

# 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

**December 7, 2025**

**Armenian Church Year 1475**

### Paregentan of the Fast of St. James

Celebrant: Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian

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

Isaiah 37:14-38, II Thessalonians 1:1-12, Luke 14:12-24

Lector: Marilyn Boladian

### 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 յայտնուեցինն 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.





# St. John Komitas Choir

Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant

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## 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.

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## Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 14:12-24

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just." When one of those who sat at table with him heard this, he said to him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God!" But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

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## Special Plate Collection

We have all become aware of the Hurricane which recently caused terrible devastation in Jamaica. The Primate, Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, is urging diocesan parishes to take a collection for hurricane relief.

As Armenians, we understand such devastation which we suffered 37 years ago on this date. During the singing of "*Amen, Yev unt hovkvooyt koom*" (p.39 of Divine Liturgy book), we will take a special plate collection for the victims of the hurricane in Jamaica. May God help and comfort all who are suffering there.

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## Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

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Badrik Joocharigian	Imprisoned Bishops and	Samvel Arakelyan
Azniv-Ann Kzirian	Clergymen in Armenia	Yelena Zakaryan
Vladimir Avetisov	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Nancy Altounian
Joann Mashigian	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Marus Grigoryan
Charles Sansone	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian	Nailya Sahakian
Hrayr Mashigian	Mary Helen Altounian	Rose Lucassian
Theodore Rasho	Shoghig Terjimanian	Marge Aramian
Nick Fernandez	Valera Ayrapetyan	Zaven Ovian
Sonia Kalfayan	Charles Vanerian	Jan Paloian
Edith Baise		Rose Baise

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### Gifts to Church

Corinne, Henry, and Victoria Khederian have made a gift to the church in loving memory of **Victoria and Henry Kachadourian** on their 68th Heavenly Anniversary.

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### Digital Advent Calendar

The Children and Family Ministry is excited to announce the start of the Advent season. The **Digital Advent Calendar**, was created by the Children and Family Ministry. We hope this calendar will make the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas more joyful and special, as each day we are filled with His light, in anticipation of celebrating the miraculous birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please use QR code on the right to view the Advent Calendar.



To access it easily and use it daily, you can save this calendar as an app on your phone or tablet's home screen with a few easy steps ([use QR code below to see directions](#)). Please note that you won't be able to open the Doors before Sunday, November 17 (no peeking).



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### Altar Flowers “Poinsettias”

A beautiful Christmas tradition at St. John Armenian Church is the adornment of the Holy Altar and Bema, for Armenian Christmas, with poinsettia plants. If you would like to contribute towards the plants, please contact the church office at (248) 569-3405.

Donors will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.



### Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Simon Javizian**, who entered his eternal rest last week. His funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on December 1, 2025. May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon his soul.



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**Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ**

**ALL WHO PERISHED DURING THE 1988 EARTHQUAKE IN ARMENIA**

**ZAVEN DILAKYAN, 37th Year, Father, Grandfather, Friend**

Requested by Anahid Dilakian and Sarkis Ghazarian, Sevag, Hiyk, Aren  
Tamar Dilakyan and Ashot Harutyunyan and Family  
Varduhi Dilakyan and TANGO Galustyan and Family  
Dn. Rubik Mailian and Dr. Joyce Yeghissian, Sevana and Areg  
Lucy Ardash and Family  
Arman Vardanyan and Anna Tokmajyan and Family  
Ashot Ohanyan and Ovsanna Nazaryan and Family

**CHARLES ROOPEN KOCHAKIAN, 8th Day, Brother**

**MICHAEL RICHARD SLIPKOWSKY, Cousin**

Requested by Father Garabed and Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

**AGNES CARMAN HOVSEPIAN, 7th Year, Mother**

Requested by Father Garabed And Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian  
Susan and Rick Vian, Edward and Matthew Carman

