

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 22, 2025
Armenian Church Year 1474

Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin

Guest Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Abraham Ohanesian

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

Proverbs 9:1-6, Zechariah 3:7-4:9, Hebrews 9:1-10, John 10:22-30

Lector: Yeretzgin Shake Ohanesian

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.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin.

The Divine Liturgy will pause prior to the singing of

Hayr Mer (the Lord's Prayer), on pg. 41, in order to conduct

the Order of Special Prayer for the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin.

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.





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)

Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin

Today the multitudes of citizens of heaven
Celebrate with joy the feast of the renewal of the Holy Church;
For to us is given a High Priest from all eternity;
For the enlightenment of the Holy Catholic Church. Glory to Your coming, O Lord!
Today a pillar of light has overshadowed us from on high;
For the Heavenly King comes into the Holy Church;
And the armies of the angels, spreading among peoples
Celebrate with us. Glory to Your coming, O Lord!
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
Now and for ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.
Today the high priest, Honored by the true divine law;
Sets up a four-cornered altar of sacrifice in the likeness of the cross;
In worthy manner performing sacrifice on it. He distributes the Lord's body and blood;
With purity, draw near, you saved new peoples;
And beseech Christ to grant this to us for many days.

Today's Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

It was the feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered round him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Proverbs 29:2-7; Isaiah 18:7; Hebrews 2:14-18; Matthew 2:16-18

Tuesday - Isaiah 27:11-13; 1 Peter 5:8-11; John 12:24-26

Wednesday - Romans 4:13-22; Matthew 10:34-42

Thursday - Proverbs 6:1-5; Isaiah 33:5-8; Romans 8:18-27; Luke 21:12-19

Friday - Romans 5:12-21; Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday - Wisdom 2:23-3:8; Isaiah 57:15-16; Hebrews 13:7-9; Matthew 10:16-22

Gift to the Church

The family of **Arsen and Shoghig Terjimanian** wishes them a joyous 50th Wedding Anniversary! May the Lord grant to them many happy, healthy years.



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of Those Asleep in Christ

NEVART ROSE GODOSHIAN, 10th Year, Loving Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

GEORGE NISHON GODOSHIAN, 14th Year, Loving Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

PETE PANARETOS, 11th Year, Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother-In-Law, Uncle

ELSA CAMAZZOLA, 1st Year, Loving Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Khanamee

Requested by Ron and Jackie Godoshian and Family

Nancy Panaretos and Family

Marilyn and Peter Sarkesian and Family

Charlie Godoshian and Patricia Camazzola and Family

John and Melanie Godoshian and Family

BABY NICHOLAS H. PALAIAN, 70th Year

JOY (PALAIAN) KARAKASHIAN, 22nd Year

HAROLD PALAIAN, 14th Year

NICHOLAS H. PALAIAN II, 2nd Year

Requested by John and Melanie Godoshian and Family

Mrs. Elsie Palaian

ARMENOUHIE DOCTORIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

Requested by Nina Sarkisian and Family

MOVSES GURUN

MARYAM GURUN

GILBERT GURUN

Requested by Maggie and Julia Gurun

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian

Nadia Ayrapetyan

Azniv-Ann Kzirian

Vladimir Avetisov

Joann Mashigian

Charles Sansone

Hrayr Mashigian

Nick Fernandez

Sonia Kalfayan

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian

Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan

Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian

Mary Helen Altounian

Wayne Owen Engelki

Shoghig Terjimanian

Samvel Ayrapetyan

Valera Ayrapetyan

Craig Tarpinian

Jeffrey Perna

Samvel Arakelyan

Nancy Altounian

Marus Grigoryan

Nailya Sahakian

Rose Lucassian

Marge Aramian

Zaven Ovia

Jan Paloian

Rose Baise



***Detroit:
The City of Faith***

**Best Documentary
– Cultural**

*A wonderful tribute to
our rich, ethnic, faith-
based community here
in Michigan.*

Executive Producers:
John & Carole Kulhavi

A Very Special Thank You to Our Supporters:



Dear Detroit: The City of Faith Participants,

We are thrilled to share the exciting news that your congregation's story, featured in the documentary *Detroit: The City of Faith*, has been awarded a **Michigan Emmy for Best Cultural Film!**

This recognition is a meaningful tribute to the rich ethnic and faith-based diversity of the Detroit Metro community. Your willingness to share your story played a vital role in making this achievement possible.

