

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

March 22, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Sunday of the Advent

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father 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

Lector: Yerchanig (Joy) Callan

Morning Service During Lent

On all Sundays during Great Lent, Morning Service (Matins) will be replaced with The Sunrise Office (*Arevakal*) at 9:30 am.

We will return to our regular schedule of having Morning Service (Matins) at 9:00 am on Palm Sunday.

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.

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)

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.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian	Imprisoned Bishops and	Samvel Arakelyan
Andre' J. Gregory	Clergymen in Armenia	Yelena Zakaryan
Vladimir Avetisov	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Nancy Altounian
Joann Mashigian	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Marus Grigoryan
Charles Sansone	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian	Nailya Sahakian
Hrayr Mashigian	Lara Roche Sarmanian	Chris Papazian
Nick Fernandez	Mary Helen Altounian	Rose Lucassian
Sonia Kalfayan	Shoghig Terjimanian	Marge Aramian
Edith Baise	Valera Ayrapetyan	Zaven Oviaan
Rose Baise	Charles Vanerian	Jan Paloian

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is not openly administered during Great Lent, should any of the faithful wish to receive Holy Communion at any time during Great Lent, they may do so by making arrangements with the Pastor.

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!

"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.

Today's Gospel Reading, continued

Matthew 22:34-22:39

“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.’”

Gifts to Church

Alice Kadian presents a gift to the church in happy occasion of *Angela Banerian's 100th Birthday*.

Women's Guild Palm Sunday Bake Sale

The Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church will be preparing *Katah* one last time before Palm Sunday and Easter. Don't miss your chance to pre-order our world famous *Soo Boreg* for your holiday table! **Advanced, pre-paid orders required.**

To place your order, contact **Joy Callan: yerchanigc@gmail.com 248-533-6320** (text preferred)

Tuesday, March 24 - 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Katah Bake

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

All hands are good hands!

Donations Needed for Easter Altar Candles

The eight large wax candles located on the bema floor beside our altar are in need of replacement. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a donation toward these liturgical items.

Gifts may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one, or to mark a special occasion. A minimum donation of \$250 will sponsor a pair of wax candles. Donors will be acknowledged in the Sunday Bulletin.

If you are interested in contributing, please contact the Church Office for more information.



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

HARRY KARAGOSIAN, Jr., 40th Day, Loving Father, Brother and Uncle

Requested by Emilie Karagosian
The Karagosian Family
Robert Karagosian and Family
Tim and Robin Karagosian and Family
David and Dawn Karagosian and Family

**MISSAK ALEXAN ALEXANIAN, 5th Year, Husband, Father, Father-In-Law,
Brother, Brother-In-Law**

Requested by Denise Alexanian
Ani Alexanian and Dustin Fisher
Berj Alexanian and Freya Thodesen- Kasparian
George and Debra Alexanian
Hagop and Diana Alexanian
Alex and Jessica Alexanian
Peter and Mellie Alexanian
George and Vart Mikhjian and Family

GLORIA SEMONIAN, 4th Year, Dear Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Carol and Steve Palaian
Alan Semonian
Lisa and Chris Michetti
Maria and Angela Palaian
Julia and Peter Crane

**MATTHEW DAVID BARSAMIAN, 7th Year, Beloved Son, Brother, Grandson,
Nephew, Uncle and Husband**

Requested by Jeffrey and Beverly Barsamian
Matthew and Angela Manosky and Family
Agnes Barsamian
Arthur Alan Barsamian
Lauren Barsamian

NUBAR CHOLAKIAN, 9th Year, Loving Husband, Father

Requested by Ann Marie Cholakian
Michael Cholakian



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

**HAYRIK KASPAR, 13th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,
Great-Grandfather**

Requested by Cufer Kaspar

Murat and Ani Kasparian

Shant and Sylvia Kasparian (Talia, Cecille, and Daron)

Nubar and Armig Terziyan (Arek and Aris)

**ARTHUR BARSAMIAN, 15th Year, Beloved Husband, Father and
Grandfather**

Requested by Agnes Barsamian,

Arthur Alan Barsamian

Jeffrey and Beverly Barsamian

Matthew and Angela Manosky and Family

Lauren Barsamian

JOHN GIRAGOSIAN, 20th Year, Father, Grandfather, Khnamee

Requested by Dr. John and Nyree Giragosian,

Jenna Giragosian

Lexa Giragosian

Alec Giragosian

Brad Giragosian

Lucy Ardash

Veterans Building Renovation Fundraising

Our goal is to renovate our dedicated space to honor those who served
and to expand our community outreach.

