

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

August 9, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Paregentan of the Fast of the Assumption

Pastor: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:30 a.m.

Sacred Lections: Isaiah 7:1-9, 1 Corinthians 13:11-14:5, Mark 2:1-12

Lector: Gary Melikian

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.

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Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Plate Collection

Today's collection for the church will be taken during *Badarak*. 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 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)

Hymn of the Day Resurrection Mode 7

Christ King

One in essence with the Father and the Spirit

For our sake You became flesh from the Holy Virgin

Glory to You, Christ, King of glory.

By Your voluntary death, You put death to death

And by Your incorrupt resurrection You have renewed the world.

Glory to You, Christ, King of glory.

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

Now and for ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

By Your life-giving blood You have enlightened the Holy Church

We sing to You with the angels.

Glory to You, Christ, King of glory.



Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Maya Hovhannisyan

Badrik Jooharigian

Andre' J. Gregory

Vladimir Avetisov

Charles Sansone

Debbie Dakhlian

Hrayr Mashigian

Jan Paloian

Edith Baise

Rose Baise

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian

Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan

Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian

Ron and Geraldine Ware

Lara Roche Sarmanian

Mary Helen Altounian

Shoghig Terjimanian

Valera Ayrapetyan

Charles Vanerian

Michael Vartoogian

Samvel Arakelyan

Yelena Zakaryan

Nancy Altounian

Marus Grigoryan

Nailya Sahakian

Chris Papazian

Rose Lucassian

Marge Aramian

Zaven Ovian

Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 2:1-12

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"



If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a vendor at the Bazaar, please fill this form out: <https://forms.gle/FHJF9GK7Q7ePKBPJ7>



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

Michael Bullion, 20th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother-in-Law, Uncle

Requested by:

Karen Bullion and her Granddaughters
Michael and Melissa Bullion
Matt and Nicole Milatz
Mark Bullion
John and Terrie Karebian
Ara and Tara Avedissian
Nicholas and Sarah Karebian

Armine Wartersssian, 40th Day, Mother, Friend

Haroutioun Wartersssian, 10 Years Father, Friend

Stephan Topakbashian, Grandfather

Valentine Topakbashian, Grandmother

Requested by:

Mike and Maral Arzoumanian
Norayr and Hasmig Shirvanian
Nevart Torian
Varant Shirvanian
Ararad Shirvanian
Drs. Rony and Narine Shabou and Aleni

Armine Wartersssian, 40th Day, Mother

Haroutioun Wartersssian, 10 Years, Father

Stephan Topakbashian, Grandfather

Valentine Topakbashian, Grandmother

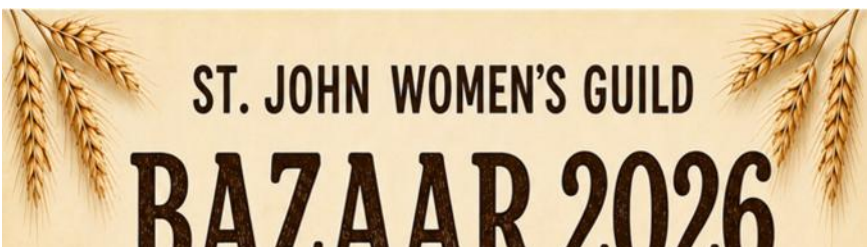
Requested by:

Kevork and Galina Wartersssian
Harout and Monica Wartersssian

Marine Hana Seferian, 1 year

Requested by

Shant Seferian
Lena, Christos, Sofia, Calista



ST. JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD BAZAAR 2026



We are getting ready for Bazaar 2026,
and everyone is warmly invited to help
prepare our delicious foods!

Monday - August 3 - Bazaar Baking: Evening Choreg cancelled

Tuesday - August 4 - Bazaar Baking: Soo Boreg 9am-noon

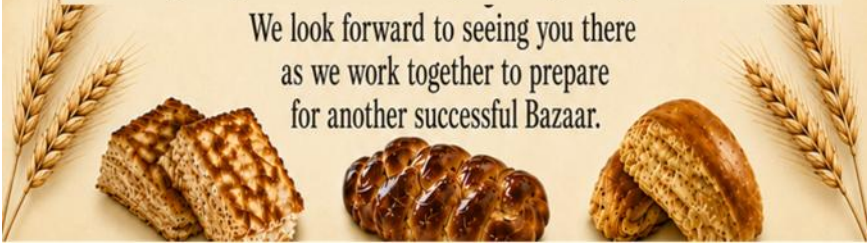
Tuesday - August 11 - Bazaar Baking: Soo Boreg 9am-noon

