

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

July 19, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Second Sunday After Transfiguration

Guest Celebrant: Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian

Pastor: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

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

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

Lector: Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

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.

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Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Plate Collection

Today's collection for the church will be taken 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.



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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 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 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."

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Maya Hovhannisyan

Badrik Jooharigian

Andre' J. Gregory

Vladimir Avetisov

Charles Sansone

Debbie Dakhlian

Hrayr Mashigian

Jan Paloian

Edith Baise

Rose Baise

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian

Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan

Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian

Ron and Geraldine Ware

Lara Roche Sarmanian

Mary Helen Altounian

Shoghig Terjimanian

Valera Ayrapetyan

Charles Vanerian

Michael Vartoogian

Samvel Arakelyan

Yelena Zakaryan

Nancy Altounian

Marus Grigoryan

Nailya Sahakian

Chris Papazian

Rose Lucassian

Marge Aramian

Zaven Ovia

50th Anniversary Tea

Today, after the Divine Liturgy, **Father Garabed and Yeretzgin Roberta** invite you all to join them for fellowship in the Main Hall on the actual anniversary weekend of **Der Hayr's Ordination to the Holy Priesthood**. The community celebration of this remembrance already took place in May, but as this is the actual anniversary, **Der Hayr and Yeretzgin wanted to share the joy of this milestone with you today. He was ordained in 1976 at the Armenian Church of Our Saviour in Worcester by the then-Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, of blessed memory.**

A Word of Gratitude

Though weeks have passed since the “events” celebration of events (in my opinion) the euphoria still lingers in the air. I truly thank you and the Parish Council for our honoring my service with such due diligence. We never know if we will live to see such a celebration, but God has graced me with many years and good health allowing me to arrive at this solemn step in my priesthood.

Thank you and the Parish for such an honor. With brotherly love in Christ,

Der Garabed

Altar Flowers Donation

Today's beautiful altar flowers are donated by **Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian** in thanksgiving to God and in celebration of the actual anniversary of **Der Hayr's Ordination to the Holy Priesthood**.

May God continue to bless them as they celebrate this joyful milestone.



Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Armine Waterssian**, who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on July 13, 2026.
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.





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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

ALEX MANOOGIAN, 30th Year

Requested by Pastor and Parish Council

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIA

ARCHBISHOP TIRAN NERSOYAN

V. REV HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN

V. REV GHEVONT SAMOORIAN

V. REV MESROB SEMERJIAN

FATHER NERSESS JEBEJIAN

FATHER PAPKEN MAKSOUDIAN

FATHER KAREKIN KASPARIAN

FATHER HENRY DONOGHUE

FATHER HAROUTUNE DAGLEY

FATHER DIRAN PAPAIZIAN

FATHER VARTAN AVAKIAN

FATHER ARNAK KASPARIAN

GEORGE AND ALICE BASHIAN

MARGARET HAGOPIAN

MARY DONOGHUE

DIRAMAYR MARY KOCHAKIAN

DIRAHAYR ROOPEN KOCHAKIAN

CHARLES R KOCHAKIAN

EDWARD MALONE

EDDIE AND AGNES CARMAN

MARY MOORADIAN

SALLY ARAKELIAN

VERONICA YAGOOBIAN

ROBERT VAUGHN KOCHAKIAN

Requested by Father Garabed and Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

ELIZABETH VARTANIAN, 40th Day, Aunt and Great Aunt

Requested by Dn. Rubik Mailian and Dr. Joyce Yeghissian

Sevana and Areg

Arax Markarian

Mars Haghnazarian and Roobina Mailian, Garoone and Naera

Sako Ghazarian and Anahid Dilakian and Family



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

RICHARD (DIKRAN) KERAMEDJIAN, 7th Year, Father

Requested by Jeanette Keramedjian
Lisa Keramedjian Meer
Brian Meer
Janice Karamedjian
Matthew Larcinese
Jennifer Meer-Biglin
Kevin Biglin

GREGORY JAVIZIAN, 9th Year

Requested by Garry, Patti and Madelina Javizian

PHILIP KEILA, 12th Year, Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Lorrie Melkonian Keila
Angela and David Keila, Xander and Jack
Andrew Keila

