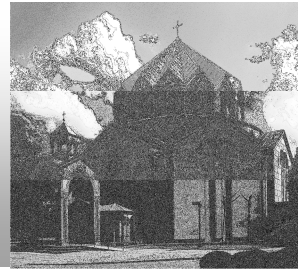


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Ms. Margaret Lafian - *Organist*

Sunday Bulletin ~ Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր

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

June 20, 2010 ~ The Armenian Year of 1459

FATHER’S DAY SUNDAY

THE LORD’S DAY ~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - *Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն* ... 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy - *Սուրբ Պատարագ* 9:45 am

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Today - Isaiah 1:21-31, Romans 7:25-8:11, Matthew 12:38-45

Next Week - Isaiah 2:5-11, Romans 8:31-10:4, Matthew 13:24-30

Lector: Edward Haic Korkoian

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 12:38-45

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest, but he finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and brings with him seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. So shall it be also with this evil generation."

ALTAR FLOWERS

The floral arrangements adorning the altar were presented by Agnes & Harry Tokatlian & Family in memory of fathers Kevork Tokatlian and Kasper Ohannasian, Sr., and son Kasper Tokatlian.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

A gift is presented in honor of Ann & Noray Sarkisian's wedding anniversary by Sumpad and Clara Varjabedian.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Millie Jingoian	Joan Kurkian	William Pugh
Helen Z. Sahakian	Jack Serce	Agnes Tokatlian
Misak Tovmassian	Gloria Vartanian	

ACYOA SENIORS BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 6:00 PM
IN THE NURSERY
BRING YOUR OWN BIBLES

REQUIEM PRAYERS WILL BE OFFERED ON
JULY 4, 18 & 25 AUGUST 8 & 22

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU

AND

YOU NEED YOUR CHURCH

Help your Church continue to spread the word of our Lord
and advance the Armenian heritage as you receive His
spiritual love and blessings within the Armenian Church.

Become a dues paying member of St. John Armenian Church.

To learn more about membership, its advantages, and our Church,
please call any of the following parishioners:

Howard Atesian	(248) 642 – 7055
Jacqueline ElChemmas	(248) 851 – 4018
Edward Korkoian	(248) 398 – 9192
Richard Norsigian	(248) 661 – 2342
Edward Sarkisian	(248) 344 – 4321
Gary Zamanigian	(248) 322 – 9393

SAVE THE DATES . . .

JULY 11 - FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF
OUR LORD; ACYOA VARTAVAR PICNIC FOLLOWING
BADARAK—DETAILS COMING SOON

AUGUST 15—FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
HOLY MOTHER-OF-GOD; ANNUAL PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 12-FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS; CHURCH SCHOOL REOPENS

SEPTEMBER 22-26—ANNUAL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2010

ARMENIAFEST

ROYAL OAK FARMER'S MARKET



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

NORMAN AKARAKCIAN, 40th Day, Father, Grandfather, Friend

Requested by Seta Akaracian
Arlene & David Pincus & Aaron
Carrene Akaracian
Glenn & Charlotte Akaracian, Isabelle & Madeline
Zaven Dolik

DR. GARY LULEJIAN

RONALD TOSOONIAN, 40th Day, Dear Brother, Uncle

Requested by Rich & Arlene Baylerian
Steve Baylerian & Family
Sima Avakian & Family
Greg Baylerian
Brad & Susan Cristea & Family

JAMES DOLIK, 12th Year, Son, Brother, Uncle, Godchild

Requested by Zaven Dolik
Michael & Jill Dolik & Family
Lisa & James Wilson & Family
David & Randi Dolik & Family
Mr. & Ms. Mihran Hoplamazian

**HOVHANES MAILIAN, 13th Year, Husband, Father,
Grandfather, Khnamee**

Requested by Arax Markarian
Deacon Rubik Mailian & Dr. Joyce Yeghissian, Sevana & Areg
Mars & Roobina Hagnazarian, Garooneh & Nayera

TED BAYKIAN, Father

PHILLIP BAYKIAN, Brother

Requested by Gloria Baykian

**HAGOP JACK ELOIAN, Husband, Father
ELOIAN FAMILY**

Requested by Jeannette Eloian
Yasmin Eloian

ARAM NOR SIGIAN, Father, Grandfather
ZAROOHY NOR SIGIAN, Mother, Grandmother
MATTHEW BAZOIAN, Two Weeks, Cousin
SOGHOMON & ARSHALOOYS NOR SIGIAN, Grandparents,
Great Grandparents
HAGOPJAN NOR SIGIAN, Uncle
HOVHANNES NOR SIGIAN, Uncle
SERMA NOR SIGIAN, Aunt
ZABELLE NOR SIGIAN, Aunt
MOUSHEGH & ARSHALOOYS SHAMALIAN, Friends
Requested by Richard, Barbara, Shant & Jordan Norsigian

FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY

Today's Fellowship Hour is being held in memory of Norman Akarakcian on the 40th day of his passing. The Akarakcian family invites all parishioners to join them in this special remembrance.

AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

NEWLY PUBLISHED BY ST. JOHN'S MEN'S SOCIETY:
Six Armenian Regions of Historic Western Armenia
Compiled and edited by Daniel Cristiano & Elizabeth Aprahamian
Spiral-bound with color illustrations—SC- \$10.00
Includes, history, stories, winemaking, Armenian phrases, etc
Proceeds to benefit the Wi-Fi Internet Project for St. John's

"MY ARMENIA" DVD (97 minutes).....\$22.00

This wonderful DVD presents ancient and modern Armenian history interpreted within the four elements of nature: water, fire, earth and air. "Highly recommended," says Father Garabed, "for anyone seeking a fuller understanding of our faith and culture."

RECENTLY REPRINTED: A SUMMER WITHOUT DAWN
by Agop Hacikyan & Jean-Yves Soucy

International best seller—quarter of a million sold!
Set against the backdrop of the Genocide—SC-\$20.00

FROM THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART
ARSHILE GORKY: A RETROSPECTIVE—HC—\$65.00

NEW: RECIPES OF MUSA DAGH
by Alberta, Anna & Louisa Magzarian—SC-\$20.00

Cookbook includes a section on life in Musa Dagh

Hand Carved Wood Crosses on Rope from Armenia —\$8.00

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father, William Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910. In 1926, a National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City. Father's Day was created by Congress in 1956. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. So Father's Day was born in memory and gratitude by a daughter who thought that her father, and all good fathers, should be honored with a special day just like we honor our mothers on Mother's Day.

What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

Author unknown

ST. JOHN PARISHIONERS & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

For the past few years St. John parishioners have participated in Habitat for Humanity programs in Armenia to build houses for needy families, and we continue this building ministry this summer under the leadership of Jackie ElChemmas. We have also participated in local Habitat building programs. Our Women's Guild have prepared breakfasts for local building teams and this still continues - thank you ladies. Our Church School students and ACYOA Juniors – with their parents – have helped in building furniture for new homes under the leadership of Roseann Attar and Lisa Mardigian.

Now there is another opportunity for ALL parishioners of St. John's to join local building projects in Pontiac, sponsored by Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. As the pastor of St. John's, I am a member of the Michigan Clergy Council for Habitat and now turn to you, our parishioners, to join in this tremendously rewarding effort. Please read the description below, an invitation from the Habitat for Humanity organization in our region, and consider joining a team, giving a day or a few hours of your time and talent as a steward of God's creation, in order to bring happiness to a family waiting for a home, a life and a community. **YOU CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!**

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County is a volunteer-driven organization. With minimal staff, it depends on volunteers for support with projects like Construction, ReStore, Office Volunteering, and Teams (Committees). Construction volunteers assist by "swinging a hammer" on a house project. They also help with landscaping projects. Construction days are typically Tuesdays and Thursdays with occasional Saturdays. ReStore volunteers assist by providing customer service to those who are shopping and donating to our store. They help clean and organize donated items and take purchased items to cars. ReStore days are Mondays - Saturdays. To take a leadership role as a team leader or become a team member, you may assist with our 30 new Volunteer Teams. The Teams assist with projects related to construction, Habitat Affiliate Operations, Events, and ReStore efforts.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, please contact me at the church office 248.569.3405.

Father Gazabed

BAGS OF BLESSINGS ARE HERE FOR OUR YOUNG ONES

“Bags of Blessing for Young Children” are filled with items to encourage quiet entertainment for young children to use during the Divine Liturgy. The contents of the bag will help them sit quietly throughout the service while their parents are worshipping. Keep in mind that there are some small items, therefore, please use parental discretion as you look through the bag.

Inside the bag are approximately 8 board books ranging from short stories to picture books all with bible themes. Also in the bag is a 5 piece Nativity finger puppet set, 2 bible figurines that come with a small book telling the story of the person each figure represents, a pack of bible story cards that range from memory matching to bible hero stories, and a drawing board.

- For babies, there are soft finger puppets and board books to capture their attention as they quietly sit through the service.
- For toddlers, they too will enjoy flipping through the books, looking at the pictures, and playing with the other items in the bag.
- Older children will enjoy reading the short stories and using the set of cards to learn bible information.

The contents of the bags were designed for any child who has difficulty sitting still and focusing completely during the service, and at the same time, allow parents to focus more on aspects of worship.

The bags will be hanging on a stand at the entrance of the church sanctuary. When you take a bag for your child, be sure to return it and hang it back upon the stand.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Trust is like a mirror. Once it is broken, you can never look at it the same again.

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER DAY CAMP

St. John's Armenian Church is pleased to offer again a Summer Day Camp for children ages 5 to 12, a wonderful opportunity for our children to get acquainted with other Armenian children, learn about their heritage and share in the exciting experience of summer day camp. Contact Summer Day Camp Director Lisa Mardigian with any questions 248-569-3405 or lmar-digian@sjachurch.org.

