

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

January 11, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Sixth Day of Nativity

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

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

John 1:29-34, 1 Thes 4:12-17, John 11:1-46

Lector: Deacon Richard Norsigian

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.

Christmas Greeting

Kreesdos dznav yev haydnetsav: Tsez yev Mez medz Avedis

Քրիստոս ծնաւ և յայտնեցաւ: Չեզ և Մեզ մեծ Աւետիս

Christ is born and is revealed: Blessed is the revelation of Christ

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

Midday Hymn

Sung during the Synaxis (at the bottom of page 12 in the Divine Liturgy book)

Nativity and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ

My soul shall magnify the Lord;

And my spirit shall rejoice in God my Savior.

We bless and magnify the Holy Mother-of-God.

The angel rejoiced with the Holy Virgin

and brought her the good news of the Savior's birth, saying;

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

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

Rejoice, O Full of Grace, for the Lord of Lords is with you.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 22:24-30

Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him." Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son

Luke 22:24-30

of God, who is to come into the world.” And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, “The Teacher has come and is calling for you.” As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, “She is going to the tomb to weep there.” Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. And He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!” And some of them said, “Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.” Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.” Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did.

Altar Flowers

The beautiful flowers adorning the altar are presented by Yasmin Eloian in loving memory of her mother, Jeannette M. Eloian.



Gifts to Church

On the occasion of **Wolfgang Axt** being the Godfather of the Cross for the Blessing of the Water Service, the following make gifts to the church: Parents, Jeffrey and Renee Axt, Grandmother, Sylvia Axt, Grand-aunt, Lillian Karamanian, Kirk, Kathleen and Kyle Karamanian, Craig, Gina, Gabe and Natalie Karamanian. Deceased family members would have been proud of Wolfgang as well: Grandfather Robert Axt and Ed Karamanian Grand-uncle.

Plastic cups used for Holy Water

Please return plastic cups used for holy water to the designated area in the lobby so they may be disposed of properly. We ask that used plastic cups and holy water not be poured into the sewer system. Thank you for helping us treat this sacred element with care and reverence.



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**Today, Requiem Prayers for the souls of those asleep in Christ
will take place before the sermon**

PATRICIA DRLJACA, 40th Day, Dear Friend

Requested by Bryan, Lisa, Jordan, and Victoria Boyadjian
Nick Boyadjian and Alique Bagdasarian

ARA BELIAN, 1st Year, Loving Son, Brother, Cousin, Uncle, Friend

Requested by Zabel Belian
Lisa and Marc Welch and Family
Raffi and Zaina Belian and Family
Annie Best and Family
Ohan and Helen Sapsezian
Nina and Gary Turpanjian and Family
Sanjian Family
Lucy Ardash and Family
Lisa Mardigian

MASSIS OHANNESIAN, 1st Year, Loving Brother

ANTRANEK OHANNESIAN

SOREN OHANNESIAN

NOYEMZAR OHANNESIAN

ARSHALOUIS ALEXANIAN

SEMA ALEXANIAN

GEORGE KUTUKJIAN

MARGARET KUTUKJIAN

NAHED HADDOW

NAJAT SHAMAS

Requested by Setta Ohannesian and Family

JEANNETTE M. ELOIAN, 2nd Year

HAGOP JACK ELOIAN, 24.5 Year

DOLLIG ELOIAN

YERVANT ELOIAN

ARPENA ELOIAN

MARIAM ELOIAN LESCINSKAS

DONALD LESCINSKAS

Requested by Yasmin Eloian
Daniel Cristiano
Danielle Cristiano



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SHOUSHAN FERMANIAN, 7th Year, Khnamee

