

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

March 1, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

Sunrise Service - 9:30 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 10:00 a.m.

Sacred Lections: Isaiah 54:11-55:13; 2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1; Luke 15:1-32

Lector: Wesley Howe

Morning Service During Lent

On all Sundays during Great Lent, Morning Service (Matins) will be replaced with The Sunrise Office (*Arevakal*) at 9:30 am.

We will return to our regular schedule of having Morning Service (Matins) at 9:00 am on Palm Sunday.

Daylight Savings 2026

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on next Sunday, March 8th.

Welcome!

We welcome you to the Divine Liturgy (*Sorp 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.

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)

Midday Hymn for the Third Sunday of Lent

We bless You,

Father without beginning, of the Only-begotten Son,
Whom You sent to return the sheep who had gone astray;
Bring us back also from our sins.

For the sake of Your Son's passion.

We praise You, Word and Light

Who by the light of Your lamp found and restored Your lordly image;

Restore us also who have fallen by sins.

For the sake of Your Holy Passion.

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

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

We bless You.

Participant in the Father's glory, O Spirit of truth,

Who renewed us hardened in the sins of the old Adam,

Renew us also from our sins by Your grace.

Special thanks as we head into the March 1 Annual Meeting to all Stewards who help via volunteering their time and talents

Many of you do the great work of our parish through your support of the Church organizations like ACYOA Jrs/Srs, Catering Committee, Church School Teachers/ Volunteers, Deacons & Altar Servers, Diocesan Delegates, Fine Arts Committee, Komitas Choir, Men's Society, Music Guild, Nominating Committee, Parish Council, and Women's Guild. We also thank the Armenian Apostolic Society and the Investment Advisory Committee (IAC) for their guidance, leadership, and support. Without you all and other individuals donating their time and talent, we could not have accomplished what we had in 2025 and work on what's ahead for 2026!

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

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

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is not openly administered during Great Lent, should any of the faithful wish to receive Holy Communion at any time during Great Lent, they may do so by making arrangements with the Pastor.



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

VICTIMS OF THE SUMGAI, KIROVABAD AND BAKU POGROMS OF 1988-1991

Requested by the Pastor and Parish Council of St. John Armenian Church

MERCEDES OHANIAN, 1st Year

MIHRAN OHANIAN, 10th Year

Requested by Denise and Michael Barger

Renee and Jon Crane

Jennifer and John Kwiecien

Joseph and Emily Barger

Stephen and Jody Crane

Daniel and Margy Crane

**ARSEN SANJIAN, 3rd Year, Loving Father, Grandfather, Father-In-Law,
Uncle, Cousin, Friend**

Requested by Joseph, Sevan, Alec, Sophie Sanjian

James and Nora Hutter

Rose Najarian

**FLORENCE E. KARAGOSIAN, 16th Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother,
Great-Grandmother**

Requested by the Karagosian Family

Robert Karagosian and Family

Tim and Robin Karagosian and Family

David and Dawn Karagosian and Family

Emilie Karagosian

**ARET HINTIRYAN, 26th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,
Great Grandfather, Brother, Uncle**

Requested by Aznif Hintiryan

Lillian and Sevan Calukyan

Alec, Eleeza and Aram Calukyan

Arlin and Viken Yerosian

Dr. Arlet and Arthur Dakessian

Sofi and Lorin Dakessian

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hintiryan

Mr. and Mrs. Saro and Araxie Ozdamar

Axsel and Maxim Ozdamar

Mr. Zaven Hintiryan



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

BERJ ADAM, 14th Year, Brother, Uncle

Requested by Aznif Hintiryan and Family

ANNA (RAYA) SHAHRAMANYAN IVANOVNA

Requested by the Badalyan Family

MANUK TOKPINAR

ZABEL TOKPINAR

AGACAN TOKPINAR

VARJABED KAMBERIAN

MARKRID KAMBERIAN

OSKIHAN UNAL

KARZUHI UNAL

MANUK YENGIBARIAN

NURISA YENGIBARIAN

Requested by Manuel and Yercanik Hirachian and Family

Women's Guild Palm Sunday Bake Sale

The St. John Women's Guild proudly sponsors our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Thanks to the guidance of Marilyn Dadian and the leadership of Dawn Aginian, Sara Andonian, Joy Callan, and Terry Palaian, our Cultural Hall tables are filled and emptied in record time after Badarak!

