

# 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 28, 2026**  
Armenian Church Year 1475

### Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian  
Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:30 a.m.  
Sacred Lections: Isaiah 2:5-11, Romans 8:31-10:4, Matthew 13:24-30  
Lector: Deacon Richard Norsigian

#### 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*. 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)

### Resurrection Mode 5

Let all the earth bless Christ the King with a song of praise.

Let all the earth dedicate a hymn of praise, with thanksgiving to the Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

To the Trinity and the one divinity let us give honor and adoration forever. Amen

## Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30

Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'

## Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Maya Hovhannisyan	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Michael Vartoogian
Badrik Jooharigian	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Samvel Arakelyan
Andre' J. Gregory	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian	Yelena Zakaryan
Vladimir Avetisov	Ron and Geraldine Ware	Nancy Altounian
Charles Sansone	Lara Roche Sarmanian	Marus Grigoryan
Debbie Dakhlian	Mary Helen Altounian	Nailya Sahakian
Hrayr Mashigian	Shoghig Terjimanian	Chris Papazian
Jan Paloian	Valera Ayrapetyan	Rose Lucassian
Edith Baise	Charles Vanerian	Marge Aramian
Rose Baise		Zaven Ovian

## Church offices Closed

In observance of the upcoming federal holiday, the Church Offices will be closed on **Friday, July 3,** and **Saturday, July 4.**



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**Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ**

**MARY "ROSIE" KALOUSTIAN-SMITH, 40th Day, Loving Mother,  
Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

Requested by Gregory and Diane Sproull and Family

Charles Kaloustian

John and MaryJane Kaloustian and Family

Jeffrey and Lisa Kaloustian and Family

### **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:

**Khatchig and Marcia Hamamdjian - In loving memory of the  
deceased members of the Hamamdjian and Gaffney Families,  
Scripps Howard Fund**

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 \$ 299,894**

**Funding Needed \$ 200,106**

**As of June 19, 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.**

# STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

SUNDAY JUNE 28  
REFLECTION BY  
JOHN MERIGIAN

The 2026 Stewardship  
Pledge Year is going  
strong!

Meet the Stewardship  
Committee after Badarak  
for coffee and Q + A



# St. John Armenian Church



Sunday, June 28

*At the conclusion  
of the Divine Liturgy,  
we will offer a prayer  
and blessing for all  
veterans and  
first responders*

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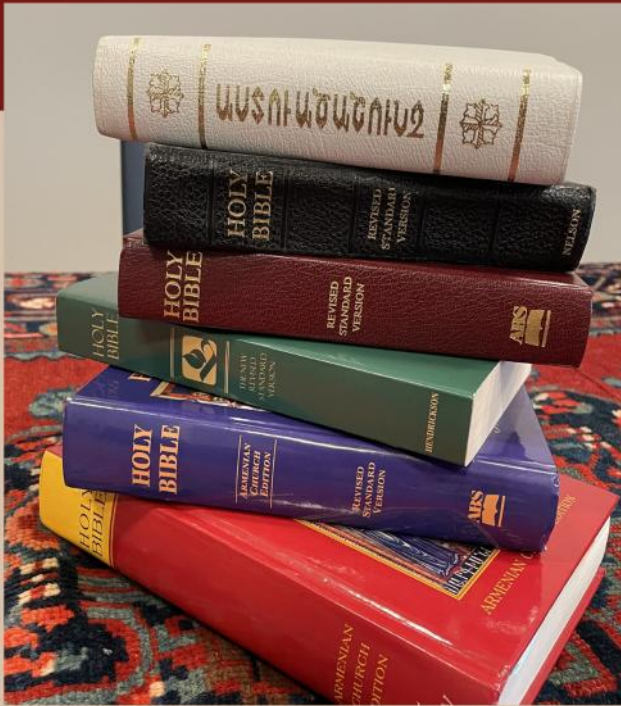
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St. John Armenian Church

# BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN

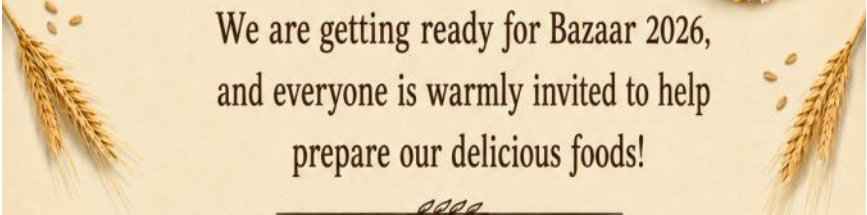


**JUNE 29, 2026**

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



# 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, June 30 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Katah
- Tuesday, July 7 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Soo Boreg
- Monday, July 13 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Choreg
- Tuesday, July 14 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Katah

*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!

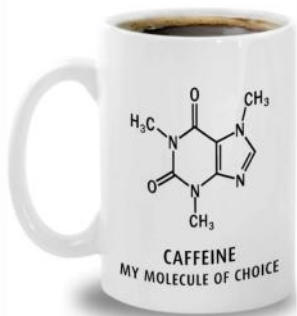
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

**Wednesday, July 1, at 3:00pm**

(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!

