

# 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

April 6, 2025

Armenian Church Year 1474

### Sunday of the Advent

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Abraham Ohanesian

Pastor: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Sunrise Service - 9:30 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 10:00 a.m.

Isaiah 66:1-24, Colossians 2:8-3:17, Matthew 22:34-22:39

Fr. Aren will attend Sunday School

Lector: Yerchanig Callan

### 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.

### Today at St. John

Welcome to the new look of our Sunday Bulletin! This more compact format and design is a pilot program for Lent. We welcome your feedback as we find new ways to best communicate with our community each week.

**Plate Collection:** A collection for the church will be taken during *Badarak* today. 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 the Sixth Sunday of Great Lent

Of old You announced beforehand the mystery of Your coming,

Through the prophets of Israel

Chosen by You after Moses;

Who spoke by the Holy Spirit in many and various ways;

Grant us, O Saviour, mercy and remission of sins.

With the approach of the last days,

The seers announced Your coming, O our Saviour, at the end of time;

You appeared among men

Adorned in the image of a servant;

Grant us, O Saviour, mercy and remission of sins.

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

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

Temple of the most pure Light

And Bridal chamber of the Word no word can express!

You accepted on yourself the sorrowful cure of first-mother Eve;

Beseech Your only-begotten Son

Our advocate of reconciliation before the Father,

To deliver us from upsets and grant us peace of soul.

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### Daily Scripture Readings

**Sunday** - Isaiah 66:1-24; Colossians 2:8-3:17; Matthew 22:34-23:39

**Monday - Annunciation to the Virgin Mary** - Song of Songs 1:2-11;

Proverbs 11:30-12:4; Isaiah 52:7-10; Zechariah 2:10-13;

Malachi 3:1-2; 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; Luke 1:26-38

**Tuesday** - 1 Corinthians 12:8-27

**Wednesday** - Exodus 4:21-5:3; Zechariah 9:9-16

**Thursday** - Ezekiel 37:1-14; 1 Timothy 3:14-16

**Friday** - Deuteronomy 11:10-25

**Saturday - Remembrance of the Raising of Lazarus** - Proverbs 14:27-35;

1 Thessalonians 4:12-17; John 11:55-12:11

## Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-22:39

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet'? If David thus calls him Lord, How is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.

Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice. They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by men; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues, and salutations in the market places, and being called rabbi by men. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ. He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites! because you shut the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither enter yourselves, nor allow those who would enter to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you traverse sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

"Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If any one swears by the temple, it is nothing; but if any one swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? And you say, 'If any one swears by the altar, it is nothing; but if any one swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.' You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? So he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by everything on it; and he who swears by the temple, swears by it and by him who dwells in it; and he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

## **Today's Gospel Reading, continued**

Matthew 22:34-22:39

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of extortion and rapacity. You blind Pharisees! first cleanse the inside of the cup and of the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' Thus you witness against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of innocent Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly, I say to you, all this will come upon this generation.

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken and desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'”

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## **Holy Communion**

Through the period of Great Lent, Communion will not be openly offered during Divine Liturgy. Anyone wishing to receive Communion during Great Lent may do so by making arrangements with the pastor.

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## **Women's Guild Palm Sunday Bake Sale**

The Women's Guild of St John Armenian Church will once again, be preparing our World Famous *Soo Boreg* in time for Palm Sunday Bake Sale and for your Easter dinner. Please place your advanced, pre-paid order by contacting Joy Callan by e-mail or by text at [yerchanigc@gmail.com](mailto:yerchanigc@gmail.com) or 248-533-6320.

### **Bake Date**

**Tuesday, April 8, 9am - noon, Nazoog and Simit**

We look forward to your participation and for a good time.

