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ST. JOHN'S COMMEMORATES APRIL 24TH WITH NEW TRADITION.....

The clouds loomed above, gray and heavy with rain. It was a Wednesday. "I had hoped for great weather today," said Father Garabed on April 24th, the day Armenians worldwide gather to commemorate the 1915 Armenian Genocide. The April 24th Commemoration was different this time around at St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit, the church Father Garabed has presided over for more than a decade. This year, a new monument stood adjacent to the 1915 Martyr's Monument, and with it, a new tradition of remembrance emerged.

The new monument was a project that spanned several years and remembered the pogroms of 1988-1991 of Armenians in politically-unstable Azerbaijan. Shortly after the collapse of the Soviet

government, thousands of Armenians suffered this smaller scale genocide. Eventually, those who survived found refuge across the globe and many settled in metropolises like Brooklyn, NY, Detroit, MI, and Los Angeles, CA, to name a few. Many of these survivors set the unpleasant memories aside and were left to pick up the shattered pieces of their life and move forward.

But their struggles would not be a forgotten page in a long chapter of struggles that the Armenian people have faced. The brainchild of Father Garabed, the memorial dedicated to survivors of these tragic events was guided under the faithful leadership of Ed Korkoian, lovingly called "Haigy" at the St. John Parish. Mr. Korkoian has been a member of the Church for over 50 years, committing himself to various Armenian causes. Naturally, this monument was no exception. The vision also could not have been executed without the time, trope, and talent of Arthur Lazaryan, the architect of this meaningful project.

Fast forward several years and the vision finally became a reality. The church sanctuary's beauty was married with solemn music and prayers as the evening began with a requiem. Once the church ceremony was over, parishioners and visitors shifted outside. "And then," Father Garabed says with an emerging smile, "It was as if God pushed the clouds aside and let the sun peek out."

The change of venue from ambient lighting to bright surroundings revealed a record breaking amount of people. Some were faces Father Garabed sees every Sunday, like Deacon and Mrs. Mihran Hoplamazian, while others like Mr. and Mrs. Karen Der Boghossian came from Grand Rapids, Michigan - a journey that takes three hours each way. After Father Garabed read a prayer for the 1915 Martyr's Monument, he moved on to bless the new Baku-Sumgait-Kirovobad Memorial. Regardless of who you were that day - whether an American-born ancestor of someone who survived the 1915 Armenian *Medz Yeghern*, or a newly arrived immigrant who fled from Baku, Azerbaijan - a miraculous thing happened that day: once again, Armenians met and "built a new Armenia," just as William Saroyan predicted they would. Language and customs may have been different between these two Armenian communities, but on April 24, 2013, a much overdue unification occurred. Tears were shed as those who lost family in the Armenian Genocide were reminded that the struggle for survival continues into the present.

After the flowers were laid, a traditional *Madagh* dinner was served inside the Cultural Hall. It was here that guest speaker Chris Bohjalian spoke of his most recent publication. Deacon Richard Norsigian, co-chair with Edward Korkoian, served as MC. He welcomed all present and introduced Mr. Bohjalian who explored his personal journey to writing *The Sandcastle Girls*, a sweeping historical love story deeply steeped in his own ethnic Armenian roots. Eyes were glued to the podium as Mr. Bohjalian eloquently narrated his journeys to Armenia and the inspiration that led pen to paper. Later in the evening, Mr. Bohjalian signed copies of both *The Sandcastle Girls* and *Midwives*. The line of people waiting for a book signing wrapped around the Church's hallway, and snippets of conversations between folks were certainly telling of the entire evening. "I want it signed for my daughter, Angelina, so she reads and knows how strong her people are," said Sam Antonyan as he patiently anticipated exchanging words with Mr. Bohjalian.

Indeed, we all remembered the strength of the Armenian people on April 24, 2013. Whether it meant remembering a lost life of a grandparent, or great-grandparent, or entire family that suffered in 1915, or whether it meant becoming a target once again in post-Soviet Baku and sacrificing everything in the name of Armenian heritage and Christian roots, on that cloudy-turned-sunny, not-so-ordinary Wednesday, Armenians gathered and stood unfazed, offering a proclamation to the world: Cut our branches, burn our leaves, but you will never touch our roots. For wherever we go, we will grow. *Please see pages 2-3 for additional photos and coverage on April 24, 2013.*



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MAY 2013

SOUTHFIELD CREATES "DAY OF DOUBLE REMEMBRANCE".....

