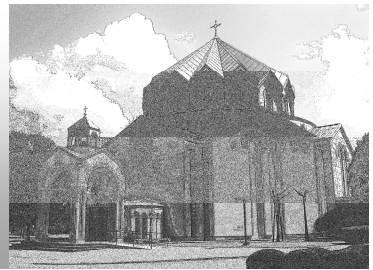


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Sunday Bulletin ~ Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր

**THE YEAR OF VOCATIONS
ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD
DEPART TO SERVE HIM**

Encourage our young men to serve the Lord as priests.

February 21, 2010 ~ The Armenian Year of 1459

SUNDAY OF THE EXPULSION—ԱՐՏԱՔՍՄԱՆ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ

THE LORD'S DAY ~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - <i>Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն</i>	9:00 am
Sunrise Service— <i>Առեւազայ</i>	10:00 am
Lenten Divine Liturgy - <i>Սուրբ Պատարագ</i>	10:30 am
Church School - <i>Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոց</i>	10:15 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Today – Isaiah 33:2-22, Romans 12:1-13:10, Matthew 5:17-48

Next Week— 2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1, Luke 15:1-32

Lector: Veronica Der-Ghazarian

Welcome!

We welcome you to the Divine Liturgy / *Soorp Badarak* and invite all who are Baptized and Chrismated 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. And make sure you sign our Guest Book 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.

**WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET . . .
BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.**

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-48

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if any one would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well; and if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servant of God

LUCY FUNDUKIAN

who entered her eternal rest this past week.

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Charlene Apigian	Mary Besh	Mary Douroujalian
Shakey Godoshian	Margaret Gozmanian	Edgar Hagopian
Millie Jingozyan	Joan Victoria Kurkian	William Pugh
Helen Z. Sahakian	Jack Serce	Agnes Tokatlian
Gloria Vartanian	George Krikor Zamanian	

REQUIEM PRAYERS WILL BE OFFERED ON:

February 28 March 14 and 21 April 11 and 25

PREPARING FOR GREAT LENT

To assist you in your Lenten journey, the Diocesan Department of Education has prepared a guide for the six weeks of Great Lent, featuring prayers, daily readings, and activities to make this journey more meaningful. Guide for Week Two can be found in the Lobby Carousel as well as the complete six-week set.

TODAY—ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

**ENJOY A PRE-ASSEMBLY LENTEN LUNCH AND SUPPORT
ST. JOHN'S TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS TRAVELING TO ARMENIA
TO BUILD HOMES THIS SUMMER**

PIANO RECITAL

Sponsored by the Komitas Choir on Friday, March 12, 2010, 8:00 pm
St. John Armenian Church Cultural Hall

Admission Free Will Offering / Afterglow to Follow

Featuring Pianist Natalia Kazaryan in a return performance

(See flyer in Church Lobby)

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS WORKSHOP

“Sixty Minutes: The Hour That Lasts a Week”

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM, VARTAN ROOM

GUEST SPEAKER: MRS. ELISE ANTREASSIAN, DIRECTOR OF

THE DIOCESAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!

RESERVATIONS A MUST: ALBERTA GODOSHIAN 248.476.4638

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH 20!

15th Annual Lenten Retreat

sponsored in part by the
Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian Endowment Fund

“The Faith that Survives:

Through the Lens of the Nicene Creed”

Saturday, March 20, 2010 9-3:30

Guest Speaker: Very Reverend Father Daniel Findikyan,
Dean, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

Watch the mail for details

AT SENIOR LUNCH TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Ms. Laurie Kale-Sorge will offer her services to our seniors after lunch this Tuesday trimming eyebrows. There is no charge for her services.

SAVE THE DATE: FIDAY, APRIL 16

First Festival Fundraiser
Sale of Michael Aram Merchandise
To benefit St. John's
Watch for details

PRAYER OF MANASSEH

**0 Lord Almighty, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and of their
righteous offspring.**

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

**Thou, who hast made the heaven and the earth and all the array
therefore.**

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

**Thou, who has hound the sea by the word of Thy command, who
hast shut up the deep and hast sealed it with Thy fearful and
glorious holy name.**

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

**Before the power of Thy fearful countenance everything shudders
and trembles.**

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

**The majesty of the glory of Thy holincss is infinite, the wrath of Thy
threatening against sinners is dreadful, the mercies of Thy promises
arc immeasurable and unsearchable.**

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD. FORGIVE ME MY SINS

**Thou art the Lord most high, compassionate, long-suffering, abun-
dant in mercy and Thou repentest Thyself of the evils of men.**

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD. FORGIVE ME MY SINS

**Thou, 0 God, hast not appointed repentance the righteous, unto
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who have not sinned against Thee.**

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

**But thou hast appointed repentance unto me that I am a sinner, for I
have committed sins more numerous than the sands of the sea and
my transgressions have been multiplied.**

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

**I am not worthy to behold and see the heights of heaven by reason of
the multitude of mine iniquities.**

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

I am bent down by reason of the violence of fetters of iron and
there is no respite for me

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

I have provoked Thy wrath and did that which was evil in Thy
sight, I set up images and I multiplied offenses

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

And now, O Lord, I bow the knee of mine heart and I beg for
Thy kindness.

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned and I by myself acknowledge
mine iniquities.

