

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:

Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian

Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian



Sunday Bulletin

August 2, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Fourth Sunday After Transfiguration

Pastor: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:30 a.m.

Sacred Lections: Isaiah 10:12-19, 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:3, Mark 6:30-44

Lector: Richard Norsigian

Welcome!

We welcome you to the Divine Liturgy (*Soorp Badarak*) and invite all who are confirmed in the Armenian Church, and also those whose churches are in communion with ours, to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

If you are new to our parish and would like information about our many parish groups, please ask any parish council member on duty at the entrance desks.

Please also fill out a contact card before you leave. Enter to worship the Lord Jesus, who loves you, and depart with His love in order to serve others.

The Kiss of Peace

The GIVER says:

Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ:

Christ is revealed amongst us.

The RECEIVER says:

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

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Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Plate Collection

Today's collection for the church will be taken during *Badarak*. Your donations remain an essential part of how we support our parish's mission. You can also make an online plate donation through our website, or by scanning QR code with your smartphone.



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St. John Komitas Choir

Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant.

Midday Hymn

Sung during the Synaxis (at the bottom of page 12 in the Divine Liturgy book)

Hymn of the Day Resurrection Mode 8

By Your boundless all-conquering power
You are king of heaven and earth, Christ God
We bless you.

Sharer in the glory of the Father
Blessed with Him by the immortal ones
You came down and put on flesh
King of glory, we bless You.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

You mightily trampled down death
And having risen, You have filled the Holy Church with light;
Immortal Essence, we bless You.



Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Maya Hovhannisyan
Badrik Jooharigian
Andre' J. Gregory
Vladimir Avetisov
Charles Sansone
Debbie Dakhlian
Hrayr Mashigian
Jan Paloian
Edith Baise
Rose Baise

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian
Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan
Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian
Ron and Geraldine Ware
Lara Roche Sarmanian
Mary Helen Altounian
Shoghig Terjimanian
Valera Ayrapetyan
Charles Vanerian

Michael Vartoogian
Samvel Arakelyan
Yelena Zakaryan
Nancy Altounian
Marus Grigoryan
Nailya Sahakian
Chris Papazian
Rose Lucassian
Marge Aramian
Zaven Ovian

"The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, and got there ahead of them. As he landed he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the hour is now late; send them away, to go into the country and villages round about and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he commanded them all to sit down by companies upon the green grass.

So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men."



If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a vendor at the bazaar, please fill this form out: <https://forms.gle/FHJF9GK7Q7ePKBPJ7>



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

HILDA MISIRLIYAN, 40th Day, Loving Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother

Requested by

Dickran and Mona Kurjian
Roy and Nayiri Misirliyan
Alec and Amanda and Nina Kurjian
Vartan and Anna and Andre Kurjian
Alex and Sevan and Elliana Swantek
Kyle and Sarine Doyon
Alec and Ani Ovassapian
Diane and Martin Shoushanian
Koko, Elizabeth, Talia, Gasia and Armen Oknayan
Ryan Sirian
AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian School
Steve and Sonia Kalfayan

ZOROB KABODIAN, 21 years, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

MARDIROS GODOSHIAN, 40 years, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

KAGAZIG GODOSHIAN, 39 years , Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

SEMA DAKESIAN, 20 years , Sister, Aunt, Great Aunt

HARRY DAKESIAN, 13 years, Brother-in-Law, Uncle, Great Uncle

SIROUHI KEMSUZIAN, 23 years, Sister, Aunt, Great Aunt

MICHAEL GODOSHIAN, 31 years, Brother, Uncle, Great Uncle

GIRAGOS KABODIAN, 51 years , Father-in-Law, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

ANNIG KABODIAN, 35 years, Mother-in-Law, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

HROG KABODIAN, 26 years, Brother-in-Law, Uncle, Great Uncle

ANNE KABODIAN, 10 years, Sister-in-Law, Aunt, Great Aunt

JANICE KABODIAN, 15 years, Niece, Cousin

PARAMAZ KABODIAN, 95 years, Brother-in-Law, Uncle, Great Uncle

RAFFI KABODIAN, 95 years, Brother-in-Law, Uncle, Great Uncle

ARTHUR MARKARIAN, 6½ years, Husband, Father, Son, Son-in-Law, Brother, Brother-in-Law, Uncle