# SJAC



# OUTDOOR CAMPUS CLEAN-UP

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



**DATE: JULY 11**



**TIME: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**COFFEE • BAGELS • DOUGHNUTS • WATER • POP  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND HAVE SOME FUN!**

## PLEASE BRING:



SAFETY  
GLASSES



GLOVES



SHOVELS



AXES



SLEDGE-  
HAMMERS



CHAINSAWS



SAWZALLS



POLE SAWS



TREE  
TRIMMERS



LOPPERS



RAKES



HOES



LEAF  
BLOWERS



WHEELBARROWS



WEED-WHIPS



ROPE



GAS POWER  
WASHERS & EDGERS

**PLEASE RSVP BY JULY 6**

GERRY KMITA (313-580-5083) | GARY GOZMANIAN (248-225-9868)

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> -AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>

[www.diocesansummercamps.org](http://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](mailto:lmardigian@sjchurch.org)

(586) 808 2202



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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Հայաստանէն



# ARTS OF ARMENIA



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

***This Year's Theme: Royalties and Saints***

*July 13-17, 2026*

*9:30 am – 3:30 pm*

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

*Registration Deadline: Friday, July 3, 2026*

*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  
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Southfield, MI 48075  
248-569-3405





**Save the Date**

**Parish Town Hall**

Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m.

Via ZOOM

Stay tuned for agenda items

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# SEAFOOD



# BOIL



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*Benefiting*

## HYE CAMP BUS FUND



**FRIDAY,**  
**JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>**



**6:00 PM**



**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH**

TICKETS

# \$40

PER PERSON



CHILDREN  
**FREE**

KIDS MEAL: HOT DOGS & CHIPS

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR HYE CAMP BUS FUND



GREAT FOOD • GREAT COMPANY • GREAT CAUSE



*St. John Women's Guild Summer Outing*

## MEADOW BROOK HALL TOUR & LUNCHEON

Join us for a guided house tour of this National Historic Landmark, one of the finest examples of Tudor-revival architecture in the country. We'll explore majestic rooms filled with art, antiques, original family furnishings, detailed craftsmanship, and learn stories that bring the estate to life.

Friday, July 24, 2026

- 9:45am If carpooling (see below), meet at Nino Salvaggio's parking lot, 6592 Telegraph Rd, Bloomfield Twp, MI 48301. Park near Telegraph Rd.
- 10:00am Leave for Meadow Brook Hall, 350 Estate Dr, Rochester, MI 48309
- 10:45am Park in self parking lot #61. Meet inside the Great Hall
- 11:00am Tour Begins
- 12:30pm Luncheon in the Christopher Wren Dining Room where we'll enjoy the Sunset Caesar: romaine hearts with brioche croutons, hard cooked egg, petite heirloom tomato medly, sweet onion julienne, shaved parmesan, sliced herb-marinated char-grilled chicken breast & creamy cracked pepper Caesar dressing.

RSVP by JULY 7th. Include the slip below with your check & luncheon choice  
 The cost of the tour & luncheon is \$52, payable to St. John Women's Guild  
 Mail to Marianne Dardarian, 5879 Shillingham Drive, W. Bloomfield, MI 48322  
 Call or Text Marianne at (248) 802-6917

CUT HERE ----- CUT HERE ----- CUT HERE

NAME ----- PHONE -----

EMAIL ----- Guest Request -----

We will know after July 7th if we can accommodate guests

\_\_\_\_ I need a ride. \_\_\_\_ I'm interested in driving and can accommodate \_\_\_\_ people.

\_\_\_\_ I plan on driving directly (please list the others driving with you on the back of this slip).

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 Available!**  
**Armenian Music & Raffle!**

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



**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 8, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

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

**OR [EBASE@UMICH.EDU](mailto:EBASE@UMICH.EDU)**

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

— ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH —

# ANNUAL PICNIC

PRESENTED BY THE ACYOA SENIORS

## 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!



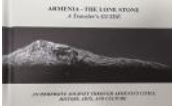
*A day of fellowship,  
food, and community—  
everyone is welcome!*



## 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!*

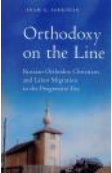
### Featured Items



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



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### New Jewelry from Armenia

Pregomesh Jewelry

Vanq Collection Silver Jewelry Celebrates Artsakh's Rich Heritage

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ARMENIAN CHURCH

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# 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 [stjohnsarmerianchurch.org/membership/](http://stjohnsarmerianchurch.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/)



- June 28 - Morning Service - 9:00am, Divine Liturgy - 9:30am  
June 28 - Stewardship Sunday - Reflection by John Merigian  
June 29 - Bible Study, 7:00pm - Conference Room  
June 30 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall  
July 1 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 3:00pm, Via Zoom  
July 6 - July 9 - Day Camp - Session 2  
July 7 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall  
July 11 - SJAC Campus Clean-Up, 9:00am - 1:00pm  
July 12 - Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord (Vartavar)  
July 13 - July 17 - Arts of Armenia  
July 16 - Save the Date, Parish Town Hall Meeting - 7:00pm via Zoom  
July 17 - Hye Camp Bus Fundraiser - Seafood Boil  
6:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall  
July 24 - St John Women's Guild Summer Outing  
July 31 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Chop Dinner, 6:00pm - Veterans Hall  
July 25 - August 1 - Save the Date - Hye Camp  
August 16 - Church Annual Picnic, Following Divine Liturgy

## Seeking Stewards Time and Talent Help

Our parish is blessed with many volunteers who work tirelessly within the various Church organizations and we thank you all!

We also want to note special thanks to these individuals for sharing their time and talent: **Dikran Callan, Dn. Rubik Mailian & Vaughn Masropian for their support with Audio and Video Systems.**

## Special Prayer Request

We ask our parish family to keep **Ron Ware and his wife, Geraldine Ware**, in your prayers as they are both facing illness. Ron is a valued member of our church staff, and we pray that our Lord grant them strength, comfort, healing, and a speedy recovery.

