

# 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

**January 25, 2026**  
Armenian Church Year 1475

### Paregentan of the Fast of Catechumens

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.

Isaiah 61:10-62:9. 2 Timothy 2:15-26. John 6:15-21.

Fr. Aren will deliver the Children's Sermon

Lector: Hermine Dervartanian

### 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 յայտնուեցինն Քրիստոսի:*

Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

**Plate Collection:** Today's collection for the church will be taken during *Badarak* immediately following communion. 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 this QR code with your smartphone.



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# St. John Komitas Choir

Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant

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## Midday Hymn

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

### Resurrection Mode 1

In a unanimous song of praise. Let us bless Christ, the King of glory,

Who for our sake became flesh from the holy Virgin

And endured the cross. In a unanimous song of praise

Let us bless Him. Who took on Himself burial for three days

Who arose from the dead as Master.

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

Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen. In a unanimous song of praise.

Let us bless Him who mightily destroyed the gates of Hell

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## Today's Gospel Reading

John 6:15-21

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea rose because a strong wind was blowing. When they have rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat. They were frightened, but he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

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## Gifts to Church

**Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hintiryan and Family** present a gift to the church in loving memory of **Hrant Dink**.

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**Layla Mona** made a donation to St. John Armenian Church for **the glory of God** and in the names of her grandchildren, **Dominick and Donovan Mona!**

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## Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Arthur Mekjian**, who entered his eternal rest last week. His funeral was held at

St. John Armenian Church on January 24, 2026.

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

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We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Osep Sarafian**, who entered his eternal rest last week. His funeral was held at

St. John Armenian Church on January 24, 2026.

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

## Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian  
Vladimir Avetisov  
Joann Mashigian  
Charles Sansone  
Hrayr Mashigian  
Nick Fernandez  
Sonia Kalfayan  
Edith Baise  
Rose Baise

Imprisoned Bishops and  
Clergymen in Armenia  
Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian  
Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan  
Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian  
Mary Helen Altounian  
Shoghig Terjimanian  
Valera Ayrapetyan  
Andre' J. Gregory  
Charles Vanerian

Samvel Arakelyan  
Yelena Zakaryan  
Nancy Altounian  
Marus Grigoryan  
Nailya Sahakian  
Rose Lucassian  
Marge Aramian  
Zaven Ovian  
Jan Paloian



### **The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple Blessing of Unbaptized Children**

February 14 is a feast day in the Armenian Church known as Dyarnuntarach (the Presentation of the Lord).

The feast is celebrated 40 days after Armenian Christmas.

In honor of this feast day, we will have a special baby blessing on February 15, 2025 at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

If you know of any family with unbaptized infants who would like to participate in this brief blessing, please share this information with them.

### **Great Lent Begins February 16**

We wish to remind our parishioners that Great Lent begins on Monday, February 16 this year. The last Sunday to receive Holy Communion will be Sunday, February 8. The curtain will be closed for Poon Paregentan on Sunday, February 15. Should any parishioner wish to receive Holy Communion during the period of Great Lent, please make arrangements with the pastor.



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**Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ**

**HRANT DINK, 19th Year**

Requested by Pastor and Parish Council  
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hintiryan and Family

**GREGORY BOYAJIAN, 40th Day**

Requested by Anita, Marissa, Gregory, Raffi, Daniel, Eden and Henry Boyajian  
Gloria Boyajian

**JERRY MONTGOMERY, 2nd Year, Loving Husband**

Requested by Lena Montgomery

**ERIC NISHON, Son, Nephew**

Requested by Gary Nishon  
Dennis Nishon  
Meghan Nishon

**ANDREW DOUROUJALIAN, 13th Year, Beloved Father, Brother, Grandfather,  
Great-Grandfather, Father-In-law, Uncle, Great-Uncle, Wonderful Friend to Many**

Requested by Diane and Bruce Kezlarian  
Courtney, Mike, Amelia, and Andrew Abela  
Kirsten Kezlarian and Victoria Trebnik  
Donna Portrey  
Ryan, Liz, Cole, and Annie Portrey  
Lindsay and Michael Clark  
George, Yvette, and Blake Douroujalian  
Bryan, Amanda, Dominic, Hayden, Alexandria, and  
Kendall Douroujalian

**ARPINE MARDIGIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

**HARRIET ZALKE, Sister, Aunt**

**KAPRIEL and NAZELI CHAKIRBOGOSIAN, Parents, Grandparents**

**GARABED ISKENDERIAN, Uncle**

**SIRANOUSH, SATENIK and OVSANNA CHAKIRBOGOSIAN, Sisters**

**ONIG BOGOSIAN, Brother**

**ROGER BOGOSIAN, Nephew**

**JACK SAYIAN, Nephew**

**ANTHONY JOHN BOGOSIAN, Nephew**

Requested by Arthur and Rose Mardigian  
Steven, Armen and Anoush Mardigian  
James, Laura and Stephen Armen Leacock  
Lisa Mardigian  
Zaven and Marilyn Dadian  
Zaven Charles and Arpi Dadian



