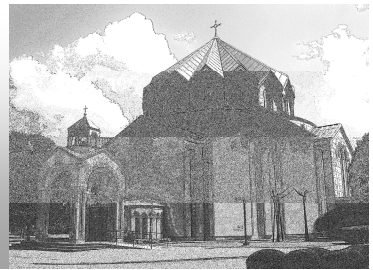


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Sunday Bulletin ~ Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր

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

November 1, 2009 ~ The Armenian Year of 1458

**Tenth Anniversary of the Enthronement of
Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians**

10րդ տարեդարձ Գահակալութեան

Գարեգին Բ. Կաթողկոսին

All Saints Day—*Տ. Ամենայն Սրբոց*

THE LORD'S DAY ~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - *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 22:15-24, Ephesians 1:1-14, Luke 8:17-21

Next Week— Isaiah 24:1-12, Ephesians 5:15-33, Luke 8:49-57

Lector: Karmen Santourian

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. Please sign the Guest Book at either of the entrances to the Sanctuary.

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.

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 8:17-21

"For nothing is hid that shall not be made manifest, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Take heed then how you hear; for to him who has will more be given, and from him who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away." Then his mother and his brethren came to him, but they could not reach him for the crowd. And he was told, "Your mother and your brethren are standing outside, desiring to see you." But he said to them, "My mother and my brethren are those who hear the word of God and do it."

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servants of God

MARJORIE MAROHN

LINDA BRUNETTE

who entered their eternal rest this past week.

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon their souls.

FATHER OF HIS HOLINESS KAREKIN II ENTERS ETERNAL REST

It is with deep regret that we inform our faithful that on the evening of October 27, Grigor Nersissian, the father of His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians, entered his eternal rest following a short illness. He was 88 years old. The funeral service was offered at the Monastery of St. Gayane on Thursday, October 29. The burial service took place on Friday, October 30. Blessed be the memory of the righteous.

PRAVERS FOR THE SICK

Azat Arslanian	Minas Arslanian	Ramela Carman
Paul Derderian	Lucy Fundukian	Edgar Hagopian
Queenie Hazergian	Agnes Hovsepian	Pat LaFlamme
William Pugh	Liz Roberts	Helen Z. Sahakian
Mildred Semarjian	Kasper Tokatlian	

REQUIEMS WILL BE OFFERED ON...

November 8 and 22, December 13 and 27.

VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

The Armenian American Veterans of Greater Detroit will hold a special service at the Veterans Memorial Monument in front of the Veterans Bldg. at 12:30 pm next Sunday, which will be followed by a fellowship tea in the Recreation Center. All are invited to join them on this occasion. In the morning, special requiem prayers will be offered for all the men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces who served God and Country in the wars of past decades and in the present wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

CHURCH SCHOOL EVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 THANKSGIVING FAMILY DINNER

Share a traditional Thanksgiving meal with your family and friends in the Church Hall after worship.

SPONSORED AND PREPARED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

Please support their efforts.

Reservations:
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TRACKING OUR TREASURES - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Plate Donations of the Day	\$448.50
Candle Donations of the Day	\$217.00

DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Bible Study Leader: Yerezgin Roberta

ARMENIAN PROVERB OF THE WEEK

Be careful before walking and writing,
so feet and pen do not move before the brain.

***Զգուշացիր քալելէ եւ գրելէ առաջ, որպէսպի ռոտք ու գրիչ
խելքէ առաջ չերթան:***

*Uzkooshatseer kalele yev krele arrach,
vorbeszee vodk oo kreech khelke arrach chertan.*

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

You should consider the regular reception of Holy Communion to be at the center of your life as an Armenian Christian. There is no doubt that the earliest Christians understood the celebration of the Eucharist and the joyful reception of Holy Communion to be the greatest privilege and blessing of Christian life. Jesus said, "He who eats my body and drinks my blood dwells in me and I in him" [John 6:56]. St Paul wrote, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" [I Corinthians 11:26]. To share in the Lord's Supper is to profess and to celebrate our faith that in Christ, sin and death will no longer separate us from eternal life with God. To receive holy communion is to receive the living Son of God into our bodies, into our lives, as divine sustenance; as "medicine for forgiveness"; as "forgiveness and expiation of sins," for protection against evil, and "for health of soul and body and for the performance of all deeds of virtue," as the prayers and hymns of our *Badarak* continually proclaim. Eagerness to receive Holy Communion must always be complemented by reverence for the sanctity of the sacrament, which one must not allow to become a casual or indiscriminate habit.

ST. JOHN'S TO BUILD HOME IN ARMENIA

Under the chairmanship of Jackie Elchemmas, St. John's will sponsor a Home Build in Armenia in cooperation with the Fuller Center. The tentative dates are June 18 through July 3, 2010. A meeting will be held after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 22, 2009. Please attend if you would like more information, or you may phone Jackie at (248) 851-4018 or email her at jackie@stonesoap.com.

YOU CAN HELP BRING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST!

