

# 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 29, 2025**  
**Armenian Church Year 1474**

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

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

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.



**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)

#### **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.

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### **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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### **Daily Scripture Readings**

**Monday** - Wisdom 8:7-10; Nahum 1:7-9; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Mark 6:45-52

**Tuesday** - Proverbs 16:9-17; Baruch 3:31-4:4; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 7:1-10

**Wednesday** - Romans 7:1-11; Matthew 12:9-15

**Thursday** - Wisdom 6:11-21; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; John 16:1-5

**Friday** - Romans 7:12-25; Matthew 12:15-21

**Saturday** - Wisdom 4:7-15; Micah 7:7-10; Acts 20:22-32; John 10:11-16



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**Requiem Prayers for the Souls of Those Asleep in Christ**

**MILLIE JINGOZIAN, 13th Year, Mother, Grandmother**

**SUSIE JINGOZIAN, 25th Year, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

**MARY DEMIRJIAN, 18th Year, Aunt, Great-Aunt**

Requested by Messner Family

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**HAGOP JACK ELOIAN, 24th Year, Father**

**JEANNETTE MARY ELOIAN, 18th Month, Mother**

**DOLLIG ELOIAN**

**YERVANT ELOIAN**

**ARPENA ELOIAN**

**MARIAM ELOIAN LESCINSKAS**

**DONALD LESCINSKAS**

Requested by Yasmin Eloian

**OHANES YERANOSIAN, Husband**

**ARDASH AKSARELIAN, Father**

**JAYRAN AKSARELIAN, Mother**

Requested by Juliet Yeranorian



## Altar Flowers

The beautiful flowers adorning the altar are presented by Yasmin Eloian in loving memory of her parents **Hagop Jack Eloian and Jeannette Mary Eloian.**



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## Gifts to the Church

On the occasion of the Baptism of their son, **Leo Levon Mikael**, Drew and Erin Zamanigian present a gift to the St. John Armenian Chuech.

On the occasion of the Baptism of their grandson, **Leo Levon Mikael**, Dr. Gary and Mariann Zamanigian present a gift to the St. John Armenian Chuech.

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## 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 June for the homeless of Metro Detroit. The Men's Society would like to thank:

**Dawn Aginian and Eva M Fink,**

for their 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.

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## Parish Announcement & Housing Request for Intern Priest and Family

We are pleased to announce His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, is sending an Intern for a 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.**

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## Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

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| 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 Ovian      |
| Nick Fernandez     | Valera Ayrapetyan            | Jan Paloian      |
| Sonia Kalfayan     | Craig Tarpinian              | Rose Baise       |
|                    | Jeffrey Perna                |                  |

# Parish Organization News and Events

## 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 26<sup>th</sup>-AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**[www.diocesansummercamps.org](http://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](mailto:lmardigian@sjachurch.org) (586) 808 2202



# ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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Հայաստանին



## ARTS OF ARMENIA



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

***This Year's Theme: An Armenian Wedding***

*July 7-11, 2025*

*9:30 am – 3:30 pm*

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

***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](mailto:rubik@sjachurch.org)

Or Lisa Mardigian, [lmardigian@sjachurch.org](mailto:lmardigian@sjachurch.org)



Registration



# A Summer Barbeque Buffet

Community Dinner, Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-7pm / Veterans Building

Adults \$20 / Kids (under 10 years) \$10

Card room open for cards and board games at 6pm

Please make your reservation by Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

## Buffet

Tossed Greens, Three Bean Salads Corn Bread, and Honey

BBQ Beef, Grilled Salmon, Chicken Khorovats

Rice Pilaf, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans w/ Dill & Onions

Dessert and Fresh Fruit, Coffee, and Lemonade Station



Armenian Wine available for purchase \$5 a glass \$23 a bottle

Only one hundred seats available

For Dinner Reservations or preorder carry outs Please Call or Text

Dan Cristiano 313.938.4215

Next Dinner Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> Lamb Chops

2025 Community Dinners are made possible by generous financial support from

Phyllis and Ed Garabedian, Solange and Norman Messelian,

Benj Manoukian and Linda & Michael Karibian

To become a sponsor for one of these dinners contact: Greg Mamassian 248-720-8924

# Let's Go To **HYE CAMP!**



**Please join us for a family BBQ fundraisers for  
Hye Camp Bus Transportation!**

**Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

**Rec Center**

**Free will Offering**

**Donate by Texting the Words  
SJAC BUS to 73256**

**or**



**Lisa Mardigian**

**586-808-2202 or [lmardigian@sjachurch.org](mailto:lmardigian@sjachurch.org)**



# YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP



Take your basketball skills to the next level in this basketball bootcamp 3-day skill explosion!

