

# 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

**April 5, 2026**  
Armenian Church Year 1475

### Easter Sunday

#### Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

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

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

Lector: Gayle Sarkisian

#### 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.

#### Special Plate Collection

On the occasion of Easter, there will be two plate collections today. Komitas Choir members will be taking a special plate collection for the Komitas Choir during the hymn "*Amen yev unthokvooyt koom*" (on page 39).

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Komitas Choir.

#### 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.





# 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)

## Easter Sunday

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 MERELTZ ORHNIAL EH HAROUTIUNUN KRISTOSI

## 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*

## Memorial Day of Easter (*Merelotz*)

*Hokehankisd* (Requiem Service) for the repose of the souls of the departed, will not be offered on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Requests for *Hokehankisd* will be fulfilled on Monday, April 6 at 11am. It is the tradition to remember all deceased loved ones the day after a major feast day known as *Merelotz*.

Please submit the full name of the person or persons you wish to have remembered either typed or electronically sent to [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org) or call the church office by Monday, April 6, before 10:00am at 248-569-3405.

An offering from your heart would be appreciated.

## Fr. Garabed's Art Exhibit

Fr. Garabed's art exhibit will be on display in the St. Vartan Room through April 28. All are welcome to visit and enjoy the beautiful icons.

## 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.

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## 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 *Nushkharh* (unconsecrated communion wafers) which will be blessed during the Home Blessing Service.

Families are invited to come forward and to take one Nushkharh home (one per family please), and place it in your dry rice or baking flour. The Nshkharh 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 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.



## **Easter Altar Candles**

**We wish to thank the following individuals for donating toward the tall Easter altar candles.**

Marilyn Boladian - In loving memory of her *parents, Jack and Amelia Boladian, and grandparents, John and Mary Horomian.*

Edward and Yvonne Korkoian and Family - In blessed memory of their *cousin, Very Reverend Father Vazken Tatoyan,* the first American clergyman to serve the Armenian Church.

Christine, Nicole, and Noah Matoian - In honor of the joyous occasion of *Dolly and Mike Matoian's* 60th wedding anniversary. Wishing them many more happy and healthy years together.

The Keila and Melkonian Families - In loving memory of *JoAnne Mashigian, Arthur Melkonian and Philip Keila*

## **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 March for the homeless of Metro Detroit.

The Men's Society would like to thank

**Mark and Maral Mamassian, and Karen Mangune,**

for their donations to help 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.**

## **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 \$ 131,227**

**Funding Needed \$ 368,773**

As of March 6, 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.

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## Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

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

### Gifts to Church

Jeffrey and Renee' Axt present a gift to the church on the occasion of **Wolfgang Axt's** participation in the Service of the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday.

### Thank You

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

Following Tuesday's Ten Maidens Service, the St. John **Hye Doon** group cleaned our altar area, chancel, church and mosaics in preparation for Holy Week services.

Our gratitude to all of them for their service to their church.

## PRIMATE'S PASTORAL VISIT

Over the weekend of May 28 - June 1, His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan will be visiting the St. John Armenian Church Community.

**save the date**  
**May 28 - June 1**

This special weekend will include:

- Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 31
- Celebration of Fr. Garabed Kochakian's 50th Anniversary to the Sacred Priesthood with a banquet on Friday, May 29
- Acolyte and Sub-Deacon Ordinations
- Meetings with parish leadership

We look forward to welcoming His Grace that weekend.

Details to follow...

