

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 19, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Sunday Bulletin

Sunday of the World Church (Green Sunday)

Guest Celebrant: Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Pastor: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

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

Sacred Lections: Acts 9:23-31, I Peter 2:1-10, John 2:23-3:12

Fr. Aren will give the Children's Sermon

Lector: Hiyk Ghazarian

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.

Easter Greeting

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

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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 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!

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.

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Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

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
Charles Sansone	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Marus Grigoryan
Hrayr Mashigian	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian	Nailya Sahakian
Nick Fernandez	Lara Roche Sarmanian	Chris Papazian
Jan Paloian	Mary Helen Altounian	Rose Lucassian
Edith Baise	Shoghig Terjimanian	Marge Aramian
Rose Baise	Valera Ayrapetyan	Zaven Ovian
	Charles Vanerian	

Home Blessings

Traditionally after Christmas and Easter, as well as when moving to a new home or renovating your home or work place, families invite their pastor to their homes or workplace for a special prayer and blessing. This centuries old practice is also part of our heritage and tradition as Armenians. The only thing required for a Home Blessing is to have bread, dish of salt, and glass of water available for the blessing. If you would like to schedule a home blessing, please contact the church office, to schedule a time and date.

Today's Gospel Reading

John 2:23-3:12

Now he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

Job Openings

The church office will be transitioning the current Parish Administrator job into two new positions. The available job openings for qualified candidates are posted on ZipRecruiter.

Parish Administrator - Full time
Property and Maintenance Manager - Part time

Qualified parishioners are welcome to apply for those openings or call Jim Stambouljian at the church office.

Bazaar 2026

We are getting ready for Bazaar 2026, and everyone is warmly invited to help prepare our delicious foods!

We will begin with *Khalkha* on **Tuesday, April 21, from 9:00am to 12:00pm.**

All hands are good hands! We look forward to seeing you there.



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

LOUISE TUSHGOOHY HACHIGIAN, 40th Day, Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother

Requested by Garo Hachigian

Aimee V. Hachigian-Gould, M. D.

Michael B. Hachigian

Ron and Lynne Hinrichsen

Siggi and Lisa Hachigian Hetz

Andrew, Ashley, Clayton, and Kaycee Gould

Brandon, Katelyn, Oneida, and Quinton Gould

Cale and Whitney Hinrichsen

Eva Hinrichsen

HARRY KACHADURIAN, 24th Year, Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather

DAVID NOLFF, 9th Year, Son-In-Law, Husband, Father, Brother-In-Law, Uncle

ROSE BOUDAKIAN, 9th Year, Sister, Godmother, Aunt

ARTHUR BOUDAKIAN, 46th Year, Brother-In-Law, Godfather, Uncle

HAZEL DERPILIBOSIAN, 24th Year, Cousin, Aunt

GERARD DERPILIBOSIAN, 12th year, Cousin, Uncle

Requested by Anita Kachadurian

Deborah Zazaian

Michael and Anna Zazaian and Magnus

Matthew and Katy Zazaian and Amelia

Diane Nolff and Jonathan

Katie and Jason Dudzinski

Tom Kachadurian

Madeline Kachadurian and Caitlin Callaghan

Noah Kachadurian and Dr. Alyssa Griffiths

Dr. Mark and Karen Kachadurian and Harry

Chase Kachadurian

Cole and Sara Kachadurian



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* \$ 267,994**

***Funding Needed* \$ 236,006**

As of April 17, 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.

Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Mary Kems**, who
entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at
St. John Armenian Church on April 15, 2025.
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Alberta Godoshian**, who
entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at
St. John Armenian Church on April 17, 2026.
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.



The Parish Council is happy to announce SJAC Events new Caterer is



This new partnership with Andiamo Catering & Event Management is an exciting announcement for us! Andiamo has a distinguished history of delivering exquisite cuisine and impeccable service at prestigious off-premise venues and landmark events including the Detroit Grand Prix, Michigan Central, and the State Savings Bank. Beyond its renowned Italian fare, Andiamo offers a rich variety of global cuisines, fully customizable menus, and complete full-service catering for events of any size or style. The company is delighted to add the beautiful, newly renovated, St. John's to its distinguished list of venue partners.

"We are honored to partner with St. John's," said Stewart Davidson, co-owner of Andiamo Catering. "We look forward to creating exceptional experiences in their newly renovated grand ballroom and serving this wonderful community. It's a stunning property in an outstanding location that is perfect for both social and corporate events. We are truly excited about the future of this partnership."

