

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

June 14, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian
Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:30 a.m.
Sacred Lections: Isaiah 1:1-15, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 12:1-8
Lector: Hermine Dervartanian

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)

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 forever 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.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Maya Hovhannisyan	Imprisoned Bishops and	Michael Vartoogian
Badrik Jooharigian	Clergymen in Armenia	Samvel Arakelyan
Andre' J. Gregory	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Yelena Zakaryan
Vladimir Avetisov	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Nancy Altounian
Charles Sansone	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian	Marus Grigoryan
Debbie Dakhlian	Lara Roche Sarmanian	Nailya Sahakian
Hrayr Mashigian	Mary Helen Altounian	Chris Papazian
Jan Paloian	Shoghig Terjimanian	Rose Lucassian
Edith Baise	Valera Ayrapetyan	Marge Aramian
Rose Baise	Charles Vanerian	Zaven Ovian

Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 12:1-8

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck ears of grain and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath." He said to them, "Have you not read what David did, when he was hungry, and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the law how on the sabbath the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. And if you had known what this means, "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice," you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

GEORGE DERDERIAN, Jr, 40th Day, Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Cousin, Parish Council Member, Friend

Requested by Zonica Derderian

Michael, Chelsea, Ellis and Daphne Jawor

Marjan, Ashley, Isabella and Vincent Palushaj

Ron and Pat Derderian

Thomas and Dr. Kristin Marten and Family

Ryan and Carrie Derderian and Family

Denise Chiroyan

Daniel and Jennifer Scappaticci and Family

Michael and Brigitte Conti and Family

John and Cynthia Jamian

Sean and Layla Jamian

Michelle, Perry, Lola, Minka, Gemma and Cash Minasian

Marilyn Boladian

MILLIE JINGOZIAN, 14th Year, Mother, Mother-In-Law, Grandmother

SUSIE JINGOZIAN, 26th Year, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

MARY DEMIRJIAN, 19th Year, Aunt, Great-Aunt

Requested by Messner Family

Minni Family

Tungate Family

Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Hilda Misirliyan**, who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at

St. John Armenian Church on June 12, 2026.

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

Altar Flowers

The beautiful flowers at the altar today are presented by **John and Cynthia Jamian** and family in loving memory of **George Derderian** on the occasion of his 40th Day Memorial.



ORDER OF PRAYER

250th ANNIVERSARY

of the Independence of
the United States of
America



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
22001 NORTHWESTERN HWY
SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075

SUNDAY BADARAK
June 14

A Prayer to Honor America's 250th Anniversary

Today, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, our parish will join Armenian churches throughout the Diocese in offering a special prayer of thanksgiving in honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America. As we celebrate the blessings of freedom and the opportunities this nation has provided to generations of Armenians, we invite all parishioners to participate in this special observance and prayer for our country.

Happy **GRADUATION**

**CONGRATULATIONS 2026 HIGH SCHOOL + COLLEGE
GRADUATES!
WELCOME HOME COLLEGE STUDENTS!**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING AND GATHERING
JUNE 14, 2026
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY IN THE CULTURAL HALL**

Veterans Building Renovation Fundraising

**Our goal is to renovate our dedicated space to honor those who served
and to expand our community outreach.**

Renovation Goal \$ 500,000

Current Donations \$ 286,491

Funding Needed \$ 213,509

As of May 21, 2026.

Help us reach our goal!

Donate today by scanning the QR code.



**Excludes Apostolic Society's funding \$470,647 for Foundation, Roof,
and Window repairs/replacements since 2021 and Marie Vanerian's
\$50,000 donation to the 2025 Detroit ACYOA Sports Weekend
of which ~\$38,500 used for Gym refreshing.**

St. John Armenian Church

Estate Sale

Saturday, June 13

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, June 14

12:00 - 4:00 PM

**Armenian American Veterans Building
22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075**

**All proceeds benefit
St. John Armenian
Church**

For More Information:

248-890-7577

AestatesMI@gmail.com

Brought to you by:

The logo consists of the letters 'A', '&', and 'A' in a stylized, serif font. The 'A's are a vibrant pink color, while the ampersand is a darker shade of pink. The letters are closely spaced and have a slight shadow effect.

