

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

June 21, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian
Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:30 a.m.
Sacred Lections: Isaiah 1:21-31, Romans 7:25-8:11, Matthew 12:38-45
Lector: Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

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.

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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.





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 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
he renewal of the Holy Church. Preserve it unshaken forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

Now and for ever 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.

Glory to You, Christ, King of glory.

Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 12:38-45

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will arise at the judgement with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will arise at the judgement with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest, but he finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and brings with him seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. So shall it be also with this evil generation."

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Maya Hovhannisyan	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Michael Vartoogian
Badrik Jooharigian	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Samvel Arakelyan
Andre' J. Gregory	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian	Yelena Zakaryan
Vladimir Avetisov	Ron and Geraldine Ware	Nancy Altounian
Charles Sansone	Lara Roche Sarmanian	Marus Grigoryan
Debbie Dakhlian	Mary Helen Altounian	Nailya Sahakian
Hrayr Mashigian	Shoghig Terjimanian	Chris Papazian
Jan Paloian	Valera Ayrapetyan	Rose Lucassian
Edith Baise	Charles Vanerian	Marge Aramian
Rose Baise		Zaven Ovian



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

DEACON CHARLES HARDY, Avak Sargavak

ROBERT VAUGHN KOCHAKIAN, Brother

ROOPEN KOCHAKIAN

EDDIE CARMAN

GEORGE BASHIAN

DANIEL NAJARIAN

GARABED KOCHAKIAN

ALZAR ALZARIAN

HAROUTUNE CARMAN

Requested by Der Garabed and Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

GLORIA BAYKIAN, 40th Day, Dear Cousin

Requested by Gloria Baykian's Family

GEORGE DERDERIAN, Jr, 40th Day, Dear Cousin, Uncle

Requested by Gregory and Sandra Jamian

Alexis Jamian and Antonello Spinelli

Dr. Lia Jamian and Dr. Jeffrey Isacson

Natalie and Isaiah Dahlman

GEORGE DERDERIAN, Jr, 40th Day, Dear Cousin

Requested by Christina and Steven Johnson and Family

Gifts to Church

In loving memory of our dear cousin, uncle, and brother in Christ,

George Derderian, Jr., on this 40th day whose kindness, warmth, intellect and robust spirit touched all who knew him. May God grant his servant eternal rest to his soul and comfort to all who mourn the loss. Forever loved, forever remembered

- **Gregory and Sandra Jamian, Alexis Jamian and Antonello Spinelli,**

Dr. Lia Jamian and Dr. Jeffrey Isacson, Natalie and Isaiah Dahlman.

A gift to the Church has been made by **an anonymous parishioner** to support the mailing of church bulletins to those members of our parish community who are unable to attend church in person or access the electronic bulletin.

We gratefully acknowledge this generous donation and thank our anonymous parishioner for their thoughtful support and care for our community.

Altar Candles and Incense

Gloria Baykian's Family have made a donation toward the Altar Candles and Incense in loving memory of **Gloria Baykian**. May her memory be eternal.

2026-2027 Parish Council

**Congratulations to the elected members of the
St. John Parish Council.**

**The elected parish council members will have
their installation service today, before Hayr Mer.**

Peter Egigian - Chairman

Marilyn Boladian - Vice Chair

Dn. George Boyagian - Secretary

Anna Tokmajyan - Assistant Secretary

Roseann Attar - Treasurer

Zaven Dadian - Assistant Treasurer

Howard Atesian, Advisor

Berj Bush, Advisor

Gary Gozmanian, Advisor

Michael Kazarian, Advisor

Lena Montgomery, Advisor

Tala Al-Armany, Alternate

New Parish Administrator Consultant

As part of a planned transition of the current parish administration role and responsibilities, we are pleased to announce the hiring of **Dena Hodgson as the Parish Administrator Consultant.**

Dena brings an extensive background in information technology and entrepreneurship, having served as a business analyst, product owner, and IT project manager responsible for delivering global projects.

