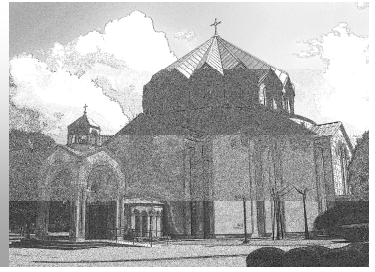


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Sunday Bulletin ~ Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր

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

October 25, 2009 ~ The Armenian Year of 1458

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Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross

GUEST CELEBRANT: REV. FR. STEPANOS DOUDOUKJIAN

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 – Wisdom 14:1-8, Isaiah 33:22-34:1, 1 Corinthians 1:18-24,
Matthew 24:27-36

Next Week— Isaiah 22:15-24, Ephesians 1:1-14, Luke 8:17-21

Lector: Dr. Norman Hogikyan

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: MATTHEW 24:27-36

"For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together. "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken; then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

A gift is presented to the church by Peter Egigian to help defray the cost of Sunday coffee hours.

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer prayers for the servant of God

CARL BANERIAN

who entered his eternal rest this past week. May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon his soul.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Azat Arslanian

Ramela Carman

Paul Derderian

Lucy Fundukian

Pat LaFlamme

William Pugh

Liz Roberts

Helen Z. Sahakian

Mildred Semarjian

Kasper Tokatlian

WHAT IS A BELL CHOIR?

Deacon Rubik is in the process of forming a bell choir for ages 11-16. Children participating in this project will learn to play hand-held bells. Please contact Deacon Rubik during business hours at 248.569.3405 or via email...rubik@sjachurch.org.

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:
LISA MARDIGIAN
lmardigian@sjachurch.org
or
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vart@comcast.net
248.980.3221.

TRACKING OUR TREASURES - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Plate Donations of the Day	\$124.50
Candle Donations of the Day	\$159.00

DAY BY DAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Bible Study Leader: Yerezgin Roberta

REQUIEMS WILL BE OFFERED ON...

November 8 and 22, December 13 and 27.

ARMENIAN PROVERB OF THE WEEK

Get things done, then start bragging.

Նախ ամէն ինչ վերջացուր, յետոյ սկսիր պարծենալ:
Nakj amen eench verchatsoor, hedo sgseer bardzenal.



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

**ROSE MARDOSSIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother, Sister,
Sister-in-Law, Aunt, Great Aunt, Khnamee**

Requested by Art & Judy Mardossian
Kimberly & John Killian & Fammily
Brandon & Ashley Mardossian & Family
Nancy & Sarkis Kazarian
Holly & Robert Dadekian, Jonathan & Joyce
Al & Delores Karibian
Todd Karibian
Craig & Suzanne Karibian & Maxwell
Jon & Leah Karibian & Alexander
Nina Sarkisian
Linda, Frank, Diana & George Houhanisin
Barbara, Peter & Matthew Rupas
Lisa & Stephen Derderian
Allan & Rachel Sarkisian, Tyler & Emma
Dr. Edward, Anna & Aram Sarkisian
Morgan & Sara (Sarkisian) Bell
Matushka Melanya Svirid
Helen Baltayan
Harry, Jan, Michael, Greg & Melissa Megerian
Mike, Dolly, Nicole & Christine Matoian

HAYK SNKHCHYAN, 40th Day

Requested by Hasmik, Levon , Edward & Michael Snkhchyan

**ARUSYAK BUDAGYAN, 1st Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-
Grandmother, Aunt, Mother-in-Law**

Requested by Larisa Budagyan
Ellada & Alexander Arutyunov

**GEORGE MARK JEVARJIAN, 1st Year, Dearest Husband, Father, Son,
Son-in-Law, Brother, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin**

Requested by Teresa, Richard & Emily Jevarjian
George Jevarjian
Larry, Graceann, Carolyn & Erica Nishon
Pearl Nishon
Isabelle Vahratian
Dr. Anjel Vahratian
Charlotte Boshnakian
Adam Joel, Suzanne, Alexis & Hailey Vahratian
Adam & Louise Vahratian
Gregory, Debbie, Lucy & Bryan Koukoudian

SAMUEL BOYADJIAN, 1st Year

Requested by Sally Kabodian

MARY KEZELIAN, 1st Year, Dear Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Sister-in-Law, Aunt, Great Aunt, Cousin, Khnamee, Friend

