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APRIL 24TH: A DUAL REMEMBRANCE AT ST. JOHN'S.....



**Armenian Genocide observance to include dedication of Baku-Sumgait Memorial;
Author Chris Bohjalian to speak following ceremonies**

On Wednesday, April 24th St. John Armenian Church will commemorate the 98th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

At 7:00 pm a solemn Requiem Service will be offered in memory of the one and one half million Armenian souls who perished at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish Empire during 1915 and thereafter.

We will also honor the survivors of the Genocide residing in the metro Detroit area and beyond. Following the requiem service, clergy, deacons, choristers and congregation will proceed outdoors for the wreath-laying ceremony at the Martyrs Monument on the church grounds.

A much-awaited event which will take place this evening is the dedication of the Baku-Sumgait Memorial Monument on our grounds adjacent to the Martyrs Monument. This new monument will remember the countless innocent Armenians who perished in the forgotten Armenian Genocide - Pogroms in Azerbaijan that began 25 years ago in February 1988 in Sumgait and continued in Baku until 1990. After two years of fundraising and planning, the community of St. John Armenian Church proudly erects this monument so that Armenians and non-Armenians alike will come to know about this modern day Genocide, with its proper recognition and place in history.

After the dedication service, the clergy will bless the *madagh* of lamb, and all will be invited to the cultural hall for the traditional *madagh* dinner in memory of our blessed martyrs. All are welcome to share in this complimentary memorial meal.

Noted author Chris Bohjalian will speak at 8:00 pm. The grandson of Armenian survivors, Bohjalian will share his thoughts on this solemn occasion with reflections on his book, *The Sandcastle Girls*, which was published in July 2012 to great acclaim. It is a love story set in the midst of the Armenian Genocide. It debuted at #7 on the New York Times bestseller list. USA Today called it "stirring...a deeply moving story of survival and enduring love."

Entertainment Weekly observed, "Bohjalian - pours passion, pride, and sadness into his tale of ethnic destruction and endurance." And the Washington Post concluded that the novel was "intense...staggering...and utterly riveting."

Pictured above: Author Chris Bohjalian. Pictured below: The artist's rendering of the Baku and Sumgait Monument.

The book is available in the Parish Book Store.

APRIL 24, 2013
ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH



7:00 PM REQUIEM SERVICE & LAYING OF THE WREATH

7:30 PM MADAGH DINNER

8:00 PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER, CHRIS BOHJALIAN



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MARCH 2013



FROM FATHER GARABED'S DESK.....

Preserving the Traditions of the Armenian Church

The many new families coming to the St. John Armenian Church community often have many questions regarding the rites and customs of the church. For example, what are the proper time frames, who is allowed to participate, what are the requirements regarding ceremonies, what are the proper ways of observing customs, etc. It seems there is always a gap in parishioners' knowledge, particularly if they were not regularly exposed to the religious teachings of the Armenian Church, her customs and traditions. Perhaps some did not grow up in the embrace of the Christian education program and did not attend worship at the Sunday *Badarak* on a regular basis. In the coming issues of the *Torchbearer*, we will address the customs relating to Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, Engagements and House Blessings,

as well as the requirements of the Armenian Church in observing them properly. To begin, let's start with who we are.

To which denomination does the Armenian Church belong? We are Armenian. We are Apostolic. We are Orthodox.

Apostolic - The official name of our church is the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, often referred to simply as the Armenian Church. The word 'Apostolic' defines the origin of our ancient church as having been rooted in Armenia by the two Apostles, St. Thaddeus (also known as Jude) and St. Bartholomew. By their hands, the leadership of the Armenian Church has been established, and it has been maintained in the successively ordained Chief Bishop, who is called **Catholicos**. Thus from ancient times until today, the Armenian Church can be traced to the Apostles of Jesus Christ and is, therefore, called **Apostolic**. The Armenian word for Apostolic is **Arrakelagan**.

