

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

August 10, 2025
Armenian Church Year 1475

Paregentan of the Fast of the Assumption

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

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

Isaiah 7:1-9, I Corinthians 13:11-14:5, Mark 2:1-12

Lector: Gary Melikian

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.

The Kiss of Peace

The GIVER says:

Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ:

Christ is revealed amongst us.

The RECEIVER says:

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:

Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Plate Collection: Today's collection for the church will be taken during *Badarak* immediately following communion. Your donations remain an essential part of how we support our parish's mission. You can also make an online plate donation through our website, or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.



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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)

Resurrection Mode 1

In a unanimous song of praise. Let us bless Christ, the King of glory,
Who for our sake became flesh from the holy Virgin. And endured the cross.
In a unanimous song of praise. Let us bless Him
Who took on Himself burial for three days. Who arose from the dead as Master.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen. In a unanimous song of praise
Let us bless Him who mightily destroyed the gates of Hell
And adorned His Church in great splendor.

Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 2:1-12

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Altar Flowers

The beautiful flowers at the altar today are presented by

Emily Arutyunova and Matthew Durphey on the happy occasion of their wedding which took place at St. John Armenian Church on Saturday, August 9, 2025.





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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

HELEN NAHABEDIAN, 40th Day

Requested by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

MATUSHKA MELANYA SVIRIDOV, Dear Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother

Requested by Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian

Sara, Morgan, Sona and Anya Bell

Dn. Dr. Aram Sarkisian and Dr. Diana Ohanian

HAGOP TASHJIAN, 1st Year, Brother, Uncle

HAIGANUSH TASHJIAN, Mother, Grandmother

PARSEGH TASHJIAN, Brother, Uncle

SARQIS TASHJIAN, Brother, Uncle

STEPHAN TOPAKBASHIAN, Father, Grandfather,

VALENTINE TOPAKBASHIAN, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Toros and Knarik Topakbashian and Family

Houry and Vartan Ashekian and Family

Taline and Jared Burniac

Dear Families with Children interested in attending Church School on Sundays

Our St. John Church School team is preparing for fall enrollment, and Sunday school classes. We are hoping you will enroll your children and allow us to join with you in providing Christian education services during the school year. We meet on Sundays from 10:15 AM to 12 noon. Our first day is September 7, 2025. During class-time students receive lessons that are age, and developmentally appropriate for their grade. We utilize the diocese curriculum which can be found at

<https://vemkar.us/children-and-family-ministry/>

Once again this year, there is no cost to attend. We simply ask that you register using the attached link, and bring your child(ren) to church!

The attached link is for NEW children only! Returning families will receive a pre-filled registration form to update in their email. Any questions, please reach out to the church office and someone will return your call.

New family/children registration form to complete and submit below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/>

[e/1FAIpQLSf3KgYCRmiD2rkjX1ciFB54Dtar3ksmggfoH83v8pPeXh50g/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSf3KgYCRmiD2rkjX1ciFB54Dtar3ksmggfoH83v8pPeXh50g/viewform?usp=header)

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Samvel Arakelyan
Nadia Ayrapetyan	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Nancy Altounian
Azniv-Ann Kzirian	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian	Marus Grigoryan
Vladimir Avetisov	Mary Helen Altounian	Nailya Sahakian
Joann Mashigian	Wayne Owen Engelki	Rose Lucassian
Charles Sansone	Shoghig Terjimanian	Marge Aramian
Hrayr Mashigian	Valera Ayrapetyan	Zaven Oviaan
Jane Toomajian	Craig Tarpinian	Jan Paloian
Nick Fernandez	Jeffrey Perna	Rose Baise
Sonia Kalfayan		

Donations Needed for Men's Society Outreach

As part of its ongoing partnership with Motor City Mitten Mission, the Men's Society of St. John Armenian Church is continuing to prepare hot lunches for the homeless of Metro Detroit twice a month.

To sustain this important ministry, the Men's Society is seeking donations for meal preparations in **September, October, and November**.

Please contact the church office or use the below QR code to donate directly through the church website.

A donation of \$300 sponsors a meal for 100 individuals.

Donations in any amount will be acknowledged in a future Sunday bulletin.

