

# *Sunday Bulletin*

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***ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD  
DEPART TO SERVE HIM***

**JANUARY 4, 2009**

**THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YEAR OF 1458**

**CELEBRANT: REV. FR. DIRAN PAPA ZIAN**

**THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP**

Matins - Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն.....9:00 am

Divine Liturgy - Սուրբ Պատարագ .....9:45 am

Church School - Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոց.....10:15 am

**SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY**

Today – Isaiah 51:15-52:3, Hebrews 13:18-25, Luke 22:24-30

Next Week – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, John 11:1-46

**LECTOR: Marie Vanerian**

**THE NICENE CREED  
WILL BE RECITED IN ARMENIAN**

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**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH**

Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Pastor

**DAY BY DAY . . . AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 AT NOON**

**Bible Study Leader: Yeretzgin Roberta**

**Bring your Bible and a meal to share, we will provide the coffee.**

**Tracking Our "Treasures"**

**Sunday, December 28**

Plate Donations

\$208.00

Candle Donations

\$110.00

**AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE**

**EVERYONE PRAYS AT HOLY ETCHMIADZIN - \$20.00**

**NEW CD: GOMIDAS SONGS**

Nominated for Grammy Award

By Isabel Bayrakdarian - \$20.00

**NEW: WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER?**

By Elise Papazian – Softcover - \$20.00

**500 PRESENTS FOR PENELOPE POTTS**

A Christmas story for children by Lisa Yaldezian - \$20.00

**GADOO: THE CAT, AN ARMENIAN FOLK TALE**

By Susan Kadian Gopigian - \$17.00

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Monday, January 5 – Armenian Christmas Eve

Readings, 6:30 pm; Divine Liturgy, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 6 – FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

JESUS CHRIST – Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Christmas Luncheon hosted by Women's Guild following worship

**NOTE: SENIOR LUNCH WILL RESUME JANUARY 13**

Friday, January 9 – Komitas Choir Piano Recital-8:00 pm

Saturday, January 10–Armenian Heritage & Culture Lyceum–10:30am

Sunday, January 11– ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS FAMILY WORSHIP

Morning Service 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy 9:45 am

Christmas Family Luncheon following worship hosted by Church School

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

The family is one of God's masterpieces.

**SPECIAL HYMNS FOR TODAY**

*Megheti (Melody) – Haryav Asdvadzun*

*Tapor (Processional) – Parekhosootyamp*

*Jamamood (Intriot) - Miadzin Vorti*

*Jashou Sharagan (Mid-day Hymn) – Vor Anpaveli*

*Jashou Alleluia – Haryav Asdvadz...*

*Der Voghormia (Lord Have Mercy) - Chilingirian*

**THE KOMITAS CHOIR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF**

Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music

Margaret Lafian, Organist

**USHERS:** Art Barsamian, George Godoshian, Harry Karebian,  
Kevork Terterian, Mochael Hovey, Michael Karebian, Ardag Tachian

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Christmas poinsettias adorning the altar today and for the remainder of the Christmas season were presented by Mrs. Susan Kapagian in loving memory of her brother, Al Kapak.

**GIFTS TO THE CHURCH**

Thank you to Mike & Dolly Matoian for donating the porcelain nativity set on display in the lobby for the Christmas season.

**FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD**

We offer prayers for the servant of God

**EDWARD K. TOROSSIAN**

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Yeretzgin Patricia Dagley

Robert Ajemian

Harry Avagian

Valeriy Bagdasarian

Kathy Bandol

Steven Bear (CA)

Harry Carman

Gregory Derderian

Edgar Hagopian

Judy Hovnan

Margaret Jamgochian

Marybeth Sutton

Lucy Torigian

Christine Danielian Vaughn

Special prayers requested by Edward Karamanian  
for Kathy Bandol for good health in 2009.

## **GOSPEL READING: Luke 22:24-30**

A dispute also arose among them, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For which is the greater, one who sits at table, or one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at table? But I am among you as one who serves. "You are those who have continued with me in my trials; as my Father appointed a kingdom for me, so do I appoint for you that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

## **ABOUT OUR DIVINE LITURGY**

### The Eucharist - The Epiclesis

The greatest mystery of the Christian faith is that the one God and Father shares his divinity with his only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and with his Holy Spirit, three persons united in one God. At this point in the Eucharist the priest calls on God the Father to send his Holy Spirit upon all of the assembled faithful and on the gifts of bread and wine, to make them truly the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is our ultimate desire and prayer, that in this Eucharist the Holy Spirit will unite all the faithful with each other and with Christ by way of his Body and Blood so that we will truly come to constitute the Church in its fullest sense.

## **ACYOA SENIORS FOOD DRIVE THROUGH JANUARY 11TH**

Help the needy in our community during this holiday season by bringing to church any dry packaged or canned foods. Labeled containers for donated food will be at lobby entrances of church. Thanks for your help.