**July 15-17**  
10 AM - 1 PM

**St. John  
Armenian  
Church Gym**

## GUEST COACH

**Paul Haynes**  
—Impact Sports Services

### **Coach Stats:**

- Played 5 years professionally in Germany, Austria, Hungary
- Trained dozens of successful pro, college, and high school players
- Trained with and played against several NBA players including Dwyane Wade and LeBron James



**FOR CHILDREN ENTERING  
GRADES 4-7  
Boys & Girls**

**\$50  
Total**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL  
GO TO ST. JOHN  
ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**FREE  
T-SHIRT!**

**To register or for more info:**  
talaratikian@gmail.com (248) 444-8277

**\*Open to first 50 participants**  
**\*Must bring water bottle, snack,  
ball & basketball shoes**

# 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 [EBAISE@UMICH.EDU](mailto:EBAISE@UMICH.EDU)  
21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075




# HYE CAMP


where faith, fun and fellowship meet  
INGLESIDE, ILLINOIS




learn




Pray



Play



and more



scan to  
register  
online

CIT/Staff Training: Wednesday, July 23 – Saturday, July 26  
Camp Week: Saturday, July 26–Saturday, August 2

Online Registration [diocesansummercamps.org](https://diocesansummercamps.org)



**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH**

# **ANNUAL PICNIC**

**PRESENTED BY THE ACYOA SENIORS**

**Sunday, August 17th**

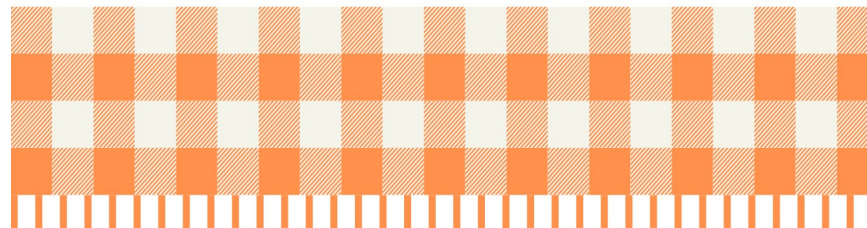
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

**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!

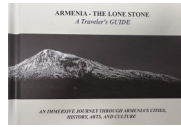


## Visit the St. John Parish Bookstore!

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



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



New - Khigar Nabsadaguh,  
by Michael Pifer (HC \$17)  
Western Armenian children's book  
about a little rabbit who learns  
how to stand out in a big family

*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



EVENTS AT  
ST JOHN  
ARMENIAN CHURCH

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## General Parish Information

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

**Parish Secretary:** Gayane Hovhanissyan | (248) 569-3405 | [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org)

**In an after-hours emergency, please contact:**

Fr. Aren - Cell: (773) 457-4122 | [fraren@sjachurch.org](mailto:fraren@sjachurch.org)

Parish Administrator - Cell: (248) 770-2200 | [admin@sjachurch.org](mailto:admin@sjachurch.org)

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**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/](http://www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/)



July 7-11 - Arts of Armenia Program - "An Armenian Wedding"

July 11 - Men's Society Community Dinner

July 15-17 - Youth Basketball Camp, 10am - 1:00pm - Recreation Center

July 16 - Hye Camp Bus Fundraiser

6:00 pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

July 22 - Shourch Bar Club Line Dance Meet-up, 7:00pm Cultural Hall

July 26 - Aug 2 - Hye Camp

Aug 7 - Shourch Bar Club Line Dance Meet-up, 7:00pm Cultural Hall

Aug 9 - SJAC Volunteer Day at World Medical Relief

Aug 17 - Annual Church Picnic

Sept 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](mailto:yerchanigc@gmail.com)

#### Baking Dates

Monday, June 30, 5 - 8pm, Choreg

Tuesday, July 1, 9am - noon, Katah

### 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.