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MARDIGIAN FAMILY HONORED AT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY BANQUET.....

Service. Vision. Inspiration. These words set the tone at the Grand Banquet of the 111th Diocesan Assembly, where clergy, delegates, and community members gathered to honor a distinguished couple for their dedicated support of the Armenian Church and humanitarian projects in the Republic of Armenia. The banquet was hosted by St. David Church of Boca Raton, Fla., at the Marriott Hotel in the city center on Friday evening, May 3rd.

Edward and Janet Mardigian, of the St. John Church of Southfield, Mich., were honored with the “Armenian Church Members of the Year” award. A video presentation highlighted their involvement with the Fund for Armenian Relief, through which the Mardigians have helped support the Homeless Children’s Center in Yerevan and are currently building a state-of-the-art facility to house the Octet Music School in Gyumri.

Their most recent initiative, called “Breaking the Cycle of Poverty, Developing Thriving Communities,” is aimed at relieving poverty and diminishing its effect on children and families in Armenia’s Tavush province. This latest gift to FAR is one of the largest donations ever contributed to the organization. “They have given, and they have inspired others to give as well,” said outgoing Diocesan Council chair Oscar Tatosian.

Mr. Mardigian credited his wife, Janet, for taking up the projects in Armenia. It was after her trip there as a member of the Diocesan Council several years ago that she felt compelled to reach out and help make a difference. “She came home and said, ‘We have to do something over there. There’s so much need,’” he recalled.

Randy Sapah-Gulian, chair of the FAR Board of Directors, added that the Mardigian family has a long legacy of leadership and philanthropy. Edward Mardigian’s parents, the late Edward Sr. and Helen Mardigian, were pillars of Armenian life in their Detroit parish, as well as throughout the Eastern Diocese and the worldwide Armenian Church. Today the Mardigians are passing the torch to sons Grant and Matthew who have recently joined the board of directors of the family’s foundation.

In addition to their efforts in Armenia through the Fund for Armenian Relief, Edward and Janet Mardigian recently made a generous gift to the Diocese to endow programs and activities of the Diocesan Department of Youth and Education. The family also supports hospitals, educational institutions, and other organizations in the larger community, both in their native Detroit and other parts of the country.

“Your fine character, your dedication to God and heritage, are indeed shining inspirations to people throughout our community,” said Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern). “It is your legacy of love and devotion that we are honoring tonight, by naming you both as our ‘Armenian Church Members of the Year.’”



ST. JOHN CHURCH AND MUSEUM TOUR IS BACK!

Wednesday, September 25, 2013 from 10 am - 2 pm

A part of the Land of Noah’s Ark Festival, the Church and Museum tour is back featuring a vocal performance by Deacon Rubik Mailian, a museum tour directed by Lucy Ardash, and a noon buffet lunch.

\$15.00 per person

Please register by Monday, September 16, 2013

For questions, contact Diane Ekizian at 248.851.4069 or dlekizian@yahoo.com

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FROM FATHER GARABED'S DESK.....

Why do we pray for the deceased? What is the meaning of Requiem / Hokehankisd?

The most basic teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ is: *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you [John 13:34].* This love is best expressed when we the church come together to experience His presence in our midst as He said, *where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them (Mat. 18:20).*

In prayer we are all united, especially when we are physically together, raising our voices and spirit to connect with one another. Such prayer is the very essence of the Church and is our common visible connection with each other in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our collective joining of praise and glory shows the unity of our love.

We might think that such a coming together is only for the living. When a loved one departs this life, we assume they are disconnected because of physical separation, and that he or she has been finally judged. But our faith speaks of a double judgment: one at the time of death and the other at the Last Judgement, when Christ will come again as our Creed states, *to judge the living and the dead of whose kingdom there is no end.*

Our faith concerning the judgment of souls teaches that a soul does not die. Though not active like a living person, the soul still is a living spirit, very much alive, only just resting from functioning. Consequently our church theology and teaching accepts them very much "alive" in Christ, while at the same time resting from our presence and earthly life. After all aren't we ourselves alive while we are sleeping? Of course we are.

