

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit
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The Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:
The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant
Arshaluys Gharibian, Organist



Sunday Bulletin

Welcome!

We welcome you to the Divine Liturgy/Soorp Badarak and invite all who are Baptized and Chrismated in, or are in communion with, the Armenian Church 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 desk. Make certain you fill out a contact card before you leave so we can be in touch. Enter to worship the Lord Jesus who loves you and depart with His love to serve others.

January 12, 2025
The Armenian Church Year 1474

SEVENTH DAY OF NATIVITY

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
Blessing of the Waters/Chrorhnek
Godfather of the Cross Noah Matoian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP
Morning Service - 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY
Romans 1:1-7, Luke 2:1-7
Lector: Yerchanig Callan

Today's Gospel

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Hymn of the Day

During the Synaxis (on the bottom of page 12 of the Divine Liturgy book), the choir will sing the Midday Psalm and the Midday Chant proper to the Day

Midday Hymn

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

Plate Collection

Parish Council will be taking a plate collection for the church immediately after Holy Communion. Your donations remain an essential part of supporting our church's mission and activities. Online donations can also be made using the QR code below.



Altar Flowers

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



Altar Candles

**We wish to thank the following individuals for
donating toward the new altar candles.**

Angela Banerian - In loving memory of her Husband,
Carl Banerian, and her daughter, **Cheryl Banerian**

Jeff and Bev Barsamian - In loving memory of their son,
Matthew David Barsamian

Susan Janigian - In loving memory of **Melkon and Soorpoohi Chiefgian**,
beloved grandparents, **Nishan and Arshalous Janigian**,
beloved parent, **Dr. Aram Janigian**, beloved brother,
Salina Blegvad, beloved sister, and **Silva and
Sahak Roy Sahakian**, beloved sister and her husband.

Linda Lutz and Carol Ohanesian - In loving memory of their parents,
James and Florence Ohanesian

The Markarian Family - In loving memory of **Khacheek Danial Markarian**.



Parish Christmas Card

Thank you to all who donated to the parish Christmas card. We collected \$5,330, with all proceeds going to the Social Concern Fund of St. John Armenian Church to help those in need from our community.

Gifts to the Church

Nicole Matoian presents a gift to the Church in honor of her son **Noah Matoian**, who is serving as Godfather of the Cross on Armenian Christmas.

Mike and Dolly Matoian present a gift to the Church in honor of their grandson **Noah Matoian**, who is serving as Godfather of the Cross on Armenian Christmas.

Christine Matoian presents a gift to the Church in honor of her nephew **Noah Matoian**, who is serving as Godfather of the Cross on Armenian Christmas.

John and Janet Shekerjian present a gift to the Church in honor of **Noah Matoian**, who is serving as Godfather of the Cross on Armenian Christmas.

David and Marianne Dardarian present a gift to the Church on behalf of **Noah Matoian**, who is serving as Godfather of the Cross for Armenian Christmas.

Harry and Janice Megerian and Family present a gift to the Church in honor of **Noah Matoian**, who is serving as Godfather of the Cross for Armenian Christmas.

Tom and Nancy Banks and Family present a gift to the Church in honor of **Noah Matoian**, who is serving as Godfather of the Cross for Armenian Christmas.

Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian present a gift to the Church in honor of **Noah Matoian**, who is serving as Godfather of the Cross for Armenian Christmas.



Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Dn. Yervant Kuchukian	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Vladimir Avetisov
Badrik Jooharigian	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian	Nancy Altounian
Nadia Ayrapetyan	Haroutiun Bagdasarian	Nailya Sahakian
Joann Mashigian	Dinora Bulgarian Pitz	Ronald Seaman
Hrayr Mashigian	Evie Palaian Ezmerlian	Marge Aramian
Charles Sansone	Mary Helen Altounian	Rose Lucassian
Nick Fernandez	Wayne Owen Engelki	Susie Janigian
Craig Tarpinian	Shoghig Terjimanian	Zaven Ovian
Gerald Reeves	Rozann Vartoogian	Jan Paloian
Jeffrey Perna	Robert Buchanan	Rose Baise
	Marus Grigoryan	

St. John Armenian Church Annual Toys for Tots Collection

As a result of your donations, 37 large boxes and bags of new unwrapped toys were sent to Toys for Tots this holiday season.
Thank you all who participated in our Toys for Tots drive.

ACYOA Christmas Donations

Thank you to all who donated to the ACYOA Christmas Eve Service collection.
A total of \$1000 was collected, which will benefit the Fund for Armenian Relief's AYO Christmas Wishlist 2024 project.