**All hands are good hands!!!**



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## Requiem Prayers for the Souls of Those Asleep in Christ

### ARA BELIAN, 40th Day, Loving Son, Brother, Cousin, Uncle, Friend

Requested by Zabel Belian

Lisa and Marc Welch and Family

Raffi and Zaina Belian and Family

Annie Best and Family

Ohan and Helen Sapsezian

Artemis Bedros

Hussein Family

Mariam Cicarella and Family

Nina and Gary Turpanjian and Family

Ani and John Kedeshian and Family

Parian Family

Etian Family

Sylvia and Raffi Eghiayan and Family

Sanjian Family

Derian Family

Darakjian Family

Hagop and Diana Alexanian and Family

Lisa Mardigian

Lucy Ardash and Family

Der Ardash Bagdasarian and Family

St John Armenian Church Men's Society

Alice Terzian and Family

Alice and Sandra Nigoghosian

Elise Papazian

Meri Pabucciyan

Patricia, Rosanne and Gregory Darakdjian

### ROBERT BAGDASARIAN, 40th Day, Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Relative and Friend

Requested by Rosemary Bagdasarian

Craig and Lisa Johnson, Jessica Johnson, and Kyle Johnson

Dr. Richard and Michelle Bagdasarian

Kristen Bagdasarian

Katrina Bagdasarian



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## Requiem Prayers for the Souls of Those Asleep in Christ

### SARKIS TASHJIAN, 40th Day, Brother, Uncle

Requested by Toros and Knarig Topakbashian and Family

### DICKRAN TOUMAJAN, 3rd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Friend

Requested by Anahit, Mihran, Armen, and Ani Toumajan and Families

Annette Toumajan Burrow and Family

Stephen Toumajan and Family

Suzanne Toumajan Barker and Family

Karen Goulasarian

### NAZARET OZDAMAR, 8th Year, Father, Grandfather, Khnamee

Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Saro Ozdamar, Axsel and Maxim Ozdamar

Mr. and Mrs. Harutyun and Natali Kizmazoglu

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hintiryan

Mr. Zaven Hintiryan

### PETER KARIBIAN, 8th Year, Loving Father, Grandfather

### MARY KARIBIAN, 5th Year, Loving Mother, Grandmother

### V. GEORGE LAKTZIAN, 17th Year, Loving Uncle, Granduncle

### ANN LAKTZIAN, 12th Year, Loving Aunt, Grandaunt

Requested by Marshall and Jan Karibian

Michael, Linda, and Ani Karibian

Matthew, Shannon, and David Karibian

### HAMAZASP B. DARIAN, 16th Year, Father, Grandfather, Friend, Khnuamee

### VREJOUHI DARIAN, 7th Year, Loving Mother, Grandmother, Friend, Khunamee

Requested by Vigen Darian and Lynda Wolf

Grant, Talin, and Leland Miars

Mara Darian

Michael, Linda, and Ani Karibian

Armen Darian

Beth Hinkle

Nennette Merametdjian

Sevahn Merian

Carole Bagdasarian

# 2025 HOLY WEEK

## APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY

9:00am - Morning Service

9:45am - Divine Liturgy with Church School Procession

1:30pm - Opening of the Doors Service

## APRIL 15 - HOLY TUESDAY

7:00pm - Vespers remembering the Wise and Foolish Maidens

## APRIL 16 - HOLY WEDNESDAY

7:00pm - Prayers for Healing Service

## APRIL 17 - GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

10:00am - Divine Liturgy

7:00pm - Washing of the Feet Service

8:30pm - Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord

## APRIL 18 - GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

11:30am - Order of the Crucifixion of Christ

7:00pm - Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ

## APRIL 19 - GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

4:00pm - Reading of Scriptures

5:00pm - Divine Liturgy - Jrakalooyts

## APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am - Morning Service

9:45am - Divine Liturgy

## APRIL 21 - MERELOTZ

11:00am - Requiem Service

# Parish Organization News and Events

## ST JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH 2025 PALMS, EASTER LILY PLANTS, FLOWERS AND CANDLE DONATIONS

We are offering parishioners and friends of St. John Armenian Church the opportunity to donate palms, Easter lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ, and candles to beautify the Holy Altar and sanctuary for Holy Week. These items will serve as a loving memorial and tribute to those whom you wish to remember in a special way before the Lord.

If you would like to donate any of these items in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please fill out the form below providing all the information needed.

Please mail this form to the Church Office with a check made payable to St. John Armenian Church, or pay online at QR code below.



**Orders must be placed by Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

All donors' names will be printed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin

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Donor Name.....

In Honor/Memory of:.....