St. John's Armenian Church Day of Double Remembrance

April 24, 2013

WHEREAS, At the outbreak of World War I, Armenian men, women and children became the victims of hatred and fear for an empire seeking to resolve their "Armenian Question." Without warning on Easter Sunday, April 24, 1915 over two hundred Armenian intellectuals and religious leaders were arrested and eventually murdered; and

WHEREAS, Armenians forced to flee found sanctum here in the United States of America and found a new freedom to live in peace. They remembered their loved ones who perished and for the past 98 years have honored the departed and advocated for justice and global recognition yet to be fully realized; and

WHEREAS, During the years 1988-1991, Armenians suffered the oppressive forces of the Azerbaijani nation which ousted and uprooted them without just cause or reason, inflicting death and destruction of property upon many thousands of Armenians; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Brenda L. Lawrence, Mayor of the City of Southfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby recognize April 24, 2013, as

Day of Double Remembrance
In the City of Southfield, Michigan

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the citizens of the City of Southfield remember two genocides, one in Ottoman Turkey and one in Azerbaijan and offer prayers of support and remembrance for all the souls who perished in both tragedies.

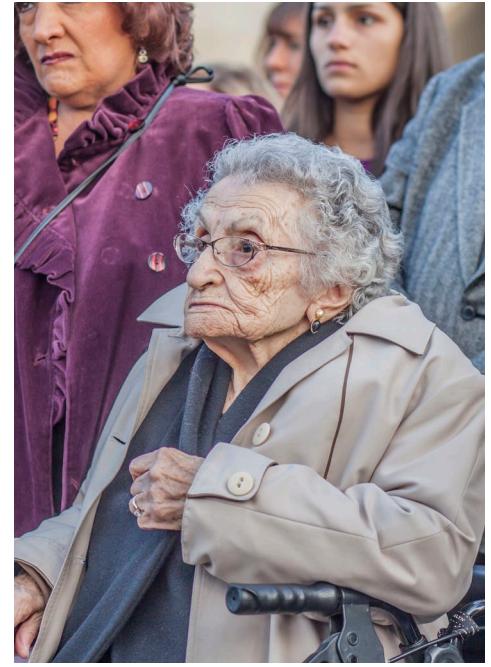
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Southfield to be affixed hereto on this twenty fourth day of April 2013

Brenda L. Lawrence, Mayor
City of Southfield



*Pictured above, left: Deacon Mihran Hoplamazian carries incense down the aisle of the church sanctuary. Pictured right: Guest speaker Chris Bohjalian gives a captivating talk about the inspiration that led him to pen *The Sandcastle Girls*.*

NEW MONUMENT'S ARTIST EXPLAINS HIS VISION.....



Every artist's creation speaks with meaning. This new monument designed by Arthur Lazaryan has many symbolic messages, as it stands uniquely on its own and then, as it correlates with the nearby monument dedicated to the 1915 Genocide. Mr. Lazaryan provides the following explanations.

"The monument reflects the religious and the national aspirations of the Armenian people, their faith in the power of God's love and mercy, and the resilience to survive every adversity -- even the power of death. The color of the granite was chosen especially to be red, a color which signifies 'resurrection' from death to life."

With his creation, Mr. Lazaryan has first presented the story of the Azeri pogroms with these two components of the monument converging to form a Cross, the symbol of our Christian faith and identity. The spiritual message is portrayed by the image of the 'open Cross shape' at the center connecting the left and right sides of the monument. This conveys to the observer how our faith unites and overcomes adversity.

He presents these two pieces to represent the major cities of Baku and Sumgait where predominantly thousands perished during the hateful crime of ethnic cleansing. The blank prisms or blocks are deliberately left with no image or word so that each visitor will seek to learn more about this modern day Armenian tragedy.

But there is also a correlation with the nearby monument as it brings together the past history of suffering and persecution that began at the inception of the 20th century in 1915 and ended that century with a repeated massacre and genocide. Each side symbolizes these two genocides: the Great Crime 'Medz Yeghern of 1915' and the Azeri pogroms of 1988-91 to which this memorial is dedicated.

