mamassian

Sevan Misirliyan

Daughter of Dr. Roy and Nayiri Misirliyan

Emily Parks

Daughter of Terry and Judy Parks

Carolyn Philip

Daughter of Dr. Philip and Viva Philip

Ani Stamboulion

Daughter of Jim and Patricia Stamboulion

Elizabeth Vartabedian

Daughter of Drs. Robert and Jeri Vartabedian

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**The Senior Class has chosen Ani Stamboulion
as Class Speaker**

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**All are invited to join us in the Cultural Hall
for a tea honoring our Church School graduates.**

We thank the Junior Class mothers for organizing the Graduation Tea.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Service to the church and community, summer outings, dinners, informative presentations, spiritual retreats, Advent by Candlelight, and making wonderful friends, if this sounds good to you:

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

For more information, please call Linda Assarian, 248-332-0816

Armenian Cuisine - Preserving Our Heritage

is now available at the church bookstore every Sunday or by calling the church office at 248.569.3405 during regular office hours.

Moms and Manoogs meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Please call Kristen Gustafson for further information, 248.765.0471 or send her an email: frissy10@hotmail.com

Habitat Breakfast

The Women's Guild will be sponsoring the
Habitat Workers' Breakfast (off-site location)

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Donations of hard boiled eggs, muffins, sweet rolls or
monetary donation appreciated.

Please contact Sue Vian at 248-414-5246.

DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

The next gathering will be on

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011, 12:00 NOON

IN THE NURSERY ROOM.

A monthly Bible study group led by Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

Bring your Bible & your lunch; we'll provide the coffee.

All are welcome!

GRADUATES!

If you would like to be included in the *Torchbearer* section for Graduates 2011, please submit information to the church office by June 15, or via e-mail to: mkafafian@sjachurch.org. Please include a short paragraph with the name of the school and location, type of diploma or degree, type of major/minor, awards and honors received. For high school graduates, please include the name of university you will attend in the Fall, if applicable. Please limit your paragraph to 100 words or less. Due to space limitations, we cannot accept photos for publication.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
HAMPARTSOOM—THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2010
DIVINE LITURGY AT 10:00 AM

On the fortieth day after His Passover, Jesus ascended into heaven to be glorified on the right hand of God. The Ascension of Christ is His final physical departure from this world after the resurrection. It is the formal completion of His mission as the Messianic Saviour. It is His glorious return to the Father who had sent Him to accomplish the work that He had given Him to do.

“...and lifting his hands He blessed them. While blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy...” (Luke 24:51-52).

The Church’s celebration of the Ascension, as all such festal celebrations, is not merely the remembrance of an event in Christ’s life. Indeed, the ascension itself is not to be understood as though it were simply the supernatural event of a man floating up and away into the skies. The Holy Scripture stresses Christ’s physical departure and his glorification with God the Father, together with the great joy which His disciples had as they received the promise of the Holy Spirit who was to come to assure the Lord’s presence with them, enabling them to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. (See Luke 24:48-53; Acts 1:8-11; Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:16-19)

In the Church the believers in Christ celebrate these very same realities with the conviction that it is for them and for all men that Christ’s departure from this world has taken place. The Lord leaves in order to be glorified with God the Father and to glorify us with himself. He goes in order to “prepare a place” for us, and to take us also into the blessedness of God’s presence. He goes to open the way for all flesh into the “heavenly sanctuary...the Holy Place not made by hands” (Hebrews 8-10). He goes in order to send the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father, to bear witness to Him and His gospel in the world, by making Him powerfully present in the lives of His disciples.

Reaching Higher Youth Leadership Program Offered This Summer

Teens ages 13 and older are invited to a four-day summer Youth Leadership Program sponsored by Reaching Higher. This program has been motivating youth and adults to live a life of awakened purpose with passion and confidence for over 13 years in Southeast Michigan.

Reaching Higher will be held at St. John's Armenian Church, Monday through Thursday, June 27 – 30, 2011 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Participants will explore subject areas that include goal setting, managing stress, making positive choices and building connections with others while adding a spiritual aspect for finding more joy in life.

Registration Fee is just \$115 per person which includes all sessions, books and materials. For questions or to enroll by June 1st, call Lisa Bahm at (248) 231-6511 or email at LBahm1@gmail.com.

Reaching Higher also sponsors workshops for adults. For more information, please contact Lisa Bahm.

(See posted announcement in hallway bulletin board.)

**The Catering Selection Committee will meet as follows:
Sunday, May 15, 2011 after *Badarak* until approximately 2:00 pm
in the Conference Room #107 (opposite the Museum)**

Parishioners who are not applicants are welcome to attend. Please consult the Sunday Bulletin and the Church web site for the most up-to-date schedule before you plan on attending any meeting. If you have any questions about the process thus far please contact
Karmen Santourian, knasantourian@comcast.net

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER DAY CAMP—2011 SEASON

St. John's Armenian Church is pleased to offer again a Summer Day Camp for children ages 5 to 12, a wonderful opportunity for our children to get acquainted with other Armenian children, learn about their heritage and share in the exciting experience of summer day camp. Contact Summer Day Camp Director Lisa Mardigian with any questions 248-569-3405 or lmardigian@sjachurch.org. Campers have 5 days of indoor/outdoor supervised, safe, fun activities including swimming, sports, games, special themes, crafts, nature walks and more. Wednesdays feature Armenian baking, religious and cultural activities with special guests!