Orthodox - The word 'Orthodox' is of Greek origin and means 'correct belief.' The dogma and doctrine of the Armenian Church has preserved its purity throughout the ages. Though there have been other churches that have deviated from the 'correct belief and teaching' of Christian Orthodoxy, our faith has never been re-designed. The Armenian word for Orthodox is **Ooghapar**. There are two families of Orthodox Churches: The Byzantine (Greek/Slavic) tradition called Greater Orthodox, and the Lesser Orthodox (to which the Armenian Church belongs.) Each group is in communion among themselves, but not universally in communion with each other. The churches where an Armenian Orthodox may fully participate in all the sacraments are the Coptic Orthodox Church of Egypt, the Syrian Orthodox Church, the Syrian Orthodox Church of India, the Ethiopian and Eritrean Orthodox Churches.

Armenian - Armenian describes the ethnic character of our church, in custom, language, music, art, architecture, tradition and observance of Armenian Christian Orthodox life. Thus the Armenian Church from Christ through the Apostles, is true in her Orthodox belief and Armenian by nature and ethnic origin. We call our church the **Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church / Hayasdanyaytz Arrakelagan Ooghapar Yegeghetsi**.

Are there differences with other Churches where Armenians worship?

Though there are Armenians who are Catholic and Protestant by faith confession, the Orthodox faith, its customs, doctrines, dogma and government are not the same. The Armenian Church is not in 'communion' with these other churches, based on these fundamental areas of difference in theology, rites, rituals and authoritative leadership. They are our Armenian brothers and sisters, but hold a differing theology and understanding of customs and traditions that are not like our own.

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- ☐ I would like to receive information on becoming a member of St. John's and/or becoming a Steward.
- ☐ I would like to make a donation to the success of *The Torchbearer*. I have enclosed a check.

MUSEUM BOOK EXHIBIT PROVES TO BE A BIG HIT.....



On Tuesday, December 11, 2012, the Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum welcomed guests for an evening celebrating the legacy of five centuries of Armenian book printing.

The Museum and the Armenian Research Center University of Michigan-Dearborn presented a joint exhibition of early printed Armenian books which remained on exhibit through January.

The opening reception and exhibit were a success, as approximately 140 guests attended, including many out of town visitors. Guests enjoyed fine wines and Armenian hors d'oeuvres prior to entering the museum galleries. Most of the books featured in the exterior gallery were printed after 1800. The interior gallery featured a total of 36 printed books and scrolls all dating prior to the 1800s. The Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum is recognized universally for its unique collections and for holding four copies of the 1666 Bible. In the interior museum, one will recognize a copy of the first printing of the Armenian-language Bible published in 1666 - Astuatsashunch (The Bible) by Bishop Voskan Yerevantsi. Guests also viewed the manuscript gallery - the oldest hand written book being from the 13th Century. Analyzing these displays, one could sense the richness of Armenian history, traditions, and this culture's triumphs.

Following the reception, guests were invited into the lecture hall where The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian welcomed and thanked all the attendees. Master of Ceremonies, Edmond Azadian, advisor to the Museum, extended special thanks to those who organized the event: Lucy Ardash, the director of the Manoogian Museum and Alice Nigoghosian, former associate director of Wayne State University Press along with a number of other individuals who assisted. He acknowledged Professor Ara Sanjian, director of the Armenian Research Center for his efforts. Mr. Azadian delved into the importance of writing as he noted, "Armenians are better known for their attachment to the written word, than to the sword." Prior to concluding his speech, Mr. Azadian presented a biography of the guest speaker, Dr. Levon Avdoyan. With a rich background, Dr. Avdoyan holds Master's Degrees in Philosophy, a Doctorate in Armenian History Civilization from Columbia University, and is the Armenian and Georgian Area Specialist at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC

Dr. Avdoyan's lecture focused on the "Armenian Arts and

Letters: What Are We Really Celebrating in 2012?" Thus, "the importance of the 500th Anniversary of Armenian printing is a commemoration of the creation, retention, and survival of the Armenian identity." His lecture concerning the Armenian identity captured the crowd's attention. He further described that, "A person's identity is like an onion. It starts at the core with the self. One's identity is a composite of layers radiating out from the core; slice the onion and you have the picture of a person." In turn, as a society we must strive to preserve our language since it is our identity. Without language our society would not be unified, we would lose simple traditions that label a person as an Armenian, and we would be incapable of offering a greater knowledge to the future generations.