The departed soul that is resting is as worthy and needful of prayers as those who are still alive on this earth. Thus we pray for the departed, asking God to be merciful to them as they wait, like us, for the Final Judgment.

Our theology then is predicated upon Old Testament teaching where often we read about praying for the departed in this life, which was done during those times. But mainly our understanding of Prayers for the Dead or as we say in Armenian, *Hokehankisd*, meaning 'resting of the soul,' comes from the New Testament belief that our loved ones, though departed from our presence, are very much with the Lord. As St. Paul states in Romans 14:8-9:

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 to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

The definition of the faithful departed from our presence then, according to St. Paul, is that they are 'asleep' / *nunchetsyal* (in Armenian) until Christ comes again.

When leaving our departed to earthly burial at the cemetery, we pray: *May this seal [of the Holy Cross] remain unbroken on the grave...until the Second Coming of Christ, who coming again, will renew it in glory, to the glory of the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

This then explains why we pray until this will occur, and until we join them, entering the new 'heavenly' Jerusalem...*Ee Verin Yeroosaghem.*

NEWS FROM THE PRIMATE.....

My blessings and good wishes to you all. I am writing to inform you of a development in our ongoing Diocesan youth outreach effort, which we feel will strengthen our existing youth ministry, and create a more coherent framework for addressing the needs of school-age children, youth, and young adults.

I am pleased to announce that the Diocese has created a new Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and that we have named Jennifer Morris as its director. As you know, Jennifer is currently the youth coordinator for the Department of Youth and Education (DYE); in that role she has been a leader in ministry to our youngest congregants since her arrival in 2005. In her new role she will continue those efforts, which include organizing national and regional ACYOA Juniors activities and directing our Diocesan camp programs (St. Vartan Camp and Hye Camp).

Both of these are demanding jobs that Jennifer has performed with excellence over the past eight years. Now, as director of the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Jennifer will add supervision of the ACYOA Seniors programs to her responsibilities. She will serve in a capacity similar to that of the ACYOA Executive Secretary (from which Nancy Basmajian recently retired), and will work closely with the ACYOA

Central Council. Before beginning her professional career at the Diocesan Center, Jennifer was intimately involved with the ACYOA Central Council as treasurer and chair.

We feel that her hands-on experience with ACYOA Seniors and Juniors will help create natural linkages between these programs, creating a smooth transition between groups serving different age levels. Given the scope of this position, it goes without saying that the director cannot work alone. We will be advertising for a Youth and Young Adults Ministry Coordinator to provide the support necessary to manage the new department. Jennifer will remain in her current capacity as DYE Youth Outreach Coordinator through the 2013 camp season, and will begin her new position on September 1. Please be assured that a well-planned transition will take place over the summer. In addition, given the special needs of our camp and ACYOA Juniors programs, we hope to bring the Youth Ministry Coordinator on board by July 1st.

I know you will join me in welcoming Jennifer Morris to her new role, while offering Jennifer and her DYE colleagues the prayerful support they need to successfully lead our youth into the future, and into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

- Archbishop Khajag Barsamian -

WE GET LETTERS!

Dear Father Garabed:

My mom just received *The Torchbearer*, and we really appreciated what you wrote. It was informative and we were happy that you explained our Armenian religious customs for those of us who didn't have the opportunity to learn it thoroughly. We are looking forward to more information explaining our traditions.

