

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit
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The Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:
The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant
Arshaluys Gharibian, Organist



Sunday Bulletin

Welcome!

We welcome you to the Divine Liturgy/Soorp Badarak and invite all who are Baptized and Chrismated in, or are in communion with, the Armenian Church 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 desk. Make certain you fill out a contact card before you leave so we can be in touch. Enter to worship the Lord Jesus who loves you and depart with His love to serve others.

February 9, 2025
The Armenian Church Year 1474

PAREGENTAN OF THE FAST OF CATECHUMENS

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP
Morning Service - 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY
Isaiah 61:10-62:9. 2 Timothy 2:15-26. John 6:15-21.
Lector: Hermine Dervartanian

Today's Gospel

John 6:15-21.

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea rose because a strong wind was blowing. When they have rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat. They were frightened, but he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

Hymn of the Day

During the Synaxis (on the bottom of page 12 of the Divine Liturgy book), the choir will sing the Midday Psalm and the Midday Chant proper to the Day

Resurrection Mode 4

Blessing in the highest to our King who became flesh from the Virgin.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessing in the highest to our unshakable and firm Hope;
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Blessing in the highest to the undivided and consubstantial Trinity;
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Plate Collection

Parish Council will be taking a plate collection for the church immediately after Holy Communion. Your donations remain an essential part of supporting our church's mission and activities. Online donations can also be made using the QR code.





The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple Blessing of Unbaptized Children

February 14 is a feast day in the Armenian Church known as Dyarnuntarach (the Presentation of the Lord). The feast is celebrated 40 days after Armenian Christmas.

In honor of this feast day, we will have a special baby blessing on February 16, 2025 at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

If you know of any family with unbaptized infants who would like to participate in this brief blessing, please share this information with them.

Great Lent Begins March 3

We wish to remind our parishioners that Great Lent begins on Monday March 3 this year. The last Sunday to received Holy Communion will be February 23 since the curtain will be closed for Poon Paregentan on Sunday March 2. Should any parishioner wish to receive Holy Communion during the period of Great Lent, please make arrangements with the pastor.

Save the Date

Annual Parish Assembly Meeting in the Cultural Hall
Sunday, March 2, 2025 - Following Divine Liturgy

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian
Nadia Ayrapetyan
Joann Mashigian
Hrayr Mashigian
Charles Sansone
Nick Fernandez
Craig Tarpinian
Gerald Reeves
Susie Janigian
Jeffrey Perna

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian
Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian
Haroutiun Bagdasarian
Dinora Bulgarian Pitz
Mary Helen Altounian
Wayne Owen Engelki
Shoghig Terjimanian
Rozann Vartoogian
Robert Buchanan
Marus Grigoryan

Vladimir Avetisov
Nancy Altounian
Nailya Sahakian
Ronald Seaman
Marge Aramian
Rose Lucassian
Zaven Ovian
Jan Paloian
Rose Baise

Women's Guild Palm Sunday Bake Sale

The Women's Guild of St John Armenian Church will once again,
be preparing our World Famous Soo Boreg in time for
Palm Sunday Bake Sale and for your Easter dinner.
Please place your advanced, pre-paid order by contacting
Joy Callan by e-mail or by text at yerchanigc@gmail.com or 248-533-6320.

The Parish Council is Seeking to Fill the Following Position:

Bookkeeper – a part-time position working under the Parish Administrator and in conjunction with the Parish Council Treasurer.
Approximately 15-20 hours per week with flexible schedule.

Anyone interested in applying for this position may submit their qualifications, with a cover letter, to hr.sjac@gmail.com.
Please contact the church office for detailed job description.

Year - End Statement

Church stewards who require a tax statement itemizing 2024 donations please contact the Church Office at (248) 569-3405 or office@sjachurch.org



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN

REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO ARE ASLEEP IN CHRIST



EVE EZMERLIAN, 40th Day, Dear Mother, Sister, Aunt, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother

Requested by Ani Ezmerlian

Steven, Carol, Maria, Angela and Julia Palaian

Chuck, Terry, Brent and Erika Palaian

Sally Palaian and Gary Haelywyn

Laurie, Keith and Brian Neher

Gary, Debbie, Abigail and Simeon Ezmerlian

Autumn and Wes Swindle and Arya Ezmerlian

Taline, Collin, Ethan and Owen Rosendall

Lisa and Christopher Michetti

Bradley, Julie, Chase, Bentley, Mackenzie and Everleigh Neher

Sheri, Justin, Jackson

EVE EZMERLIAN, 40th Day

Requested by Elsie Palaian and Family

JOYCE SULAHIAN, 1st Year, Beloved Cousin

Requested by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Yeretzgin Aurora Jebejian

