S t. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor
Clergy residing with in the St.John parish and community:
Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian



Sunday Bulletin

November 1, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

27th Anniversary of the Enthronement of Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.
Lections: Isaiah 22:15-24, Ephesians 1:1-14, Luke 8:17-21
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 merhaydnetsav.
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 betaken 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 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 — Luke 8:17-21

"For nothing is hid that shall not be made manifest, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Take heed then how you hear; for to him who has will more be given, and from him who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.

"Then his mother and his brethren came to him, but they could not reach him for the crowd. And he was told, "Your mother and your brethren are standing outside, desiring to see you." But he said to them, "My mother and my brethren are those who hear the word of God and do it."

Turn Back/Throw Back Sunday

** Divine Liturgy by Candlelight **

Today, November 1, St. John is having its 10th Annual Komitas Badarak by Candlelight. Join us in prayer as we live what our beautiful liturgy was for centuries without electricity and modern technology. Please be in attendance at 9:45am to experience the complete service.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian
Andre' J. Gregory
Vladimir Avetisov
Charles Sansone
Debbie Dakhlian
Hrayr Mashigian
William Terian
Hovhannes Hovhannisyan
Edith Baise
Rose Baise
Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian
Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan
Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian
Mikhaeel Rasho Bakoyan
Lara Roche Sarmanian
Mary Helen Altounian
Charlene Goshgarian
Shoghig Terjimanian
Jennifer Toomajian
David Gasparian
Nadejda Basova
Joyce Slowik
Samvel Arakelyan
Marus Grigoryan
Yelena Zakaryan
Nancy Altounian
Nancy Kevonian
Nailya Sahakian
Marge Aramian
Rose Lucassian
Chris Papazian
Zaven Ovian
Jan Paloian

The Season of Holy Cross:
A Sign of Faith, Hope, and New Life

The Holy Cross holds a central place in our Christian faith, reminding us of the boundless love of Jesus Christ, His sacrifice for our salvation, and His glorious Resurrection. Through Christ, the Cross was transformed from a symbol of suffering into a sign of victory, hope, and eternal life.

In the Armenian Christian tradition, the Cross is often adorned with beautiful vines, leaves, and flowers, symbolizing the new life that comes through Christ. This unique expression reminds us that the Cross is not the end of the story, but a promise of renewal, redemption, and the hope of Resurrection.

The Cross is more than an ornament we wear or a symbol displayed in our churches. It is a daily reminder of how we are called to live as followers of Christ-with compassion, humility, forgiveness, and love.

As we honor the Holy Cross, may we carry its message in our hearts, strengthen our faith, and share Christ's light with those around us.

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." - Matthew 16:24

St. John Women's Guild Annual Holiday Sale

The St. John Women's Guild announces its Annual Holiday Sale of world-famous Soo Boreg and Katah!

Orders are being accepted beginning today through Tuesday, November 10.

Paid-in-advance orders only.

Whole and half trays are available. Please note that half trays are limited.

To place your order, please contact Joy Callan at 248-533-6320.

Daylight Savings 2026

Don't forget to set your clocks **back one hour** on Sunday, November 1, 2026.

St John Parish Registration, October 2026

Baptism

October 17, 2026

Parker Anne Payne

Daughter of Zachary Andrew Payne and
Rosemary Cecilia Kalousan-Payne

Wedding

October 24, 2026

Ryan Sirian and Talia Oknayan

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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

AZNIF HINTIRYAN, 40th Day

Requested by Lillian and Sevan Calukyan
Dr. Arlet and Arthur Dakessian
Mr. and Mrs. Herman and Shooshig Hintiryan
Mr. and Mrs. Alec and Eleeza Caukyan, Aram Calukyan
Mr. and Mrs. Viken and Arlin Yeranosian, Garen Yeranosian
Mr. and Mrs. Saro and Araxie Ozdamar
Mr. Zaven Hintiryan
Axsel Ozdamar, Maxim Ozdamar
Sofi Dakessian, Lorin Dakessian
Calukyan and Dakessian Families
Adam and Gezeroglu Families
Lucy Sahakian
Jacques Sahakian
Margrit and Rudy Demircioglu and Family
Sarkis and Tamar Demircioglu and Family

VOICU VAGALAU, 40th Day
LAVINIA VAGALAU, 4th Year

Requested by Dr. Edward and Anna Svirid Sarkisian and Family

CHARLES "CHUCK" DADIAN, 40th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Khnamee

