

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.

REGULATION OF SACRAMENTAL SERVICES

In accordance with Diocesan discipline mandated by the Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, all sacraments, e.g. funerals, weddings, baptisms and rites of Christian burial may only be administered in the church sanctuary, which has been consecrated for the celebration of these sacred rites.

St. John's Armenian Church School

May 9, 2009 Bike-a-thon



Hines Park 20K Event

Starting 9:00am at Nankin Mills (Hines Drive/Ann Arbor Trail Rds)

The 2009 Bike-a-thon proceeds will go to **Our Home - Mer Doon, Inc.**, a project which allows a more permanent solution to the continuing needs of young women in Armenia over the age 18 years. Mer Doon is dedicated to transitioning these youth from six orphanages or disadvantaged backgrounds into becoming employed and productive Armenian citizens.

For more information on Mer Doon, Bike-a-thon registration (Middle-High School Students, Parents & Friends ± 11 years old), event sponsorships, or volunteer to help, please contact:

Roseann Attar – 248-980-3221 / vart@comcast.net

Lisa Mardigian – 248-569-3405 / lmardigian@sjachurch.org

Or download participant packages at St. John's Website - <http://www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.com/>

Register early – \$20 now thru May 3, \$30 after May 3

FYI, Hines Park has "Saturday in the Park", in which a six mile section of Hines Drive is closed from 9:00 am -3:30 pm to automobiles from Outer Drive Rd to Ann Arbor Trail. St. John's staging area and parking will be at Nankin Mills Picnic Area (Hines Drive & Ann Arbor Trail).

St. John Armenian Church Festival
Thursday, October 1st – Sunday October 4th 2009

Armenia



Land Of Noah's Ark

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR

Each week look for news of upcoming events that pertain to this year's festival.

The Festival (Bazaar) Committee invites you to the first Raffle Spaghetti Dinner in the main hall of St. John Armenian Church

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 5:30 pm

\$6.00 per person

Includes: Salad, Bread, Main Course, Dessert & Coffee, Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Tomato Basil Sauce

This year's big raffle tickets are \$50.00.

Get your raffle tickets before the dinner sale starts this Sunday after church.

Only 320 - \$50.00 tickets will be sold!!!!

Please call for dinner reservations

248-569-3405

Sunday Bulletin

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St. John's Mission Statement

The Parish of St. John's Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is a fellowship of Christians committed to proclaiming Christ's Gospel of salvation through worship, education, witness, service and a common life in Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith-experience and heritage of the Apostles and of our ancestors. We invite the faithful to know God through Evangelism, to educate God's people through Discipleship and to demonstrate God's love through Service.

May 3, 2009 - ARMENIAN CHURCH YEAR 1458
SUNDAY OF THE WORLD CHURCH - ԱՇԽԱՐՀԱՄԱՏԵԱՆ
RED SUNDAY - ԿԱՐՄԻՐ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ

CELEBRANT: REV. FR. HRACH SARGSYAN

THE LORD'S DAY-SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Ժամերգութեան ժամանակացոյց

Morning Prayers - Առաւօտեան ժամերգութիւն.....9:00 am
Divine Liturgy - Սուրբ Պատարագ9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Today – Acts 13:16-43, 1 Peter 4:12-19, John 5:19-30
Next Week – Acts 17:1-15, 1 John 1:1-10, John 7:14-23

LECTOR: Michael Boucher

THE NICENE CREED WILL BE RECITED IN ARMENIAN

USHERS: Berj Kurkechian, George Elian, Ardis Gregory,
Roger Gregory, Stephen Derderian, Richard Santourian, Bill
Derouchie

DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY, MAY 21 AT NOON
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - HAMPARTZOOM
Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta
Bring your Bible and lunch, we will provide the coffee.

Tracking Our "Treasures" - Sunday, April 26

Plate Donations of the Day \$313.00
Candle Donations of the Day \$165.00

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEW: REFLECTIONS OF MY CHILDHOOD -*Mangootyan Hoosherus*
A collection of traditional Armenian children's songs, rhymes & poetry
with CD By Houry Yapoujian Schmeizl - \$28.00

NEW: 14K ARMENIAN BIBLE CHARM INSCRIBED WITH THE
"HAYR MER" - \$200.00

NEW: THE PEOPLES OF ARARAT by Armen Asher &
Teryl Minasian Asher – SC - \$16.00

SILVER JERUSALEM CROSSES - \$20.00
GOMIDAS SONGS – CD - by Isabel Bayrakdarian - \$20.00
WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER? by Elise Papazian - \$20.00
MY GRANDMOTHER: A MEMOIR by Fethiye Cetin - \$20.00
YOUR JOURNEY INTO ARMENIA by George Mouradian - \$12.00

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 5 – Senior Lunch – RC - Noon
Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day

Apparition of the Holy Cross – *Yerevman Soorp Khachi*
Morning Service – 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy – 9:45 am

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Years wrinkle the skin...but to give up
enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

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."