DAY CAMP SESSION THEMES & FIELD TRIPS

SESSION 1: JUNE 20-24 PURE MICHIGAN TENTATIVE DUE TO ENROLLMENT!

Swim Day-Greenfield Village-Detroit Zoo

SESSION 2: JUNE 27– JULY 1 SPORTS & FITNESS

Wave Pool-Basketball-Zumba-Tiger Game

MINI SESSION 3: JULY 6-9 SCAVENGER HUNT

Swim Day-Paddleboating

SESSION 4: JULY 11-15 FOOD NETWORK

Swim Day-California Pizza Kitchen

SESSION 5: JULY 18-22 ART & CREATIVITY

Swim Day-DIA

SESSION 6: JULY 25-29 CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Swim Day--Tiger Game

NO CAMP AUGUST 1-5 DUE TO HYE CAMP

SESSION 7: AUGUST 8-12 CULTURAL WEEK

Swim Day -Manoogian Museum-Arab American Museum-Holocaust Museum

SESSION 8: AUGUST 15-19 SURPRISE THEME

Swim Day-Surprise Adventure

SCHEDULE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TIME: Check in 9:00-9:30 am; Dismissal 4:00 pm.

FEE: \$125.00 per week (\$25.00/day) Discount for second child
Includes supplies, refreshments, camp t-shirt, picnics, field trips
and transportation for field trips.

Parents must provide a sack lunch!

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW...Arshile Gorky: A Retrospective
Ed. by Michael Taylor—HC—\$65.00

The Greedy Sparrow—HC—\$17.00

An Armenian folktale with a moral lesson retold by Lucine Kasbarian

Armenian Dictionary in Transliteration by Thomas J. Samuelian
Western Pronunciation; English-Armenian; Armenian-English SC—\$20.00

Armenian Alphabet Coloring Book—SC—\$14.00

Variety of 14K gold & silver crosses

WANTED: USED ARMENIAN BOOKS

The Parish Bookstore is accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects for its Used Book Sale at this year's FESTIVAL, to be held Friday, September 23 thru Sunday, September 25. Drop books off at the Church Office during business hours or on Sundays.

SAVE THE DATE . . . TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, June 12, 2011, after *Badarak*
Watch for more details...

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BOOK PRESENTATION, SIGNING & DEDICATION
FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011, 8 PM—AGBU SCHOOL
AUTHOR: PROF. AGOP J. HACIKYAN
(see posted announcement for details)

COMEDY NIGHT WITH ACTOR, DIRECTOR, COMEDIAN KRIKOR SATAMIAN
SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2011, 4:00 PM—ST. JOHN'S REC CENTER
(see posted announcement for details)

SAVE THE DATE...SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2011
ARMENIA FEST, 6:00—10:00 PM, ROYAL OAK FARMERS MARKET
(watch for more details)

**THE MEN'S SOCIETY PRESENTS
WINE & SPIRITS TASTING**

Friday, June 10, 2011, 6-9 pm

St. John Armenian Church—Grand Ballroom

**This is a strolling wine tasting from around the world
complemented by a variety of hors d'oeuvres & sweets**

And for those who enjoy the spirits

From 8-9 pm, a sampling of aged single malt Scotch

Advance Tickets: \$35.00; At the door \$40.00

**Please write checks to: "St. John Armenian Church"
Send to: 22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075**

You must be 21 years of age to attend this event.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE . . .

**SUNDAY, JULY 31—FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST—VARTAVAR**

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC & ANNUAL ST. JOHN CAR SHOW

All cars of interest welcome!

For information, call Bob Karakashian 248-477-7776

ATTENTION: PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

"BAGS OF BLESSINGS" are located on your right just before you enter the sanctuary from the main lobby. They are filled with items to encourage quiet entertainment for young children to use during the Divine Liturgy. while their parents are worshipping. Please make sure the numbered items go back into the appropriately numbered bag. Then return the bag and hang it upon the stand.

ON LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

Q. What do I say when approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy?

You say:

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.

**Յիշեսցէ 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 կատարեսցէ:**

May the Lord grant you according to your
own heart, and fulfill all your
counsel in goodness. (Psalm 20:4)

Q. What do I say when I take Mahs?

The GIVER says:

*Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee
kez ee Soorp Badarakes.*

**Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի 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:

God is my portion forever.

THE KISS OF PEACE

The GIVER says:
Christ is revealed amongst us.

*Kreesdos ee mech
mer haydnet sav.*

The RECEIVER says:
Blessed is the revelation of Christ.
Orhnyal eh haydootyoonun

THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenyn zham
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.*

**Օրհնեսցից 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