Thank you,

Deborah Fossano

The Torchbearer Reader
Daughter of Rosemary Fossano

Dear Father Kochakian,

I would like to thank you very much for your letter of 23 March, in which you offered your kind words on the election of His Holiness Pope Francis. Your thoughtful reflection[s] on the promise of the election of the new Holy Father are most welcome and I believe they accurately captures well an abiding sentiment in hearts of Catholics and Orthodox throughout the world. The Lord has blessed us richly once again, for "his love endures forever" (Psalm 118). With deep gratitude for your fraternal support, and that of all of our dear brothers and sisters of the Orthodox churches, I remain

Sincerely yours in the risen Lord,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit

Dear Father Garabed K.,

I shall be ever grateful for Greg Baise's mentioning of the April 24th Remembrance of the 98th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Your solemn Requiem Service affirmed our common faith in the abiding Communion we have with the victorious Saints and Martyrs. Thank you for the honor to stand with you and your spirit-filled flock. Fr. Jose and I are grateful for your warm welcome and fraternal nourishment.

Gratefully,

Father Russ Kohler

Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Detroit MI

Dear Father Garabed:

On behalf of the Evereg-Fenese Educational Society, I would like to thank you for blessing our *Madagh* and leading us in prayer before the meal at our annual *Madagh* Dinner which was held on Sunday, April 14, 2013 at the St. John Recreational Center after Church services.

Your attendance and spiritual leadership is always sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Rozann Vartogian

President, Detroit Chapter

Father Garabed,

I wanted to thank you for an absolutely beautiful Easter service and relay a story that filled me with happiness.

During the Kiss of Peace, Gabrielle leaned into me and, filled with confidence, said her part, "Christ is revealed amongst us," in perfect Armenian!

My parents would be so-o proud. You and the Church School helpers are truly blessing my children. Thank you again.

Love,

Anthony Anusbigian

Parishioner
Father of Gabrielle Anusbigian

Father Garabed,

Thanks so much for displaying the beautiful story board of our dear Asya Titova! It was well done (and so quickly!) and a great tribute to her and her story. I hope many people were able to take time to read it. I know her family appreciated it very much. April 24th was really a very moving and memorable day in the community of St. John's. I was glad that about 16 people from Lansing also came, all genocide survivors. I am sure others will make their way to see the Baku Memorial at a later date. Thanks so much for making Asya's story available for all to see.

Sincerely,

Knar Cirrito

ORIENTAL ORTHODOX CLERGY OF METRO DETROIT GATHER.....



On May 16, 2013 by the gracious invitation of Fathers Mina Isaac, Maximus Habib and Mark Ibrahim, clergy and lay people from the Syriac Orthodox, Ethiopian Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox and Coptic Orthodox Churches gathered at the St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church in Troy.

During a luncheon gathering, Father Mina Isaac, pastor of St. Mark, welcomed the priests and laity and expressed his joy that brothers in the Lord accepted his invitation. While enjoying our meal, he led the clergy and laity to discuss ways and means of strengthening our fellowship and bonds in the unity of our Orthodox faith and making an effort to continue such gatherings. Father Garabed and Deacon Rubik Mailian were present, representing St. John Armenian Church.

Many of the clergy willingly offered insights, ideas and suggestions for future meetings and topics to pursue in bringing our communities closer together and lifting up our common witness as Oriental Orthodox in the mainstream of Michigan's religious communities, while engaging with civic leadership for the good and moral welfare of humanity.

Father Garabed was asked to lead the discussion. He spoke of the concern of all about the two abducted Archbishops

in Syria, Aleppo's Greek Orthodox Bishop Boulos Yaziji and Syriac Orthodox Bishop Yohanna Ibrahim, and asked about the status of their safety and return to freedom. Father Edward Hanna of SS Peter and Paul Syriac Orthodox Church stated that they are still in captivity but are being attended to fairly, and noted that the abductors were not Arab Moslems, but Chechnyan Moslems.

Father Garabed suggested that all clergy present meet with Cong. Gary Peters to discuss this issue with him and raise our voices to U.S. authorities to intervene for the safe return of both Bishops.

