



# St. Mesrob Armenian Church

Racine, Wisconsin



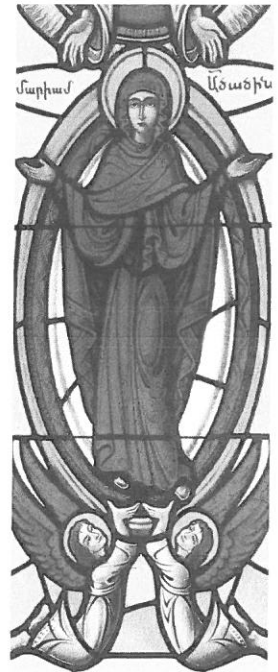
September 4, 2016

Fourth Sunday of the Assumption of Mary

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

### The Second Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (7:4-16)

- I can speak with the greatest frankness to you; and I can speak with the greatest pride about you: in all our hardship, I am filled with encouragement and overflowing with joy.
- 5 Even after we had come to Macedonia, there was no rest for this body of ours. Far from it; we were beset by hardship on all sides, there were quarrels all around us and misgivings within us.
- 6 But God, who encourages all those who are distressed, encouraged us through the arrival of Titus; and not simply by his arrival only, but also by means of the encouragement that
- 7 you had given him, as he told us of your desire to see us, how sorry you were and how concerned for us; so that I was all the more joyful.
- 8 So now, though I did distress you with my letter, I do not regret it. Even if I did regret it -- and I realize that the letter distressed you, even though not for long-
- 9 I am glad now, not because you were made to feel distress, but because the distress that you were caused led to repentance; your distress was the kind that God approves and so you have come to no kind of harm through us.
- 10 For to be distressed in a way that God approves leads to repentance and then to salvation with no regrets; it is the world's kind of distress that ends in death.
- 11 Just look at this present case: at what the result has been of your being made to feel distress in the way that God approves -- what concern, what defense, what indignation and what alarm; what yearning, and what enthusiasm, and what justice done. In every way you have cleared yourselves of blame in this matter.
- 12 So although I wrote a letter to you, it was not for the sake of the offender, nor for the one offended, but only so that you yourselves should fully realize in the sight of God what concern you have for us.
- 13 That is what I have found encouraging. In addition to all this to encourage us, we were made all the more joyful by Titus' joy, now that his spirit has been refreshed by you all.
- 14 And if I boasted about you to him in any way, then I have not been made to look foolish; indeed, our boast to Titus has been proved to be as true as anything we said to you.
- 15 His personal affection for you is all the stronger when he remembers how obedient you have all been, and how you welcomed him with fear and trembling.
- 16 I am glad that I have every confidence in you.



### The Gospel According to Mark (7:31-37)

- 31 Returning from the territory of Tyre, he went by way of Sidon towards the Lake of Galilee, right through the Decapolis territory.
- 32 And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him.
- 33 He took him aside to be by themselves, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle.
- 34 Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.'
- 35 And his ears were opened, and at once the impediment of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly.
- 36 And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they proclaimed it.
- 37 Their admiration was unbounded, and they said, 'Everything he does is good, he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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**Lectors of the Day:** Gospel..... Deacon Joe Gabrielian  
Epistle..... Lauren Chalekian

**Greeters:** Art Musurlian, Myron Topalian, Michael and Mariam Chobanian

**Name Days:** Abraham, Anna, Andre, Andreas, Andrew, Cosoimas, Damian, Khoren and Mary

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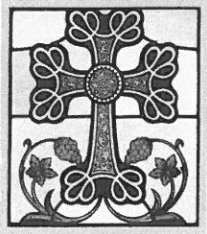
† The Reverend Father Yeprem Kelegian, Pastor †

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Office Hours: Mon. thru Thurs 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Worship Hours: Morning Prayer – Matins 8:30 a.m.

The Divine Liturgy - 9:30 a.m.