Requested by Rosemary & Dyana Kezelian

Dr. Harry, Patty, Harry III & Michael Kezelian

Laurie L. Toomajianian

Dr. Laurie Jayne Toomajianian & Randy Pepper

Meredith L. Pepper

Phillip & Elizabeth Shishmian

Philip, Ardith, Craig & Chris Shishmian

Florence Gopigian & Family

Glenys Sarkissian & Family

Peter & Agnes Hovsepan

David, Marianne, Daniel, & Karen Dardarian

Richard, Arlene, Kristin, Kelly, Ricky, Andrew Hovsepan

Hermalene Kahayian

Rick & Paulette Apkarian & Family

Ann Manoogian

Roseann & Bobby Attar

Steve, Sonia, Mikey & Linda Kalfayan

VASKEN GEORGE LAKTZIAN, 1st Year, Husband, Uncle, Brother-in-Law, Khnamee

Requested by Ann Laktzian

Michael, Linda Darian & Ani Karibian

Mary & Peter Karibian

Vrejouhi Darian

MARIAM MELKONIAN, 1st Year, Grandmother

Requested by Rogika Kechichian

JACK KAVLAKIAN, 2nd Year, Dear Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather,

DEBORAH ANN SMITH, 17th Year, Dear Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Sister-in-Law, Aunt

Requested by Harry, Janet, Lindsay & Harry Deirmengian

Jerry, Joanne, Jacqueline & Sam Nassar

Alysia Smith

Douglas, Angelina & Anoush Smith

Jim, Carol, Veronica, Angela & Nicholas Moore

KOURKEN & PERUZ DEIRMENGIAN, Parents, Father-in-Law, Mother-in-Law, Grandparents

Requested by Harry, Janet, Lindsay & Harry Deirmengian

ANN BEAMISH, 4th Year, Aunt

Requested by Gary & Evie Ezmerlian
Steve & Carol Palaian & Family
Sally Palaian & Gary Haelewyn

SARKIS AGLAMISHIAN, 2nd Year, Husband, Father, Brother

JORDAN BESH, 34th Year, Father, Grandfather, Khnamee

NOURHAN AGLAMISHIAN, 22nd Year, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Sylvia & Lisa Aglamishian
Vahan Aglamishian
Mirican, Anita, Armen & Anoush Arslanian

**DOROTHY VARJABEDIAN COOK, 8th Year, Loving Wife, Mother,
Grandmother, Aunt, Great Aunt**

Requested by Manuel Cook
Larry & Diane Baldwin
Greg, Karen, Jeff & Emily Movsesian
Mary Ann Nersessian
Art & Carol Aprahamian
Hugh & Nancy Ryan
Kelli, Courtney & Sydney Viera
Michael & Beth Ryan

**DOLORES JAMGOCHIAN, 9th Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother,
Daughter-in-Law, Sister-in-Law**

Requested by Susan & Sam Subotich
Linda and David Bryan and Family
Charles and Lisa Jamgochian and Family
Dianne Jamgochian
Todd and Jackie Jamgochian and Family
Margaret Jamgochian
June Mekjian

**CHARLES PALAIAN, 14th Year, Dear Father, Grandfather,
Great Grandfather**

**VICTORIA PALAIAN, 4th Year, Dear Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother**

Requested by Gary, Evie & Ani Ezmerlian
Steven, Carol, Lisa, Maria, Angela & Julia Palaian
Chuck, Terry, Brent & Erika Palaian
Sally Palaian & Gary Haelewyn
Keith, Laurie, Brian & Sheri Neher
Gary, Debbie, Autumn, Abigail & Simeon Ezmerlian
Phil, Taline, Collin, Ethan & Owen Rosendall
Bradley, Julie & Chase Neher

ARAXIE SARKISIAN, 36th Year, Mother, Grandmother

DAKES SARKISIAN, 44th Year, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Ann & Noray Sarkisian

Ann Bockel (Allen Park, Michigan)

Rose Enjaian (St. Joseph, Missouri)

And all of our Families

MARY BERBERIAN, 40th Year, Mother, Grandmother

GARABED BERBERIAN, 37th Year, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Rose M. Berberian

Isabelle Kesh & Family

Markar & Grace Chitjian & Family

ESTHER & BEDROS MERZIAN, Parents

MARY MERZIAN, Sister-in-Law

HAROUTUNE & KAYANE CHOBANIAN, Khnamees

HARVEY LA BOUNTY, Khnamee

Requested by Lucy Merzian & Family

ARDASHES & GAYANEH MARKARIAN, Parents, Grand Parents,

Great Grandparents, Khnamee

Requested by: Arax Markarian

Deacon Rubik Mailian and Dr. Joyce Yeghissian, Sevana and Areg

Mars and Roobina Hagnazarian, Garooneh and Naera

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.

