

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.

February 2, 2025

The Armenian Church Year 1474

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE OCTAVE OF 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 62:1-11, 2 Timothy 2:15-19, John 6:39-47

Lector: Lerna Lacinian

Today's Gospel

John 6:39-47

“And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Every one who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that any one has seen the Father except him who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.”

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 5

Let all the earth bless Christ the King with a song of praise.

Let all the earth dedicate a hymn of praise,
with thanksgiving to the Creator of heaven and earth.

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

To the Trinity and the one Divinity let us give honor and adoration forever. Amen.

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.



Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Joocharigian
Nadia Ayrapetyan
Joann Mashigian
Hrayr Mashigian
Charles Sansone
Nick Fernandez
Craig Tarpinian
Gerald Reeves
Jeffrey Perna

Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian
Haroutiun Bagdasarian
Dinora Boulgarian Pitz
Mary Helen Altounian
Wayne Owen Engelki
Shoghig Terjimanian
Rozann Vartoogian
Robert Buchanan
Marus Grigoryan
Marge Aramian

Vladimir Avetisov
Nancy Altounian
Nailya Sahakian
Ronald Seaman
Rose Lucassian
Susie Janigian
Zaven Ovian
Jan Paloian
Rose Baise



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple Blessing of Unbaptized Children

February 14 is a feast day in the Armenian Church known as Dyarnuntarach (the Presentation of the Lord). The feast is celebrated 40 days after Armenian Christmas.

In honor of this feast day, we will have a special baby blessing on February 16, 2025 at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy.

If you know of any family with unbaptized infants who would like to participate in this brief blessing, please share this information with them.

Gifts to the Church

Layla Mona made a donation to
St. John Armenian Church for the glory of God!

A gift to St. John Armenian Church is made in honor of **Lucy Jacobs**
on her 95th birthday from Karen and Cross Mooradian and Family.

Happy Birthday

Women's Guild Palm Sunday Bake Sale

The Women's Guild of St John Armenian Church will once again,
be preparing our World Famous Soo Boreg in time for
Palm Sunday Bake Sale and for your Easter dinner.
Please place your advanced, pre-paid order by contacting Joy Callan
by e-mail or by text at yerchanigc@gmail.com or 248-533-6320.

The Parish Council is Seeking to Fill the Following Position:

Bookkeeper – a part-time position working under the Parish Administrator and in
conjunction with the Parish Council Treasurer.

Approximately 15-20 hours per week with flexible schedule.

Anyone interested in applying for this position may submit their
qualifications, with a cover letter, to hr.sjac@gmail.com.

Please contact the church office for detailed job description.

St. Nersess Seminary in Need of a Car

Do you have a working car to donate? St. Nersess is looking for a used car to meet
its transportation needs. Two of St. Nersess's cars recently became too
expensive to repair. If you or someone you know has a car in good working condition,
the seminary will gladly accept your donation! A letter will be provided for tax purposes.
Please call the seminary office at 914-273-0200 or email info@stnersess.edu.



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN



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

MARVIN CHACKER, 40th Day, Cousin, Dearest Friend

Requested by the Bahm Family
Kuchukian Family
Kurkechian Family
Gregory and Edith Baise

GREGORY MERTON GOULD, 1st Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Son-In-Law

Requested by Aimee V. Hachigian-Gould, M. D.
Andrew, Ashley, Clayton, and Kaycee Gould
Brandon, Katelyn, Oneida, and Quinton Gould
Garo and Louise Hachigian

ARTHUR MARKARIAN, 5th Year, Husband, Father, Father-In-Law, Brother, Brother-In-Law, Uncle, Son-In-Law, Friend

Requested by Tamara, Lucine, and Zaven Markarian
Taleen Markarian and Kevin Moore
Andy and Laura Markarian and Family
Sally Kabodian

AGNES MARKARIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Mother-In-Law, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Khaname

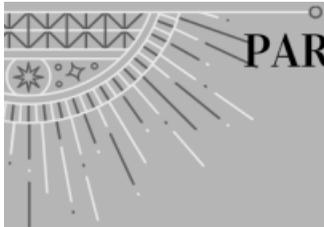
Requested by Andy and Laura Markarian and Family
Tamara, Lucine, and Zaven Markarian
Taleen Markarian and Kevin Moore
Sally Kabodian

ROSE PAMBOOKIAN, 40th Day, Wife, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Khaname

Requested by Aram Pambookian
Andy and Laura Markarian and Family
Tamara, Lucine, and Zaven Markarian
Taleen Markarian and Kevin Moore
Sally Kabodian

ERVIN VAHRATIAN, 12th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle

Requested by Donn Vahratian
Kim Vahratian Wolford
John Wolford
Erin Vahratian
Daniel Vahratian



PARISH REGISTER - JANUARY, 2025

B A P T I S M S

JANUARY 25, 2025

DAPHNE TALINE JAWOR

DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL AARON JAWOR AND
CHELSEA ELIZABETH DERDERIAN JAWOR



Kiss of Peace

Today our seventh grade Sunday school class will be leading the congregation in receiving and giving the Kiss of Peace. The following students will approach the Altar to receive the "Kiss of Peace", then distribute it to the parishioners. Please see the book page of the bulletin for the proper way of giving and receiving the "Kiss of Peace".

