

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

July 27, 2025
Armenian Church Year 1475

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Guest Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Abraham Ohanesian

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

Wisdom 7:25-8:4, Zechariah 14:16-21, 1 John 1:1-7, Matthew 16:13-17:13

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.

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.

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)

Transfiguration of Our Lord

My soul shall magnify the Lord; And my spirit shall rejoice in God my Saviour.

Rejoice, Mother-of-God, crown of Virgins!

Today Your son showed the glory of the Father;

Entrust our souls to Him. Moses and Elijah serve Him;

In His name Tabor and Hermon rejoice; Entrust our souls to Him.

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

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

Isaiah saw you in the form of a light cloud;

The Father from the cloud proclaimed your Son His own;

Entrust our souls to Him.

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 July for the homeless of Metro Detroit. The Men's Society would like to thank **Nan Bogosian** for her 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.

Parish Announcement and Housing Request for Intern Priest and Family

We are pleased to announce His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, is sending an Intern for one year program of pastoral training. **Fr. Vasken Andreasyan** and his family will be joining our parish in August.

As we prepare to welcome them into our community, we are in **need of rental housing** for them for the duration of their stay. If you have a rental property available, or know of one that might be suitable, we kindly ask that you **contact the Church Office as soon as possible**.

Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning the altar today were donated by **Bobby and Roseann Attar, Rosemary Kezelian, and Dr. Harry and Patty Kezelian and Family** on the Feast of the Transfiguration.



Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-17:13

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets," He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead." And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" He replied, "Elijah does come, and he is to restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

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	Samvel Ayrapetyan	Zaven Ovia
Jane Toomajian	Valera Ayrapetyan	Jan Paloian
Nick Fernandez	Craig Tarpinian	Rose Baise
Sonia Kalfayan	Jeffrey Perna	

Blessing of the Grapes

Sunday, August 17, 2025

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 tradition, immediately after Divine Liturgy, the celebrant and
the 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 are wishing
to make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one,
may contact the church office at (248) 569-3405
or email at office@sjachurch.org by Wednesday, August 13th.
Donations will be listed in the August 17th on the Sunday Bulletin.



Parish Organization News and Events

SJAC Parish Zoom Town Hall

August 5, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- Welcome
- Intern Priest
- Diocesan Assembly Update 5/2025
- Auditing Committee
- Administrative Consultant
- Stewardship
- Financial Update
- Veteran's Building Renovation



Join Pickleball Mania!

Open Play ~ Walk-ins welcome!

Day:

Fridays

Time:

5pm-9pm

Where:

Armenian American Veterans' Building Gymnasium

Cost:

\$5.00 per person



Questions? Call
Dn. George Boyagian - 248-909-6149



St. John Komitas Choir Picnic

**Wednesday, August 6, 2025
6:30 pm – 9 pm**

A Potluck BBQ at the Church

Join us on the back patio or in the St. Vartan Room
depending on the weather.

Please RSVP the number in your party and let Christine
know what you would like to bring.
She will also put a sign-up sheet in the choir room.

A dish of your choice or a donation
would be greatly appreciated.

Spouses and children are welcome.

Christine Matoian
Cell (248) 535-5106
cmatoian@comcast.net

SHOURCH BAR CLUB

AN ARMENIAN LINE DANCE MEETUP

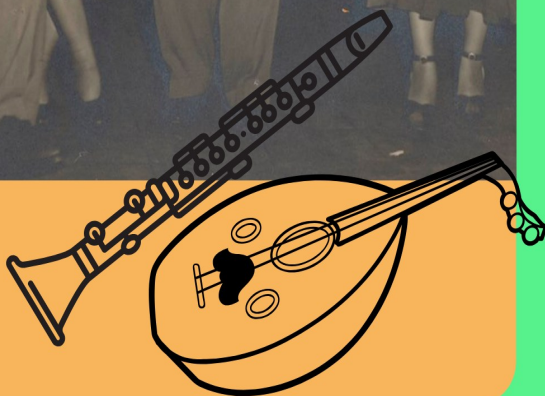


TUESDAY, JULY 22

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

LED BY
MR. DENNIS
KEVONIAN



ST JOHN CULTURAL HALL - 7:00 PM

JOIN US AND HELP SORT BADLY NEEDED
MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT
TO BE USED LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

SJAC VOLUNTEER DAY AT WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



Saturday, August 9, 9:00am-11:30am

CONTACT GREG OR EDITH BAISE AT (313) 673-3325

OR EBASE@UMICH.EDU

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075

HYE DOON
FIELD DAY COMPETITION

thursday
august 14 7pm
sjac front lawn

Monthly Meetup

**Young Adults Late Twenties
Through Forties**

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wear comfy clothes & athletic shoes
bring a lawn chair if you'd like!