Thank you for your support and for being part of this powerful project.

Parish Organization News and Events

Let's Go To **HYE CAMP!**



**Please join us for a family BBQ fundraisers for
Hye Camp Bus Transportation!**

Wednesday, June 25th at 6pm

Wednesday, July 16th at 6pm

Rec Center

Free will Offering

**Donate by Texting the Words
SJAC BUS to 73256**

or



Lisa Mardigian

586-808-2202 or lmardigian@sjachurch.org

YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP



Take your basketball skills to the next level in this basketball bootcamp 3-day skill explosion!

July 15-17
10 AM - 1 PM

**St. John
Armenian
Church Gym**

GUEST COACH

Paul Haynes
—Impact Sports Services

Coach Stats:

- Played 5 years professionally in Germany, Austria, Hungary
- Trained dozens of successful pro, college, and high school players
- Trained with and played against several NBA players including Dwyane Wade and LeBron James



**FOR CHILDREN ENTERING
GRADES 4-7
Boys & Girls**

**\$50
Total**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL
GO TO ST. JOHN
ARMENIAN CHURCH**

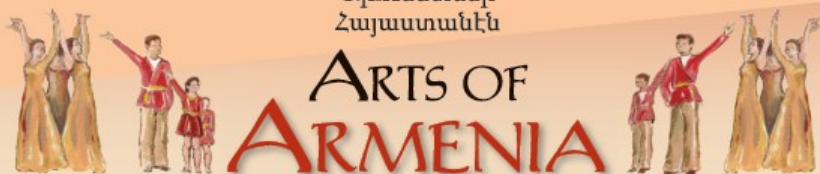
**FREE
T-SHIRT!**

To register or for more info:
talaratikian@gmail.com (248) 444-8277

***Open to first 50 participants**
***Must bring water bottle, snack,
ball & basketball shoes**

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

Արուեստներ
Հայաստանէն



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

This Year's Theme: An Armenian Wedding

July 7-11, 2025

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

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

Registration Deadline: Sunday, June 20, 2025
Limited Enrollment



For more information please contact:

Lisa Mardigian

lmardigian@sjachurch.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

Registration Deadline: Sunday, June 22, 2025 | Program Tuition \$150.00

Make checks payable to **KOMITAS CHOIR - ARTS OF ARMENIA**, or scan here to pay online:

Mail application and full payment to:

Lisa Mardigian
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075



Pay Online

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

For questions, call or email:

Dn. Rubik Mailian, at 248-569-3405 or rubik@sjachurch.org

Or Lisa Mardigian, lmardigian@sjachurch.org



Registration

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





HYE CAMP

where faith, fun and fellowship meet
INGLESIDE, ILLINOIS



learn



Pray



Play



and more

CIT/Staff Training: Wednesday, July 23 – Saturday, July 26
Camp Week: Saturday, July 26 – Saturday, August 2

Online Registration

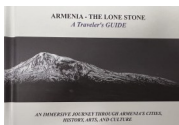
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Visit the St. John Parish Bookstore!

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



New - Western Armenian Music:
From Asia Minor to the United States,
by Hachig Kazarian (HC \$40/SC \$30)



New - Khigar Nabsdaguh,
by Michael Pifer (HC \$17)
Western Armenian children's book
about a little rabbit who learns
how to stand out in a big family

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**



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/



June 26 - Hye Camp Bus Fundraiser

6:00 pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

July 7-11 - Arts of Armenia Program - "An Armenian Wedding"

July 11 - Men's Society Community Dinner

July 15-17 - Youth Basketball Camp

10am - 1:00pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

July 16 - Hye Camp Bus Fundraiser

6:00 pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

July 26 - August 2 - Hye Camp

August 17 - Annual Church Picnic

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

Tuesday, June 24, 9am - noon, Katah

Monday, June 30, 5 - 8pm, Choreg

Tuesday, July 1, 9am - noon, Katah

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.