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“TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO:

AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.” PROVERBS 22:6



The young people of St. John were the focus of attention on the weekend of November 19 – 21, 2010, when Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese, visited our parish where he celebrated the Divine Liturgy and blessed six candle-bearers on Sunday, November 21. His Eminence, in his homily, (1) spoke to the parishioners of the importance of introducing children to the life of the church each Sunday and to the Church School students of how pleased he was to see the young serving in the church.

The six youngsters were Spencer Keoleian, Nareg Bezjian, Nicholas Boyadjian, Andon Nersess Anthony Der-Ghazarian, Jacob Bahm and Danielle Sarafian (2). Fr. Garabed and Sub-deacon Ghazaros Der-Ghazarian had prepared them for their service on the altar.

Following the services, a delicious Thanksgiving dinner, prepared by parents and high school students of the Church School, was served (3). In the program with Ardag Tachian as Master of Ceremonies, the Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, dean of the St. Nersess Seminary, spoke on the need for candidates for the priesthood and also of the financial needs of the seminary. Stephen Mekenian, treasurer of the seminary's board of directors, also spoke.

On Sunday evening, a fundraising event for the St. Nersess Seminary was held at Pine Lake Country Club where over \$14,000 was raised in donations from St. John. Tom and Debbie Krikorian were the hosts.

On Saturday, the ACYOA Central Council with His Eminence presiding, met at St. John. ACYOA Executive Secretary Nancy Basmajian was in attendance as was Fr. Garabed (4). Central Council members reviewed many projects, among them the progress of the Holiday Outreach project which collects toys, school supplies and other items for the Homeless Children's Center in Yerevan, Armenia.

Our visitors were present for the Komitas Choir's "A Concert of Armenian Folk Music" on Friday evening. Many of our talented youngsters participated in the concert. This was a weekend in which we were able to see our youth serving our church in many capacities and assuring us of their dedication and leadership.

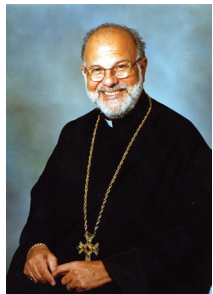
~Elizabeth Aprahamian



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FROM FATHER GARABED'S DESK.....

Expectation and Anticipation....

As we enter a new year ahead, we all wonder what will come our way. Will we be able to keep pace with life as we did in the past or will things change in our tempo of living? Will we be able and ready to meet new challenges placed before us? The best way to enter new beginnings is not only with *Expectation*, but with *Anticipation*. Though similar in meaning, there is still a difference between these two words and how each affects our actions, our thoughts, our decisions.

Expectations can bring us joy when they are fulfilled and we discover what we are looking for. Or, they can take a turn and bring us unexpected disappointment when we don't find that "gold at the end of the rainbow." *Anticipation*, however, is more tempered as it leaves the spirit open and ready for all things; the end result is much better because we leave the door of life open, with a bit more wiggle room for possibilities, particularly when we accentuate our lives with positive thoughts, rather than stern and rigid demands.

As we enter the new year ahead, we reflect on examples from the Bible about two important events in the life of our Lord: His Birth and His Resurrection. First, the wise men who journeyed from afar following the star in the sky traveled with *Anticipation* in hope of finding the newborn King, Jesus the Messiah. There were perhaps roadblocks for them on the way, but they always left the door open, that 'wiggle room' I mentioned, so as not to allay their hopes. With a positive spirit and desire, they could engage and confront anything on their way to find the Lord, the King, the Hope they were seeking. Nothing would stop them in their pursuit.

Next comes the account at the tomb of our Lord on the day of His Resurrection. When Mary Magdalene met up with the Apostles, Peter, James and John, she told them what happened and that the Lord had Risen from the Dead. Without hesitation they all started to run, not with *Expectation* but with *Anticipation* to see for themselves. We might wonder what was on their minds and in their hearts as they dashed ahead toward the tomb? What was the driving force of their spirits, desires and hopes? It was to see the Lord's Empty Tomb.

Thus, with a positive Hope, both the Wise Men and the Apostles ultimately enjoyed their journeys, the walking or the running, not so much because of what they *Expected*, but because of what they *Anticipated*.

