

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

April 26, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Red Sunday

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian
Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.
Sacred Lections: Acts 13:16-43, I Peter 5:1-14, John 5:19-30
Lector: Mark Mamassian

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.

Easter Greeting

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!

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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)

Midday Hymn for New Sunday - Octave of Easter

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem.

Christ is risen from the dead, Alleluia!

Come, you peoples, sing to the Lord, Alleluia!

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

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

To Him who is risen from the dead, Alleluia!

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.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian

Imprisoned Bishops and

Samvel Arakelyan

Andre' J. Gregory

Clergymen in Armenia

Yelena Zakaryan

Vladimir Avetisov

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian

Nancy Altounian

Charles Sansone

Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan

Marus Grigoryan

Hrayr Mashigian

Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian

Nailya Sahakian

Nick Fernandez

Lara Roche Sarmanian

Chris Papazian

Jan Paloian

Mary Helen Altounian

Rose Lucassian

Edith Baise

Shoghig Terjimanian

Marge Aramian

Rose Baise

Valera Ayrapetyan

Zaven Ovian

Charles Vanerian

Memorial Tea

Today's Fellowship Tea is hosted in loving memory of **Barbara Norsigian** by her

Family: Deacon Richard Norsigian, Jordan and Kathryn Norsigian and Family,

Shant and Victoria Norsigian and Family.

Everyone is welcome to attend after Divine Liturgy.

Today's Gospel Reading

John 5:19-30

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever he does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all that he himself is doing; and greater works than these will he show him, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. "Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, and has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

"I can do nothing on my own authority; as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me."

Job Openings

The church office will be transitioning the current Parish Administrator job into two new positions. The available job openings for qualified candidates are posted on **ZipRecruiter**.

Parish Administrator - Full time

Property and Maintenance Manager - Part time

Qualified parishioners are welcome to apply for those openings or call Jim Stamboulian at the church office.

Men's Society Outreach

Continuing their partnership with Motor City Mitten Mission, the Men's Society of St. John Armenian Church prepared hot lunches twice in April for the homeless of Metro Detroit. The Men's Society would like to thank:

Roslyn Basherian, and Karen Mangune,

for their donations to help underwrite the cost of the lunches.

We are in need of volunteers to help us prepare meals twice a month in the main kitchen. If you are available and would like to help, please contact **Harry Dulger at 313-333-6915**.



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

**THE EVEREG-FENESSE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY REQUESTS
HOKEHANKIST TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THEIR DEARLY
DEPARTED MEMBERS:**

**MARY ANDONIAN
MARY KEMS
DICKRAN DICK KRALIAN
ARTHUR MEKJIAN
NINA SARKISIAN**

**OHANNES MIHALIAN, 3rd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle,
Brother-In-Law, Cousin**

Requested by Irma Mihalian
Yaniv and Ankine M. Adler, Daniel and Maya
Raffi and Jovann Mihalian, Gisele and Gabriella
Deacon Onnig and Luiz Boyajian, and Garo Boyajian
Levon Tabakciyan and Family

**ZABEL ARAKELIAN, 10th Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother,
Great-Grandmother**

Requested by George Arakelian
Knar and Michael Cirrito

MARY JINGOZIAN DEMIRJIAN, 20th Year, Loving Wife

Requested by Jerier Demirjian

MARY BAHADURIAN, 36th Year, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Friend

Requested by Dr. Joyce Yeghissian and Dn. Rubik Mailian
Sevana and Areg
Anahid Dilakian and Sarkis Ghazarian, Sevag, Hiyk and Aren

**HARRY B DARDARIAN, 47th Year, Loving Father, Grandfather, Great
Grandfather and Khaname**

**EDWARD B KORKOIAN, 27th Year, Loving Father, Grandfather, Great
Grandfather and Khaname**

Requested by Edward and Yvonne Korkoian and Family
Gloria Korkoian
George and Karen Nigoghosian and Family
David and Mariann Dardarian and Family
Michael and Diana Dardarian and Family
Alice and Sandi Nigoghosian



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

BARBARA NORSIGAN, 10th Year, Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister-in-law, Aunt, Cousin, Khunamee, and Friend

Requested by Deacon Richard Norsigian
Jordan, Kathryn, Mila, Margot, and Jordy Norsigian
Shant, Victoria, Noah, and Michael Norsigian
Zabelle Vartanian
John, Kenarr, Alexandra and Francesca Chiodo
James and Tamara Cluck
Nicole and Aram Vartanian
Garen, Angie, Zachary and Nicholas Vartanian
Debbie Morgan and Family
Sam and Leslie Mona
Kenneth Klimczak and Family
Garry and Patti Javizian and Madelina
Howard and Cathy Atesian
Edward and Yvonne Korkoian and Family
Alice Derderian
Ann Marie Egigian
Serena Egigian
Peter and Dianne Egigian
Dr. Gary and Mariann Zamanigian

Veterans Building Renovation Fundraising

Our goal is to renovate our dedicated space to honor those who served and to expand our community outreach.

