

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



April 20, 2025

Armenian Church Year 1474

Sunday Bulletin

Easter Sunday

Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.

Acts 1:15-26, Mark 16:2-8

Lector: Kate Andonian

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.

Plate Collection: On the occasion of Easter, there will be two plate collections today. In addition to the regular collection for the church, Komitas Choir members will be taking a special plate collection during the hymn “*Amen yev unt hokvooyt koom*” (found on page 39). Thank you for your generous support of our Komitas Choir.

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)

Easter

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem.

Christ is risen from the dead, Alleluia!

Come, you peoples, sing to the Lord, Alleluia!

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

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

To Him who is risen from the dead, Alleluia!

To Him who has enlightened the world, Alleluia!

Easter Greeting

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD! BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!

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KRISDOS HARYAV EE MERELOTZ! ORHNYAL EH HAROUTIUNUN KRISDOSEE!

Memorial Day of Easter (*Merelotz*)

A requiem service (*Hokehankist*) for the repose of the souls of the departed will not be offered on Easter Sunday. Instead, it is traditional to remember all deceased loved ones the day after a major feast day, a service known as *Merelotz*. Requests for *Hokehankist* will be honored at *Merelotz* on Monday, April 21 at 11 a.m. Please submit the full name(s) of the person(s) you wish to have remembered via email (office@sjachurch.org) or by phone (248-569-3405), by Monday, April 21 at 10 a.m. An offering from your heart is appreciated.

With Appreciation

We wish to thank **Arthur and Rosalie Mardigian** for their generous donation of the butter that was used on Holy Thursday for the Washing of the Feet service. It is a custom that the faithful take some of the blessed butter home to be used in their Easter food preparations.

Following Wednesday's Prayers for Healing Service, **Hye Doon** cleaned our altar area, chancel, sanctuary, and mosaics in preparation for Holy Week services. Our gratitude to all of them for their service to our church.

Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 16:2-8

And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

Following Today's Divine Liturgy

At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, the faithful are all invited to follow Fr. Aren, the deacons and the choir into our Cultural Hall for the traditional Easter Home Blessing. Following the Home Blessing, the community is invited to participate in the Easter Tea sponsored by the St. John Women's Guild.

In addition, earlier this week, the Men's Society made *Nushkhar* (unconsecrated communion wafers) which will be blessed during the Home Blessing service. Families are invited to come forward and take one *Nushkhar* home (one per family please), and place it in your dry rice or baking flour. The *Nushkhar* in your home represents the presence of Christ.