This is how we should greet and enter the New Year ahead...with *Anticipation*, with Faith, with Hope and, above all, with Love, the three crowning virtues of our Christian living. Then we can find joy and peace, and experience God's blessings. It is with Faith in Christ that He will be always with us no matter what. It is with Hope that He and His Holy Spirit will guide our every step in our journey, like the three Kings. It is with Love, like the running of the Apostles, expecting nothing but with Hope anticipating that God will continue to bless our way, being there in the end, where we can rejoice and find the peace and prosperity we look for every day, and that He will be there – born in the manger and risen from the Tomb.

The final prayer from the Epistle of James chanted at the conclusion of our *Badarak*/Liturgy each week sums it up for us beautifully:

Որովհետեւ ամէն բարիք եւ ամէն կատարեալ պարգեւ վերէն թեպէ՛տ կը բխի, ով Հայր Լոյսի:
For all good gifts and all perfect bounties come down from above, from Thee, from the Father of Light.

~ Father Garabed

**Holy Father,
God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.
We praise You for Your unequalled greatness.
Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.
Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.
To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them. To teach others to love by loving them.
Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.
So that Love could be with us, and we could know You. That we could share Love with others.
Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise, in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,
in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children.
Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs, so that we may know You better and better.
We rejoice in the world You loved into being.
Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.
We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.
Forgive us for falling short this past year.
We leave the irreparable past in your hands,
and step out into the unknown new year knowing You will go with us.
We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead,
depending on You to help us do exactly what You want.
I say it again, we rejoice!
In Jesus name,
Amen.**

CELEBRATING ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.....



Reflections on Serving the Church ~ Razmig Kalanjian

Excerpt of one of the presentations by altar servers on December 26, 2010 in the sanctuary of St. John's following the Badarak celebrating the Feast of St. Stephen, the First Martyr and Proto-Deacon.

When I was eleven years old, my mother dragged me out of bed and told me that I would begin holding candles, three hours at a time, on Sunday mornings. I gave her such a difficult time. Now seven years later, I am pursuing my faith in Christ. I am on my own journey to Deaconhood, and I have my mother to thank for this.

St. Nersess is a pool of Armenian liturgical knowledge. The atmosphere for the Deacons Training Program is so spiritual.

The classes conducted by Father Daniel, Dr. Matthews, and Dr. Roberta are so insightful and surprisingly enjoyable. I would like to personally thank my *Der Hayr*, Father Garabed, for sending me to this wonderful program for the last two years. I discovered many young men in the church like myself, and I still keep in touch with many of them.

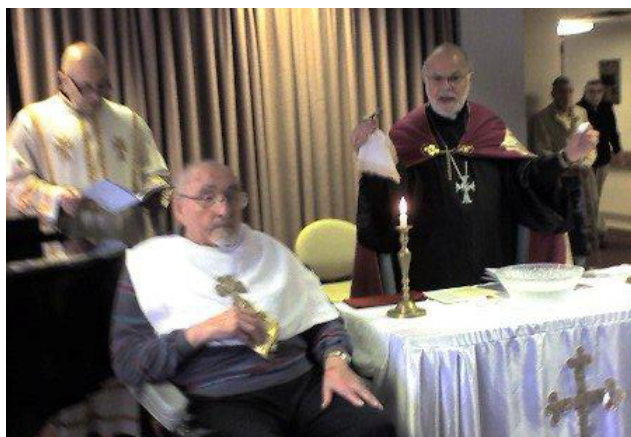
This morning we celebrate the feast of St. Stephen, the Proto-Deacon. We remember and celebrate our own Deacons, men I admire and respect for dedicating their time and their hearts to the altar and to the glory of God, and I thank them for making the atmosphere on our altar that much more Holy. God willing, I will join you as a fellow Deacon serving our Mother Church, and our Heavenly Father.

My life in the Armenian Church is still young. My faith is still tender. But I have a motive to serve; I have a motive to become a Deacon. I have a motive to serve my Mother Church, and to forever serve my Heavenly Father. Being exposed to the fellowship and holiness of Deaconhood will only further these motives. Thank you.