**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 altar candles 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,  
Garo and Rose Yeghissian.***

***Levan Aghassian - In loving memory of his parents  
Mushegh and Nina Agasian.***

***Elizabeth Amboian and Family - In loving memory of  
her husband, Guy Amboian and daughter, Susan Amboian Curtiss.***

***Scott, Renee, Cynthia, Mike & Reagan Apkarian.***

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

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

***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, Emma Lazaryan, Elmira Ghukasyan.***

***Tom and Nancy Banks.***

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

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

***Bryan and Lisa Boyadjian and Family.***

***Cheryl Boyagian - In loving memory of her son, Steven Woods, Jr.***

***Bush Family - In loving memory of Hovhannes Bush.***

***Daniel and Danielle, and Karen and Kevin - 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.***

***Lisa and Stephen Derderian - In loving memory of Nina Sarkisian.***

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

***Doyon and Carman Families - In loving memory of Harry Jr. and Rosemary Carman.***

***Gorosh Family, Grabowski Family, Nick Simonian, Allie Amboian, Katie Amboian - In memory of their aunt, Susan Amboian Curtiss, on the occasion of her 60th Heavenly Birthday.***

***Jerry Govjanian - In loving memory of deceased family members and friends.***

***Ardis Gregory - In loving memory of her husband, Roger Gregory.***

***Sarah Hagopian and Family - In loving memory of Edgar Hagopian and Takouhe Yahnian.***

***Dr. Khatchig and Marcia Hamamdjian - In loving memory of Hamamdjian and Gaffney deceased family members.***

***Jacqueline and Faouzi El-Chemmas and family - In loving memory of the deceased members of the El-Chemmas and Mekonian families.***

***Sandra and Gregory Jamian and Family - In loving memory of Edward and Kora Jamian, and John and Sophie Nagohosian.***

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

**The Kaurala Family.**

**Adam, Alexandria, Eddie and Eva Kotlarek.**

**The Kujawa Family - In loving memory of Judith Cassel.**

**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.**

**Mariya Kushniruk - In loving memory of her father,  
Ivan Ivanovich Gerba, and brothers, Vasil Gerba, Ivan Gerba.**

**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 Duszczyk.**

**Dr. Ida Malian - In loving memory of Ghevont and Agavnie Malian.**

**Aramice and Elizabeth Malkhasian - In loving memory of  
Beatrice Malkhasian.**

**Noreen and Vaughn Masropian - In loving memory of  
George and Mary Kevorkian, Gerry and Lillian Masropian,  
Nellie Aprahamian, Joy Masropian Maisano.**

**Matevosian and Yessayan Families - In loving memory  
of their mother and grandmother Siran Matevosian.**

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

**Sarkis, Liwiza and Hagob Marashlian - In loving memory of their parents, Hrant, Noyem and Onike Hagopian, and Yakoub, Angel and Hovhannes Marashlian.**

**Galina Mazmanian - In loving memory of her husband, Levon Mazmanian.**

**Nennette Merametsdjan - In loving memory of Vartouhi Movsessian and Alice Merametsdjan.**

**Cross and Karen Mooradian - In loving memory of the Andonian, Kralian and Mooradian deceased family members.**

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

**Allison Pochas.**

**Jennifer Rosenthal - In loving memory of Dave and Rose Darakjian.**

**Sevan Sanjian and Family - In loving memory of their parents, Karadolian and Sanjian.**

**Dr. Edward and Robin Tashjian.**

**Kazar and Marina Terterian - In loving memory of their parents, Kevork and Araxie Terterian, and Ashot and Jasmina Muradyan.**

**Ronald and Kay Torigian.**

**Dr. Salpi Toroyan - In loving memory of Hagop and Zaven Toroyan.**

**Suzanne and Adam Joel Vahratian, Alexis, Hailey and Marisa - In loving memory Harry and Rose Papazian; Adam Vahratian.**

**The Yarjanian Family - In loving memory of Dr. Ara Yarjanian.**

**Anonymous.**

**Anonymous.**

The Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church  
*presents*  
GUILD GATHERINGS

*We're bringing back 2 favorites in time for Easter!*

*Armenian Easter Egg Traditions  
and  
Choreg with Tips on Making Dough*



Watch from our Website:  
[stjohnwomensguild.square.site](http://stjohnwomensguild.square.site)  
Click on Guild Gatherings then Learn More



St. John Armenian Church

# BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



**APRIL 6, 2026**

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

# 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 April 7<sup>th</sup>

Chicken Luleh Kabob

Or

Pork Xorovats

Today's Lunches served with

Salad, Bread, Rice Pilaf and  
Grilled Vegetables of: Tomato, Onion, Green Peppers and Eggplant

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 Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> 313-938-4215 / [dicrist100@gmail.com](mailto:dicrist100@gmail.com)

Game Box with Backgammon boards, Pinochle & Regular playing  
cards for your enjoyment

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

# 111<sup>TH</sup> GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION ESSAY COMPETITION

On April 24, 2026, the Four Churches Committee will gather to celebrate the New Saints of the Genocide.