\$15 Dinner and Drinks

RSVP detroithyedoone@gmail.com

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

DAY CAMP 2025

Monday – Thursday
Check-in: 9:00 am - 9:30 am
Dismissal: 4:00pm

Session I:

Monday, June 23 – Thursday, June 26

Arts of Armenia

Separate application in conjunction with
Komitas Choir
Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11

Session II:

Monday, July 14 – Thursday, July 17

HYE CAMP JULY 26th-AUGUST 2nd
www.diocesansummercamps.org

Session III:

Monday, August 4 – Thursday, August 7

Session IV:

Monday, August 11 – Thursday, August 14

Session V:

Monday, August 18 – Thursday, August 21

Session VI:

Monday, August 25-Thursday, August 28

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



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Sunday, August 17th

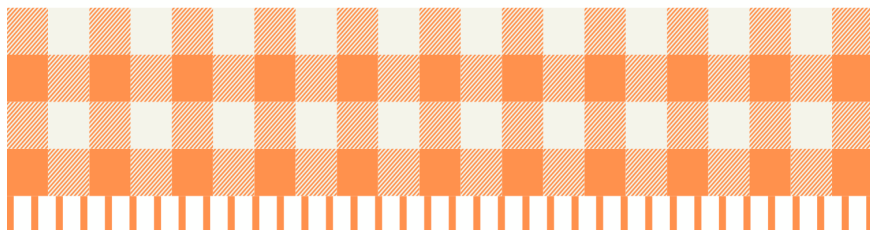
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

MENU: LAMB, CHICKEN + VEGAN DINNERS

FOOD SERVICE UNTIL 2pm



FEATURING: ARMENIAN WINES + BEER, WOMAN'S GUILD
BAKE SALE, PARISH BOOKSTORE, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES +
CLASSIC CAR SHOW!





Save the Date!!!

Khunjook and Family Fun Day

**To Celebrate the First Day of Church School
Sponsored by the Women's Guild**

**Sunday, September 7, 2025
at St. John Armenian Church**



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075 • 248.569.3405

"The Church with the Golden Dome"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

10 AM – 2 PM



Sanctuary and Museum Tour Traditional Armenian Buffet Luncheon

Sanctuary Tour Presentations by:

- ❖ Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor
- ❖ Deacon Rubik Mailian,
Sacred Music Director and Pastoral Assistant

Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum Tour:

- ❖ Largest Armenian Museum in North America,
Directed by Lucy Ardash

\$35 per person

Please register by September 10. Seating is limited.

For reservation information, please contact:

Gloria Korkoian: gkorkoian@gmail.com 248.318.5752

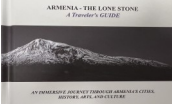


Visit the St. John Parish Bookstore!

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!

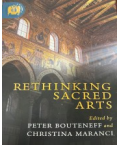
Featured Items



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



Rethinking Sacred Arts,
edited by Peter Bouteneff,
Christina Maranci, and
One Chapter is written by
Fr. Garabed Kochakian
(SC \$40)



New - Khigar Nabadaguh,
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



EVENTS AT
ST JOHN
ARMENIAN CHURCH

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EMAIL: EVENTS@SJACHURCH.ORG

General Parish Information

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

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 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/



Thursday Nights - Beginner Music Classes

6:00pm - 7:30pm - Komitas Choir Room

Friday Nights - Pickleball

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

August 5 - Parish Town Hall Zoom Meeting

7:00pm

August 6 - Komitas Choir Picnic

6:30pm - 9:00pm

August 7 - Hye Doon - Shourch Bar Club

7:00pm - St John Cultural Hall

August 9 - World Medical Relief

9:00am - 11:30am

August 14 - Hye Doon - Field Day Competition

7:00pm - SJAC Front Lawn

August 17 - Annual Church Picnic

September 7 - Khunjook and Family Fun Day

September 25 - Sanctuary and Museum Tour

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

and even better camaraderie.

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, July 28, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg

Monday, August 11, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg - with Dawn and Sara

Monday, September 15, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg - with Dawn and Sara

Monday, September 29, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg - with Dawn and Sara