We are always in need of volunteers to help prepare meals in the main kitchen.

Please contact Harry Dulger at 313-333-6915.

Merelotz Service

After the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of God Monday, August 18, 2025 at 11:00

It is the tradition to remember all deceased loved ones the day after a major feast day known as **Merelotz**.

If you wish to have individual names remembered at this Hokehankist service, please submit the full name of the person or persons you wish to have remembered either typed or electronically sent to office@sjachurch.org or call the church office by Sunday, August 17th.

An offering from your heart would be appreciated.

Parish Organization News and Events

Blessing of the Grapes

Sunday, August 17, 2025

The Armenian Church will observe one of its five major feast days,
the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God.

As is our tradition, immediately after Divine Liturgy, the celebrant and
the altar servers will conduct the service of the Blessing of the Grapes.

Upon the conclusion of the service, the blessed
grapes will be distributed to the faithful.

On the occasion of the blessing of the grapes, those who are wishing
to make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one,
may contact to the church office at (248) 569-3405
or email at office@sjachurch.org by Wednesday, August 13th.
Donations will be listed in the August 17th on the Sunday Bulletin.



Join Pickleball Mania!

Open Play ~ Walk-ins welcome!

Day:	Fridays
Time:	5pm-9pm
Where:	Armenian American Veterans' Building Gymnasium
Cost:	\$5.00 per person



Questions? Call
Dn. George Boyagian - 248-909-6149



PARISH REGISTER - JULY, 2025

B A P T I S M S

JULY 6, 2025

SANTINO KRIKOR AWADES

SON OF BAIRJ NAZAR AWADES
AND CHRISTINA AWADES

JULY 12, 2025

GRACE NAZARETHIAN

DAUGHTER OF RAFFI NAZARETHIAN AND
MARAL SARKEES SEEBO AWADEES

JULY 13, 2025

LILLIAN KRISTINE SATENIG KADOLPH

DAUGHTER OF MATTHEW ALEXANDER KADOLPH
AND JACLYN KRISTINE KADOLPH

W E D D I N G

JULY 5, 2025

SARA MATTI LALO AND KHACHEEK AGOB KHACHADOR

JULY 12, 2025

LEAH ALEEN MAMASSIAN AND DANIEL JOHN FINN

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

DAY CAMP 2025

Monday – Thursday
Check-in: 9:00 am - 9:30 am
Dismissal: 4:00pm

Session IV:

Monday, August 11 – Thursday, August 14

Session V:

Monday, August 18 – Thursday, August 21

Session VI:

Monday, August 25-Thursday, August 28

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@sjachurch.org (586) 808 2202



HYE DOON
FIELD DAY COMPETITION

thursday
august 14 7pm
sjac front lawn

Monthly Meetup

**Young Adults Late Twenties
Through Forties**

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wear comfy clothes & athletic shoes
bring a lawn chair if you'd like!

\$15 Dinner and Drinks

RSVP detroithyedoone@gmail.com

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

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PRESENTED BY THE ACYOA SENIORS

Sunday, August 17th

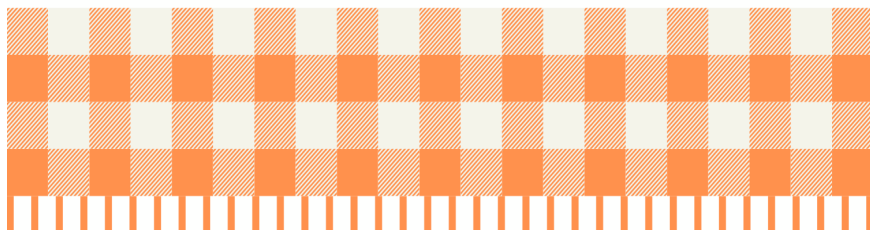
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

MENU: LAMB, CHICKEN + VEGAN DINNERS

FOOD SERVICE UNTIL 2pm



FEATURING: ARMENIAN WINES + BEER, WOMAN'S GUILD
BAKE SALE, PARISH BOOKSTORE, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES +
CLASSIC CAR SHOW!