- Alin Arzoumanian -

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

January 2013

- 19 Alexander Joboulian
Son of Robert & Michelle Dziadula
Godparents: Mark & Lisa Mimnaugh
- 20 Razmig Jack
Son of Raffy & Natalie Yaghdjian
Godparents: Rouben Yaghdjian & Tanya Dadian

Funerals

December 2012

- 11 Margo Marguerite Shadoian, 82
- 13 Agnes M. Dourjalian, 86, Woodlawn

January 2013

- 3 Agnes Chris Marderosian, 80
- 4 Mary Egigian, 81, Woodlawn
- 25 Mary Toovalian, 82, Woodlawn
Mary Johns, 84

February 2013

- 2 Andrew Douroujalian, 86, Woodlawn
- 4 Jack Karagosian, 91, Woodlawn
- 7 Ervin Vahratian, 86, Woodlawn

Diocesan College Scholarships for the 2013-2014 Year

The Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern) will be granting scholarships to undergraduate students for the academic year 2013-2014. They are earmarked for Armenian American students attending accredited 4-year undergraduate university programs. Preference will be given to those who are active in the life of the Armenian churches of the Eastern Diocese. The scholarship program is open to U.S. citizens only. The application and reference forms must be submitted electronically. You will find forms on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.armenianchurch-ed.net/programming/scholarships/>

All applications must be accompanied by a recommendation from the parish priest.

THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - PALM SUNDAY – Ծաղկազարդ

Guest Celebrant: V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan

Matins / Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն - 8:45 am

Opening of the Doors – Դռնբացէք – Trnpatsek - 9:45 am

Church School Procession with Palms / Divine Liturgy

Թափօր Կիրակնօրեայ Աշակերտութեան՝ Արմաւենիի Ճիւղերով / Ս. Պատարագ - 10:15 am

The children of the Church School will gather in the Main Lobby where Father Daniel and Father Garabed with deacons and choir will celebrate the traditional Trnpatsek - Opening of the Doors. Upon conclusion, all will enter the church in procession. For those attending morning service, please be aware to join the children in the lobby for this special service.

ACYOA DAY - Պատանեաց եւ երիտասարդաց Օր

Lenten Luncheon hosted by the ACYOA and Church School High School to benefit C.A.S.P.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 - GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY – Աւագ Երեքշաբթի

Remembering the Wise and Foolish Virgins - Յիշատակ Իմաստուն եւ Յիմար Կոյսեր

Vespers / Երեկոյեան Ժամերգութիւն - 7:30 pm

Refreshments will be served in the Main Lobby after the service.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 - GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY – Աւագ Հինգշաբթի

Divine Liturgy commemorating the Last Supper - 10:00 am

Washing of the Feet / Ոտնլուայ / Vodnluva - 7:30 pm

Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord / Խաւարում / Khavaroom - 8:30 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 - GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY – Աւագ Ուրբաթ

Order of the Crucifixion of Christ – Կարգ Խաչելութեան Քրիստոսի - 11:30 am

The Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Կարգ Թաղման Քրիստոսի - 7:30 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 - GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY - Աւագ Շաբաթ

Divine Liturgy & Family Service, Holy Communion & Easter Eve Supper

Reading of Scriptures / Ընթերցումներ - 4:00 pm

Divine Liturgy / Ս. Պատարագ - 5:00 pm

A complimentary Easter supper will be served to all children by the Church School.

Adults - \$18.00 RSVP (Tables Only) - Alberta Godoshian - 248.476.4638.

Տօնական ընթրիք պիտի սպասարկուի Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոցի կողմէ:

Մուտքի նուէր \$18.00 - Աշակերտներուն՝ ձրի

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

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Morning Service / Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն - 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy / Ս. Պատարագ - 9:45 am

The Blessing of the Four Corners of the Earth - Antasdan - will take place in the sanctuary immediately after the Divine Liturgy. Then all are invited to Easter Tea prepared by the Women's Guild.

