

# 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

**August 24, 2025**  
**Armenian Church Year 1475**

## Second Sunday After the Assumption

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

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

Proverbs 11:30-12:4, Zechariah 2:10-13, II Corinthians 6:16-7:1, Luke 1:39-56

Lector: 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* 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)

#### Second Sunday After the Assumption

My soul shall magnify the Lord; And my spirit shall rejoice in God my Saviour.  
Mother-of-God, radiant cloud!

You poured out on the reasonable earth the dew of life  
And extinguished the fire of debts of our first-mother;  
We bless you with voice unceasing, And magnify you in spiritual song.  
Place of the uncontainable Word,  
Earth limited on all sides where the Light settles,  
And sunrise of the Sun of Righteousness; We bless you with voice unceasing,  
And magnify you in spiritual song.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
Now and for ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.  
The fiery spirits translated into the all-radiant tabernacle  
You who became the fulfillment of the prophets  
By your virginal birth-giving  
By which the laws of nature were overcome;  
We bless you with voice unceasing,  
And magnify you in spiritual song

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### Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And His mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

## Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

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Badrik Jooharigian	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Samvel Arakelyan
Nadia Ayrapetyan	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Nancy Altounian
Azniv-Ann Kzirian	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian	Marus Grigoryan
Vladimir Avetisov	Mary Helen Altounian	Nailya Sahakian
Joann Mashigian	Wayne Owen Engelki	Rose Lucassian
Charles Sansone	Shoghig Terjimanian	Marge Aramian
Hrayr Mashigian	Valera Ayrapetyan	Zaven Ovian
Nick Fernandez	Jeffrey Perna	Jan Paloian
Sonia Kalfayan		Rose Baise

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### Donations Needed for Men's Society Outreach

As part of its ongoing partnership with Motor City Mitten Mission, the Men's Society of St. John Armenian Church is continuing to prepare hot lunches for the homeless of Metro Detroit twice a month.

To sustain this important ministry, the Men's Society is seeking donations for meal preparations in **September, October, and November**.

Please contact the church office or use the below QR code to donate directly through the church website.

A donation of \$300 sponsors a meal for 100 individuals.

Donations in any amount will be acknowledged in a future Sunday bulletin.

We are always in need of volunteers to help prepare meals in the main kitchen.

Please contact Harry Dulger at 313-333-6915.

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### Dear Families with Children interested in attending Church School on Sundays

Our St. John Church School team is preparing for fall enrollment, and Sunday school classes. We are hoping you will enroll your children and allow us to join with you in providing Christian education services during the school year. We meet on Sundays from 10:15 AM to 12 noon. Our first day is September 7, 2025. During class-time students receive lessons that are age, and developmentally appropriate for their grade. We utilize the diocese curriculum which can be found at

<https://vemkar.us/children-and-family-ministry/>

Once again this year, there is no cost to attend. We simply ask that you register using the attached link, and bring your child(ren) to church!

**The attached link is for NEW children only! Returning families will receive a pre-filled registration form to update in their email.** Any questions, please reach out to the church office and someone will return your call.

**New family/children registration form to complete and submit below:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfF3KgYCRmiD2rkjX1ciFB54Dtar3ksmggfoH83v8pPeXh50g/viewform?usp=header>



