

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 12, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Octave of Easter (New Sunday)

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian
Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.
Sacred Lections: Acts 5:34-6:7, James 3:1-12, John 1:1-17
Lector: James Omartian

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.

Easter Greeting

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!

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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 New Sunday - Octave of Easter

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 for ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

To Him who is risen from the dead, Alleluia!

To Him who has enlightened the world, Alleluia!

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.

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Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian

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

Memorial Tea

Today's Fellowship Tea is hosted in loving memory of **Vartan Ghazarian** by Silva, Sevan and Seta Ghazarian.

Bazaar 2026

We are getting ready for Bazaar 2026, and everyone is warmly invited to help prepare our delicious foods!

We will begin with **Khalkha** on **Tuesday, April 14, from 9:00am to 12:00pm.**

All hands are good hands! We look forward to seeing you there.

Today's Gospel Reading

John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus 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.

Job Openings

The church office will be transitioning the current Parish Administrator job into two new positions. The available job openings for qualified candidates are posted on ZipRecruiter.

**Parish Administrator - Full time
Property and Maintenance Manager - Part time**

**Qualified parishioners are welcome to apply for those openings
or call Jim Stambouljian at the church office.**



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

VARTAN GHAZARIAN, 40th Day, Husband, Father and Grandfather

Requested by Silva Ghazarian
Sevan and Seta Ghazarian

BERNIE AKKASHIAN, 1st Year

Requested by Pat Akkashian
Michael, Stephanie, Julian and Bella Akkashian
Kim, Paul and Cameron Sirian
Ryan Sirian and Talia Oknayan
Joelle Graves
Pat Akkashian
Jason Akkashian
Brian, Andrea, Evan, Justin, Marin and Griffin Akkashian
Patty Lamb
Michael and Sarah Lamb and Family
Anne Sirian
Mike Crane and Family
Annette and Vasken Cholakian and Family
Gerald and Crystal Reeves
Daron and Simoné Topouzian and Family
Rafi and Seran Tcholakian and Family
John and Nicole Torres and Family
Russ, Mary Theresa and Nick Badamo
Catharine Matti
Anthony Matti

ANTRANIG KARADOLIAN, 7th Year, Beloved Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Friend

Requested by Joe, Sevan, Alec and Sophie Sanjian
Hagop Karadolian and Nasayah Shay
Viken and Alexander Karadolian
Sarkis and Silva Karadolian and Family
Andrew and Dr Sevan Duff
Dersarkisian Family
Saade Family
Hovsep and Karen Koundakdjian



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

MARIAN MALIAN ANDERSON-SMITH, 1st Year, Beloved Wife

Requested by Eric C. Anderson-Smith

DICKRAN TOUMAJAN, 4th Year, Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Friend

Requested by Anahit Toumajan and Family

Ms. Karen Goulasarian

MUSHEGH AGASIAN, 15th Year, Father

Requested by Levan Aghassian

EDGAR HAGOPIAN, 15th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather

TAKOUHE YAHNIAN, 25th Year, Mother and Grandmother

Requested by Sarah Hagopian and Family

ALICE VORPERIAN OMARTIAN, 20th Year

Requested by Robert and Margaret Omartian

Jim and Charity Omartian

Thomas, Violet and Harrison Omartian

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.



St. John Men Society's
Armenian Deli
Brings back

Chee Kufta (Khema) Sandwich
Sunday, April 12, 2026 after Church

Enhance your sandwich with:

scallions, red onions, tomatoes & flat parsley, etc.

Served with Armenian Potato Salad

\$15.00 per Sandwich

Dine here or take it with you!!

Call or text Dan Cristiano 313-938-4215

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COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

Join Us on Zoom!

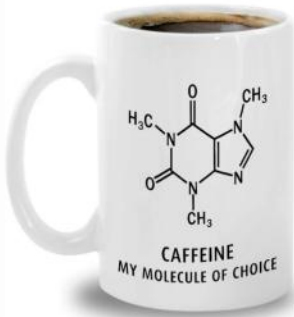
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

Monday, April 13, 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!



St. John Men's Society Continuing Educational Program

Tax Efficient Retirement Ideas



Presenter: Gregory Z. Dadian

A seasoned professional with more than 37 years in financial services, Gregory's experience spans commercial and private banking, along with leadership in wealth management. He currently oversees the Farmington Hills wealth management operations for Morgan Stanley. Previously, he helped manage Private Wealth Management operations in Chicago after nearly eight years in private banking. Before joining Morgan Stanley, Gregory spent 20 years at Merrill Lynch as a commercial finance manager and regional sales manager across the Midwest and Southern California.