VICTOR ATTAR, 9th Year, Father, Dear Friend

MARTIN M. MANOOGIAN, 31th Year, Father, Dear Friend

PETER MANOOGIAN, 55th Year, Grandfather, Dear Friend

Requested by Roseann and Bobby Attar

David Attar and Family

Rosemary Kezelian

Dr. Harry, Patty, Harry III, Michael, Katie, Dotty, and Archer Kezelian

PETER EGIGIAN, 12th Year, Beloved Father, Brother-In-Law

MARY EGIGIAN, 13th Year, Beloved Mother, Sister

Requested by Ann Marie Egigian

Serena Egigian

Peter S. and Dianne Egigian

Alice Derderian

SHEMAVON AND SERPOUHI EGIGIAN, Beloved Grandparents

KERSAM AND ALICE GARABEDIAN, Beloved Aunt, Uncle

Requested by Ann Marie Egigian

Serena Egigian

Peter S. and Dianne Egigian

STEPHEN AND BAIZAR DERDERIAN, Beloved Parents, Grandparents

HARRY DERDERIAN, Beloved Brother, Uncle

MAHTERIAN AND DERDERIAN Families

Requested by Alice Derderian

Ann Marie Egigian

Serena Egigian

Peter S. and Dianne Egigian

JEROME AND JEANETTE BARUZZINI, Beloved Friends

Requested by Alice Derderian

Ann Marie Egigian

Serena Egigian

Peter S. and Dianne Egigian



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ALBERT SARKISIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

GEORGE DOCTORIAN, Grandfather

JAMES DOCTORIAN, Uncle

Requested by Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian

Sara, Morgan, Sona and Anya Bell

Dn. Dr. Aram Sarkisian and Dr. Diana Ohanian

Linda Houhanisin

Diana and Todd Byrne, Aiden and Sophia

George Houhanisin and Dr. Sarah Johnson, Greg and Simon

Barbara Rupas

Matthew Rupas and Marilly Palettas and Iphiyenia

Lisa and Stephen Derderian

Allan, Rachel, Tyler and Emma Sarkisian

GARO YEGHISSIAN, 27th Year, Father, Grandfather, Khnamee, Friend

Requested by Dr. Joyce Yeghissian and Deacon Rubik Maillian,
Sevana, and Areg

Anahid Dilakian and Sarkis Ghazarian, Sevag, Hiyk, and Aren

Arax Markarian

Mars and Roobina Hagh-Nazarian and Family

Lucy Ardash and Family

MAMIGON "MAC" APIGIAN 53rd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

TAKOUKIE APIGIAN, 36th Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother

NECTAR CHARVERDIAN, Mother, Grandmother

ROBERT KESSEL, Husband, Father, Grandfather

ABRAHAM APIGIAN, 45th Year, Son, Brother

Requested by Betty Apigian



Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Joocharigian	Imprisoned Bishops and	Samvel Arakelyan
Vladimir Avetisov	Clergymen in Armenia	Yelena Zakaryan
Joann Mashigian	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Nancy Altounian
Charles Sansone	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Marus Grigoryan
Hrayr Mashigian	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian	Nailya Sahakian
Nick Fernandez	Mary Helen Altounian	Rose Lucassian
Sonia Kalfayan	Shoghig Terjimanian	Marge Aramian
Edith Baise	Valera Ayrapetyan	Zaven Ovian
Rose Baise	Andre' J. Gregory	Jan Paloian
	Charles Vanerian	

Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Goarik Amzayan**, who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on January 8.

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

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Sirarpie "Cynthia" Ohanian**, who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on January 9.

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

Special Celebratory Weekend

Save the Dates

The Great and Holy Week: The Easter Story Through Armenian Sacred Art

By Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian

Grand Opening:

Friday, March 13, 2026 / 6:00pm

Ribbon Cutting by
His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan

Rev. Fr. Diran and Yn. Rosalie Papazian Annual Parish Retreat

Saturday, March 14, 2026 / 9:00am - 3:30pm

Led by
His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan

Details to follow.



***We Thank the Following Contributors for Their
Generosity in Donating Towards the Beautiful
Poinsettias Adorning the Holy Altar and Bema***

Mr. Levon Aghassian

*Mr. and Mrs. Vahe and Ani Akaraz - In loving memory of
Nazaret, Zepur, Hagop, Meline*

Mrs. Pat Akkashian - In loving memory of her husband Bernie Akkashian

Scott, Renee, Cynthia, Michael and Reagan Apkarian and Family

*Alice Argnian and Peter Argnian - In loving memory of
their grandparents, Dikran and Takouhi Koloian, uncle William Koloian
and parents Mary Argnian and Sam Argnian*