HAZEL KABODIAN, 2 years, Sister-in-Law, Aunt, Great Aunt



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Sally Kabodian
Aram and Linda Kabodian
Aaron Kabodian
Rachel Kabodian and Robbie Ross
Armen and Belinda Kabodian
Ariana Kabodian
Margaux, James and Brian Patterson
Tamara (Arthur) Markarian
Lucine Markarian
Zaven Markarian
Taleen Markarian and Kevin Moore
Ara, Molle, Ryan, Andrew, and Matthew Kabodian
Michael Kabodian and Madison Lincoln
Madison and Jet Modkins, Ella Kabodian, Duke, Navy,
and Millie Modkins
Judy Kabodian and Jody Kroll
Alice Asadoorian
Adam Asadoorian
Judge Lisa L. Asadoorian and Garo

VICTORIA SHOULIGAN, 25th year, Mother

Requested by

Charles Shouligian

Men's Society Outreach

Continuing their partnership with Motor City Mitten Mission, the Men's Society of St. John Armenian Church is preparing hot lunches in August for the homeless of Metro Detroit. The Men's Society would like to thank:

The Misirliyan and Kurjian Families for their donations to underwrite the cost of the lunches.

We are in need of volunteers to help us prepare meals twice a month in the main kitchen. If you are available and would like to help, please contact Harry Dulger at 313-333-6915.

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

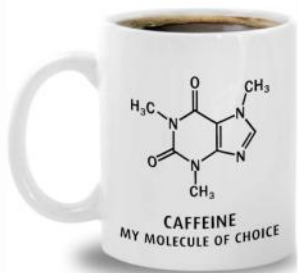
Join Us on Zoom!

Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 1:30 pm
(Day, date, and time will change week to week)

This is a chance to:

- Connect with fellow parishioners
- Ask questions or share thoughts
- Hear reflections from Fr. Aren
- Simply enjoy each other's company



Scan QR code below for zoom link



All are welcome - come as you are!



**A St. John Armenian Church Serving Ministry
In The Armenian American Veterans Building**

Lunch Served at 12 noon

Today's Lunch Prepared By "All Events Catered"
Proprietor & Chef Krista Tossounian

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Oven Roasted Chicken

or

Luleh Kabob

Lunch served with Mezza:

Hummus with Pita

Salad, Green Beans w/Tomato Sauce

Rice Pilaf

Dessert

Chocolate Cake

\$ 15 Lunch Includes: Salad, Bread, Entrée,

Accompaniments, Dessert, Coffee and Water

Carry outs exclude, coffee and water

RESERVATIONS ONLY - No walk-ins

Text (or email / phone) your name & lunch choice

to Dan Cristiano by Friday noon 313-938-4215 / djcrist100@gmail.com

We extend a special thank-you to the Edward Mardigian family for partially subsidizing this program!

Tuesday Lunch Club

**JOIN US AND HELP SORT BADLY NEEDED
MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT
TO BE USED LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD.**

SJAC VOLUNTEER DAY AT WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



Saturday, August 8, 1:00pm-3:00pm

CONTACT GREG OR EDITH BAISE AT (313) 673-3325

OR EBAISE@UMICH.EDU

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH DAY CAMP 2026

Monday – Thursday

Check-in: 9:00 am - 9:30 am

Dismissal: 4:00pm

Session I:

Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25

Session II:

Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 9

Arts of Armenia

Separate application in conjunction with Komitas Choir
Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 17

HYE CAMP JULY 22nd -AUGUST 1st

www.diocesansummercamps.org

Session III:

Monday, August 3 – Thursday, August 6

Session IV:

Monday, August 10 – Thursday, August 13

Session V:

Monday, August 17 – Thursday, August 20

Session VI:

Monday, August 24-Thursday, August 27

Additional Information:

\$30 a day | Discount for second child | Ages 5-12 yrs.
Enrollment includes art supplies, refreshments, t-shirt,
field trips, and transportation for field trips.

