

# 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

**November 16, 2025**

**Armenian Church Year 1475**

### PAREGENTAN OF THE FAST OF ADVENT

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

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

Isaiah 25:9-26:7, Philippians 1:1-11, Luke 9:44-50

Fr. Aren will deliver the Children's Sermon

Lector: Yeretzgin Shake Ohanesian

### 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.





# 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 3

To the King of the ages, Became flesh from the Virgin

Let us sing a hymn of praise; He has made firm the world in unshakeable faith

Glory to Him now and forever.

God the Word of His own will, endured death on the cross

And shed His holy blood for the salvation of the universe.

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

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

He arose from the newly hewn tomb as God. And in brilliance adorned His Holy Church

To the glory and praise of His name Glory to Him now and forever.

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## Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 9:44-50

“Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men.” But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, that they should not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask him about this saying. And an argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. But when Jesus perceived the thought of their hearts, he took a child and put him by his side, and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me; for he who is least among you all is the one who is great.” John answered, “Master, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he does not follow with us.” But Jesus said to him, “Do not forbid him; for he that is not against you is for you.”

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## Memorial Tea

Today's Fellowship Tea is hosted in loving memory of **Marine Hana Seferian's** on the occasion 40th day, by her Family: Shant Seferian, Lena, Christos, Sofia, Calista. Everyone is welcome to attend following the Divine Liturgy.

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## Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

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

## **St. John Women's Guild Holiday Baking Schedule**

**You're Invited to Join Us!**

Help our community prepare delicious Armenian baked goods for the holidays!

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**

**Baking Date:**

Friday, November 21, Katah with Terry - 9 am until noon

### **Holiday Bake sale**

**Advanced Pre-Orders Only**

**Soo Boreg**, Full and Half Trays

**Katah**, Whole Loaves or Quartered

**Choreg Loaves** (no small choreg)

Place your pre-paid orders for limited supplies

**Call or text Y Joy Callan 248-533-6320**

Pick up day - Sunday, November 23rd

Following the conclusion of Divine Liturgy

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## **Organist Position Available**

St. John Armenian Church is seeking an organist/Pianist to accompany the choir during Sunday Divine Liturgies, rehearsals as well as weddings and funerals.

Compensation is provided per service.

Interested candidates are invited to contact Deacon Rubik Mailian,

[rubik@sjachurch.org](mailto:rubik@sjachurch.org) or (248) 569-3405 Ext. 206 for more information.

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## **Parish Town Hall Zoom Meeting Postponed**

Please note that the Parish Town Hall Zoom meeting, originally scheduled for November 24 has been postponed. **A new meeting date is December 10.**

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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 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.





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

**DIRAHAYR ROOPEN KOCHAKIAN, 31st Year**

Requested by Father Garabed and Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