St. Nersess Seminary in Need of a Car

Do you have a working car to donate?
St. Nersess is looking for a used car to meet its transportation needs.
Two of St. Nersess's cars recently became too expensive to repair.
If you or someone you know has a car in good working condition,
the seminary will gladly accept your donation!
A letter will be provided for tax purposes.

Please call the seminary office at 914-273-0200 or email info@stnersess.edu.



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN

REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO ARE ASLEEP IN CHRIST



JEANNETTE M. ELOIAN, 1st Year, Mother

JACOB J. ELOIAN, Father

DOLLIG ELOIAN

YERVANT ELOIAN

ARPENA ELOIAN

MARIAM ELOIAN

Request by Yasmin Eloian

Dan and Danielle Cristiano

Dominica Costello and Family

Martinque Aguero and Family

Crystal and Gerald Reeves

Melissa and Tim Kanasty Family

Sandra and Angela Zadorozny

Baruzzini, Cecil, Shaffran Families

Elisa Papazian

RALPH HARRIS KALAJIAN, 3rd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

BARBARA KAY BERNARDI, 3rd Year, Khunami, Mother, Grandmother,

Great-Grandmother

AL BERNARDI, 1st Year, Khunami, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

Requested by Vartouhi Rose Kalajian

Andrew and Sherrie Kalajian and Family

John and Kimberly Kalajian and Family

Katherine and Michael Kudla and Family

SIRAN MATEVOSYAN, 6th Year, Beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

MATEVOS MATEVOSYAN, 3rd Year, Beloved Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

Requested by Roza Matevosian, Lenar, Lucas and Kayleigh Yessayan,

Voskani, Matevosyan and Safiani Family

SHOUSHAN FERMANIAN, 6th Year, Khnamee

VICTOR ATTAR, 8th Year, Father, Dear Friend

MARTIN M. MANOOGIAN, 30th Year, Father, Dear Friend

PETER MANOOGIAN, 54th 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



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN

REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO ARE ASLEEP IN CHRIST



RICHARD TORIGIAN, 10th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

Requested by Mark, Deanna, and Andrew Torigian
Kathryn Torigian
Eric, Nicole, Viviana, and Christian Torigian
Karen, Jeff, and Kyle Kalajian
Alec, Emily and Gracie Rose Torigian
Jenna and Jacob Rayis

ARA YARJANIAN, Beloved Husband

Requested by Loretta Yarjanian

PETER EGIGIAN, 11th Year, Beloved Father, Brother-In-Law

MARY EGIGIAN, 12th Year, Beloved Mother, Sister

Requested by Ann Marie Egigan
Serena Egigan
Peter S. and Dianne Egigan

SHEMAVON AND SERPOUHI EGIGIAN, Beloved Grandparents

KERSAM AND ALICE GARABEDIAN, Beloved Aunt, Uncle

Requested by Ann Marie Egigan
Serena Egigan
Peter S. and Dianne Egigan

STEPHEN AND BAIZAR DERDERIAN, Beloved Parents, Grandparents

HARRY DERDERIAN, Beloved Brother, Uncle

MAHTERIAN AND DERDERIAN Families

Requested by Alice Derderian
Ann Marie Egigan
Serena Egigan
Peter S. and Dianne Egigan

JEROME AND JEANETTE BARUZZINI

Requested by Alice Derderian
Ann Marie Egigan
Serena Egigan
Peter S. and Dianne Egigan

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



Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Renee Apkarian and Family

**Alice 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

Mr. and Mrs. Greg and Edith Baise

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jacqueline and Faouzi El Chemmas and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Roger and Ardis Gregory

Mr. and Mrs. Khatchig and Marcia Hamamdjian

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

Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Dolly Matoian Mr. and Mrs. Viken and Mary Matossian and Family