**NINA SARKISIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother, Great-grandmother,  
Aunt, Khename**

Requested by Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian  
Sara, Morgan, Sona and Anya Bell  
Dn. Dr. Aram Sarkisian and Dr. Diana Ohanian  
Linda Houhanisin  
Diana and Todd Byrne, Aiden and Sophia  
George Houhanisin and Dr. Sarah Johnson, Greg and Simon  
Barbara Rupas  
Matthew Rupas and Marilly Palettas, Iphiyenia  
Lisa and Stephen Derderian  
Allan, Rachel, Tyler and Emma Sarkisian  
Nancy and Sarkis Kazarian  
Margaret Derderian and Family  
Mike and Dolly Matoian  
Ardemis Gregory  
Harry and Janice Megerian and Family  
Haig and Louise Yardumian  
Edward, Eva, Kennedy and Eli Yardumian  
Ara, Tanya, Valentina and Edward Yardumian  
Sally Kabodian and Family



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**DANA SINTERMAN, 40th Day**

Requested by Tom and Laura Sahagian  
Phyliss Karibian  
Lisa and Scott Horn  
Jane and Mark Barratt  
Mary and Mark Clough  
Ann and Mari Latozas

**VILDA OZDAMAR, 1st Year, Mother, Grandmother, Khnamee**

Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Harutyun and Natalie Kizmazoglu  
Mr. and Mrs. Saro and Araxie Ozdamar, Aysel and Maxim  
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hintiryan  
Mr. Zaven O. Hintiryan

**AGNES MARKARIAN, 1st Year, Mother, Mother-In-Law, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Khaname**

**ROSE PAMBOOKIAN, 1st Year, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Khaname**

**ARAM PAMBOOKIAN, 1st Year, Uncle, Great-Uncle, Khaname**

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

**ARDASH MARDIGIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather**

**HARRY MARDIGIAN, Brother, Uncle**

**STEPHAN AND AGAVNIE MARDIGIAN, Grandparents**

**EDWARD AND HELEN MARDIGIAN, Uncle, Aunt**

Requested by Arthur and Rose Mardigian  
Steven, Armen, and Anoush Mardigian  
James, Laura, and Stephen Armen Leacock  
Lisa Mardigian  
Zaven and Marilyn Dadian  
Zaven Charles and Arpi Dadian

**EUGENIE OHANIAN-HARDY, 5th Year**

Requested by the Ohanian Family

**VICTORIA KERBECKIAN KACHADOURIAN, 6th Year, Loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother**

**HENRY KACHADOURIAN, 2.5 Year, Loving Husband, Father and Grandfather**

Requested by Corinne, Henry and Victoria Khederian



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**Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ**

**ZAVEN OHANNES HINTIRYAN, 47th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather**

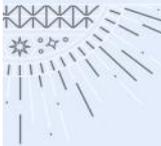
Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hintiryan  
Mr. and Mrs. Saro and Araxie Ozdamar, Axsell and Maxim  
Mr. Zaven O. Hintiryan

**NEVART SHAHAN, 49th Year, Beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

**DANIEL SHAHAN, 22nd Year, Beloved Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather**

**CHRISTOPHER SWINK, 6th Year, Beloved Husband, Father, Brother-In-Law, Uncle, Great-Uncle**

Requested by Robert and Linda DePietro  
Ryan, Christine, Matthew, Alexander, and Grant DePietro  
Michael, Kerry, Cameron, and Davis DePietro  
Claudia Swink and Daniel Swink



