

# THE TORCHBEARER • Ջահակիր

## St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

22001 Northwestern Highway • Southfield, MI 48075  
248.569.3405 (phone) • 248.569.0716 (fax) • [stjohnsarmenianchurch.com](http://stjohnsarmenianchurch.com)

The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian ~ *Pastor*

The Reverend Father Diran Papazian ~ *Pastor Emeritus*

Deacon Rubik Mailian ~ *Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant*



## WORKING TOGETHER: WE ARE GOD'S HANDS IN TODAY'S WORLD



Statistically, high school students are often the most undisciplined, self-centered, consumeristic of all generations. However, that is NOT a statistic that fits the young people at St. John. On the contrary, they love God and their Armenian church and heritage. They are talented, disciplined, generous in serving God and His community. We believe our young people are our greatest resource, and our goal in the Church School is to strengthen them spiritually and morally in a comfortable, fun atmosphere.

2009 was a busy year for our high school students. Through the many outreach programs, they better understood their world, themselves, their church and the God they serve. Under the guidance of Fr. Garabed Kochakian, the support of Alberta Godoshian and the church school board, the senior department teachers - Salpi Tachian, Margaret Arslanian, Harry Keoleian, Dickran Toomajan, the always available and generous parents, and the leadership of high school supervisor, Roseann Manoogian Attar, the students embarked on many projects. Roseann's desire is to involve the youth in projects that serve the church and those in need. She devotes her time and energy in implementing and financially supporting the projects.

**JANUARY 2009** ~ During the cold months of January and February, 30 fleece blankets were made under the supervision of Terry Palaian, Belinda Kabodian, and Ann Marie Ameriguan. The church hall was busy with students and parents planning, cutting, and decorating the blankets. Many parishoners encouraged the youth in their outreach by financially donating to their cause. In February the blankets were delivered to the Salvation Army.

**FEBRUARY** ~ Keeping people warm was one

aspect of reaching out to the homeless. The students along with the Salvation Army prepared 1,000 meals that were distributed to the people on the streets.

**MARCH** ~ In remembrance of Martyr's Day, the 11th and 12th grade classes read the book *Skylark Farm* by Antonia Arslan. They engaged in a thought-provoking discussion led by Laura Gononian. Having lived in Armenia for many years, Laura shared her experiences of living there and compared the present-day

(Continued on page 5)

*Pictured above participating in the Thanksgiving Basket Project:*

1 - Violet Cholakian, Mona Kurjian, Nayiri Misirliyan and sponsor, George Saboonjian; 2 - High school students, parents, teachers and friends; 3 - Students at work.

### Change is coming!!!

In the year that has passed since the new format of the *Torchbearer* was introduced, the reception has been very good and the financial benefits have been realized. Along with its online publication, better use of email, and an improved web site which includes the weekly bulletins as well as event notification, a new era of parish communication has begun. The new format would not have been possible without the help of the Office Staff who were instrumental in securing the equipment and means to publish the newsletter in-house. But, volunteers are needed each month for several hours to help prepare the *Torchbearer* for mailing.

In order to further streamline the process, maintain the cost advantage and conform to changing postal service requirements, we will be introducing another new format in March. Members will continue to receive ten issues each year, or we encourage you to choose to view the *Torchbearer* online. Currently 10% of our readership are notified by email that they may read the issue on the web site. We welcome your comments and encourage those who might be willing to be a sponsor or to underwrite an issue of the *Torchbearer* to contact the Church Office.

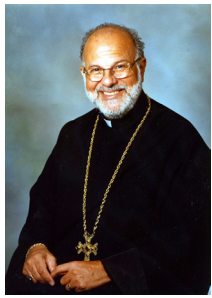
### Church Office Hours

**Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM**

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Cell: 248.225.9888 ~ Administrator's Cell: 248.802.2861

FEBRUARY 2010



## FROM FATHER GARABED'S DESK.....

*Miracles do happen when we look for them.....*

Consider this.....