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Megrdichian

Dn. Garen and Mari Megrdichian

LEVON MAZMANIAN, 1st Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Galina Mazmanian and Family

ANYA MELKUMYAN, 15th Year, beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Stepan and Alla Melkumyan

Gregory and Svetlana Melkumyan and Family

Zaid and Seda Jamardov and Family

Vladimir and Liana Karamzin and Family



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ZAROOHY NORSIGIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

BARBARA NORSIGIAN, Wife, Mother, Grandmother

ARAM NORSIGIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

KHATOON CHAVOOSHIAN, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

MARDIROS CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle

ARDASH CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle

MAMPRE CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle

MAMIGON CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle

PARAVON CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle

ALEX PETROSIAN, Brother-In-Law, Uncle

DICKRAN VARTANIAN, Brother-In-Law, Uncle

Requested by Dn. Richard Norsigian

Shant, Victoria, Noah, and Michael Norsigian

Jordan, Kathryn, Mila, and Jordy Norsigian

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God,

Richard Khederian, who entered his eternal rest last week.

His funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on February 3, 2025.

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon his soul.



Super Bowl Mezza Platters

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Pick up from main kitchen between 12:30 pm-1:30 pm



10 Item Mezza Platter



Hummus, Basturma,



Vospov Kufteh, Eech,



Brick & Feta Cheese



6 Sarma, 6 Spinach Pies

Homemade Pickled Turnips & Olives



Bag of Pita Bread

\$60



Bottle of red or white wine
with your Mezza Platter - \$21/bottle



**To order, text name and order to:
Dan Cristiano - 313-938-4215**

Prepared by St. John Armenian Church Men's Society

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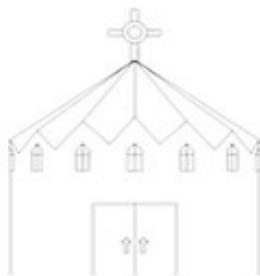
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DETROIT ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY & SPORTS
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WEEKEND" OR SHOW THIS FLYER!



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY
MORNINGS AT 10:00 AM

JANUARY 18
FEBRUARY 15
MARCH 15



Little Saints is a parish ministry for children from birth up to age four. Please join us for monthly interactive lessons led by Fr. Aren.

For more information, email sjlittlesaints@gmail.com

St. John's Men's Society invites you to...



A Grand Buffet

Sunday, February 16, 2025

— Fresh Fruit Table

— All the goodies for a Chocolate Fountain

— Basturma and Eggs, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Pancakes, Pasta Main Buffet

— Omelets and Eggs Station

— Freshly Made Belgian Waffle Station

— Juice and Coffee Station

\$20.00 adults



\$10.00 students



6 and under Free

— Proceeds of this event will go to the HYE CAMP Scholarship Fund —

Reservations by call or text Dan Cristiano - 313-938-4215

WESTERN ARMENIAN FOR ADULTS

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH IS OFFERING TWO
10-WEEK WESTERN ARMENIAN LANGUAGE COURSES



Do you want
to speak
and write
Armenian?

Ayo!

- **Beginner** - Learn vocabulary and grammar, focus on basic reading and writing and daily conversations. (Tues., 6:00-7:30 p.m., Feb. 25-April 29)
- **Intermediate** - Learn advanced vocabulary and grammar. Reading, writing, and advanced dialogues, individual and group conversation projects. (Tues., 4:30-6:00 p.m., Feb. 25-April 29)

Instructor: Hermine Dervartanian, an experienced Armenian language instructor who has worked as a translator in Lebanon and the United States.

**Returning/continuing students always welcome!
A second Beginner's session may be opened pending interest.**

Please send your registration form and a check
made out to St. John Armenian Church
to the church office:
22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075
Questions: (248) 569-3405
Registration fee: \$125/Class materials: \$20



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

BEST TIME TO CONTACT YOU: _____

EMAIL: _____

LANGUAGE LEVEL (CHECK ONE): BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE

EUCHRE @ ST JOHN!

**St. John Armenian Church Men's Society
welcomes everyone to another**

EUCHRE NIGHT!!