Renovation Goal **\$500,000**

Current Donations **\$ 131,227**

Funding Needed **\$ 368,773**

As of March 6, 2026.

Help us reach our goal!

Donate today by scanning the QR code.



Excludes Apostolic Society's funding \$470,647 for Foundation, Roof, and Window repairs/replacements since 2021 and Marie Vanerian's \$50,000 donation to the 2025 Detroit ACYOA Sports Weekend of which ~\$38,500 used for Gym refreshing.



Stewardship Program

Stewardship / Membership Pledge

2026 Annual Stewardship / Membership Pledges to Support St. John Armenian Church

*"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7*

A stewardship/membership pledge is derived from one's heart and soul. It is a choice and promise to make a financial gift.

No particular monetary value is assigned to a stewardship/membership pledge. The Church nurtures everyone's spiritual well being. Yearly offerings should be determined by one's own heart.

We have received questions about how much to pledge. The information below (presented in the recent Parish Assembly meeting) provides some suggestions but are not requirements.

- \$500 - single person (equivalent to \$300 dues set in 2009)
- \$1000 - per couple (equivalent to \$600 dues set in 2009)
- \$2200 – per household could balance 2026 budget
- \$4200 - cost of operating church complex for one day

As you determine your 2026 Stewardship/Membership pledge, look into your heart and recall all the services and activities our Church offers for the community. At a minimum, we are very blessed to have Divine Liturgy every Sunday.

How to Make a Pledge:

Checks can be made payable to: **St. John Armenian Church** (*Your contribution is tax deductible*)

Donations can also be made online

1. Simply go to the QR code
2. Choose "Give Once" button to pay an annual donation

OR

3. Choose "Multiple Times" button to schedule your gift weekly, monthly or quarterly



"Then one poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amounted to a small fraction of a denarius. Jesus called His disciples to Him and said "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more than all the others into the treasury..."

Holy Gospel of Mark 12:42

ST JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

2026 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 Monday, March 23, 2026

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

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

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www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org

2026 Holy Week

Schedule of Services

MARCH 29 - PALM SUNDAY

9:00am - Morning Service

9:45am - Divine Liturgy with Church School Procession

1:30pm - Opening of the Doors Service

MARCH 31 - HOLY TUESDAY

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

April 1 - HOLY WEDNESDAY

7:00pm - Prayers for Healing Service

APRIL 2 - GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

10:00am - Divine Liturgy

7:00pm - Washing of the Feet Service

8:30pm - Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord

APRIL 3 - GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

11:30am - Order of the Crucifixion of Christ

7:00pm - Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ

APRIL 4 - GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

4:00pm - Reading of Scriptures

5:00pm - Divine Liturgy - Jrakalooyts

APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am - Morning Service

9:45am - Divine Liturgy

APRIL 6 - MERELTZ

11:00am - Requiem Service

Men's Society's ~ Sunday Soups 2026

March 22nd

Seafood Jambalaya Bisque

Prepared by The Men Society Family

\$10 - 14ounce bowl served w/ dipping bread

March 22nd

Tahnabour (Matzoon)

Prepared by The Semarjian Family

\$10 - 14ounce bowl served w/ dipping bread

Please preorder - call or text Dan at 313-938-4215

Save the Date

Saturday, March 28th Men's Retreat

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PRIMATE'S PASTORAL VISIT

Over the weekend of May 28 - June 1, His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan will be visiting the St. John Armenian Church Community.

save the date

May 28 - June 1

This special weekend will include:

- Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 31
- Celebration of Fr. Garabed Kochakian's 50th Anniversary to the Sacred Priesthood with a banquet on Friday, May 29
- Acolyte and Sub-Deacon Ordinations
- Meetings with parish leadership

We look forward to welcoming His Grace that weekend.

