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ACYOA Project White Cross

**Each cross represents 1,000 Armenian martyrs
1,500 crosses = 1,500,000 Armenians martyred**

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**96TH COMMEMORATION
OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

**Ռգ Եղնչու՛ Ապրիլ Եսն
Եղննի՛ 96- Ասեալ**

**Remembering the One and One-half Million
Armenian souls who perished at the hands
of the Ottoman Empire 1915-1923**

Solemn Requiem Service

Presiding Clergy

Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Pastor

Rev. Fr. Abraham Ohanesian

St. John Armenian Church, Southfield, Michigan

Order of Service

Solemn Requiem Service

Procession to Martyrs Monument

Presentation of Memorial Wreath at Martyrs Monument

Hymn—Komitas Choir

Հանգչեցէք Դուք Անդորր - *Hankchetzek Took Antorr*
(Martyrs Rest in Peace)

Հանգչեցէք դուք անդորր,	<i>Hankchetzek took antorr</i>
նահատակք եղբայրներ,	<i>nahadagk yeghpayrner</i>
Մարտի մէջ ահաւոր,	<i>Mardiee mech ahavor,</i>
դուք ինկաք կարեւեր:	<i>took eengahk garever.</i>

Rest peacefully, O martyrs
In the horrifying battle,
You fell mortally wounded.

***Madagh* Dinner in Cultural Hall**

Program

Screening of film “Hove” (The Wind)

Guest Speakers:

Alex Webb, Producer, Director, Screenwriter

Shirleyann Kaladjian Webb, Actor

Benediction

IN APPRECIATION

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Richard Manoogian and Ms. Louise Simone for underwriting the expenses for today's *Madagh* Dinner in loving memory of their parents, Alex & Marie Manoogian.

We thank . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mazmanian for donating a portion of the lamb served this evening;

Charles Sansone and his committee for preparing the meat for *madagh* blessing;

Alberta Godoshian for preparing the bulghur pilaf;

Members of the Women's Guild, ACYOA and Church School students for serving, and the Men's Society for serving and cleanup.

Lisa Mardigian and the members of the ACYOA Seniors and Juniors, and Church School students for installing the field of 1,500 white crosses in memory of our martyrs, and for coordinating the dedications, and memorials for the requiem service.

The red carnations presented today to our dear survivors of the Genocide were donated by Anne Tarpinian.

**TODAY WE HONOR THE ARMENIAN
GENOCIDE SURVIVORS OF GREATER DETROIT**

MRS. RAMELA CARMAN

b. 1914, Yozgat; arr. Detroit 1924

MRS. HELEN DAIYAN

MR. SARKIS DEMIRJIAN

b. 1912, Girason; lived in Istanbul;
Detroit 1966

MRS. ARMENOUHI GOPIGIAN

b. 1910, Gava; arr. Detroit 1920

MRS. MARGARET JAMGOCHIAN



b. 1912, Fenesse; arr. Detroit 1914
(via Ellis Island)

MRS. ARPIE MECHIGIAN



b. 1916, Istanbul; arr. Ellis Is. 1923;
Detroit 1930s

MR. HAGOP INJEJIKIAN

B. 1910, Kessab (Syria);
arr. Detroit 1976

MRS. OGHIG MOORADIAN

b. 1913, Van; arr. Pawtucket, RI
1921; lived in Niagara Falls 1926-1940;
Detroit 1940

**MRS. ASYA SERGEEVNA
POSTUNIAN-TITOVA**



b. 1913, Artvin; lived in Batumi,
Georgia; Moscow, Russia; Baku,
Azerbaijan; Lansing 1990

MR. TOROS TAKESSIAN

MR. SIMON TASHJIAN



b. 1913, Yozgat; arr. Ellis Is. 1919;
Detroit 1920

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**BASHDON HOKEHANKSDYAN — REQUIEM SERVICE
FOR THOSE WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST**

**IN MEMORY OF THE ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION ARMENIANS WHO
PERISHED IN THE GENOCIDE OF 1915...AND THE ARMENIANS WHO LOST
THEIR LIVES IN THE 1988 POGROMS IN SUMGAIT AND BAKU**

**SANDER & YEBRAKSY BARSAMIAN
SARKIS & MARIAM BULGARJIAN**

Requested by Grover & Pat Rodgers

KARL COUYOUMJIAN

Requested by Couyoumjian, Johnson, Petrimoux & Vosganian Families

HNAZANT BOHIGIAN

Requested by Vosganian & Kchikian Families

MIHRAN NISHANIAN

HAIGOOHI NISHANIAN

BENON NISHANIAN

PAROUNAG NAZARIAN

KHACHIG NAZARIAN

ARDASH NAZARIAN

YEDVART & ANOUSH PARSEGHIAN

Requested by Ramela Carman

**AROUSIAG MOCOSSIAN LAFIAN, 8th Year (1903-2003), Mother,
Grandmother, Great-Grandmother – Survived 1915 Genocide-Sepastia
DAN DONIG LAFIAN, 36th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather
MARDIROS MOCOSSIAN, Grandfather, Martyred 1915-Sepastia
SEBOUH MOCOSSIAN, Uncle–Martyred 1915–Sepastia, Age 14
GLENN LE CLAIR, 8th Year, Son, Nephew, Cousin**

Requested by Margaret Lafian

Danny Lafian & Son Daniel, Jr.