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

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

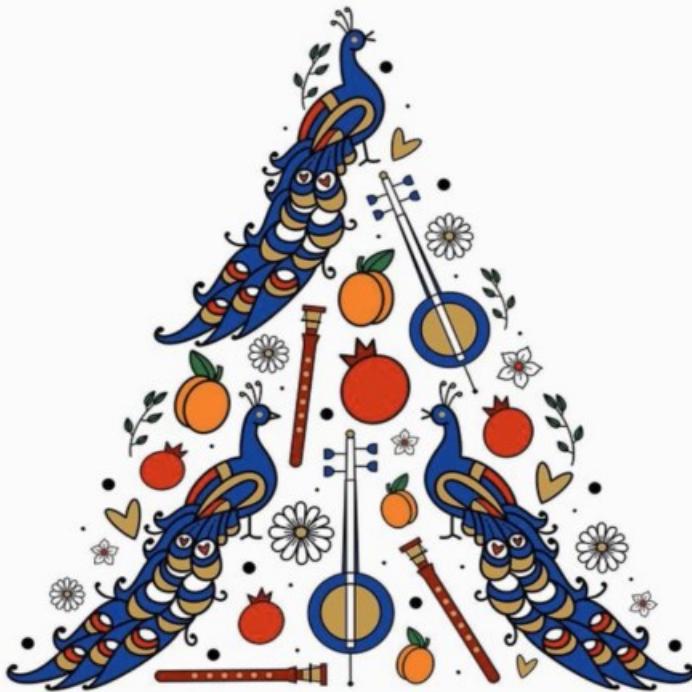
**Margie Simonian and Linda Jevahirian - In loving memory of
Simonian, Oskoian and Jevahirian Families**

Dr. and Mrs. Philip and Viva Philip

Mrs. Carol Ohanesian

Kazar, Marina, Ani and Tigran Terterian

**Mrs. Angel Vahratian and Family - In loving memory of Isabelle Vahratian
Loretta Yarjanian - In loving memory of her husband, Ara Yarjanian**



Sunday, January 12, 2025

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



ADULT CATECHISM

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAITH?

Thursday, January 16

7:00PM-8:30PM

St. Vartan Room

Curious about the teachings of the Armenian Church?

Come engage in a lively Q and A with Fr. Aren.



Scan the QR Code to
Anonymously Submit your
Question for Fr. Aren

**CATECHISM IS A SERIES OF TALKS ON A RANGE OF TOPICS:
SPIRITUAL, CONTEMPORARY, AND HISTORICAL**

Give for the future...
...to honor the past



**ARMENIAN
AMERICAN
VETERANS'
BUILDING
RENOVATION
TIP-OFF**

**Sunday, Jan. 19th
After the Divine Liturgy**



A free informational open house about the past, present, and future of our community's gem, given to us in 1962 by our Armenian American Veterans

Hot dogs and light refreshments | No RSVP necessary | All are welcome!

**RSVP BY 1/15
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT
DETROITHYEDOON@GMAIL.COM**

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**WEDNESDAY 1-22 7-9PM
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detroit.

ACYOA GASW 2025

FAMILY B I N G O

12	24	37	54	75
13	20	41	47	65
5	29	FREE	51	66
11	21	45	55	69
2	28	42	48	62

**ACYOA General Assembly & Sports
Weekend Fundraiser**

Sunday, January 26th after Badarak in
the Grand Ballroom
details to come...

St. John Armenian Church Men's Society

Looking for 100 Good Men

Retreat topics:



- A time for reflection and spiritual renewal
- Guidance on overcoming daily challenges
- Strengthening & sustaining our faith

A retreat for young and older men

Saturday, February 1, 2025 / 8:30am - 3:30pm

St John Armenian Church Veterans Building

Including a hot Armenian breakfast and lunch

Post-retreat cocktail & light mezze reception from 3:30-5:30pm

This is an interactive, spirit-building retreat about what's on our minds!

Facilitators:



Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian



Reverend Father Hratch Sargsyan

\$40 per person | To reserve, call or text Dan Cristiano (313.938.4215)

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is enjoying your life as a Christian

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NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



Saturday, February 8, 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

OR EBaise@umich.edu

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075

Super Bowl Mezze Platter

Sunday, February 9th, 2025

Pickup from Main Kitchen between 12:30-1:30 pm

10 Item Mezze Platter

Hummus, Basturma, Vospov Kufteh, Eech,

Brick & Feta Cheese 6 Sarma, 6 Spinach Pie

Homemade Pickled Turnips & Olives, Bag of Pita

\$60.00

Text your name and order to Dan Cristiano (313-938-4215)

Prepared by the St. John Men's Society

Men's Society invites you to another
Euchre Night!

February 28th, 2025

\$25/person (\$30 after February 21st)

6pm - Registration and Dinner

Games begin at 7pm

Reservations: Call/text Michael Toomajian (248-303-9744)

or email - michaeltoomajian@gmail.com

Cash prizes, door prize, and raffle (must be 18 years old to win)

Cash bar

A Grand Brunch Buffet

Proceeds go to the Hye Camp Scholarship Fund
St. John's Men's Society - Starting 2025 off right!

