

## **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:

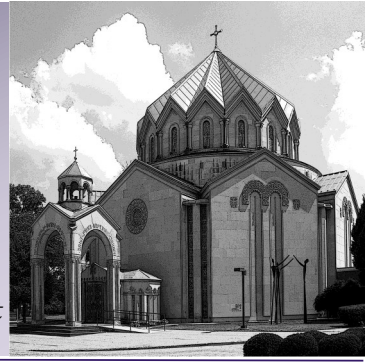
The Reverend Father Diran Papazian

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 15, 2015*

*The Armenian Church Year 1464*

**TENTH 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 25:9 26:7**

**Philippians 1:1 11**

**Luke 9:44 50**

**Lector: Dolly Matoian**

*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 To Be Announced**

**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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Karmen A. Santourian, Advisor  
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George Boyagian, Second Alternate

# Today's Gospel

**Luke 9:44 50**

"Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men." But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, that they should not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

And an argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. But when Jesus perceived the thought of their hearts, he took a child and put him by his side, and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me; for he who is least among you all is the one who is great."

John answered, "Master, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he does not follow with us." But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him; for he that is not against you is for you."

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## Today after Divine Liturgy

Please enjoy the tea after *Badarak* in memory of Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian, graciously hosted by Fr. Diran, her husband, Elise, her daughter, and Dr. Dennis Papazian, her brother. The family also offers the tea in memory of Yeretzgin Rosalie's sister, Priscilla Sarkisian. Both beloved and dedicated servants of God passed away ten years ago on the same day. The flowers adorning the table were prepared with love and generously donated by Dr. Haig and Louise Yardumunian.

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## Flowers on the Altar

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Priscilla Sarkisian, Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian, Armenouhe Papazian and Edward Sarkisian by Dr. Haig, Louise and Ara Yardumian, Edward, Eva and Kennedy Priscilla Yardumian, and Leon and Sharon Sarkisian.

## When in the Lord's House

Please be advised that according to the tradition of the Armenian Church, members of the congregation are strongly reminded to refrain from walking in and out of the Sanctuary while services are in progress. You are especially reminded not to do so during Reading of Lections until the Creed is recited, the Chalice Procession, the Hymn "Der Voghormia," Singing of *Hayr Mer* – Lord's Prayer, during Confession and Communion, and during the Sermon. Please wait in the vestibule until such time when it is proper to enter the Sanctuary.

## *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**

**Araxey Barsamian**

**Dn. Artin Dermenjian**

**Joe Kludjian**

**Richard Norsigian**

**James Shahbazian**

## *Day by Day Bible Study*

Wednesday, November 18th and Wednesday, December 30rd

12:00 — 2:00 pm

*For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248.538.9993*

## *Fallen Asleep in the Lord*

We offer prayers for the servants of God **Jevan Bogosian**, **John Noraian**, and **Vaughn Rose Soutanian**, who entered their eternal rest this past week. May Christ our Lord shed His light upon their souls.

## *Collection for Refugees*

As a sign of love to our martyrs and gratitude to those who helped Armenians at their time of extreme need, it was decided that the proceeds from today's collection plate is to be given to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to aid those suffering from the violence in the Middle East.

## *We Need Your Help!*

The St. John's Greater Detroit Parish was established in 1931. In honor of our 85th anniversary in 2016, we plan to have a year-long celebration of special events involving all of our auxiliary groups and parishioners. We are looking for volunteers willing to work with Fr. Aren and the Parish Council to oversee the planning and coordination of these events. If you would like to be involved in this very special celebration, please contact one of the Parish Council members or the church office.

## 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 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*

### **Bake Sale today!**

Get ready for Thanksgiving! The Women's Guild baked goods will be available for purchase following *Badarak*. Please check out our table to purchase Kufte, Cheoreg, Meat Beoreg, Nazoog, and Spinach Beoreg while they last!

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

Please contact Sara Andonian at 248.515.9264.

The Women's Guild will hold its annual Members Christmas Dinner & Installation of Officers on Monday, December 7th at 6:00 pm. Members may bring a guest to this event. For reservations, please contact Elizabeth Amboian by November 24th by calling 248.346.4602 or [ejamboian@gmail.com](mailto:ejamboian@gmail.com).

