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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 28, 2010 ~ The Armenian Year of 1459

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON—ԱՆԱՐԱԿԻ 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 – 2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1, Luke 15:1-32

Next Week— Isaiah 56:1-57:21, Ephesians 4:17-5:14, Luke 16:1-31

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: LUKE 15:1-32

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servant of God

MARGARET CHOLAKIAN

PETER MERIGIAN

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 Douroujalian

Shakey Godoshian

Edgar Hagopian

Millie Jingoian

George Krikor Zamanian

William Pugh

Helen Z. Sahakian

Jack Serce

Agnes Tokatlian

Gloria Vartanian

PIANO RECITAL

Featuring Pianist Natalia Kazaryan in a return performance

Friday, March 12, 2010, 8:00 pm

St. John Armenian Church Cultural Hall

Admission Free Will Offering / Afterglow to Follow

Sponsored by the Komitas Choir (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 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!

RESERVATIONS A MUST: ALBERTA GODOSHIAN 248.476.4638

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

COMMUNITY ALERT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010 CBS-“SIXTY MINUTES” WILL AIR A SEGMENT ON THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AT 7:00 PM. BATTLE OVER HISTORY - Bob Simon reports on the Armenians Genocide - an event that the Turks and the US government have refused to call genocide. Michael Gavshon and Drew Magratten are the producers.

It is anticipated that the segment will also be available for viewing after broadcast on the 60 MINUTES WEBSITE.



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

REV. FR. VAHRAM HAZARIAN, 40th Day

Requested by the Parish of St. John's

DIRAHAYR OHANNES BARSAMIAN, 40th Day, Father of the Primate

Requested by the Parish of St. John's

Father Garabed & Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

Dr. Edward, Anna & Subdeacon Aram Sarkisian

IRENE H. BURCHILL, 40th Day, Sister

Requested by M. H. Negohosian

John & LuCille Noraian

**JOHN LUCAS, 40th Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather,
Khnamee, Friend**

Requested by Virginia Lucas

John & Sheri Lucassian, Adam, Michele, Derek & Zachary

Harry & Peggy Lucas, Kevin & April

Fred & Kathy Lucas, Allison, Claire & Rachel

Valerie Moreton

John & Laura Lucassian, Ani & Armen

Paul, Keaton & Terry Moreton

Lisa & Steve Springer

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Negosian

Nennette Merametdjian

LUCY TORIGIAN, 1st Year, Dear Friend

Requested by Edward, Yvonne, Laura & Christopher Korkoian

Takouhi Kazarian

RUTH VARTANIAN, 1st Year, Dear Friend

Requested by Lucy Merzian

SAHAG SAMARJIAN, 2nd Year, Husband, Father

Requested by Elise Samarjian

Sylvia Samarjian

ARET HINTIRYAN, 10th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Khnamee

Requested by Mrs. Aznif Hintiryan

Dr. Arlet Hintiryan & Arthur Dakessian & Sophie

Mr. & Mrs. Sevan Calukyan, Alec & Arlen

Mr. Kevork Terterian

MARDIROS MAGHAYA GHORYAN, 11th Year, Husband, Father

Requested by Sameera Yousif
Robik Ghoryan
Sylvia Ghoryan & Family
Lisa Ghoryan & Family
Levon Ghoryan & Family
Moreen Ghoryan & Family

**HARRY JAMES SOHIGIAN, 18th Year, Brother-in-Law, Uncle, Great Uncle
SONIA TERZIAN, 5th Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother**

Requested by Ted Terzian Sr.
Paula Terzian
Anika Schmidt
Alan & Kate Schmidt
Ted Jr., Beth, Teddy & Alexandra Terzian

MOUCHEGH KOUYOUMJIAN, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Ardashes, Sarkis, Kristen & Amelia Kouyoumjian

ZAROOHY NORSIGIAN, Mother, Grandmother

ARAM NORSIGIAN, Father, Grandfather

JORDAN BESH, Father, Grandfather

DICKRAN AND KHATOON CHAVOOSHIAN, Grandparents

MARDIROS CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle

ARDASHES CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle

MAMPRE CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle

MAMIGON CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle

PARAVON CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle

RUTH VARTANIAN, 1st Year, Cousin

Requested by Richard, Barbara, Shant & Jordan Norsigian

AVEDIS TCHOLAKIAN

HANOYAN FAMILY MEMBERS

PENTEZIAN FAMILY MEMBERS

Requested by Arsen, Shoghig, Armen, Michael & Stepan Terjimanian

REQUIEM PRAYERS WILL BE OFFERED

March 14 and 21 April 11 and 25 May 9 and 23

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

**NEW FROM JERUSLEM
SILVER CROSS AND CHAIN**

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.

ACYOA LENTEN FISH DINNERS WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Please phone church office for reservations!

**DINNER AT 5:30 PM FOLLOWED BY A LENTEN VIGIL
IN THE SANCTUARY AT 7:00 PM**

THE MEN'S SOCIETY 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.

JOIN FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT KEF KLUB

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010, 6:00 pm

St. John's Recreation Center

See announcement on bulletin board and in church lobby

POST OFFICE ISSUES ARSHILE GORKY STAMP

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.

LEARN ABOUT THE ARMENIAN LEGION

"Legion Armenienne: The Armenian Legion and Its Heroism in the Middle East 1916-1920" at U-M, Dearborn hosts month-long exhibition For more details, see poster on bulletin board and announcement in church lobby.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

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

Today, the Guild will be selling "Specialty Cookies," Spinach Pie, Khadayif, Cheoreg and Tepsee Beoreg

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 Manogs will meet regularly the first and third Tuesday each month at 10:00 am. It gives moms a chance to meet new people within the St. John's family while their children interact and play. 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. Membership in the Women's Guild is not required.

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

For more information, please call Linda Assarian, 248.332.0816.

**The Women's Guild invites you to
A Kharpert Kufteh Family Dinner**

Friday, April 9, 2010, 7:00 pm

Donation: \$25—Adults; \$10 Children under 12

RSVP by April 1 to Joyce Obenhoff 586.754.3984

SAVE THE DATE: THE WEDDING PARTY—A LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW, SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010, 12:00 PM AT ST. JOHN'S

DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY, MARCH 25 AT NOON

Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta

TRACKING OUR TREASURES - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Plate Donations of the Day \$280.00

Candle Donations of the Day \$103.00

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 2—Senior Lunch

Wednesday, March 3—ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner-5:30 pm

Lenten Vigil-7:00 pm

Sunday, March 7—Sunday of the Steward

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

God promises a safe landing...not a safe passage.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Pastor's Cell: 248.225.9888

Parish Council Chairman's Home: 734.998.1183

Administrator's Cell: 248.802.2861