

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

October 4, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Fourth Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.

Lections: Isaiah 17:7-14, II Corinthians 13:5-13, Mark 11:27-33

Lector: Wesley Howe

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 7

Christ King. One in essence with the Father and the Spirit
 For our sake You became flesh from the Holy Virgin
 Glory to You, Christ, King of glory.
 By Your voluntary death, You put death to death
 And by Your incorrupt resurrection You have renewed the world.
 Glory to You, Christ, King of glory.
 Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.
 By Your life-giving blood You have enlightened the Holy Church
 We sing to You with the angels. Glory to You, Christ, King of glory.

Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 11:27-33

"And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, and they said to him, "By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?" Jesus said to them, "I will ask you a question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men? Answer me." And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But shall we say, 'From men'?- they were afraid of the people, for all held that John was a real prophet. So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Michael Vartoogian
Andre' J. Gregory	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Samvel Arakelyan
Vladimir Avetisov	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian	Yelena Zakaryan
Charles Sansone	Alaina Ameriguian Mudge	Nancy Altounian
Debbie Dakhlian	Ron and Geraldine Ware	Marus Grigoryan
Hrayr Mashigian	Lara Roche Sarmanian	Nailya Sahakian
William Terian	Mary Helen Altounian	Chris Papazian
Hovhannes	Shoghig Terjimanian	Rose Lucassian
Hovhannisyan	Jennifer Toomajian	Marge Aramian
Edith Baise	David Gasparian	Zaven Oviaan
Rose Baise	Nadejda Basova	Jan Paloian

Thank you

Thank you to **Westborn Market and the Anusbigian Family** for the generous donation of grapes on the occasion of the **Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God.**



Gifts to Church

On the joyous occasion of the Presentation to God and Blessing of **Margot Rose Norsigian, Medzhairieg Dn. Richard Norsigian** presents a gift of thanksgiving to the Church.

St. Vartan Cathedral Restoration

The Primate has asked all parishes to continue to collect funds to benefit the **St. Vartan Cathedral Restoration Project.**

We kindly ask our faithful to prayerfully consider making a contribution to this important project.

Checks may be made payable to: Diocese of the Armenian Church

Memo: St. Vartan Cathedral Renovation

An anonymous donor has generously donated, up to \$100,000 in matching funds from our community. We ask that you be generous in your donations.

Host a Tea at St. John Armenian Church! ☕

Looking for a simple and welcoming way to gather with family, friends, or fellow parishioners? **Consider hosting your next Tea at St. John Armenian Church!**

Parishioners hosting a Tea can bring in **assorted teas and refreshments at no additional cost**, making it easy to create a warm and inviting gathering for our church community.

Want to make your Tea a little more special? **Enhanced menu options are also available for a nominal fee**, giving you the flexibility to customize your gathering and offer additional selections for your guests.

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion, honoring a loved one, or simply looking to bring our parish community together, we're happy to help make your Tea memorable.

Interested in Hosting?

For more information about Tea options and enhanced menu selections, please contact:

Michelle Rheubottom

Director of Sales & Events

☎ **248-569-3405**

Or **stop by the Church Office** to learn more!

Bring your tea. Bring your treats. Bring the community.

Let us help you create a Tea everyone will enjoy!

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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

NINA SARKISIAN, 1st Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Aunt

Requested by Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian
Sara, Morgan, Sona and Anya Bell
Dn. Dr. Aram Sarkisian and Dr. Diana Ohanian
Linda Houhanisin
Diana and Todd Byrne, Aiden and Sophia
George Houhanisin and Dr. Sarah Johnson, Greg and Simon
Barbara Rupas
Matthew Rupas and Marilly Palettas, Iphiyenia and Nepheli
Lisa and Stephen Derderian
Allan, Rachel, Tyler and Lexi, and Emma Sarkisian

**PETER RUPAS, 4th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Son-In-law,
Brother-In-law, Uncle**

Requested by Barbara Rupas
Matthew Rupas and Marilly Palettas, Iphiyenia and Nepheli
Linda Houhanisin
Diana and Todd Byrne, Aiden and Sophia
George Houhanisin and Dr. Sarah Johnson, Gregory and Simon
Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian
Sara, Morgan, Sona and Anya Bell
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Lisa and Stephen Derderian
Allan, Rachel, Tyler and Lexi, and Emma Sarkisian