**ROGER JEAN GREGORY, 40th Day, Dearest Husband, Father,  
Grandfather, Great Grandfather**

Requested by Ardemis Gregory

Roger, Kathy, Nicholas Gregory

Andre, Jennifer, Jenna, Madison Gregory

Victor, Sharon, Ismail, Zakaa, Rami, Daniel, Maya Gregory

Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian

Kazar and Marina Terterian

Alice and Sandra Nigoghosian

Alice and Peter Argnian

**MARINE HANA SEFERIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother**

Requested by Shant Seferian

Lena, Christos, Sofia, Calista

**ARAKSI YEGIDBASHIAN, 40th Day, Mother**

Requested by Nina Yono

**HRANT KOCEYAN, Father, Grandfather**

Requested by Rupen and Shake Koceyan and Family

**LUCY MERZIAN, 4th Year, Dear Friend and Aunt**

Requested by Dn. Richard Norsigian

Shant, Victoria, Noah, and Michael Norsigian

Jordan, Kathryn, Mila, and Jordy Norsigian

Dr. Christine Matoian

Mike and Dolly Matoian

Nicole and Noah Matoian



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

**HARRY TOOMAJIAN, 5th Year, Beloved Husband, Father, Uncle,  
Grandfather**

Requested by Jane Toomajian

Michael and Jennifer Toomajian, Hunter, Jared, and Jessica

Martin and Jennifer Toomajian, Victoria, Natalie, and Cosette

**EDUARD AYRAPETYAN**

**OFELIA AYRAPETYAN**

**BORIS AYRAPETYAN**

**ASYA AYRAPETYAN**

**ANGELA AYRAPETYAN**

**OLGA TUBOLCOVA**

**PASHA LAZARYAN**

**ARKADIY AYRAPETYAN**

**MIKHAIL BASOV**

**ALIEVA SHAFIKA**

**JORA AVETISYAN**

**ANGELA ASATRYAN**

**STELLA AYRAPETYAN**

Requested by Ayrapetyan Family



# **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**

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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.

## Parish Organization News and Events

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# COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

## Join Us on Zoom!

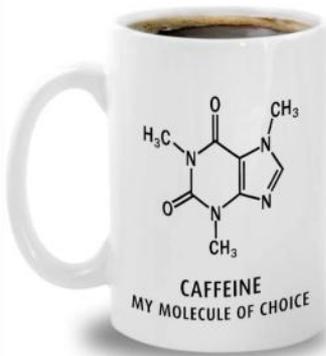
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

**Monday, November 17 at 11:00am**

(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!

# Medicare & You **2026**

The Men's Society invites you to a seminar on Medicare for 2026

Wednesday, November 19, 2025  
Armenian American Veteran's Building

6:00 pm Dinner \$15 - Open to the public

6:30 pm Seminar - Complimentary and open to the public.

7:30 pm Men's Society Mtg - Members only

**“There are more changes to Medicare this year than in the last decade.”**

#### **Discussions will include:**

- ~ Copays, out pocket costs and monthly premiums will be higher in 2026.
- ~ Understanding about Medicare various parts (Parts A, B, C and D)
- ~ Explanation of Supplemental Medicare Options Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans
- ~ Understanding available options as a Veteran



Our presenter **Jim Geisling**  
**“Mr. Medicare”**

Over 16 years as a licensed Medicare professional. Listed in the top 5% of Medicare agents in the state of Michigan. A Circle of Champion recipient from the Health Insurance Marketplace. And sits on the Priority Health Agent Counsel as one of only 5 Emerald level agents in Southeast Michigan where he advises the carrier on how they should design and market plans

We would like you to let us know if you are attending  
and if you are joining us for  
A light supper (\$15)

**Please call Dan Cristiano 313-938-4215 for reservations**



# THANKSGIVING DINNER

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025**

FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY IN THE CULTURAL HALL

SPONSORED BY  
OUR ST. JOHN CHURCH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES

All proceeds will go to  
**Veterans' Building Renovation**

rsvp table 8 or more (248)569-3405  
donation adult \$15 child \$5

# 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, MARILYN DADIAN, KIM NAJARIAN OR JIM STAMBOULIAN**

St John Armenian Church

# Basketball SCHEDULE

## TUESDAYS

5:00-6:30 pm

JUNIOR GIRLS (13-18 yrs)

## WEDNESDAYS

6:00-8:00 pm

JUNIOR BOYS (13-15 yrs)

INTERMEDIATE BOYS (16-18 yrs)

## THURSDAYS

BIDDY'S (5-6 yrs) 5:00-6:00 pm

BIDDY C (7-8yr) 5:00-6:00pm

BIDDY B (9-10yr) 6:00-7:00pm

BIDDY A (11-12yr) 6:00-7:00pm



Lisa Mardigian (586) 808-2202 or  
lmardigian@sjachurch.org



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**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.**





You are invited to  
ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH  
WOMEN'S GUILD ❄️  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Celebrate the joy of the season together!  
Join us for an evening of fellowship, laughter,  
and Christmas spirit.