Beau Andonyan

Violet Omartian

Noah Matoian

Diran Rasho

Laura Ashkarian

Garo Asadoorian

Carson Kujawa



St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN!



FEBRUARY 3, 2025

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

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

Super Bowl Mezza Platters

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Pick up from main kitchen between 12:30 pm-1:30 pm



10 Item Mezza Platter



Hummus, Basturma,



Vospov Kufteh, Eech,

Brick & Feta Cheese



6 Sarma, 6 Spinach Pies



Homemade Pickled Turnips & Olives

Bag of Pita Bread



\$60



Bottle of red or white wine
with your Mezza Platter - \$21/bottle



**To order, text name and order to:
Dan Cristiano - 313-938-4215**

Prepared by St. John Armenian Church Men's Society

St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield MI 48075, 248-569-3405, www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org



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

St. John's Men's Society invites you to...



A Grand Buffet

Sunday, February 16, 2025

— Fresh Fruit Table

— All the goodies for a Chocolate Fountain

— Basturma and Eggs, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Pancakes, Pasta Main Buffet

— Omelets and Eggs Station

— Freshly Made Belgian Waffle Station

— Juice and Coffee Station

\$20.00 adults



\$10.00 students



6 and under Free

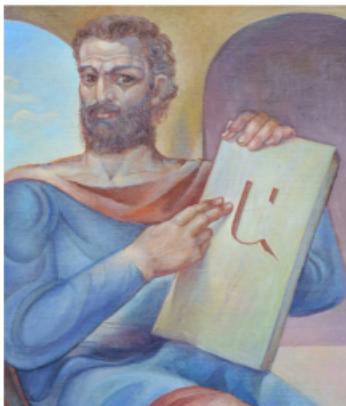
— Proceeds of this event will go to the HYE CAMP Scholarship Fund —

Reservations by call or text Dan Cristiano - 313-938-4215

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WESTERN ARMENIAN FOR ADULTS

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH IS OFFERING TWO
10-WEEK WESTERN ARMENIAN LANGUAGE COURSES



Do you want
to speak
and write
Armenian?

Ayo!

- **Beginner** - Learn vocabulary and grammar, focus on basic reading and writing and daily conversations. (Tues., 6:00-7:30 p.m., Feb. 25-April 29)
- **Intermediate** - Learn advanced vocabulary and grammar. Reading, writing, and advanced dialogues, individual and group conversation projects. (Tues., 4:30-6:00 p.m., Feb. 25-April 29)

Instructor: Hermine Dervartanian, an experienced Armenian language instructor who has worked as a translator in Lebanon and the United States.

Returning/continuing students always welcome!
A second Beginner's session may be opened pending interest.

Please send your registration form and a check
made out to St. John Armenian Church
to the church office:
22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075
Questions: (248) 569-3405
Registration fee: \$125/Class materials: \$20



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

BEST TIME TO CONTACT YOU: _____

EMAIL: _____

LANGUAGE LEVEL (CHECK ONE): BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE

EUCHRE @ ST JOHN'S!

St John Armenian Church - Men's Society

Welcomes Everyone to Another

EUCHRE NIGHT!!

Friday, February 28th, 2025

\$25 per Person \$30 after Feb. 21st

6-7pm Registration & Dinner

7:00pm Games Begin

Reservations: Call / Text: Michael Toomajian at 248-303-9744

or Email: michaeltoomajian@gmail.com

Cash Prizes, Door Prize, Raffle (Must be 18 yrs. old to win) -Cash Bar



GRADUATIONS | WEDDINGS | BAPTISMS | HOLIDAYS | SHOWERS

EVENTS AT ST JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

CALL FOR A
TOUR & PLAN
YOUR SPECIAL
EVENT AT

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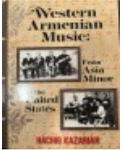
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COMMUNITY

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



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



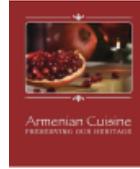
NEW, "Zabelle Panosian" (I am the servant of your voice) By Harout Arakelian, Harry Kezelian III, Ian Nagoski Story of the life of Zabelle Panosian, the most popular female classical Armenian singer during the Genocide era who toured the U.S. raising funds for the victims. - \$15.00 (CD included)



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



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



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



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



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

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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