Baking is already underway (Choreg and Khalkha are in the freezer!), with more Choreg, Khalkha, Semit Sticks, Katah, and our World Famous Soo Boreg still to come. We still need YOU! Every hand is the best hand of all.

Monday, March 2, 4:00pm - 7:30pm - Choreg

Tuesday, March 3, 9:00am - 12:00pm - Semit

Monday, March 9, 4:00pm - 7:30pm - Choreg

Tuesday March 10, 9:00am - 12:00pm - Khalkha

Tuesday, March 17, 9:00am - 12:00pm - Soo Boreg

Tuesday, March 24, 9:00am - 12:00pm - Katah

If you are planning to place an advanced order for pre-paid Soo Boreg, the last day to order is Sunday, March 15. We prepare Soo Boreg based only on orders received and make just enough to fill those orders. Please note that ½ trays are limited, so be sure to reserve yours early. Full trays are \$80 and ½ trays are \$45, with no price changes in three years, get 'em while they're not hot! To place your order, contact Joy Callan at 248-533-6320 (text) or yerchanig@gmail.com

2026 Holy Week

Schedule of Services

MARCH 29 - PALM SUNDAY

9:00am - Morning Service

9:45am - Divine Liturgy with Church School Procession

1:30pm - Opening of the Doors Service

MARCH 31 - HOLY TUESDAY

7:00pm - Vespers remembering the Wise and Foolish Maidens

April 1 - HOLY WEDNESDAY

7:00pm - Prayers for Healing Service

APRIL 2 - GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

10:00am - Divine Liturgy

7:00pm - Washing of the Feet Service

8:30pm - Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord

APRIL 3 - GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

11:30am - Order of the Crucifixion of Christ

7:00pm - Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ

APRIL 4 - GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

4:00pm - Reading of Scriptures

5:00pm - Divine Liturgy - Jralakooyts

APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am - Morning Service

9:45am - Divine Liturgy

APRIL 6 - MERELTZ

11:00am - Requiem Service

ST JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

2026 PALMS, EASTER LILY PLANTS, FLOWERS AND CANDLE DONATIONS

We are offering parishioners and friends of St. John Armenian Church the opportunity to donate palms, Easter lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ, and candles to beautify the Holy Altar and sanctuary for Holy Week. These items will serve as a loving memorial and tribute to those whom you wish to remember in a special way before the Lord.

If you would like to donate any of these items in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please fill out the form below providing all the information needed.

Please mail this form to the Church Office with a check made payable to St. John Armenian Church, or pay online at QR code below.



Orders must be placed by Monday, March 23, 2026

All donors' names will be printed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin

Donor Name.....

In Honor/Memory of.....

I wish to donate Palms for Palm Sunday - \$35.00 \$ _____

I wish to donate _____ Easter Lily Plants at \$35.00 each _____

I wish to donate Flowers/Plants for Good Friday Tomb of Christ - \$30.00 _____

I wish to donate Candles for the Holy Altar - \$30.00 _____

I wish to donate for all of the above - \$125.00 _____

(Easter Lily Plant, Candles for the Altar, Flowers/Plants and Palms) Total: \$ _____

For further information, please call the Church Office at 248-569-3405 or
e-mail office@sjachurch.org

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www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org



**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Join us for a meaningful gathering of our parish community at the Annual Parish Assembly. Come together to celebrate, connect, and support St. John's ongoing mission.

Sunday, March 1, 2026, 12:30 pm

St. John Cultural Hall

**Light buffet lunch served prior to the Parish Assembly
benefitting the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia**

RSVP: by Wed, Feb 25th to Jackieelch@gmail.com or text 248-762-1312

Donation: \$20.00

At the meeting, we will be holding church leadership elections for:

- ❖ Parish Council
- ❖ Auditing Committee
- ❖ Nominating Committee

All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting, but only Church Stewards are eligible to vote. If you have any question about your stewardship status or voting eligibility, please contact the church office at 248-569-3405.

WESTERN ARMENIAN FOR ADULTS

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



Tuesdays, February 24 - April 28, 2026

- **Continued Beginner - 6:00-7:30pm**, Learn vocabulary and grammar, focus on basic reading and writing and daily conversations.
- **Continued Intermediate - 4:30-6:00pm**, Learn advanced vocabulary and grammar. Reading, writing, and advanced dialogues, individual and group conversation projects.
- **"A NEW BEGINNER CLASS MAY BE OPENED DEPENDING ON INTEREST."**

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!