The Asadoorian Family

The Ayraprtyan Family

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George and Marian Elian*

Mr. and Mrs. Greg and Edith Baise

Gloria Baykian

Dr. and Mrs. Steven and Jacqueline Boskovich, Melanie and Andrew

*Mr. Jerry Dayinian - In loving memory of
deceased family members, friends*

Mr. and Mrs. Jacqueline and Faouzi Elchemmas and Family

Mrs. Ardis Gregory - In loving memory of her husband Mr. Roger Gregory



Mr. and Mrs. Khatchig and Marcia Hamamdjian

Mr. Stephen Kaurala

*Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Maral Mamassian and Family -
Wishing all a Merry Christmas and remembering our
ancestors who risked their everything for us*

*Linda Lutz and Carol Ohanesian - In loving memory of
James and Florence Ohanesian, and Diramayr Ursula Findikyan*

Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Dolly Matoian

Mr. and Mrs. Harry and Janice Megerian and Family

*Mrs. Nennette Merametdjian - In loving memory of
her daughter, Myda Kalandjian*

*Mr. and Mrs. Cross and Karen Mooradian and Family -
In loving memory of Andonian, Kralian, and Mooradian families*

*Merrily Seranian and Catherine Kaczmar - In loving memory of
their mother, Patricia Neuriza Borman (Seranian)*

Mrs. Margie Simonian - In loving memory of Marjorie Ovoian, (Mass)

*Mr. and Mrs. Kazar and Marina Terterian - In loving memory of
their parents*

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald and Kay Torigian

Dr. Salpi Toroyan and Nishan

Mrs. Angel Vahratian and Family - In loving memory of Richard Vahratian

Mrs. Loretta Yarjanian - In loving memory of her husband, Ara Yarjanian



Sunday, January 11, 2026

Church School Christmas Dinner

**Following Divine Liturgy
in the Cultural Hall**

Lamb chop dinner buffet

Everyone welcome

\$30.00 Adult, Children Free

R.S.V.P. Church Office (248) 569-3405

As we get ready for a wonderful

New Year in 2026

the Pastor and Parish Council would like to remind each of you to please take a moment to complete your 2026 Stewardship Pledge and if possible, your financial commitment.

2026 Stewardship Pledge

Pledge & payment link:

[St. John Armenian Church - Stewardship Pledge Card](#)

We would like to ensure we have your correct contact information on file.



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KARENKAZARIAN@YAHOO.COM

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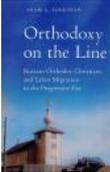
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Armenia: The Lone Stone
A Traveler's Guide From Ancient
Stones to Modern Wonders,
by David Karamian (HC \$25)



NEW, Armenia-The Lone Stone
by David Karamian (HC \$70)
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landmarks



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General Parish Information

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/

“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/



January 11 - Church Morning Service - 9:00am

Divine Liturgy - 9:45am

Blessing of Water Service

January 11 - Church School - Lamb Chop Dinner

Following Divine Liturgy

January 12 - Bible Study - CANCELED

January 16 - Hye Doon - Bowling

7:00-9:00pm - Bowlero Lanes - Royal Oak

March 13 - Save the Date

The Great and Holy Week: The Easter Story Through Armenian Sacred Art

March 14 - Save the Date

Rev. Fr. Diran and Yn. Rosalie Papazian Annual Parish Retreat

Ushers Team – Volunteers Needed

No experience required. All you need is a smile and a love for our church and parishioners.

Save the Date

Annual Parish Assembly Meeting in the Cultural Hall on Sunday, March 1, 2026
Following Divine Liturgy

Year - End Statement

Church stewards who require a tax statement itemizing 2025 donations should contact the Church Office at (248) 569-3405 or office@sjachurch.org

Seeking Stewards Time and Talent Help

Church office requests help with the following projects

- Social Media organization & publishing (Facebook, Instagram, Website, other)
- Storage rooms need clean-up, re-organize, some shelving units & cabinets
- Update church event manual & procedures (update/enhance from prior years)
- Volunteers for minor repair projects (paint, light fixture, podium, moldings, install bumper guards)
- Organize tool/shop room (need tool bench, cabinet or peg board, shelves)

Contact Jim Stambouljian at Church Office