Lamb Chop Community Dinner

Friday, August 22, 2025, at 6:00pm

Dinner 6:30pm, Veterans Building

Card room open for cards and board games at 6pm

Please make your reservation by Tuesday, Aug. 19th

Event Chairs:

Ed and Yvonne Korkoian

\$25 Grilled Lamb Chops (3), w/Rice Pilaf &

Peas with Tomatoes and Dill, Bowl of Bulgur Pilaf Served family style

Tossed Greens, Vinaigrette, Dinner Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Lemonade

Salmon preorder Meal Option Available

Hot Dogs for the kids, available pre-order request \$8.00

Only 100 reservations available

Armenian Wine Available for Purchase \$5 a glass \$23 @btl

For Dinner Reservations Please Call or Text Dan Cristiano 313.938.4215

Community Dinners are made possible by the generous financial support from

Phyllis and Ed Garabedian, Solange and Norman Messelian,

Berj Manoukian, Linda & Michael Karibian, and Edward & Yvonne Korkoian

To become a sponsor for one of these dinners contact: Greg Mamassian 248-720-8924

PRESENTED BY:

INTERNATIONAL ARTS FUND & ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT

ArmFolk Group from Armenia

FREE WILL
DONATIONS

AN EVENING OF ARMENIAN MUSIC, DANCE & HERITAGE
LIVE CULTURAL PERFORMANCE IN DETROIT, MI



Date & Time

August 28, 2025

Monday, 07:00 PM

DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Location

**St. John's Armenian
Church of Greater
Detroit**

22001 Northwestern Hwy

Southfield, MI 48075



SCAN TO DONATE

IAF International Cultural Exchange
Aug 14 - Sep 15, 2025 | East Coast Tour
DC, PA, NJ, NY, CT, MA, OH, MI, IL, MO,
TN, GA, NC, VA, MD

Featuring Armenian folk dancers, singers,
musicians (duduk, qanun, dhol) from
Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin - Hrach
and Suzanne Toufayan Youth Center.



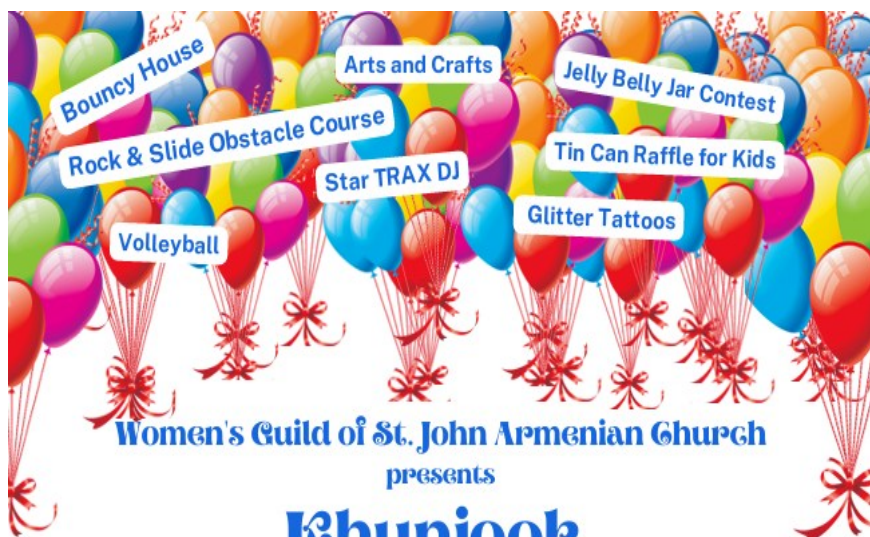
**International
Arts Fund**



office@sjachurch.org



(248) 569-3405



Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church
presents

Khunjook

Family Fun Day

Sunday, September 7, 2025

St. John Armenian Church
after church services on the lawn

Burgers & Hot Dogs

Veggies & Fruit Cotton Candy Ice Cream Cart
Free Will Donation

**Every registered Sunday School Student will receive
a free ticket for the Kids Tin Can Raffle!!!**

In case of rain the Khunjook will be held in the Rec Center

Would you like to support our event?

Just click [HERE](#) to learn how!



