

## 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:

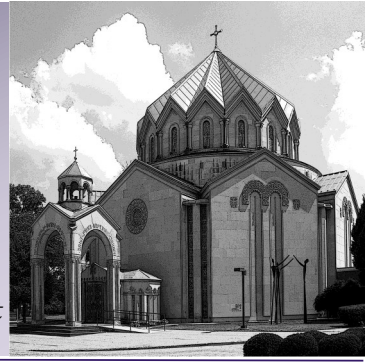
The Reverend Father Diran Papazian

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 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.

*November 1, 2015*

*The Armenian Church Year 1464*

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

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

### **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**

Isaiah 22:15 24

Ephesians 1:1 14

Luke 8:17 21

**Lector: Wesley Howe**

*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**

**Pastor's Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30 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.

### *Parish Council of St. John Armenian Church 2015*

Jeffrey E. Axt, Chairman  
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John Yavruian, Ass't Treasurer  
Ardis Gregory, Ass't Secretary

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Karmen A. Santourian, Advisor  
Gary Hachigian, First Alternate  
George Boyagian, Second Alternate

# Today's Gospel

Luke 8:17 21

"For nothing is hid that shall not be made manifest, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Take heed then how you hear; for to him who has will more be given, and from him who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."

Then his mother and his brethren came to him, but they could not reach him for the crowd. And he was told, "Your mother and your brethren are standing outside, desiring to see you." But he said to them, "My mother and my brethren are those who hear the word of God and do it."

*No Hokehankist Next Sunday, November 8th*

Please note that Hokehankist/Requiem Services will not be offered next week due to the consecration of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide icon.

*Today after Divine Liturgy*

We invite all of our faithful parishioners to join Fr. Aren at a special fellowship tea in the cultural hall immediately following the *Badarak* to meet and greet him. Remember to say "*Asdvadz Oknagan*".

The **St. John Music Guild**  
proudly presents a

# Commemorative Centennial Concert

 Legacy of Our Martyrs

Featuring  
**Violinists Ani and Ida Kavafian**  
Experience an Exquisite Evening with the  
Dynamic Duo under the Golden Dome  
**Pianist Jonathan Feldman**  
St. John Armenian Church Sanctuary  
22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, Michigan  
Afterglow immediately following concert  
**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM**  
This performance is made possible  
through a generous donation by Sarah Dergazarian.  
All tickets are General Admission:  
Adults \$20 and \$10 for students and children under 18  
Contact Sevohin Merian at (586) 242-3821  
Make checks payable to: St. John Music Guild



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## *Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized*

**Jilber Abajian**

**Rose Boudakian**

**Cheryl Giesa**

**Fr. Untzag Nalbandian**

**Fr. Shnorhk Souin**

**Stan Armit**

**Elina Cobb**

**Ruben Griffin**

**Walter Negosian**

**Charles Sansone**

**Ron Ware**

**Araxey Barsamian**

**Dn. Artin Dermenjian**

**Joe Kludjian**

**Richard Norsigian**

**James Shahbazian**

## *Armenian American Veterans of Greater Detroit*

**Honoring all men and women who have served and are serving our Armed Forces  
Celebrating 70 years of service to our nation and community**

Honor Guard - Dinner - Music and Dancing  
The Nigosian Band featuring Hachig Kazarian  
Margaret Lafian - Saluting America and the Armed Forces

**Saturday, November 14, 2015, 6 pm**

**St. John Armenian Church**

Dinner tickets: \$40 and cash bar

For reservations please call Edward and Yvonne Korkoian at 248.254.3029

*We will have a wall of honor for our veterans. If you would like to participate, send a photo, branch of service, rank, and period of service. Please send all information to Gloria Korkoian, 100 S. York Street, Dearborn, MI 48124*

