

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 3, 2025
Armenian Church Year 1475

Second Sunday After Transfiguration

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

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

Isaiah 3:16-4:1, 1 Corinthians 1:25-30, Matthew 18:10-14

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* 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 2

God has become King over the Gentiles

And radiantly has adorned the Holy Church. Bless Christ you peoples.

The Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength

For by his holy cross he has destroyed the sting of death

Bless Christ you peoples. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Now and for ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

God has risen. And all the universe has been adorned in a new garment

And the children have partaken of the body and blood of the Giver of Life.

Bless Christ you peoples

Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:10-14

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

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/1FAIpQLSfF3KgyCRmiD2rkjX1ciFB54Dtar3ksmggfoH83v8pPeXh50g/viewform?usp=header>



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of Those Asleep in Christ

SARAH KAYSSERIAN, 6th year, Mother, Grandmother

MICHAEL KAYSSERIAN, 14th year, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Dr. Kerry and Donna Kaysserian and Family

Bob and Kiana Rose, Kylie and Michael

OHANES YERANOSIAN, Husband

ARDASH AKSARELIAN, Father

JAYRAN AKSARELIAN, Mother

Requested by Juliet Yeranorian



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	Samvel Ayrapetyan	Zaven Ovian
Jane Toomajian	Valera Ayrapetyan	Jan Paloian
Nick Fernandez	Craig Tarpinian	Rose Baise
Sonia Kalfayan	Jeffrey Perna	

Altar Flowers

The beautiful flowers at the altar today are presented by
Julia Palaian and Peter Crane on the happy occasion
of their wedding which took place at St. John Armenian Church
on Saturday, August 2, 2025.



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.



Parish Organization News and Events

SJAC Parish Zoom Town Hall

August 5, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- Welcome
- Intern Priest
- Diocesan Assembly Update 5/2025
- Auditing Committee
- Administrative Consultant
- Stewardship
- Financial Update
- Veteran's Building Renovation



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



St. John Komitas Choir Picnic

**Wednesday, August 6, 2025
6:30 pm – 9 pm**

A Potluck BBQ at the Church

Join us on the back patio or in the St. Vartan Room
depending on the weather.

Please RSVP the number in your party and let Christine
know what you would like to bring.
She will also put a sign-up sheet in the choir room.

A dish of your choice or a donation
would be greatly appreciated.

Spouses and children are welcome.

Christine Matoian
Cell (248) 535-5106
cmatoian@comcast.net

SHOURCH BAR CLUB

AN ARMENIAN LINE DANCE MEETUP

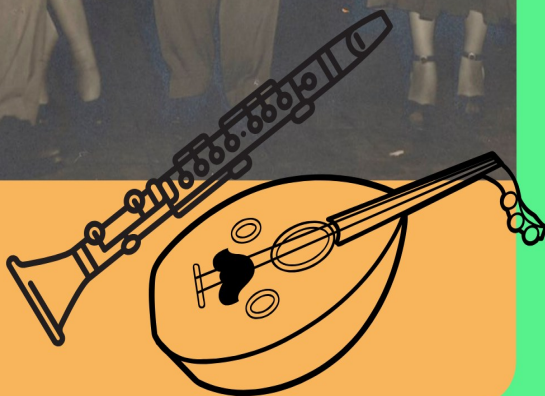


TUESDAY, JULY 22

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

LED BY
MR. DENNIS
KEVONIAN



ST JOHN CULTURAL HALL - 7:00 PM

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, August 9, 9:00am-11:30am

CONTACT GREG OR EDITH BAISE AT (313) 673-3325

OR EBASE@UMICH.EDU

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075

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

DAY CAMP 2025

Monday – Thursday

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

Dismissal: 4:00pm

Session I:

Monday, June 23 – Thursday, June 26

Arts of Armenia

Separate application in conjunction with
Komitas Choir

Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11

Session II:

Monday, July 14 – Thursday, July 17

HYE CAMP JULY 26th-AUGUST 2nd

www.diocesansummercamps.org

Session III:

Monday, August 4 – Thursday, August 7

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



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, August 17th

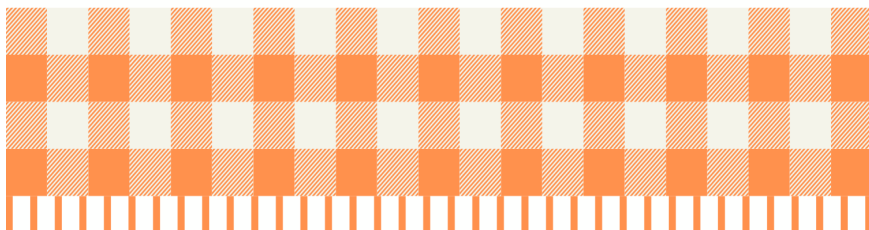
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

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!





Save the Date!!!

Khunjook and Family Fun Day

**To Celebrate the First Day of Church School
Sponsored by the Women's Guild**

**Sunday, September 7, 2025
at St. John Armenian Church**



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075 • 248.569.3405

"The Church with the Golden Dome"

WEDNESDAY, 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

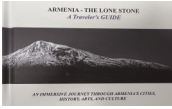


Visit the St. John Parish Bookstore!

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!

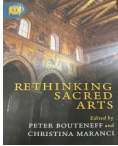
Featured Items



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 Nabadaguh,
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



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, 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 5 - Parish Town Hall Zoom Meeting

7:00pm

August 6 - Komitas Choir Picnic

6:30pm - 9:00pm

August 7 - Hye Doon - Shourch Bar Club

7:00pm - St John Cultural Hall

August 9 - World Medical Relief

9:00am - 11:30am

August 14 - Hye Doon - Field Day Competition

7:00pm - SJAC Front Lawn

August 17 - Annual Church Picnic

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

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