Renovation Goal \$ 500,000

Current Donations \$ 283,821

Funding Needed \$ 216,179

As of April 24, 2026.

Help us reach our goal!

Donate today by scanning the QR code.



Excludes Apostolic Society's funding \$470,647 for Foundation, Roof, and Window repairs/replacements since 2021 and Marie Vanerian's \$50,000 donation to the 2025 Detroit ACYOA Sports Weekend of which ~\$38,500 used for Gym refreshing.



CAMP SUNDAY

April 26, 2026

Hye Camp provides a physically, emotionally and spiritually healthy environment in which young Armenian-American Christians can grow and flourish as they learn about and develop a deeper understanding of their Armenian faith and culture.

HYE CAMP COSTS

Early Bird discount by May 1st: \$800/camper. \$775/2nd camper.

Scholarships provided those campers who meet the criteria

**Please visit the Hye Camp table in the cultural hall for
camp information and registration!**

Thank you for your contribution to help send our youth to camp!

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

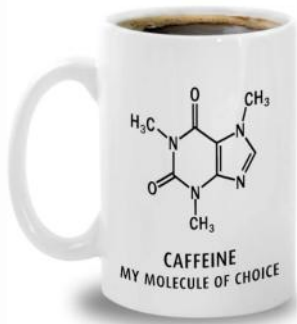
Join Us on Zoom!

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

Monday, April 27, 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. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN

SPECIAL GUEST:

VERY REV. FR. ZAKARIA BAGHOUMYAN



MAY 4, 2026

TWICE A MONTH,
IN-PERSON
MONDAYS FROM 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Tuesday Lunch Club

A St. John Armenian Church Serving Ministry

In The Armenian American Veteran's Building

Serving at 12 noon

Lavash Grill

Today's Lunch Prepared by



Proprietor and Chef Hasmik Movsesyan

Tuesday May 5th

Grilled Chicken Luleh Kebab

or

Italian Style Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

Today's Lunches served with

Salad, Bread, spaghetti, green beans, pita

Dessert

Baklava

\$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 / dicrist100@gmail.com**

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

St. John's Community Dinner

BBQ BUFFET

Fri, May 8th, 2026 | 6PM Rec Center

Chicken | Pulled Pork | Salmon

served with
Pilaf | Mac & Cheese | Green Beans

Armeinian Wine 

 Raffle

Game Room 


Music by
Erevan Ensemble
& Friends

Flyer by:
Alex Koceyan

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH, MUSIC GUILD, &
TEKEYAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION DETROIT CHAPTER
PRESENT



PERFORMING
WORKS BY
GAZAROSSIAN
KOMITAS
SARYAN
SUNI
TOUMAJAN

VEM
ENSEMBLE
2026 TOUR
SATURDAY MAY 9
7:00PM



ST. JOHN
ARMENIAN
CHURCH
CULTURAL HALL

PROF. MOVSES POGOSSIAN, VIOLIN
ALLY CHO, VIOLIN
DAMON ZAVALA, VIOLA
NIALL TARÖ FERGUSON, CELLO

COMPLIMENTARY
LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:
DIANA ALEXANIAN: 248-505-6159 | MADISEN LUNDQUIST: 503-758-8805



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ARMENIAN RESEARCH CENTER



St. John Armenian Church
Music Guild



KOMITAS AND ARMENIAN MUSIC

Interactive Workshop

TUESDAY | MAY 19 | 2026 | 7:00 PM

ST. VARTAN ROOM

22001 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075

This interactive workshop, led by Dr. Tatevik Shakhkulyan, invites participants to experience Armenian music through the work of Komitas the famous priest, ethnomusicologist, and composer, widely regarded as the founder of the Armenian national school of music. Open to everyone—no prior musical training required—it offers a shared space for listening, singing, and discovery. The workshop focuses on process rather than performance, offering a hands-on introduction to Armenian musical traditions.



