

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 12, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

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

Wisdom 7:25-8:4. Zechariah 14:16-21. 1 John 1:1-7. Matthew 16:13-17:13

Lector: Joy (Yerchanig) Callan

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*. 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)

Transfiguration of our Lord

My soul shall magnify the Lord; And my spirit shall rejoice in God my Saviour.

Rejoice, Mother-of-God, crown of Virgins!

Today Your son showed the glory of the Father;

Entrust our souls to Him. Moses and Elijah serve Him;

In His name Tabor and Hermon rejoice; Entrust our souls to Him.

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

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

Isaiah saw you in the form of a light cloud;

The Father from the cloud proclaimed your Son His own;

Entrust our souls to Him.

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

Gift to the Church

Bobby and Roseann Attar, Rosemary Kezelian, and Dr. Harry and Patty Kezelian and Family have made a gift to the Church in celebration of the **Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord.**

Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Denise Chiroyan** who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at

St. John Armenian Church on July 7, 2026.

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-17:13

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets," He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead." And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" He replied, "Elijah does come, and he is to restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

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July 13-17, 2026

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

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Registration Deadline: Friday, July 3, 2026

Limited Enrollment



For more information please contact:

Lisa Mardigian

lmardigian@sjachurch.org

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

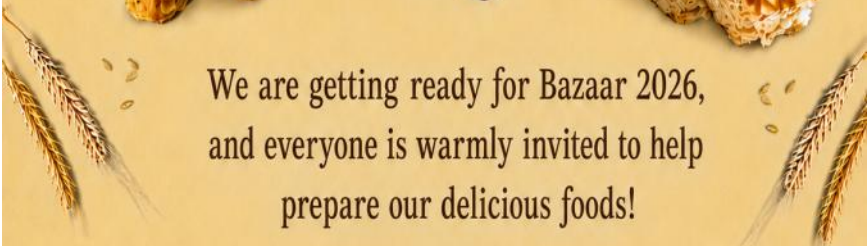


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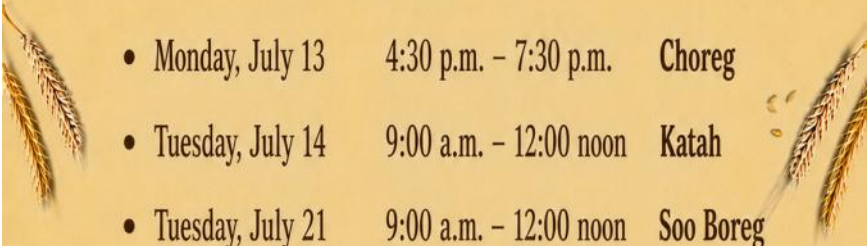


ST. JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD BAZAAR 2026



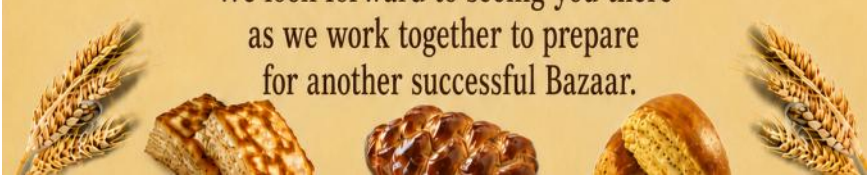
We are getting ready for Bazaar 2026,
and everyone is warmly invited to help
prepare our delicious foods!



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- Monday, July 13 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Choreg
 - Tuesday, July 14 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Katah
 - Tuesday, July 21 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Soo Boreg

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!

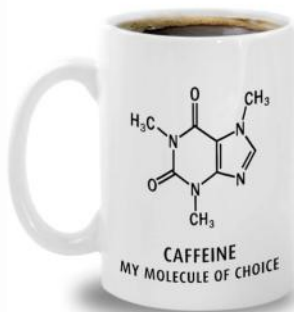
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

Tuesday, July 14, at 2:30 pm

(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. John's Armenian Church

Mid-Year Town Hall

Thursday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Via ZOOM - Click QR Code



Agenda

Opening Prayer (Fr. Aren Jebejian)

Welcome & Purpose (Peter Egigian)

Andiamo Introductions and Q&A

Meeting the Team

- **Parish Administrator Consultant - Dena Hodgson**
- **Property & Maintenance Manager - Gerry Kmita**

Major Projects (Gerry Kmita)

- **Accomplishments**
- **Upcoming Priorities & Projects**

Thank You!

