

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

Pastoral Intern Reverend Father Vazgen Andreasyan



Sunday Bulletin

October 12, 2025
Armenian Church Year 1475

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Celebrant: Reverend Father Vazgen Andreasyan

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.

Isaiah 19:1-11, Galatians 2:1-10, Mark 12:35-44

Lector: Gary Melikian

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 8

By Your boundless all-conquering power

You are king of heaven and earth, Christ God. We bless you.

Sharer in the glory of the Father! Blessed with Him by the immortal ones

You came down and put on flesh. King of glory, we bless You.

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

Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

You mightily trampled down death

And having risen, You have filled the Holy Church with light;

Immortal Essence, we bless You. And adorned His Church in great splendor.

Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 12:35-44

And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David? David himself, inspired by the Holy Spirit, declared, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet.' David himself calls him Lord; so how is he his son?" And the great throng heard him gladly. And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go about in long robes, and to have salutations in the market places and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." And he sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."

Memorial Tea

Today's Fellowship Tea is hosted in loving memory of **Marine Hana** by her Family:
Shant Seferian, Lena, Christos, Sofia, Calista.

Everyone is welcome to attend after Divine Liturgy.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian
Nadia Ayrapetyan
Azniv-Ann Kzirian
Vladimir Avetisov
Joann Mashigian
Charles Sansone
Hrayr Mashigian
Theodore Rasho
Nick Fernandez

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian
Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan
Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian
Mary Helen Altounian
Wayne Owen Engelki
Shoghig Terjimanian
Valera Ayrapetyan
Sonia Kalfayan
Rose Baise

Samvel Arakelyan
Yelena Zakaryan
Nancy Altounian
Marus Grigoryan
Nailya Sahakian
Rose Lucassian
Marge Aramian
Zaven Ovian
Jan Paloian



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

DIRAMAYR MARY ELIZABETH KOCHAKIAN, 30th Year

Requested by Fr. Garabed and Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

MARINE HANA SEFERIAN, Newly Deceased

Requested by Shant Seferian

Lena, Christos, Sofia, Calista

ARDASH APIGIAN, 1st Year, Dear Husband, Father, Grandfather, Friend

Requested by Charlene Apigian

Kimberly, Zackary and Samantha Brown

Charles and Tricia Apigian and Family

Jacob, Noemi, Grace, Samuel, and Adam Apigian

Mike and Linda Tiffany

Michael Vartoogian

Harry Najarian and Family

Joyce Obenhoff

Jacqueline and Faouzi ElChemmas

DYANA KEZELIAN, Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Cousin, Khnamee, Friend

Requested by Rosemary Kezelian

Dr. Harry and Patty Kezelian

Harry Kezelian, III

Michael and Katie Kezelian and Family

Randy, Laurie Jayne and Meredith Pepper

Bobby and Roseann Attar

David and Marianne Dardarian and Family

Richard and Arlene Hovsepian and Family

Edward Haic and Yvonne Korkoian

Dr. Laura Korkoian

Christopher and Shakay Korkoian

Paulette Apkarian

MARY KEZELIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Khnamee, Friend

Requested by Rosemary Kezelian

Dr. Harry and Patty Kezelian

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DR. SIMON JOHN TOOMAJANIAN, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Great-Uncle

Requested by Randy, Laurie Jayne and Meredith Pepper

Rosemary Kezelian

Dr. Harry and Patty Kezelian

Harry Kezelian, III

Michael and Katie Kezelian and Family

GULUZAR OHANNESSIAN, 4th Year, Mother

HAROUTIUN OHANNESSIAN, 20th Year, Father

Requested by Avedis Ohannessian and Family

Aghavnie Ohannessian and Family

ANN MANOOGIAN, 6th Year, Mother, Loving Friend

Requested by Roseann and Bobby Attar

Rosemary Kezelian

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Kezelian

Harry Kezelian III

Michael, Katie Kezelian and Family

Bazaar 2025 is in the books!!

THANK YOUs to EVERYONE who prepared and served the foods and delicacies, EVERYONE who worked during the weekend, EVERYONE who attended and EVERYONE who cleaned up! Your unwavering support made this year's bazaar a tremendous success!


SJAC Sept. 27 Campus Clean-Up

A special thank you to our super organizers:

**Gary Gozmanian, Sarah Gozmanian and Jim Stambouljian
and the following hardworking volunteers**

Correne Akarakian	Tony Daguanno
Michael Artinian & Little Artin Artinian	Ann Marie Egigian
CJ & Taleen Baldwin	Peter Egigian
Melanie Boskovich	Serena Egigian
Lisa Boyadjian	Armen & Belinda Kabodian
Victoria Boyadjian	Kenny Kojamianian
George Boyagian	Mark Mamassian
Berj and Arev Bush	Darwin Sanchez
Clark Couyoumjian	Alex Terzian

Parish Organization News and Events



ST. JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD BAZAAR BAKE SALE 2025 FOLLOWING BADARAK

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248-533-6320 OR YERCHANIGC@GMAIL.COM

The talk explores the multifaceted lives of Armenia's national minority communities, tracing their historical contributions and examining the ongoing challenges of cultural preservation in contemporary Armenia. It further considers the complexities of identity formation within a post-Soviet society, highlighting both the remarkable resilience of these communities and the vulnerabilities they continue to face.



NATIONAL MINORITIES IN ARMENIA

Identity, Heritage, and Current Dynamics



Dr. Anahit Khosroeva is an ethnic Assyrian historian and genocide scholar born in Armenia. Her research focuses on the history of Armenian, Assyrian, and Greek genocides perpetrated in the Ottoman Empire between 1894 and 1923. An advocate for genocide recognition and prevention, Dr. Khosroeva has published and presented extensively worldwide in multiple languages and advances accountability through international human rights law.