Further points of discussions ensued with an interest to engage our communities through worship, education and programs. Father Garabed suggested having a Concelebrated Divine Liturgy of all Churches. He noted that in the Metropolitan New York-New Jersey area this has been a long-standing tradition of the Oriental Orthodox Churches under the auspices of SCOCH (Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches) for the past twenty years. This joint celebration will be pursued and planned at the next meeting. Deacon Rubik Mailian, pastoral assistant and choral director at St. John's, suggested meeting with choir leaders and singers to hear the traditional chants of each church. A suggestion was made to have a joint choir concert of hymns in the traditional liturgical language of each church. Father Mark suggested that at the fall meeting efforts for a Concelebrated Liturgy be finalized.

Father Mark Ibrahim, Youth Pastor of St. Mark's, offered insight and support for youth programs, and suggested we engage our youth to enjoy Orthodox Christian fellowship as well. He and Father Garabed will further dialogue to plan some ways and means of instituting such a program for our Metropolitan Detroit area.

Father Mina hoped that our meetings will continue and that we can build upon our ideas to become realities. He suggested that another meeting be planned with the hope that our Malankara Indian Orthodox brothers are able to attend.

Father Garabed, noting that Pascha next year will be on the same date for all churches and that Great Lent will be aligned with the Feast of Easter, suggested that during Great Lent we hold evening services during the week and invite clergy from each of our churches to be present and participate along with the faithful. This, too, will be a topic for future programs.

Father Edward asked for prayers again for the two abducted Archbishops as we concluded the meeting. Father Garabed thanked the host clergy of St. Mark and the women for graciously preparing and serving the meal.

JOIN US!

ACYOA VARTAVAR PICNIC

Food, Friends, Fun and a Water Fight...

Vartavar is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ.

The Armenian tradition is to throw water at each other, and we are bringing it back!

We will also have a picnic and outdoor fun. Don't miss this great time which will be the biggest ACYOA event of the summer.

SUNDAY, JULY 7TH AFTER CHURCH
FREE WILL OFFERING

WOMEN'S GUILD KEEPS BUSY.....

A Royal Luncheon was the event of the season for the Women's Guild. Guests were welcomed in a grand fashion by the handsome and formally attired Brent Palaian and Nick Karebian sons of committee members Terry Palaian and Terrie Karebian. A champagne toast started the celebration as we saluted the upcoming birth to the British Royal couple, Duke William and Duchess Kate, and to all women who are the queens or *takouhis* of their homes, nurturing Armenian culture, traditions and Christian values.

A lovely lunch was enjoyed with British elements of lemon barley water and trifle for dessert. Each guest was presented a jeweled crown bookmark favor decorated with a British flag. The Fashion Show from the Somerset Collection featured exquisite clothes from Tommy Bahama, Eileen Fisher, Armani, Lily Pulitzer and other top designers. Eighteen of our members and their family served as models. They strolled through the room allowing for an up close and personal show. Our thanks go to models Lisa Aglamishian, Susan Ameriguian, Heidi Aprahamian, Jaclyn Assarian, Louise Brocher, Karen Dardarian, Nyree Giragosian, Cheryl Joboulian, Diane Khachaturian, Dolly Matoian, Erika Palian, Julie Panaretos, Judy Parks, Elise Papazian, Christine Santourian, Ani Stambouljian and Margaret Ann Yessian. A raffle chaired by Linda Jevahirian and Joyce Obenhoff completed the day.

Festival Baking is a great way to build friendships and support the church. Everyone is welcome to meet in the church kitchen every Monday and Tuesday beginning at 9 am baking continues until the festival in September. Can't make it during the day? Evening Bakes are July 15 and August 19 beginning at 6 pm. Contact Dolly Matoian for information at 248.737.9055.

Pictured top right: Co-Chairwomen Charlene Gozmanian and Nora Noraian with Father Garabed. Pictured bottom right: Models strike a pose in bright colored outfits.



A SUCCESSFUL MONTH FOR THE MEN'S SOCIETY.....