Of the many miracles that the Holy Gospels speak about, one of the most compelling is our Lord's miraculous walking on water which is both real and symbolic. It is a real story and a real moment when the power of Christ God and Lord, defied nature. As often as we read it, we ask, "*How can a human being walk on liquid water?*" What our Lord shows us, is that things that appear humanly impossible can become possible with faith, with desire, with hope. And then a miracle happens. HE can change the ordinary of nature into the extraordinary.

The human heart is always filled with a desire to make what seems impossible, indeed, happen. But we are so frequently caught up in daily fears, things that flood our lives, like the waters that were flooding the boat in which the Apostles were sitting. And like them, driven by our fears, our anxieties, we become afraid of sinking, of drowning in our difficulties so much that we can miss a miracle that is happening before our very eyes. This was the case with the Apostles whose fears blinded them from reaching out to Jesus who was walking on water, and thus, witnessing this miraculous moment.

Here in our spiritual home, miracles happen all the time, but our fears overcome us sometimes too much that we miss the miracle moment when Jesus was there to hold our hands, save us, give us courage, hope and strengthen our resolve to survive. This year has been a hard one for the entire nation and our church as well, meeting our budget, trying to balance faith with the difficulties of pressing economic times. Will we get through this, will we raise enough revenue to continue our mission to preach, teach, and celebrate the presence of Jesus in our boat? The answer is yes. We will.

The waves of water will always be coming towards us, rocking our boat, tossing it sometimes so much that we think it might capsize and go under. But every time we rise above our fears and anxieties with faith, we are above those waves and waters, as if walking on them, because we know that Jesus will carry us, and we WILL SEE yet another miracle, and hear the Lord assure us "*Don't be afraid, I am with you even to the end of the earth.*"

In January, we saw a miracle with the rebirth of our Men's Society, sleeping in this boat of St. John's for the past few years. Waters drowned our spirits and we wondered if this group - *Men of Faith* – would rise ever again and surface. Well, with faith, it was reborn; the men overcame the fears of not being able to rise once again to reestablish their place in our parish. Then came new blood, new desire, new hope, renewed spirit, overcoming insecurity and doubt, and what we might have thought to be impossible, became possible. A miracle happened when thirty men came together to walk with Christ, as He reached out to them, they, the Apostles, invited Him into their boat, and became the Men of St. John's.

And so, the lesson is this: with faith, trust and reaching out to Christ Our God, all things can be restored, recovered, and made new and Faith indeed can bring about a miracle every day. Look for it!

*~ Father Garabed*

### **Torchbearer Staff**

Fr. Garabed Kochakian, *Editor-in-chief*  
Anna Sarkisian, *Managing Editor, Copy & Layout*  
Harry Avagian, Diane Ekizian, May Kafafian, Dolly Matoian

We welcome your comments and suggestions, so please feel free to contact the Church Office. You will be seeing an update to the format of the *Torchbearer/Jahagir* in the next few months for many reasons, foremost being changes in postal requirements. We hope you will bear with us as we continue to improve the way we bring information to our parishioners, subscribers and the St. John community.

If you would be interested in sponsoring an issue of the *Torchbearer/Jahagir*, that is, assuming the costs of producing an issue, please contact May Kafafian at the Church Office for further information.

Please visit the St. John web site for up-to-date calendar information, the Sunday Bulletin, *The Torchbearer*, event information and links to internet sites of interest to our parishioners:

**[stjohnsarmenianchurch.com](http://stjohnsarmenianchurch.com)**



## IN OUR PARISH.....



### Women's Guild

The holiday season once again began with the spectacular **Advent by Candlelight**. This very special evening is proudly sponsored by the Women's Guild for the women of our community to prepare their hearts and minds for the Christmas Season. The ladies are first welcomed into the cultural hall and greeted by 40 lovely decorated tables lit by soft candlelight. After socializing and being treated to dessert and coffee, the ladies then found their way into the church sanctuary. It is here that is the true focus of the evening. Inspirational messages of Love, Joy, Hope, and Peace as well as beautiful musical renditions filled us all with the meaning and "reason of the season". Much appreciation goes to Chairman Aralynn Haidostian and her Co-Chairman Belinda Kabodian for this beautiful experience.