On this occasion, four young people will offer reflections on what it means to be descendants of the Genocide of 1915 and what it means to have new Saints.

St. John Armenian Church has been designated to offer a young female to present this reflection.

Those girls aged 20–30 who are interested in representing our church should submit a brief written essay to Fr. Aren explaining why they would like to offer this meditation on April 24. Submissions will be given anonymously to the Ajemian Scholarship Committee, which will select our church's representative for that day.

The paragraph should be sent to Fr. Aren  
at: [fraren@sjachurch.org](mailto:fraren@sjachurch.org)  
by April 7th, 2026

# COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

## Join Us on Zoom!

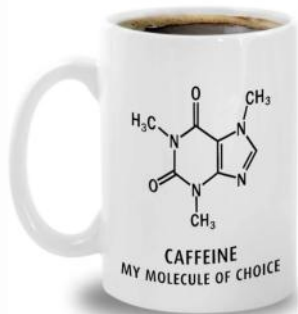
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

**Thursday, April 9, at 1:00pm**

(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!

**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, April 11, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

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

**OR [EBAISE@UMICH.EDU](mailto:ebaize@umich.edu)**

**21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075**

# EUCHRE NIGHT!!

April 17th, 2025

## St John Armenian Church Men's Society Charity Fundraiser

\$30 per Person

\$35 after April 10th

(Includes Chicken Kabob, Pilaf, Salad, Pop - Cash Bar)

*All are Welcome!! Fun for Everyone!*

We're in the **Veterans Hall** for this Event

**Cash Prizes, Door Prize, Raffle** (Must be 18 yrs old to win)

5:45-6:45 Museum Open for Attendees to Experience

6:00-6:45 Dinner

6:45 Euchre Starting Time

\*\*Euchre Lessons for New Players on Sundays after Church

To Make Reservations (RSVP):

Call / Text: Michael Toomajian at 248-303-9744

or Email: [michaeltoomajian@gmail.com](mailto:michaeltoomajian@gmail.com)

Join us for Euchre Night!

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Based on  
Antonia Arslan's  
memoir  
*Skylark Farm*



THURSDAY  
APRIL 23  
7:00PM

St. John  
Armenian Church  
Cultural Hall

Presented by  
St. John Armenian Church  
&  
Tekeyan Cultural Association  
Detroit Chapter



For questions please contact:

Diana Alexanian: 248-505-6159 | Madisen Lundquist: 503-758-8805

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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Հայաստանին



SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, JULY 13 - FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026



# 111<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Friday, April 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.  
St. John Armenian Apostolic Church**

*Reflections from our Youth*

Four young adults – one from each of the four Churches – will share their reflections on what it means to inherit the sacred legacy of the sanctified Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide. They will share how our survival inspires strength and hope for our future.

## **DONATIONS EARMARKED FOR**

In the midst of the ongoing Middle East conflict, Armenian day schools of all denominations in Lebanon and Syria are facing profound challenges in remaining open and operational. These schools depend largely on tuition to sustain their mission. Yet, today, many families are enduring severe financial hardship, with parents unable to work and struggling to meet even basic needs.

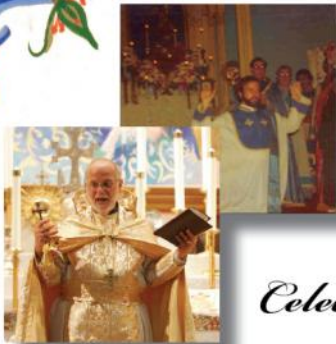
Education is more than instruction—it is stability and continuity. Ensuring that these schools remain open safeguards not only learning, but also a sense of normalcy for our Armenian youth.

The Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit Genocide Commemoration

Committee has dedicated this year's charitable efforts to support the uninterrupted education of our Armenian children in Syria and Lebanon. Your contribution will make a meaningful difference in helping achieve this.

Please make your check payable to the Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Donations can also be made online using the link: [Bit.ly/4churches](https://bit.ly/4churches). The Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit is a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization.





*Save the Date!!*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

*Celebratory Banquet*

HONORING

*Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian*

ON THE OCCASION OF THE

*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD

PRESIDED OVER BY  
HIS GRACE, BISHOP MESROP PARSAMYAN, PRIMATE

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026 • 6:00 IN THE EVENING

*St. John Armenian Church*

SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN

PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMITTEE WITH QUESTIONS:

[FrGarabed50@gmail.com](mailto:FrGarabed50@gmail.com)

FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EVENT OR  
PARTICIPATE IN THE MEMORY SLIDESHOW  
PLEASE USE THIS QR CODE FOR DETAILS



# Save the Date

## St. John's Community Dinner

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**Barbecue Dinner**  
Friday, May 8th, 2026

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**Lamb Shank Dinner**  
Friday, June 26th, 2026



**Lamb Chop Dinner**  
Friday, July 31st, 2026

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6 PM at the Rec Center  
**Raffle • Armenian Wine • Dessert**  
*Salmon option available by preorder!*

*Flyer by: Alex Koceyan*



# HYE CAMP

where faith, fun and fellowship meet  
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CIT/Staff Training: Wednesday, July 22 – Saturday, July 25  
Camp Week: Saturday, July 25–Saturday, August 1

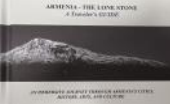
Online Registration

[hyecamp.org](http://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!*

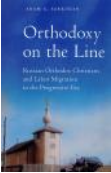
### Featured Items



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,



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

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Vanq Collection Silver Jewelry Celebrates Artsakh's Rich Heritage



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EMAIL: [EVENTS@SJACHURCH.ORG](mailto:EVENTS@SJACHURCH.ORG)

# General Parish Information

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



- April 5 - Easter Service - 9:00am, Divine Liturgy - 9:45am  
April 6 - Merelotz Service - 11:00am  
April 6 - Bible Study, 7:00pm - Conference Room  
April 7 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall  
April 7 - IN PERSON - Continued Intermediate Western Armenian Classes, 4:30pm  
April 9 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 1:00pm, Via Zoom  
April 9 - ZOOM-Continued Beginners Western Armenian Classes, 6:30pm - 8:00pm  
April 11 - Church Visit - Manoogian Manor - 11:00am  
April 11 - SJAC Volunteer Day at World Medical Relief - 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
April 17 - Men's Society, Euchre Night - 5:45pm  
April 23 - Tekeyan Cultural Association, Filming (Lake Farm) - 7:00pm, Main Hall  
April 24 - Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, 7:00pm  
May 8 - St. John Community Dinner - Barbecue Dinner, 6:00pm - Veterans Hall  
May 28 - June 1 - Save the Date - Primate's Pastoral Visit  
May 29 - Fr. Garabed's 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet, 6:00pm - Main Hall  
June 26 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Shank Dinner, 6:00pm - Veterans Hall  
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

## Year - End Statement

Church stewards who require a tax statement itemizing 2025 donations should contact the Church Office at (248) 569-3405 or [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org)

## Seeking Stewards Time and Talent Help

### Social Media / Communications

- Need volunteers or recommendations for part-time help.
- Need to outreach beyond email blasts with more video clips.

### Create Church Operations and Events Manual

- Need 2-3 people to document the what, how & when regularly scheduled events are planned to create an operations manual.

### Supply / Purchasing Management

- Need simple inventory control and purchasing tracking system
- Please contact Jim Stamboulian at Church Office.