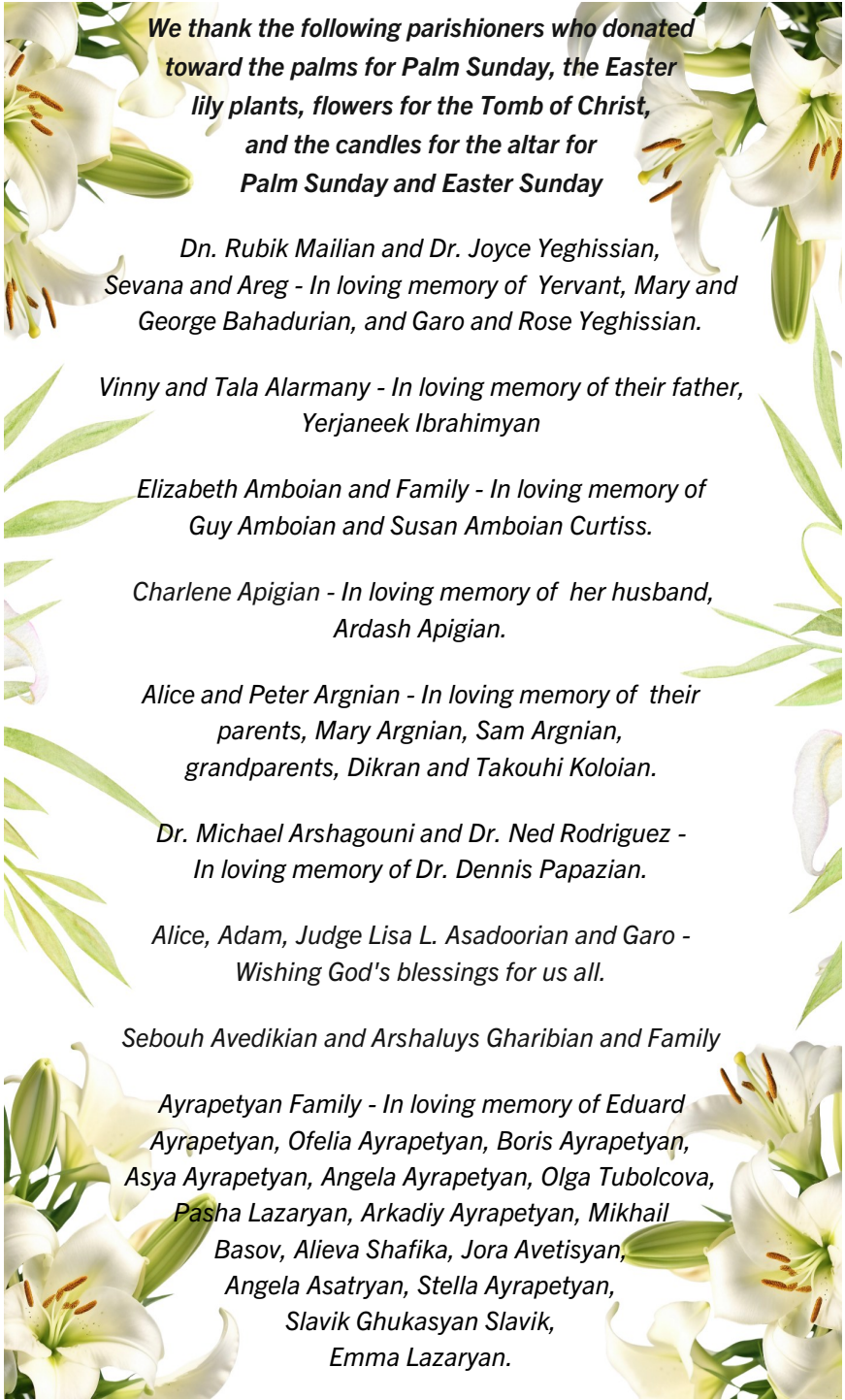
Home Blessings

Traditionally after Christmas and Easter, as well as when moving to a new home or renovating your home or work place, families invite their pastor to their homes or workplace for a special prayer and blessing. This centuries old practice is also part of our heritage and tradition as Armenians. The only thing required for a Home Blessing is to have a piece of bread, dish of salt, and glass of water available for the blessing.

If you would like to schedule a home blessing, please contact the church office, to schedule a time and date.

Welcome, Father Vazgen!

This week we were blessed with the presence of Reverend Father Vazgen Andriasyan, a priest from Holy Etchmiadzin who recently arrived in the United States. Der Hayr is currently living at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in Armonk, New York for a three-month period of acculturation, after which he will begin his ministry here in our Eastern Diocese. We were glad for his presence at the services throughout Holy Week, especially as the guest celebrant for the *Badarak* of Great and Holy Thursday and *Jrakalouyts* on Saturday evening, and as the homilist at the conclusion of the *Khavaroom* (Darkness) service. Welcome, Der Hayr, and we pray for your success in our diocese!