St. John Armenian Church

# BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



**JANUARY 26, 2026**

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

# COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

## Join Us on Zoom!

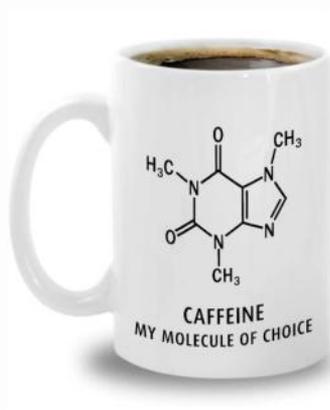
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

**Thursday, January 29, at 4:00pm**

(Day, date, and time will change week to week)

This is a chance to:

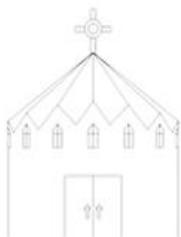
- Connect with fellow parishioners
- Ask questions or share thoughts
- Hear reflections from Fr. Aren
- Simply enjoy each other's company



Scan QR code below for zoom link



All are welcome - come as you are!



# ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM

JANUARY 31

FEBRUARY 21

MARCH 21



Little Saints is a parish ministry for children from birth up to age four with monthly lessons led by Fr. Aren.

The Little Saints Nursery is open Sunday mornings during Church School from 10:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

For more information, email [sjlittlesaints@gmail.com](mailto:sjlittlesaints@gmail.com)

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VALENTINE'S DAY

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SUBMIT BY:  
2/2/2026

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PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO HELP COVER  
THE EXPENSES OF THE CARE PACKAGES

**SCAN TO: DONATE**



HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:  
KARENKAZARIAN@YAHOO.COM



# WINE TASTING MASQUERADE

*Enjoy wines from around Armenia,  
light bites, and live music by Erevan Ensemble  
Masks optional but encouraged! Prizes for best masks!*

*Hosted by Hye Doon*

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13 7:00PM  
VETERANS HALL**

*Entire community 21+ invited for wine tasting  
Your kids are welcome for a movie and snacks  
\$40 Per Person*

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**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**

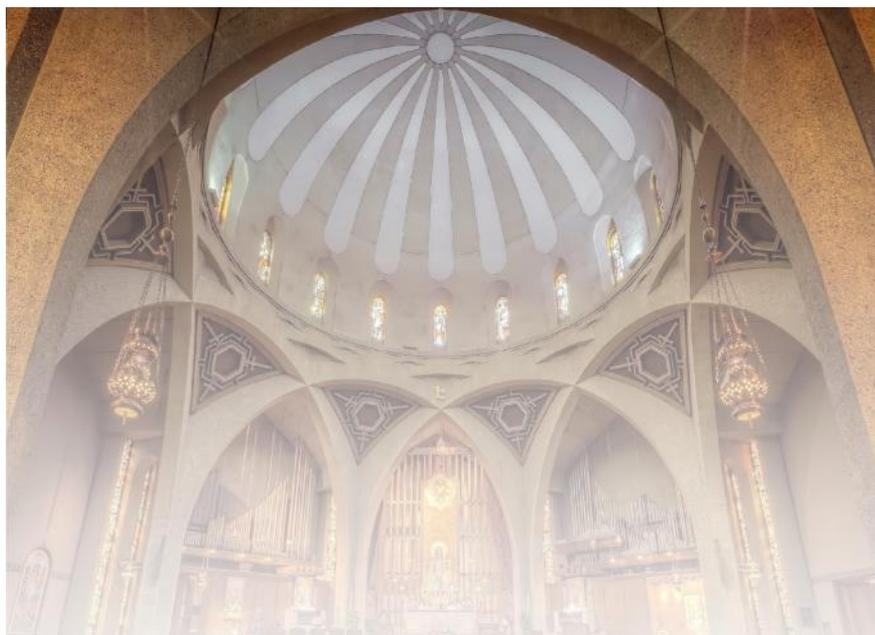


**Saturday, February 14, 9:00am-11:30am**

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

**OR [EBAISE@UMICH.EDU](mailto:ebaize@umich.edu)**

**21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075**



# 2026 Stewardship Pledge

Join us in embracing a wonderful  
New Year together!

The Pastor and Parish Council  
would like to remind each of you  
to please take a moment to  
complete your 2026 Stewardship  
Pledge and if possible, your  
financial commitment.