**FRANK HOUHANISIN, 11th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,
Son-In-Law, Brother-In-Law, Uncle**

Requested by Linda Houhanisin
Diana and Todd Byrne, Aiden and Sophia
George Houhanisin and Dr. Sarah Johnson, Gregory and Simon
Barbara Rupas
Matthew Rupas and Marilly Palettas, Iphiyenia and Nepheli
Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian
Sara, Morgan, Sona and Anya Bell
Dn. Dr. Aram Sarkisian and Dr. Diana Ohanian
Lisa and Stephen Derderian
Allan, Rachel, Tyler and Lexi, and Emma Sarkisian

HARRY GOSHGARIAN

Requested by Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian and Family

ARAKSI YEGIDBASHIAN, 1st Year, Mother

Requested by Nina Yono



2026 Bazaar Raffle

Raffle License #R88758

Winner payouts:

1st Prize = 25% of ticket sales

2nd Prize = 10% of ticket sales

3rd Prize = 5% of ticket sales

Surprise treat if 225 tickets sold!

Scan QR Code or
visit website
below to
purchase
tickets!



**\$100 per
ticket**



www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-st-john-armenian-church-bazaar-dollar100-raffle

DRAWING IS AFTER CHURCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

You do not need to be present to win.

Text or email Amara Sheena for the ticket link
248-840-6937 or aaestatesmi@gmail.com



St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



OCTOBER 5, 2026

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

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

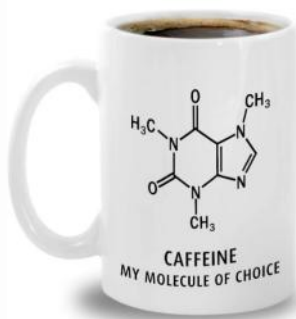
Join Us on Zoom!

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

Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 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!

WESTERN ARMENIAN FOR ADULTS



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

Do you want
to speak
and write
Armenian?

Ayo!

Tuesdays / Thursdays, September 22 - November 24, 2026

- **Tuesdays - Continued Intermediate - 4:30 - 6:00pm at St John Armenian Church**
 - Learn advanced vocabulary and grammar. Reading, writing, and advanced dialogues, individual and group conversation projects.
- **Tuesdays - New Beginner - 6:00 - 7:30pm at St John Armenian Church**
 - Learn basic vocabulary and grammar basics. Reading, writing, and basic dialogue, and individual and group conversation projects.
- **Thursdays - Continued Advanced Beginner - 6:30 - 8:00pm, via ZOOM.**
 - Learn vocabulary and grammar, focus on basic reading, writing and daily conversations.

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



**Please join Father Aren and Lisa for a
College outreach visit**



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
@ PIZZA HOUSE
IN EAST LANSING AT 6:30 PM
COME SEE US!!!**

Lisa Mardigian 586-808-2202



The Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum
presents

THE MAJESTY OF ARMENIAN RUGS

a deep dive
into Armenian textile art
history with researcher
Arto Tavukciyan

Friday,
October 9
7:00 PM

Manoogian Museum
in the Antique Rug Gallery



seating limited - RSVP to harry@sjachurch.org

complimentary Armenian wine
& charcuterie afterglow

**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, October 10, 9:00am-11:30am

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

OR EBAISE@UMICH.EDU

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075

The Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum
invites you for a personal textile consultation
with Rug Art Historian, Arto Tavukciyan

ARMENIAN RUGS

ROADSHOW

Sunday, October 11
following Divine Liturgy
St. John Armenian Church
in the St. Vartan Room

Bring a treasured rug in person or share a
photograph for insight into your piece's
unique artistry, motif, and story

For RSVP and questions please write to
harry@sjachurch.org



**A St. John Armenian Church Serving Ministry
In The Armenian American Veterans Building**

Lunch Served at 12 noon

Today's Lunch Prepared By "All Events Catered"
Proprietor & Chef Krista Tossounian

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

**Chicken Parmesan
With Pasta Tossed in Olive Oil and Garlic
or
Fettuccine Alfredo w/ Shrimp**

**Lunches served with
Mezza: Spinach and Artichoke Dip
Salad, Green Beans, Garlic Bread**

**Dessert
Chocolate Cake**

\$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 Friday noon 313-938-4215 / [djcris100@gmail.com](mailto:djcrist100@gmail.com)

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

Tuesday Lunch Club



**Please join Father Aren and Lisa
for a College outreach visit**



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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
AT PIZZA HOUSE IN ANN ARBOR @ 7PM
COME SEE US!!!**

Lisa Mardigian 586-808-2202

EUCHRE NIGHT!!

October 16th, 2026

St John Armenian Church
Men's Society Charity Fundraiser

\$30 per Person

\$35 after October 10th

(Includes Pizza, Salad, Pop – Cash Bar)

All are Welcome!! Fun for Everyone!