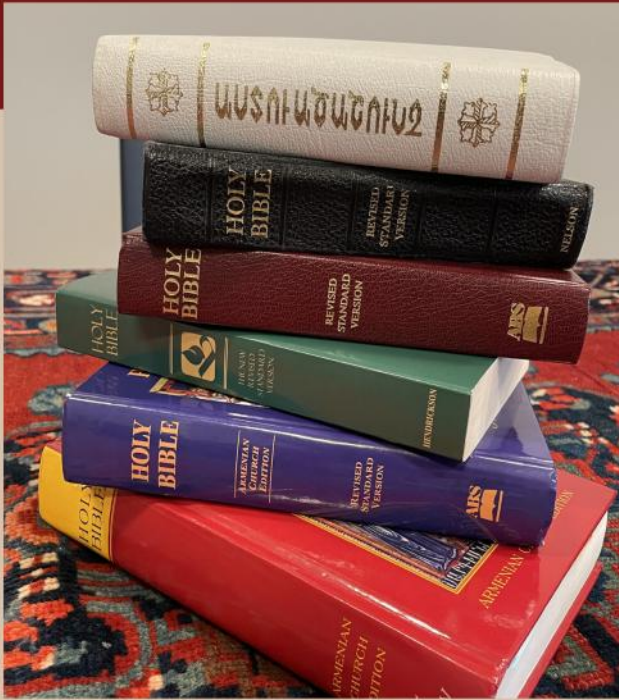
ESTATE SALES & REAL ESTATE



St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



JUNE 15, 2026

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

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

Join Us on Zoom!

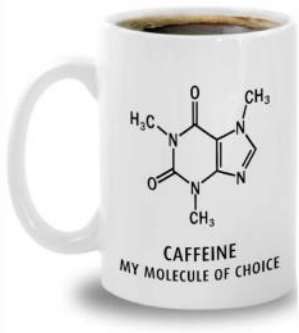
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

Tuesday, June 16, at 4:00pm

(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!

ARAGATS CAMP

FRIDAY | JUNE 19 | 6 PM

ST. JOHN'S VETERAN'S HALL

DINNER \$40 CASH BAR CIGAR BAR

Fundraiser for Ayo project with the Diocesan Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) to send 36 kids in Armenia to Camp July 9th-24th

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

An anonymous donor has pledged to match all donations up to \$1000.
100% of proceeds goes directly to AYO

*checks for dinner payable to
St. John Armenian Church*

*donation checks payable to FAR
memo: Ayo! No Kid Left Indoors*

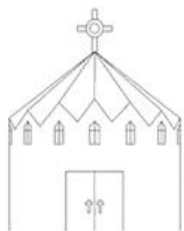
RESERVATIONS

call or text Mark Mamassian 248.568.7358

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ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM

JUNE 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



**THE STEWARDSHIP
COMMITTEE
WISHES OUR COMMUNITY'S
GENTLEMEN + FAMILIES
HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY!**

**Please enjoy a SJAC keychain
to take home after Badarak
on Sunday June 21
with our warmest regards**

Tuesday Lunch Club

A St. John Armenian Church Serving Ministry

In The Armenian American Veteran's Building

Serving at 12 noon

Lavash Grill

Today's Lunch Prepared by



Proprietor and Chef Hasmik Movsesyan

Tuesday, June 23rd

Chicken Ghallaba Plate

Sautéed Chicken & fresh Vegetables in Olive Oil, Lemon & Middle Eastern spices

Beef Ghallaba Plate

Sautéed beef & fresh Vegetables in Olive Oil, Lemon & Middle Eastern spices

Dessert

Gata

\$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 / dicrist100@gmail.com

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

St. John's Community Dinner

Veterans Building | Friday, June 26th, 6PM

Event chairs: Edward and Yvonne Korkoian

Lamb Shank with bulgur pilaf, peas with tomato sauce, salad, bread, dessert

or

Salmon with oven roasted potatoes, green bean almondine, salad, bread and dessert

