

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 30, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Third Sunday after Assumption

Guest Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aghan Gogchyan

Pastor: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

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

Isaiah 9:8-19, II Corinthians 1:1-11, Mark 4:35-41

Lector: Dn. George Boyagian

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.

Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի

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)

Resurrection Mode 4

Blessing in the highest to our King who became flesh from the Virgin.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessing in the highest to our unshakable and firm Hope;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Blessing in the highest to the undivided and consubstantial Trinity;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them, just as he was, in the boat. And other boats were with him. And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" and the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

Basil

Please call the church office at (248) 569-3405 if you are able to drop off basil from your garden for sacred blessing for the

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Khachveratz),

Sunday, September 13th.



Church Closure Notice

Please note that the church complex will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026, in observance of *Labor Day*.

We wish everyone a safe, peaceful, and restful holiday.

Regular activities will resume on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

Summer Hours Ending

Beginning Sunday, September 13, our regular service schedule will resume:

Morning Services will begin at 9:00 a.m. and **Divine Liturgy** at 9:45 a.m.

We look forward to welcoming you back to our regular Sunday worship schedule.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Michael Vartoogian
Andre' J. Gregory	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Samvel Arakelyan
Vladimir Avetisov	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian	Yelena Zakaryan
Charles Sansone	Alaina Ameriguian Mudge	Nancy Altounian
Debbie Dakhlian	Ron and Geraldine Ware	Marus Grigoryan
Hrayr Mashigian	Lara Roche Sarmanian	Nailya Sahakian
William Terian	Mary Helen Altounian	Chris Papazian
Jan Paloian	Shoghig Terjimanian	Rose Lucassian
Edith Baise	Valera Ayrapetyan	Marge Aramian
Rose Baise		Zaven Ovian

New Initiative

In an effort to make attendance at Divine Liturgy more accessible, those faithful who are unable to park and walk to the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings may make arrangements with the Parish Council to pull up to the circle in front of the lobby.

A member of the Parish Council will then park their vehicle for them.

Please contact the Parish Council in advance to arrange this service.

SAVE THE DATE

ANDIAMO SHOWCASE EVENT

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Additional details will follow.

Kindly note, this event is adult-only.

SAVE THE DATE

You're invited to donate and become a hero at our upcoming blood drive.

Blood Drive Details:

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT

Saturday, October 3, 2026

11:30 AM - 04:00 PM

22001 Northwestern HWY, Southfield MI 48075

Schedule Appointments: https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11642842

Give local, stay local!



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

DENISE CHIROYAN, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Cousin, Friend

Requested by Daniel and Jennifer Scappaticci and Family

Michael and Brigitte Conti and Family

Zonica Derderian

Chelsea and Mike Jawor and Family

Ashley and Marjan Palushaj and Family

John and Terrie Karebian

Ara and Tara Avedissian

Jacqueline and Faouzi ElChemmas

Johnny and Sevana ElChemmas and Family

Raffi and Martha ElChemmas and Family

Ardis Gregory

Ryan and Carrie Derderian and Family

Thomas and Kristin Marten and Family

Tom and Nancy (Malkasian) Banks and Family

Ron and Pat Derderian

Aram and Lindsay Sahakian, Chloe and Mason

Dr. and Mrs. Gary and Mariann Zamanigian

Drew and Erin Zamanigian and Leo

Suzanne Nazoyan and Family

Karen Mangune

Brad Mangune and Erica Mahar

KOKO ISHKANIAN, 30th Year, Brother

ISHKAN ISHKANIAN, 21st Year, Father

LINDA ISHKANIAN, 16th Year, Mother

Requested by Ida Ishkanian

Danny and Lori Jabbori

Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Annie Tashjian**, who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at

St. John Armenian Church on August 29, 2026.

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

ST. JOHN WOMAN'S GUILD
BAZAAR 2026



We are getting ready for Bazaar 2026, and everyone is warmly invited to help!



Monday, August 31, Choreg - 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Tuesday, September 1, Katah - 9:00am - 12:00pm

Thursday, September 17, Bourma and Khadaif

5:00pm - 9:00pm

Tuesday, September 29, Sarma, 9:00am - 12:00pm

ALL HANDS ARE GOOD HANDS!



**We look forward to seeing you there
as we work together to prepare
for another successful Bazaar.**

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

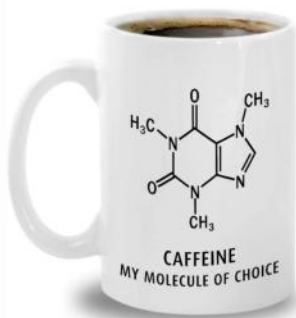
Join Us on Zoom!