Our annual **Installation & Christmas Dinner** was a huge success. Terry Palaian and Belinda Kabodian presented a delectable appetizer table and delicious dinner which was enjoyed by nearly 100 guests. The evening

was capped off with sounds of the season presented by the Novi Players, a vocal group from Novi High School. It was a truly enjoyable evening.

The Christmas season was brought to "light" with beautifully decorated trees throughout the church lobby and cultural hall. Many thanks to Diane Ekizian and a host of volunteers who gave of their time to **Light Up St. John's**.

On Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Women's Guild was the host for the **Armenian Christmas Luncheon**. Cheryl Joboulian and her committee provided a delicious lunch for over 150 parishioners. The following Saturday, members of the Women's Guild, Komitas Choir and ACYOA gathered at the **Manoogian Manor** to help bring Christmas cheer. A short service, the distribution of blessed water, and presentation of gifts spread the holiday spirit and lifted the hearts of the elderly residents.

~ Marianne Dardarian

1 - "Advent" speakers Susan Ameriguian, Anahid Dilakian, Chairman Aralynn Haidostian, Jackie ElChemmas and Deborah Zazaian.



**Rev. Fr. Hrach and Yn. Naira Sargsyan** were honored at a Fellowship Tea January 3 after he celebrated his final **Badarak** as Intern Priest at St. John's. Father, Yeretzgin and their daughters, Tatev and Mane', have moved to Minneapolis-St. Paul where he will become pastor of St. Sahag Church. His parting remarks and the warmth shown to him and his family was indicative of the truly mutual admiration that has developed in the last 1-1/2 years. They will certainly be missed. Their new address is:

2161 Dudley Avenue • St. Paul, MN 55108

### Dear Father Garabed:

**With this letter we personally offer our thanks and appreciation to you and the Parish Council and parishioners, for receiving the Rev. Fr. Hrach Sargsyan into your parish community and for helping him to prepare for ministry within our diocese.**

**As you know, starting on January 7, 2010, he has been appointed as pastor to the St. Sahag Armenian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, and we have informed him that he is still under your mentorship and should stay in contact with you regularly.....**

**.....Again, we offer our thanks to you and wish you and your parish a prosperous New Year and blessed Theophany/Christmas, offering to our Lord prayers for you and your loved ones, success, and a long and happy life.**

**With greetings,**

**Khajag Archbishop Barsamian, Primate**

## IN OUR PARISH.....

### ***The New Men's Society.....***

.....Is an organization to serve our church, support our men within the church and help each other grow as Armenian Christians. Several new potential members of the society, of all ages, have taken on the call of duty to our church. There is a new drive for more men to **serve** the church and there is a new sense of purpose within the organization. All of the past Men's Society members are still an active part of the organization. In response to our initial request for men to join this revitalized organization thirty people attended our first meeting. Most of the men who attended have already signed up to be involved in a committee. All members are looking forward to the first event - a Pancake Breakfast after church Sunday, Jan. 31. Together, past, present, and future members will serve our church with a renewed spirit and commitment! Please check us out on the St. John web site or attend our next meeting which will be Wednesday, February 17. Twenty-Ten will be an exciting year filled with fellowship, service, and fun!

You will see the following develop over the year:

- ☐ Monthly pancake breakfasts prepared by four different teams.
- ☐ A group that will develop educational programs that will help men to grow in knowledge: mentally, spiritually and physically.
- ☐ A team that will plan children and family activities through interactive sporting events, games, field trips, etc.
- ☐ A committee has been formed to work with David Dardarian on internet development and Wi-Fi programs.
- ☐ Committee for strengthening our internet connection has been formed.
- ☐ A committee to develop a web directory for Armenian business owners as well as Armenian men and women in business.
- ☐ "Fun Raiser" scheduled event for Friday, June 11.
- ☐ The Men's Society has agreed to take over the chairmanship of the Annual Picnic.
- ☐ **Support and be involved with other organizations and committees such as the Usher Corps, Festival, Parish Council, Choir and other church activities.**

**The committees to support these efforts have been formed and are beginning to actively work on their projects.**

As you can see there is a place for any man over 18, who would like to **actively become involved** in The Men's Society, from fact-finding and research to hands-on participation.