Details to follow...

ALEXAN KAZARIAN

NORTHVILLE TROOP 755
EAGLE SCOUT

CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE



All proceeds will go toward purchasing materials for my Eagle Scout project: enhancing the recently expanded patio at the Veterans Building at St. John Armenian Church.

Pick-up will be after church at the Sunday School entrance, or feel free to drop off your bag and I will pick it up after church.



Pick up Day
Sunday,
March 22

You may also give via Venmo (see QR code below)

**SCAN
HERE!**



CONTACT

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248-916-5411

Email:
AlexanKazarian@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



JASHOU COMMUNION SERVICE
HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, March 22, 4:00-6:00pm

Fr. Aren Jebejian

Reception Following

Everyone Welcome!

Light Reception Following
1701 E Saginaw St, Lansing, MI 48912
Lisa Mardigian, (586) 808-2202



St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



MARCH 23, 2026

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

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

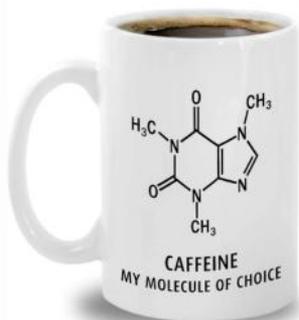
Join Us on Zoom!

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

Tuesday, March 24, at 11:30am
(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!

111TH GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION ESSAY COMPETITION

On April 24, 2026, the Four Churches Committee will gather to celebrate the New Saints of the Genocide.

On this occasion, four young people will offer reflections on what it means to be descendants of the Genocide of 1915 and what it means to have new Saints.

St. John Armenian Church has been designated to offer a young male to present this reflection. Those aged 20–30 who are interested in representing our church should submit a brief written essay to Fr. Aren explaining why they would like to offer this meditation on April 24. Submissions will be given anonymously to the Ajemian Scholarship Committee, which will select our church's representative for that day.

The paragraph should be sent to Fr. Aren
at: fraren@sjachurch.org
by April 7th, 2026

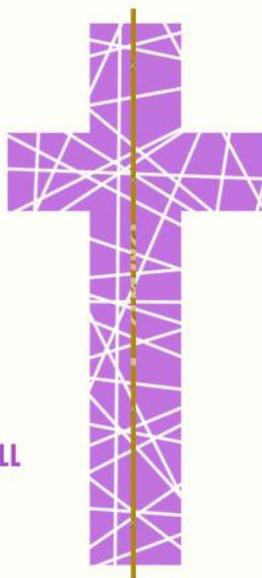
REST SERVICE & ACYOA Jr's LENTEN DINNER

rest service 5:30pm
dinner 6:00pm-7:00pm

WEDNESDAYS
march 25th - Dickran Callan

DONATIONS
LOBSTER DINNER \$30
fish / vegan \$15
children \$5

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reservations call
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email office@sjachurch.org

ST JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
LED BY VERY REV. FR. AREN JEBEJIAN
DN. RUBIK MAILIAN

ACOLYTE TRAINING

SCHEDULE

TIME: 10AM-12PM

MARCH 28

APRIL 25

MAY 9 & 23

Contact Deacon Rubik
rubik@sjachurch.org





St. John Armenian Church Men's Society

Presents A Retreat For Men Of All Ages

Saturday, March 28th / 8:30am - 3:30pm
St. Vartan Room

Journeying through Holy Week ~ Strengthening us for Life

*We will journey through the days and message of Holly week during
this very sacred time of year!*

Led by Father Aren Jebejian

\$40. 00 per person

**Includes: Hot Breakfast, Buffet Lunch,
light Mezza Reception afterglow**



To reserve call or text Dan Cristiano 313.938.4215

ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD

PALM SUNDAY
Bake Sale

MARCH 29

After church in the main hall.