The raised blank portions represent the wounds on the body of our Armenian homeland and Diaspora, fragmented and broken, but at the same time, united by the open Cross at the center. Our Christian faith, hope and love are our strengths to survive and unite the Armenian people beyond any suffering and evil. There is no earthly power, past or present, that can destroy the presence and power of Christ our God in the hearts, minds and souls of the Armenian people no matter when or where we live.

LETTERS OF SOLIDARITY.....

Dear Father Garabed,

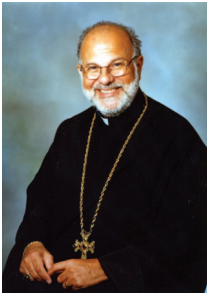
Greetings and best wishes in the name of our Lord.

I did not want this day to pass without affirming our solidarity with you and all the Armenian people as we commemorate the Armenian Genocide. This has to become an ongoing story to tell the many generations to come that even though the world is dominated by one group, we acknowledge ours. May the memory of all those who died be eternal and may the Armenian cause live forever.

Your Neighbor and Friend,

Fr. George Shalhoub, Pastor

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Livonia, Michigan



FROM FATHER GARABED'S DESK.....

Armenian Traditions Related to Funerals

Girasmoodk / Entering Sunday: This tradition still largely observed in countries of the Middle East by Armenian Orthodox faithful also continues in many of our parishes in the U.S. The family will gather at the home of the departed on the Saturday evening within the first seven days after the burial to share a meal prepared and brought to the home on the eve of the Resurrection / Sunday morning. The priest will be invited to bless the table and offer a prayer of requiem for the soul of the deceased. In our church calendar, the first Sunday following Easter is known as **Nor Giragi** or New Sunday. On the eve of the first Sunday after the departure of the soul from this life, it is the **Nor Giragi** / New Sunday for the soul as it assumes a place with God in heaven. This gathering of prayer seeks God's mercy to reckon the newly departed with the just ones in His Kingdom. On the next day after the Sunday **Badarak**, the family may gather at the actual grave site to offer prayers of remembrance.

Karasoonk / Fortieth Day Remembrance: For forty days the family observes a period of mourning in remembrance of the deceased. It is our traditional belief that as Jesus Christ physically and spiritually remained on earth before His ascension to heaven, so too the soul of the departed is remembered for forty days, and after ascending; it arrives to be with God our Creator and Father in the forever hereafter. A special prayer service to conclude this period is called in Armenian, **Karasoonk**, which means forty. Just before the conclusion of this formal period of mourning, friends or relatives may invite the family of the deceased for a memorial meal. In Armenian this is called, **sookeh hanel** or "taking out of mourning."

On the Sunday closest to the fortieth day a special requiem service is requested by the deceased's family. As is custom and tradition, the family gathers at the Divine Liturgy along with the entire community of worshippers, holding in loving prayer the soul of the departed as they worship and remembering that as in this life they are united still at the **Soorp Badarak**. Receiving Holy Communion on the fortieth day bears the significance that in Christ there is no separation and death cannot destroy our union and communion with those we love even if they are physically departed from our presence. In Christ we are still united and live, as we remember their names during the **Badarak** and at the requiem service that follows on that day called **Hokehankisd** / "the resting of the soul."

Darelitz / Annual Remembrance: Those who are asleep, having reached the end of their earthly lives in the faith, are referred to as the 'firstborn' of heaven or the Victorious Church. We, who are yet alive, are the Militant Church. All the faithful who are part of the Body of Christ, i.e. The Church, are forever united.

We believe that the soul which has left this realm of life on earth still lives and is conscious, and can even pray for us. From the Gospel of St. Luke there is evidence of our belief in the eternity of the soul as Jesus tells the story (Lk.16) about poor Lazarus and the rich man who begs the patriarch Abraham to send someone to his five brothers who are still alive to warn them of what is in store for sinners. And so with that confidence of faith we pray for the departed souls who, like living souls, still have faith in Christ and have tasted the reward of that faith, something we who yet live hope to do. As the letter of St. Paul to the Romans so beautifully states,

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord, so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For this Christ died and lived again, that he might be the Lord both of the dead and of the living.

It is our faith, custom and tradition to pray for the departed souls annually, at the least, remembering that they are still alive to God and to us as well. The annual requiem - **darelitz** - is usually offered on the anniversary of their departure to heaven.