Her responsibilities at St. John Armenian Church will focus on parish administration and office management. **This is a part-time position.**

Please join us in warmly welcoming Dena to St. John Armenian Church!

Planned Schedule for Our Recent Hires

Dena Hodgson - Parish Administrator Consultant

dena@sjachurch.org

Tuesday: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM (In Office)

Wednesday: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM (Remote)

Thursday and Friday: 9:30 AM – 6:30 PM (In Office)

Gerry Kmita - Property & Maintenance Manager

gerard@sjachurch.org

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (In Office)

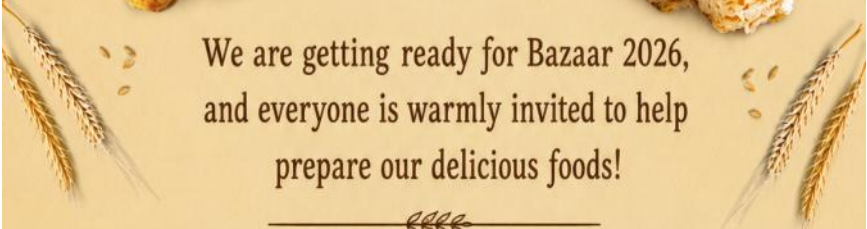


**THE STEWARDSHIP
COMMITTEE
WISHES OUR COMMUNITY'S
GENTLEMEN + FAMILIES
HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY!**

**Please enjoy a SJAC keychain
to take home after Badarak
on Sunday June 21
with our warmest regards**

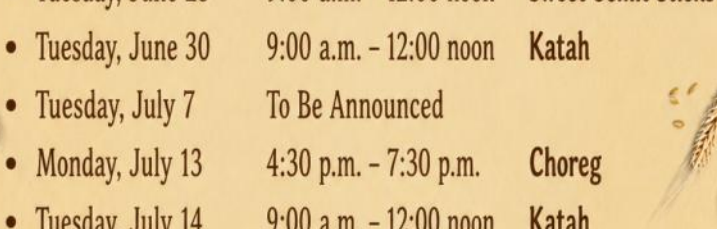


ST. JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD BAZAAR 2026



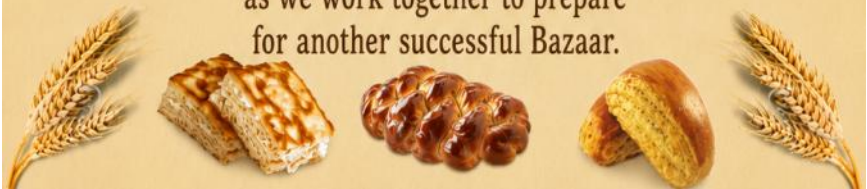
We are getting ready for Bazaar 2026,
and everyone is warmly invited to help
prepare our delicious foods!



- Tuesday, June 23 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Sweet Semit Sticks
 - Tuesday, June 30 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Katah
 - Tuesday, July 7 To Be Announced
 - Monday, July 13 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Choreg
 - Tuesday, July 14 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Katah
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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!

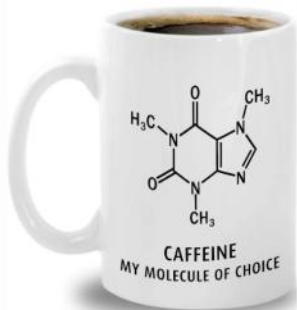
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

Tuesday, June 23, at 11:00am

(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!

St. John's Community Dinner

Veterans Building | Friday, June 26th, 6PM

Event chairs: Edward and Yvonne Korkoian

Lamb Shank with bulgur pilaf, peas with tomato sauce, salad, bread, dessert

or

Salmon with oven roasted potatoes, green bean almondine, salad, bread and dessert

Adults \$35

Kids \$15: Chicken Strips & French Fries



Armenian Wine Available For Purchase

Cardroom Open For Cards & Board Games

For Dinner Reservations Please Call or Text

By Monday, June 22nd

Dan Cristiano: 313-938-4215

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

SUNDAY JUNE 28
REFLECTION BY
JOHN MERIGIAN

The 2026 Stewardship
Pledge Year is going
strong!