Dr. Tatevik Shakhkulyan is an ethnomusicologist specializing in Armenian musical traditions, with a focus on the legacy of Komitas. She is a Senior Researcher at the Institute of Arts of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia and teaches at the Yerevan State Conservatory. She also develops educational programs at the KAYT Cultural-Educational Hub and is the author of both scholarly and accessible works.

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- gottenbr@umich.edu
- www.umdearborn.edu/arc



Light refreshments will be served

ADMISSION IS FREE

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

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Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian

ON THE OCCASION OF THE

50th Anniversary

OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD

PRESIDED OVER BY
HIS GRACE, BISHOP MESROP PARSAMYAN, PRIMATE

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026 • 6:00 IN THE EVENING
\$75 PER PERSON • NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR

St. John Armenian Church
SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN

PLEASE USE THIS QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS
AND TO MAKE A DONATION BY FRIDAY, MAY 15.



FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENT OR TICKETS:

FrGarabed50@gmail.com

Jacqueline Melkonian ElChemmas: 248.762.1312

PRIMATE'S PASTORAL VISIT

Over the weekend of May 28 - June 1, His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan will be visiting the St. John Armenian Church Community.

save the date

May 28 - June 1

This special weekend will include:

- Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 31
- Celebration of Fr. Garabed Kochakian's 50th Anniversary to the Sacred Priesthood with a banquet on Friday, May 29
- Acolyte and Sub-Deacon Ordinations
- Meetings with parish leadership

We look forward to welcoming His Grace that weekend.

Details to follow...

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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ARTS OF
ARMENIA

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, JULY 13 - FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

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

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

OR [EBAISE@UMICH.EDU](mailto:ebaize@umich.edu)

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075

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





HYE CAMP

where faith, fun and fellowship meet
INGLESIDE, ILLINOIS



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online



learn



Pray



Play



and more

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

Online Registration

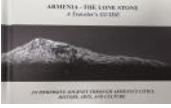
hyecamp.org

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!

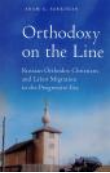
Featured Items



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
By Rebecca
Mooradian,



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

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

Candles



White Orchid Cocktail
Napkin Holder



Noah's Ark
Nut Dish



New Jewelry from Armenia

Pregomesh Jewelry

Vanq Collection Silver Jewelry Celebrates Artsakh's Rich Heritage



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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/



- April 26 - Morning Service - 9:00am, Divine Liturgy - 9:45am
April 27 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 12:00pm, Via Zoom
April 28 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
May 4 - Bible Study, 7:00pm - Conference Room
May 5 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
May 8 - St. John Community Dinner - Barbecue Dinner,
6:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
May 9 - Acolyte Training - 10:00am - 12:00pm
May 9 - Tekeyan Cultural Association - Vem Ensemble, 7:00pm - St John Mail Hall
May 19 - Music Guild - Komitas and Armenian Music, 7:00pm - St. Vartan Room
May 28 - June 1 - Save the Date - Primate's Pastoral Visit
May 29 - Fr. Garabed's 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet, 6:00pm - Main Hall
June 13 - SJAC Volunteer Day at World Medical Relief
9:00am - 11:30am - 21725 Melrose Ave., Southfield, MI 48075
June 26 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Shank Dinner,
6:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
July 13 - July 17 - Save the Date - Arts of Armenia
July 31 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Chop Dinner, 6:00pm - Veterans Hall
July 25 - August 1 - Save the Date - Hye Camp

Altar Easter Lilies

The beautiful Easter lilies that have been adorning our sanctuary will soon be coming down from the altar.

On Sunday, May 3, these flowers will be available for anyone who would like to take one home and replant it in a garden of their choosing.

Please note that lilies will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and reservations will not be taken.

You are welcome to pick one up following the church service on Sunday, May 3, at either the lobby entrance or the office entrance. Steve or Lisa Derderian will be there to assist you.

Seeking Stewards Time and Talent Help

Social Media / Communications

Need volunteers or recommendations for part-time help.

Need to outreach beyond email blasts with more video clips.

Create Church Operations and Events Manual

Need 2-3 people to document the what, how & when regularly scheduled events are planned to create an operations manual.

Please contact Jim Stambouljian at Church Office.