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**NEAR LAST CHANCE !!! Have you signed up yet?**



### **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!**

Schedule your photo date SOON! Dates for photos are as follows:

Friday, Sept. 9 – 2:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 10 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 20 – 2:00 -9:00 p.m

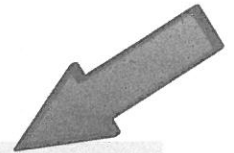
*All photos will be taken here at St. Mesrob.*



We have partnered with a company called “Lifetouch” for this project. They are providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8 X 10 portrait. Please sign via the site sent to you in the email you received from our church last week. Questions should be directed to Janet Mrazek at 262-498-9274 or [jwmrazek@gmail.com](mailto:jwmrazek@gmail.com)

You can sign up directly by going to the following site:

<https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stmesrobarmenianapostolic/index.php?page=10>



**OR**

**If you haven't already signed up, Janet Mrazek is available TODAY, after church services, to sign you up for your photo session!**



### **SEPTEMBER 11 CELEBRATION OF DER AVEDIS' FIRST DIVINE LITURGY LUNCH FOR ALL FOLLOWS!**



Next Sunday, September 11, 2016, newly ordained Father Avedis Kalayjian, our new pastor, will do his **first-ever Divine Liturgy**. We hope everyone possible will attend. Please spread the word to those who don't come to church regularly!!! Let's fill our church!

**To honor this special event, there will be a lunch served to everyone immediately following services.** (*While there will be no charge for lunch, there will be free will offering envelopes on the tables.*)

At lunch, there will be a brief program with introduction by Parish Council Chair Steve Gengozian, who will present Father Avedis with a gift from the parish honoring his ordination. Additionally, if individual parishioners want to offer written cards or messages of congratulations to Father Avedis, the lunch would be a good place to leave them.

## FATHER VERTANES KALAYJIAN



As you know, it was with deep sorrow that we learned of the death of the Reverend Fr. Vertanes *Avak Kahana* Kalayjian, who passed away on August 5, 2016, in New York—one week shy of his 77th birthday and two weeks after the ordination to the priesthood of his son, Fr. Avedis Kalayjian, our new priest.

For those of you wishing to honor Fr. Vertanes' memory with a donation, the family has requested that in-lieu-of-flowers' donations in Fr. Vertanes' name may be made to the:

**Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian Christian Youth Education Fund  
of St. Mesrob Church, Racine, Wisconsin.**

You may leave your checks in church office noted accordingly.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18 !

**WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES!!**



- Sunday School **begins Sept. 18** with the following schedule:  
*TIMELY ARRIVAL IS APPRECIATED!*  
9:30 – 9:45 a.m. – Meet staff and returning families.  
9:45 a.m. ----- Sunday School announcements and calendar.  
10:00 a.m. ----- Worship together in church.
- Picnic for all Sunday School families and kids at St. Mesrob on Saturday, **Sept. 24, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Please bring a dish to pass.
- For more information, contact **Bonnie Bishop at 262-989-3109.**



## BIRTHDAY BAG MISSION FOR NEEDY FAMILIES



The Northside Food Pantry will be giving a “Birthday Bag” to families who come for food that have a child with a birthday during the month.

Members of the congregation of the five churches who support the Food Pantry are being asked to contribute any of the following suggested items: **cake mixes, cans of frosting, boxes of small birthday candles, plates, napkins and balloons.**

You can put the items in a large Ziploc bag if you don't have a birthday bag. There will be a collection box in the church hall. There is no due date since the program will be ongoing; when we get a bag we will take it to the Food Pantry.

St. Mesrob runs the Food Pantry on the first Thursday of each month from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. The Northside Food Pantry is located at Trinity United Methodist Church, 3825 Erie St. (across from Piggly Wiggly). Any questions, please ask Janet Mrazek.



## CONCERT – KARINE' POGHOSYAN

Friday, October 14, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Siena Center, Racine



St. Hagop's Cultural Committee is sponsoring a "wonderful" concert by classical pianist Karine' Poghosyan. She is from Armenia but is now residing in New York, teaching at the Manhattan School of Music. At the Siena Center she will perform an all-Khachaturian concert.