2011 GODFATHERS OF THE CROSS.....



Shown above are "Godfathers of the Cross" Spencer and Samuel Keoleian during the Great Blessing of Water, Sunday, January 9, 2011; with Father Garabed Kochakian; and with their parents Dr. Charles Keoleian and Audrey Armoudlian, and grandparents Harry Keoleian, Karen Armoudlian, Dr. Michael Armoudlian and Mary Keoleian.



During his January 15th regular visit to Manoogian Manor in Livonia, Fr. Garabed Kochakian was accompanied by Deacon Rubik Mailian and members of St. John's Women's Guild and Komitas Choir to bring the celebration of Christmas and Theophany to the residents. Mr. Vincent Kaye served as "Godfather of the Cross" during the Blessing of the Water.



Caring packages filled with Armenian goodies, snacks, pens, paper, cards and Halloween treats were sent to over forty "away-from-home" college students. All items and shipping costs were donated by the Women's Guild members.

We thank Carol Ohanesian and her committee for undertaking this special gift. (Shown above: Linda DePietro, Linda Assarian, Carol Ohanesian, Marilyn Sarkesian & Lisa Johnson)

Another project initiated several years ago by Susan Vian is Christmas bags filled with personal items donated to the Alternatives for Girls. At our November meeting, members brought enough items to fill 100 gift bags. We thank all our members for their continued generosity.

The Women's Guild is pleased to announce their newly elected Executive Board: Chairman - Joyce Obenhoff, Vice-Chairman - Nora Noraian, Treasurer - Jacqueline El Chemmas, Assistant Treasurer - Carol Aprahamian, Recording Secretary - Diane Kachaturian, Corresponding Secretary - Pamela Dayinian, Program Chairman - Marilyn Sarkesian, Newsletter - Joyce Slowik, and Advisor - Linda Tiffany. May God's loving light shine down upon them and bless them as they continue the good works of the Women's Guild. The Guild wishes to extend their sincere appreciation to out-going board members Kim Kalajian, Kathy Mekjian and Cathy Zwinck for their invaluable service to the organization. God bless them in all of their future endeavors.

Over 100 Guild members and friends gathered together December 1 for the Women's Guild annual Christmas Dinner and installation of officers. Co-Chairmen Terry Palaian and Jackie El Chemmas and their energetic committee prepared a delicious dinner taken straight out of our new cookbook - *Armenian Cuisine: Preserving our Heritage*. We were delightfully entertained with Christmas selections sung by the mother-daughter duet of Denise Karakashian and Kelly Callan and accompanied by Margaret Benian and Diane Nolf. It was a wonderful evening of friends and family to welcome in the Christmas season.



The Women's Guild cookbook, *Armenian Cuisine - Preserving Our Heritage*, has been an overwhelming success with 1,000 sold in just two months! A second printing is now available for \$25 Sundays after church, through the St. John's website or by calling Marianne Dardarian (248.661.0617). This internationally popular cookbook is a must in every household!

~Marianne Dardarian

Over 350 St. John parishioners gathered in the Cultural Hall for a Thanksgiving dinner November 21, 2010, in support of the high school department outreach program – sponsoring orphans in Armenia. Once again the church school students sponsored four orphans through the Women's Guild CASP program. Under the supervision of Roseann Manoogian Attar and Lisa Mardigian, students and parents prepared the meal, served and cleaned up. Thanks to the students, parents and parishioners for their support of this program (Shown below).

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35



George Saboonjian, member of the Church School Board, again sponsored sixteen food baskets for members of the Armenian community. On Sunday, December 19, 2010, the 11th and 12th grade students weighed, packed and delivered the beautifully decorated baskets filled with a variety of food: turkey, fresh produce, eggs, milk, canned goods, and, of course, chicken broth and Uncle Ben's Rice (Shown below).

This year's theme - "Sharing the Christmas Spirit With Open Hands" - had a profound effect on students and parents. During the group prayer, they each expressed how God has blessed their lives. This has been Mr. Saboonjian's wish that through the distribution of these baskets, our youth understand their mission as Christians through compassion and sharing and how God has called each of us to be "Reflectors of His Light."

