

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

July 5, 2026

Armenian Church Year 1475

Paregentan of the Feast of Transfiguration

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

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

Sacred Lections: Isaiah 3:1-11, Romans 11:13-24, Matthew 14:13-21

Lector: Hermine Dervartanian

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*. 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)

Resurrection Mode 4

Blessing in the highest to our King who became flesh from the Virgin.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessing in the highest to our unshakable and firm Hope;

Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

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

Blessing in the highest to the undivided and consubstantial Trinity;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a lonely place apart. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. As he went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fishes." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Maya Hovhannisyan

Badrik Jooharigian

Andre' J. Gregory

Vladimir Avetisov

Charles Sansone

Debbie Dakhlian

Hrayr Mashigian

Jan Paloian

Edith Baise

Rose Baise

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian

Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan

Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian

Ron and Geraldine Ware

Lara Roche Sarmanian

Mary Helen Altounian

Shoghig Terjimanian

Valera Ayrapetyan

Charles Vanerian

Michael Vartoogian

Samvel Arakelyan

Yelena Zakaryan

Nancy Altounian

Marus Grigoryan

Nailya Sahakian

Chris Papazian

Rose Lucassian

Marge Aramian

Zaven Ovian



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

ELI DZIAK, 3rd Year, Beloved Son, Brother, Grandson

Requested by Alison and Brett Collar

David and Anita Kasper

Austin, Mathew, and Mackenzie

PETER MEGRDICHIAN, 5th Year

LUCY MEGRDICHIAN, 2nd Year

Khnamee, Mother, Father, Grandmother, Grandfather

Requested by Diramayr Aurora Jebejian

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Stephen and Rena Megrdochian

Dn. Garen Megrdochian

Mari Megrdochian

Roslyn Basherian

Gary Melikian

Gift to Church

Mark Yessian presents a gift to the church in loving memory of his mother
Flora Yessian.



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



ST. JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD BAZAAR 2026



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



- Tuesday, July 7

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- Monday, July 13 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Choreg
- Tuesday, July 14 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Katah

All hands are good hands!

We look forward to seeing you there
as we work together to prepare
for another successful Bazaar.



COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

Join Us on Zoom!

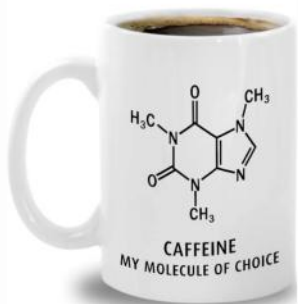
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee,
and log on for a half hour relaxed and
meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

Thursday, July 9, at 11:00 am

(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!

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OUTDOOR CAMPUS CLEAN-UP

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



DATE: JULY 11



TIME: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

COFFEE • BAGELS • DOUGHNUTS • WATER • POP
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND HAVE SOME FUN!

PLEASE BRING:



**SAFETY
GLASSES**



GLOVES



SHOVELS



AXES



**SLEDGE-
HAMMERS**



CHAINSAWS



SAWZALLS



POLE SAWS



**TREE
TRIMMERS**



LOPPERS



RAKES



HOES



**LEAF
BLOWERS**



WHEELBARROWS



WEED-WHIPS



ROPE



**GAS POWER
WASHERS & EDGERS**

PLEASE RSVP BY JULY 6

GERRY KMITA (313-580-5083) | GARY GOZMANIAN (248-225-9868)

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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ARTS OF ARMENIA



*A premier summer fine arts program
for children ages 8-12*

This Year's Theme: Royalties and Saints

July 13-17, 2026

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Authentic Armenian Dance, Music, Jewelry, Garments,
Baking, Wedding Service and more
taught by professional teachers

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 3, 2026

Limited Enrollment



For more information please contact:

Lisa Mardigian

lmardigian@sjchurch.org

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



Sponsored by the Komitas Choir
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075
248-569-3405





**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, July 14 , 2026

Roasted chicken with rice pilaf

or

Mostaccioli with meat sauce

Lunches served with

**Spinach and artichoke dip for Mezza
Salad, green beans with garlic and olive oil,
garlic bread.**

Dessert

Homemade Brownies

\$ 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

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

Tuesday Lunch Club

St. John's Armenian Church

Mid-Year Town Hall

Thursday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Via ZOOM - Click QR Code



Agenda

Opening Prayer (Fr. Aren Jebejian)

Welcome & Purpose (Peter Egigian)

Andiamo Introductions and Q&A

Meeting the Team

- **Parish Administrator Consultant - Dena Hodgson**
- **Property & Maintenance Manager - Gerry Kmita**

Major Projects (Gerry Kmita)

- **Accomplishments**
- **Upcoming Priorities & Projects**

Thank You!

Comments & Questions (Open to All)

Closing Comments & Closing Prayer

(Peter Egigian & Fr. Aren Jebejian)

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS

SEAFOOD BOIL

FUNDRAISER

Arish Town Hall

Benefiting
HYE CAMP BUS FUND



**FRIDAY,
JULY 17TH**



6:00 PM



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

TICKETS

\$40

PER PERSON



**CHILDREN
FREE**

KIDS MEAL: HOT DOGS & CHIPS

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR HYE CAMP BUS FUND



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HYE CAMP

where faith, fun and fellowship meet
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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



St. John Women's Guild Summer Outing

MEADOW BROOK HALL TOUR & LUNCHEON

Join us for a guided house tour of this National Historic Landmark, one of the finest examples of Tudor-revival architecture in the country. We'll explore majestic rooms filled with art, antiques, original family furnishings, detailed craftsmanship, and learn stories that bring the estate to life.