On May 12, 2013, the Men's Society presented a "Mother's Day Celebration" honoring all grandmothers, mothers, sisters, daughters, aunts and special women in our lives. A sit-down dinner prepared by members of the Men's Society included appetizers of fresh fruit, scones, muffins, *cheoreg* and cheese, cream cheese, jams and butter; salad made with field greens, sun dried cherries, walnuts, oranges and a citrus vinaigrette dressing; grilled chicken breast teriyaki and orange glazed salmon combination with rice pilaf and grilled vegetables. A fabulous dessert table included an ice cream bar with all the toppings and chocolate fountains with fresh fruit. Those in attendance were treated to a video presentation of parishioners' children expressing in their own ways their messages to Mom. The following Men's Society members worked several hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to make this an elegant affair: Greg Baise, Richard Baylerian, Ara Belian, George Boyagian, Dan Cristiano, David Dardarian, Christopher Korkoian, Robert Magee, Mark Mamassian, John Pochas, Peter Toukhanian, John Yavruian and Paul Yousoufian. A special thank you to Sona Toukhanian for helping with food preparation, Judy and Danielle Cristiano for reservations, Maral Mamassian and Nicole Toukhanian for the elegant decorations and to Maral Mamassian and Hrayr Toukhanian for the excellent video presentation which was the highlight of the day.

The Men's Society also held their last monthly pancake breakfast before the summer break. A special thank you to Amber Kalajian, Rayeanne Magee and Sona Toukhanian for helping with food preparation. More than 100 attended the brunch and enjoyed the menu consisting of shepards pie, pork sliders, hash brown potatoes, pancakes, sausage, made-to-order omelets featuring *basterma*, feta cheese, onions and green peppers, fruit salad, short breads, ice cream, juices and coffee.

Funds raised by the Free Will Offerings will go to support the Men's Society and Komitas Choir's audio/visual project for the Sanctuary. Please come and join us in September. The members of the Men's Society thank you for your continued support of these functions.

- Daniel Cristiano -

Baptisms May 2013

- 26 Garo Max
Son of Lisa Lee Asadoorian
Godparents: Adam Asadoorian & Hazel Kabodian

June 2013

- 1 Alana Diane Maree
Daughter of Curtis & Erica Heffner
Godparents: Kenneth Heffner & Angel Abdoian
- 2 Colin Engoren
Son of Kevin & Margaret Gray
Godparents: David Engoren & Stephanie Gray
- 9 Arthur Scott
Son of Mark & Lisa Mimnaugh
Godparents: Robert & Michelle Mimnaugh
- 15 Marshall David
Son of Michael & Laurel Moore
Godparents: Charles Seremjian & Rebecca Tarman

Weddings June 2013

- 8 Florinda Kamberi & Arsen Mazmanian
Best Man: Garri Mazmanian
Matron of Honor: Kristina Mazmanova

Funerals May 2013

- 20 Ann Laktzian, 86, Woodmere
- 21 Sona Kalajian, 97, Woodlawn

June 2013

- 10 Karl (Karaken) Sarafian, 94, Woodlawn

FROM THE KOMITAS CHOIR.....

On Thursday, July 25th at 7:00 pm, Deacon Rubik Mailian will offer the first in a series of lecture/discussions on "Armenian Sacred Songs" designed to provide a better understanding of the songs of the Divine Liturgy and other church services. He will talk about ancient musical thought and theory, history, classification and meaning of church songs, including performance practice with live singing examples. The class is open to the general public and is free of charge. All are welcome to attend and learn more about our beautiful sacred music.

DID YOU KNOW

Margret Derderian and Shakay Godoshian were appointed to the ministry of Church archival storage some 20 years ago.

We are grateful for the dedication of these extraordinary ladies.

However, it is now time to pass the torch. This is an important task as every document that affects our Church must be catalogued.

Der Garabed is seeking volunteers to carry this task forward.

Please contact **May Kafafian** for questions, 248.569.3405 and contact **Der Garabed** by July 14, 2013 to be considered.