Ս. Պատարագէն յետոյ՝ Անդաստանի արարողութիւն պիտի կատարուի որմէ ետք

Տիկնանց Միութիւնը պիտի սպասարկէ Ս. Զատիկուայ Թէյասեղան մը:

No requiem services will be offered on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Հոգեհանգիստ չի կատարուիր Ծաղկազարդին եւ Ս. Զատիկին:

FASTING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

In accordance with Armenian Church Canon Law, all church members should receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Easter. For persons in good health, it is necessary to fast, abstain from food and participate in the sacrament of Confession before receiving Holy Communion. For those of ill health who are on special medication, a light breakfast is permitted. For the evening *Badarak*, fasting should begin after the midday meal and continue until the evening *Badarak* has been celebrated.

YUGHAKIN – EASTER OFFERING

It is the pious tradition in the Armenian Church to make a special offering to our parish home for the perpetuation of religious and educational programs as well as charitable deeds to be offered in the name of our Saviour. With the enclosed *Yughakin* offering envelope, we pray that you will respond to this special appeal and thereby keep alive and vibrantly burning the spiritual flame ignited by Christ and transmitted to us by our illustrious Illuminator Saint Gregory over 1700 years ago.

HOME BLESSINGS

Easter is the season to renew the sanctity and holiness of the home and family. Father Garabed would like to visit your home and bring the blessings of the Holy Resurrection. Please contact the church office at 248.569.3405 to schedule a day and time when he may visit.

PASCHAL CANDLE DONATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

Please contact the church office for donations of candles. Your donation can be your personal gift to Christ to remember or honor a loved one.



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FROM THE WOMEN'S GUILD.....

The Women's Guild members continue to inspire with their talent and dedication to the church. Currently Winter Baking continues through Holy Week. Everyone is welcome to join us in the kitchen every Tuesday morning beginning at 9 am. Come for the fun and the wonderful aromas of *Kahtah*, *Cheoreg*, and other Armenian treats.

On January 12th, under the Chairmanship of Charlene Apigian, a group of our members visited the Manoogian Manor. Father Garebed officiated the beautiful Blessing of the Water service and Holy Communion for the residents. It was a rewarding experience for everyone present.

At the February meeting, Diane Ekizian gave an insightful presentation on life in Jerusalem, the Armenian quarter and the St. Tarkmanchatz School. This holy area represents a powerful place in our connection with Christ and his time on earth.

- Nora Noraian -

A Royal Luncheon

Mark your calendars for a very special Women's Guild event which will take place on Saturday, May 18th at 12:00 noon at the St. John's Cultural Hall. It is a chance to enjoy a lovely royal luncheon with friends and family.

For reservations, please contact Joyce Obenhoff.

586.754.3984

MEN'S SOCIETY OFF TO A GREAT START THIS YEAR.....

The Men's Society of St John Armenian Church had their second overnight Retreat of the 21st Century Friday and Saturday, January 25-26 at Livonia Embassy Suites. The theme of the Retreat "Restore the Passion" was facilitated by Father Tateos Abdalian, Director of Department of Mission Parishes of the Eastern Diocese.

Of the nineteen attendees, thirteen were members of the Men's Society, five non-members and the facilitator. The men met for dinner and then an evening session ensued with George Saboonjian's opening remarks concerning being Loving, Forgiving, Compassionate, Trustworthy, Generous and a Teacher which are all parts of God's Character. Father Garabed Kochakian introduced Father Tateos, whose mission was to build the faith of the attendees by instructing them to LISTEN, LEARN, GO, and DO. These were the watchwords of the Retreat.

Discussion and bonding were much easier this year as everyone provided input during the sessions. Saturday morning began with a breakfast to energize our minds and bodies. Discussions of Luke 15, verses 1-32, Luke 14, verses 12-24, Philippians 4, verses 4-7 and a video entitled "Seize the Kingdom - It's a Party" brought about the discovery that each of the attendees now had a purpose for the future: to be the light of our Church. Father Tateos made learning about the different parts of the Church service very interesting, enabling the attendees to understand what the words actually mean that parishioners say during the service. When questions were asked concerning expectations and outcomes the answers varied, but many were profound. All agreed that they were looking forward to another inspiring and enjoyable Retreat.

Thank you to Father Garabed, Father Tateos, and a special thank you to George Saboonjian for organizing the event.