Parents, please provide sack lunch & water bottles!

Lisa Mardigian

lmardigian@sjchurch.org

(586) 808 2202



Blessing of the Grapes

Sunday, August 16, 2026

The Armenian Church will observe one of its five major feast days,
the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God.

As is our cherished tradition, immediately following the Divine Liturgy,
the celebrant and altar servers will conduct the
Service of the Blessing of the Grapes.

Upon the conclusion of the service, the blessed grapes will
be distributed to the faithful.

On the occasion of the Blessing of the Grapes, those who wish to make
a donation in honor or memory of a loved one are invited to contact the
Church Office at (248) 569-3405 or by email at office@sjachurch.org
no later than Wednesday, August 12th.

Donations received by that date will be acknowledged in the
Sunday Bulletin on August 16th.



— ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH —

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PRESENTED BY THE ACYOA SENIORS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS



MENU:
LAMB
CHICKEN
KHOROVADZ
VEGAN OPTIONS



FOOD SERVICE
UNTIL 2PM

— FEATURING: —



ARMENIAN WINES + BEER



WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE SALE



PARISH BOOKSTORE



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



CLASSIC CAR SHOW

CLASSIC CAR SHOW!



*A day of fellowship,
food, and community—
everyone is welcome!*



Church School Classroom Partners and Substitute Teachers Needed

Our Church School is seeking enthusiastic and caring individuals to serve in the following positions for the 2026–2027 school year:

Positions Available

- Classroom Partner for **5th Grade** to assist teacher Ms. Sophia Kazarian
- Classroom Partner for **High School** (Grades 9–12) to assist teacher Ms. Maggie Yessian
- Classroom Partner in the **Kindergarten** to assist Ms. Dawn Agigian
- Substitute Teachers for all grade levels



Desired Qualities

Applicants should:

- Have a genuine appreciation and respect for children and all they bring to the learning environment.
- Be available to arrive by **10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning September 13, 2026 through May 2027.**

Application Process

All interested applicants are welcome to apply.

Please submit a brief paragraph expressing your interest and send it to:

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075 • 248.569.3405

"The Church with the Golden Dome"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

10 AM — 2 PM



Sanctuary and Museum Tour Traditional Armenian Buffet Luncheon

Sanctuary Tour Presentations by:

Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor

Reverend Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian,

✧ Master of Arts in Armenian Architecture and Art

✧ Armenian Iconographer

Deacon Rubik Mailian,

✧ Sacred Music Director and Pastoral Assistant

Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum Tour:

Harry Kezelian III, Museum Director

✧ Largest Armenian Museum in North America

\$35 per person

Please register by September 8. Seating is limited.

For reservation information, please contact:

Gloria Korkoian: gkorkoian@gmail.com 248.318.5752



Visit the St. John Parish Bookstore!

Open during Church Office hours and on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy

The best selection of Armenian books and CDs and gift items: Jewelry, Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many "Made in Armenia" products — some newly arrived!

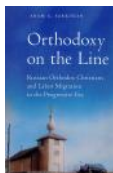
Featured Items



Armenia: The Lone Stone
A Traveler's Guide From Ancient
Stones to Modern Wonders,
by David Karamian (HC \$25)



NEW, Armenia-The Lone Stone
by David Karamian (HC \$70)
Hardcover coffee table book
documenting history of cultural
landmarks



**Orthodoxy on
the Line** by
Aram G. Sarkisian,
HC \$50.00



**Children's Book
Rose by the Sea**
By Rebecca
Mooradian,
HC \$20.00



**New, "The Repatriate
Returns"** by Tom
Mooradian SC \$20.00

These and many other Michael Aram pieces now available (10% off)!

