

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



April 27, 2025

Armenian Church Year 1474

Sunday Bulletin

New Sunday

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

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

Acts 5:34-6:7, James 3:1-12, John 1:1-17

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.

St. John Complex Closed April 30 and May 1

Due to electrical work that will necessitate power be shut off to the sanctuary and cultural building, the St. John complex and office will be closed on Wednesday, April 30th and Thursday, May 1st. In case of an emergency, please contact the parish administrator.

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.





St. John Komitas Choir

Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant
Arshaluys Gharibian, Organist

Midday Hymn

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

Midday Hymn for New Sunday - Octave of Easter

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem.

Christ is risen from the dead, Alleluia!

Come, you peoples, sing to the Lord, Alleluia!

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

Now and for ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

To Him who is risen from the dead, Alleluia!

To Him who has enlightened the world, Alleluia!

Easter Greeting

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday Acts 6:8-7:29; James 3:13-4:6; John 1:18-28

Tuesday Acts 7:30-8:2; James 4:7-17; John 1:29-34

Wednesday Acts 8:3-13; James 5:1-11; John 1:35-43

Thursday Acts 8:14-25; James 5:12-20; John 1:43-51

Friday Acts 8:26-40; 1 Peter 1:1-12; John 2:1-11

Saturday Acts 9:1-22; 1 Peter 1:13-25; John 2:12-22

Men's Society Outreach

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

Irma Mihalian and Family, in memory of Ohannes Mihalian

Rita Akaraz-Avedissian

Lisa Tarpinian

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.

Today's Gospel Reading

John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Samvel Arakelyan
Nadia Ayrapetyan	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian	Nancy Altounian
Vladimir Avetisov	Haroutiun Bagdasarian	Marus Grigoryan
Joann Mashigian	Mary Helen Altounian	Nailya Sahakian
Charles Sansone	Wayne Owen Engelki	Ronald Seaman
Hrayr Mashigian	Shoghig Terjimanian	Rose Lucassian
Nick Fernandez	Samvel Ayrapetyan	Marge Aramian
Sonia Kalfayan	Valera Ayrapetyan	Zaven Ovian
Jeffrey Perna	Craig Tarpinian	Jan Paloian
	Rose Baise	

Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Lucie Jacobs**, who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on April 25, 2025. May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.





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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of Those Asleep in Christ

SUSIE JANIGIAN, 40th Day, Loving Aunt, Great-Aunt

Requested by Michele and Tom Margosian

Brian and Dr. Sara Margosian

Anna and Tyler Fisher

Gregory, Michael and Jonathan Margosian

EVE TOPALIAN, 40th Day, Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt, and Friend

Requested by the Partogian Family

ANAHIT TOVMASYAN, 1st Year, Mother, Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Friend

Requested by David, Victoria, Michael and Ara Togmajyan

Anichka Tovmasyan

Anush and Lana Tovmasyan

Arman Vardanyan and Anna Tokmajyan and Family

Samvel Badalyan and Ruzanna Torosyan and Family

OHANNES MIHALIAN, 2nd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Brother-In-Law, Cousin

Requested by Irma Mihalian

Yaniv and Ankine M. Adler, Daniel and Maya

Raffi and Jovann Mihalian, Gisele and Gabriella

Dn. Onnig and Luiz Boyajian, and Garo Boyajian

Levon Tabakciyan and Family

JOHN V KALAJIAN, 3rd Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

Requested by Kim and Tony Daguanno

Kristen, Justin, Madelyn, and Sophia Waterstrat

John, Ashley, Avery, Emma, Parker, and Reese Daguanno

Julie Kalajian

OHANES YERANOSIAN, Husband

ARDASH AKSARELIAN, Father

JAYRAN AKSARELIAN, Mother

Requested by Juliet Yeranosian



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of Those Asleep in Christ

BARBARA NORSIGIAN, 9th Year, Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Friend

Requested by Dn. Richard Norsigian
Jordan, Kathryn, Mila, and Jordy Norsigian
Shant, Victoria, Noah, and Michael Norsigian
Dr. Rose Berberian

VIRGINIA MAY KAFAFIAN, 10th Year, Wife, Mother, Sister, Sister-In-Law, Friend

Requested by Khatchig, Levon and Arda Kafafian
Baytzar Nersessian and Family
Andrew and Barbara Kourajian
Dn. George and Denise Boyagian
Andi and Amara Sheena and Family