The concert comes highly recommended from those who have already heard Ms. Poghosyan perform. For further information, you may contact Shirley Saryan at 4141-282-1919 or [sasaryan@aol.com](mailto:sasaryan@aol.com)

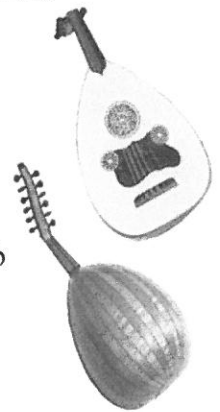
(While the event is free of charge, there will be a free-will offering collected.)

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## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS PRESENTATION

Saturday, October 22, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

St. Mesrob Church Hall



The Heritage Committee of St. Mesrob Church will host a presentation by **Stepan Fronjian** of traditional Armenian musical instruments on Saturday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Mesrob Church hall. The public is invited.

Presenting a selection of authentic instruments drawn from his personal collection, Stepan will display and discuss many characteristics of the instruments' importance to Armenian culture, including exploration of their origin and technical aspects of performance.

Following his presentation, Stepan will provide musical entertainment for dancing.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Akgulian at 262-681-2643 or [lakgulian@wi.rr.com](mailto:lakgulian@wi.rr.com)

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## RACINE INTERFAITH COALITION UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Thursday, October 6** – Candidates Forum – at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.
- **Wednesday, October 12** – Women of Wonder (WOW) Banquet – at Infusino's. This program works with 100 drug-addicted women, counseling and mentoring them.

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### KEEP YOUR MEDICAL INFORMATION ON FILE HERE!

So that we're prepared in the event that you need medical assistance while attending church or attending an event here at St. Mesrob, please be sure to complete the emergency member information form. Blanks are available in the church office. These forms need to be kept updated, so please review and renew the info if you already have a form on file. Thank you!

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## CONGRATULATIONS, CODY MCGRAW !!!



As Der Yeprem mentioned in his announcements last week, Cody received his High School Equivalency Diploma, which was signed on May 19, 2016. We are very proud of Cody using his time well during the difficult period of incarceration. If you want to send congrats, do so at this address: Cody McGraw, #631378; Green Bay Correctional Institution; P.O. Box 19033; Green Bay, WI 54307. (You can be sure he will be thrilled to receive a card.)

## PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO:

### BUY SCRIP TO HELP THE CHURCH!!!

Following is the percentage return that St. Mesrob receives  
When you use SCRIP or Amazon Smile to make purchases:



**Look for Bill and Chris Binetti at the SCRIP Table!**

iTunes 10 %	Walgreens 6%	Marcus Theaters 9%	Piggly Wiggly 3%
Best Buy 3%	Home Depot 4%	Mobil 2.5%	Bath/Body Works
13%			
Kmart 4%	Menards 3%	Panera Bread 9%	Speedway 4%
Starbucks 7%	Olive Garden 9%	Noodles & Co 8%	Wal Mart/Sams 2.5%
Pizza Hut 8%	Dick's Sporting 8%	CVS Pharmacy 6%	Kwik Trip 9%
T.J. Maxx 7%	Kmart 8%	Shopko 3%	Roundys 4%
Buffalo Wild Wings 8%	Burlington Coat Factory 8%		

## NORTHSIDE FOOD PANTRY

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NEW LOCATION OF THE BARREL FOR THE FOOD PANTRY? Please continue to donate food, toiletries, dish and clothes washing soaps -- **or monetary donations** -- to our Northside Food Pantry. The pantry is really in need of these items during these late summer months. (If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to the Northside Food Pantry and leave it with our Church Office.)

### Some suggested foods:



Instant mashed potatoes	Rice	Hamburger Helper
Spaghetti sauce	Beef stew	Pancake mix & syrup
Fruit juices	Canned meat	Dried pinto beans or canned baked beans
Soups	Peanut Butter and Jelly	

NOTE: In addition to food and dollar donations, the pantry needs paper goods: toilet paper, paper towel, dish and laundry soap and cleaning supplies.



## DO YOU ENJOY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP ?? CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO HOST A FELLOWSHIP!



Doesn't have to be fancy -- with just a simple cake and coffee or cookies and coffee, you could provide a Sunday fellowship after church. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the small bulletin board on the wall to your right as you enter the church hall. Everyone will appreciate it!