**Thursday - August 13 - Bazaar Baking: Evening Spinach and
Tepsee Boreg 5:00ish**

Tuesday - August 18 - Bazaar Baking: Katah 9am-12-noon

Tuesday - August 25 - Bazaar Baking: Choreg 9am-12-noon

Monday - August 31 - Bazaar Baking: Evening Choreg 4:30pm-7:30pm



We look forward to seeing you there
as we work together to prepare
for another successful Bazaar.



COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

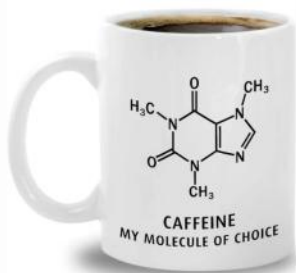
Join Us on Zoom!

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

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm
(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!

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH DAY CAMP 2026

Monday – Thursday

Check-in: 9:00 am - 9:30 am

Dismissal: 4:00pm

Session I:

Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25

Session II:

Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 9

Arts of Armenia

Separate application in conjunction with Komitas Choir
Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 17

HYE CAMP JULY 22nd -AUGUST 1st

www.diocesansummercamps.org

Session III:

Monday, August 3 – Thursday, August 6

Session IV:

Monday, August 10 – Thursday, August 13

Session V:

Monday, August 17 – Thursday, August 20

Session VI:

Monday, August 24-Thursday, August 27

Additional Information:

\$30 a day | Discount for second child | Ages 5-12 yrs.
Enrollment includes art supplies, refreshments, t-shirt,
field trips, and transportation for field trips.

Parents, please provide sack lunch & water bottles!

Lisa Mardigian

lmardigian@siachurch.org

(586) 808 2202



MONTHLY MIXER 20S-40S

Hye Doon!

this month at **PALU CAFE!!!**

a Casual Coffeehouse Kef

**-Come chill with a coffee, snacks
or a game of Tavloo!**

**-Get pumped for ArmeniaFest
with a crash course in Armenian
Line Dancing!**



FRIDAY
AUGUST 14TH
7:00 - 9:00 PM

PALU CAFE
29255 GREENFIELD
SOUTHFIELD, MI

REACH US AT HYEDOONDETROIT@GMAIL.COM

Tuesday Lunch Club

In The Armenian American Veteran's Building

Serving at 12 noon

Today's Lunch Prepared by

Proprietor and Chef Hasmik Movsesyan

Lavash Grill



Tuesday, August 18th

Deboned, Marinated & Charbroiled Chicken Thigh

or

Slow-Roasted Lamb Shank

Lunches Served with
mixed vegetables, rice, pita, and salad.

Dessert: Lemon Cake

\$15 Lunch Includes: Salad, Bread, Entrée,
Accompaniments, Dessert, Coffee and Water
Carry outs exclude coffee and water

RESERVATIONS ONLY - No walk-ins

Text (or email / phone) your name & lunch choice
to Dan Cristiano by Friday 11am 313-938-4215 / [djcris100@gmail.com](mailto:djcrist100@gmail.com)

We extend a special thank-you to the Edward Mardigian family for partially subsidizing this program!

Blessing of the Grapes

Sunday, August 16, 2026

The Armenian Church will observe one of its five major feast days,
the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God.

As is our cherished tradition, immediately following the Divine Liturgy,
the celebrant and altar servers will conduct the
Service of the Blessing of the Grapes.

Upon the conclusion of the service, the blessed grapes will
be distributed to the faithful.

On the occasion of the Blessing of the Grapes, those who wish to make
a donation in honor or memory of a loved one are invited to contact the
Church Office at (248) 569-3405 or by email at office@sjachurch.org
no later than Wednesday, August 12th.

Donations received by that date will be acknowledged in the
Sunday Bulletin on August 16th.



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS



MENU:
LAMB
CHICKEN
KHOROVADZ
VEGAN OPTIONS



FOOD SERVICE
UNTIL 2PM

— FEATURING: —



ARMENIAN WINES + BEER



WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE SALE



PARISH BOOKSTORE



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



CLASSIC CAR SHOW

CLASSIC CAR SHOW!