Special appreciation to George for his generosity, to High School Facilitator, Roseann Manoogian Attar, to teachers, Margaret Arslanian and Harry Keoleian, to all students who participated and to the parent volunteers/drivers: Christine Chatas, Marilyn and Zaven Dadian, Rosemary Darian, Randi Dolik, Lydia and Steve Doyon, Dyana Kezelian, Nayiri Misirliyan, Krikor Oknayan, Silva Sagherian, Shoghig Torossian, and Anahit and Dickran Toumajan.

**"Let your light shine before men
that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."**

Matthew 5:15

~ Violet Cholakian and Roseann Manoogian Attar



“There’s No Kef Like a Detroit Kef!!”

Detroit’s “November Dance: Fall Fantasy” hosted by the St. John’s ACYOA Seniors was a smashing success once again this year. Held at St. John’s Armenian Cultural Hall, we brought together over 300 ACYOA members, other local Armenian youth, and out-of-town visitors from Chicago, Racine, Cleveland, St. Louis and as far away as Philadelphia, New York, Massachusetts, and California. A longstanding tradition in the Detroit area, November Dance was initiated to take advantage of young people being home for the Thanksgiving holiday. Originally entitled “Turkey Trot,” the dance has been hosted by our chapter since the founding of ACYOA in 1946 and even earlier, held originally under the banner of “Sons and Daughters of the Armenian Church.”

This year, ACYOA Central Council member and local board member of the Detroit chapter, Karen Dardarian, along with St. John’s Youth Director Lisa Mardigian, their experienced team and some out-of-town guests brought us into a world of “Fall Fantasy” with their beautifully decorated seasonal “golden leaf” theme.

As guests dove into the food platters, they realized that Detroit’s interpretation of the word *mezza* is pretty broad - we feasted on beef tenderloin, pork, chicken, *cheoreg* and cheese, along with *tepsi beoreg* specially made for the occasion by Karen and cousin Kristin Hovsepian, Detroit’s famous local-style *lahmajoun*, and topped it off with a chocolate fountain for desert. Old and new friends greeted and mingled--Detroiters who currently work or go to school out-of-town, locals who are active and locals who aren’t so active, and special out of town guests--there were too many old friends reunited, too many new friends to be made, too many people to talk to and not enough time!

Detroit’s own Nigosian Band, pulled us onto the dance floor with their group’s unique, high energy, rock ‘n’ roll-infused interpretation of Armenian Kef dance music. Detroiters, if nothing else, MUST DANCE, and starting off as always with the good old “shuffle,” we truly had *Hye* times with all our Armenian folk dances, spreading the *Tamzara* lines off the dance floor, *Pampouri*-ing like there was no tomorrow, and putting some new groove into the old local favorite *Sepastatsi Bar*, led by Yeretzgin Roberta. The “official” dance of Detroit’s young men, the *Haleh*, was a crowd pleaser as always and an early attempt to stage a “Detroit vs. Chicago *Haleh* Faceoff” ended with the Chicago group merging into the giant Detroit line. The Nigosians were on top of their game according to many veteran music fans in attendance and they “keffed” till the wee hours ending with a great jam on one of their own new Armenian compositions.

Oh, but the party wasn’t over. The winner of the 50-50 raffle benefiting the current supply drive for the FAR Children’s Center in Yerevan was announced and all the volunteers throughout the evening were thanked along with the musical entertainment. Thanks to everyone who helped out with ACYOA’s drive to benefit the Children’s Center.

The clock ticked 1:30 am and the DJs who had been pleasing the crowd throughout the evening with modern tunes between the band sets took the stage for the rest of the night. Local favorite DJ Esso (Ara Avedissian) was joined by Detroit member DJ M (Mike Kalfayan). They kept the dancers really grooving to the latest American, Armenian, and Arabic hits until an unprecedented 3:00 am, topping it off, as always, with the famous Greek *Zeybek* dance (to the song *Aftos O Anthros*). The last of the young men *Zeybek*-ed their hearts out, whirling with snapping fingers, stamping feet and agile bending of the knees. Everyone was having so much fun that the committee literally had to force people to leave!! As the guests began to file out, search for their coats, and head out into the cold Michigan night, everyone mentioned how it had been one of the best November Dances they had ever been to, and we all knew we would be back next year at St. John’s.