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

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 11:00 am
(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!



St. John's Community Dinner Filet Mignon Luau!

Friday September 11 at 6PM
Veteran's Hall

**\$45 Filet Mignon or Salmon
with roasted potatoes,
vegetables, & dessert**

\$15 Kids chicken strips & fries

Armenian Wines, Music, and Games

**Fun for the
whole
family!**

Hawaiian shirts
& tropical-inspired attire
encouraged!

**Bring your
Cards and
Board Games!**

Call or Text Dan Cristiano at 313-938-4215
by Monday, September 7 for reservations

Event Chair: Hye Doon Group

Arts and Crafts

Rock & Slide Obstacle Course

Star TRAX DJ

Tin Can Raffle for Kids

Dalmation 3 in 1 Slide
& Basketball

Fun Castle Bounce House

Glitter Tattoos

Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church
presents

Khunjook

Family Fun Day

Sunday, September 13, 2026

St. John Armenian Church
after church services on the lawn

Burgers & Hot Dogs

Veggies & Fruit Cotton Candy Ice Cream Cart

Free Will Donation

**Every registered Sunday School Student will receive
a free ticket for the Kids Tin Can Raffle!!!**

In case of rain the Khunjook will be held in the Rec Center.



Would you like to support our event?

Just click [HERE](#) or Point your camera at the QR code to learn how!

COME AND JOIN OUR
**TOURSHEE
PARTY**

Come and help us make the Tourshee
that will be sold at the Bazaar

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

5pm until done

Casual dinner provided

Main kitchen - St. John Armenian Church

**Contact Ara Hachigian for more info
248-981-3093 or aramichael@mac.com**



St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

TWICE A MONTH,
IN-PERSON
MONDAYS FROM 7:00PM - 8:30PM

WESTERN ARMENIAN FOR ADULTS



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH IS OFFERING TWO
10-WEEK WESTERN ARMENIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

Do you want
to speak
and write
Armenian?

Ayo!

Tuesdays / Thursdays, September 22 - November 24, 2026

- **Tuesdays - Continued Intermediate - 4:30 - 6:00pm at St John Armenian Church**
 - Learn advanced vocabulary and grammar. Reading, writing, and advanced dialogues, individual and group conversation projects.
- **Tuesdays - New Beginner - 6:00 - 7:30pm at St John Armenian Church**
 - Learn basic vocabulary and grammar basics. Reading, writing, and basic dialogue, and individual and group conversation projects.
- **Thursdays - Continued Advanced Beginner - 6:30 - 8:00pm, via ZOOM.**
 - Learn vocabulary and grammar, focus on basic reading, writing and daily conversations.

Instructor: Hermine Dervartanian, an experienced Armenian language instructor who has worked as a translator in Lebanon and the United States.

Returning/continuing students always welcome!

Please send your registration form and a check
made out to St. John Armenian Church
to the church office:

22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075

Questions: (248) 569-3405

Registration fee: \$125/Class materials: \$20



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

BEST TIME TO CONTACT YOU: _____

EMAIL: _____

LANGUAGE LEVEL (CHECK ONE): ☐ BEGINNER ☐ INTERMEDIATE

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





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

Used Book Sale

The church is collecting *gently used books* for
the Bazaar book sale

Please drop books off at the church library (leave them outside the library door) no later than Thursday, October 1



THE ALEX AND MARIE MANOOGIAN MUSEUM
PRESENTS

THE MAJESTY OF ARMENIAN RUGS

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, October 9 at 7:00PM

Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum

Antique Rug Gallery

An interactive evening of
Armenian textile arts and art history
led by

Armenian Rug Art Historian

Arto Tavukciyan of Vancouver, Canada

Reception to follow

Seating for this memorable event will be limited,
please watch for reservation information

Church School Classroom Partners and Substitute Teachers Needed

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

Positions Available

- Classroom Partner for the **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 Aginian
- Substitute Teachers for grade levels



Desired Qualities

Applicants should:

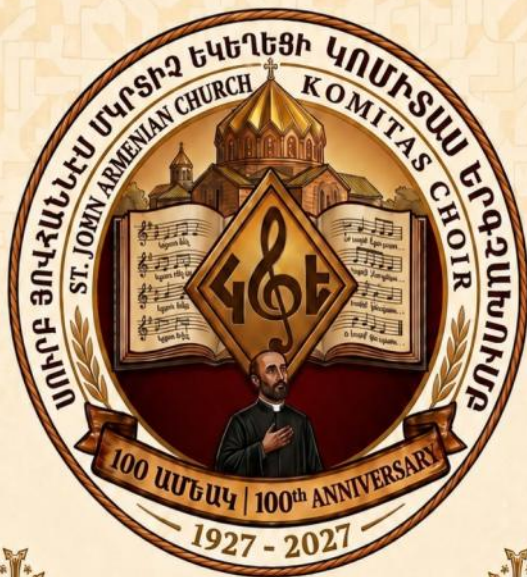
- Have a genuine appreciation and respect for children and all they bring to the learning environment.
- Be available to arrive by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning September 13, 2026 through May 2027.

Application Process

All interested applicants are welcome to apply.

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

sjachurchschool@gmail.com



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH KOMITAS CHOIR

JOIN US FOR OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 2027

— A LEGACY OF FAITH. | A HUNDRED YEARS OF SONG. —

Join us in singing!
Our faith. Our community. Our heritage. Our future.
More details will be announced soon

For more information contact Dn. Rubik Mailian (248) 286- 1057 or rubik@sjachurch.org.

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St. John Armenian Church in Partnership with the Tunnel to Towers Foundation - Book Drive

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation is collecting books
for the **Southfield Detroit Veterans Village Library**
that will support 92 veterans.

Please kindly donate new or gently used books
on the following topics.



- Military and Veteran Focused
- Mental Health and Wellness
- Personal Development
- Fiction and Classic Literature
- Biographies and Memoirs
- Hobbies and Skill Building
- Spirituality and Inspiration

There are donation boxes in the church entrances
for your convenience

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation is on a mission to
eradicate veteran homelessness.

<https://t2t.org/>

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!

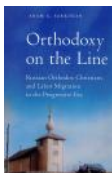
Featured Items



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



New Jewelry from Armenia

Pregomesh Jewelry

Vanq Collection Silver Jewelry Celebrates Artsakh's Rich Heritage



EVENTS AT
ST JOHN
ARMENIAN CHURCH

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CALL: 248.569.3405
EMAIL: EVENTS@SJACHURCH.ORG

General Parish Information

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

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

The Church Library and Museum are closed on Mondays

In an after-hours emergency please contact:

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

For after hours building and maintenance issues please call:

Gerry Kmita, Property Maintenance Manager (313) 580-5083

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 30 - Morning Service 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
August 31 - Bazaar Baking, Choreg, 4:30pm-7:30pm
September 1 - Bazaar Baking, Katah, 9:00am-12:00pm
September 1 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm, Armenian American Veterans Hall
September 2 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp, 11:00am Via Zoom
September 11 - St. John's Community Dinner, 6:00pm, Armenian American Veterans Hall
September 13 - Khunjook Family Fun Day, Following Badarak on the Lawn
September 16 - Tourshee Party, 5:00pm, Main Kitchen
September 17 - Bazaar Baking, Bourma and Khadaif, 5:00pm - 9:00pm
September 21 - Bible Study, 7:00pm, Conference Room
September 22 - Western Armenian Classes, 4:30 - 7:30pm, Conference Room
September 23 - "Church with the Golden Dome" - Sanctuary and Museum Tour
September 24 - Andiamo Showcase
September 29 - Bazaar Baking, Sarma, 9:00am - 12 noon
October 2 - 3 - St. John Bazaar
October 9 - Majesty of Armenian Rugs Interactive Lecture, 7:00pm, Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum

Church Corner

Adapted from the Vemkar Topical Series, Armenian Church Etiquette, by the Order of The Very Reverend Father Mesrop Parsamyan Primate.

Please help us reduce the noise - even while exiting the Sanctuary

We come to church to pray and to worship God above all else, and that should be our only focus. We encourage parishioners to help us maintain an atmosphere of harmony, beauty, and reverence, so that everyone can experience worship without distraction.

While in the Sanctuary we ask that noise and conversation be kept to a minimum, especially during Holy Communion and when the Gospel is being read. By all means if someone has a question about the service, please take time to *softly* explain it to them. While there is a natural temptation to talk with each other while leaving the Sanctuary, we ask that you wait until you have reached the lobby.

Fellowship and Coffee in the Church Cultural Hall is a wonderful place to catch up and we look forward to seeing you there!