There is much more information available to those men interested in *The Men's Society*. We request that you stop by the church office and pick up a packet, or if you would like to become a member, go to St John's web site

([www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org)) under "organizations-Men's Society-application" and fill out the form. Our meetings are **the third Wednesday of every month** except for July and August, normally at 7pm. Because of Lent the February meeting will be immediately following church service at approximately 8pm. Our meetings are slated for one hour followed by thirty minutes of social time.

If you would like to contact us personally call Paul at 313-310-3508 or by email at [pramy1@gmail.com](mailto:pramy1@gmail.com)

#### **Board members:**

Chairman	Sdn. Dr. David Aprahamian
Vice Chairman	Ed Baharain
Recording Secretary	Craig Johnson
Corresponding Secretary	Robert Magee
Treasurer	Paul Yousoufian

---

### ***Armenia Service Program Announces 2010 Project***

In 2010, the ACYOA will partner with the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) to recruit young people to participate in two FAR projects in Gyumri, Armenia: the Ounjian School, undergoing renovations, and the FAR Soup Kitchen, serving the city's senior citizens. A packet containing program details and an application form can be found on the literature carousel in the Church Lobby. Information is also available online at: [acyoa.org](http://acyoa.org). Questions should be directed to Nancy Basmajian at [acyoa@armeniandiocese.org](mailto:acyoa@armeniandiocese.org), or 212.293.1248

---

### ***From the Parish Council***

Effective the end of March, 2010, St. John's Administrator David Dardarian will retire from his position. Since accepting this job, David has been dedicated and effective in carrying out the incredibly diverse responsibilities that come with this position. We are thankful he has agreed to remain in charge of St. John's web page, which, under his care, has evolved into an informative and effective means of communication between the church and the parish. David will make himself available during the hiring of a new administrator and subsequent transition period.

### ***Employment Opportunity***

#### ***"Church Complex Business Administrator"***

Please refer to the church web site  
**[stjohnsarmenianchurch.org](http://stjohnsarmenianchurch.org)**  
for complete information about the position.  
Please send  
resumes and salary requirements to:  
**[hr@sjachurch.org](mailto:hr@sjachurch.org)**

**Volunteers are needed** about the 25th of each month to help prepare the *Torchbearer* for mailing. This will require tabbing, and applying the mailing label to the new format of the *Torchbearer*. If you have an afternoon to help, please call May Kafafian at 248.569.3405.



Armenia youth to the St. John students. A brief history of Armenia and the Armenian Church was presented.

**MAY** ~ Thirty-five students and parents pedaled around Hines Park for the first annual St. John Church School Bike-a-thon. The fundraiser raised approximately \$9,000 for *Mer Doon* in Armenia. *Mer Doon* is a home for orphaned women, 18 years and older; providing them a place to live while teaching them work and social skills as they reenter society.

**OCTOBER** ~ Our children are our greatest resource and we must always encourage and guide them in their Christian faith. The 11th and 12th graders had an honest discussion with a visiting seminarian from St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in New York about the current challenges that our youth face in society and how the Armenian Church addresses those issues. Also, a discussion followed on God's calling to a young man to enter the priesthood and how everyone can participate in the life of the Armenian Church through service.

"Kids Against Hunger" was a project that provided relief to Americans and people abroad who were coping with hunger due to disasters. The students, parents and church school board members packaged 11,000 meals that were shipped to those areas stricken. The project was mainly subsidized by donations from Loucin Dorian, the late Lucy Torigian, parishioners, and students.

In the Lord's Prayer we say, "Give us this day our daily bread." Scripture teaches that the good things of this life are the gifts of God. George Saboonjian, member of the church school board, was thankful for the good things he had in his life and wanted to share those blessings with others. He sponsored sixteen baskets that included turkey, potatoes, fresh fruits, canned vegetables, cereal, macaroni and cheese, milk, eggs, peanut butter, and much more. In beautifully decorated cartons with messages written by the students, parents and students weighed, packed, and delivered the baskets in teams of three students and one parent. Special appreciation to George for his generosity, to all the students who participated, and to Roseann Manoogian Attar, Violet Cholakian, Randi Dolik, Lydia and Steve Doyan, Patricia Hogikyan, Dyana Kezelian, Mona and Richard Kurjian, Nayiri Mirsirliyan, MaryAnn and Art Artinian, and teachers Dickran Toomajan and Margaret Arslanian.

