

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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The Reverend Father Diran Papazian, *Pastor Emeritus*

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 2, 2014

**15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTHRONEMENT OF HIS HOLINESS KAREKIN II,
CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS**

A special prayer will be offered for the continued good health of His Holiness.

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service / *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն*...9:00 am

Divine Liturgy / *Ս. Պատարագ*9:45 am

Church School / *Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարան*.....10:15 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Isaiah 22:15-24, Ephesians 1:1-14, Luke 8:17-21

LECTOR: Yeretzgin Shakeh Ohanesian

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: 248-225-9888
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 mkafrican@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 2014—2015

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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."



Sunday, November 16, 2014 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 248.980.3221**

BAKE SALE TODAY IN THE MAIN HALL SPONSORED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL TO SUPPORT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, the High School Church School students service project, (organized by Samaritans Purse (www.samaritanspurse.org), needs your help. This Christian relief program sends shoe boxes filled with children's items to children in over 130 countries. Last year over 8 million boxes were distributed. Our students are currently collecting items to fill the shoe boxes. Collection boxes are located outside the Church School office. Collected items are for boys and girls, ages 2 to 14. Items must be new and may include small toys (no war related items), personal hygiene items (no liquids), soap, washcloth, toothpaste, toothbrush, combs, etc, and school supplies.. We are also accepting monetary donations to help with shipping. Checks may be written to St John's Church School and dropped off at the Church School office with a notation of Operation Christmas Child in the memo. Questions may be directed to Carol Palaian 248-478-1241 or cpalaian@yahoo.com

**DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY IN THE NURSERY ROOM
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, NOON-2 PM
BRING YOUR LUNCH AND YOUR BIBLE - ALL ARE WELCOME!**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

Pam Dayinian
Aida Petrosyan
Mary Sarafian

George Douroujalian
Mary Jo Gregory

Frank Houhanisin
Yervant Ishanyan

CROWN THEM WITH GLORY & HONOR

We rejoice in celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Crowning and have asked
Christ our God to bless the marriage of:

Jessica Anne Stambouljian & Jeffrey Berj Aris

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

A gift was presented by Ms. Shakey Godoshian in appreciation for Father Abraham's visit to
her in the nursing home.

A gift was presented in memory of good friend, colleague and fraternity brother,
Dr. Aram Janigian, by Dr. Arthur Hamparian.

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God

GEORGE P. KEURAJIAN

who entered his eternal rest this past week.

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

BEGINNERS ARMENIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 9:30-10:30 AM

AND EVERY SUNDAY THEREAFTER IN CONFERENCE ROOM 107 (OPPOSITE THE MUSEUM)

**Materials will be supplied. If you have a desire for your child to learn their heritage through
our *Mayreni Lezoo* [Mother Tongue], contact Mrs. Alberta Godoshian at 248-476-4638.**

VISIT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE . . . The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus
many gift items: jewelry, Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many "Made in Arme-
nia" products—largest retailer of Armenian books, recordings and gift items in the Midwest.

Do Christians Have a Political Responsibility?

“...in a democratic society---an “apolitical” stance is impossible. Even abstention from voting invites the condoning of the *status quo*, which is itself a political attitude. On the other hand, the Christian faith, which announces the coming of an eternal Kingdom of God, also implies that the disciples of Jesus are sent into the world to *transform and transfigure it* [making a change and difference for the good]....The real danger for Christians lies not in political activity, as such, but in a loss of their Christian identity and responsibility.”

“...all Christians must realize their responsibility in shaping events---at least by voting. One of the greatest fallacies which is held by many is that it is possible to abstain from politics and thus remain immune to a process which is, of necessity, ambiguous and frequently dirty. In fact, abstention means a passive, unconscious and irresponsible support to whomever is or will be ---in power. Very often the wrong people came to power at the wrong time because of the majority’s indifference.

In the past, the Church has lent unconditional and uncritical support to emperors, tsars, or other powers-that-be, simply because they were considered as having been appointed by God Himself to exercise leadership. St Paul himself teaches us that power comes “from God” in as much as it encourages us “to do what is good” (Rom 13:1-3). As faithful Christians, we acknowledge our responsibility before God, not only for ourselves and for our own salvation, but also for the world as a whole. We are our brother’s keepers.

One of the greatest mistakes one can make in either taking part in political process or in abstaining from it is to believe that all political choices are choices between the absolute Good and the absolute Evil. In fact, such absolute choices exist only in the spiritual realm, where Evil is called sin and God Himself is identified with absolute Goodness. Politics ‘rarely’ involve such radical dichotomies.