We're in the Cultural Hall for this Event

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

6:00-6:45 Dinner

6:45 Euchre Starting Time

**Euchre Lessons for New Players on Sundays after Church

To Make Reservations (RSVP):

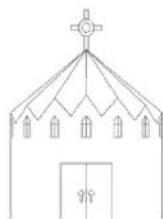
Call / Text: Michael Toomajian at 248-303-9744

or Email: michaeltoomajian@gmail.com

Join us for Euchre Night!
St. John Armenian Church

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ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM
OCTOBER 17
NOVEMBER 7
DECEMBER 19



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

ACYOA JUNIORS

of St. John Armenian Church

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, October 18

Following Divine Liturgy

Join us for
ice cream, fellowship
& fun!





YOU AND A GUEST ARE INVITED



The
VENUE
at
— SJAC —



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NEWLY RENOVATED GRAND BALLROOM | SEATING FROM 550 TO INTIMATE SETTINGS

HORS D'OEUVRES | SIGNATURE COCKTAILS | LIVE MUSIC

THURSDAY | 5 | NOVEMBER

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

22001 NORTHWESTERN HWY SOUTHFIELD

CLICK HERE TO RSVP BY OCTOBER 29TH

The St. John Armenian Church
Music Guild

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violinist

Harry Hovakimian

lyric soprano

Era Kayln

Donation

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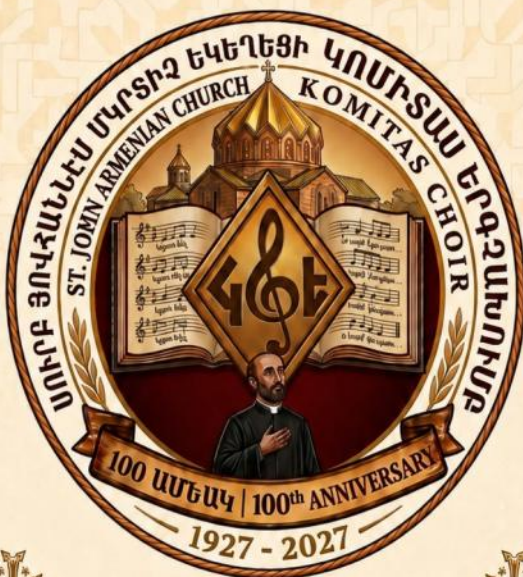
Cash Bar



OPEN Seating or
Pre Paid Reservations
For Tables of 8

Friday November 6th • 7PM Doors Open
At 6:30PM
at the St. John's Banquet & Conference Center

For Reservations & Information Please Call 248.286.1057
or Email musicguild@sjachurch.org



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH KOMITAS CHOIR

JOIN US FOR OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 2027



A LEGACY OF FAITH. | A HUNDRED YEARS OF SONG.