Sunday, February 16, 2025 - after the Divine Liturgy

Fresh Fruit

Cut Assorted Seasonal Fruits

Chocolate Fountain

Cookies, Graham Crackers, Pretzels, Bananas, Marshmallows,
Pineapple

Main Buffet

Basturma and Eggs, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Pancakes, Pasta

Omelets and Eggs Station

Omelets or Made to Order Eggs, Assorted Cheeses,
Vegetables & Cut Meats

Belgian Waffle Station

Made to Order Belgian Waffles with Assorted Toppings

Beverage Station

Juices, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Bottled Water

Adults \$20.00, Students \$10.00, 6 and under free

Reservations: Call/text Dan Cristiano (313-938-4215)

ST. JOHNS WOMENS GUILD
VALENTINE'S DAY

College Care Package

**SEND A WARM HUG FROM ST. JOHN'S TO
YOUR LOVED ONES IN COLLEGE OR THE
MILITARY**

BOX WILL INCLUDE ARMENIAN & TRADITIONAL BAKED GOODS,
SNACKS, GIFT CARD, INSPIRATIONAL GIFT AND MORE!

SUBMIT BY:

1/25/2025

**SCAN TO:
REGISTER NAME**



PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO HELP COVER
THE EXPENSES OF THE CARE PACKAGES

SCAN TO: DONATE



HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:
KARENKAZARIAN@YAHOO.COM



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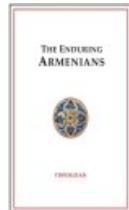
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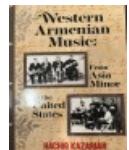
The Parish Bookstore is open during Church Office hours and on Sundays after Divine Liturgy



NEW: The Enduring Armenians: A Series of Essays on the Armenian Civilization was published by the Levon Topouzian Book Publication Trust. Multiple scholars and the translators provide an overview of 5000 years of Armenian history, its language, literature, music, and culture, its wars, the Armenian Church, the Genocide, and the Soviet era- in a book of over 700 pages. Alice Nigoghosian, Project Director and Publishing Consultant. SC - \$30.00



Lavash—Armenian Recipe Book
By Kate Leahy, John Lee, Ara Zada HC - \$25.00



NEW, Western Armenian Music:
From Asia Minor to the
United States By Hachig Kazarian
HC \$40.00, SC - \$30.00



Women's Guild's cookbook:
Armenian Cuisine - Preserving Our
Heritage, HC - \$25.00



NEW, "Zabelle Panosian"
(I am the servant of your voice) By Harout Arakelian,
Harry Kezelian III, Ian Nagoski Story of the life of Zabelle Panosian, the
most popular female classical Armenian
singer during the Genocide era who toured the U.S.
raising funds for the victims. - \$15.00 (CD included)



An Armenian Trilogy
By Dan Yessian
CD/DVD - \$25.00



ARMENIA - THE LONE STONE
A Traveler's Guide
From Ancient Stones to Modern Wonders
An Immersive Journey Through Armenia's Cities,
History, Arts, and Culture. HC - \$30
By David Karamian



New: Western Armenian
Children's book
A little rabbit learns how to stand
out in a big family
Khigar Nabasdaguh HC - \$17.00
By Michael Pifer

**New items from Armenia just arrived.
Stop by and browse!**

**A large variety of Michael Aram pieces are now available
10% off all Michael Aram**

Candles
\$75



White Orchid Cocktail
Napkin Holder
\$75



Noah's Ark Nut Dish
\$130



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



The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry,
Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many "Made in Armenia" products.
Table runners, tablecloths, soccer balls, shawls and scarves from Armenia and much more!

General Information

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Fr. Aren's Mobile: (773) 457-4122 e-mail: FrAren@sjachurch.org

Parish Administrator's Mobile: (248) 770-2200

Visits to the Hospitalized and Homebound Please phone the Church Office when you or someone you love is admitted to the hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor. If you have an upcoming surgery, please consider requesting your name to be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized" list. Those who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home should phone the Church Office.

Home Blessing If you would like the Pastor to visit your home and offer a home blessing, please contact the Church Office.

Baptism Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born.

For more information, phone the Church Secretary. We encourage parents to baptize their children between 40 days and 3 months.

Marriage Please make sure to confirm your wedding date with the Pastor before booking your reception hall. Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date.

Parish Membership If you are interested in becoming a steward of the St. John parish, please speak to a Parish Council member on Sunday, or phone the Church Office.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin are due in the Church Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday preceding the date of service.

Requiem Requests may be submitted to the Church Office by mail, phone or email to office@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby. Requiem may be offered every Sunday of the year 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, particularly when partaking in Holy Communion. If you don't possess a veil but desire one, kindly approach a Parish Council member who can assist you in obtaining one.

The Kiss of Peace

The GIVER says: Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

Christ is revealed amongst us.

The RECEIVER says: Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

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