MONDAY | OCTOBER 13 | 2025 | 7:00 PM

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

ST. VARTAN ROOM

22001 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075

Annual Armenian Independence Day Lecture



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Light refreshments will be served

The University of Michigan-Dearborn does not
necessarily endorse the speaker's views

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

Join Us on Zoom!

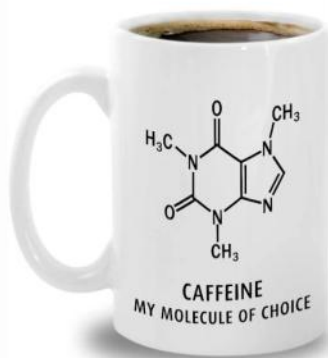
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

Wednesday, October 15, at 12:00pm

(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 Johns Men's Society

Welcomes

Our parishioner,

Men's Society Member and

Author~ Michael Boucher

Everyone is Welcome
to dinner & presentation

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025

St. Vartan Room

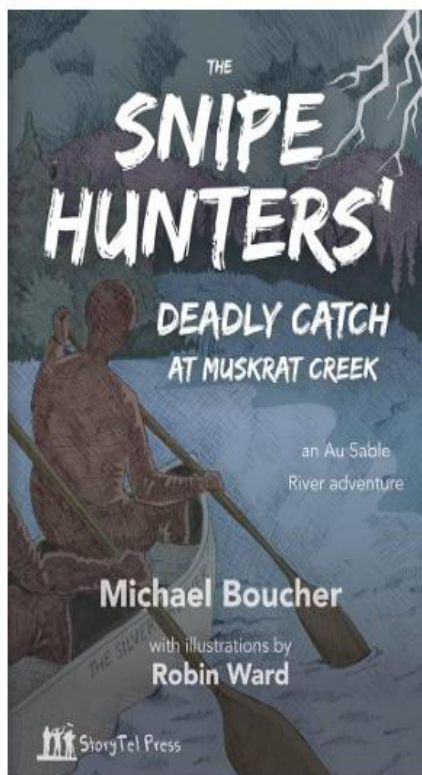
6pm; light dinner (\$15)

6:30: presentation

7:15 Meeting

*Join us for highlights of
Micheals novel based on the
true-life trauma of one of his
students*

*Micheal will tell of a young
adult's adventure and the
Armenian component that came
to be in this young man's life,
Story is sited in Michigan*



Buffet Supper \$15

For reservations, please contact Dan Cristiano 313-938-4215

EUCHRE @ ST JOHN'S!

**St John Armenian Church - Men's Society
Welcomes Everyone to Another**

EUCHRE NIGHT!!

Friday, October 17, 2025

\$25 per Person \$30 after Oct. 10th

6-7pm Registration & Dinner

Tour The Manoogian Museum 5:45-6:45

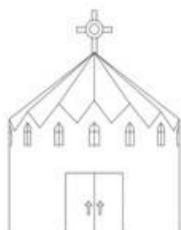
7:00pm Games Begin

Reservations: Call / Text: Michael Toomajian at 248-303-9744
or Email: michaeltoomajian@gmail.com

Cash Prizes, Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, Cash Bar

(Must be 18 yrs. old to win)

St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield Mi 48075



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 27

OCTOBER 18

NOVEMBER 15

DECEMBER 20



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

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Saturday, October 18, 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

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Four performers: a DJ, two violins and a saxophone, will be featured at St. John concert.

Friday, November 7, 2025

7:00 PM Concert

St. John Armenian Church

22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan

Open Seating or Pre-paid reservation for table of 8



Adults \$50.00
Students \$30.00

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St. John Music Guild

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ARMENIAN - AMERICAN VETERANS BUILDING
RENOVATION PROJECT

Sunday, November 9, 2025 • 12:30 pm

Saint Vartan Room and Gallery

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OR TO MAKE A DONATION, CONTACT:
ANN MARIE EGIGIAN: 248.765.5016



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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!

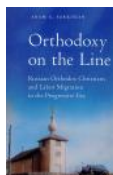
Featured Items



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
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Aram G. Sarkisian,
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New, "The Repatriate
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General Parish Information

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am - 4pm

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

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/

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/



October 12 - Bazaar Bale Sale - Following Badarak

October 13 - Garj Talk - National Minorities in Armenia (Dr. Anahit Khosroeva)

7:00pm - St. Vartan Room

October 14 - Western Armenian Classes (Intermediate/Beginner)

4:30 - 7:30pm

October 15 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp

12:00pm—Via Zoom

October 15 - Men's Society - Dinner and Presentation (author - Michael Boucher)

6:30pm - St. Vartan Room

October 17 - Men's Society Euchre Night

6:00pm - Main Hall

October 18 - Little Saints Program

10:00 - 11:00am - Ararat Room

October 18 - World Medical Relief

1:00 - 3:00pm - 21725 Melrose Ave. Southfield, MI 48075

October 20 - Bible Study

7:00pm, Conference Room

October 25- Acolyte Training, 9:00am - 11:00am - Sanctuary

October 31 - Garj Talk - Women in the Armenian Church (Dr. David Zakarian)

7:00pm - St. Vartan Room

November 7 - St. John Music Guild - Concert Nuclassica

7:00pm - Main Hall

November 9 - America the Beautiful (Veteran's Building Renovation Project)

After Badarak - St. Vartan Room

Lost Item (cross and chain)

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a cross and chain were left behind. If this belongs to you or someone you know, please see **Fr. Aren** to claim it.