*We thank the following parishioners who donated
toward the palms for Palm Sunday, the Easter
lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ,
and the candles for the altar for
Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday*

*Dn. Rubik Mailian and Dr. Joyce Yeghissian,
Sevana and Areg - In loving memory of Yervant, Mary and
George Bahadurian, and Garo and Rose Yeghissian.*

*Vinny and Tala Alarmany - In loving memory of their father,
Yerjaneek Ibrahimyan*

*Elizabeth Amboian and Family - In loving memory of
Guy Amboian and Susan Amboian Curtiss.*

*Charlene Apigian - In loving memory of her husband,
Ardash Apigian.*


*Alice and Peter Argnian - In loving memory of their
parents, Mary Argnian, Sam Argnian,
grandparents, Dikran and Takouhi Koloian.*

*Dr. Michael Arshagouni and Dr. Ned Rodriguez -
In loving memory of Dr. Dennis Papazian.*

*Alice, Adam, Judge Lisa L. Asadoorian and Garo -
Wishing God's blessings for us all.*

Sebouh Avedikian and Arshaluys Gharibian and Family

*Ayrapetyan Family - In loving memory of Eduard
Ayrapetyan, Ofelia Ayrapetyan, Boris Ayrapetyan,
Asya Ayrapetyan, Angela Ayrapetyan, Olga Tubolcova,
Pasha Lazaryan, Arkadiy Ayrapetyan, Mikhail
Basov, Alieva Shafika, Jora Avetisyan,
Angela Asatryan, Stella Ayrapetyan,
Slavik Ghukasyan Slavik,
Emma Lazaryan.*



*Agnes Barsamian - In loving memory of
Arthur Barsamian and Matthew David Barsamian.*

*Arthur A. Barsamian - In loving memory of
Arthur Barsamian and Matthew David Barsamian.*

*Roslyn Basherian - In loving memory of
Ara Basherian and Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian.*

*Dr. Rose Berberian - In loving memory
of Judge Y. Gladys Barsamian.*

Bush Family - In loving memory of Hovhannes Bush.

*Daniel, Danielle and Karen Dardarian - In honor of the
name day of their father, David Harry Dardarian;
uncle, Dr. Harry Kezelian; and cousin, Harry Kezelian III
and in loving memory of their grandfather,
Harry Dardarian and uncle Harry Kezelian, Sr.*

Margaret Derderian - In loving memory of Harry Derderian.

*David and Randi Dolik - In loving memory of
Roxie and Zaven Dolik, and Virginia and Souren Keoleian.*

Jerry Govjanian - Anticipating of Daniel Thomas Pilcher.


Roger and Ardis Gregory - In loving memory of their parents.

Dr. Khatchig and Marcia Hamamdjian

*Gregory and Sandra Jamian - In loving memory of
Edward and Kora Jamian.*

*Sandra and Gregory Jamian - In loving memory of
John and Sophie Nagohosian.*

Adam, Alexandria, Eddie and Eva Kotlarek



*Anita Kachadurian and Family -
In loving memory of
Harry Kachadurian on his Name Day.*

*Edward, Yvonne, Laura, Christopher,
Shakay, Shant and Christopher Korkoian -
In loving memory of Rev. Fr. Haroutiun Dagley,
Harry B. Dardarian, Harry A. Kezelian Sr.,
Harry Asadoorian, Harry Sarkisian and Harry Mardirosian,
grandmothers and great-grandmothers Eugapere Zobian
and Yougaper Dardarian, and in Honor of David Harry Dardarian,
Dr. Harry A. Kezelian, and Harry A. Kezelian III.*

*Linda Lutz - In loving memory of James and Florence Ohanesian
and Diramayr Ursula Findikyan.*

*Robert, Tricia, Rayeanne, Grace and Becca Magee -
In loving memory of their Parents/Grandparents,
Robert and Rayeanne Magee, and John and Alice Duszczuk.*

*Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Masropian - In loving memory
of their parents and dear sisters.*

*Mark and Maral Mamassian and Family - In honor of
the Mamassian and Toukhanian Families.*

*Michele and Tom Margosian and Family - In loving memory of
their aunt, Susie Janigian*

*Mike and Dolly Matoian - In loving memory of
Nishan and Helen Baltayan, and Baghdasar and Mariam Matoian.*

Mazmanian Family - In loving memory of Levon Mazmanian.