Agavne (Lafian) LeClair

SAMARIAN & ATMADJIAN FAMILIES

Requested by Rose Samarian

EDWARD BAGHESH KORKOIAN

Requested by the Korkoian Family

JANICE KABODIAN

ZOROB KABODIAN

Requested by Armen Kabodian Family

GIRAGOS & ANNIG KABODIAN

Requested by Judge Lisa Asadoorian & Family

CARL & ROSE YAVRUIAN
HMAYAG & MAREENE YAVRUIAN
SOORAN YAVRUIAN
STEPAN & KOHAR HACHIGIAN, IZMIT
VARTAVAR DEDEIAN

Requested by Yavruian Family

CHAPOUTIAN FAMILY
VAHAN CHAPOUTIAN

Requested by David, Marianne, Dan & Karen Dardarian

LUCILLE PAPELIAN
EDWINA PAPELIAN MICHALSKI

Requested by Edward Papelian & Family

HARRY & MARY DARDARIAN
BEDROS & YOUGHAPER DARDARIAN
ABRAHAM & ZAROUHI ASADOORIAN
HAMPAR & YOOGHAPER ZOBIAN
SAHAG JELALIAN
SARKIS & HANUM KORKOIAN

Requested by Edward, Yvonne, Laura & Christopher Korkoian

SAM & ROSE MALKHASIAN
DAVID & MARY BANKS
CARNIG & HELEN MALKHASIAN
MARY HACHIGIAN
DR. ARMEN SHEKERJIAN
MICHAEL MEGERIAN

Requested by Thomas, Nancy, Jonathan & Amanda Banks

RAQUEL HAROUTUNIAN
PAUL TATARIAN
EDGAR HAGOPIAN

Requested by Ralph, Lisa & Chloe Sarkisian-Sirlin

MANOUSHAG MANGASSARIAN
ARAKEL SAROIAN

Requested by Ann Laktzian

ANTHONY YANGOUYIAN
PEARL MANOOGIAN

Requested by George & Sandy Manoogian, Amara & Alis

HARITYUN & SETA OHANYAN

Requested by Dikran Ohanyan

HARRY & OVSANNA NEGOSIAN, (Sepastia)
HAIG & SERPOUHI JIZMEJIAN (Evereg-Fenese)

Requested by Walter & Mary Armen Negosian

BEDISYAN & KOCEYAN FAMILIES

Requested by Shakeh & Rupen Koceyan

VAHRATIAN FAMILY (Sarioglan & Efkere)

BOSHNAKIAN FAMILY (Bingol & Sivas)

RICHARD VAHRATIAN

Requested by Isabelle & Anjel Vahratian

KRIKOR & MARUN BOYAGIAN (Keghi)

OHANES & ARAXI GANGIAN (Keghi)

PAUL & SUSAN MAZMANIAN (Sepastia)

MARGOS & ARAXI KASPARIAN

ARAM & HRAK MAZMANIAN

LILLIAN BOYAGIAN

Requested by George & Denise Boyagian

SOULDOURIAN & MAZLOUMIAN FAMILIES (Kharpert)

Requested by Lucy Ardash & Family

BYNDRIAN FAMILY (Sepastia)

KALPAKIAN FAMILY (Kharpert)

Requested by Tom & Linda Stambouljian & Family

VARTANOUSH & ONNEG KEZELIAN

OVHANNES & MARY VARTOOGIAN

Requested by the Kezelian Family

NISHAN & PAROUHY STEPHANIAN

GARABED AROXSIE TOPALIAN

Requested by Patti & Jenni Morris

ADRIENA OSKOIAN (Erzeroom)

PAILOON JEVAHIRIAN (Kharpert)

STEPHAN JEVAHIRIAN (Smyrna)

Requested by Linda S. Jevahirian

Margie Simonian Family

MANOUSHAG MANGASARIAN FAMILY

KHATCHADOOR SAGHATELIAN FAMILY

Requested by Michael & Linda Darian Karibian

HAMPAR KARAGEOZIAN (Sepastia)

HAYGOUHI KARAGEOZIAN (Amasia)

Requested by Joyce Obenhoff

CIVELEK & BEDROSYAN FAMILIES

Requested by Makruhi Civelek

STEPAN & SANDOUKHT NIGOGHOSIAN & FAMILY

Requested by Alice & Sandi Nigoghosian

LUCILLE PAPELIAN

Requested by Edward & Asdghig Tutelian

PAROUHY STEPHANIAN

NISHAN STEPHANIAN

JOHN DIKRAN KALE

Requested by Ann Stephanian Kale

THE MEANING OF MADAGH

The early community of Christian believers often were called upon to sacrifice their goods, their possessions, and their lives for the sake of Christ and their commitment to Him. Yet in their sacrifice they could see the eventual growth of their faith community as a dynamic witness to God's goodness, justice, compassion, and love.

In the history of the Armenian faith community we too have experienced the call to sacrifice, and have not abandoned our Christian duty to suffer with Christ, and for Christ. The symbols of the sufferings of St. Gregory the Illuminator, St. Gayane, St. Hripsime, and St. Vartan and his faithful soldiers have enabled our community of believers today to give true thanksgiving for the victory of faith, freedom, and self-expression. Their toil and tribulation have become a blessing and our expression of thanks to Christ.

Because of our sincere gratitude, the faithful Armenian has sought to express this thanks outwardly. Among the traditions of our people is the offering of *madagh*, a ritual of prayer and food offerings in the spirit of sacrifice and thanksgiving.

Because Christ is the focal point of Christian thanksgiving and His image as the sacrificial Lamb of God brings this perspective of thanksgiving into our lives, the church community as created a symbolic ritual of *madagh* as an expression of gratitude. During recent years and particularly in the Armenian churches in the western world, the *madagh* is prepared for distribution first and then brought to the church for the blessing.

We give thanks to Thee, O Lord God Almighty, Creator of all creatures, who didst fill and adorn the earth with fruitful and appropriate abundance, and didst give it to men for their needs and enjoyment. Thy all-holy name always be glorified amongst Thy servants, created by Thee, for we always delight in Thy abundant bounties.