Donation is \$15 per person.

*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*

# The Holy Muron

*What it is, when it's used, how it's made and blessed*



Holy Muron (pronounced “MYOO-ron”) is sanctified oil. *Muron* is a Greek word meaning “fragrant oil” or “essence flowing from a plant.” The word is derived from the root “to rub,” “to anoint.” Since early history, *muron* was made of olive oil together with various fragrant spices.

It was widely used by the eastern nations, mainly by the ancient Hebrews during feast days (Ps 23:5, Amos 6:6). In the days of Christ the tradition of pouring ointment on the head or the feet of the guest as a sign of honor was very much alive (Mk 14:3, Jn 12:3). According to the divine commandment given to the prophet Moses (Ex 30:23-30) the priests of God used olive oil mixed with extensive, precious, incense, and various spices and flowers. The finest and the most precious of these was the ointment spikenard (Song 1:12, Mk 14:3).

During **Baptism** (*mgerdoutyoun* in Armenian) the holy muron is used for Chrismation, which is conducted immediately after baptism in the Armenian Church.

In **Chrismation** (*troshm*) the candidate is anointed in Christ and receives the Holy Spirit. The priest anoints the forehead, eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth, hands, heart, back, and feet with holy muron, and prays to God to bestow the gift of the Holy Spirit so that the recipient may live in righteousness and follow the Light of God. (Holy Communion is given for the first time after the anointing, where the candidate becomes a full member of the Body of Christ.)

The climax of **Holy Ordination** (*Sourp Dzernatroutyoun*) is the consecration of the candidate's forehead and hands with holy muron. As one's forehead is anointed, the candidate becomes a new person and receives a new name.

There is also a sacrament of spiritual healing, **Holy Anointing** (*vercheen odzoum*) in which the sick are anointed as a sign of Christ's care. This sacrament eventually became associated with a dying person, who would be blessed with holy oil (not muron) as the final anointing, otherwise known as the “Last Rites.” Today, this sacrament is reserved for the burial of clergy.

The Blessing of the Holy Muron is an ancient ceremony of the Armenian Church, which involves the manufacture and consecration of the holy muron. Holy muron is made of olive oil blended with 40 different types of flowers and sweet-smelling herbs. During the consecration ceremony, some remnant oil from the previous blessing is mixed into the cauldron with the new muron, linking it with the ancient past of the Armenian Church.

The blessing takes a great deal of preparation, which takes place at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. Forty days prior to the blessing, the distinctive silver cauldron used in the sanctification ceremony is filled with oil and positioned on the Altar of Descent, discreetly covered with an embroidered veil. The special service is conducted by the Catholicos of All Armenians about once every seven years. But it can also be performed during times of

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special significance to the Armenian people, such as the year of Armenia's independence referendum in 1991, or the 1700th anniversary of Armenia's conversion to Christianity in 2001, or the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, and the canonization of our holy martyrs, in 2015.

His Holiness the Catholicos performs the blessing in a ceremony of splendid pageantry, employing ancient relics of Armenian history, and in the presence of clergy and statesmen of international standing. Eventually, the sanctified muron is distributed to every Armenian diocese, and from there to every Armenian parish in the world.

### *Gift to the Church*

A gift has been presented to the Church in memory of beloved daughter Myda Kalandjian from the Merametdjian Family.

## **The Detroit Armenian Chorale Presents a Christmas Concert** *Directed by Rubik Mailian*

**Join us for a festive family  
night of American and  
Armenian Christmas songs**

*"The Most Wonderful  
Time of the Year"*



**St. John Armenian Church Hall  
Friday, December 11, 2015  
8:00 pm  
Admission is Free Will Offering  
Afterglow Reception**



## **BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN**

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

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

#### **NEVART S. APKARIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Sister, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Great-Great Grandmother, Aunt, Great Aunt**

Requested by the Regish Family  
Gibson Family  
David Apkarian & Family  
Richard Apkarian & Family  
Edward Gopigian & Family  
Paul Godoshian & Family