Meet the Stewardship
Committee after Badarak
for coffee and Q + A



St. John Armenian Church



Sunday, June 28

*At the conclusion
of the Divine Liturgy,
we will offer a prayer
and blessing for all
veterans and
first responders*

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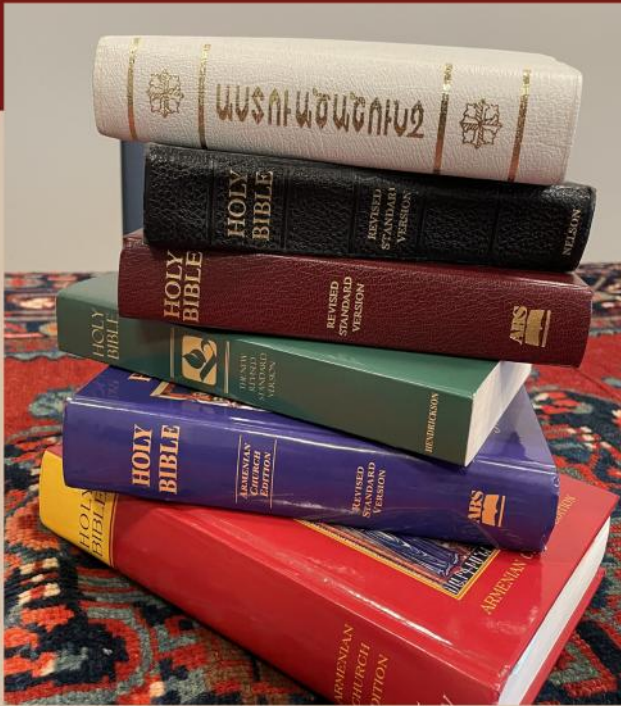
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St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



JUNE 29, 2026

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

SJAC



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 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@sjachurch.org

(586) 808 2202



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@sjachurch.org

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



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St. John Armenian Church
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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

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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 ARMENIAN CHURCH —

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PRESENTED BY THE ACYOA SENIORS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS



MENU:
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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!



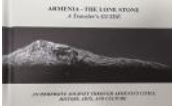
*A day of fellowship,
food, and community—
everyone is welcome!*



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!

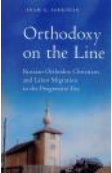
Featured Items



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



EVENTS AT
ST JOHN
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.stjohnsarmerianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/



- June 21 - Morning Service - 9:00am, Divine Liturgy - 9:30am
June 21 - Father's Day
June 23 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 11:00am, Via Zoom
June 22 - June 25 - Day Camp - Session 1
June 23 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
June 26 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Shank Dinner,
6:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
June 28 - Stewardship Sunday - Reflection by John Merigian
June 29 - Bible Study, 7:00pm - Conference Room
June 30 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
July 11 - SJAC Campus Clean-Up, 9:00am - 1:00pm
July 12 - Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord (Vartavar)
July 13 - July 17 - Save the Date - Arts of Armenia
July 17 - Hye Camp Bus Fundraiser - Seafood Boil
6:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
July 31 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Chop Dinner, 6:00pm - Veterans Hall
July 25 - August 1 - Save the Date - Hye Camp
August 16 - Church Annual Picnic, Following Divine Liturgy

Seeking Stewards Time and Talent Help

Our parish is blessed with many volunteers who work tirelessly within the various Church organizations and we thank you all!

We also want to note special thanks to these individuals for sharing their time and talent for the June 13-15 SJAC Estate Sale: Amara Sheena & Arda Kafarian (A&A Estate Sales & Real Estate), AGBU High School Students, SJAC Organization Heads, Parish Council, SJAC Staff and other volunteers for preparing, doing the heavy lifting, and completing a very successful event.

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 refreshinging.