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

**Mrs. ESTHER JERNIKIAN KULHANJIAN, 2nd Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother**

Requested by Paul Kulhanjian

Julie (Kulhanjian) and Roger Strauch

Laura (Kulhanjian) and Bill Conrow

Paul, Nairi, Alex, Catherine and Lauren

**ZOROB KABODIAN, 20th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather**

**MARDIROS GODOSHIAN, 39th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather**

**KAGAZIG GODOSHIAN, 38th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

**SEMA DAKESIAN, 19th Year, Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt**

**HARRY DAKESIAN, 12th Year, Brother-In-Law, Uncle, Great-Uncle**

**SIROUHI KEMSUZIAN, 22nd Year, Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt**

**MICHAEL GODOSHIAN, 30th Year, Brother, Uncle, Great-Uncle**

**GIRAGOS KABODIAN, 50th Year, Father-In-Law, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather**

**ANNIG KABODIAN, 34th Year, Mother-In-Law, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

**HROG KABODIAN, 25th Year, Brother-In-Law, Uncle, Great-Uncle**

**ANNE KABODIAN, 9th Year, Sister-In-Law, Aunt, Great-Aunt**

**JANICE KABODIAN, 14th Year, Niece, Cousin**

**PARAMAZ KABODIAN, 92nd Year, Brother-In-Law, Uncle, Great-Uncle**

**RAFFI KABODIAN, 92nd Year, Brother-In-Law, Uncle, Great-Uncle**

**ARTHUR MARKARIAN, 5½ Year, Husband, Father, Son, Son-In-Law, Brother, Brother-In-Law, Uncle**

**HAZEL KABODIAN, 1½ Month, Sister-In-Law**

Requested by Sally Kabodian

Aram and Linda Kabodian, Aaron Kabodian,

Rachel Kabodian and Robbie Ross

Armen, Belinda, and Ariana Kabodian, Margaux and James Patterson, Brian

Tamara and Arthur, Taleen and Kevin, Lucine, and Zaven Markarian

Ara and Molle Kabodian and Ryan, Madison and Jett, Ella, Navy, Duke, Millie,

Michael, Andrew, Matthew

Judy Kabodian

Alice Asadoorian

Adam Asadoorian

Judge Lisa L. Asadoorian and Garo

**ZOROB KABODIAN, 20th Year, Khnamee**

Requested by Susan Ameriguian

**VICTORIA SHOULIGIAN, 24th Year, Mother**

Requested by Charles Shouligian



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

**ROSE YEGHISSIAN, 21th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Khnamee, Friend**

**YERVANT BAHADURIAN, 66th Year, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Khnamee, Friend**

**GEORGE BAHADURIAN, 58th Year, Uncle, Great-Uncle, Khnamee, Friend**

Requested by Dr. Joyce Yeghissian and Dn. Rubik Mailian, Sevana and Areg

Anahid Dilakian and Sarkis Ghazarian, Sevag, Hiyk and Aren

Arax Markarian

Mars and Roobina Haghnazarian, Garooneh and Naira

Lucy Ardash

**AGHAVNI NIGOGHOSIAN, 22nd Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

**SIRABION NIGOGHOSIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather**

**OHANNES AND PARENTSEM HANUM VARTANIAN, Grandparents, Great-Grandparents**

**STEPPAN AND SANTOUDKH NIGOGHOSIAN, Grandparents, Great-Grandparents**

**ISQOUHI AND HAIGAS KOPOIAN, Aunt and Uncle**

**ARMENOUHI AND MISSAK MANOUKIAN, Aunt and Uncle**

**MARDIG AND JEAN VARTANIAN, Uncle and Aunt**

**ARSEN VARTANIAN, Uncle**

**SARKIS AND ISABELLE VARTANIAN, Uncle and Aunt**

**JOHN AND JIMMY KOPOIAN, Cousins**

**MIKE MANOUKIAN, Cousin**

Requested by Alice and Sandra Nigoghosian

George and Karen Nigoghosian

Marc and George Nigoghosian

Greg and Laura Nigoghosian and Family

Taleen and C.J. Baldwin IV and Family

Edward and Yvonne Korkoian and Family

Gloria Korkoian

David and Marianne Dardarian and Family

Michael and Diana Dardarian and Family

### **Fallen Asleep in the Lord**

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Craig Tarpinian**, who

entered his eternal rest last week. A private funeral was

held at St. John Armenian Church .

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

# Parish Organization News and Events

PRESENTED BY:

INTERNATIONAL ARTS FUND & ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT

## ArmFolk Group from Armenia

FREE WILL  
DONATIONS

AN EVENING OF ARMENIAN MUSIC, DANCE & HERITAGE  
LIVE CULTURAL PERFORMANCE IN DETROIT, MI



Date & Time

**August 28, 2025**

Thursday, 7:00 PM

DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Location

**St. John's Armenian  
Church of Greater  
Detroit**

22001 Northwestern Hwy

Southfield, MI 48075



SCAN TO DONATE

IAF International Cultural Exchange  
Aug 14 - Sep 15, 2025 | East Coast Tour  
DC, PA, NJ, NY, CT, MA, OH, MI, IL, MO,  
TN, GA, NC, VA, MD

Featuring Armenian folk dancers, singers,  
musicians (duduk, qanun, dhol) from  
Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin – Hrach  
and Suzanne Toufayan Youth Center.

Afterglow immediately following the concert



**International  
Arts Fund**



[rubik@sjachurch.org](mailto:rubik@sjachurch.org)



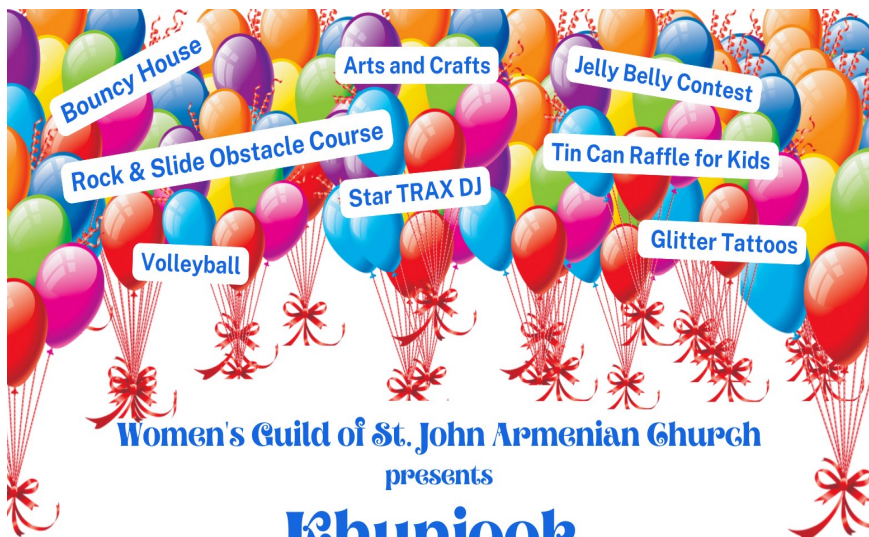
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**The Art of Armenian Letters**  
**Painting Our Identity**

