

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit
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The Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:
The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

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



Sunday Bulletin

Welcome!

We welcome you to the Divine Liturgy/Soorp Badarak and invite all who are Baptized and Chrismated in, or are in communion with, the Armenian Church 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 desk. Make certain you fill out a contact card before you leave so we can be in touch. Enter to worship the Lord Jesus who loves you and depart with His love to serve others.

January 26, 2025
The Armenian Church Year 1474

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY
Isaiah 58:13-59:7. 1 Timothy 4:12-5:10. John 3:13-21
Lector: Celene Philip

Today's Gospel

John 3:13-21

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light, and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Hymn of the Day

During the Synaxis (on the bottom of page 12 of the Divine Liturgy book), the choir will sing the Midday Psalm and the Midday Chant proper to the Day

Resurrection Mode 6

O Christ

You have enlightened the Holy Church by the light of Your divinity
Preserve it unshaken forever.

Today Jerusalem celebrates with the multitude of the faithful
The renewal of the Holy Church
Preserve it unshaken forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The doors of faith of the new Sion were opened
And it receives You, the Immortal Bridegroom, into the wedding chamber
It distributes Your body and blood.
Preserve it unshaken forever

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Dn. Yervant Kuchukian	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Vladimir Avetisov
Badrik Jooharigian	Yeretzgin Tirohi Boyagian	Nancy Altounian
Nadia Ayrapetyan	Haroutiun Bagdasarian	Nailya Sahakian
Joann Mashigian	Dinora Boulgarian Pitz	Ronald Seaman
Hrayr Mashigian	Mary Helen Altounian	Marge Aramian
Charles Sansone	Wayne Owen Engelki	Rose Lucassian
Nick Fernandez	Shoghig Terjimanian	Susie Janigian
Craig Tarpinian	Rozann Vartoogian	Zaven Ovian
Gerald Reeves	Robert Buchanan	Jan Paloian
Jeffrey Perna	Marus Grigoryan	Rose Baise

Gift to Church

A monetary gift was donated to the church in memory of **Jerry Montgomery** by his wife Lena Montgomery, and their family recognizing his one year of passing on January 26, 2025.

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 January for the homeless of Metro Detroit.

The Men's Society would like to thank

Karen and Cross Mooradian in memory of Andonian, Kralian, Mooradian Families, and Anonymous donor

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.

Plate Collection

Parish Council will be taking a plate collection for the church immediately after Holy Communion. Your donations remain an essential part of supporting our church's mission and activities. Online donations can also be made using the QR code.





BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN



REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO ARE ASLEEP IN CHRIST

HRANT DINK, 18th Year

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

VICTORIA MAGDESIAN, 40th Day, Cousin, Friend

KAPREL AYRANJIAN, 40th Day, Cousin, Friend

Requested by Shirley Dadian
Laurie Dadian
Bryan, Lisa, Jordan, Nicholas and Victoria Boyadjian
Lyle, Nicole, Luc and Led Dadian
Larry, Janya, Sammy, Talia and Jack Dadian
Mary Boyadjian

GERALD (JERRY) MONTGOMERY, 1st Year

Requested by Lena Montgomery
Beau and Everleigh Montgomery
Anna, Tom and Stanley Kasprzycki
Richard, Sherry Harutunian Family
Kim and Alex Vadasy

ERIC NISHON, Son, Nephew

Requested by Gary Nishon
Dennis Nishon
Meghan Nishon

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



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN

REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO ARE ASLEEP IN CHRIST



**ANDREW DOUROUJALIAN, 12th 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

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God,

Massis Ohanessian, who entered his eternal rest last week.

His funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on January 18, 2025.

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

We offer our prayers for the servant of God,

Ara Belian, who entered his eternal rest last week.

His funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on January 21, 2025.

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

We offer our prayers for the servant of God,

John Craig Torosian, who entered his eternal rest last week.

His funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on January 23, 2025.

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

We offer our prayers for the servant of God,

Lucine Hartunian, who entered her eternal rest last week.

Her funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on January 24, 2025.