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

REST SERVICE & ACYOA Jr's LENTEN DINNER

rest service 5:30pm
dinner 6:00pm-7:00pm

WEDNESDAYS

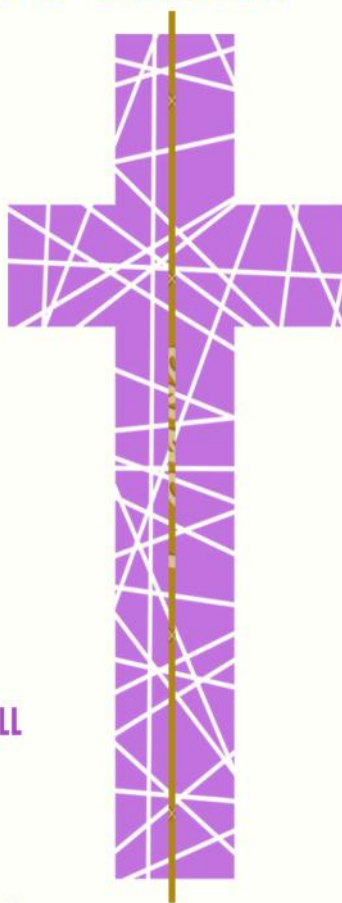
march 4th - Rita Akaraz
march 11th - Jenni Morris
march 18th - Lena Montgomery
Fish & Chips
march 25th - Dickran Callan
Lobster Dinner

DONATIONS

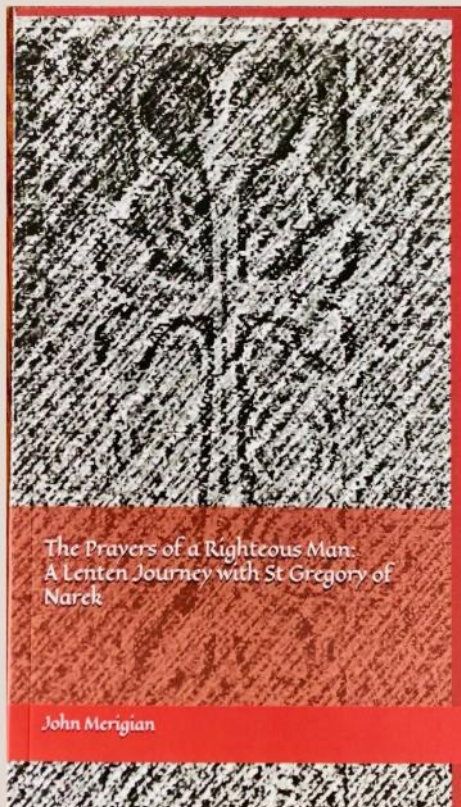
adults \$15 (fish or vegan)
children \$5

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH CULTURAL HALL
22001 Northwestern Hwy.
Southfield, Michigan

reservations call
church office (248) 569-3405 *or*
email office@sjachurch.org



The Prayers of a Righteous Man: A Lenten Journey with St Gregory of Narek



Journey through Great Lent with this inspiring Lenten guide, thoughtfully compiled by our own parishioner, John Merigian. In it, he beautifully presents the prayers of St. Gregory of Narek in a clear and “down-to-earth” manner, making their spiritual depth accessible for everyday reflection.

Those wishing to receive a copy are invited to make a donation to St. John Armenian Church and pick one up from the church office.

May this Lenten Journey be a meaningful companion throughout Great Lent.

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

Join Us on Zoom!

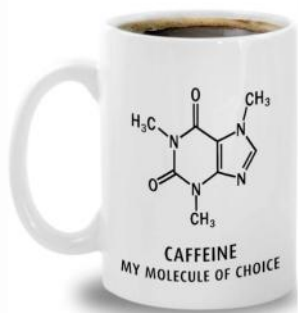
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

Thursday, March 5, at 7:00pm

(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!

Men's Society's ~ Sunday Soups 2026

March 8th

Vegetarian Lentil Soup

Prepared by The Magee Family

\$10 - 14ounce bowl served w/ dipping bread

March 15th

Shrimp & Salmon Creole Stew ~Gratin

Prepared by The Men Society Family

\$15 - served in a pie shell w/ dipping bread

March 22nd

Tahnabour (Matzoon)

Prepared by The Semarjian Family

\$10 - 14ounce bowl served w/ dipping bread

Please preorder - call or text Dan at 313-938-4215

Save the Date

Saturday, March 28th Men's Retreat

JASHOU COMMUNION SERVICE



SAINT NICHOLAS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
ANN ARBOR | MICHIGAN

Sunday, March 8

Service 4:00 - 4:45pm

Fr. Aren Jebejian

Reception Following

Everyone Welcome!