Over 250 parishioners gathered for dinner in the hall to observe a community Thanksgiving, and to support the annual outreach program of the high school department sponsoring orphans in Armenia. \$1,000 was raised that supported four orphans through the Women's Guild CASP program. The students and parents prepared the meal, served, cleaned up and financially supported the event. Special thanks to coordinator Roseann and her committee: Audrey Armoudlian, Anita Arslanian, Harry Carman, Marilyn Dadian, Randi Dolik, Lydia Doyan, Alberta Godoshian, Barbara Gumushian, Sonia Kalfayan, Dyana Kezelian, Mona Kurjian, Greg Mamassian, Maral Mamassian, Lisa Mardigian, Nayiri Misirliyan, George Saboonjian, and Jeri Vartabedian.

**DECEMBER** ~ Christmas is an anticipated day of surprises for children - gifts under the tree. During these

difficult economic times, that was not possible for many families. The Habitat for Humanity sponsored "gift" baskets for families in the Detroit area. Through the generous financial support of Greg and Debra Koukoudian and Dr. Roy and Nayiri Misirliyan, four families of single-parent mothers and their children were given pajamas, books, and one gift on each child's wish list. The students packaged the gifts and delivered them to the Habitat office.

Oftentimes, adults question the music that young people listen to today. Jennifer Morris from the Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry in New York visited with our high school students discussing contemporary music and its affect on them. She illustrated how lyrics in some songs contain passages and references to the Bible. Jennifer tied current-day ideas and issues in music to the Bible, and showed the students how knowing the Bible would help them become better informed listeners when interpreting the lyrics.

### **2010 FUTURE OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

The St John high school students will embark on many new programs in 2010. Some of the projects in the planning are a visitation to the Word of Faith Church in Southfield, a Habitat for Humanity Project, a trip to the Wayne State Armenian Room, the Second Annual Bike-a-thon for Armenia, visiting a soup kitchen, and a discussion with Fr. Garabed on the book *Christ the Lord Out of Egypt*.

Whenever you see our spirited youth in the hall or whenever they are working on an outreach project, please encourage them and support their efforts. We are a community of believers and by our example, we can lead our youth.

***Be aglow with the spirit, and serve the lord*** (Romans 12:11)

~ Violet Cholakian

### **A LETTER OF THANKS**

**A letter of thanks to the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Church School classes was received from Dyana Kezelian, principal of the Elementary and Middle Schools of the A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School, for the gift baskets filled for needy families as well as the Thanksgiving Dinner prepared for the community. The letter said in part:**

*"The Sunday School students and their families, under the guidance of Mrs. Roseann Manoogian Attar, delivered the baskets and the recipients were overwhelmed by the kindness bestowed upon them.*

*It is a fact that the St. John's Sunday School and especially Mr. (George) Saboonjian will be in many Thanksgiving prayers this week."...*

*Thank you again on behalf of the Manoogian School families who were blessed with so much generosity."*

## BAPTISMS

### November 2009

- 21 Lilita  
Daughter of Razmig & Carla Haladjian  
Godparents: Byron & Nanor Hacopian
- 22 Conner Jack  
Son of Pete & Aimee Nardell  
Godparents: Nate & Kelly Fatzinger &  
Dr. Christine Matoian
- Nicholas  
Son of Mark & Kathryn Nardell  
Godparents: Pete & Aimee Nardell & Amy Barrat
- 28 Kelly Marie Jensen  
Daughter of Mark & Sharon Jensen  
Godfather: Matthew Dakessian

### December

- 19 Aren Rees  
Son of Eric & Marla Whaley  
Godparents: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian  
& Dawn Aginian
- 22 Ariana Lucine Vartouhi  
Daughter of Rajiv & Andrea Iyer  
Godparents: John Kalajian  
& Tiffany Kaloustian-Defibaugh