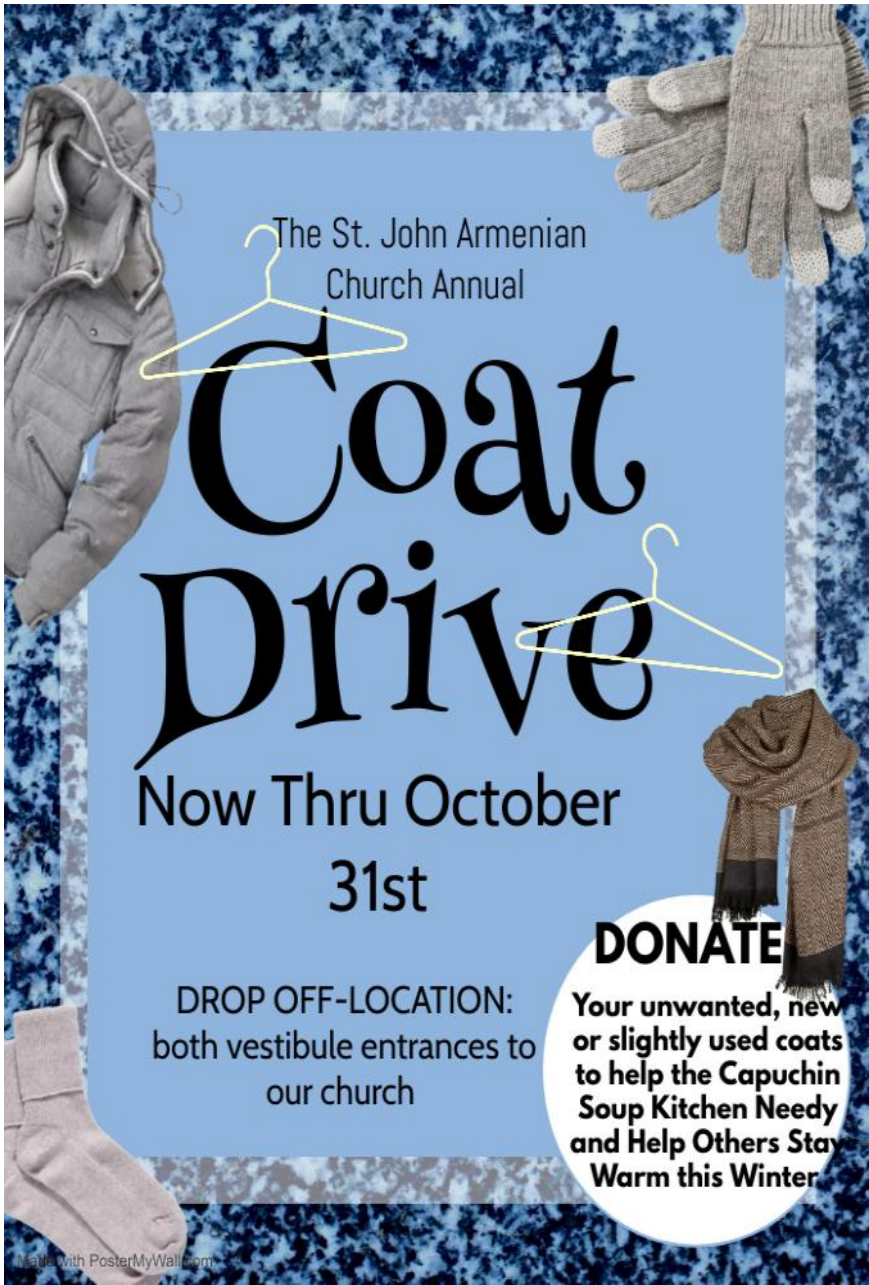
Join us in singing!

Our faith. Our community. Our heritage. Our future.

More details will be announced soon

For more information contact Dn. Rubik Mailian (248) 286- 1057 or rubik@sjachurch.org.

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The St. John Armenian
Church Annual

Coat Drive

Now Thru October
31st

DROP OFF-LOCATION:
both vestibule entrances to
our church

DONATE

Your unwanted, new
or slightly used coats
to help the Capuchin
Soup Kitchen Needy
and Help Others Stay
Warm this Winter

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!

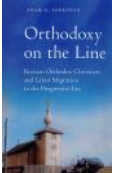
Featured Items



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



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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CALL: 248.569.3405
EMAIL: EVENTS@SJACHURCH.ORG

General Parish Information

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

Parish Secretary: Gayane Hovhannisyan | (248) 569-3405 | office@sjachurch.org

The Church Library and Museum are closed on Mondays

In an after-hours emergency please contact:

Fr. Aren - cell (773) 457-4122 | fraren@sjachurch.org

For after hours building and maintenance issues please call:

Gerry Kmita, Property Maintenance Manager (313) 580-5083

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/



October 4 - Morning Service 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 9:45am
October 5 - Bible Study, Conference Room, 7:00pm
October 6 - Tuesday Lunch Club, 12:00pm, Armenian American Veterans Hall
October 6 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp, 3:00pm Via Zoom
October 6 - Western Armenian Classes, 4:30pm - 7:30pm, Conference Room
October 8 - College Outreach Visit, Michigan State University, 6:30pm
October 9 - The Majesty of Armenian Rugs - Interactive Lecture, 7:00pm,
October 10 - SJAC Volunteer Day, World Medical Relief, 9:00am - 11:30am
October 11 - Armenian Rugs Roadshow, Following Divine Liturgy
October 13 - Tuesday Lunch Club, 12:00pm, Armenian American Veterans Hall
October 14 - College Outreach Visit, University of Michigan, 7:00pm
October 16 - Euchre Night - Men's Society, 6:00pm, St John Cultural Hall
October 17 - Little Saints, 10:00am, Ararat Room
October 18 - Ice Cream Social - ACYOA Juniors, Following Divine Liturgy
November 5 - SAVE THE DATE, The Venue at SJAC Open House, 5:00pm - 8:00pm
November 6 - Cabaret Musical Event - Music Guild, 7:00pm, St John Cultural Hall

ST JOHN PARISH REGISTER - SEPTEMBER, 2026

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

ARTHUR ARMEN BABAYAN

SON OF MIKHAIL BABAYAN AND SIRANA PETROSIAN

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

MIA JANICE FISHER

DAUGHTER OF ROBERT JAMES FISHER AND MELISSA KIMBERLY FISHER

