Welcome!

We welcome you to the Divine Liturgy/Soorp Badarak and invite all who are Baptized and Chrismat ed 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 fill out a contact card 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.

September 25, 2016
The Armenian Church Year 1464
FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS OF VARAK
Celebrant: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD’S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP
Morning Service / Առաւետեան ……9:00 am
Divine Liturgy / Ս.Պատարագ .................................9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY
Lector: DR. BADRIK JOOHARIGIAN
Today’s Gospel
Matthew 24:30-36
“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will
mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glo-
ry; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the
four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its
leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is
near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things
take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but
the Father only.”

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, Anahid Dedeian,
who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral took place at St. John Armenian Church
on September 21, 2016.
May Christ our Lord shed His Eternal light upon her soul.

Special Plate Collection
A Message from our Diocesan Primate

“I am asking our parishes to hold a special collection on Sunday, September 25, to help the general
relief effort. All proceeds from the collection will go to a responsible relief agency through the
Fund for Armenian Relief.”

Today, St. John will be taking a special plate collection for Baton Rouge, LA flood
victims. This special collection will take place during the song “Amen yev unt hokvooyt koom”
(on page 39).

A Special prayer service for the Republic of Armenia

On September 21, 1991 Armenian people voted to become Independent from the Soviet Union and
became a member of the United Nations on March 2, 1992. Last Wednesday was the 25th Anniver-
sary of the establishment of the Republic of Armenia.

Today, at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, we rejoice in God and offer a special prayer service for the
Armenian Independence Day, asking our savior to bless and guide the Armenian Nation, the
Armenian Church and our entire people in their path to creating a great society and country.
Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Jilber Abajian
Elina Cobb
Ruben Griffin
Robert Missirlian
James Shahbazian

Araxey Barsamian
George Douroujalian
Marge LaRuffa
Mike Rhoads

Rose Boudakian
Cheryl Giesa
Don McCorkle
Charles Sansone

St. John Armenian Church Adult Bible Study and Catechism Begins!!

**Bible Study:** Monday October 3rd and 17th from 7:00-8:30pm Fr. Aren will begin a Bible Study Series beginning with the Gospel of Mark. Mark's Gospel is the shortest and most easy to comprehend.

**Adult Catechism (Christian Education):** Beginning this **Thursday September 29th**, Fr. Aren will lead a relaxed and informative session on "Badarak 101". Come and learn about our centuries-old Divine Liturgy **from 7:00-8:30pm**.

Women’s Guild News

Welcome to one and all for Festival Preparation Days.

*Tuesday, September 27th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon* — Tepsi Boreg

All interested women and men are welcome and appreciated!!

No experience is necessary and all hands are good hands.

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

*For information please call Belinda Kabodian 248-767-3942*

**Knitting Group** welcomes new knitters

Please contact Linda Assarian at 248.332.0816 or *linda.assarian@gmail.com* for more details.

Day by Day Bible Study

Thursday, September 29 and Thursday, October 27, 2016

12:00 — 2:00 pm

*For more information, call Yeretzgin Roberta at 248-538-9993*

Sanctuary, Museum Tour and Luncheon

**Thursday, October 13, 2016  10 AM-2 PM**

For reservation information please contact

Linda Tiffany anytiff@comcast.net or phone 248-549-7106
ALICE JOY DEMIRJIAN SELVERIAN (from Longmeadow, MA) 40th Day, Cousin
  Requested by John & Mary Anne Mehlhope
  Jack & Lucy Arnold
  John Demirjian

VARTANOUSH DONIGIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Sister, Grandmother
HAGOP DONIGIAN, 15th Year, Father, Grandfather
  Requested by Haig Kassabian & Family (Lebanon)
  Garo & Jbid Donigian & Family (Australia)
  Albert & Linda Donigian & Family (Jerusalem)
  Seta & Dikran Stamboulian & Family (Canada)
  Arda & Murat Toktas & Family (Fresno)
  Kevork & Muna Donigian & Family (Fresno)
  Shoushan & Avo Krikorian & Family (Fresno)

SHAHE ASHKARIAN, 1st Year, Father
  Requested by Joseph & Sonig Ashkarian & Family

FRANK HOUHANISIN, 1st Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Son-in-Law, Brother-in-Law, Dear Uncle
  Requested by Linda Houhanisin
  Diana & Omar Badr & Aiden
  George Houhanisin & Dr. Sarah Johnson
  Nina Sarkisian
  Dr. Edward & Anna Sarkisian
  Sara and Morgan Bell, Sona & Anya
  Dn. Aram Sarkisian
  Peter & Barb Rupas & Matthew
  Stephen & Lisa Derderian
  Allan & Rachel Sarkisian, Tyler & Emma
  George & Julie Houhanisin & Family