GIFT OF BOOKS TO THE MARDIGIAN LIBRARY

Congratulations to Andrew and Mary Douroujalian who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on October 28.

In their honor, their children and grandchildren are presenting new books to the Mardigian Library at St. John's Armenian Church.

ASK THE PASTOR

Q. HOW OFTEN SHOULD I ATTEND BADARAK?

A. You should attend *Badarak* and participate in it meaningfully every time it is offered for the rest of your life. From the very beginning the Armenian Church has made the *Badarak* the very center of its life, establishing that it be celebrated every Sunday without fail. At the Last Supper, when Jesus established the Eucharist (Divine Liturgy or *Badarak*) he said, “Do this in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19, 1 Corinthians 11:24, 25). Jesus is telling us that the *Badarak* is the premiere means by which we can keep God foremost in our lives, hearts and minds. In the *Badarak*, especially when we receive Holy Communion, we encounter God and are filled with his power and love in the most immediate and intimate way possible in this life.

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.

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.

NEW AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

Newly arrived from Jerusalem

Sterling Silver Crosses with Chains—very striking

Epic eye-witness account of the Armenian Genocide

Armenian Golgotha by Grigoris Balakian

Translated by Peter Balakian & Aris Sevag

Hardcover—\$35.00

FEAST OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE HOLY CROSS

According to ecclesiastical chronicles, an informed Jew from Jerusalem by the name of Juda was forced to disclose the place where the cross was buried. St. Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, cast gold pieces into the trash pit where the cross was believed to be buried to hasten the workers who were digging for the Holy Cross. Three crosses were found, one of them being our Lord's, the others belonging to the two criminals crucified with Him. It was necessary to authenticate which of the three crosses was the true cross of Christ. It so happened that a funeral procession bearing a young boy was passing. The queen mother asked that the body be lain upon each cross. Suddenly the young child awoke, whereupon the Queen Helena and her entourage and all nearby venerated the Holy Cross. In another tradition, Bishop Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem elevated the Holy Cross before the faithful who, having witnessed the miracle, were awe-inspired and venerated it. The commemoration of this historical event is celebrated on the closest Sunday to October 26 (variable from October 23-29), and is called the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross. It is one of the four feasts of the Holy Cross celebrated by the Armenian Church.

WELCOME!

We welcome Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian and seminarian Vahakn Azizian, both from St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in New Rochelle, New York. Immediately after Badarak today you are all welcome to join them in the Cultural Hall for fellowship and a short program about the Seminary. Fr. Stepanos is the vocational recruiter of students at the Seminary and director of all the St. Nersess Conferences for youth from junior high to young adults that take place throughout the year. He and Diratzoo Vahakn have been with us this weekend for a conference for youth who love St. Nersess' programs.

COMING IN NOVEMBER

Food, Culture, and Identity:

An Illustrated Talk about Armenian Food Traditions

By Dr. Susan Paul Pattie, Manoogian Simone Visiting Scholar,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 8:00 pm

For details, see flyer in lobby carousel

**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
lmardigian@sjchurch.org**

NEW BIBLE AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

The Holy Bible—Armenian Church Edition—newly published by the Diocese is available at the Parish Bookstore. The beautifully produced volume allows our faithful to encounter the wisdom of Scripture as contained in all the books acknowledged as authoritative in the Armenian Church. 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 22nd in the main hall following the Divine Liturgy.

FLU SEASON IS APPROACHING...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.

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 and assemble gift packages for Alternatives for Girls.

NEW PROJECT FOR WOMEN'S GUILD: ARMENIAN COOKBOOK

The Women's Guild asks parishioners to please 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, 2009. 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.

UPDATE FROM FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Thanks to all who purchased food after church. We are closer to our FESTIVAL fundraising goal of \$100,000!

KHALKHA	\$8.00
CHEOREG LOAF	\$8.00
CHEOREG /DOZ	\$10.00
KATAH	\$14.00
TEPSI BEOREG	\$25.00

FROZEN KABOBS: BEEF, LAMB, CHICKEN
FETA CHEESE, BASTURMA PLUS MUCH MORE...

STOP BY TODAY... IN THE MAIN HALL

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.

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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After hours in an emergency, please contact:

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Parish Council Chairman's Home: 734.998.1183

Administrator's Cell: 248.802.2861