Requested by Margaret Dadian
Marilyn and Zaven Dadian
Arpi and Zaven Charles Dadian
Tena and Michael Dadian and family
Rose and Arthur Mardigian
Laura, James and Stephen Leacock
Lisa Mardigian

NINA SARKISIAN

Requested by Zee, Susan, and Diane Sarkisian

STEWARDSHIP

TOWN HALL MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

LEARN HOW THE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM WORKS & HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

IN PERSON

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

Saint Vartan Room after Badarak

OR VIA ZOOM THURSDAY

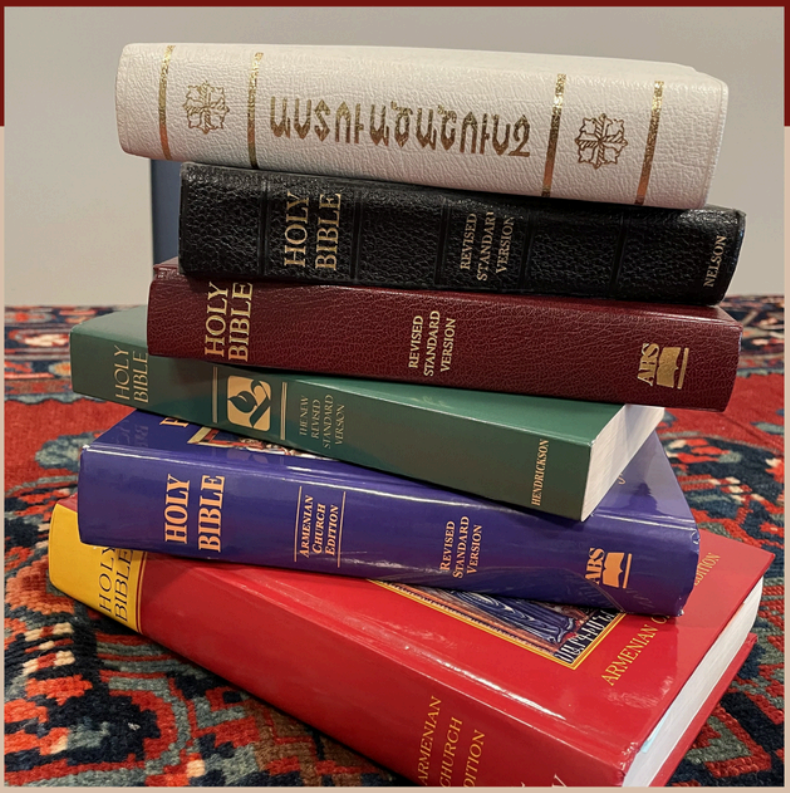
7PM NOVEMBER 12

ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL

St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



NOVEMBER 2, 2026

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

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

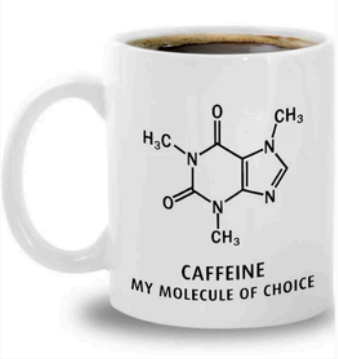
Join Us on Zoom!

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 4:30pm
(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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Friday November 6th · 7PM Doors Open At 6:30PM

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For Reservations & Information Please Call 248.286.1057

or Email musicguild@sjachurch.org

Sold out

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM

NOVEMBER 7
DECEMBER 19







Little Saints is a parish ministry for children from birth up to age four with monthly lessons led by Fr. Aren.

The Little Saints Nursery is open Sunday mornings during Church School from 10:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

For more information, email sjlittlesaints@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7

MICHIGAN-MSU TAILGATE
SJAC CULTURAL HALL
TIME TBA

Join Hye Doon to watch the game on the big screen!

All young adults late twenties through forties are invited, your little ones are welcome too!

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL
ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION



COLLECTION DATES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 THROUGH MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2026

PLEASE BRING NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS

AND PLACE THEM IN THE COLLECTION BOXES

WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE CHURCH LOBBY.

CONTACT SARA ANDONIAN (248) 515-9264 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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 Lunch Club

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Chicken Picatta
Served w/ Angel Hair Pasta, light Butter Sc.
or
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

Lunches served with
Mezza: Spinach And Artichoke Dip
Salad, Garlic Toast, Green Beans

Dessert
Cheese Cake

$15 Lunch Includes: Salad, Bread, Entrée,
Accompaniments, Dessert, Coffee and Water
Carry outs exclude, 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 / djcrist100@gmail.com

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

St. John's Church School presents

FALL HARVEST *Feast*

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • THANKSGIVING

Join us for a delicious fall feast!