FROM THE TLC.....

On April 30, 2013, the Tuesday Lunch Club was fortunate to have John Yavruian present a stretching and light chair exercising program for approximately 10 seniors. John demonstrated that you can still exercise even if you are not completely mobile. Those who attended enjoyed the session comprising of neck, shoulders, arms and body movements to help get them moving in the morning. The session lasted for approximately 25 minutes. John is planning on having these sessions on the last Tuesday of each month.

On May 14, 2013, Casey Czuj, co-owner of Vital Performance Fitness, explained her Power Plate® Studio and what benefits can be realized from her training, such as improved blood circulation, increased muscle strength and flexibility, improved range of motion, decreased cellulite and increased bone mineral density. The Power Plate gives a total body workout after which you get a massage to relieve any tension from the workout. All 22 people present were given a free session pass to try the Power Plate system. Most of the attendees were from Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church who were visiting our Tuesday Lunch Club. They enjoyed the presentation and luncheon followed by a tour of the Alex & Marie Manoogian Museum with John Yavruian.

- Daniel Cristiano -



ATTENTION: "HYE CAMP-ERS"!

This year Hye Camp is celebrating its 50th anniversary with the expansion of its camp program to two weeks!

Hye Camp 2013 camper, cit, & staff application packets are now available. Please send in your applications by June 1st to avoid late fees. The Detroit campers may travel by chartered bus on Sunday, June 28, 2013, to camp and return on Saturday, August 10th. All one week campers departing on Saturday, August 3rd or arriving on Sunday, August 4th must arrange their own transportation.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact youth coordinator, Lisa Mardigian: lmardigian@sjachurch.org.

WOMEN'S GUILD KEEPS BUSY.....



Last month, on April 24th, Women's Guild members participated in all aspects of the commemoration ceremonies. In cooperation with the Men's Society and A.C.Y.O.A., we served the *Madagh* dinner to an attendance of over 450. Our thanks to our Guild members who helped to serve: Anna Baylerian, Chairman, Dawn Aginian, Diane Aginian, Alice Argonian, Judy Cristiano, Marianne Dardarian, Barbara Haroutunian, Kim Kalajian, Helen Olson, Isabelle Vahratian and Dr. Joyce Yeghissian. Thank you also to Alberta Godoshian who planned the entire dinner. *Pictured, left:* Pat Hachigian and Women's Guild members at the *Madagh* dinner.

We have also been busy knitting! Under the chairmanship of Linda Assarian, the Women's Guild delivered 24 blankets to the Beaumont Dialysis Center in Hazel Park. There are over 100 patients who regularly come to the dialysis center several times a week for treatment. The blankets will be used as prizes at

their annual walkathon. The manager of the center, Trish, called and personally thanked Helen for the beautiful blankets. Currently the group is knitting blankets for the Berkley Dialysis Center. Gloria Baykian generously brought her mother Rose's knitting needles to the group. Past donations from the knitting group have been baby blankets and items to Children's Hospital and scarves to needy children in Detroit. The knitting group meets on the third Thursday of the month. For information please contact Linda Assarian at 248.332.0816. *Pictured above, right:* The Women's Guild knitting group.



In other news, wowed and amazed was the reaction of our members attending the May general body meeting as Joyce Obenhoff (pictured left) revealed her beautiful cross-stitch needle work. Each art piece showed her expertise and fine craftsmanship, the ultimate being the beautiful cross dedicated to her parents which is used during *Badarak*.

Coming up! Our Annual Membership Dinner will take place on Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at 6:00 pm, so please make your reservations by June 2nd. There is no charge to our members for this event. A lovely dinner is being planned by the chairpersons, Nancy Panaretos and Marilyn Sarkesian. Following the dinner there will be the initiation of new members. Also, there will be awards given to 10, 25, 40, and 50-year members. To make reservations for this event, please call Marilyn Sarkesian at 248.332.6570 or contact her by email at marilynsarkesian@hotmail.com.