I wish to donate Palms for Palm Sunday - \$35.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily Plants at \$35.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate Flowers/Plants for Good Friday Tomb of Christ - \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate Candles for the Holy Altar - \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate for all of the above - \$125.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(Easter Lily Plant, Candles for the Altar, Flowers/Plants and Palms) Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For further information, please call the Church Office at 248-569-3405 or  
e-mail [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org)

St. John Armenian Church  
22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075  
[www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org)



St. John Armenian Church

# BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



## APRIL 7, 2025

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

REST SERVICE &  
ACYOA Jrs LENTEN DINNER

**St. John Armenian Church**

REST SERVICE 5:30PM  
DINNER 6:00PM-7:00PM

**WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT**

**SENIOR CLASS MEDITATIONS**

APRIL 9      AREG MAILIAN

**Lobster \$30**

**Please make your reservation beforehand!!!**

**Adult \$15 (Fish or Vegan)**

**Children \$5**



reservations call (248) 569-3405 **or** [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org)

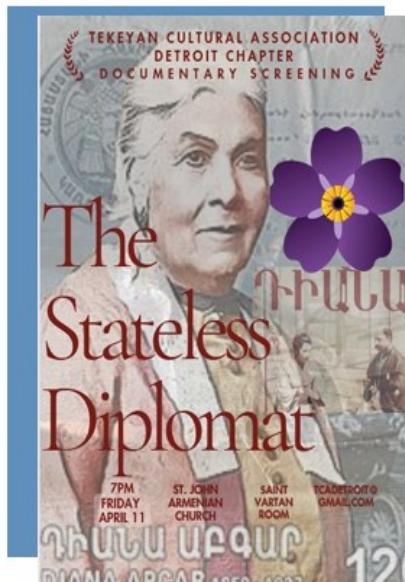
St. John Armenian Church

in collaboration with The Tekeyan Cultural Association

Metro Detroit Chapter, presents a film by *Mimi Malayan*

***The Stateless Diplomat*** ....a historical docudrama about Diana Apcar

Commemorating the 110th Anniversary of The Armenian Genocide



After her son took over the family business in Japan, Apcar had more time to concentrate on her humanitarian, literary, and diplomatic career. She started working with numerous journals and newspapers such as The Japan Advertiser, The Far East, The Japan Gazette, and Armenia (later to be known as New Armenia). She focused much of her literature on the oppressed and their circumstances. She wrote about the Armenian plight in the Ottoman Empire in order to raise global awareness. By 1920 she had already written over nine books in dedication to the Armenian Genocide. She also wrote many articles on international relations and the impact of imperialism on world affairs and global peace.

The documentary "The Stateless Diplomat" brings attention to the legacy of Diana Agabeg Apcar, the first female Armenian diplomat and possibly one of the first female diplomats ever.

And with its gentle, artistically gorgeous approach, it succeeds. The documentary follows the timeline of Apcar, her family and her dedication to her people at the time of the Armenian Genocide and later the creation of the Armenian Republic.

*Mirror Spectator*

**Open to the Public — Please join us**  
**Refreshments will precede the movie....**

**Friday, April 11th**  
**at 7 pm**  
**St. John Armenian Church**  
**Vartan Room**

**For more information**  
**Call Diana Alexanian at**  
**248-505-6159 or email**  
**Detroittca@gmail.com**

*of John Women's Guild*

## PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

# APRIL 13

*After church, in the main hall.*

**&  
MANY  
OTHER  
DELICACIES!**

CHOEREG

KALKAH

KHATAH

CONTACT:

*Dadian@comcast.net*



# Palm Sunday ACYOA DAY

**Sunday, April 13th**

**following Divine Liturgy  
in the cultural hall.**

**Join us for a joyous day of faith and fellowship.  
Fun food stations to benefit  
2025 General Assembly and Sports Weekend  
Free Will Offering**

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# Happy Easter

## CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILY EASTER MID DAY SERVICE

Please be prepared to receive Holy Communion.



**Saturday, April 19th**  
**11:00am - 11:30am**

Fellowship following Church services with  
surprise visit from the *Easter Bunny!*

Welcome all Little Saints' Families!