**PARISH REGISTER - NOVEMBER, 2025**

**BAPTISMS**

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

**CHARLES EDWARD WEAVER**

SON OF JOSEPH AND VERONICA LEIGH WEAVER

NOVEMBER 8, 2025

**LAYLA MARIE KOHS**

DAUGHTER OF LANCE ROBERT KOHS AND  
MARGARITTE DELORIS MATOSSIAN

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

**LUCILLE LADONNA GARRETT**

DAUGHTER OF MARK JAMES AND NARINE MELANIE GARRETT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

**ALENI NARINE SHABOU**

DAUGHTER OF RONY SHABOU AND NARINE SHIRVANIAN SHABOU



# Parish Organization News and Events

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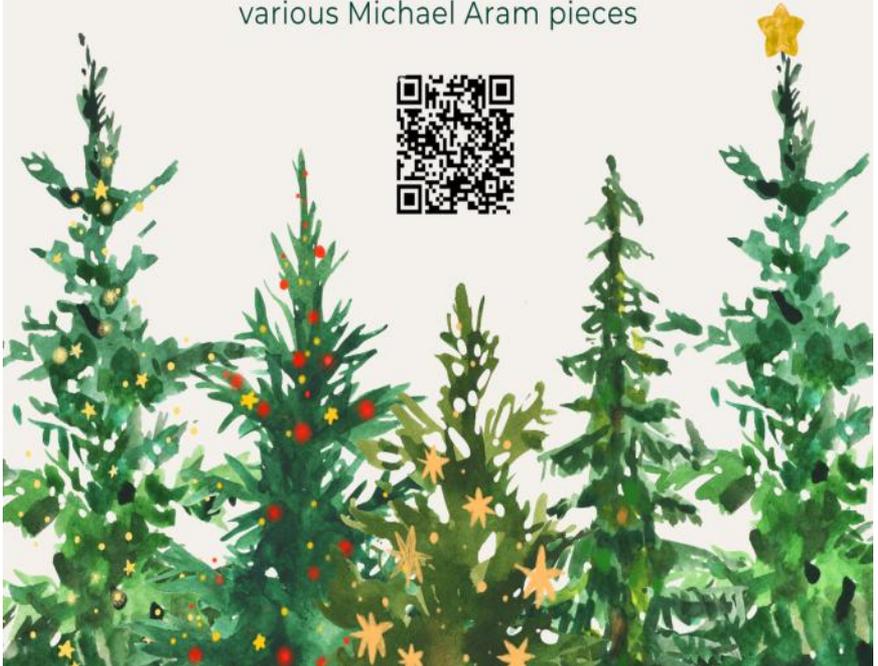
## ACYOA JUNIORS WINTER WONDERLAND

*Sale*

**Sunday, December 7th**

*FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY*

Wreathes, Christmas Gifts + a selection of  
various Michael Aram pieces



# **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

## ***St. John Armenian Church Parish Christmas Card***

### **A Holiday Tradition to Support Our Church**

Once again, parishioners may share their Christmas and New Year greetings with their fellow St. John's members in our Parish Christmas Card, and in doing so support a special program. All proceeds will go to the Social Concern Fund. Your gift is a testimony of your love and support in Christian stewardship for the works of Christ in our spiritual home.

Please complete the form below and forward to the church office with a donation from the heart, check payable to:

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

**Checks should be received no later than  
Friday, December 12, 2025**

If you wish to charge your gift, please go to  
<https://abundant.co/stjohnarmenianchurch/christmascard>  
or call the Church Office at (248) 569-3405

**Thank you for your generosity**

----- Detach Here -----

Enclosed is my gift for the Social Concern Fund

Please include the name(s) for the Parish Christmas Card as written below

Donation enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Pastors and Parish Council thank you for your patronage and wish you and your loved ones all of God's blessings for Christmas and New Year.

# **ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH**

## **2025 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025 - WESTERN CHRISTMAS EVE**

*Western Christmas Eve Service - 11:00 pm*

*Afterglow refreshments provided by the ACYOA*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

*Blessing of Pomegranates at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy*

**SUNDAY, January 4, 2026 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 - ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS EVE / JRAKALOYTS**

*Vespers and Reading of Prophecies - 4:00 p.m. | Divine Liturgy - 5:00 p.m.*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 - ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS**

**FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

*Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Waters/Chrorhnek - 10:00 a.m.*

*Godfather of the Cross - Wolfgang Axt*

*Christmas luncheon following the Divine Liturgy,*

*sponsored by the St. John Women's Guild*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026 - SECOND DAY OF THEOPHANY**

*Remembrance of the Dead/Merelotz/Hokehankist - 11 a.m.*

*St. John Armenian Church  
22001 Northwestern Highway  
Southfield, MI 48075  
(248) 569-3405*



# Coffee, Cookies & Compassion

Sunday, December 7, 2025  
immediately following  
Divine Liturgy

Please bring a bag  
of non-perishable food items  
to be donated to a local food pantry.  
The need is great!  
Please do your part!



