

# 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 6, 2025**

**Armenian Church Year 1474**

## Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

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

Isaiah 1:21-31, Romans 7:25-8:11, Matthew 12:38-45

Lector: Yerchanig Callan

### 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* 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 6

O Christ, You have enlightened the Holy Church by the light of Your divinity. Preserve it unshaken forever.

Today Jerusalem celebrates with the multitude of the faithful  
the renewal of the Holy Church. Preserve it unshaken forever.

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

Now and for ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The doors of faith of the new Sion were opened.

And it receives You, the Immortal Bridegroom, into the wedding chamber,  
It distributes Your body and blood. Preserve it unshaken forever.

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### Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 12:38-45

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will arise at the judgement with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will arise at the judgement with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest, but he finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and brings with him seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. So shall it be also with this evil generation."

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### Daily Scripture Readings

**Monday** - Wisdom 3:1-8; Isaiah 48:16-17; 2 Timothy 3:10-15; John 15:11-16

**Tuesday** - Daniel 2:1-49; Hebrews 11:32-40; Matthew 24:9-15

**Wednesday** - Romans 9:1-16; Matthew 13:1-8

**Thursday** - Wisdom 8:7-10; Isaiah 61:6-9; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Luke 12:32-40

**Friday** - Romans 9:17-27; Matthew 13:16-23

**Saturday** - Wisdom 6:2-10; Isaiah 45:1-3; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 11:14-23



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

**SARAH KAHAIAN, 40th Day, Beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother**

Requested by Adam and Isabelle Kazarian  
Alex, Vanna, Isabelle and Lucia Kazarian

**ELI DZIAK, 2nd Year, Beloved Son, Brother, Grandson**

Requested by Alison Collins and Austin Dziak  
David and Anita Kaspar

**RICHARD KASBARIAN, 3rd Year, Husband**

**SUE TAFRALIAN**

**KRIKOR AND OVSANNA KASBARIAN**

**KHORUN AND SIRANOUSH ANUSBIGIAN**

**ARMEN AND NITA ANUSBIGIAN**

**NEGOHOS AND OSVANNA NEGOHOSIAN**

**JACK, ALICE AND DIANA KOERNER**

**GREG, DAVID AND JEAN HULL**

**JEFF MILLER**

Requested by Emerald Kasbarian

**FLORA YESSIAN**

Requested by Mark Yessian

**SETRAG DANIELIAN**

**MARIE DANIELIAN**

**CHRISTINE DANIELIAN**

Requested by Paul Kondralian



# Altar Flowers

The beautiful flowers at the altar today are presented by **Khacheek Khachador and Sara Lalo** on the happy occasion of their wedding which took place at St. John Armenian Church on Saturday, July 5, 2025.



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## Gift to Church

Mark Yessian presents a gift to the church in loving memory of his mother *Flora Yessian*.

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## Dedication of Refurbished Chalice

Today at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, we will rededicate and bless a chalice which needed to be refurbished. The inscription on the chalice reads, “IN MEMORY OF ALEXANDER AND GADARINEE TERZIAN DONATED BY HARRY TERZIAN FAMILY 1966”

The chalice will first ceremonially be washed with water, while psalms are read, and then will be washed with wine, followed by a litany and a final prayer. We are grateful to the Terzian Family for sponsoring the refurbishing of this chalice.

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

We are pleased to announce His Grace Bishop Mesro Parsamyan, is sending as Intern for 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 Ovia
Jane Toomajian	Valera Ayrapetyan	Jan Paloian
Nick Fernandez	Craig Tarpinian	Rose Baise
Sonia Kalfayan	Jeffrey Perna	

# Parish Organization News and Events

## ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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Հայաստանէն



*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 Mallian, 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



Buffet Includes..