~Harry A. Kezelian, Jr.

2011 ACYOA Seniors Executive Board

Karen Dardarian • Danny Dardarian
Harry Kezelian • Kelly Callan
Margeaux Reizian • Taline Kalandjian

The ACYOA Juniors recently observed Armenian Christmas with a progressive dinner hosted by the Stambouljan, Tachian, and Misirliyan families.



Sunday, December 19, the Men’s Society hosted a lavish Brunch to benefit the Tarkmanchatz Playground Project in Jerusalem. The more than 250 who attended were treated to a “special gift” through the generosity of Edward Papelian. The Saline Fiddlers (shown above) provided a wonderful, rousing, thoroughly enjoyable concert. Many thanks to the Men’s Society and Mr. Papelian for a truly lovey afternoon.

The Very Reverend Fr. Simeon Odabashian was appointed Diocesan Vicar, effective January 1, 2011. For the past several years, he served as pastor of the Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church of Providence, R.I. In addition to his distinguished record of service as a pastor, he was the former director of the Diocese's Department of Mission Parishes. His peaceful, fatherly demeanor will be a great asset to all our Diocesan parishes, with which he will be working closely.

Among his responsibilities as Diocesan Vicar, Fr. Odabashian will interface with the Central Councils of the Diocese's auxiliary organizations (Women's Guild, ACYOA, Sacred Music Council, e.g.), and preside at their meetings; supervise the pastoral intern and the Mission Parish programs; organize the annual Clergy Conference and oversee matters pertaining to Diocesan clergy; and supervise Diocesan candidates for the priesthood. He will also represent the Diocese at any ecumenical, governmental or social function when the Primate is unavailable.

FINDING YOUR WAY TO CHURCH.....

Earlier this month the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) began the reconstruction project on the Southfield Freeway (M-39). This, of course, impacts access to the St. John Church campus. Please refer to the MDOT website for information on the progress of the project. You may also access the Google Maps, Yahoo Maps and Mapquest web sites for the best way to arrive at St. John's from your home. We hope you "find your way to church!"

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Thanks for participating in this program and helping the Church grow.

Marriages

Arrangements for weddings are to be made at least eight months in advance. Marriage preparation and counseling are required before the celebration of the sacrament. The Bestman (Khachyeghpayr) must be a member of the Armenian Orthodox Church. The parish office will make all necessary arrangements for the deacon, organist and soloist. Marriages are not celebrated during Great Lent.

Baptisms and Chrismations

All baptisms must be scheduled at least two months in advance. Pre-baptismal preparation for the parents and godparents is required. At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Orthodox Faith.

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, can only be administered in the church sanctuary, which has been consecrated for the celebrations of these sacred rites.

Baptisms & Chrismations

November 2010

27 Mason Thomas
Son of Thomas & Lindsay Richardson
Godparents: Jonathan Richardson & Jessica Joiner

December 2010

5 Mila Elizabeth
Daughter of Dmitry & Holly Mkrtychyan
Godfather: George Mkrtychyan

18 RoseMarie Anaheat Peterson - Chrismation

19 Jonah Armen
Son of Ian & Lisa Conway
Godparents: Haig Papaghanian & Mary Gebara

January 2011

8 Connor Michael
Son of Adam & Amy Baylerian
Godparents: Jason Baylerian & Alana Humphreys

16 Natalie Seta
Daughter of Michael McFadden & Natalie Afacanyan
Godparents: Johnny & Aylin Afacanyan

Jesse Agop
Son of Johnny & Aylin Afacanyan
Godparents: Jason Chafin & Natalie Afacanyan

22 Isabella Arlene
Daughter of Alex & Vanna Kazarian
Godparents: Jordan Keoleian & Niery Karaghoossian

Lucia Rose
Daughter of Alex & Vanna Kazarian
Godparents: Jordan Keoleian & Niery Karaghoossian

Funerals

December 2010

6 Harry Jacobs, 80, White Chapel
11 Angeline Kasparian, 84, Woodmere
28 Gene Ameriguian, 76

January 2011

4 Hripsime Hngigian, 89
15 Sam Torossian, 93, Woodlawn
17 Queenie Hazergian, 87, Woodlawn
27 Dr. Harry Reizian, 90, Pine Lake

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OR A PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER FOR WAYS
TO LEAVE A LEGACY TO YOUR CHURCH.