Veterans Building Fundraiser

(Peter Egigian & Fr. Aren Jebejian)

Comments & Questions (Open to All)

Closing Comments & Closing Prayer

(Peter Egigian & Fr. Aren Jebejian)

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**FRIDAY,
JULY 17TH**



6:00 PM



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Tuesday Lunch Club

A St. John Armenian Church Serving Ministry

In The Armenian American Veteran's Building

Serving at 12 noon

Today's Lunch Prepared by

Proprietor and Chef Hasmik Movsesyan



Tuesday, July 21st

Lightly Breaded, Baked Chicken Breast

or

Shish Kafta Plate

2 skewers of seasoned beef shish kafta

Lunches served with

Tossed Green Salad, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, & Pita

Dessert

Nazuk

\$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 11am 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!



St. John Women's Guild Summer Outing

MEADOW BROOK HALL TOUR & LUNCHEON

Join us for a guided house tour of this National Historic Landmark, one of the finest examples of Tudor-revival architecture in the country. We'll explore majestic rooms filled with art, antiques, original family furnishings, detailed craftsmanship, and learn stories that bring the estate to life.

Friday, July 24, 2026

9:45am If carpooling (see below), meet at Nino Salvaggio's parking lot,

6592 Telegraph Rd, Bloomfield Twp, MI 48301. Park near Telegraph Rd.

10:00am Leave for Meadow Brook Hall, 350 Estate Dr, Rochester, MI 48309

10:45am Park in self parking lot #61. Meet inside the Great Hall

11:00am Tour Begins

12:30pm Luncheon in the Christopher Wren Dining Room where we'll enjoy the Sunset

Caesar: romaine hearts with brioche croutons, hard cooked egg, petite heirloom tomato medley, sweet onion julienne, shaved parmesan, sliced herb-marinated char-grilled chicken breast & creamy cracked pepper Caesar dressing.

RSVP by JULY 7th Include the slip below with your check & luncheon choice

The cost of the tour & luncheon is \$52, payable to St. John Women's Guild

Mail to Marianne Dardarian, 5879 Shillingham Drive, W. Bloomfield, MI 48322

Call or Text Marianne at (248) 802-6917

CUT HERE ----- CUT HERE ----- CUT HERE

NAME ----- PHONE -----

EMAIL ----- Guest Request -----

We will know after July 7th if we can accommodate guests

____ I need a ride. ____ I'm interested in driving and can accommodate _____ people.

____ I plan on driving directly (please list the others driving with you on the back of this slip).



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Camp Week: Saturday, July 25–Saturday, August 1

Online Registration

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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

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at (313) 938-4215
By Monday, July 27, 2026



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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

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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!

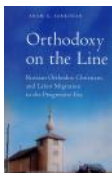
Featured Items



Armenia: The Lone Stone
A Traveler's Guide From Ancient
Stones to Modern Wonders,
by David Karamian (HC \$25)



NEW, Armenia-The Lone Stone
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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 12 - Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord (Vartavar)

July 12 - ACYOA Pool Party

July 13 - July 17 - Arts of Armenia

July 13 - Bazaar Baking, Choreg - 4:30pm

July 14 - Bazaar Baking, Katah - 9:00am

July 14 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall

July 14 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 2:30pm via Zoom

July 16 - Save the Date, Parish Town Hall Meeting - 7:00pm via Zoom

July 17 - Hye Camp Bus Fundraiser - Seafood Boil

6:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall

July 21 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm—Armenian American Veterans Hall

July 24 - St John Women's Guild Summer Outing

July 25 - August 1 - Save the Date - Hye Camp

July 31 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Chop Dinner, 6:00pm - Veterans Hall

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:

- Linda Jevahirian and Karen Dakhlian for their temporary coverage of the Secretary's office while Gayane was on vacation.
- Dikran Callan for preparing Audio/Video Equipment Guides for users in the Cultural Building and Recreation Center facilities.

