

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.

February 16, 2025

The Armenian Church Year 1474

SUNDAY OF CATECHUMENS

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Isaiah 63:7-18, 2 Timothy 3:1-12, John 6:22-38

Lector: Yerchanig Callan

Today's Gospel

John 6:22-38

On the next day the people who remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. However, boats from Tiberias came near the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the people saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you; for on him has God the Father set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see, and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Lord, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me."

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.



Year - End Statement

Church stewards who require a tax statement itemizing 2024 donations please contact the Church Office at (248) 569-3405 or office@sjachurch.org

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

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.

Gift to Church

On the joyous occasion of the Baptism and Chrismation of **Jordan Theodore Norsigian**,
Medzhayreeg Dn. Richard Norsigian presents a gift of thanksgiving to the Church.

Women's Guild Palm Sunday Bake Sale

The Women's Guild of St John Armenian Church will once again,
be preparing our World Famous Soo Boreg in time for
Palm Sunday Bake Sale and for your Easter dinner.

Please place your advanced, pre-paid order by contacting
Joy Callan by e-mail or by text at yerchanigc@gmail.com or 248-533-6320.

This Tuesday, February 18, from 9 am until noon, please join in to make Khalkha.
All hands are good hands!!



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple Blessing of Unbaptized Children

February 14 is a feast day in the Armenian Church known as Dyarnuntarach (the Presentation of the Lord). The feast is celebrated 40 days after Armenian Christmas.

In honor of this feast day, we will have a special baby blessing on February 16, 2025 at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

If you know of any family with unbaptized infants who would like to participate in this brief blessing, please share this information with them.

Great Lent Begins March 3

We wish to remind our parishioners that Great Lent begins on Monday March 3 this year. The last Sunday to receive Holy Communion will be February 23 since the curtain will be closed for Poon Paregentan on Sunday March 2. Should any parishioner wish to receive Holy Communion during the period of Great Lent, please make arrangements with the pastor.

Save the Date

Annual Parish Assembly Meeting in the Cultural Hall
Sunday, March 2, 2025 - Following Divine Liturgy

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian
Nadia Ayrapetyan
Joann Mashigian
Hrayr Mashigian
Charles Sansone
Nick Fernandez
Craig Tarpinian
Susie Janigian
Jeffrey Perna

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian
Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian
Haroutiun Bagdasarian
Dinora Boulgarian Pitz
Mary Helen Altounian
Wayne Owen Engelki
Shoghig Terjimanian
Robert Buchanan
Marus Grigoryan

Vladimir Avetisov
Nancy Altounian
Nailya Sahakian
Ronald Seaman
Marge Aramian
Rose Lucassian
Zaven Ovian
Jan Paloian
Rose Baise

The Parish Council is Seeking to Fill the Following Position:

Bookkeeper – a part-time position working under the Parish Administrator and in conjunction with the Parish Council Treasurer.
Approximately 15-20 hours per week with flexible schedule.

Anyone interested in applying for this position may submit their qualifications, with a cover letter, to hr.sjac@gmail.com.
Please contact the church office for detailed job description.

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God,
Rozann Ghoogasian Vartoogian, who entered her eternal rest last week.
Her funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on February 13, 2025.
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.





BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN



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

VAUGHN MIHRAN 'MICHAEL' ARMOUDLIAN, 40th Day, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Khnamee, Family, Friend

Requested by Karen Armoudlian
Audrey Armoudlian and Charles Keoleian
Anjel Armoudlian
Spencer and Samuel Keoleian
Nicholas and Benjamin Elia
Mary Keoleian
Laurie Reizian and Family
Greg Keoleian and Liz Glynn
Solange and Norman Messelian

VARTOUG KARADOLIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother, Friend

Requested by Joe, Sevan, Alec and Sophie Sanjian
Hagop Karadolian
Viken Karadolian
Alexander Karadolian
Sarkis, Silva and Maral Karadolian
Dr. Sevan and Andrew Duff
Sevag, Andrea, Alexandria, Victoria and Sevag Jr. Karadolian
Rose Najarian

MASSIS OHANNESIAN, 40th Day

Requested Antranek Ohannesian
Soren Ohannesian
Noyemzar Ohannesian
Arshalouis Alexanian
Sema Alexanian
George Kutukjian
Margaret Kutukjian
Nahed Haddow
Najat Shamas



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

ANAHIT CEVIZIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Garo and Sona Lacinian

Anto and Patricia Cevizian

Lerna Lacinian, James (JAC) and Gabriella Cevizian

GUREGH JAMES BAHAROZIAN, 21st Year, Father

IRENE BAHAROZIAN, 20th Year, Mother

Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Baharozian and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone Baharozian and Family

Mr. and Mrs. James Messer and Family

HARRY AND ROSEMARY CARMAN JR.