From Terry Palaian, Women's Guild Membership Chairman

Our Guild has become a very active group of more than 200 members. In order to accomplish our mission to help our parish in its moral, spiritual and material growth, we offer a variety of projects and programs that appeal to women of varied interest. Some of these are: Manoogian Manor Visits, Knitting Group (charity project), Winter Baking, Palm Sunday Bake Sale, Social Concern Committee, Festival Baking, Easter Tea, Fashion Show Luncheon, Habitat for Humanity Breakfast, Alternatives for Girls (charity project), and Advent by Candlelight. Members choose where they would like to put their efforts according to their interests, talent, and time availability.

We would like to invite you to join us in membership. We would love to work with you, learn from you, and share ideas. Again, let me emphasize that in our Guild, the members choose what they would like to work on, whether it's baking or charity projects, or putting together an event. We will continue to work together for the well being of our church, and we hope you will join us. You can help us become stronger, and we believe that if we work and learn together, we will all personally

grow and our parish family will do the same. If you have any question I would love to talk with you; you can reach me at 313.929.0926 or tpalaian@yahoo.com. We hope to hear from you soon!

AUTHOR ANNA A. TURCOTTE TO VISIT ST. JOHN'S

Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte is an Armenian refugee from Baku, Azerbaijan. After fleeing Baku, Anna and her family spent three difficult years in Armenia as refugees before coming to United States in 1992. In 2012 Anna published her book, titled *Nowhere, a Story of Exile*, which she wrote at the age of 14 as her family settled in Wahpeton, North Dakota. The book is based on the childhood diaries she kept as her family was fleeing Baku, Azerbaijan and during life in Armenia as a Baku refugee.

As we remember the 25th anniversary of the Baku and Sumgait Massacres, we invite you to a special event on June 16, 2013. A Requiem *Hokehankisd* service in honor of the victims of 1988-1991 will be held, followed by a complimentary lunch with Anna recounting her memories in Baku as a pre-teen, as well as a book signing of her publication *Nowhere, a Story of Exile*.

Badarak (Divine Liturgy) | 10:00 am until 12:00 pm

Lunch and Book Signing | 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm

Requiem prayers will be held at 2:00 pm at the new Baku-Sumgait-Kirovabad Monument.

For more information, please contact Julia Papiyants at 248.924.7335 or julia@sjachurch.org



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms April 2013

- 21 Joshua Patrick
Son of Mark & Dana Peznowski
Godparents: David Bembas & Andrea Karagosian

May 2013

- 11 Sosi Aznive
Daughter of Dikran & Kelly Callan
Godparents: Vahan Callan & Eleeza Agopian

Weddings April 2013

- 27 Anna Pakhchanian & Ara Bush
Khachyeghpayr: David Pakhchanian
Best Man: Raffi Bush
Matron of Honor: Diana Grigoryan

Funerals April 2013

- 23 Rose W. Petroszak, 87, Glen Eden
25 Helen Daiyan, 95, Woodlawn

May 2013

- 4 Charles Stambouljian, 91, North Farmington
20 Ann Laktzian, 86, Woodmere
21 Sona Kalajian, 98, Woodlawn

BANQUET CENTER NEWS.....

The Banquet Center is fortunate to have five weddings and engagement parties scheduled in the next few months, along with several showers and baptismal luncheons booked by our Armenian community. We would like to thank everyone who has chosen St. John's for their special day receptions.

In the early part of 2004-7 St. John's would have four to five events with different Southfield School programs. This year we have confirmed one of their events to return to us and are in discussions for two other events. For those of you who work for different school systems in the area, don't forget to mention our Banquet Center for your school events - anything from dances, proms, PTA and PTO groups to graduation breakfasts and seminars. We have special menus designed with students in mind.

This year we have become more involved in the Southfield Chamber of Commerce by networking our facility with their members. Paul Yousoufian has taken on the chairperson's role of a BNG (Business Networking Group) within the Chamber of Commerce and promoting our facility to local businesses within Southfield.

Over the next thirty days we will be creating a new website dedicated to St. John's Banquet Center. If you can provide photos from an event you hosted from 2007 and beyond, we would appreciate your sharing them with us for the new website. Photos may be from any type of event, from a wedding to a meeting. Please send photos via email to: pramy1@gmail.com.

A special thank you goes to Rose Samarian for donating a Kitchen-Aid Stand Mixer and a food processor to St. John's. This will be a big help in our preparation of different dishes. We are still looking for a small refrigerator approximately 3 feet high and 2-3 feet deep. Please contact the Banquet Center at 248.569.3446. Thank you for your consideration.