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Yeretzgin Patricia Dagley	Valeriy Bagdasarian
Steven Bear (CA)	Theodore Bourgeois
Paul Derderian	Margaret Jamgochian
Araxie Kurajian	Nora March
Jack Hagop Papazian	

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servant of God
who entered her eternal rest this past week.

ROSE MARDIROSIAN

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

PICK UP YOUR FREE COPY

For those due-paid church members who have not picked up their free copy of "Skylark Farm", copies are still available for the next 2 weeks. The final date to pick up your free copy is Sunday, May 17, 2009. After hearing excerpts of the book and information about the author at the Memorial Madagh on April 24th, many non-members purchased the book as well. It is available to non-members for \$10, a reduction from the original price of \$14.95.

WANTED: USED ARMENIAN BOOKS

The Parish Bookstore will be sponsoring a Used Book Sale at the upcoming **ARMENIAN FESTIVAL (BAZAAR), OCTOBER 1, 2, 3 & 4** along with regular priced new books. We are accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects – art, history, novels, cooking, etc. Please drop off books at the Church Office during business hours or on Sundays.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

The Armenian Renaissance Association Sophia Chapter has released 2009 scholarship guidelines. See lobby carousel. **ALSO, Diocesan scholarship applications can be downloaded from armenianchurch.net.**

JOIN THE KOMITAS CHOIR!!! The Komitas Choir welcomes and wants new members. Come and join the Choir and be a part of a wonderful group of people who add to the beauty of our Divine Liturgy with their angelic voices. Please contact Deacon Rubik at 248.569.3405 or at rubik@sjachurch.org.

CAMP ARARAT REUNION COMMITTEE MEETS TODAY

Join us TODAY in the Ararat Room at 12:30 pm as we discuss the first Camp Ararat Reunion. For more information, contact Laura Negosian Lucassian at 248.376.3794.

TEACHERS NEEDED The Armenian Culture and Heritage Lyceum needs teachers for the fall semester in the areas of Armenian arts, music, dance and cooking. Please contact Deacon Rubik at the church office if interested.

BRINGING FAITH HOME . . .

View the historic 3-day visit of His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians to St. John Armenian Church October 30–November 2, 2007. Included are the following events: Vehapar’s arrival, breakfast at Masco, Ecumenical Luncheon, The Pontifical Hrashapar and Armenian Heritage Costume presentation, visits with the students of our Church School, the AGBU School and our ACYOA Young Adults and his final farewell banquet. These were days that blessed us all and the DVD has been prepared for you to recapture the joy Vehapar brought to us. **Now at the bookstore for \$20.00 each.**

COME JOIN US AT THE BIKE-A-THON

You don’t have to ride a bike to have fun at the Bike-A-Thon next Saturday, May 9th. Come support our youth, and enjoy the park. There will be food available after 11:00 am. Seating available under the pavilion at Hines Park Nankin Mills area, south of Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail Roads.

UPCOMING WOMEN’S GUILD EVENTS

PLAN ON ATTENDING OUR NEXT WOMEN’S GUILD MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, at 7 P.M. MARY SCHWARK, ADVANCED MASTER GARDENER, WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER, HER TOPIC: **“PERENNIAL GARDENING... RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE.”**

WG Knitting – To all members... please join us for knitting and conversation, Tuesday, May 12, 10 a.m. to noon. If you still have any baby blankets or caps that are finished, please bring them. We are working on our “Scarves for Kids” project. Finished items will be distributed before next winter.

Reminder to Women’s Guild members... Book club will be meeting on Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. to discuss Three Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson. Copies of the book are available at area libraries, book stores, and possibly Costco.

*The Women’s Guild invites you to join our membership...
For more information, please call Linda Assarian,
248-332-0816.*

“Christ Renews His Parish”

You are invited to a spiritual weekend! Be part of St. John’s first men’s **Christ Renews His Parish** weekend. Renew your faith in Christ, reflect on what Christ has done in your life, and share this time with other men from our parish who are on a similar journey. Come prepared to have a good time and renew your heart with times of prayer, reflection, presentations, discussions, laughter, great food and fellowship. The dates of the weekend are May 16-17, 2009 and it will be hosted by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Fenton, Michigan. The cost is simply a commitment of your time...time that will change your life. Please contact John Merigian for further details (734) 483-2884, or via e-mail at: jmsculpture@yahoo.com. Brochures are in the lobby carousel.