### January 2010

- 16 Nayiri Missak  
Daughter of Missak & Vera Danielian  
Godparents: Miran & Tamara Nissan
- Norair Missak  
Son of Missak & Vera Danielian  
Godparents: Miran & Tamara Nissan
- Alice (Sevahn) Merametsdjan – Chrismation
- 17 Felix Dante  
Son of Brian & Margaret-Ann Yessian  
Godparents: George Andonyan  
& Maureen Yessian
- 24 Mitchell Ervin  
Son of Paul & Denise Choukourian  
Godparents: Dikran & Angie Choukourian

### Correction

*The following donation was omitted from the 2009 Yearbook. We regret the oversight, and recognize the families' generosity.*

\$100 The families of Diane Mavian, Michelle Mavian, Greg & Christine Courtney & Margaret Moushmoulian, in honor of Madelyn Waterstrat's Baptism

## FUNERALS

### November 2009

- 27 Rose Baykian, 103, Woodlawn

### December

- 2 Angela Andonian, 80, White Chapel
- 4 Kasper Tokatlian, 45, Woodlawn
- 14 Elizabeth Mary Shishmian, 81, Woodlawn
- 18 Dr. Garabed Belian, White Chapel
- 30 Anne Balakian, 81, Oakland Hills

### January 2010

- 27 John Lucas, 86, White Chapel
- 30 Elizabeth Roberts, Glen Eden

### 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.*

*Remember  
St. John Armenian Church  
in your will.*

CHOOSE A MINISTRY TO SUPPORT,  
ESTABLISH AN ENDOWMENT,  
SUPPLEMENT THE GENERAL FUND.  
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE,  
YOUR PASTOR OR A PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER  
FOR WAYS TO LEAVE A LEGACY TO YOUR CHURCH.

# PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOYAL SPONSORS

## Edward Korkoian Funeral Home

836 N. MAIN STREET  
ROYAL OAK, MI 48067

(248) 541-4800 • (248) 541-8325

WWW.EDWARDKORKOIANFUNERALHOME.COM

THE EDWARD KORKOIAN FUNERAL HOME  
HAS HONORABLY SERVED OUR  
ARMENIAN COMMUNITY  
SINCE 1949,  
WITH THREE GENERATIONS  
OF PROFESSIONAL, COMPASSIONATE  
AND DEDICATED SERVICE.

## UPTOWN CATERING



"For the best in Armenian Cuisine  
and now serving lunch!"

2038 Cass Lake Road, #9 • Keego Harbor, MI 48320  
248.681.9092 • Fax: 248.681.9652

## GARAGE DOORS and OPENERS



ENTRY DOORS • STORM DOORS

*Sara Kachadoorian Sass*

28003 Five Mile Road • Livonia, MI 48154  
(734) 422-0930

## The Armenian Senior Citizens Tower



19230 Ford Road • Dearborn, MI 48128  
Telephone: 313.336.7404 • Fax: 313.336.4797

For additional information, please contact:  
Audrey Markarian, Manager

Finishing / Refinishing / Fireplace Mantels

## The Sawmill

Fine Wood Furniture  
Brandon Mardossian

316 N Center St.  
Northville, MI 48167  
Phone: 248.349.8585  
Fax: 248.349.5877

Mon - Fri: 10 - 7  
Saturday: 10 - 5  
Sunday: 12 - 4

www.thesawmill.net



EDWARD G. SARKISIAN, D.D.S.  
PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

DENTISTRY FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN

22190 GARRISON, SUITE 201  
DEARBORN, MI 48124



(313) 277-8900

WWW.SARKISIANDENTAL.COM

## ST. JOHN'S BANQUET & CONFERENCE CENTER OF SOUTHFIELD



(248) 569-3446 www.stjohnsbanquets.com



## SIMON JAVIZIAN

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

(248) 626-7815  
(313) 869-4100

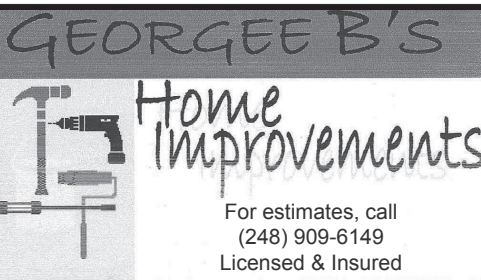
Over Half A Century Of Service  
Many Convenient Locations