<https://andiamocatering.com>

For more information or availability contact Michelle Rheubottom at or 248.569.3405 or Events@sjachurch.org

SJAC Events by Andiamo Catering

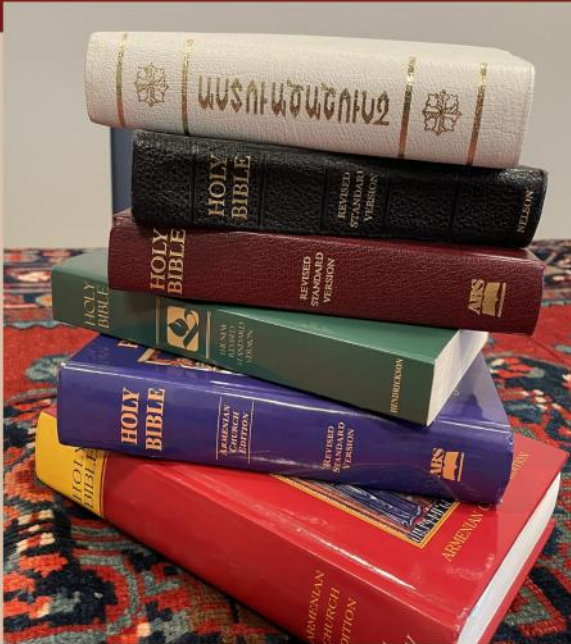


St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTER:
BISHOP VAHAN HOVHANNESIAN



APRIL 20, 2026

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

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

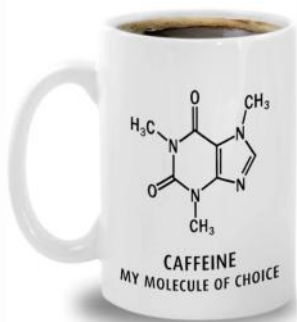
Join Us on Zoom!

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

Thursday, April 23, at 5:00pm
(Day, date, and time will change week to week)

This is a chance to:

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



Scan QR code below for zoom link



All are welcome - come as you are!

Based on
Antonia Arslan's
memoir
Skylark Farm



THURSDAY
APRIL 23
7:00PM

St. John
Armenian Church
Cultural Hall

Presented by
St. John Armenian Church
&
Tekeyan Cultural Association
Detroit Chapter



For questions please contact:

Diana Alexanian: 248-505-6159 | Madisen Lundquist: 503-758-8805

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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ARTS OF
ARMENIA

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, JULY 13 - FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026



111th 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**

**Friday, April 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
St. John Armenian Apostolic Church**

Reflections from our Youth

Four young adults – one from each of the four Churches – will share their reflections on what it means to inherit the sacred legacy of the sanctified Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide. They will share how our survival inspires strength and hope for our future.

DONATIONS EARMARKED FOR

In the midst of the ongoing Middle East conflict, Armenian day schools of all denominations in Lebanon and Syria are facing profound challenges in remaining open and operational. These schools depend largely on tuition to sustain their mission. Yet, today, many families are enduring severe financial hardship, with parents unable to work and struggling to meet even basic needs.

Education is more than instruction—it is stability and continuity. Ensuring that these schools remain open safeguards not only learning, but also a sense of normalcy for our Armenian youth.

The Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit Genocide Commemoration

Committee has dedicated this year's charitable efforts to support the uninterrupted education of our Armenian children in Syria and Lebanon. Your contribution will make a meaningful difference in helping achieve this.

Please make your check payable to the Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Donations can also be made online using the link: [Bit.ly/4churches](https://bit.ly/4churches). The Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit is a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization.



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

ACOLYTE TRAINING

SCHEDULE

TIME: 10AM-12PM

APRIL 25

MAY 9 & 23

Contact Deacon Rubik
rubik@sjachurch.org



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...



A St. John Armenian Church Serving Ministry In The Armenian American Veterans Building

Lunch Served at 12 noon

Today's Lunch Prepared By "All Events Catered"
Proprietor & Chef Krista Tossounian

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Chicken Parmesan w/
Pasta tossed in Olive Oil & Garlic
Or
Fettuccini Alfredo with Shrimp,

Lunches served with
Spinach & Artichoke Dip, Salad, Bread,
Steamed Broccoli

Dessert
Lemon Cake

\$15 Lunch Includes: Salad, Bread, Entrée,

Accompaniments, Dessert, Coffee and Water

Carry outs exclude, hummus, coffee and water

RESERVATIONS ONLY - No walk-ins

Text (or email / phone) **your name & lunch choice**

to Dan Cristiano **by Friday noon** 313-938-4215 / dicrist100@gmail.com

Tuesday Lunch Club

Game Box located in the card room with Backgammon

Boards, Pinochle & Regular playing cards, Please return to box when

We extend a special thank-you to the Edward Mardigian family for partially subsidizing this program!