### CHURCH SCHOOL *Easter Supper*

BEEF TENDERLOIN DINNER

SATURDAY

**19**  
APRIL

Jrakalooyts Divine Liturgy at 5pm  
Dinner to follow in the Cultural Hall

\$30 PER PERSON

Church School Students Free

RSVP to (248) 569-3405

# 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](http://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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Հայաստանէն



*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,  
Baking, Wedding Service and more  
taught by professional teachers

*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:



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St. John Armenian Church

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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

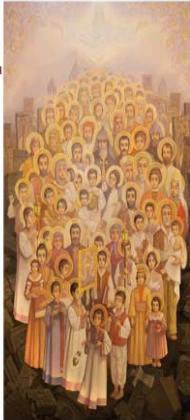
Online Registration - <https://forms.gle/MKgc1eHE7BD4S4mTA> or scan here:

For questions, call or email:

Dn. Rubik Mailian, at 248-569-3405 or [rubik@sjachurch.org](mailto:rubik@sjachurch.org)  
Or Lisa Mardigian, [lmardigian@sjachurch.org](mailto:lmardigian@sjachurch.org)



Registration



## SAVE THE DATE

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### 110<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Service in Honor of the Sanctified  
Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide

*Under the auspices of the*

Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit  
Genocide Commemoration Committee



St. John Armenian  
Apostolic Church

St. Sarkis Armenian  
Apostolic Church

St. Vartan Armenian  
Catholic Church

Armenian  
Congregational Church

Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church

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### The Armenian American Veterans' Building Renovation Join the crowd!



# HYE CAMP

Where faith, fun and fellowship meet

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scan to register online

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

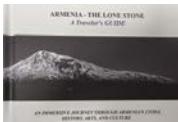
Online Registration [diocesansummercamps.org](http://diocesansummercamps.org)

## Visit the St. John Parish Bookstore!

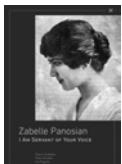
Open during Church Office hours and on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy

*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 - Zabelle Panosian: I Am Servant of  
Your Voice, by Harout Arakelian, Harry  
Kezelian III, and Ian Nagoski (SC/CD \$15)  
The story of the most popular classical  
female Armenian singer of the Genocide  
era and her efforts in the US to raise  
money for its survivors.



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



New - Khigir Nabasdaguh,  
by Michael Pifer (HC \$17)  
Western Armenian children's book  
about a little rabbit who learns  
how to stand out in a big family

*These and many other Michael Aram pieces now available!*

Candles



White Orchid Cocktail  
Napkin Holder



Noah's Ark  
Nut Dish



New! Armenian Cross  
Ornament, 5" x 3.5", \$50



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# General Parish Information

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**Church Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

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

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

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

Parish Administrator - Cell: (248) 770-2200 | [admin@sjachurch.org](mailto: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.

**Requiem Prayers (*Hokeyhankist*):** Names may be submitted to the church office by mail, phone, or email 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.

**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/)

# 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/)



## April

**Fri., April 11** – Film Screening, “The Stateless Diplomat”

7 p.m. – St. Vartan Room, co-sponsored with the Tekeyan Cultural Association

**Sun., April 13** – Women’s Guild Palm Sunday Bake Sale and ACYOA Day

Following the Divine Liturgy in the Cultural Hall

**Sat., April 19** – Church School Easter Supper

\$30/person (Church School Students – Free), please RSVP to the church office

**Thurs., April 24** - Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide

Co-Sponsored by the Four Armenian Churches of Detroit - St. Sarkis, 7 p.m.

## **Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized**

Badrik Jooharigian

Aleksan Matossian

Anahid Matossian

Nadia Ayrapetyan

Vladimir Avetisov

Joann Mashigian

Charles Sansone

Hrayr Mashigian

Nick Fernandez

Jeffrey Perna

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian

Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian

Haroutiun Bagdasarian

Mary Helen Altounian

Wayne Owen Engelki

Shoghig Terjimanian

Samvel Ayrapetyan

Valera Ayrapetyan

Craig Tarpinian

Samvel Arakelyan

Nancy Altounian

Marus Grigoryan

Nailya Sahakian

Ronald Seaman

Rose Lucassian

Marge Aramian

Zaven Ovian

Jan Paloian

Rose Baise

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St. Gregory of Narek, "Speaking with God from the Depths of the Heart" (Translation by Thomas J. Samuelian)