Much more information is coming. Stay tuned to "The Banquet Center News."

SEXTUPLETS AND A BABY GRAND MAKES ITS DEBUT.....

The Spring offering by the St. John Armenian Church Music Guild was a collaboration with the Michigan Opera Theater and its visionary director, Dr. David DiChiera, who was both the creator and narrator for the afternoon concert at St. John Armenian Church. Dr. DiChiera brought his key performers to present selections from several operas including Fidelio (Beethoven's only opera), Verdi's *Aida* and *Turandot* by Puccini. The caliber of their voices was second to none. The operatic Aria's that were sung reflected the depth of their talent. It was a program that could have been presented in many opera houses and international venues. We were privileged that Dr. DiChiera chose to bring this program to the halls of St. John Armenian Church.

The concert began with the MOT ensemble and the audience singing the *Hayr Mer* which of course, is the Lord's Prayer in Armenian - this is always an emotional moment for the audience, especially Armenians. The charismatic David DiChiera acting as narrator, then began the program giving a background on each performer and a scenario of the Aria being performed. This was a most unique and enjoyable format for the audience, especially those who were not as familiar with opera. The performers were Kearstin Piper Brown, Soprano; Ricardo Lugo, Bass, Ileana Montalbetti, Soprano, Cameron Schutza, Tenor, Angela Theis, Soprano, Jason Wickson, Tenor. They were accompanied by Jean Schneider, Pianist. Each voice was thrilling and surpassed expectations.

The closing solo "*O Mio Babbino Caro*" by Puccini and performed by soprano Angela Theis brought tears to the eyes with its depth and beauty. A lovely reception sponsored by the St. John Komitas Choir was presented following the concert. Dr. DiChiera and the performers graciously attended and interacted with the guests. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful dessert buffet.

With this Spring performance presented by the St. John Music Guild, it can be said that the inaugural year of The Guild has been an exceptional success. Many accolades have been expressed by members of the audience with the hope that the Guild will follow with another Season. The committee wishes to thank the underwriters and those who attended who made these events possible. We encourage those who have expressed a desire to support these programs at any level in the future to contact the Church or any member of the committee. Your participation is imperative to continue these programs for future generations.

The 2012-2013 St. John Music Guild committee members are Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Pastor, Deacon Rubik Mailian, John Yavruian, Parish Council; Brooke Minasian Hoplamazian, Chair, Greg Jamian, Jeanette Keramedjian, Annette Mamassian, Sevaan Merian, and Marty Shoushanian.

Congratulations to everyone who spearheaded this initial cultural effort to bring the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan Opera Theater to St. John Armenian Church. We look forward to our 2013-2014 series - dates to be announced.

- Jeanette Keramedjian, for the St. John Church Music Guild -

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We invite you to visit the St. John web site for up-to-date calendar information, the Sunday Bulletin, *The Torchbearer*, event information and links to internet sites of interest to our parishioners:

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June

- 2 Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
- 16 High Tea & Book Signing by Anna Astvatsaturian
Turcotte, author of *Nowhere: A Story of Exile*
Requiem Prayers at Baku-Sumgait-Kirovabad
Monument, 2:00 pm
- 17 St. John's Summer Day Camp begins
- 26 Day by Day Afternoon Bible Study

July

- 4 Independence Day-Complex Closed
- 7 Transfiguration of our Lord - *Vartavar*
- 24 Day by Day Afternoon Bible Study
- 28-Aug 3 Midwest Hye Camp (offsite)

August

- 18 Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God
Annual Church Picnic
- 28 Day by Day Afternoon Bible Study

IN THE COMMUNITY.....

Monday, May 27, 2013 Memorial Day Grave Blessings

Grave Blessings at Woodlawn: 10:00 am-Noon, Father Garabed
12:00 pm - General Requiem at Woodlawn Martyrs' Monument
in memory of all Armenians buried at Woodlawn & Evergreen
offered by Father Garabed and Father Abraham

Grave Blessings at Evergreen: 1:30-2:30 pm, Father Abraham

Saturday, July 20, 2013, 5:00-10:00 pm *Armenia Fest* Royal Oak Farmer's Market

College Scholarships For Students Of Armenian Ancestry For The 2013-2014 Academic Year

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Deadline: June 15, 2013

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