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day Grave Blessings

General Requiem – Hokehankisd Service to be held at the Martyrs Monument in the Etchmiadzin Section of Woodlawn Cemetery at 12 pm in memory of all Armenians who are buried at Woodlawn and Evergreen

*Father Garabed at Woodlawn 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Father Diran at Evergreen Cemetery 1:00 – 3:00 pm*

For grave blessings at Evergreen between 10:00 am-12:00 pm, please phone the church office to make arrangements.

Special Blessing Tables The sanctuary is in need of three special wooden tables for conducting blessing services and distributing Holy Communion. The design of tables will be similar to the candle table in the lobby, and the same fabricator will be used to design these new tables with traditional Armenian motifs and designs. If you are interested in contributing toward this project please speak with the pastor

EASTERTIDE: The Sacred Period that follows Easter

The 50-day period from Easter Sunday to the Sunday of Pentecost (May 31) is called Eastertide (or Quinquagesima). The first 40 days of Eastertide culminate with the Feast of the Ascension celebrated on Thursday, May 21. During this 40-day period, the Easter greeting in the Armenian Church outside the Divine Liturgy is:

KRISDOS HARYAV EE MERELTZ!

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CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!

ORHNYAL EH HAROOTIUNN KRISDOSEE!

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BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!

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 St. John's Armenian Church
Women's Guild

invites you to

A Kharpert Kufteh Family Dinner

**Friday, May 15, 2009 ~ 6:00 p.m.
St. John's Recreation Center**

Call for reservations by May 8
Anita Kachadurian at 248.669.8769

Donation

\$20.00 ~ Adults

\$10.00 ~ Children under 12

**The May 2009 Torchbearer
is now accessible on the church web site:
stjohnsarmenianchurch.com**

**The May issue covers April 24 Martyrs Day, Annual
Retreat,
Palm Sunday ACYOA Day, and other news.**

**Look for the complete text of Sub-deacon Aram
Sarkisian's "Meditation" on the publications page
under "Torchbearer."**



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

**JOHN KAZARIAN, 40th Year, Husband, Brother, Brother-in-Law,
Uncle, Great-Uncle, Friend**

Requested by Takouhi Kazarian
Dr. & Mrs. Vartkes Tadian
Drs. William & Jemellee Tadian & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Davis
Mr. George Kazarian
Don & Carolyn Arslanian, Anto, Dawn, Nicole & Lyle
Garabed Tadian
Edward, Yvonne & Christopher Korkoian

**MARGARET MUTAFIAN, 10th Year, Beloved Wife, Mother,
Grandmother**

SYLVIA & ELIZ SAMARJIAN, Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt
Requested by Hagop Mutafian
Armen Mutafian, Shant & Narine

**ZEVART TOROYAN, 10th Year, Mother, Grandmother,
Great-Grandmother**

Requested by Dr. Salpi Toroyan & Nishan
Dr. Raffi & Gloria Toroyan
Aram & Mary Toroyan
Ara & Artin Toroyan
Lucine, James & Trey Tarman
Sarkis Toroyan

**DIKRAN KOLOIAN, 59th Year, Grandfather
TAKOUHI KOLOIAN, 36th Year, Grandmother**
Alice & Peter Argnian

MARY BAHADURIAN, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother
Requested by Dr. Joyce Yeghissian & Deacon Rubik Mailian,
Sevana & Areg

COMING EVENTS

**Next Sunday, May 9 - Bike-A-Thon - see announcement in
this bulletin**

**Friday, May 15 - A Kharpert Kuffeh Family Dinner
sponsored by the Women's Guild at 6:00 pm - see
announcement in this bulletin**

**Sunday, May 17 - Church School Graduation and Tea
All are invited to join the families of the graduates to
honor their achievements. Cultural Hall**

Wednesday, May 20 - Raffle Spaghetti Dinner

**Thursday, May 21 - Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ - *Hampartzoom* Divine Liturgy will be
celebrated at 10:30 am**

Day by Day Bible Study at Noon - Nursery

**Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day - see Grave Blessing
schedule on separate page**

Wednesday, June 17 - Raffle Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, June 27 - MUSICAL CABARET - details to follow

Wednesday, July 22 - Raffle Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, August 16 - ANNUAL PICNIC

Wednesday, August 19 - Raffle Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, September 16 - Raffle Spaghetti Dinner

**Thursday, October 1, Friday, October 2, Saturday, October
3, Sunday, October 4 - FESTIVAL (BAZAAR)**