HARRY AND ARAXIE CARMAN SR.

KREKOR AND MARIAM SAMARIAN

MUGARDICH AND SIRANOUSH SAMARIAN

JOHN SAMARIAN

ZABELLE SAMARIAN

LUCY SAMARIAN

MASA AND RAMELA CARMAN

EDWARD CARMAN AND AGNES CARMAN HOVSEPIAN

MARDIROS AND MARGARET HATCHERIAN

WILLIAM AND PATRICIA DOYON

JANET SHERIDAN

PAMELA AND SAM DOYON

Requested by the Carman Families

The Doyon Family



St. John's Men's Society invites you to...



A Grand Buffet

Sunday, February 16, 2025

— Fresh Fruit Table

— All the goodies for a Chocolate Fountain

— Basturma and Eggs, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Pancakes, Pasta Main Buffet

— Omelets and Eggs Station

— Freshly Made Belgian Waffle Station

— Juice and Coffee Station

\$20.00 adults



\$10.00 students



6 and under Free

— Proceeds of this event will go to the HYE CAMP Scholarship Fund —

Reservations by call or text Dan Cristiano - 313-938-4215

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BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN!



FEBRUARY 17, 2025

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

WESTERN ARMENIAN FOR ADULTS

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH IS OFFERING TWO
10-WEEK WESTERN ARMENIAN LANGUAGE COURSES



Do you want
to speak
and write
Armenian?

Ayo!

- **Beginner** - Learn vocabulary and grammar, focus on basic reading and writing and daily conversations. (Tues., 6:00-7:30 p.m., Feb. 25-April 29)
- **Intermediate** - Learn advanced vocabulary and grammar. Reading, writing, and advanced dialogues, individual and group conversation projects. (Tues., 4:30-6:00 p.m., Feb. 25-April 29)

Instructor: Hermine Dervartanian, an experienced Armenian language instructor who has worked as a translator in Lebanon and the United States.

Returning/continuing students always welcome!
A second Beginner's session may be opened pending interest.

Please send your registration form and a check
made out to St. John Armenian Church
to the church office:
22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075
Questions: (248) 569-3405
Registration fee: \$125/Class materials: \$20



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
BEST TIME TO CONTACT YOU: _____
EMAIL: _____
LANGUAGE LEVEL (CHECK ONE): ☐ BEGINNER ☐ INTERMEDIATE

EUCHRE @ ST JOHN!

**St. John Armenian Church Men's Society
welcomes everyone to another**

EUCHRE NIGHT!!

Friday, February 28th, 2025

\$25 per person/\$30 after Feb. 21st

6-7pm - Registration & Dinner

Tour the Manoogian Museum - 5:45-6:45

7:00pm - Games Begin

Reservations: Call / text Michael Toomajian at 248-303-9744
or email: michaeltoomajian@gmail.com

Cash prizes, door prize, raffle (must be 18 yrs. old to win), and cash bar

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Garj Talks

A series of brief community discussions
co-sponsored by St. John Armenian Church
and the University of Michigan
Center for Armenian Studies



Dr. Kent Schull

Ph.D., UCLA, 2007
Associate Professor of History
Binghamton University

The Mormon-Armenian Experience in the Late Ottoman Empire: Conversion, Hardship, and Persecution

Dr. Kent Schull's research and teaching interests include the social and cultural history of the Ottoman Empire and modern Middle East, criminal justice, Middle East Diaspora Studies, Israeli and Palestinian History, missiology, and forced migration in the Middle East and North Africa region.



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March 9, 2025

Following the Divine Liturgy
St. Vartan Room

The Armenian American Veterans' Building Renovation

Join the crowd!



Since 1963, the Armenian American Veterans' Building has met the needs and interests of our community, from bridge classes to basketball games, Senior Lunch to ACYOA meetings, and even as a temporary sanctuary during our recent church renovations. Today, this community gem that has given us so much needs our help.

St. John needs *you* to join the crowd and support the Armenian American Veterans' Building renovation, set to begin in the coming months. Together we are giving for the future to honor our past.

Please use the above QR code to give directly to this important, community-driven project. Please also check your email for this week's St. John e-Bulletin, which includes a link to an informational brochure. Your support and participation are greatly appreciated!



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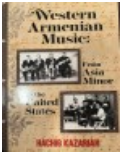
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Visit the Parish Bookstore

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



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



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)



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



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



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



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



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

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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