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH HALL  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER. 3  
AT 6:00PM



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING  
FESTIVE FOOD AND DESSERTS  
AND FUN SURPRISES



ADMISSION: \$40 PER GUEST



RSVP by NOVEMBER 29

Anna: Tel 313-287-5845



Rose Najarian: email: [morrow43@icloud.com](mailto:morrow43@icloud.com)

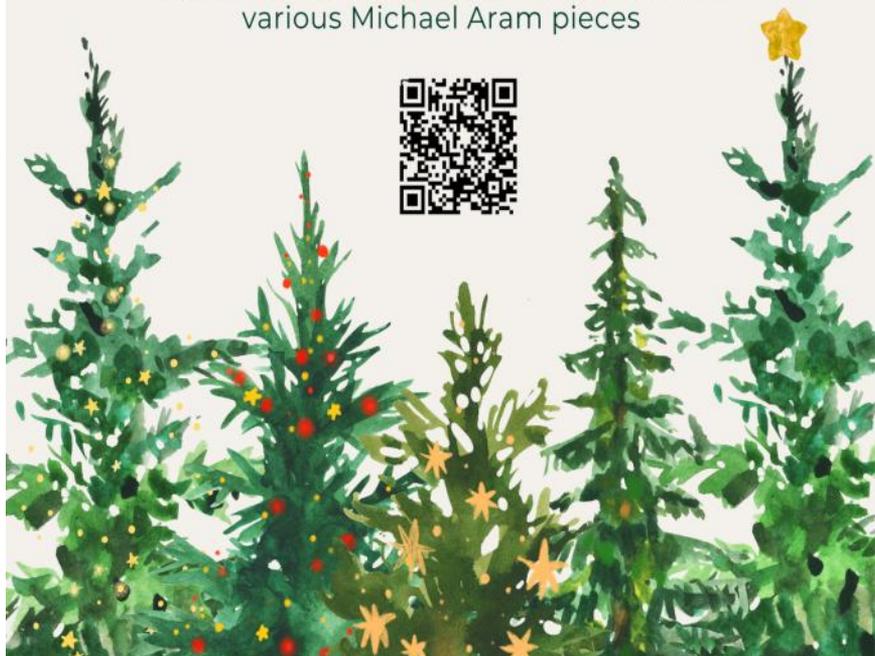


**ACYOA JUNIORS**  
**WINTER**  
**WONDERLAND** *Sale*

**Sunday, December 7th**

*FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY*

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





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



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 18, 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



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# The Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Led by: His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate  
Assisted by: Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian

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Deadline for registration is November 1, 2025



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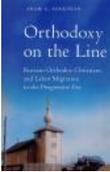
### Featured Items



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!*

Candles



White Orchid Cocktail  
Napkin Holder



Noah's Ark  
Nut Dish



New! - Armenian Cross  
Ornament, 5"x3.5", \$50



### New Jewelry from Armenia

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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/)

# 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/)



## **Fridays Pickleball - Armenian American Veterans' Building**

5:00 - 9:00pm

## **November 17 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp**

11:00am - Via Zoom

## **November 18 - Western Armenian Classes (Intermediate/Beginner)**

4:30 - 7:00pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

## **November 19 - Men's Society - Medicare and You 2026**

6:00pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

## **November 23 - Thanksgiving Dinner**

Following Divine Liturgy - Main Hall

## **November 29 - November Dance**

8:00pm - Main Hall

## **December 3 - Women's Guild - Christmas Celebration**

6:00pm - Main Hall

## **December 6 - Acolyte Training**

9:00am - 11:00am - Sanctuary

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

Following Divine Liturgy

## **December 10 - Parish Town Hall Zoom Meeting - 7:00pm**

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

Following Divine Liturgy

## **December 18 - World Medical Relief**

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

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

10:00 - 11:00am - Ararat Room

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

Church office requests help with the following projects

- Project Manage Repairs for Parking Lot and Heating Systems
- Project Manage other inside and outside check sheet repairs
- Social Media organization and publishing
- Storage Rooms Clean-up and Re-organize

Contact Jim Stamboulian at Church Office.