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 31, 2025
Armenian Church Year 1475

Third Sunday After the Assumption

Celebrant: Reverend Father Vazgen Andreasyan Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:30 a.m. Isaiah 9:8-19, II Corinthians 1:1-11, Mark 4:35-41 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.

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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)

Resurrection Mode 6

O Christ, You have enlightened the Holy Church by the light of Your divinity. Preserve it unshaken forever.

Today Jerusalem celebrates with the multitude of the faithful.

The renewal of the Holy Church. Preserve it unshaken forever.

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

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

The doors of faith of the new Sion were opened.

And it receives You, the Immortal Bridegroom, into the wedding chamber, It distributes Your body and blood. Preserve it unshaken forever.

Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them, just as he was, in the boat. And other boats were with him. And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" and the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

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.



Blessing of New Vestments

Today at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, a blessing service will take place for new vestments which were prepared for Fr. Aren. Liturgical vestments are blessed before they are worn by a priest.

These vestments, sewn in Armenia, were an anonymous gift for Fr. Aren.

Church Closure Notice

Please note that the **church complex will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025**, in observance of **Labor Day**. We wish everyone a safe and restful holiday. Regular activities will resume on Tuesday, September 2.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

| 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 |

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**.

To make a donation, please contact the church office or donate directly through the church website: https://abundant.co/stjohnarmenianchurch/mcmm

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.

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 prefilled 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/1FAlpQLSfF3KgYCRmiD2rkjX1ciFB54Dtar3ksmggfoH83v8pPeXh5Og/viewform?usp=header

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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

MARGARET AGHAZARIAN, 2nd Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother NOUBAR AGHAZARIAN, 11th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

Requested by Hosep and Shoghig Torossian

Galine and Berj Bush and Family

Garen and Matilda Tosossian and Family

Douglas and Grace Wickham

LEVON MAZMANIAN

ROZA MAZMANOVA

SPARTAK MAZMANOV ASTHEK BABAYAN

IVAN BABAYAN

Requested by Galina, Alex and Arsen Mazmanian

OHANES YERANOSIAN, Husband

ARDASH AKSARELIAN, Father

JAYRAN AKSARELIAN, Mother

Requested by Juliet Yeranosian

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 August for the homeless of Metro Detroit. The Men's Society would like to thank

Ms. Alice Argnian

Mrs. Roslyn Basherian

Ms. Sevahn Merian

for their donations to 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.

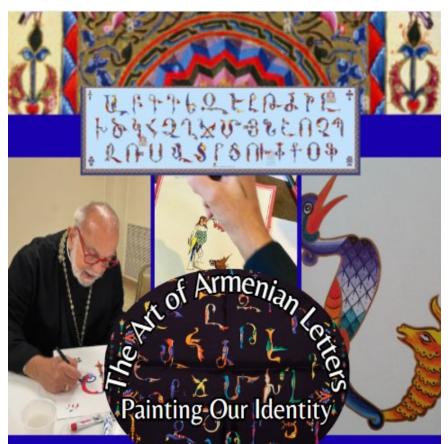
Additional donation

On the Feast of The Assumption Of The Holy Mother Of God, we would like to thank **Vlad Ayrapetyan and Family** for their generous donation towards the Blessing of the Grapes.

Summer Hours Ending

Beginning next Sunday, September 7, our regular service schedule will resume: **Morning Services** will begin at 9:00 a.m. and **Divine Liturgy** at 9:45 a.m.

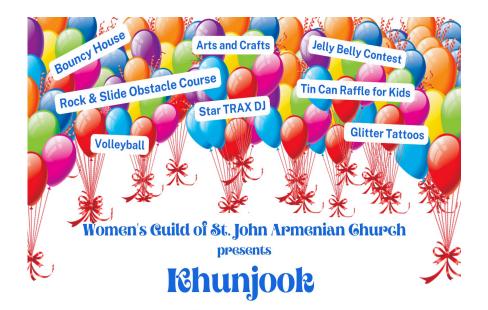
Parish Organization News and Events



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 detroithyedoon@gmail.com



Sunday, September 7, 2025

Family Fun Day

St. John Armenian Ghurch 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.

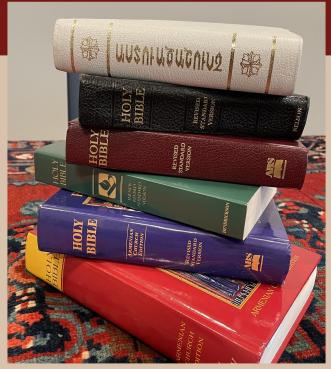




St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

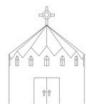
TWICE A MONTH,
IN-PERSON
MONDAYS FROM 7:00PM - 8:30PM



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



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM
SEPTEMBER 27
OCTOBER 18
NOVEMBER 15
DECEMBER 20











Little Saints is a parish ministry for children from birth up to age four with monthly lessons led by Fr. Aren.

The Little Saints Nursery is open Sunday mornings during Church School from 10:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

For more information, email sjlittlesaints@gmail.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)



Orthodoxy on the Line by Aram G. Sarkisian, HC \$50.00



NEW, Armenia-The Lone Stone by David Karamian (HC \$70) Hardcover coffee table book documenting history of cultural landmarks



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

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, 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/



Friday Nights - Pickleball

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

September 6 - Hye Doon - The Arts of Armenian Letters

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

September 7 - Khunjook and Family Fun Day

September 8 - Bible Study

7:00pm - 8:30pm - Conference Room

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

September 27 - Little Saints Program

10:00am - 11:00am - St. Ararat Room

October 3 and 4 - Bazaar 2025

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

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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 Dates:

Monday, September 15, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg - with Dawn and Sara Tuesday, September 16, 9am until noon - Meet Boreg (to be determined)