*A day of fellowship,
food, and community—
everyone is welcome!*



Church School Classroom Partners and Substitute Teachers Needed

Our Church School is seeking enthusiastic and caring individuals to serve the following positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

Positions Available

- Classroom Partner for the **5th Grade** to assist teacher Ms. Sophia Kazarian
- Classroom partner **for High School** (grades 9-12) to assist teacher Ms. Maggie Yessian
- Classroom Partner in the **Kindergarten** to assist Ms. Dawn Aginian
- Substitute Teachers for grade levels



Desired Qualities

Applicants should:

- Have a genuine appreciation and respect for children and all they bring to the learning environment.
- Be available to arrive by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning September 13, 2026 through May 2027.

Application Process

All interested applicants are welcome to apply.

Please submit a brief paragraph expressing your interest and send it to:

sjachurchschool@gmail.com

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075 • 248.569.3405

“The Church with the Golden Dome”

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

10 AM — 2 PM



**Sanctuary and Museum Tour
Traditional Armenian Buffet Luncheon**

Sanctuary Tour Presentations by:

Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor

Reverend Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian

✧ Master of Arts in Armenian Architecture and Art

✧ Armenian Iconographer

Deacon Rubik Mailian

✧ Sacred Music Director and Pastoral Assistant

Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum Tour:

Harry Kezelian III, Museum Director

✧ Largest Armenian Museum in North America

\$35 per person

Please register by September 8. Seating is limited.

For reservation information, please contact:

Gloria Korkoian: gkorkoian@gmail.com 248.318.5752



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!

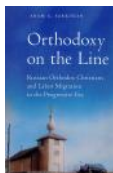
Featured Items



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



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



**Children's Book
Rose by the Sea**
By Rebecca
Mooradian,
HC \$20.00



**New, "The Repatriate
Returns"** by Tom
Mooradian SC \$20.00

These and many other Michael Aram pieces now available (10% off)!

Candles



White Orchid Cocktail
Napkin Holder



Noah's Ark
Nut Dish



New Jewelry from Armenia

Pregomesh Jewelry

Vanq Collection Silver Jewelry Celebrates Artsakh's Rich Heritage



EVENTS AT
ST JOHN
ARMENIAN CHURCH

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OUR VENUE & ALL THE
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EMAIL: EVENTS@SJACHURCH.ORG

General Parish Information

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am - 4pm

Parish Secretary: Gayane Hovhannisyann | (248) 569-3405 | office@sjachurch.org

In an after-hours emergency, please contact:

Fr. Aren - cell (773) 457-4122 | fraren@sjachurch.org

For after hour building and maintenance issues please call:

Gerry Kmita, Property Maintenance Manager (313) 580-5083

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/



August 9 - Morning Service 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
August 10 - 13 - Day Camp, Session IV
August 11 - Bazaar Baking: Soo Boreg 9am-noon
August 11 - Tuesday Lunch: 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
August 12 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp: 6:00pm via Zoom
August 13 - Bazaar Baking Evening - Spinach and Tepsee Boreg 5:00
August 14 - Hye Doon Coffee House Kef: Palu Café 7:00 - 9:00pm
August 16 - Blessing of the Grapes / Church Annual Picnic, After Divine Liturgy
August 18 - Bazaar Baking: Katah 9am-12-noon
August 18 - Tuesday Lunch: 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
August 25 - Bazaar Baking: Choreg 9am-12-noon
August 31 - Bazaar Baking Evening - Choreg 4:30pm-7:30pm
September 23 - "Church with the Golden Dome" - Sanctuary and Museum Tour
October 2-3 - St. John Bazaar

Stewards Time and Talent Appreciation

Our parish is blessed with many volunteers who work tirelessly within the various Church organizations and we thank you all!

Church Corner

Please help us reduce the noise - even while exiting the Sanctuary

We come to church to pray and to worship God above all else, and that should be our only focus. We encourage parishioners to help us maintain an atmosphere of harmony, beauty, and reverence, so that everyone can experience worship without distraction.

While in the Sanctuary we ask that noise and conversation be kept to a minimum, especially during Holy Communion and when the Gospel is being read. By all means if someone has a question about the service, please take time to *softly* explain it to them. While there is a natural temptation to talk with each other while leaving the Sanctuary, we ask that you wait until you have reached the lobby.

Fellowship and Coffee in the Church Cultural Hall is a wonderful place to catch up and we look forward to seeing you there!