Friday, February 28th, 2025

\$25 per person/\$30 after Feb. 21st

6-7pm - Registration & Dinner

Tour the Manoogian Museum - 5:45-6:45

7:00pm - Games Begin

Reservations: Call / text Michael Toomajian at 248-303-9744
or email: michaeltoomajian@gmail.com

Cash prizes, door prize, raffle (must be 18 yrs. old to win), and cash bar

St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield MI 48075



Garj Talks

A series of brief community discussions
co-sponsored by St. John Armenian Church
and the University of Michigan
Center for Armenian Studies

Dr. Kent Schull

Ph.D., UCLA, 2007

Associate Professor of History
Binghamton University

The Mormon-Armenian Experience in the Late Ottoman Empire: Conversion, Hardship, and Persecution

Dr. Kent Schull's research and teaching interests include the social and cultural history of the Ottoman Empire and modern Middle East, criminal justice, Middle East Diaspora Studies, Israeli and Palestinian History, missiology, and forced migration in the Middle East and North Africa region.



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Following the Divine Liturgy
St. Vartan Room



GRADUATIONS | WEDDINGS | BAPTISMS | HOLIDAYS | SHOWERS

EVENTS AT
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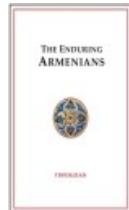
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COMMUNITY

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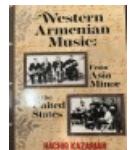
The Parish Bookstore is open during Church Office hours and on Sundays after Divine Liturgy



NEW: The Enduring Armenians: A Series of Essays on the Armenian Civilization was published by the Levon Topouzian Book Publication Trust. Multiple scholars and the translators provide an overview of 5000 years of Armenian history, its language, literature, music, and culture, its wars, the Armenian Church, the Genocide, and the Soviet era- in a book of over 700 pages. Alice Nigoghosian, Project Director and Publishing Consultant. SC - \$30.00



Lavash—Armenian Recipe Book
By Kate Leahy, John Lee, Ara Zada HC - \$25.00



NEW, Western Armenian Music:
From Asia Minor to the
United States By Hachig Kazarian
HC \$40.00, SC - \$30.00



Women's Guild's cookbook:
Armenian Cuisine - Preserving Our
Heritage, HC - \$25.00



NEW, "Zabelle Panosian"
(I am the servant of your voice) By Harout Arakelian,
Harry Kezelian III, Ian Nagoski Story of the life of Zabelle Panosian, the
most popular female classical Armenian
singer during the Genocide era who toured the U.S.
raising funds for the victims. - \$15.00 (CD included)



An Armenian Trilogy
By Dan Yessian
CD/DVD - \$25.00



ARMENIA - THE LONE STONE
A Traveler's Guide
From Ancient Stones to Modern Wonders
An Immersive Journey Through Armenia's Cities,
History, Arts, and Culture. HC - \$30
By David Karamian



New: Western Armenian
Children's book
A little rabbit learns how to stand
out in a big family
Khigar Nabasdaguh HC - \$17.00
By Michael Pifer

**New items from Armenia just arrived.
Stop by and browse!**

A large variety of Michael Aram pieces are now available

Candles
\$75



White Orchid Cocktail
Napkin Holder
\$75



Noah's Ark Nut Dish
\$130



New Armenian Cross
Ornament, Size 5"x3.5"
\$50



The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry,
Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many "Made in Armenia" products.
Table runners, tablecloths, soccer balls, shawls and scarves from Armenia and much more!

General Information

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Fr. Aren's Mobile: (773) 457-4122 e-mail: FrAren@sjachurch.org

Parish Administrator's Mobile: (248) 770-2200

Visits to the Hospitalized and Homebound Please phone the Church Office when you or someone you love is admitted to the hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor. If you have an upcoming surgery, please consider requesting your name to be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized" list. Those who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home should phone the Church Office.

Home Blessing If you would like the Pastor to visit your home and offer a home blessing, please contact the Church Office.

Baptism Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born.

For more information, phone the Church Secretary. We encourage parents to baptize their children between 40 days and 3 months.

Marriage Please make sure to confirm your wedding date with the Pastor before booking your reception hall. Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date.

Parish Membership If you are interested in becoming a steward of the St. John parish, please speak to a Parish Council member on Sunday, or phone the Church Office.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin are due in the Church Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday preceding the date of service.

Requiem Requests may be submitted to the Church Office by mail, phone or email to office@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby. Requiem may be offered every Sunday of the year 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, particularly when partaking in Holy Communion. If you don't possess a veil but desire one, kindly approach a Parish Council member who can assist you in obtaining one.

The Kiss of Peace

The GIVER says: Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

Christ is revealed amongst us.

The RECEIVER says: Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

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