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



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ACYOA GASW 2025

PRIZES
INCLUDED

FAMILY BINGO

12	24	37	54	75
13	20	41	47	65
5	29	FREE	51	66
11	21	45	55	69
2	28	42	48	62

HAMBURGER
OR
HOTDOG
CHIP
DRINK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
12PM-1:30

Join the ACYOA Seniors in the
Church Hall to play Bingo!

*Fundraiser to support ACYOA General Assembly
& Sports Weekend in Detroit May 22-26 2025!*

\$15 per person donation includes
Lunch & 3 Bingo Cards

Additional lunches & bingo cards available for purchase



Detroit Metro Community Event

Sponsored by St. John Armenian Church



Scan to Donate

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025
Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
**Location: St. John Armenian Church,
St. Vartan Room**
**22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield MI
48075**

The Struggle for the Armenian Quarter of Jerusalem

Join us for an important discussion on the fight to protect Cow's Garden and the Armenian Quarter of Jerusalem. Co-Founders of the Save the ArQ Movement and their international legal team will share updates on advocacy and legal efforts to safeguard this vital part of our heritage.

All are welcome!

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ACYOA GASW 2025

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BAKERY / PIZZERIA

6690 Orchard Lake Rd. West
Bloomfield, MI 48322

01/29/2025

**15% OF PROCEEDS GOES TO SUPPORTING THE 2025
DETROIT ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY & SPORTS
WEEKEND WHEN YOU MENTION US!**

St. John Armenian Church Men's Society

Looking for 100 Good Men

Retreat topics:



- A time for reflection and spiritual renewal
- Guidance on overcoming daily challenges
- Strengthening & sustaining our faith

A retreat for young and older men

Saturday, February 1, 2025 / 8:30am - 3:30pm

St John Armenian Church Veterans Building

Including a hot Armenian breakfast and lunch

Post-retreat cocktail & light mezze reception from 3:30-5:30pm

This is an interactive, spirit-building retreat about what's on our minds!

Facilitators:



Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian



Reverend Father Hratch Sargsyan

\$40 per person | To reserve, call or text Dan Cristiano (313.938.4215)

Forgiving someone who has done you wrong
gives you happiness

An important part of being a Christian
is enjoying your life as a Christian

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 8, 9:00am-11:30am

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

OR EBaise@umich.edu

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075



St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN!



FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Twice a month,
in-person
Mondays from 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Super Bowl Mezze Platter

Sunday, February 9th, 2025

Pickup from Main Kitchen between 12:30-1:30 pm

10 Item Mezze Platter

Hummus, Basturma, Vospov Kufteh, Eech,

Brick & Feta Cheese 6 Sarma, 6 Spinach Pie

Homemade Pickled Turnips & Olives, Bag of Pita

\$60.00

Text your name and order to Dan Cristiano (313-938-4215)

Prepared by the St. John Men's Society

Men's Society invites you to another
Euchre Night!

February 28th, 2025

\$25/person (\$30 after February 21st)

6pm - Registration and Dinner

Games begin at 7pm

Reservations: Call/text Michael Toomajian (248-303-9744)

or email - michaeltoomajian@gmail.com

Cash prizes, door prize, and raffle (must be 18 years old to win)

Cash bar

A Grand Brunch Buffet

Proceeds go to the Hye Camp Scholarship Fund
St. John's Men's Society - Starting 2025 off right!

Sunday, February 16, 2025 - after the Divine Liturgy

Fresh Fruit

Cut Assorted Seasonal Fruits

Chocolate Fountain

Cookies, Graham Crackers, Pretzels, Bananas, Marshmallows,
Pineapple

Main Buffet

Basturma and Eggs, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Pancakes, Pasta

Omelets and Eggs Station

Omelets or Made to Order Eggs, Assorted Cheeses,
Vegetables & Cut Meats

Belgian Waffle Station

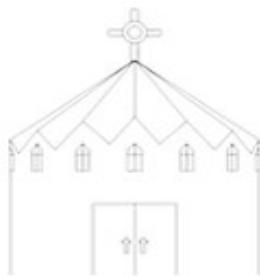
Made to Order Belgian Waffles with Assorted Toppings