We also welcomed seven new members since the first of the year to bring the membership to a total of 42. The new members are Clark Couyoumjian, Gary Gumushian, Rev. Deacon Rubik Mailian, Gary P. Melikian, Gregory Movsesian, Michael A. Toomajian and Dr. Gary Zamanigian. Many have helped during our Sunday Breakfast Brunches and we look forward to their continued service to the organization.

The organization would also like to thank Ron Keoleian for his generous donation of two omelette burners and pans, and Deacon Mihran Hoplamazian for donating the sausage we provide during our breakfast brunches.

The Men's Society is always looking for new members and if you would like to become a member of our group, please contact Mark Mamassian, Chairman, 248.644.0475 or iiiei@comcast.net, or any member of the Men's Society. Men ages 18 and older, single or married are welcome to join.

- Dan Cristiano -

ST. JOHN'S MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 12, 2013 at 12:30 pm

Children under 6: Free! * Children 6 to 12: \$10.00
Ages 13 to Adult: \$25.00

Reservations are required and must be made by May 5, 2013

Judy Cristiano
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CELEBRATION SEASON CONTINUES.....

According to our church's liturgical calendar, once again an annual religious tradition took place on Sunday, February 10th following the observance of the last Divine Liturgy prior to the start of Great Lent.

This year on the first Sunday of Great Lent (*Poon Paregentan*) we observed two celebrations, which included the closing of the altar curtain and the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord to the Temple, called *Diarrnuntarrach*. Forty days following the birth of our Lord, His parents presented Him to the Jerusalem Temple for a blessing by the high priest Saint Simeon.

In remembrance of this feast day, Father Garabed invited parents with infants to receive a special blessing. By the numbers that have come forward for this yearly observance, this blessing service has become a regular celebration of the parish and a restored tradition.

- Harry Avagian -

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If you would be interested in sponsoring an issue of *The Torchbearer*, that is, assuming the costs of producing one, please contact May Kafafian at the Church Office for further information. We also need volunteers who would be interested in helping prepare *The Torchbearer* for mailing. This occurs around the 25th of the month and for just a few hours. Again, please contact the Church Office.

We invite you to 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

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LEGACY TO YOUR CHURCH.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.....

March

- 6 ACYOA Fish Dinner; Lenten Vigil Service
10 Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
13 ACYOA Fish Dinner; Lenten Vigil Service
20 ACYOA Lobster & Fish Dinner
Lenten Vigil Service
23 Annual Lenten Retreat & Seminar
Guest Speaker: V. Rev. Daniel Findikyan
24 Palm Sunday; Women's Guild Bake Sale
ACYOA Day Lenten Luncheon
26 Holy Tuesday: Remembrance of the
Wise & Foolish Virgins
28 Holy Thursday: Divine Liturgy
Feet Washing Service
Betrayal & Passion of our Lord
29 Holy Friday, Order of the Crucifixion of Christ;
Entombment of our Lord
30 Holy Saturday: Reading of Scriptures,
Divine Liturgy, Easter Eve Supper
31 **Easter - The Glorious Resurrection of our Lord;**
Easter Tea prepared by the Women's Guild

April

- 7 Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
14 Michigan Opera Theater Concert
17 Day by Day Afternoon Bible Study
24 Armenian Martyrs Day Requiem Service
Dedication of Baku Memorial Monument
Community *Madagh* Dinner
Guest Speaker: Chris Bohjalian, author of
Sandcastle Girls

May

- 2-4 Annual Diocesan Assembly (offsite)
9 Holy Ascension - *Hampartsoom*
12 Men's Society Mother's Day Brunch
18 Women's Guild "A Royal Luncheon"
19 Pentecost - *Hokekalousd*
Church School Graduation & Tea
22 Day by Day Afternoon Bible Study
27 Memorial Day - Complex Closed
Grave Blessings at area cemeteries

IN THE COMMUNITY.....

Saturday, April 20, 2013, 7:00 pm

98th Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide

Special Keynote Speaker

Dr. Susan Karamanian

International Law Expert

Emcee Judge Lisa Asadoorian

Program will include a presentation by the

AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian High School students.

Everybody is cordially invited - Reception to follow

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