**Hye Doon Invites All Young Adults**  
**Late Twenties Through Forties to Attend**  
**Saturday, September 6 from 9:30AM to 2:00PM, Saint Vartan Room**  
**Father Garabed Kochakian will lead an interactive workshop showcasing the**  
**history, significance, and creation of Armenian Illuminated Manuscripts**

**\$35 Per Person Includes All Supplies and Brunch**  
**Must RSVP to [detroithyedoan@gmail.com](mailto:detroithyedoan@gmail.com)**



**Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church**  
presents

**Khunjook**

# **Family Fun Day**

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

**St. John Armenian Church**  
**after church services on the lawn**

**Burgers & Hot Dogs**

**Veggies, Fruit, Cotton Candy & Ice Cream Cart**

***Free Will Donation***

**Every registered Sunday School Student will receive  
a free ticket for the Kids Tin Can Raffle!!!**

**In case of rain the Khunjook will be held in the Rec Center**

**Would you like to support our event?  
Point your camera at the QR Code to learn how.**







COME AND JOIN OUR

# TOURSHEE PARTY

Come and help us make the Tourshee  
that will be sold at the Bazaar

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

**5pm until done**

**Casual dinner provided**

**Main kitchen - St. John Armenian Church**

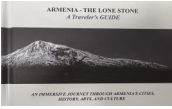
**Contact Ara Hachigian for more info  
248-981-3093 or [aramichael@mac.com](mailto:aramichael@mac.com)**

## 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!*

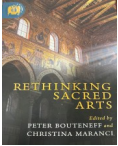
### Featured Items



**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



**Rethinking Sacred Arts**,  
edited by Peter Bouteneff,  
Christina Maranci, and  
One Chapter is written by  
Fr. Garabed Kochakian  
(SC \$40)



**New - Khigar Nabasdaguh**,  
by Michael Pifer (HC \$17)  
Western Armenian children's book  
about a little rabbit who learns

*These and many other Michael Aram pieces now available!*

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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# General Parish Information

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

**Parish Secretary:** Gayane Hovhanissyan | (248) 569-3405 | [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org)

**In an after-hours emergency, please contact:**

Fr. Aren - Cell: (773) 457-4122 | [fraren@sjachurch.org](mailto:fraren@sjachurch.org)

Administrative Consultant - Cell: (248) 917-6645 | [admin@sjachurch.org](mailto:admin@sjachurch.org)

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**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, contact the church secretary. We encourage parents to baptize their children between the ages of 40 days and 3 months.

**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.

Please be aware that more detailed information on these sacraments and online versions of the required forms are on our website under "Liturgical Services."

**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.

**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 by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

# 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/)



## Friday Nights - Pickleball

5:00pm - 9:00pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

## August 25-28 - Day Camp

9:00am-4:00pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

## August 28 - ArmFolk Group from Armenia

7:00pm - St John Cultural Hall

## September 6 - Hye Doon - The Arts of Armenian Letters

9:30am - 2:00pm - St. Vartan Room

## September 7 - Khunjook and Family Fun Day

## September 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Khachveratz)

## September 17 - Tourshee Party

5:00pm - St. John Main Kitchen

## September 25 - Sanctuary and Museum Tour

10:00am - 2:00pm

## October 17 - Men's Society Euchre Night - Save the Date

## Bazaar 2025 Is Almost Here!

### October 3 and 4, 2025

You're Invited to Join Us!

Help our community prepare delicious Armenian baked goods for our

**Annual Bazaar!** No experience is necessary - everyone is welcome!

Wear comfortable shoes and come ready to enjoy great company and even better camaraderie.

**All hands are good hands**, and we truly look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Yerchanig Callan, 248-533-6320 or [yerchanigc@gmail.com](mailto:yerchanigc@gmail.com)

### Baking Dates:

Monday, August 25, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg - with Dawn and Sara

Tuesday August 26, 9:00am until noon - Semit and Nazoog

Monday, September 15, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg - with Dawn and Sara

## Basil

Please call the church office at (248) 569-3405 if you are able to drop off basil from your garden for sacred blessing for the

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Khachveratz),**

Sunday, September 14th.