Enjoy a menu of seasonal favorites while supporting the St. John's Church School!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026
following church services

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH HALL
22001 Northwestern Hwy.
Southfield, MI

DONATION
Adults $10
Children (ages 5–12) $5
Under 5 Free

Menu Includes:

- Bratwurst & hot dogs
- Roasted corn on the cob
- Fresh apples
- Apple cider
- Cider donuts
- Hot pretzels

Apple and seasonal pies for sale. Prepared by the ACYOA Juniors.



ACYOA JUNIORS

Pie Sale

Pre-order pies for the holidays!

Pick up Sunday, NOVEMBER 22.

DETAILS COMING SOON!



Prepared by our ACYOA JUNIORS



THE ANNUAL PARISH *Assembly*

FEBRUARY 28, 2027



The Nominating Committee is seeking dedicated and enthusiastic stewards to run for election for Parish Council, Auditing Committee, Nominating Committee and Diocesan Delegate at the 2027 Annual Parish Assembly! This is a wonderful opportunity to take an active role in the leadership of SJAC, guiding the direction of our parish. If you would like to volunteer, or would like to nominate someone,

Contact:

PAUL ANDONIAN, MARILYN DADIAN, SAKO GHAZARIAN, KIM NAJARIAN OR LAURIE REIZIAN



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
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JOIN US FOR Centennial Celebration
Friday October 8th, 2027

A LEGACY OF FAITH. | A HUNDRED YEARS OF SONG.

Join us in singing!

Our faith. Our community. Our heritage. Our future.

More details will be announced soon

For more information contact Dn. Rubik Mailian (248) 286- 1057 or rubik@sjachurch.org.

1927 - 2027

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!

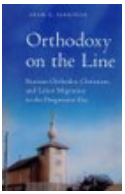
Featured Items



Armenia: TheLone 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



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General Parish Information

Church OfficeHours: Monday-Friday, 9am - 4pm

Parish Secretary: GayaneHovhannisyan| (248) 569-3405 |office@sjachurch.org The Church Library and Museum are closed on Mondays

In an after-hours emergency please contact:

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

For after hours building and maintenance issues please call:

Gerry Kmita, Property Maintenance Manager (313) 580-5083

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 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. 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/

November 1 - Morning Service 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 9:45am
November 1 - Stewardship Town Hall Meeting - After Padarak, St. Vartan Room
November 2 - Bible Study, Conference Room, 7:00pm
November 3 - TLC, Armenian American Veterans Hall, 12:00pm
November 4 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp, 4:30pm Via Zoom
November 3 - Western Armenian Classes, 4:30 - 7:30pm, Conference Room
November 5 - The Venue at SJAC Open House, 5:00pm - 8:00pm
November 6 - Cabaret Musical Event, Music Guild, 7:00pm, St John Cultural Hall
November 7 - Little Saints, Ararat Room, 10:00am
November 7 - Michigan - MSU Tailgate - Hye Doon, St John Cultural Hall
November 10 - TLC, Armenian American Veterans Hall, 12:00pm
November 22 - ACYOA Juniors - Pie Sale, Folowing Divine Liturgy
November 22 - Church School, Fall Harvest Feast, Following Divine Liturgy
November 28 - November Dance
February 28, 2027 - The Annual Parish Assembly

Armenian Christmas in Jerusalem

Parishioners interested in making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for Armenian Christmas on January 18–19 are asked to contact the church office by November 9.

Church Corner

Adapted from the Vemkar Topical Series, Armenian Church Etiquette, by the Order of The Very Reverend Father Mesrop Parsamyan Primate.

A Sense of Holiness and Reverence

As Orthodox Christians, we believe that the church building is not an ordinary building and what takes place inside it is not routine activity. For it is in the church sanctuary (nave) that heaven and earth unite, and where we physically meet Jesus Christ, the Creator of the universe, through the reading and hearing of His Word and through receiving His precious and life-giving Body and Blood. For this reason, when we enter the narthex (vestibule or lobby), we leave the secular world behind us and, thus, we behave differently. This sacred space of worship is a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven. We are encouraged to leave behind our cares, worries and fears, for we are entering not just the house of God, but into His very presence.

The church building is not just four walls and a roof, but the place where the living Body of Christ gathers. When the faithful come together, Christ is in their midst (Matthew 18:20).