*This Fellowship is sponsored by  
Der Garabed and Yerezgin Roberta Kochakian*

# THE ANNUAL PARISH *Assembly*



The Nominating Committee is seeking dedicated and enthusiastic stewards to run for election for Parish Council, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee at the 2026 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, HOWARD ATESIAN, DENISE BOYAGIAN, MARILYN DADIAN OR KIM NAJARIAN**

St John Armenian Church



## **ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION**



### **COLLECTION DATES**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 THROUGH MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025**

**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.**





ST. JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD

# *Christmas Cookie Box*

IS ON SALE NOW!

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A winter-themed box filled with 2lbs of assorted Christmas cookies made by our members. Perfect for gift-giving. \$35

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This sale happens just every other year, and we sell out each time. Pre-pay only. Pick up after church services on Sunday 12/21



[CLICK HERE](#)  
[TO ORDER](#)



# COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

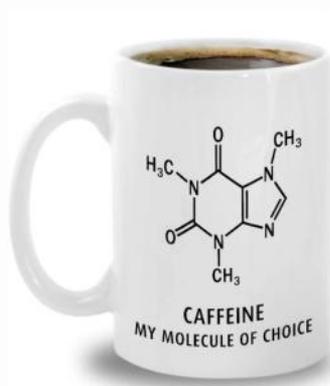
## Join Us on Zoom!

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

**Friday, December 12 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!

# **SJAC Financial Zoom Town Hall**

**December 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

## **Agenda**

- Welcome & Purpose (Peter Egigian)
- Opening Prayer (Fr. Aren Jebejian)
- Major Projects (Jimmy Stamboulian)
  - Accomplishments
  - Projected
- Financial Update & Impact (Roseann Manoogian Attar)
- Comments & Questions (Open to all Participants)
- Closing Comments & Closing Prayer (Peter Egigian & Fr. Aren Jebejian)



Scan QR code for zoom link

**ST JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH**  
**LED BY VERY REV. FR. AREN JEBEJIAN**  
**DN. RUBIK MAILIAN**

# **ACOLYTE TRAINING**

## **SCHEDULE**

**OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2025**  
**10:00AM-12:00AM**

**DECEMBER 13**

**Contact Deacon Rubik**  
**rubik@sjachurch.org**



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH & TEKEYAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION PRESENT

MONSIEUR

# AZNAVOUR



**THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 11**

*SAINT VARTAN ROOM*

*LIGHT REFRESHMENTS 6:45*

*FILM SCREENING BEGINS  
PROMPTLY AT 7PM*

*DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO  
SEE THIS FEATURE LENGTH  
BIO-PIC SHOWCASING  
CHARLES AZNAVOUR'S LIFE  
AND MUSIC*