Friday, July 24, 2026

9:45am If carpooling (see below), meet at Nino Salvaggio's parking lot,

6592 Telegraph Rd, Bloomfield Twp, MI 48301. Park near Telegraph Rd.

10:00am Leave for Meadow Brook Hall, 350 Estate Dr, Rochester, MI 48309

10:45am Park in self parking lot #61. Meet inside the Great Hall

11:00am Tour Begins

12:30pm Luncheon in the Christopher Wren Dining Room where we'll enjoy the Sunset

Caesar: romaine hearts with brioche croutons, hard cooked egg, petite heirloom tomato medley, sweet onion julienne, shaved parmesan, sliced herb-marinated char-grilled chicken breast & creamy cracked pepper Caesar dressing.

RSVP by JULY 7th. Include the slip below with your check & luncheon choice

The cost of the tour & luncheon is \$52, payable to St. John Women's Guild

Mail to Marianne Dardarian, 5879 Shillingham Drive, W. Bloomfield, MI 48322

Call or Text Marianne at (248) 802-6917

CUT HERE ----- CUT HERE ----- CUT HERE

NAME ----- PHONE -----

EMAIL ----- Guest Request -----

We will know after July 7th if we can accommodate guests

____ I need a ride. ____ I'm interested in driving and can accommodate ____ people.

____ I plan on driving directly (please list the others driving with you on the back of this slip).

St. John's Community Dinner
Lamb Chop Dinner

Event Chairs: Michael and Linda Karibian
Veteran's Building | 6:00 pm
Friday, July 31, 2026

\$35: Adults

Salad, Lamb Chops and Dessert
Salmon option available by preorder

\$15: Kids

Chicken Strips and French Fries

Armenian Wines Available!
Armenian Music & Raffle!

For reservations please call or text Dan Christiano
at (313) 938-4215
By Monday, July 27, 2026



— ACYOA —

JUNIORS

POOL

Party!

COME CELEBRATE VARTAVAR!

— EVERYONE WELCOME —
AGES 13–18YR



SUNDAY,
JULY 12TH



1PM – 4PM



AT THE HOME OF
OLIVIA THOMAS



GOOD FRIENDS.



SUNNY DAYS.



GREAT MEMORIES.



PLEASE RSVP TO LISA
(586)808-2202



RAIN DATE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 19!

— ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH —

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PRESENTED BY THE ACYOA SENIORS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS



MENU:
LAMB
CHICKEN
KHOROVADZ
VEGAN OPTIONS



FOOD SERVICE
UNTIL 2PM

— FEATURING: —



ARMENIAN WINES + BEER



WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE SALE



PARISH BOOKSTORE



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



CLASSIC CAR SHOW

CLASSIC CAR SHOW!



*A day of fellowship,
food, and community—
everyone is welcome!*



Church School Classroom Partners and Substitute Teachers Needed

Our Church School is seeking enthusiastic and caring individuals to serve in the following positions for the 2026–2027 school year:

Positions Available

- Classroom Partner for **5th Grade** to assist teacher Ms. Sophia Kazarian
- Classroom Partner for **High School** (Grades 9–12) to assist teacher Ms. Maggie Yessian
- Substitute Teachers for all grade levels



Desired Qualities

Applicants should:

- Have a genuine appreciation and respect for children and all they bring to the learning environment.
- Be available to arrive by **10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning September 13, 2026 through May 2027.**

Application Process

All interested applicants are welcome to apply.

Please submit a brief paragraph expressing your interest and send it to:

sjachurchschool@gmail.com

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!

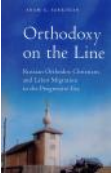
Featured Items



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,
HC \$20.00



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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ARMENIAN CHURCH

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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.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/



- July 5 - Morning Service - 9:00am, Divine Liturgy - 9:30am
- July 6 - July 9 - Day Camp - Session 2
- July 7 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
- July 7 - Bazaar Baking, Soo Boreg - 9:00am - CANCELLED
- July 9 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 11:00am, Via Zoom
- July 11 - SJAC Campus Clean-Up, 9:00am - 1:00pm
- July 12 - Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord (Vartavar)
- July 12 - ACYOA Pool Party
- July 13 - July 17 - Arts of Armenia
- July 13 - Bazaar Baking, Choreg - 4:30pm
- July 14 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
- July 16 - Save the Date, Parish Town Hall Meeting - 7:00pm via Zoom
- July 17 - Hye Camp Bus Fundraiser - Seafood Boil
6:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
- July 24 - St John Women's Guild Summer Outing
- July 25 - August 1 - Save the Date - Hye Camp
- July 31 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Chop Dinner, 6:00pm - Veterans Hall

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 \$ 299,894

Funding Needed \$ 200,106

As of June 19, 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.