*Nennette Merametsdjan - In honor of
the Komitas Choir.*

*Lena Montgomery - In loving memory
of her husband, Jerry Montgomery.*



Alice and Sandra Nigoghosian

*Diane Nolf, Jonathan Nolf,
Katie and Jason Dudzinski -
In loving memory of David Nolf,
and Harry Kachadurian.*

*Carol Ohanesian - In loving memory James and
Florence Ohanesian and Diramayr Ursula Findikyan.*

James and Charity Omartian

*Dr. Mary, Dr. Ani (Teague Duncan) and Marie Papazian -
In loving memory of Dr. Dennis Papazian.*

*Elise and Garo Papazian - In loving memory
of Dr. Dennis Papazian.*

*Helen Parnagian Corrigan - In honor of
Bedros and Azniv Parnagian and Family.*

*Rony Shabou and Narine Shirvanian -
In honor of their baby Aleni Narine Shabou.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Norayr and Hasmig Shirvanian -
Welcoming their 1st granddaughter Aleni Narine Shabou.*

Margie Simonian - In loving memory of her Family.

Dr. Edward and Robin Tashjian

*Laurie Yarjanian - In loving memory
of Dr. Ara Yarjanian.*

Saren R Yerasosian

Anonymous

Anonymous

Parish Organization News and Events



St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



APRIL 21, 2025

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

Braised Lamb Shank Dinner \$25

St John's Community Dinner, Friday, April 25th

Please make your reservation by Tuesday, April 22nd

Veterans Building, Hall opens 6pm - Dinner 6:30pm

Card room open for cards and board games at 6pm

Event Chairman: Mark Mamassian

Braised Lamb Shank

Salad, Bread, Vegetable, Bulger Pilaf

Dessert; Coffee, & Lemonade Station

Salmon Option Available Pre-ordered

Hot Dog Meal for the kids available upon pre-order \$8.00



Armenian Wine, Available for Purchase \$5 a glass \$23 @btl

Only 100 reservations available

For dinner reservations or pre order carry out meals please call or text

Dan Cristiano 313.938.4215

Next Dinner Friday June 20th ~ Filet

Community Dinners are made possible by the generous financial support from

Phyllis and Ed Garabedian

To become a sponsor for one of these dinners contact:

Greg Mamassian 248-720-8924

ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SPORTS WEEKEND 2025

MAY 23 - 25, 2025

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Friday, May 23rd – St. John Armenian Church – Southfield, MI

9:00am – 5:00pm

FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT

Friday, May 23rd – Fifth Avenue – Royal Oak, MI

7:00pm – 10:30pm

SPORTS

Saturday, May 24th – Groves High School – Birmingham, MI

8:30am – 5:00pm

Sunday, May 25th – St. John Armenian Church Rec. Center – Southfield, MI

1:00pm – 5:00pm

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

Saturday, May 24th – Little Caesars Arena – Detroit, MI

8:30pm – 1:00am

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, May 25th – St. John Armenian Church – Southfield, MI

9:30am - Noon

Brunch hosted by Women's Guild immediately following at Veterans Building

SUNDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET

Sunday, May 25th – St. John Armenian Church Grand Ballroom – Southfield, MI

Alumni Cocktail Hour: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

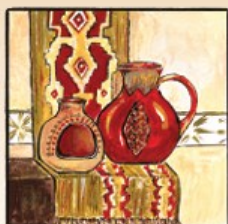
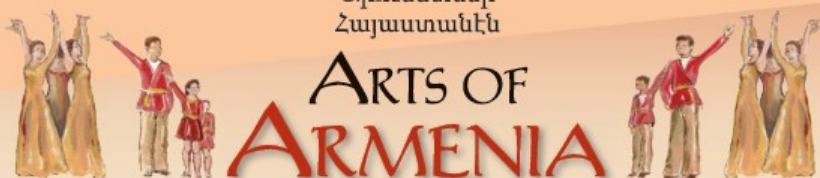
Dinner, Awards, and Dance: 7:30pm – 2:00am

Please visit www.acyoa.org/gasw to register.

Must be 18 years or older to attend Friday and Saturday evening events.