DAY CAMP SESSION THEMES & FIELD TRIPS

SESSION 2: June 21-25 GREEN WEEK

Swim Day-Nature Centers

MINI SESSION 3: JUNE 28-30 SCAVENGER HUNT

Swim Day-Paddleboating

MINI SESSION 4: JULY 6-9 FOOD NETWORK

Swim Day-California Pizza Kitchen

SESSION 5: JULY 12-16 ART & CREATIVITY

Swim Day-Tiger Game-DIA

SESSION 6: JULY 19-23 CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Swim Day-Movies-Surprise Field Trip

SESSION 7: JULY 26-30 TALENT SHOW/KAREOKE

Swim Day-Bowling-Hard Rock Café

SESSION 8: AUGUST 2-6 CULTURAL WEEK

Swim Day-Manoogian Museum-Arab American Museum-Holocaust Museum

NO CAMP AUGUST 7-14 DUE TO HYE CAMP 2010

SESSION 9: AUGUST 16-20 HAWAIIAN LUAU

Beach Party-Lucky Strike

SCHEDULE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TIME: Check in 9:00-9:30 am; Dismissal 4:00 pm.

FEE: \$125.00 per week (Discount for second child).

Includes supplies, refreshments, camp t-shirt, picnics, field trips & transportation for field trips.

Parents must provide a sack lunch!

A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR E-MAIL USERS

Due to the less frequent access to news through newspapers, many of our faithful hear about deaths in our community too late to attend services. Taking note of this concern and requests by many for the Church to pass on this information, the Parish Council has approved a trial program — an email blast to those who wish to be informed about *Dahn Gark* and Funeral services. If you wish to be on the list, please contact the office.

*Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words
will by no means pass away. (Matthew 24:35)*

Day by Day Afternoon Bible Study
A monthly Bible study group led by
Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

Next session:

Thursday, June 24 at Noon in the Nursery

ARTS OF ARMENIA RETURNS TO ST. JOHN'S

Registrations continue to be processed for this
summer's Arts of Armenia program,
July 5—30, 2010

Sponsored by the Komitas Choir, this highly acclaimed
summer activity for our youth is unique in its goals of
teaching Armenian Arts by professional educators from
Armenia. Please contact Nicole Matoian at (248) 562-7553,
nmatoian@comcast.net or visit
<http://www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/artsofarmenia.html>

To all St. John's college, high school and junior high students...

St. Nersess is accepting applications for 2010 summer conferences. Please check in the lobby for literature, and call Linda Assarian (248-332-0816) for scholarship information. Sessions fill quickly, so apply soon! The scholarships are for all St. John's students.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

SUMMER BAKING CONTINUES ON TUESDAYS, JUNE 22 & 29 AT 9 AM AND ON MONDAY, JUNE 28 AT 9 AM. WE WILL BE PREPARING KHARPERT KUFTEH. EVENING CHOREG BAKES SCHEDULED FOR MONDAYS, JUNE 21, JULY 12, AUGUST 16 AT 6 PM.

- **Absolutely no experience needed.**
- **You do NOT have to be a Women's Guild member TO LEARN.**

Moms and Manoogs are enjoying summertime in Michigan. On **Tuesday, June 15 at 10 am**, join us at Maybury State Park in Northville. A petting farm, picnic lunch and maybe exploring the trails are on the agenda, weather permitting. New moms and manoogs are always welcome. Join our group-and join in the fun. Call Kristen Gustafson, 248-765-0471, or email at frissy10@hotmail.com for more information.

WANTED: USED ARMENIAN BOOKS

The Parish Bookstore is accepting gently used books on Armenian subjects in English for its Used Book Sale at the 2010 Festival. Drop books off at the Church Office during business hours or Sundays.

ARA SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

Applications are available by making requests to
arasophia@aol.com

Closing Date for Applications: June 30, 2010

ON LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

Q. What do I say when approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy?

You say:

Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh.

Յիշեցէ Տէր վամենայն Պատարագս քո:

May the Lord remember all your offerings.

The Priest answers:

Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev zamenayn khorhoortus koh ee parees na gadarsestseh.

Տացէ քեզ Սէր ըստ սրտի քում եւ վամենայն խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեցէ:

May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your counsel. (Psalm 20:4)

Q. What do I say when I take Mahs?

The GIVER says:

Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp Badarakes.

Մաս եւ բաժին եղիցի քեզ ի Սուրբ Պատարագէս:

May this be to you a share and portion of the Holy Sacrifice.

The RECEIVER says

Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.

Բաժին իմ Աստուած յաւիտեան:

God is my portion forever.

THE KISS OF PEACE

The GIVER says:

Christ is revealed amongst us
Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav

The RECEIVER says:

Blessed is the revelation of Christ
Orhnyal eh haydootyoonun Kreesdosee

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.

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