## **ARMENIAN HERITAGE & CULTURE LYCEUM BEGINS SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**

There is still time to register students from 6-14 years old to participate in this wonderful program of language and enrichment in Armenian culture. Classes are from 10:30am-1:30pm and will continue through June 13, 2009. Contact Dn. Rubik Mailian if interested.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Monday, January 5, 2009**

**Armenian Christmas Eve**

**Readings, 6:30 pm; Divine Liturgy, 7 pm**

**Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

**Armenian Christmas Divine Liturgy, 10 am**

**Women's Guild Luncheon to follow with**

**Film presentation "The Consecration of the Cathedral of St. Vartan" on the occasion of**

**the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cathedral**

**Friday, January 9, 2009**

**Komitas Choir Piano Recital**

**(see inside back cover)**

**Saturday, January 10, 2009**

**Armenian Heritage & Culture Lyceum opens**

**All classes in session**

**Sunday, January 11, 2009**

**"Living the Divine Liturgy"**

**Christmas Morning Service, 9:00 am**

**Festive Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Water, 10 am**

**Armenian Christmas Family Luncheon**

**To make reservations, call 248.569.3405**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Monday, January 12, 2009**

**Town Hall Meeting, 7:30pm**



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

**ARCHBISHOP GHEVONT TOURIAN, Former Primate of our Diocese**

Requested by Arthur & Rose Mardigian

**ALICE COLOMBOSIAN (Massachusetts), 40<sup>th</sup> Day, Sister-in-Law,  
Aunt, Great-Aunt, Khnamee**

Requested by George Elian  
Lisa & Michael Bahm & Family  
Elizabeth Amboian  
Kimberly & Bob Simonian & Family  
Susan & Nick Curtiss & Family  
Robert & Cindy Amboian & Family  
Armen Boladian

**ROSE DABANIAN, 1<sup>st</sup> Year, Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt**

**EDWARD SARKESIAN, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather**

**KARNIG DABANIAN, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, Brother, Uncle, Great-Uncle**

Requested by Laura Sarkesian  
Ed & Cathy Zwinck  
Peter & Marilyn Sarkesian  
Alex, Lauren & Chis Sarkesian  
Jon & Suzanne Sarkesian  
Katie & Daniel Sarkesian

**SAZNEK BETROSIAN, 5<sup>th</sup> Year, Husband, Father, Brother, Friend**

Requested by Alice Betrosian  
Richard & June Betrosian  
Amy Betrosian  
Emma Betrosian  
Barbara Haroutunian  
Jack & Helen Mekjian  
Kathy Mekjian

**MARY ARGNIAN, 16<sup>th</sup> Year, Mother**

**SAM ARGNIAN, 13<sup>th</sup> Year, Father**

Requested by Alice & Peter Argnian

**BEDROS MERZIAN, Dear Father**

**ESTHER MERZIAN, Dear Mother**

**MARY MERZIAN, Dear Sister-in-Law**

**HAROUTUNE & KAYANE CHOBANIAN, Dear Khnamee**

**HARVEY LABOUNTY, Dear Khnamee**

Requested by Lucy Merzian

**CHARLES GARBIS KARAMANIAN, 22<sup>nd</sup> Year, Father,  
Grandfather, Great-Grandfather**

Requested by Edward Karamanian

Lillian Karamanian

Craig & Gina Karamanian, Gabriel & Natalie

Kirk & Kathy Karamanian & Kyle

Sylvia Axt

Cary & Laura Axt, Lauren & Joey

Tom & Sandra Williams, Rees, Ryan & Sydney

**NEVART AND CHARLES KUZIRIAN, Parents**

**GOLDIE AND HAIRABED APIGIAN, Parents**

**ESGUHY AND BOGHOS KEVORKIAN, Grandparents**

**ELIZABETH AND HAGOP KUZIRIAN, Grandparents**

**HAMAS AND TOROS NAJARIAN, Grandparents**

**HOVSEP AND SONA APIGIAN, Grandparents**

Requested by Ardash and Charlene Apigian

**NEW SIGNS TO GUIDE OUR WORSHIPPERS  
AT FRONT ENTRY AND LOBBY ENTRANCE**

**In an effort to help the faithful better understand why there are times during the Holy Badarak the entrance to the sanctuary is suspended, new signs will be posted by the ushers to clearly describe why the faithful should wait courteously until it is time to enter.**

**St. John's New Website**

**We have launched a new and expanded website for our parish and the world! There are many new additions to keep you informed on what is going on in our community. Visit soon and submit your comments and suggestions to the webmaster.**

**[Stjohndarmenianchurch.org](http://Stjohndarmenianchurch.org)**

**OR**

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

**Winter Advisory**

**During the winter months when severe weather may impact our Sunday Liturgy, listen to Radio WWJ 950 AM for church closing information.**

**WELCOME** . . . We welcome our visitors who are attending the Divine Liturgy at St. John's parish, and we pray that your participation has been enriched through word and worship. We invite those visitors who are baptized and/or confirmed in the Armenian Church or are members of a church which is in communion with the Armenian Church to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are a member of the Armenian Church and a newcomer to our community and would like information about our Christian Education program or any of our parish auxiliary groups, please call our office and we will be happy to respond to your questions. The Lord Jesus Christ loves you and desires that you share His love with others, making this holy community your spiritual home.

### **MARRIAGES**

Arrangements for weddings in our holy sanctuary are to be made at least eight months in advance. Marriage preparation and counseling are required before the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Marriages are NOT celebrated during the season of Great Lent according to Armenian Church Canon Law.

### **BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS**

All Baptisms must be scheduled no less than two months in advance. At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Church, i.e. baptized in the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox faith. Baptisms are NOT celebrated during the season of Great Lent according to Armenian Church Canon Law.

### **CHURCH AND HOME...ONE IN SPIRIT**

*If a people progresses, it takes its first step from the family home;  
If illuminated, its light derives from the family lamp;  
If united, its spirit and bond is the family;  
If empowered, its strength and arm is the family;  
If it prospers, its treasury and treasurer is the family;  
If a people wants to inherit heaven after earth by  
Keeping its religion, faith and church, then, yes,  
The altar that maintains these holy  
Traditions incorruptible and whole is the family.*

Khrimian Hayrig (1820-1907)

# **PIANO RECITAL**