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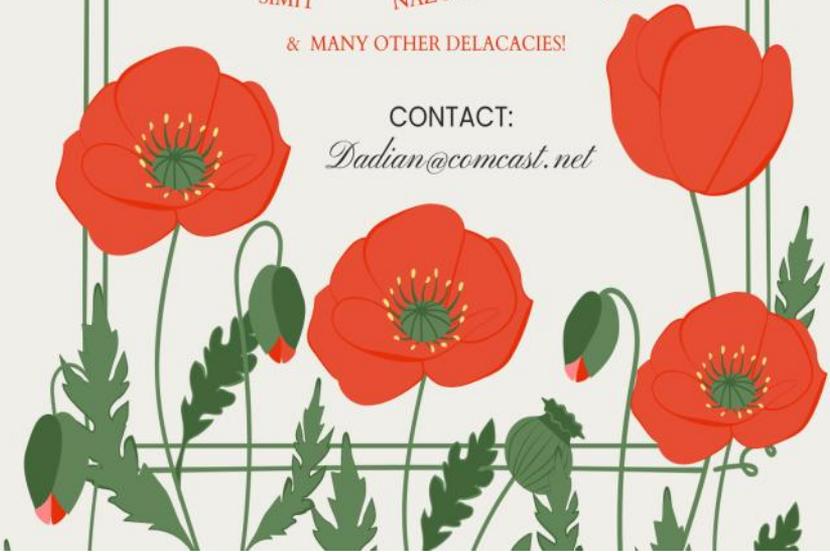
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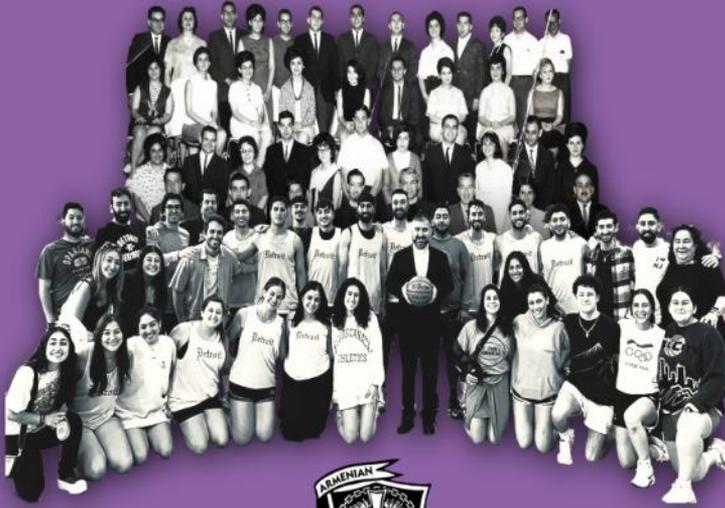
CONTACT:

Dadian@comcast.net



Inviting all members, past and present:

Palm Sunday ACYOA Day



**Celebrating 80 Years of
Faith, Love, and Service**

March 29, 2026

Divine Liturgy @ 9:45 AM

Reception Following in the Cultural Hall

Happy Easter!

**CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILY EASTER
MID DAY SERVICE**

Please be prepared to receive Holy Communion.

**Saturday, April 4th
at 11am**

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

Welcome all Little Saints' families!



Church School Easter Supper

Saturday, April 4th

Jrakalooyts Divine Liturgy 5pm
Supper following in the Cultural Hall

Beef Tenderloin Buffet

\$30 per person

Church School Students Free

RSVP to (248) 569-3405



The Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church
presents
GUILD GATHERINGS

We're bringing back 2 favorites in time for Easter!

*Armenian Easter Egg Traditions
and
Choreg with Tips on Making Dough*



Watch from our Website:
stjohnwomensguild.square.site
Click on Guild Gatherings then Learn More

**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, April 11, 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

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

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075

EUCHRE NIGHT!!

April 17th, 2025

St John Armenian Church Men's Society Charity Fundraiser

\$30 per Person

\$35 after April 10th

(Includes Chicken Kabob, Pilaf, Salad, Pop - Cash Bar)

All are Welcome!! Fun for Everyone!