BANQUET CENTER NEWS.....

What have we been doing? Ten new 36" adjustable high-top cocktail tables have been purchased, which can be set up as a standup table or adjusted lower so that chairs can be put around. The tables have a hard wood grain finish and chrome legs. Storage for these tables is on a cart designed to hold all ten tables.

St. John's has had Wi-Fi in most of the main complex for over a year. This year we have doubled the strength of the signal to cover more of the complex, and we added Wi-Fi in the Veterans Building.

Most recently we had our bi-annual health department inspection. Over the past few years we have been fortunate to have very good reviews as in the latest inspection. More importantly we have established a good relationship with our inspector, helping us keep apprised of the latest laws and policy changes and best ways to maintain a good food service operation.

Share your photos with us! We would like to update and continually rotate event pictures on St. John's Banquet facilities web site. This will give potential clients an idea of what type of events take place here and what they can do to accentuate their event. If you have photos to share with us, please send them to pramy1@gmail.com. Thank you for your help.

Getting a jump on the holidays. The holiday rush for Christmas family parties and company holiday events usually starts in August and September. We are putting the word out now so you can be ready to suggest our facility.

As you know we have a beautiful facility and great pricing. Lunches start at \$16.50 per person and dinners start at \$20.50. Breakfast and hors d'oeuvres receptions are also available. We can handle groups from 25 to 500 guests easily and have three excellent caterers: Uptown Catering, 2 Unique, and Steve and Rocky's. Please let us know how we can help you plan an excellent holiday event. Contact Paul at 248.569.3446.

CONGRATS, ST. JOHN'S CLASS OF 2013!



Sunday, May 19, 2013 the Feast of Holy Pentecost, ten Church School students of St. John received their graduation diplomas at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Father Garabed presented the diplomas and acknowledged a special award for twelve years of unbroken perfect attendance to Matthew Tarpinian. Father Garabed presented Matthew's parents, Craig and Lisa Tarpinian, with an Armenian Icon of the Presentation of the Infant Jesus to the Temple in appreciation for their support as part of the perfect attendance recognition.

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If you would be interested in sponsoring an issue of *The Torchbearer*, that is, assuming the costs of producing one, please contact May Kafafian at the Church Office for further information. We also need volunteers who would be interested in helping prepare *The Torchbearer* for mailing. This occurs around the 25th of the month and for just a few hours. Again, please contact the Church Office.

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4	Independence Day-Complex Closed
7	Transfiguration of our Lord - Vartavar
24	Day by Day Afternoon Bible Study
25	Lecture - Armenian Sacred Songs Sponsored by Komitas Choir
28-Aug 3	Midwest Hye Camp (offsite)
August	
4-10	Midwest Hye Camp (offsite)
18	Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God Annual Church Picnic
28	Day by Day Afternoon Bible Study
September	
2	Labor Day - Complex Closed
8	Church School Opens Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
15	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
20	Festival Prelude - Passport to Armenia Opening Night Dinner & Auction
21	Health Fair
25	Church/Museum Tour & Lunch
26	Fine Arts Exhibit Opening/Reception
27-29	Armenia: Land of Noah's Ark Festival
29	Holy Cross of Varak

***Grape donations are needed for the Feast of the Assumption,
August 18th, the day of St. John's Annual Picnic***

IN THE COMMUNITY.....

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

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER, BUT SEE YOU IN CHURCH

Summer Hours

June 9th through September 1st
Morning Service: 9:30 am
Divine Liturgy: 10:30 am

Graduates!

If you would like to be included in the Torchbearer section "Graduates 2013," please submit information to the church office by July 15th, or via email to mkafafian@sjachurch.org. Please limit your submission to name of graduate, name of school and location, type of diploma or degree, type of major/minor, awards and honors received. For high school graduates, you may include the name of the school you will attend in the Fall, if applicable. Please limit your submission to 100 words or less. Due to space limitations, we cannot accept photos for publication.

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