HARRY DERDERIAN, Husband, Father, Grandfather

NERSES NERSESIAN, Father, Grandfather

ARSHALOOYS NERSESIAN, Mother, Grandmother

STEPHAN DERDERIAN, Father, Grandfather

BAIZAR DERDERIAN, Mother, Grandmother

MARY EGIGIAN, Sister-In-Law, Aunt

PETER EGIGIAN, Brother-In-Law, Uncle

NERSESIAN, ARZOUMANIAN, DERDERIAN, MATHERIAN FAMILIES

Requested by Mrs. Margaret Derderian and Family

HARRY DERDERIAN, Beloved Brother, Uncle

Requested by Alice Derderian
Ann Marie Egigian
Serena Egigian
Peter and Dianne Egigian

VICTORIA GULESERIAN, 44th Year, Grandmother

Requested by Janice Torosian

Parish Organization News and Events



BAKE SALE

St John's Women's Guild

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CONTACT :

Marilyn Dadian
Dadian@comcast.net

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Saturday, May 3, 9:00am-11:30am

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

OR EBAISE@UMICH.EDU

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075

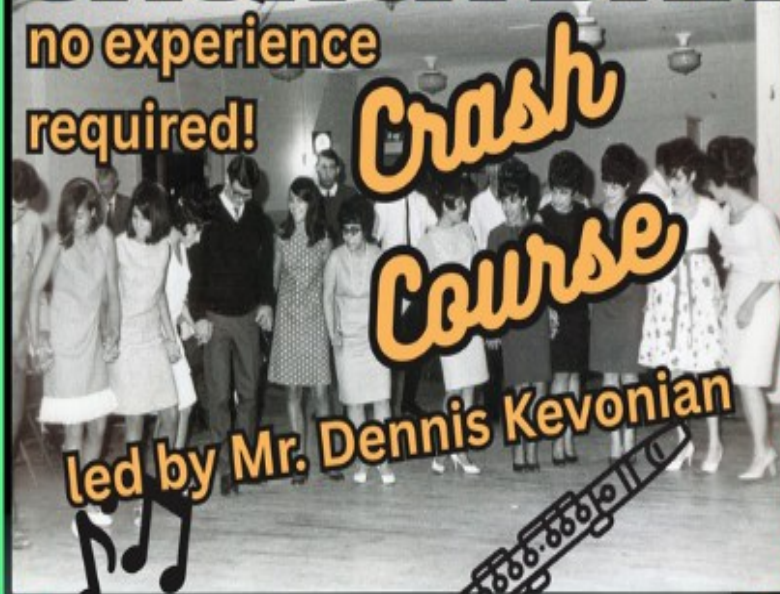
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SHURCH BAR

no experience
required!

Crash
Course

led by Mr. Dennis Kevonian



THURSDAY, MAY 8
7 PM

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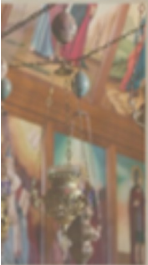
ST JOHN CULTURAL HALL

FREE ADMISSION - LIGHT BITES

Church Chat

With Fr. Aren

REFLECTIONS ON LIFE IN JERUSALEM



Thursday May 15 at 7:00PM
Saint Vartan Room

Church Chats discuss a range of topics:
spiritual, contemporary, and historical in a casual format
with opportunity for Q & A

ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SPORTS WEEKEND 2025

MAY 23 - 25, 2025

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Friday, May 23rd – St. John Armenian Church – Southfield, MI

9:00am – 5:00pm

FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT

Friday, May 23rd – Fifth Avenue – Royal Oak, MI

7:00pm – 10:30pm

SPORTS

Saturday, May 24th – Groves High School – Birmingham, MI

8:30am – 5:00pm

Sunday, May 25th – St. John Armenian Church Rec. Center – Southfield, MI

1:00pm – 5:00pm

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

Saturday, May 24th – Little Caesars Arena – Detroit, MI

8:30pm – 1:00am

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, May 25th – St. John Armenian Church – Southfield, MI

9:30am - Noon

Brunch hosted by Women's Guild immediately following at Veterans Building

SUNDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET

Sunday, May 25th – St. John Armenian Church Grand Ballroom – Southfield, MI

Alumni Cocktail Hour: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

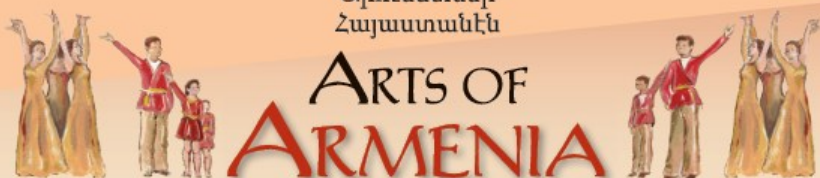
Dinner, Awards, and Dance: 7:30pm – 2:00am

Please visit www.acyoa.org/gasw to register.

