

**St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit**  
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The Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, *Pastor*  
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Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:  
The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian  
The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Deacon Rubik Mailian, *Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant*  
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## Sunday Bulletin

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### 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. Make certain you fill out a contact card 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.

**March 22, 2020**

**The Armenian Church Year 1469**

**SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE**

**Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian**

**Pastor: V. Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian**

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

**The Sunrise Office - 9:30 a.m.**

**Divine Liturgy - 10:00 a.m.**

**SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY**

**Is 65:8-25. Phil 3:1 -4:9. Lk 17:20-18:14.**

## Today's Gospel

Lk 17:20-18:14.

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Lo, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. And they will say to you, 'Lo, there!' or 'Lo, here!' Do not go, do not follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the arch, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Likewise as it was in the days of Lot, they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom fire and sulphur rained from heaven and destroyed them all so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, let him who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other left." And they said to him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man: and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: “Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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## **Position Opening – Parish Secretary**

As many of you know, Tamara Martirosyan, our parish secretary, and her husband are expecting their third child this summer. Tamara has indicated her intention to step down from her position at the end of May. Consequently, the Parish Council is actively recruiting a full-time replacement and asks that anyone interested in applying for the position submit their qualifications, with cover letter, to the Parish Council Chairman directly or via email to [hr.sjac@gmail.com](mailto:hr.sjac@gmail.com), no later than April 1, 2020.

Please contact the Church Office directly for detailed job description.

# Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Emma Betrosian  
Elina Cobb  
John Brycz  
Margaret Chubukchian  
Vartkes Chubukchian  
Rose Baise

Araxey Barsamian  
George Douroujalian  
Darlene Lane  
Stepan Telebzda  
John Avedisian  
Dr. Badrik Joocharigian

Charles Sansone  
Doris Carter  
Elizabeth Shehigian  
Anna-Maria Grigorian  
Susie Janigian





*BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN*  
REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO ARE ASLEEP IN CHRIST



**MARY D. NAHIGIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother**

Requested by Lawrence Nahigian and Family  
Nancy Nahigian and Family  
Kenneth Nahigian  
Carol Canning and Family

**NUBAR CHOLAKIAN, 3rd Year, Loving Husband, Father**

Requested by Ann Marie Cholakian  
Michael Cholakian

**MATUSHKA MELANYA SVIRIDOV, 5th Year, Dear Mother, Grandmother,  
Great-Grandmother, Khnamee, Friend**

Requested by Dr. Edward & Anna Sarkisian  
Sara, Morgan, Sona & Anya Bell  
Dn. Dr. Aram Sarkisian  
Nina Sarkisian  
Linda Houhanisin  
Diana Badr, Aiden & Sophia  
George Houhanisin & Dr. Sarah Johnson & Gregory  
Peter & Barbara Rupas  
Matthew Rupas  
Stephen & Lisa Derderian  
Allan & Rachel Sarkisian, Tyler & Emma

**MICHELLE K. DANIELIAN, 10th Year, Daughter, Sister, Granddaughter, Friend, Niece**

Requested by Michael and Rozann Vartoogian  
Christopher M. Danielian  
Rose Ghoogasian  
Mike and Linda Tiffany

**ST. JOHN HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES**

**2020 PALMS, EASTER LILY PLANTS, FLOWERS  
AND CANDLE DONATIONS**

We are offering parishioners and friends of St. John Armenian Church the opportunity to donate palms, Easter Lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ and candles to beautify the Holy Altar and sanctuary for Holy Week. These items will serve as a loving memorial and tribute to those whom you wish to remember in a special way before the Lord.

If you would like to donate any of these items in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please fill out the form below providing all the information needed. You may take a Lily plant home following Divine Liturgy on Easter Sunday as a remembrance of this Holy occasion.

Please mail this form to the Church Office or drop it in the mailbox just outside the church office with a check made payable to St. John Armenian Church.

**Orders must be placed by April 1, 2020**

All donors' names will be printed in the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Bulletin

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**Donor Name**.....

**In Honor/Memory of:** .....

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- I wish to donate Palms for Palm Sunday - \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily Plants at \$30.00 each \_\_\_\_\_
- I wish to donate Flowers/Plants for Good Friday Tomb of Christ - \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- I wish to donate Candles for the Holy Altar - \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- I wish to donate for all of the above - \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- (Easter Lily Plant, Candles for the Altar, Flowers/Plants and Palms)
- Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**For further information, please call the Church Office at 248-569-3405 or  
e-mail Tamara at [Tamara@sjachurch.org](mailto:Tamara@sjachurch.org)**

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# General Information

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

**After hours in an emergency, please contact:**

**Pastor's Mobile: (773) 457-4122 e-mail: FrAren@sjachurch.org**

**Fr. Armash's email: FrArmash@sjachurch.org**

**Parish Administrator's Mobile: (586) 817-2974**

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**Visits to the Hospitalized and Homebound** Please phone the Church Office when you or someone you love is admitted to the hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor. If you have an upcoming surgery, please consider requesting your name to be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized" list. Those who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home should phone the Church Office.

**Home Blessing** If you would like the Pastor to visit your home and offer a home blessing, please contact the Church Office.

**Baptism** Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born. For more information, phone the Church Secretary. We encourage parents to baptize their children between 40 days and 3 months.

**Marriage** Please make sure to confirm your wedding date with the Pastor before booking your reception hall. Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date.

**Parish Membership** If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. John parish, please speak to a Parish Council member on Sunday, or phone the Church Office.

**Sunday Bulletin** Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin are due in the Church Office by 5:00 pm on Wednesday preceding the date of service.

**Requiem Requests** may be submitted to the Church Office by mail, phone or email to Tamara@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby. Requiem may be offered every Sunday of the year except for the five Tabernacle Feast Days.