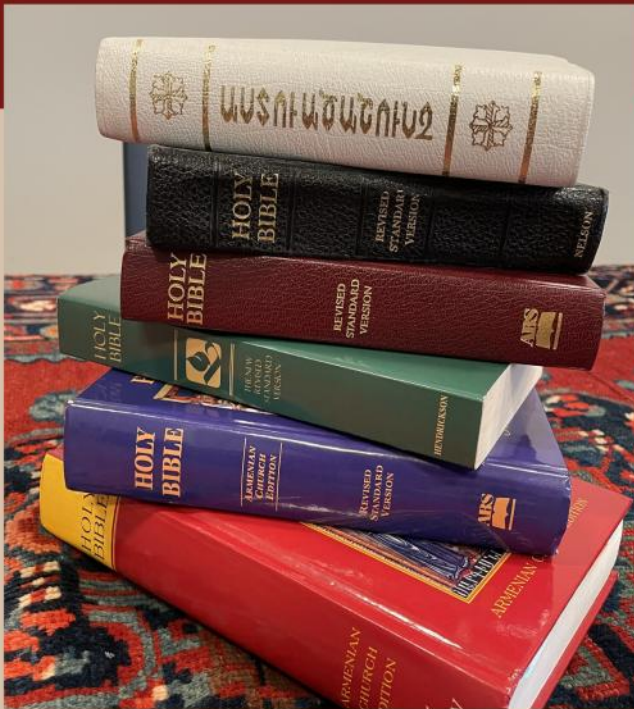
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St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



MARCH 9, 2026

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

THE GREAT & HOLY WEEK: THE EASTER STORY
THROUGH ARMENIAN SACRED ART

THE SAINT JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH AND THE FINE ARTS
COMMITTEE INVITE YOU TO THE OPENING OF A UNIQUE ART
EXHIBIT ON **FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2026**

THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK -
ARMENIAN ICONS PAINTED BY
FATHER GARABED KOCHAKIAN



PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 6PM; INTRODUCTION AND
PRESENTATION OF ICONOGRAPHY BY FATHER GARABED
IN THE CULTURAL HALL

FOLLOWED BY RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY LED BY OUR
PRIMATE, BISHOP MESROP PARSAMYAN AND EXHIBITION
IN THE ST. VARTAN ROOM

HOSPITALITY PROVIDED DURING EXHIBITION IN THE ARARAT
ROOM - ACROSS FROM EXHIBIT

RSVP TO ST. JOHN BY **MARCH 9TH, 2026**

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ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH 31ST ANNUAL
REV. FR. DIRAN AND YN. ROSALIE PAPAZIAN PARISH RETREAT

Saturday, March 14, 2026 † Open to All
ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH, MAIN HALL

Registration 9:00 a.m.
Program 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

'CONNECTING WITH GOD'



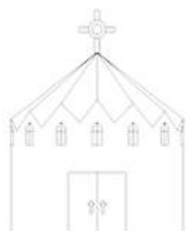
Guest Retreat Leader:

HIS GRACE, BISHOP MESROP PARSAMYAN
PRIMATE, EASTERN DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

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- ❖ \$25 Donation includes: continental breakfast and lunch.
- ❖ Register by March 4th:
 - online at <https://abundant.co/stjohnarmenianchurch/retreat> or
 - contact Denise Boyagian at dboyagian@yahoo.com or 248.892.9739.
- ❖ Make check payable to St. John Armenian Church (memo: Lenten Retreat) and mail to St. John Armenian Church 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075.

Sponsored by the Rev. Fr. Diran and Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian Endowment Fund



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM
JANUARY 31
FEBRUARY 21
MARCH 21



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

The Little Saints Nursery is open Sunday mornings during Church School from 10:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

For more information, email sjlittlesaints@gmail.com

ST JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
LED BY VERY REV. FR. AREN JEJEJIAN
DN. RUBIK MAILIAN

ACOLYTE TRAINING

SCHEDULE

TIME: 10AM-12PM

MARCH 28

APRIL 25

MAY 9 & 23

Contact Deacon Rubik
rubik@sjachurch.org



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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ARMENIA

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, JULY 13 - FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD

PALM SUNDAY
Bake Sale

MARCH 29

After church in the main hall.