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Pledge & payment link:  
[St. John Armenian Church - Stewardship Pledge Card](#)  
We would like to ensure we have your correct contact  
information on file.



## THE GREAT & HOLY WEEK: THE EASTER STORY THROUGH ARMENIAN SACRED ART

THE SAINT JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH AND THE FINE ARTS  
COMMITTEE INVITE YOU TO THE OPENING OF A UNIQUE ART  
EXHIBIT ON **FRIDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK -  
ARMENIAN ICONS PAINTED BY  
**FATHER GARABED KOCHAKIAN**



**6:00 PM:** WELCOME - CHURCH CULTURAL HALL  
BY FR. AREN JEBEJIAN

**6:30 PM:** PRESENTATION BY  
FATHER GARABED KOCHAKIAN - FORMER PASTOR

**7:00 PM:** ST. VARTAN ROOM - EXHIBIT OF ICONS  
HIS GRACE MESROP PARSAMYAN, OUR PRIMATE,  
WILL LEAD A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY.

FATHER GARABED WILL INTRODUCE ICONOGRAPHY

HOSPITALITY PROVIDED IN THE ARARAT ROOM - ACROSS FROM EXHIBITS

RSVP TO ST. JOHN BY **MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH**

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ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH 31ST ANNUAL  
REV. FR. DIRAN AND YN. ROSALIE PAPAZIAN PARISH RETREAT

Saturday, March 14, 2026 † Open to All  
ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH, MAIN HALL

Registration 9:00 a.m.  
Program 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

*'CONNECTING WITH GOD'*



Guest Retreat Leader:

**HIS GRACE, BISHOP MESROP PARSAMYAN**  
PRIMATE, EASTERN DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

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- ❖ \$25 Donation includes: continental breakfast and lunch.
- ❖ Register by March 4<sup>th</sup>:
  - online at <https://abundant.co/stjohnarmenianchurch/retreat> or
  - contact Denise Boyagian at [dboyagian@yahoo.com](mailto:dboyagian@yahoo.com) or 248.892.9739.
- ❖ Make check payable to St. John Armenian Church (memo: Lenten Retreat) and mail to St. John Armenian Church 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075.

*Sponsored by the Rev. Fr. Diran and Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian Endowment Fund*

## 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!*

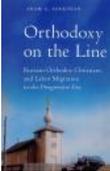
### Featured Items



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



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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### New Jewelry from Armenia

Pregomesh Jewelry

Vanq Collection Silver Jewelry Celebrates Artsakh's Rich Heritage

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# General Parish Information

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

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

**In an after-hours emergency, please contact:**

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

Administrative Consultant - Cell: (248) 917-6645 | admin@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/](http://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/](http://www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/)



**January 25 - Church Morning Service - 9:00am, Divine Liturgy - 9:45am**

**January 26 - Bible Study - 7:00pm - Conference Room**

**January 29 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 4:00pm - via zoom**

**January 31 - Little Saints - 10:00am - Ararat Room**

**February 11 - Collage Visit - Michigan State University, 7:00pm**

**February 13 - Hye Doon - Wine Tasting Masquerade**  
7:00pm - Armenian American Veterans' Hall

**February 14 - World Medical Relief**  
9:00am, 21725 Melrose Ave, Southfield, MI, 48075

**February 24 - Collage Visit - University of Michigan, 7:00pm**

**March 1 - Save the Date - Annual Parish Assembly Meeting**

**March 13 - Save the Date**

The Great and Holy Week: The Easter Story Through Armenian Sacred Art

**March 14 - Save the Date**

Rev. Fr. Diran and Yn. Rosalie Papazian Parish Retreat

## Save the Date

Annual Parish Assembly Meeting in the Cultural Hall on Sunday, March 1, 2026.  
Following Divine Liturgy

## Ushers Team – Volunteers Needed

No experience required. All you need is a smile and a love for our church and parishioners. If interested please contact: Kazar Terterian.(248) 342-3555  
Kterterian@gmail.com, or Greg Baise 313-632-4962 gbaiserph@gmail.com

## Year - End Statement

Church stewards who require a tax statement itemizing 2025 donations should contact the Church Office at (248) 569-3405 or [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org)

## Seeking Stewards Time and Talent Help

Church office requests help with the following projects

- Social Media organization & publishing (Facebook, Instagram, Website, other)
- Storage rooms need clean-up, re-organize, some shelving units & cabinets
- Update church event manual & procedures (update/enhance from prior years)
- Volunteers for minor repair projects (podium, moldings, install bumper guards)
- Organize tool/shop room (need tool bench, cabinet or peg board, shelves)

Contact Jim Stamboulian at Church Office