Beverage Station

Juices, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Bottled Water

Adults \$20.00, Students \$10.00, 6 and under free

Reservations: Call/text Dan Cristiano (313-938-4215)



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY
MORNINGS AT 10:00 AM

JANUARY 18
FEBRUARY 15
MARCH 15



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

For more information, email sjlittlesaints@gmail.com



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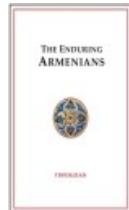
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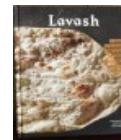
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COMMUNITY

Visit the Parish Bookstore

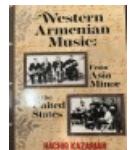
The Parish Bookstore is open during Church Office hours and on Sundays after Divine Liturgy



NEW: The Enduring Armenians: A Series of Essays on the Armenian Civilization was published by the Levon Topouzian Book Publication Trust. Multiple scholars and the translators provide an overview of 5000 years of Armenian history, its language, literature, music, and culture, its wars, the Armenian Church, the Genocide, and the Soviet era- in a book of over 700 pages. Alice Nigoghosian, Project Director and Publishing Consultant. SC - \$30.00



Lavash—Armenian Recipe Book
By Kate Leahy, John Lee, Ara Zada HC - \$25.00



NEW, Western Armenian Music:
From Asia Minor to the
United States By Hachig Kazarian
HC \$40.00, SC - \$30.00



Women's Guild's cookbook:
Armenian Cuisine - Preserving Our
Heritage, HC - \$25.00



NEW, "Zabelle Panosian"
(I am the servant of your voice) By Harout Arakelian,
Harry Kezelian III, Ian Nagoski Story of the life of Zabelle Panosian, the
most popular female classical Armenian
singer during the Genocide era who toured the U.S.
raising funds for the victims. - \$15.00 (CD included)



An Armenian Trilogy
By Dan Yessian
CD/DVD - \$25.00



ARMENIA - THE LONE STONE
A Traveler's Guide
From Ancient Stones to Modern Wonders
An Immersive Journey Through Armenia's Cities,
History, Arts, and Culture. HC - \$30
By David Karamian



New: Western Armenian
Children's book
A little rabbit learns how to stand
out in a big family
Khigar Nabasdaguh HC - \$17.00
By Michael Pifer

**New items from Armenia just arrived.
Stop by and browse!**

**A large variety of Michael Aram pieces are now available
10% off all Michael Aram**

Candles
\$75



White Orchid Cocktail
Napkin Holder
\$75



Noah's Ark Nut Dish
\$130



New Armenian Cross
Ornament, Size 5"x3.5"
\$50



The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry,
Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many "Made in Armenia" products.
Table runners, tablecloths, soccer balls, shawls and scarves from Armenia and much more!

General Information

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Fr. Aren's Mobile: (773) 457-4122 e-mail: FrAren@sjachurch.org

Parish Administrator's Mobile: (248) 770-2200

Visits to the Hospitalized and Homebound Please phone the Church Office when you or someone you love is admitted to the hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor. If you have an upcoming surgery, please consider requesting your name to be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized" list. Those who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home should phone the Church Office.

Home Blessing If you would like the Pastor to visit your home and offer a home blessing, please contact the Church Office.

Baptism Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born.

For more information, phone the Church Secretary. We encourage parents to baptize their children between 40 days and 3 months.

Marriage Please make sure to confirm your wedding date with the Pastor before booking your reception hall. Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date.

Parish Membership If you are interested in becoming a steward of the St. John parish, please speak to a Parish Council member on Sunday, or phone the Church Office.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin are due in the Church Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday preceding the date of service.

Requiem Requests may be submitted to the Church Office by mail, phone or email to office@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby. Requiem may be offered every Sunday of the year 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, particularly when partaking in Holy Communion. If you don't possess a veil but desire one, kindly approach a Parish Council member who can assist you in obtaining one.

The Kiss of Peace

The GIVER says: Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

Christ is revealed amongst us.

The RECEIVER says: Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

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