CLAIRE MANOOGIAN, 1st Year
KAY ARMEN, 5th Year
  Requested by Father Aren Jebejian
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

VERA KAZANJIAN, 1st Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother
   Requested by Jack Kazanjian
   Ara & Lora Kazanjian
   Christina & Michael Holody
   Stephanie Kazanjian
   Gary & Melissa Kazanjian, Vivian & Hunter
   Varujan & Adrine Ohanian

HELEN TORIGIAN, 3rd Year, Beloved Mother, Grandmother, Dear Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt
   Requested by Mark, Deanna, Alec, Andrew & Jenna Torigian
   Kathryn Torigian
   Eric, Nicole, Viviana & Christian Torigian
   Karen, Jeff & Kyle Kalajian
   Izabelle Jizmejian
   Sharon Jizmejian
   Carol Jizmejian
   Don Hutchinson
   Michelle Halagian
   Michael Halagian

DAVID BENIAN, Cousin
   Requested by Rita Dilanian
   Sam & Margaret Arslanian
   George & Anita Saboonjian

OHANES DEMIRJIAN, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Great Great-Grandfather
KRIKOR DEMIRJIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather
HRIPSEME DEMIRJIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother
   Requested by John & Mary Anne Mehlhope
   John Demirjian
   Jack & Lucy Arnold
   Rich & Laura Brossart
   Tony & Kate Botma
CHRISTOPHER PATRICK COSTA, 30th Year, Son, Grandson, Brother, Nephew, Great-Nephew
ROSE YESSAIAN, 21st Year, Mother, Grandmother
CHARLES YESSAIAN, 55th Year, Father, Grandfather
    Requested by Diane Yessaian Costa
    Patrick Costa
    Charles & Andrea Costa, Christopher & Violet
    Charles & Tulie Yessaian
    Georganna & Stephan Missirlian
    Charles, Sema & Melanie Yessaian
    Violet Margosian

JUANITA ARMEN (From California), 40th Day, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Niece, Cousin
    Requested by Levon Armen
    Christopher, Camille, Sophia & Taleene Armen
    David Armen
    Jim Beckwith
    Violet Margosian
    Jim, Uko & Koutn Hagopian
    Gail Hagopian
    Diane Yessaian Costa
    Charles & Andrea Costa, Christopher & Violet
    Charles & Tulie Yessaian
    Georganna & Stephan Missirlian
    Charles, Sema & Melanie Yessaian

ANDREW TARPINIAN, 7th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Khnamee
ANNE TARPINIAN, 5th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Khnamee
    Requested by Craig & Lisa Tarpinian
    Matthew Tarpinian
    Cindy & Mike Zavadil
    Ryan Zavadil
    Jennifer & Mark Polega
    Jeanette & Rick Smith
    Holly & Kevin Orr
    Lila Orr
    Dana & Jerry Redoutey
    Scott Smith
    Margaret Amroian
    Susan Nash & Ron Nash
October 20-23, 2016
Save the dates and join the fun-filled weekend at St. John Armenian Church Festival

**Thursday (6:30-9:30pm)**
- Kick-Off Dinner / Fine Arts Exhibit
- Mezza / Wine
- Gourmet Dinner
- Silent Auction
- Fine Arts Exhibit Preview Sale

*Call Cheryl Joboulian at 248-344-9327 for reservations $85 per couple / $42.50 single*

**Festival Raffles**
- $100-$85 Special Anniversary Price
  - $2085 1st place cash award
  - $1085 2nd place cash award
  - $685 3rd place cash award

*Call Paul Andonian at 248-865-0539 to reserve your lucky numbers*
- Armenian Delicacy Basket Raffle
- Tin Can & Bookstore Raffles

**Friday (6pm-Midnight)**
- Great Armenian Foods
- Baked Goods
- Fine Arts Sale & Variety of Vendors
- Country Store & Bookstore
- Grandma’s Attic
- Hye Bar & Cigar Lounge

**Saturday (1pm-Midnight)**
- Great Armenian Foods
- Baked Goods
- Fine Arts Sale & Variety of Vendors
- Country Store & Bookstore
- Grandma’s Attic
- Hye Bar & Cigar Lounge

**Music & Dance Entertainment**
- AGBU School Dancers’ Performance (Friday)
- Nigosian Armenian Band (Friday – Dance begins 8pm)
- Darwin Mamassian – Acoustic Folk, Rock, Blues & Americana (Friday)
- Song Writer/Singer (Friday)
- DJ Esso American-Armenian Music (Saturday night dancing begins 8pm)