Must be 18 years or older to attend Friday and Saturday evening events.

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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*A premier summer fine arts program
for children ages 8-12*

This Year's Theme: An Armenian Wedding

July 7-11, 2025

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Authentic Armenian Dance, Music, Jewelry, Garments,
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Registration Deadline: Sunday, June 20, 2025

Limited Enrollment



For more information please contact:

Lisa Mardigian

lmardigian@sjachurch.org

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/MKGc1eHE7BD4S4mTA> or scan here:



Sponsored by the Komitas Choir
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075
248-569-3405

Registration Deadline: Sunday, June 22, 2025 | Program Tuition \$150.00

Make checks payable to **KOMITAS CHOIR - ARTS OF ARMENIA**, or scan here to pay online:

Mail application and full payment to:

Lisa Mardigian
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075



Pay Online

Online Registration - <https://forms.gle/MKGc1eHE7BD4S4mTA> or scan here:

For questions, call or email:

Dn. Rubik Mailian, at 248-569-3405 or rubik@sjachurch.org

Or Lisa Mardigian, lmardigian@sjachurch.org



Registration

ARMENIA - THE LONE STONE

INVINCIBLE THROUGH THE AGES



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DAVID KARARNIAN

**ARMENIA - THE LONE
STONE: A DUAL LENS
ON HERITAGE AND
DISCOVERY**

Thursday, May 29

7:00 PM

SJAC St. Vartan Room



**St. John Armenian Church
and the Edward & Helen
Mardigian Library
present**

DAVID KARA MIAN

**ARTIST, AUTHOR,
PHOTOGRAPHER.**

Book Presentation

Join us for a special hybrid presentation as the author-photographer shares insights from his two companion books: *Armenia - the Lone Stone, Invincible Through the Ages* and *Armenia - the Lone Stone, a Traveler's Guide*



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CIT/Staff Training: Wednesday, July 23 – Saturday, July 26
Camp Week: Saturday, July 26–Saturday, August 2

Online Registration

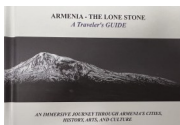
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Visit the St. John Parish Bookstore!

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
Hardcover coffee table book
documenting history of cultural
landmarks HC - \$70.00



New - Western Armenian Music:
From Asia Minor to the United States,
by Hachig Kazarian (HC \$40/SC \$30)



New - Khigar Nabasdaguh,
by Michael Pifer (HC \$17)
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about a little rabbit who learns
how to stand out in a big family

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Napkin Holder



Noah's Ark
Nut Dish



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General Parish Information

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

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

Parish Administrator - Cell: (248) 770-2200 | 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, contact the church secretary. We encourage parents to baptize their children between the ages of 40 days and 3 months.

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.

Please be aware that more detailed information on these sacraments and online versions of the required forms are on our website under "Liturgical Services."

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.

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 by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

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/



May 3 - World Medical Relief Volunteer Day

9-11:30 am - Contact Edith Baise (ebaise@umich.edu) for information

May 8 - Hye Doon Shurch Bar Crash Course with Dennis Kevonian

7:00 pm - St. John Cultural Hall

May 15 - Adult Catechism "Church Chat - Reflections on Life in Jerusalem"

7:00 pm - St. Vartan Room

May 29 - Book Presentation - David Karamian, Armenia - The Lone Stone

7:00 pm - St. Vartan Room

June 5 - Book Presentation - Hachig Kazarian, Western Armenian Music

7:00 pm - St. Vartan Room

Upcoming Youth Events

May 23-25 - ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend

July 7-11 - Arts of Armenia Program - "An Armenian Wedding"

July 26 - August 2 - Hye Camp

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.

"In the Armenian Church, Easter is the most inspiring festival. It is also symbolic of the resurrection of the Armenian people. They were persecuted and suffered because they believed in Christ and His promise of everlasting life. They sacrificed everything for their faith, and they have survived death. The message of Easter is eternal life. Remember this with unfailing hope and gratitude, and joyfully sing, 'Christ is risen from the dead, Glory to His magnificent resurrection.'"

- Archbishop Sion Manoogian, "Easter: Victory of the Resurrection"