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St. John's Community Dinner

BBQ BUFFET

Fri, May 8th, 2026 | 6PM Rec Center

Chicken | Pulled Pork | Salmon

served with
Pilaf | Mac & Cheese | Green Beans

Armeinian Wine 

 Raffle

Game Room 


Music by
Erevan Ensemble
& Friends

Flyer by:
Alex Koceyan

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH, MUSIC GUILD, &
TEKEYAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION DETROIT CHAPTER
PRESENT



PERFORMING
WORKS BY
GAZAROSSIAN
KOMITAS
SARYAN
SUNI
TOUMAJAN

VEM
ENSEMBLE
2026 TOUR
SATURDAY MAY 9
7:00PM



ST. JOHN
ARMENIAN
CHURCH
CULTURAL HALL

PROF. MOVSES POGOSSIAN, VIOLIN
ALLY CHO, VIOLIN
DAMON ZAVALA, VIOLA
NIALL TARÖ FERGUSON, CELLO

COMPLIMENTARY
LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:
DIANA ALEXANIAN: 248-505-6159 | MADISEN LUNDQUIST: 503-758-8805

A Life of Faith and Service
50
YEARS

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
\$75 PER PERSON • NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR

St. John Armenian Church
SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN

PLEASE USE THIS QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS
AND TO MAKE A DONATION BY FRIDAY, MAY 15.



FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENT OR TICKETS:

FrGarabed50@gmail.com

Jacqueline Melkonian ElChemmas: 248.762.1312

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH DAY CAMP 2026

Monday – Thursday

Check-in: 9:00 am - 9:30 am

Dismissal: 4:00pm

Session I:

Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25

Session II:

Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 9

Arts of Armenia

Separate application in conjunction with Komitas Choir
Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 17

HYE CAMP JULY 22nd -AUGUST 1st

www.diocesansummercamps.org

Session III:

Monday, August 3 – Thursday, August 6

Session IV:

Monday, August 10 – Thursday, August 13

Session V:

Monday, August 17 – Thursday, August 20

Session VI:

Monday, August 24-Thursday, August 27

Additional Information:

\$30 a day | Discount for second child | Ages 5-12 yrs.
Enrollment includes art supplies, refreshments, t-shirt,
field trips, and transportation for field trips.

Parents, please provide sack lunch & water bottles!

Lisa Mardigian

lmardigian@sjchurch.org

(586) 808 2202





HYE CAMP

where faith, fun and fellowship meet
INGLESIDE, ILLINOIS



scan to
register
online



learn



Pray



Play



and more

CIT/Staff Training: Wednesday, July 22 – Saturday, July 25
Camp Week: Saturday, July 25–Saturday, August 1

Online Registration

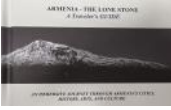
hyecamp.org

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!

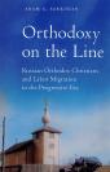
Featured Items



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



NEW, 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
Rose by the Sea
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



EVENTS AT
ST JOHN
ARMENIAN CHURCH

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APPOINTMENT TO VIEW
OUR VENUE & ALL THE
FANTASTIC OPTIONS

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MEETINGS | ART SHOWS

CALL: 248 569 3405

EMAIL: EVENTS@SJACHURCH.ORG

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/



- April 19 - Morning Service - 9:00am, Divine Liturgy - 9:45am
April 19 - Easter Jashu Service - Ann Arbor
4:00pm - 3109 Scio Church Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103
April 20 - Bible Study, 7:00pm - Conference Room
April 21 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
April 21 - In Person - Continued Intermediate Western Armenian Classes, 4:30pm
April 23 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 5:00pm, Via Zoom
April 23 - Zoom-Continued Beginners Western Armenian Classes, 6:30pm - 8:00pm
April 23 - Tekeyan Cultural Association, Filming (Lake Farm) - 7:00pm, Main Hall
April 24 - Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, 7:00pm
April 25 - Acolyte Training - 10:00am - 12:00pm
April 28 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
May 8 - St. John Community Dinner - Barbecue Dinner, 6:00pm - Veterans Hall
May 9 - Tekeyan Cultural Association - Vem Ensemble, 7:00pm - Mail Hall
May 28 - June 1 - Save the Date - Primate's Pastoral Visit
May 29 - Fr. Garabed's 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet, 6:00pm - Main Hall
June 26 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Shank Dinner, 6:00pm - Veterans Hall
July 13 - July 17 - Save the Date - Arts of Armenia
July 31 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Chop Dinner, 6:00pm - Veterans Hall
July 25 - August 1 - Save the Date - Hye Camp

Fr. Garabed's Art Exhibit

Fr. Garabed's art exhibit will be on display in the St. Vartan Room through April 28.
All are welcome to visit and enjoy the beautiful icons.

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.

Please contact Jim Stambouljian at Church Office.