## *Day by Day Bible Study*

Wednesday, November 18th

Wednesday, December 30rd

12:00 — 2:00 pm

*For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248.538.9993*

## *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.

### **NEW**

The Armenian Apostolic Church in Recent Times — \$20.00

Defending the Faith — \$20.00

The Lenten Journey...A Walk With God — \$10.00

The Armenian Genocide and Problems of Evil — \$20.00

Water as a Sign of Rebirth in the Armenian Church — \$20.00

The History of Armenian Monasticism and the Rank of Vartabeds — \$20.00

Guardians of Music DVD, “History of Detroit Armenian Music”, as seen on PBS — \$25.00

Hand painted Forget-Me-Not Christmas ornaments — \$7.00

Armenian Genocide DVD, as seen on PBS — \$25.00

### *New Items From Armenia*

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



## *Women's Guild News*

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

Advent by Candlelight 2015 – Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Joyfully Sponsored by St. John's Women's Guild

Guild members are invited to hostess tables by reservation, November 1st - 10th.

Please look for more information in your newsletter.

Non-Guild individuals may apply to sponsor a table from November 11th-18th.

Please contact Sara Andonian at 248.515.9264.

*Take the opportunity to make new and lasting friendship while doing service for the Lord.*

The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.  
For information please call Belinda Kabodian, 248.767.3689



## **BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN**

### **REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST**

While we are mourning the loss of our loved ones, we also rejoice as they meet  
the Lord behind the veil in the Heavenly Jerusalem

#### **SHAHE ASHKARIAN, 40th Day, Father, Grandfather**

Requested by Joseph, Sonig, Shahan, Laura, & Arianna Ashkarian

#### **ARAXE DOLIK, 15th Year, Wife, Mother, Mother-in-Law, Khnamee**

Requested by Zaven Dolik  
Michael & Jill Dolik & Family  
Dr. James & Lisa Wilson & Family  
David & Randi Dolik & Family  
Virginia Keoleian

#### **JOHN HAROUTUNIAN, 19th Year, Husband, Father**

#### **LEO ZAMANIGIAN, 10th Year, Father, Grandfather**

#### **VICTORIA ZAMANIGIAN, 24th Year, Mother, Grandmother**

Requested by Barbara Haroutunian  
Lindsay & Aram Sahakian

#### **MELIKIAN, SOLAKIAN, JEBEJIAN, NERSOYAN, BASHERIAN, MEGRDICHIAN, KOJOIAN, & AGINIAN FAMILIES**

Requested by the immediate family of Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

#### *Flowers on the Altar*

The flowers adorning the Holy Altar today are presented with love to Father Aren on  
the occasion of his first *Badarak* at St. John from his adoring family,  
the Jebejians, Megrdochians, Basherians, and Melikians.



#### *Garland on the Bema*

The flowers adorning the bema are presented with love from the Church School,  
Alberta Godoshian, and a devoted member of the Church, to welcome Father Aren and  
congratulate him on his first *Badarak* at his home church of St. John.





# THE ICON

THE HOLY MARTYRS OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Սոբոր Նահապետեանի Սրբանկարի Օձոն

**JOIN US** to honor, celebrate, and venerate our  
Holy Martyrs on **NOVEMBER 8, 2015**

On April 23, 2015, the icon of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide was unveiled and consecrated in an historic ceremony at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. On November 1, 2015, every parish in the Eastern Diocese will consecrate a replica of the icon for its own sanctuary.

## ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebbajian, Celebrant  
22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI

**DIVINE LITURGY BEGINS AT 9:45 A.M.**

## Welcoming Father Aren

We join in welcoming our new pastor, the Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian to St. John! Fr. Aren was born to Rev. Fr. Nersess and Yeretzgin Aurora Jebejian in Detroit, MI. At the age of four, following his father's ordination to the Holy Priesthood, the Jebejians moved to Springfield, MA, where Fr. Nersess was assigned to the pastorate there.

Fr. Aren grew up and went to school in Longmeadow. In 1983, his family moved to Florida where he graduated from school and attended St. Thomas University in Miami. Fr. Aren was heavily involved in student life, and he was one of the thirty students to spend a semester studying in El Escorial, Spain.