**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, December 13, 9:00am-11:30am**

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

**OR [EBAISE@UMICH.EDU](mailto:EBAISE@UMICH.EDU)**

**21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075**



ST. JOHN CHURCH SCHOOL

# Christmas Celebration Brunch

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

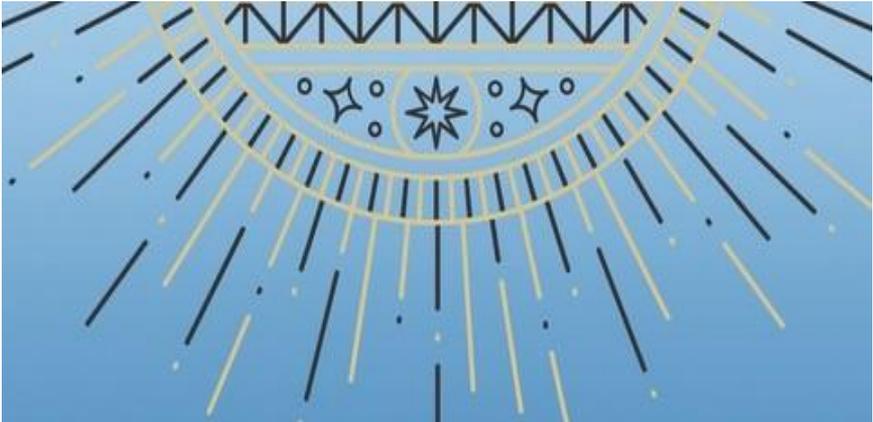
Following Divine Liturgy in the Cultural Hall.

Join us for a **festive Christmas Brunch** featuring  
a presentation by Church School.



free will offering - suggested price \$10/person





# CHRIST IS BORN GLORIFY HIM!

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS HYMNS AND CAROLS  
FROM DIVERSE TRADITIONS

FEATURING THE ORTHODOX CHOIR OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT  
& OTHER CHOIRS FROM AROUND METRO DETROIT

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2025 | 5PM

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
760 W. WATTLES RD, TROY, MI

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN KARMANOS COMMUNITY HALL

A FREWILL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN TO  
SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF FOCUS DETROIT

**FOCUS**  
+ DETROIT +

Serving the Needs of our Neighbors. Together!

**St John Armenian Church  
“Church Chat”**

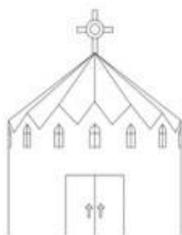
**The Armenian Church and Its People**

**Thursday, December 18  
7:00 p.m. in the St. Vartan room**

**Led by: Fr. Aren  
Special Guest: Sarah Stites,  
AYO Program Director**



**Join us for an engaging conversation exploring the  
life of the Armenian Church and the people  
who make up its vibrant community.**



# 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](mailto:sjlittlesaints@gmail.com)**

## 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!*

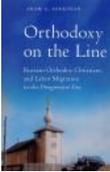
### Featured Items



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



Orthodoxy on  
the Line by  
Aram G. Sarkisian,  
HC \$50.00



New, "The Repatriate  
Returns" by Tom  
Mooradian SC \$20.00

*These and many other Michael Aram pieces now available (10% off only today)!*

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



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ARMENIAN CHURCH

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# General Parish Information

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**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/](http://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/](http://www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/)



## **December 7 - Coffee Hour**

Following Divine Liturgy

## **December 7 - ACYOA Junior Winter Wonderland**

Following Divine Liturgy

## **December 10 - Parish Town Hall Meeting**

7:00pm, via zoom

## **December 11 - Film Screening "Aznavour"**

6:45pm - St. Vartan Room

## **December 12- Coffee with Hayr Soorp**

12:00pm - Via Zoom

## **December 13 - Acolyte Training**

10:00am - 12:00am - Sanctuary

## **December 13 - World Medical Relief**

9:00am - 11:30am - 21725 Melrose Ave., Southfield, MI 48075

## **December 14 - St John Church School Christmas Program and Celebration Brunch**

Following Divine Liturgy

## **December 14 - Crist is Born, Glorify Him**

5:00pm - St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 760 W Wattles Rd., Troy MI

## **December 15 - Bible Study**

7:00pm - Conference Room

## **December 18 - Church Chat - The Armenian Church and its people**

7:00pm - St. Vartan Room

## **December 20 - Little Saints Program**

10:00 - 11:00am - Ararat Room

## **December 24 - Western Christmas Eve Service**

11:00pm - Sanctuary - Afterglow refreshments provided by the ACYOA

## **Seeking Stewards Time and Talent Help**

Church office requests help with the following projects

- Social Media organization and publishing
- Storage rooms clean-up and re-organize
- Update church event manual
- Volunteers for small repair projects
- Organize tool/shop room

Contact Jim Stamboulian at Church Office