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

I beseech and ask Thee, forgive me, O Lord, and be not mindful of
my evil deeds, and do not pass sentence against me with them that
have gone down into the lowest part of the earth with their evils.

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

For Thou, O God, art the God of them that repent, and show forth
Thy goodness in me that am unworthy

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

Thou wilt save me according to Thy abundant mercy and I will
praise Thee all the days of my life.

RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS

For all the host of heaven praise Thee, O Lord; and Thine is the
glory forevermore. Amen.

RESPONSE: GLORY TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT; NOW AND ALWAYS AND
UNTO THE AGES OF AGES. AMEN.

KOMITAS CHOIR PLANS OCTOBER CONCERT

Our Komitas Choir is planning a major concert in October 2010. We have designated this concert as a fundraiser for St. John's. We are in need of additional voices. Interested individuals should contact Deacon Rubik at 248.569.3405 or . . . rubik@sjachurch.org.

THIS WEEK . . . IN OUR COMMUNITY

“The Armenian Genocide and its Impact on the World Today.” Tuesday, February 23, 1:00—2:30 pm, Schoolcraft College, Liberal Arts Bldg., Room 200 in South Parking Lot on Haggerty Rd. between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Ms. Nanian is Adjunct Assistant Professor, Political Science at Schoolcraft College. The event is free and open to the community. For more information, call 734.462.4400, ext. 5067.

LECTURE & BOOK DISCUSSION: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Mitch Kehetian, Detroit journalist, author will discuss his recently released memoir “Giants of the Earth” Hagopian World of Rugs Showroom, Birmingham, 7 pm. See flyer on bulletin board for more details.

THE MEN'S SOCIETY SAYS “THANK YOU”

We thank all of those who supported our first pancake breakfast for 2010.
We greatly appreciate your attendance.

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST: SUNDAY, MARCH 7

ATTENTION: MEN OF OUR PARISH

If you missed the any of the Men's Society meetings, we invite you to attend the next meeting on **Wednesday, March 17 at 8:00 pm** in the Vartan Room following Lenten Worship.

On March 11 the U. S. Post office will begin selling a First Class stamp illustrated with a painting by **Arshile Gorky** (April 15, 1904? – July 21, 1948). Born in Van, Armenia, **Vostanik Manoog Adoyan** came to the U.S. and is well-known as an [American](#) painter who had a great influence on [Abstract Expressionism](#). Let's get behind this to maximize exposure for this stamp, use it for your mail, and get the word out to non-Armenians.

“Legion Armenienne: The Armenian Legion and Its Heroism in the Middle East 1916-1920” U-M, Dearborn to host month-long exhibition with an Opening Reception on **Friday, February 26** with guest speaker Dr. Barbara Merguerian at 6:15 pm. For more details, see poster on bulletin board.

WOMEN'S GUILD TO SELL TEPSEE & CHEESE BEOREG, CHEOREG, SMALL TRAYS OF 16 INDIVIDUAL BEOREGS TODAY

WINTER BAKING HAS BEGUN! ITEMS, WHEN AVAILABLE, WILL BE SOLD SUNDAYS, AFTER CHURCH THROUGH MARCH.

We will make SOU-BEOREG on Tuesday, March 2 at 9am. On Tuesday, March 9 at 9am we will make KHALKHA. EVERYONE is welcome -- Women's Guild membership is not required. Please join us; enjoy working and learning, while serving our Church.

Moms and *Manoogs* will meet regularly the first and third Tuesday each month at 10:00 am. Currently the group meets in the Nursery which is filled with a wonderful array of toys, but as the weather clears, we will plan outings, such as the zoo, parks, etc. Belonging to this group is a wonderful introduction to Church life for young moms and children. Please contact Kristen Gustafson (248) 765-0471 for more information and to sign up for our next play date. We hope to see you there.

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

For more information, please call Linda Assarian, 248.332.0816.

**ACYOA LENTEN FISH DINNERS
WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT**

Dinner at 5:30 pm

HELP SUPPORT OUR ACYOA YOUTH

Please phone church office for reservations!

**FOLLOWING DINNER A LENTEN VIGIL WILL BE
OFFERED IN THE SANCTUARY AT 7:00 PM**

**DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY, MARCH 25 AT NOON**

Bible Study Leader: Yerezgin Roberta

TRACKING OUR TREASURES - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Plate Donations of the Day	\$461.00
Candle Donations of the Day	\$249.00

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 23—Senior Lunch
Wednesday, February 24—ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner-5:30 pm
Lenten Vigil-7:00 pm
Sunday, February 28—**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

THE GREAT LENTEN SEASON

*During the period of Great Lent in the Armenian Church
we observe the following:*

- *The altar curtain is closed*
- *There is no Kiss of Peace during the Divine Liturgy*
- *Holy Communion is not offered during the Divine Liturgy*
- *The Holy Gospels Book is not venerated after worship*
- *Hymns are sung in penitential melody*
- *Names of saints are not remembered*
- *The organ is not played when you depart from the sanctuary*
- *All should remain silent when exiting the sanctuary after worship in respect to those who remain for devotional prayers*
- *Weddings and Baptisms are not celebrated*

THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34
*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenyn zham
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.*

**Օրհնեցից ըզՏէր յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ,
օրհնութիւն նորա ի բերան իմ:**

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

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Many folks want to serve God...
but only as advisors.

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