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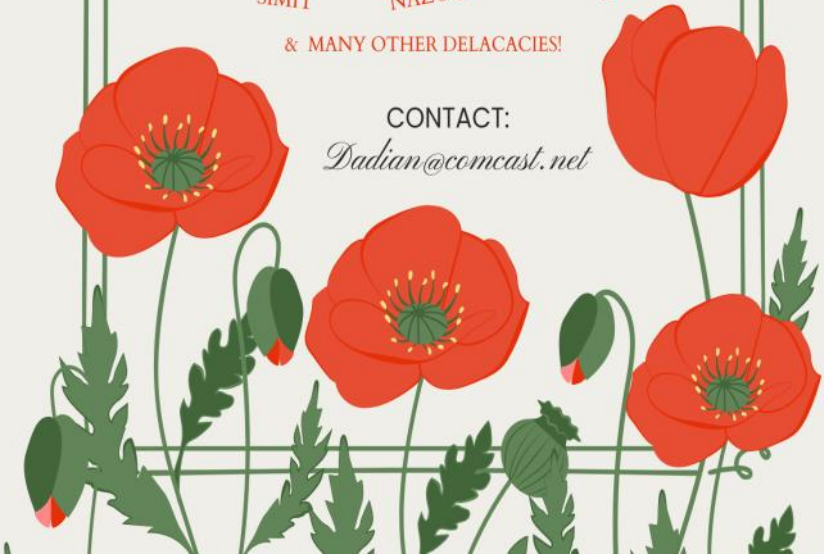
NAZOUNG

KURABIA

& MANY OTHER DELACACIES!

CONTACT:

Dadian@comcast.net





EUCHRE NIGHT!!

April 17th, 2025

5:45 pm

St John Armenian Church

Men's Society Charity Fundraiser

All are Welcome!! Fun for Everyone!

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

\$30 per Person

\$35 after April 10th

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

****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

Join us for Euchre Night!

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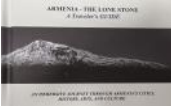
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Visit the St. John Parish Bookstore!

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!

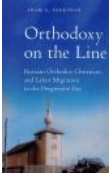
Featured Items



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



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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General Parish Information

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am - 4pm

Parish Secretary: Gayane Hovhanissyan | (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/



- March 1 - Church Sunrise Service - 9:30am, Divine Liturgy - 10:00am
- March 1 - Annual Parish Assembly Meeting - Following Diving Liturgy
- March 3 - Western Armenian classes, 4:30pm - 7:30pm
- March 4 - Rest Service - 5:30pm - Fish Dinner - Following Rest Service
- March 5 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 7:00pm, Via Zoom
- March 8 - Stewardship Spotlight Sunday
- March 8 - Men's Society - Sunday Soups - Following Diving Liturgy
- March 8 - Jashou Communion Service
4:00pm - 4:45pm - St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
- March 9 - Bible Study - 7:00pm - Conference Room
- March 10 - Tuesday Lunch - 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans' Hall
- March 13 - The Great and Holy Week: The Easter Story Through Armenian Sacred Art
6:00pm - St. Vartan Room
- March 14 - Rev. Fr. Diran and Yn. Rosalie Papazian Parish Retreat
9:30am - 3:30pm - Main Hall
- March 15 - Men's Society - Sunday Soups - Following Diving Liturgy
- March 21 - Little Saints - 10:00am - Ararat Room
- March 22 - Jashou Communion Service
4:00pm - 6:00pm - Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
- March 28 - Acolyte Training - 10:00am-12:00pm
- March 29 - Women's Guild - Palm Sunday Bake Sale - Following Diving Liturgy
- April 17 - Men's Society - Euchre Night, 4:45pm
- July 13 - July 17 - Save the Date - Arts of Armenia
- 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

Seeking Stewards Time and Talent Help

Church office seeking volunteers for following projects

- Supply/Inventory Management -- Seeking volunteers with supply/inventory experience to set-up simple ordering/inventory control system
- Storage Rooms -- Need help to go thru old photos, books, documents and equipment to re-organize and declutter storage rooms

Contact Jim Stamboulian at Church Office.