PHILIP KEILA, 12th Year, Son-In-Law, Brother-In-Law, Nephew

Requested by Gloria Melkonian
Pattie Melkonian
David Melkonian
Mary Davidson

HOVHANES MAILIAN, 28th Year, Husband Father, Grandfather

Requested by Arax Markarian
Dn. Rubik Mailian and Dr. Joyce Yeghissian, Sevana and Areg
Mars Haghnazarian and Roobina Mailian, Garoone and Naera
Sako Ghazarian and Anahid Dilakian and Family

KRIKOR SHABANYAN

ANAHID SHABANYAN

ALEKSAN SHABANYAN

MAKROUHI SHABANYAN

YEGHIAZAR MESSIAYAN

VARTANOUSH MESSIAYAN

Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Megerian



St. John Armenian Church

— Celebrating the —

50th Anniversary

— of the Ordination of —

Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Join us for a joyous and prayerful celebration as Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian celebrates the Divine Liturgy in thanksgiving for the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

We warmly invite all parishioners, family, and friends to join us in honoring Fr. Garabed's fifty years of faithful service and dedication to the Armenian Church.

An Honorary Tea Reception hosted by Yeretzhin Roberta Kochakian will follow in the Main Hall.

Everyone is welcome!

Blessing of the Grapes

Sunday, August 16, 2026

The Armenian Church will observe one of its five major feast days,
the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God.

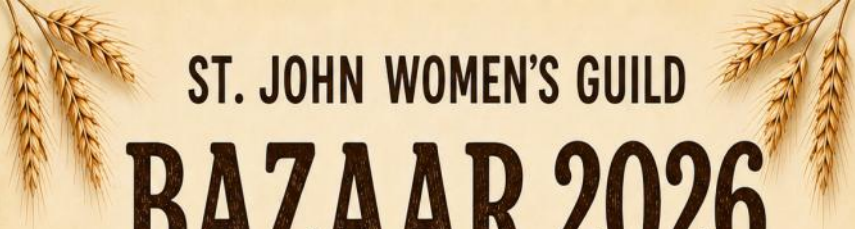
As is our cherished tradition, immediately following the Divine Liturgy,
the celebrant and altar servers will conduct the
Service of the Blessing of the Grapes.

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 wish to make
a donation in honor or memory of a loved one are invited to contact the
Church Office at (248) 569-3405 or by email at office@sjachurch.org
no later than Wednesday, August 12th.

Donations received by that date will be acknowledged in the
Sunday Bulletin on August 16th.





ST. JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD BAZAAR 2026



We are getting ready for Bazaar 2026,
and everyone is warmly invited to help
prepare our delicious foods!



- Tuesday, July 21 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Soo Boreg
- Tuesday, July 28 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Semit

All hands are good hands!

We look forward to seeing you there
as we work together to prepare
for another successful Bazaar.



COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

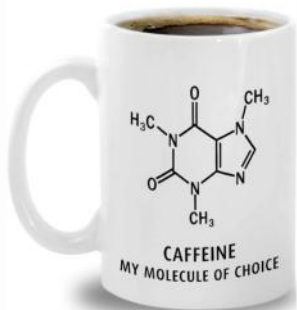
Join Us on Zoom!

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

Wednesday, July 22, at 11:00 am
(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!



**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, July 28, 2026

**Chicken Piccata w/Garlic & Olive Oil Pasta
or
Pasta Primavera with Shrimp**

**Lunches served with
Mezza: Homemade Tomato & Cheese Italian Dip
Salad, Green Beans Almondine, Bread.**

**Dessert
Lemon 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 / [djcris100@gmail.com](mailto:djcrist100@gmail.com)

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

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Tuesday Lunch Club



HYE CAMP

where faith, fun and fellowship meet
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register
online



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Pray



Play



and more

CIT/Staff Training: Wednesday, July 22 – Saturday, July 25
Camp Week: Saturday, July 25–Saturday, August 1

Online Registration

hyecamp.org

St. John's Community Dinner
Lamb Chop Dinner

Event Chairs: Michael and Linda Karibian
Veteran's Building | 6:00 pm
Friday, July 31, 2026

\$35: Adults

Salad, Lamb Chops and Dessert
Salmon option available by preorder

\$15: Kids

Chicken Strips and French Fries

Armenian Wines & Music

Bring Your Cards & Board Games

For reservations please call or text Dan Christiano
at (313) 938-4215
By Monday, July 27, 2026



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH DAY CAMP 2026

Monday – Thursday

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

Dismissal: 4:00pm

Session I:

Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25

Session II:

Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 9

Arts of Armenia

Separate application in conjunction with Komitas Choir

Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 17

HYE CAMP JULY 22nd -AUGUST 1st

www.diocesansummercamps.org

Session III:

Monday, August 3 – Thursday, August 6

Session IV:

Monday, August 10 – Thursday, August 13

Session V:

Monday, August 17 – Thursday, August 20

Session VI:

Monday, August 24-Thursday, August 27

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@sjchurch.org

(586) 808 2202



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Saturday, August 8, 1:00pm-3:00pm

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OR EBASE@UMICH.EDU

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— ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH —

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS



MENU:
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CHICKEN
KHOROVADZ
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FOOD SERVICE
UNTIL 2PM

— FEATURING: —



ARMENIAN WINES + BEER



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PARISH BOOKSTORE



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



CLASSIC CAR SHOW

CLASSIC CAR SHOW!



*A day of fellowship,
food, and community—
everyone is welcome!*



Church School Classroom Partners and Substitute Teachers Needed

Our Church School is seeking enthusiastic and caring individuals to serve in the following positions for the 2026–2027 school year:

Positions Available

- Classroom Partner for **5th Grade** to assist teacher Ms. Sophia Kazarian
- Classroom Partner for **High School** (Grades 9–12) to assist teacher Ms. Maggie Yessian
- Substitute Teachers for all grade levels



Desired Qualities

Applicants should:

- Have a genuine appreciation and respect for children and all they bring to the learning environment.
- Be available to arrive by **10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning September 13, 2026 through May 2027.**

Application Process

All interested applicants are welcome to apply.

Please submit a brief paragraph expressing your interest and send it to:

sjachurchschool@gmail.com

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

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"The Church with the Golden Dome"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

10 AM — 2 PM



Sanctuary and Museum Tour Traditional Armenian Buffet Luncheon

Sanctuary Tour Presentations by:

Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor

Reverend Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian,

✧ Master of Arts in Armenian Architecture and Art

✧ Armenian Iconographer

Deacon Rubik Mailian,

✧ Sacred Music Director and Pastoral Assistant

Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum Tour:

Harry Kezelian III, Museum Director

✧ Largest Armenian Museum in North America

\$35 per person

Please register by September 8. 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!

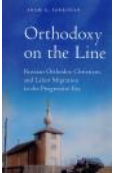
Featured Items



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



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



**Children's Book
Rose by the Sea**
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Mooradian,
HC \$20.00



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

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Candles



White Orchid Cocktail
Napkin Holder



Noah's Ark
Nut Dish



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Pregomesh Jewelry

Vanq Collection Silver Jewelry Celebrates Artsakh's Rich Heritage



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ARMENIAN CHURCH

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General Parish Information

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

Parish Secretary: Gayane Hovhannisyan | (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/

“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/



July 19 - Morning Service 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
July 21 - Bazaar Baking, Soo Boreg - 9:00am
July 21- Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
July 22 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 11am via Zoom
July 25 - August 1 - Save the Date - Hye Camp
July 28 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
July 28 - Bazaar Baking, Semit - 9:00am
July 31 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Chop Dinner, 6:00pm - Veterans Hall
August 3 - 6 - Day Camp, Session III
August 8 - Volunteer Day, World Medical Relief
August 16 - Church Annual Picnic, Following Divine Liturgy
September 23 - "Church with the Golden Dome" - Sanctuary and Museum Tours
Save the Date - October 2-3 - St. John Bazaar

Stewards Time and Talent Appreciation

Our parish is blessed with many volunteers who work tirelessly within the various Church organizations and we thank you all!

We also want to note special thanks to these individuals for sharing their time and talent at the July 11 SJAC Campus Outdoor Clean-up:

Fr. Aren Jebejian, Dawn Aginian, Diane Aginian, Alex Akyuz, Diane Alexanian, Hagop Alexian, Paul Andonian, Roseann Manoogian Attar, Marilyn Boladian, Melanie Boskovich, Dn. George Boyagian, Sergi Boyakjon, Tony Daguanno, Steve Derderian, Peter Egigian, Gary Gozmanian, Sara Gozmanian, Mushegh Hayrapetyan, Tony Janigian, Kyle Johnson, Gerry Kmita, Dickran Kurjian, CJ Lang, Mark Mamassian, Lena Montgomery, Linda Jevahirian, Bob Simonian, Jim Stambouljian, Kazar Terterian, Anna Tokmajyan, Michael Toomajian.