Candles



White Orchid Cocktail
Napkin Holder



Noah's Ark
Nut Dish



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Pregomesh Jewelry

Vanq Collection Silver Jewelry Celebrates Artsakh's Rich Heritage



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ARMENIAN CHURCH

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General Parish Information

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am - 4pm

Parish Secretary: Gayane Hovhannisyan | (248) 569-3405 | office@sjachurch.org

In an after-hours emergency, please contact:

Fr. Aren - Cell: (773) 457-4122 | fraren@sjachurch.org

Visits to the hospitalized and homebound: Please call the church office if you or someone you love has been hospitalized and would appreciate a visit from the pastor. If you have an upcoming surgery, please consider adding your name to our prayer list for the sick or hospitalized. Those who are homebound and desire to receive Holy Communion should contact the church office.

Home Blessings: If you would like the pastor to visit your home and conduct a home blessing service, please contact the church office.

Baptisms: Parents may prepare for their child's baptism before they are born. For more information, proceed to our website for Baptismal guidelines and application: [Baptism Guidelines – St. John Armenian Church](#)

Weddings: Please contact the church office at least nine months before your anticipated wedding date. We ask that you please make sure to confirm your date with the pastor before booking a reception location.

For more information, proceed to our website for Wedding guidelines and application: [Wedding Guidelines – St. John Armenian Church](#)

Requiem Prayers (*Hokehankist*): Names may be submitted to the church office by mail, phone, email, or via the church website **no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday** preceding the Sunday when prayers are requested. Requiem prayers may be offered any Sunday except for the five Tabernacle Feast Days. To submit an online request, proceed to our website [Requiem Service \(*Hokihankist*\) – St. John Armenian Church](#)

Veils: In the Armenian Church, it is customary for women and girls to wear head coverings when attending the Divine Liturgy, and particularly when receiving Holy Communion. If you do not have a head covering, but wish to obtain one, kindly approach a parish council member.

Sunday Bulletin: Announcements for the print bulletin and e-Bulletin are due to the church office **no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday**.

Parish Membership: If you are interested in becoming part of the St. John parish stewardship program, please speak with any parish council member, contact the church office, or visit stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/membership/

“Please remember St. John Armenian Church in your Will or Trust”

St. John Parish Calendar

For flyers with further information on these and other parish events, scan this QR code to view our e-Bulletin.

You can also find it using your web browser at:
www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/



August 2 - Morning Service 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
August 3 - 6 - Day Camp, Session III
August 3 – Bazaar Baking: Evening Choreg CANCELLED
August 4 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 1:30pm via Zoom
August 4 – Bazaar Baking: Soo Boreg 9am-noon
August 4 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
August 8 - Volunteer Day, World Medical Relief
August 11 – Bazaar Baking: Soo Boreg 9am-noon
August 11 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
August 13 – Bazaar Baking: Evening Spinach and Tepsee Boreg 5:00ish
August 16 - Blessing of the Grapes / Church Annual Picnic, After Divine Liturgy
August 18 – Bazaar Baking: Katah 9am-12-noon
August 25 – Bazaar Baking: Choreg 9am-12-noon
August 31 – Bazaar Baking: Evening Choreg 4:30pm-7:30pm
September 23 - "Church with the Golden Dome" - Sanctuary and Museum Tour
October 2-3 - St. John Bazaar

Stewards Time and Talent Appreciation

Our parish is blessed with many volunteers who work tirelessly within the various Church organizations and we thank you all!

We also want to not a special thanks to **Berj Bush, Peter Egigian, Gary Gozmanian, Michael Kazarian, Darwin Mamassian, Vlad Ayrapetyan and Alex Akyus** for helping with the dirt and rock around the picnic area and the church sanctuary.

Jim Stamboulian's Retirement

Friday, July 31st was Jim's last day as the Parish Consultant. The office celebrated his retirement with time to share our gratitude and a sampling of his favorite desserts.

Going forward, Jim's previous duties have been divided between our two new positions. Please contact Gerry Kmita Property & Maintenance Manager gerard@sjachurch.org for all property maintenance issues and Dena Hodgson Administrator Consultant admin@sjachurch.org for any business issues.

Please join us in thanking Jim for his past 1-1/2 years of service.