Tigran Terterian receives The St. Gregory Medal



The St. Gregory the Illuminator Award was given to Tigran Terterian, Sunday, November 28, 2010 during *Badarak*. The award is given by the Diocese of the Armenian Church to a Cub Scout or Webelo for achievement in religious education after a two-year course of study with one's pastor in knowledge of the Holy Bible, Armenian Church History, the Sacraments, Feasts and the Holy Divine Liturgy. Tigran is the son of Kazar and Marina Terterian (*shown with Fr. Garabed at left*).

Dear Der Hayr,

....The award ceremony was beautifully done and very well received by everyone there that day. ...Your explanation of the requirements (for the Boy Scout St. Gregory Medal) and hope that others would do the same was very well done and to the point. ...Let's hope others who are involved with Scouting will take note and encourage their youngsters to work towards achieving the same goal.....

~Kazar and Marina Terterian

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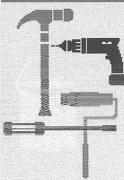
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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.....

February

- 6 Men's Society Family Super Bowl Party, 4:30 pm, Recreation Center
- 13 Infants' Blessing Service following Divine Liturgy
Meet the Candidates Breakfast *(see insert)*
- 14 Feast of the Presentation of our Lord to the Temple - *Diarrnuntarach*
- 18 Kef Klub "Hoedown," 6:00 pm, Recreation Center *(see insert)*
- 19 Feast of St. Sarkis the Warrior
- 20 Annual Parish Assembly - 1:00 pm
(Lunch available prior to Assembly)

March

- 1 Feast of St. Ghevont the Priest
- 3 Feast of St. Vartan the Warrior - *Vartanantz*
- 6 Great *Barekendan*; Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
- 7 First Day of Lent
- 9 ACYOA Fish Dinner; Lenten Vigil
- 12 Annual Lenten Retreat Seminar *(see insert)*
- 16 ACYOA Fish Dinner; Lenten Vigil
- 18 Kef Klub, 6:00 pm, Recreation Center
- 23 Afternoon Bible Study; ACYOA Fish Dinner; Lenten Vigil
- 30 ACYOA Fish Dinner; Lenten Vigil

April

- 3 Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
- 6 ACYOA Fish Dinner; Lenten Vigil
- 7 Feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary
- 13 ACYOA Fish & Lobster Dinner; Lenten Vigil
- 15 Kef Klub, 6:00 pm, Recreation Center
- 17 Palm Sunday - ACYOA Day Brunch

- 19 Great & Holy Tuesday: 7:30 pm - Vespers in Remembrance of the Ten Virgins
- 21 Great & Holy Thursday: 10:30 am - Divine Liturgy
7:30 pm-Washing of the Feet
8:30 pm - Divine Liturgy - Betrayal & Passion of Our Lord
- 22 Great & Holy Friday:
11:30 am Order of the Crucifixion of Our Lord
7:30 pm - Entombment of Our Lord
- 23 Great & Holy Saturday
4:00 pm Reading of Scriptures
5:00 pm - Divine Liturgy
7:00 pm - Church School Family Dinner
- 24 **Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord – Easter; Women's Guild Easter Tea**
- 25 Armenian Martyrs Day - Requiem & Wreathlaying at Martyrs Monument, *Madagh* Dinner & Program
- 25 - 27 Annual Clergy Conference, Cambridge MA
- 27 Afternoon Bible Study
- 28 - 1 Annual Diocesan Assembly, Cambridge MA
- Moms and *Manoogs* play group sponsored by the Women's Guild: first and third Tuesdays in the Nursery at 10 am.

Note: All events at St. John's Church and Cultural Hall unless specified.

A Meet the Candidates Breakfast

sponsored by the
Men's Society

Sunday, February 13, 2011

Breakfast includes
French Toast, Basterma and Eggs, Sausage,
Hash Browns, Fresh Fruit,
Orange Juice, Hot Chocolate, Coffee

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