**Sunday (1-4pm)**
- Great Armenian Foods
- Baked Goods
- Fine Arts Sale & Variety of Vendors
- Country Store & Bookstore
- Grandma’s Attic
- Raffle Winners’ Announcements

**Kid’s Entertainment**
*Sat / Sunday*
- Balloons / Face Painting
- Mad Science / Little Creatures (Saturday)
- Petting Zoo (Sunday)

More events/entertainment under consideration & scheduling may change.
For more info or if you want to join the Festival Committee, please call / email Jim Stamboulian at 248-917-6645 / jstambou@gmail.com.
Altar Flowers
In loving memory of Vartanoush Donigian and Hagop Donigian, today’s Altar flowers are presented by the family.

Saint John’s 2nd Annual Coat Drive
Supporting Detroit’s Capuchin Soup Kitchen
Please donate your new or gently used men’s coats and jackets
Boxes are located at the main and rear building entrances

Grandma’s Attic will be open to receive your donations beginning Sunday, October 2 through October 21, 2016. We will accept gently used and clean items for the Festival weekend. Donate household items, small electronics, children's toys, games, puzzles, accessories (belts, scarves, jewelry), books, CDs, DVDs, artwork, collectibles, picture frames, dishes, glassware, vases, etc. NO CLOTHES OR SHOES. Please drop off your donations at the Maintenance Office. Make sure they are properly wrapped, especially fragile items. Receipts are available in the Church Office.

Anyone interested in renting a table as a vendor at this year's Festival, please contact Marianne Dardarian
E-mail: mhdardarian@att.net or tel: 248-661-0617
Deadline: Sept. 28th to be included in Festival booklet
Visit the Parish Bookstore

Genocide T-Shirts with “Forget-Me-Not” emblem and map on back — $20.00
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: “Armenia, Australia and the Great War” by Vicken Babkenian and Peter Stanley — SC $35.00
New: “Karabagh Diary: Neither War nor Peace” by Tatul Hakobyan — SC $30.00
New: “Armenians and Turks: From War to Cold War to Diplomacy” by Tatul Hakobyan — SC $30.00
New: Armenian Alphabet Wood Puzzle — $35.00

New Items From Armenia just arrived

DVD On Sale Now

The Detroit Armenian Chorale, A 100 - Year Journey of Remembrance and Song, memorable performance at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall DVD is available for sale for $10 at the book store. The DVD includes, the Chorale singing, Stories from Genocide, the Hamazkayin Arax Dance Ensemble and the Karapetyan Quartet performances under the direction of Deacon Rubik Mailian.

Wanted: Used Armenian Books!

The Parish Bookstore is accepting donations of gently used books on Armenian subjects written in English for its Used Book Sale at this year’s Festival. Kindly drop off books at the church office during business hours or on Sundays.
FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS OF VARAK

Today, Armenian Churches worldwide will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak—an observance unique to the Armenian Church.

In the 7th century, a monk named Totig received a vision of a brilliant cross descending from Mount Varak in historic Armenia, and coming to rest on the monastery at the mountain’s foot. Totig raced to where the vision had led him, and there found a miraculous Christian relic: a fragment of the True Cross of Jesus Christ!

How had it gotten there? The relic had been brought to Armenia by St. Hripsime, in the late 3rd century, during her flight to find refuge from the persecutions of pagan Rome. When St. Hripsime was martyred by King Drtad, the hiding place of the cross was forgotten—and the holy relic had languished in its secret place for nearly 300 years, before being found again by the monk Totig.

To commemorate this discovery, the catholicos of the time, St. Nersess the Builder, established a feast day. And the Holy Cross became a relic of great power in Armenia, moving from Varak to Sepastia and finally to Van, where it still could be seen by pilgrims—until the time of the Genocide.

(Taken from the eNewsletter of the Eastern Diocese)
Genera l I nformation

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 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 to be included in the “Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized” list. 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 Tamara@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.
On Leaving the Sanctuary After Divine Liturgy

When approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy you say:

"Hehshetzh Der zamenayn Badarakus koh.

May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.

The Priest answers:

"Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev zamenayn khorhoortus koh ee parees na gadarestseh.

May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your desires.

(Psalm 20:4)

When taking Mahs the GIVER says:

"Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp Badarakes.

May this be to you a share and portion of the Holy Sacrifice.

The RECEIVER says:

"Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.

My portion is God forever.

The Kiss of Peace

"Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

The GIVER says: Christ is revealed amongst us.

"Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdoosee.

The RECEIVER says: Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

The Psalm of Dismissal - Psalm 34

"Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham orhnootyoon norae ee peran eem.

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be at all times in my mouth.