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 wbtl

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

*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,

Berj Manoukian and Linda & Michael Karibian

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

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# ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH



CHURCH CHAT  
WITH FR. AREN

## REFLECTIONS ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO ARMENIA

THURSDAY, JULY 17, AT 7:00PM  
SAINT VARTAN ROOM

CHURCH CHATS DISCUSS A RANGE OF TOPICS:  
SPIRITUAL, CONTEMPORARY, AND HISTORICAL IN A  
CASUAL FORMAT WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR Q&A

# 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  
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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**

# 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) (508) 808 2202



# SHOURCH BAR CLUB

AN ARMENIAN LINE DANCE MEETUP

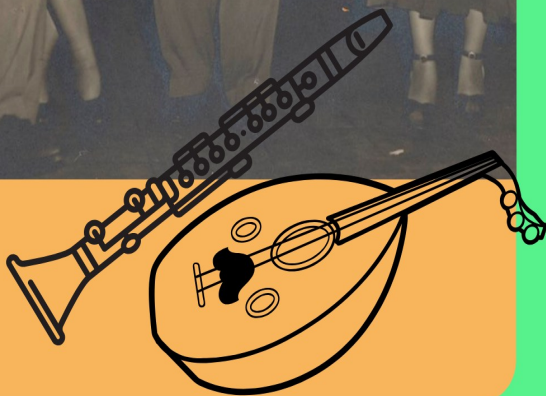
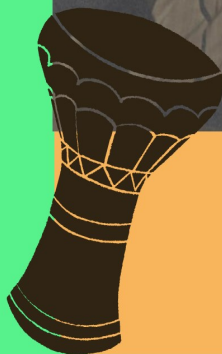


TUESDAY, JULY 22

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

LED BY  
MR. DENNIS  
KEVONIAN



ST JOHN CULTURAL HALL - 7:00 PM

# Pickleball

## Join Pickleball Mania!

Open Play ~ Walk-ins welcome!

Day: Fridays

Time: 5pm-9pm

Where: Armenian American Veterans' Building Gymnasium

Cost: \$5.00 per person



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

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075





# HYE CAMP

where faith, fun and fellowship meet  
INGLESIDE, ILLINOIS



learn



Pray



Play



and more

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**

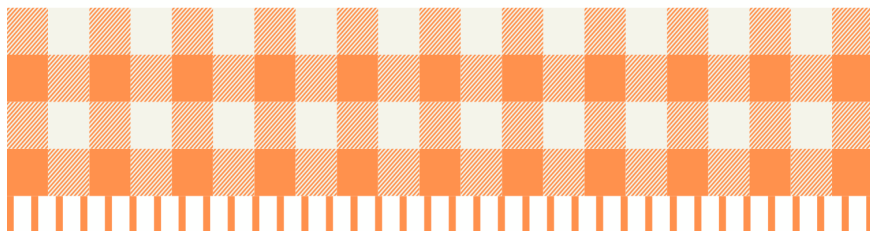
**FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS**

**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!





**Save the Date!!!**

# **Khunjook and Family Fun Day**

**To Celebrate the First Day of Church School  
Sponsored by the Women's Guild**

**Sunday, September 7, 2025  
at St. John Armenian Church**





# ST. JOHN ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## **"The Church with the Golden Dome"**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

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*
- ❖ *Deacon Rubik Mailian,  
Sacred Music Director and Pastoral Assistant*

### Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum Tour:

- ❖ *Largest Armenian Museum in North America,  
Directed by Lucy Ardash*



**\$35 per person**

**Please register by September 10. Seating is limited.**

**For reservation information, please contact:**

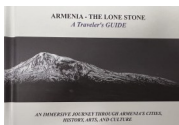
**Gloria Korkoian: [gkorkoian@gmail.com](mailto:gkorkoian@gmail.com) 248.318.5752**

## 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



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



**New - Khigar Nabasdaguh,**  
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**



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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 - Armenian American Veterans' Building

**July 16 - Hye Camp Bus Fundraiser**

6:00 pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

**July 17 - Church Chat with Fr. Aren**

7:00 pm Saint Vartan Room

**July 22 - Hye Doon - Shourch Bar Club**

7:00 pm - Cultural Hall

**July 26 - August 2 - Hye Camp**

**August 9 - World Medical Relief**

9:00 - 11:30 am

**August 17 - Annual Church Picnic**

**September 7 - Khunjook and Family Fun Day**

**September 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**

**Tuesday, July 8, 9am - noon, Soo Boreg**

**Tuesday, July 15, 9am - noon, Soo Boreg**