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075 • 248.569.3405

"The Church with the Golden Dome"

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

10 AM — 2 PM



Sanctuary and Museum Tour Traditional Armenian Buffet Luncheon

Sanctuary Tour Presentations by:

- ❖ Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor
- ❖ Deacon Rubik Mailian,
Sacred Music Director and Pastoral Assistant

Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum Tour:

- ❖ Largest Armenian Museum in North America,
Directed by Lucy Ardash

\$35 per person

Please register by September 10. Seating is limited.

For reservation information, please contact:

Gloria Korkoian: gkorkoian@gmail.com 248.318.5752

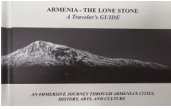


Visit the St. John Parish Bookstore!

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!

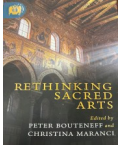
Featured Items



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



Rethinking Sacred Arts,
edited by Peter Bouteneff,
Christina Maranci, and
One Chapter is written by
Fr. Garabed Kochakian
(SC \$40)



New - Khigar Nabasdaguh,
by Michael Pifer (HC \$17)
Western Armenian children's book
about a little rabbit who learns

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"x3.5", \$50**



New Jewelry from Armenia

Pregomesh Jewelry

Vanq Collection Silver Jewelry Celebrates Artsakh's Rich Heritage



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ARMENIAN CHURCH

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General Parish Information

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

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

In an after-hours emergency, please contact:

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

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

Visits to the hospitalized and homebound: Please call the church office if you or someone you love has been hospitalized and would appreciate a visit from the pastor. If you have an upcoming surgery, please consider adding your name to our prayer list for the sick or hospitalized. Those who are homebound and desire to receive Holy Communion should contact the church office.

Home Blessings: If you would like the pastor to visit your home and conduct a home blessing service, please contact the church office.

Baptisms: Parents may prepare for their child's baptism before they are born. For more information, contact the church secretary. We encourage parents to baptize their children between the ages of 40 days and 3 months.

Weddings: Please contact the church office at least nine months before your anticipated wedding date. We ask that you please make sure to confirm your date with the pastor before booking a reception location.

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

Requiem Prayers (*Hokehankist*): Names may be submitted to the church office by mail, phone, email, or via the church website no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday preceding the Sunday when prayers are requested. Requiem prayers may be offered any Sunday except for the five Tabernacle Feast Days.

Veils: In the Armenian Church, it is customary for women and girls to wear head coverings when attending the Divine Liturgy, and particularly when receiving Holy Communion. If you do not have a head covering, but wish to obtain one, kindly approach a parish council member.

Sunday Bulletin: Announcements for the print bulletin and e-Bulletin are due to the church office by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

St. John Parish Calendar

For flyers with further information on these and other parish events, scan this QR code to view our e-Bulletin.

You can also find it using your web browser at:
www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/



Thursday Nights - Beginner Music Classes

6:00pm - 7:30pm - Komitas Choir Room

Friday Nights - Pickleball

5:00pm - 9:00pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

August 11-14 - Day Camp

9am - 4pm, Armenian American Veterans' Building

August 12 and 19 - Hye Doon - Shourch Bar Club

7:00pm - St John Cultural Hall

August 14 - Hye Doon - Field Day Competition

7:00pm - SJAC Front Lawn

August 17 - Annual Church Picnic

August 18 - Merelodz Service

11:00am

August 22 - Men Society Community Dinner

6:00pm, Armenian American Veterans' Building

August 28 - ArmFolk Group from Armenia

7:00pm - St John Cultural Hall

September 7 - Khunjook and Family Fun Day

September 25 - Sanctuary and Museum Tour

Bazaar 2025 Is Almost Here!

October 3 and 4, 2025

You're Invited to Join Us!

Help our community prepare delicious Armenian baked goods for our

Annual Bazaar! No experience is necessary - everyone is welcome!

Wear comfortable shoes and come ready to enjoy great company
and even better camaraderie.

All hands are good hands, and we truly look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Yerchanig Callan, 248-533-6320 or yerchanigc@gmail.com

Baking Dates:

Monday, August 11, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg - with Dawn and Sara

Tuesday, August 12, 9am - 12pm - Spinach Pie

Monday, September 15, 29, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg - with Dawn and Sara