#### **MYDA KALANDJIAN, 7th Year, Beloved Mother**

Requested by Taline, Maral, Razmig, & Tamar Kalandjian

#### **ARMENOUHE PAPAZIAN, 21st Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother**

Requested by Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian & Elise Papazian  
Drs. Dennis & Mary Papazian, Ani & Marie  
Dr. Haig & Louise Yardumian & Ara  
Edward, Eva, & Kennedy Priscilla Yardumian  
Garo & Donna Papazian, Nicole & Nishan

#### **EDWARD SARKISIAN, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Brother-in-Law**

Requested by Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian & Elise Papazian  
Drs. Dennis & Mary Papazian, Ani & Marie  
Dr. Haig & Louise Yardumian & Ara  
Edward, Eva, & Kennedy Priscilla Yardumian  
Garo & Donna Papazian, Nicole & Nishan  
Nina Sarkisian  
Stephen & Lisa Derderian  
Allan, Rachel, Tyler, & Emma Sarkisian  
Barbara, Peter, & Matthew Rupas

#### **PRISCILLA SARKISIAN, 10th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Sister-in-Law**

Requested by Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian & Elise Papazian  
Drs. Dennis & Mary Papazian, Ani & Marie  
Dr. Haig & Louise Yardumian & Ara  
Edward, Eva, & Kennedy Priscilla Yardumian  
Garo & Donna Papazian, Nicole & Nishan  
David, Marianne, Daniel, & Karen Dardarian  
Nina Sarkisian  
Stephen & Lisa Derderian  
Allan, Rachel, Tyler, & Emma Sarkisian  
Barbara, Peter, & Matthew Rupas  
Dr. Edward & Anna Sarkisian  
Sara, Morgan, Sona, & Anya Bell  
Dn. Aram Sarkisian



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Dolly & Mike Matoian & Family  
Marge Nardell  
Harry & Janice Megerian & Family

**YERETZGIN ROSALIE PAPAZIAN, 10th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Dear Friend**

Requested by Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian & Elise Papazian  
Drs. Dennis & Mary Papazian, Ani & Marie  
Dr. Haig & Louise Yardumian & Ara  
Edward, Eva, & Kennedy Priscilla Yardumian  
Garo & Donna Papazian, Nicole & Nishan  
Nina Sarkisian  
Stephen & Lisa Derderian  
Allan, Rachel, Tyler, & Emma Sarkisian  
Barbara, Peter, & Matthew Rupas  
Dr. Edward & Anna Sarkisian  
Sara, Morgan, Sona, & Anya Bell  
Dn. Aram Sarkisian  
David, Marianne, Daniel, & Karen Dardarian  
Edward & Yvonne Korkoian & Family  
Dolly & Mike Matoian & Family  
Marge Nardell  
Harry & Janice Megerian & Family

**ALL BAYLERIAN AND SARKISIAN DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS**

Requested by David, Marianne, Daniel, & Karen Dardarian

**MARY DARDARIAN, Beloved Mother, Grandmother**

Requested by David, Marianne, Daniel, & Karen Dardarian  
Yvonne, Edward, Laura, & Christopher Korkoian

**VARTOUHI KRALIAN, 22nd Year, Beloved Mother**

Requested by Dick Kralian

**NICHOLAS MERDINIAN, 33rd Year, Loving Father, Grandfather**

**ANGEL MERDINIAN, 5th Year, Loving Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother**

**MADELINE MERDINIAN, 9th Year, Loving Sister, Aunt**

Requested by Joan & Ron Beck, Ryan & Stacey  
Sharon Merdinian

**HAIG SAMARIAN, 65th Year, Father**

**VARSENEK SAMARIAN, 15th Year, Mother**

**SARKIS SAMARIAN, 18th Year, Brother**

**MELEK SAMARIAN, 10th Year, Brother**

Requested by Rose Samarian

**ALL DECEASED KOMITAS CHOIR MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY SHAKEY GODOSHIAN, SIRVART  
MEZIAN, & MARY KURKECHIAN, WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY.**

Requested by the Komitas Choir

**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.**

## *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*

Biddy A (ages 11 & 12): 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Girls (ages 13 & up): 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### *WEDNESDAYS*

Junior Boys (ages 13-15)  
Intermediate Boys (ages 16-18): 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Joint Practice for conditioning!

#### *THURSDAYS*

Biddys (ages 5-8): 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Biddy B (ages 9 & 10): 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.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.