After graduating, Fr. Aren went on to study in Holy Etchmiadzin from 1989-1990. He was later ordained to the Diaconate by Archbishop Nersess Bozabalian on June 24, 1990. Fr. Aren continued his studies at St. Nersess and St. Vladimir's Seminaries, where he was chosen to serve as a representative and committee member on many projects, including the World Council of Churches. In 1994, Fr. Aren graduated with a





(continued...) Master Degree in Divinity. He continued his education in Jerusalem, and while working on the translation of *Hye Kroghner*, he was summoned to the Eastern Diocese to work on the Pontifical Visit of His Holiness Karekin I.

In January of 1998, Fr. Aren was assigned to the St. Gregory the Illuminator Parish of Chicago, IL, as its deacon-in-charge. He was ordained a Celibate Priest on April 24 and 25, 2004, by Archbishop Khajag Barsamian at St. Vartan Cathedral in New York City. He subsequently served his forty-day period of seclusion at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin where he received his Monastic Cowl and took his oath in the Mother See. Fr. Aren celebrated his first *Antranig Badarak* on the Main Altar in Holy Etchmiadzin on June 6, 1994.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Fr. Aren serves on the Hye Camp board of directors as well as the Midwest Regional Council of Armenian Churches. Fr. Aren is a delegate from the Diocese of the Armenian Church to the National Council of Churches USA and is also a delegate to the newly formed Christian Churches Together USA.

In 2007, His Holiness Karekin I, called Fr. Aren to be the first Member of the Etchmiadzin Brotherhood to serve in Armenia for one year. He served the Diocese of *Kegharkoonik* for six months and his last six months he served in the Inter-Church office at the Mother See. Following his service to the Mother See, Fr. Aren returned to St. Gregory in Chicago.

His effort with youth inclusion and outreach has not gone unnoticed, though. In 2003, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian appointed Fr. Aren to be the Director of the Midwest Diocesan Camp. Under his leadership, Hye Camp grew to a two week program the summer of 2013. Fr. Aren served as pastor of St. Gregory faithfully until his reassignment here at St. John.

May God bless you, Fr. Aren, on this new journey bestowed upon you. The church membership of St. John looks forward to your spiritual guidance and Christian leadership.



**PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE**



**ACYOA ANNUAL 2015**

**NOVEMBER  
DANCE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th**

**FEATURING: DJ M-KAY**

**OPEN BAR: 9:00PM - 10:00PM**

**DANCE: 9:00PM - 2:00AM**

**22001 NORTHWESTERN HWY**

**SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075**

**\$25 DONATION**

**Attendees must be 18 years or older. 16 and 17 year olds may  
attend if accompanied by an adult.**

## *Gift to the Church*

A gift has been made to St. John by Isabelle Vahratian, dear family friend to Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, on the occasion of his new role as pastor at St. John and on his first *Badarak* celebrated today.

## *Youth Basketball Program 2015-2016*

St. John's Basketball begins next week! If you know of any young Armenian youth that may be interested in joining please have them come to practice or email Lisa Mardigian at [lmardigian@sjachurch.org](mailto:lmardigian@sjachurch.org)

### **Practice Schedule**

*TUESDAYS: Junior Girls (ages 13-18)*  
6:30p.m.-8:00 p.m.

*WEDNESDAYS: Junior Boys (ages 13-15)*  
6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

*Intermediate Boys (ages 16-18)*  
7:30p.m.-9:00p.m.

*THURSDAYS: Biddy C (ages 5-8 only) and Biddy B (ages 9-10 only)*  
5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.

*Biddy A (ages 11-12 only)*  
6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.

### **Sunday, November 22, 2015 after *Badarak***

## *Annual Thanksgiving Dinner*

Sponsored by the Church School  
High School Students

All proceeds to support CASP  
(Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program)

All are welcome to attend  
Donation is \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children  
To reserve, please phone Roseann Attar at 248.980.3221

# 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  
gadarestseh.*

**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.*

**Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ: / Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:**

## The Psalm of Dismissal- Psalm 34

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham  
ornhootyoon 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.