Adults \$35

Kids \$15: Chicken Strips & French Fries



Armenian Wine Available For Purchase

Cardroom Open For Cards & Board Games

For Dinner Reservations Please Call or Text

By Monday, June 22nd

Dan Cristiano: 313-938-4215

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

SUNDAY JUNE 28
REFLECTION BY
JOHN MERIGIAN

The 2026 Stewardship
Pledge Year is going
strong!

Meet the Stewardship
Committee after Badarak
for coffee and Q + A

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@sjachurch.org

(586) 808 2202



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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ARTS OF ARMENIA



*A premier summer fine arts program
for children ages 8-12*

This Year's Theme: Royalties and Saints

July 13-17, 2026

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Authentic Armenian Dance, Music, Jewelry, Garments,
Baking, Wedding Service and more
taught by professional teachers

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 3, 2026

Limited Enrollment



For more information please contact:

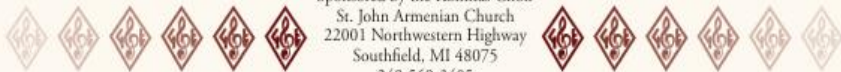
Lisa Mardigian

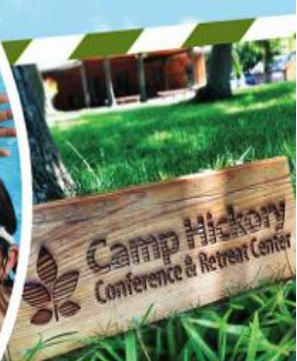
lmardigian@sjchurch.org

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/MKgc1eHE7BD4S4mTA> or scan here:



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St. John Armenian Church
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248-569-3405





HYE CAMP

where faith, fun and fellowship meet
INGLESIDE, ILLINOIS



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register
online



learn



Pray



play



and more

CIT/Staff Training: Wednesday, July 22 – Saturday, July 25
Camp Week: Saturday, July 25 – Saturday, August 1

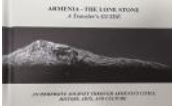
Online Registration

hyecamp.org

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!

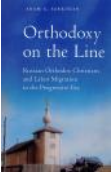
Featured Items



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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General Parish Information

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

Parish Secretary: Gayane Hovhannisyan | (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.stjohnsarmerianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/



- June 14 - Morning Service - 9:00am, Divine Liturgy - 9:30am
June 14 - Special Gathering for High School and College Graduates
Following Divine Liturgy - St John Main Hall
June 14 - A Prayer to Honor America's 250th Anniversary
June 13 - Church Estate Sale, 10:00pm - 4:00pm - Veterans Building
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June 15 - Bible Study, 7:00pm - Conference Room
June 16 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
June 16 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 4:00pm, Via Zoom
June 19 - Summer Barbecue - Fundraiser for Aragats Camp
6:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
June 20 - Little Saints, 10:00am - Ararat Room
June 21 - Father's Day
June 22 - June 25 - Day Camp - Session 1
June 26 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Shank Dinner,
6:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
June 28 - Stewardship Sunday, Reflection by John Merigian
July 13 - July 17 - Save the Date - Arts of Armenia
July 31 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Chop Dinner, 6:00pm - Veterans Hall
July 25 - August 1 - Save the Date - Hye Camp

Bazaar 2026

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

Tuesday, June 16, 9:00am until 12:00pm - Nazoog.

All hands are good hands! We look forward to seeing you there.

Seeking Stewards Time and Talent Help

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

We also want to note special thanks to these individuals for sharing their time and talent.

Gary Gozmanian - Landscape work

Anthony Carmen - Electrical and kitchen repairs this past week

Karen Dakhlian - Office coverage on Thursday