

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 26, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Third Sunday After Transfiguration

Guest Celebrant: Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Pastor: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

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

Sacred Lections: Isaiah 5:1-10, 1 Corinthians 6:18-7:11, Matthew 19:3-12

Lector: Christine Santourian

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 1

In a unanimous song of praise

Let us bless Christ, the King of glory,

Who for our sake became flesh from the holy Virgin

And endured the cross.

In a unanimous song of praise

Let us bless Him

Who took on Himself burial for three days

Who arose from the dead as Master.

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

Now and for ever and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

In a unanimous song of praise

Let us bless Him who mightily destroyed the gates of Hell

And adorned His Church in great splendor.



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

Matthew 19:3-12

"And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" He answered, "Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one'? So they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder." They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" He said to them, "For your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another, commits adultery; and he who marries a divorced woman, commits adultery." The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is not expedient to marry." But he said to them, "Not all men can receive this precept, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to receive this, let him receive it."



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

FATHER ARSEN BARSAMIAN, 40th Day

Requested by Pastor and Parish Council

SARAH KAYSSERIAN, 7th Year

MICHAEL KAYSSERIAN, 15th Year

Requested by Dr. Kerry and Donna Kaysserian and Family
Bob and Kiana Rose, Kylie and Michael

Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Aylin Awanees Manook**, who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on July 20, 2026.
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.



Tuesday Lunch Club

In The Armenian American Veteran's Building

Serving at 12 noon

Today's Lunch Prepared by

Proprietor and Chef Hasmik Movsesyan



Tuesday, August 4th

Chicken Kafta

or

Lamb Kebab

Lunches Served with

Salad, Bread, Rice Pilaf and
Grilled Green Peppers, Onions, and Carrots.

Dessert:

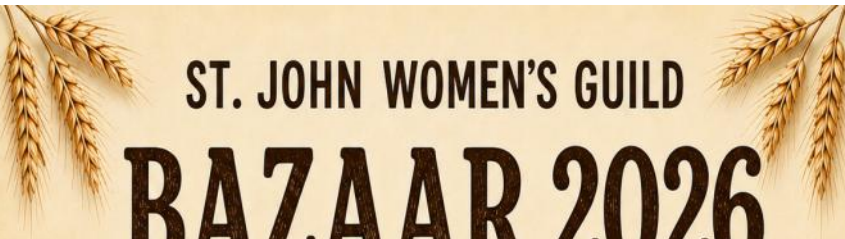
Chocolate Cake 🍫 🍰

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

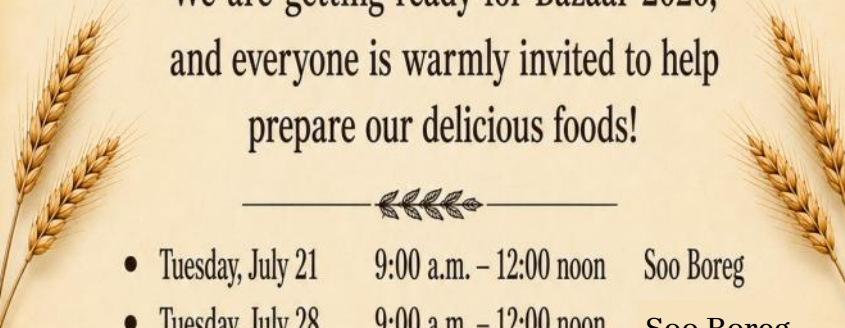
RESERVATIONS ONLY - No walk-ins

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

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



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!



- Tuesday, July 21 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Soo Boreg
- Tuesday, July 28 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Soo Boreg

All hands are good hands!

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



COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

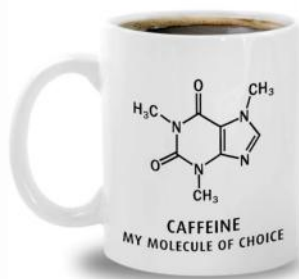
Join Us on Zoom!

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

Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 3:00 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!

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.



St. John's Community Dinner
Lamb Chop Dinner

Event Chairs: Michael and Linda Karibian
Veteran's Building | 6:00 pm
Friday, July 31, 2026

\$35: Adults

Salad, Lamb Chops and Dessert
Salmon option available by preorder

\$15: Kids

Chicken Strips and French Fries

Armenian Wines & Music

Bring Your Cards & Board Games

For reservations please call or text Dan Christiano
at (313) 938-4215
By Monday, July 27, 2026



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@sjchurch.org

(586) 808 2202



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TO BE USED LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD.**

SJAC VOLUNTEER DAY AT WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



Saturday, August 8, 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

OR EBASE@UMICH.EDU

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075

— ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH —

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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 in the following positions for the 2026–2027 school year:

Positions Available

- Classroom Partner for **5th Grade** to assist teacher Ms. Sophia Kazarian
- Classroom Partner for **High School** (Grades 9–12) to assist teacher Ms. Maggie Yessian
- Substitute Teachers for all 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!

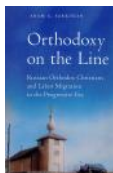
Featured Items



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



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ST JOHN
ARMENIAN CHURCH

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CALL: 248.569.3405
EMAIL: EVENTS@SJACHURCH.ORG

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.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/



July 26 - Morning Service 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am

July 25 - August 1 - Hye Camp

July 28 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall

July 28 - Bazaar Baking, Sou Boreg - 9:00am

July 30 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 3:00 pm via Zoom

July 31 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Chop Dinner, 6:00pm - Veterans Hall

August 3 - 6 - Day Camp, Session III

August 4 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall

August 8 - Volunteer Day, World Medical Relief

August 16 - Church Annual Picnic, Following Divine Liturgy

September 23 - "Church with the Golden Dome" - Sanctuary and Museum Tours

Save the Date - 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!

A BIG THANK YOU to Gary Melikian for assisting the St. John administration with upgrading the email and software programs.