## Simon Javizian Funeral Home

17550 Woodward Avenue Detroit, MI 48203

Mailing Address

4167 Wendell Road West Bloomfield, MI 48323  
SJavizian@msn.com



For estimates, call  
(248) 909-6149  
Licensed & Insured

## Heritage of Armenian Culture Radio

Sundays at 9 p.m.

**WNZK 680 AM**

and at <http://www.wnzk.com>

To access, click on "Listen to WNZK"

## Senior Helpers®

Caring In-Home Companions

- Companionship • Personal Care
- Meals & Errands • Med Reminders

**248-865-1000**

SEMichigan@seniorhelpers.com

*You can help bring the  
Light of Christ!!*

The youth of our parish returned from the St. Nersess Summer Conferences with a special hand-painted donation box for the ongoing work at the Seminary where the future priests and Christian educators for the Armenian Church in America are trained. This colorful box now is placed on the candle table in our church lobby as a reminder that your donations, no matter how great or humble, can make a difference. Every week when you purchase a candle or two, don't forget St. Nersess Seminary in your spiritual prayers and with your donations as well. Make a gift that will keep alive and bright the light of Christ in our Church, in our parishes, and in our homes.

*You can be a  
Torchbearer Sponsor, too!*

CONTACT MAY KAFANIAN  
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE  
248.569.3405

Anna Svirid Sarkisian

Event Publications

Weddings and Special Occasions

Programs • Invitation Inserts • Brochures • Flyers

Photo Repair & Restoration

Phone & Fax: 248.344.4321 • Cell: 248.770.4343

SarksArk@comcast.net



# PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.....

HOLY WEEK March 29 – April 2

February		April	
7	ACYOA Super Bowl Party - St. John's Recreation Center	3	Easter Eve Worship & Liturgy followed by Church School Family Dinner
11	Vartanantz Service at St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church	4	Easter
12	"Kef Klub" at St. John's Recreation Center	16	"Kef Klub" at St. John's Recreation Center
14	<i>Boon Baregentan</i> – Great Lent Begins Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Infant Blessing Service	18	Town Hall Meeting
17	ACYOA Fish Dinner and Lenten Vigil	24	Armenian Martyrs Day
21	Annual Parish Assembly following <i>Badarak</i> Luncheon to support the "Fuller Center" Build Armenia Project Summer 2010 led again by Jackie ElChemmas	25	Armenian Martyrs Day - Divine Liturgy, Requiem Service, Madagh Dinner & Program
24	ACYOA Fish Dinner and Lenten Vigil	26-28	Annual Clergy Conference (Chicago, IL)
March		29-May 2	Annual Diocesan Assembly (Chicago, IL)
10 & 17	ACYOA Fish Dinner and Lenten Vigil	May	
12	Komitas Choir Concert featuring pianist Natalia Kazaryan	8	"The Wedding Party" - a luncheon and fashion show of vintage wedding attire presented by the Women's Guild
19	"Kef Klub" at St. John's Recreation Center	16	Church School Graduation & Tea
20	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Retreat - <i>"The Faith That Survives: Through the Lens of the Nicene Creed"</i> - V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Dean, St. Nersess Seminary	19	"Kef Klub" at St. John's Recreation Center
24	ACYOA Fish & Lobster Dinner and Lenten Vigil	22	Camp Kef: An Evening of Memories <i>Dancing and mezza to remember Camp Ararat. Proceeds to establish a scholarship fund to attend Hye Camp in Illinois. Details to follow.</i>
28	Palm Sunday & ACYOA Day	31	Memorial Day <i>Details for cemetery services to follow</i>

St. John Armenian Church  
22001 Northwestern Highway  
Southfield, MI 48075

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit No. 647  
Southfield, MI