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

St. Vartan Room

This Lecture is Complementary and Open to the Public

6pm ~ Light Supper (open to everyone) **\$15.00**

6:30 ~ presentation (open to everyone)

7:15 ~ Men's Society General Body Meeting (members only)

Would you like to make a presentation at a Men's Society Meeting contact
Kazar Terterian 248-342-3555

For supper reservations call or text Dan Cristiano 313-938-4215

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: michaeltboomajian@gmail.com

Join us for Euchre Night!
St. John Armenian Church

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Tuesday Lunch Club

A St. John Armenian Church Serving Ministry

In The Armenian American Veteran's Building

Serving at 12 noon

Lavash Grill

Today's Lunch Prepared by



Proprietor and Chef Hasmik Movsesyan

Tuesday April 21st

Oven Roasted Chicken (Leg and Thigh)

Or

Baked Salmon, Lemon Butter

Today's Lunches served with

Salad, Bread, Rice Pilaf and

Baked Potato, Green Pepper Tomatoes and Onions

Dessert

Nazuk

\$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 3rd 313-938-4215 / dicrist100@gmail.com

Game Box with Backgammon boards, Pinochle & Regular playing cards for your enjoyment Please return to box when done

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

Saintly Women's Day

St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild Celebrates

Saints Ashken and Khosrovitoukht

Saturday, April 18, 2026 - 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Prayer Service in the Sanctuary With Father Aren Jebejian

Presentation by Mary Wallace, Franciscan Food Pantry

Lunch Served by the Women's Guild



Saint Ashken was the wife of King Tiridates III the Great and the first queen of Armenia. Saint Khosrovitoukht was the King's sister. Both Saints accepted Christianity through the preaching of Saint Gregory the Illuminator.

Please RSVP by Monday, April 13, 2026

Marie Semarjian: Text /call (248) 797-5726 | email Marie.semarjian2@gmail.com

Members are asked to bring one grocery bag of non-perishable food items for the Franciscan Food Pantry OR \$40.00

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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SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, JULY 13 - FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026



111th 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.



A Life of Faith and Service
50
YEARS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Celebratory Banquet

HONORING

Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian

ON THE OCCASION OF THE

50th 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
\$75 PER PERSON • NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR

St. John Armenian Church
SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN

PLEASE USE THIS QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS
AND TO MAKE A DONATION BY MONDAY, MAY 18.



FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENT OR TICKETS:

FrGarabed50@gmail.com

Jacqueline Melkonian ElChemmas: 248.762.1312

Save the Date

St. John's Community Dinner



Barbecue Dinner
Friday, May 8th, 2026

Lamb Shank Dinner
Friday, June 26th, 2026



Lamb Chop Dinner
Friday, July 31st, 2026



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

Flyer by: Alex Koceyan

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 22nd -AUGUST 1st

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

(586) 808 2202





HYE CAMP

where faith, fun and fellowship meet
INGLESIDE, ILLINOIS



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Pray



Play



and more

CIT/Staff Training: Wednesday, July 22 – Saturday, July 25
Camp Week: Saturday, July 25–Saturday, August 1

Online Registration

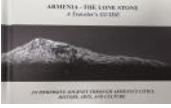
hyecamp.org

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!

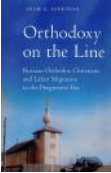
Featured Items



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

Pregomesh Jewelry

Vanq Collection Silver Jewelry Celebrates Artsakh's Rich Heritage



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ST JOHN
ARMENIAN CHURCH

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EMAIL: EVENTS@SJACHURCH.ORG

General Parish Information

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/

“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/



- April 12 - Morning Service - 9:00am, Divine Liturgy - 9:45am
April 12- Men's Society - Chee Kufta (Khema) Sandwich - Following Divine Liturgy
April 13 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 3:00pm, Via Zoom
April 14 - In Person - Continued Intermediate Western Armenian Classes, 4:30pm
April 15 - Men's Society - Tax Effective Retirement Ideas
7:00pm - St. Vartan Room
April 16 - Zoom-Continued Beginners Western Armenian Classes, 6:30pm - 8:00pm
April 17 - Men's Society, Euchre Night - 5:45pm
April 18 - Women's Guild - Saintly Women's Day, 11:30am - 2:00pm
April 20 - Bible Study, 7:00pm - Conference Room
April 21 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
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 9 - Tekeyan Cultural Association - Vem Ensemble, 7:00pm - Mail 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

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.

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 Stambouljian at Church Office.