We're in the **Veterans Hall** for this Event

Cash Prizes, Door Prize, Raffle (Must be 18 yrs old to win)

5:45-6:45 Museum Open for Attendees to Experience

6:00-6:45 Dinner

6:45 Euchre Starting Time

**Euchre Lessons for New Players on Sundays after Church

To Make Reservations (RSVP):

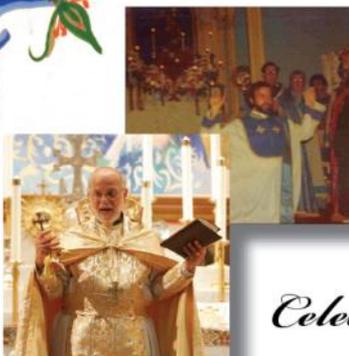
Call / Text: Michael Toomajian at 248-303-9744

or Email: michaeltboomajian@gmail.com

Join us for Euchre Night!
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Save the Date!!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Celebratory Banquet

HONORING

Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian

ON THE OCCASION OF THE

50th Anniversary

OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD

PRESIDED OVER BY
HIS GRACE, BISHOP MESROP PARSAMYAN, PRIMATE

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026 • 6:00 IN THE EVENING

St. John Armenian Church

SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN

PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMITTEE WITH QUESTIONS:
FrGarabed50@gmail.com

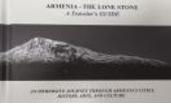
TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EVENT AND
PARTICIPATE IN THE MEMORY SLIDESHOW
PLEASE USE THIS QR CODE FOR DETAILS



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!

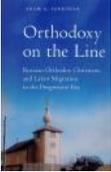
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Armenia: The Lone Stone
A Traveler's Guide From Ancient
Stones to Modern Wonders,
by David Karamian (HC \$25)



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
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By Rebecca
Mooradian,



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



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CALL: 248 569 3405
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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

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/

“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.stjohnsarmerianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/



- March 22 - Church Sunrise Service - 9:30am, Divine Liturgy - 10:00am**
March 22 - Men's Society - Sunday Soups - Following Diving Liturgy
March 22 - Can and Bottle Drive for the Veterans Building Patio Enhancement
March 22 - Jashou Communion Service
4:00pm - 6:00pm - Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Lansing
- March 23 - Bible Study - 7:00pm - Conference Room**
March 24 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 11:30am, Via Zoom
March 24 - Western Armenian Classes, 4:30pm - 7:30pm
March 25 - Rest Service - 5:30pm - Fish Dinner - Following Rest Service
March 28 - Men's Society - Presents a Retreat for Men of All Ages
8:30am - 3:30pm - St. Vartan Room
- March 28 - Acolyte Training - 10:00am-12:00pm**
March 29 - Women's Guild - Palm Sunday Bake Sale - Following Diving Liturgy
March 29 - Palm Sunday - ACYOA Day - Reception following Diving Liturgy
April 4 - Church School Family Easter Mid Day Service - 11:00am
Fellowship following Church Service
- April 4 - Jrakalooyts / Divine Liturgy - 5:00pm**
Church School Easter Supper following Divine Liturgy
- April 11 - SJAC Volunteer Day at World Medical Relief - 1:00pm - 3:00pm**
April 17 - Men's Society - Euchre Night, 5:45pm
May 28 - June 1 - Save the Date - Primate's Pastoral Visit
July 13 - July 17 - Save the Date - Arts of Armenia
July 25 - August 1 - Save the Date - Hye Camp

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

Seeking Stewards Time and Talent Help

Social Media / Communications

- Need volunteers or recommendations for part-time help.
- Need to outreach beyond email blasts with more video clips.

Create Church Operations and Events Manual

- Need 2-3 people to document the what, how & when regularly scheduled events are planned to create an operations manual.

Supply / Purchasing Management

- Need simple inventory control and purchasing tracking system
- Please contact Jim Stambouljan at Church Office.