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Registration Deadline: Sunday, June 20, 2025

Limited Enrollment



For more information please contact:

Lisa Mardigian

lmardigian@sjachurch.org

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/MKGc1eHE7BD4S4mTA> or scan here:



Sponsored by the Komitas Choir
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075
248-569-3405

Registration Deadline: Sunday, June 22, 2025 | Program Tuition \$150.00

Make checks payable to **KOMITAS CHOIR - ARTS OF ARMENIA**, or scan here to pay online:

Mail application and full payment to:

Lisa Mardigian
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075



Pay Online

Online Registration - <https://forms.gle/MKGc1eHE7BD4S4mTA> or scan here:

For questions, call or email:

Dn. Rubik Mailian, at 248-569-3405 or rubik@sjachurch.org

Or Lisa Mardigian, lmardigian@sjachurch.org



Registration



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St John's Women's Guild

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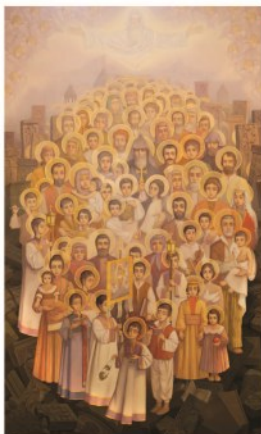
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Dadian@comcast.net

The Armenian American Veterans' Building Renovation

Join the crowd!





110th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Service in Honor of the Sanctified
Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide

Under the auspices of the
Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit
Genocide Commemoration Committee

St. John Armenian Apostolic Church
St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church
St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church
Armenian Congregational Church

Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church

Guest Homilist

Rev. Fr. Imad Al-Banna

Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Syriac Orthodox Church of Southfield, MI

DONATIONS EARMARKED FOR

The Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit Genocide Committee to enable it to continue conducting the service for the Sanctified Martyrs of the Genocide and related cultural programs.

Checks should be made payable to the Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, which can be remitted at the April 24th Commemoration or mailed to:

Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit
PO Box 3418, Farmington Hills, MI 48333

Donations can also be made online using the link:
[Bit.ly/4churches](https://bit.ly/4churches)

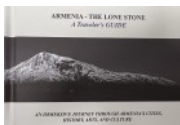


Visit the St. John Parish Bookstore!

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
Hardcover coffee table book
documenting history of cultural
landmarks HC - \$70.00



New - Western Armenian Music:
From Asia Minor to the United States,
by Hachig Kazarian (HC \$40/SC \$30)



New - Khigar Nabasdaguh,
by Michael Pifer (HC \$17)
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about a little rabbit who learns
how to stand out in a big family

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White Orchid Cocktail
Napkin Holder



Noah's Ark
Nut Dish



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General Parish Information

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

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

Parish Administrator - Cell: (248) 770-2200 | 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 now 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.

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/

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:



April

April 21 - Merelotz

11:00am - Requiem Service

April 24 - 110th Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide

Co-Sponsored by the Four Armenian Churches of Detroit -
St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church, Dearborn, 7 p.m.

April 25 - Men's Society Lamb Shank Community Dinner

Armenian American Veterans' Building, 6 p.m. - \$25/person, please
RSVP to Dan Cristiano (313-938-4215)

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Samvel Arakelyan
Aleksan Matossian	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian	Nancy Altounian
Anahid Matossian	Haroutiun Bagdasarian	Marus Grigoryan
Nadia Ayrapetyan	Mary Helen Altounian	Nailya Sahakian
Vladimir Avetisov	Wayne Owen Engelki	Ronald Seaman
Joann Mashigian	Shoghig Terjimanian	Rose Lucassian
Charles Sansone	Samvel Ayrapetyan	Marge Aramian
Hrayr Mashigian	Valera Ayrapetyan	Zaven Ovian
Nick Fernandez	Craig Tarpinian	Jan Paloian
Jeffrey Perna		Rose Baise

Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Bernard Akkashian**, who entered his eternal rest last week. His funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on April 14, 2025. May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon his soul.

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.

Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի

Blessed is the revelation of Christ.