During this past summer, the youth of our parish who attended the St. Nersess Summer Conferences returned with a special hand-painted donation box for the ongoing work at the Seminary where the future priests and Christian educators for the Armenian Church in America are trained. Last week when Father Stepanos visited our parish, he spoke about the need for continued support during his sermon and at the special fellowship that followed. He noted the presence of this red, blue and orange box that now is placed on the candle table in our lobby and that your donations, no matter how great or humble, can make a difference. Every week when you purchase a candle or two, don't forget St. Nersess Seminary in your spiritual prayers and with your donations as well. Make a gift that will keep alive and bright the light of Christ in our Church, in our parishes, and in our homes.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY ON DEC 6 -- SAVE THE DATE

Stewardship Tea is being planned for Sunday, Dec 6 after Church services. All steward levels are invited to attend. If you are not currently a steward, please consider becoming a Steward of Faith, Love, Hope, The Light or The Cross. For more information, please contact Jim Stamboulian at 248-735-3783 or the Church Office.

COMING NOVEMBER 18 at ST. JOHN'S

St. John's, in cooperation with the U-M Armenian Studies Program (Ann Arbor), and the U-M Armenian Research Center (Dearborn) will host a lecture entitled: "Food, Culture, and Identity: An Illustrated Talk about Armenian Food Traditions" given by Dr. Susan Paul Pattie, Manoogian Simone Visiting Scholar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. The date is Wednesday, November, 18, 2009, 8:00 pm. The lecture will be held in the Vartan Room For more details, see flyer in lobby carousel

ACVOA NOVEMBER DANCE—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

A SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION AT ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

Sponsored by the Knights and Daughters of Vartan
December 31, 2009—8:00 pm to 1:00 am
Proceeds of this event will be distributed equally among
the four metro Detroit Armenian Churches.
See flyer for details & reservation information.

COMING IN 2010 . . . MONTHLY "KEF CLUB"

Come one, come all for dinner, fellowship & fun activities!!!

At St. John's Recreation Center

3rd Friday of every month beginning January 15, 2010

Watch for further details. Anyone interested in sponsorship or volunteering for this exciting new initiative, please contact Diane Ekizian at 248.851.4069 or Marianne Dardarian at 248.661.0617.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 3—Senior Lunch—Noon

ELECTION DAY

Sunday, November 8—Morning Prayers—9:00 am

Divine Liturgy—9:45 am

**ST. JOHN'S YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM 2009-2010
PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

TUESDAYS: Junior Girls (ages 13-19) 7:00—9:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS: Junior Boys (ages 13-15) 6:30-8:30 pm

Intermediate Boys (ages 16-18) 8:00-10:00 pm

THURSDAYS: Biddys (ages 5-6 only) 6:00-6:45 pm

Biddy C (ages 7-8 only) 6:00-6:45 pm

Biddy B (ages 9-10 only) 6:30-7:30 pm

Biddy A (ages 11-12 only) 7:30-8:45 pm

**SCHEDULE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
YOUTH COORDINATOR LISA MARDIGIAN
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AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

Newly arrived from Jerusalem

Sterling Silver Crosses with Chains—very striking

The Holy Bible—Armenian Church Edition— Hardcover \$15.00

**ORDER YOUR THANKSGIVING PIES NOW!
APPLE, PECAN, MIXED BERRY OR PUMPKIN
FRESH TO YOUR TABLE ... OR YOUR FREEZER**

The Women's Guild will be taking orders for delicious homemade pies boxed individually for the Thanksgiving holiday. (Pies can also be frozen for Christmas and New Year!) Please use the order forms in the lobby carousel to place your order. Or you may order directly by phoning Yerezgin Roberta at 248.538.9993. Pie pickup will be on Sunday, November 22 in the main hall following the Divine Liturgy.

FLU SEASON IS HERE...WASH YOUR HANDS!!!

It is very important to wash hands thoroughly and often to keep germs away from our bodies. Let us all try to observe good hygiene at all times, especially when gathering at church events.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMMITTEE would be happy to accept donations of decorations including artificial trees, evergreen garlands, indoor and outdoor lights, and tree ornaments. Donations may be dropped off at the Maintenance Office.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE: Pie Baking on Saturday, November 21; Pie Pickup on November 22. Order forms in lobby carousel.

Next Women's Guild Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 pm
We will hold our **Annual Election Meeting** and assemble gift packages for Alternatives for Girls.

Please join us for the next meeting of the **Women's Guild Knitting Group** Tuesday, November 10, 10am-Noon, to work on winter scarves for children.

We are hoping to start a **"Moms and Tots Club"** for children ages 1-5 and their moms to get together to socialize on weekdays in the nursery at St. Johns. Please help us get this organized by completing a short survey available in the nursery each Sunday. Leave your response with our nursery leader, Tricia Magee.

NEW PROJECT FOR WOMEN'S GUILD: ARMENIAN COOKBOOK

The Women's Guild asks parishioners to send their favorite recipes with exact measurements and step-by-step directions (including special hints) to: Pam Dayinian, 31070 River's Edge Ct., Beverly Hills, MI 48025 or email them to: wgmail@sjachurch.org by December 1. Please include name and phone number on each recipe.

SAVE THE DATE . . . DECEMBER 2, 2009 WOMEN'S GUILD ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

*The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.
For more information, please call Linda Assarian @
248.332.0816.*

FESTIVAL BAKED GOODS FOR SALE

CHEOREG, KATAH, TEPSE BEOREG
FROZEN KABOBS: BEEF, LAMB, CHICKEN
FETA CHEESE, BASTURMA PLUS MUCH MORE...

STOP BY TODAY... IN THE MAIN HALL

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.

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

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

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