When we vote for a candidate **we do not vote for or against God**, but for a person who, in our opinion, will do better (or not as bad) as another. When we support a program, we do not equate that program with absolute Justice, for **we do not believe...that absolute Justice is a man-made accessible and realizable ideal**. Rather, as responsible Christians, it is imperative to have opinions about what is “better” or “worse” for people, for society, for our country. If we do not at least try to have an opinion, we sin by irresponsible self-centeredness. Of course, very often the choices offered to us are very ambiguous, but we always must try to choose - if not that which is truly “good” - at least that which appears to us as a ‘lesser evil.’

As Christians, we may also have different opinions on many issues, while remaining united in faith in One Church. But it is wrong to be selfish and indifferent.”

From Fr. John Meyendorff’s *Witness to the World*, pp 99-100 & 101-2



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.

SHAHIN SARKIS NERSESSIAN, 4th Day, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Beatrice Sarkis Nersessian & Family

ANTONIO IAFRATE, 40th Day, Dearest Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle

Requested by Mariann Iafrate

Erika & James Iafrate & Family

Julie & Brian Finnerty & Family

Stephanie Dallakian & Stefan

HRANT DANIELIAN, 1st Year, Brother

Requested by the Danielian Family

VIRGINIA PAHRANSEM JOOHARIGIAN, 1st Year, Dearly Beloved Sister

Requested by Badrik Jooharigian

NADEEM JOHN BELBEISI, 6th Year, Beloved Son, Brother, Godson

Requested by Lucille & Haider Belbeisi

Deema Gamal

Alia Belbeisi

Garro & Juliette Chevikian

VARTAN KALANGIAN, 15th Year, Brother, Uncle

Requested by Fr. Abraham, Yn. Shakeh, Vartan & Michael Ohanesian

CHARLES PALAIAN, 19th Year, Dear Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

VICTORIA PALAIAN, 9th Year, Dear Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

Requested by Evie, Gary & Ani Ezmerlian

Steven, Carol, Maria, Angela & Julia Palaian

Chuck, Terry, Brant & Erika Palaian

Sally Palaian & Gary Haelewyn

Keith, Laurie & Brian Neher

Gary, Debbie, Autumn, Abigail & Simeon Ezmerlian

Phil, Taline, Collin, Ethan, & Owen Rosendall

Bradley, Julie, Chase, Bentley & Mackenzie Neher

Sheri, Justin, Jackson & Joel Meador

Lisa & Christopher Michetti

ANN BEAMISH, 9th Year, Dear Aunt

Steven, Carol, Maria, Angela & Julia Palaian

MARY KEZELIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Great Aunt, Friend

Requested by Rosemary & Dyana Kezelian
Dr. Harry, Patty, Harry III, Michael & Katie Kezelian
Randy, Laurie Jayne & Meredith Pepper
Anna Manoogian
Bobby & Roseann Attar

ELIZABETH & PHILLIP SHISHMIAN, Aunt/Uncle, Great Aunt/Uncle

Requested by Rosemary & Dyana Kezelian
Dr. Harry, Patty, Harry III, Michael & Katie Kezelian
Randy, Laurie Jayne & Meredith Pepper

DR. SIMON TOOMAJANIAN, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Great Uncle

Requested by Randy, Laurie Jayne & Meredith Pepper
Rosemary & Dyana Kezelian
Dr. Harry, Patty, Harry III, Michael & Katie Kezelian

DIRAMAYR MARY KOCHAKIAN

Requested by Father Garabed & Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian
On the 100th Anniversary of her birth

LEVON NAZOYAN

Requested by Silva Ficici
Sevan Ficici & Family

COMING EVENTS

TODAY, NOVEMBER 2, MEN'S SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

TODAY, NOVEMBER 2, 4:00 PM

LECTURE BY RICHARD G. HOVANNISIAN

AGBU ALEX AND MARIE MANOOGIAN SCHOOL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 7:30 PM, TEKEYAN MOVIE NIGHT "AMERICA, AMERICA"
AGBU ALEX AND MARIE MANOOGIAN SCHOOL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, ANNUAL CHURCH SCHOOL THANKSGIVING DINNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 5:30 PM, FOCUS MOTOR CITY DINNER AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 8:00 PM—ACYOA NOVEMBER DANCE

JANUARY 12-22, 2015-ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
Details and itinerary in lobby.

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.*

Տաղէ 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
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.