

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

May 4, 2025

Armenian Church Year 1474

Sunday of the World Church

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

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

Acts 9:23-31, I Peter 2:1-10, John 2:23-3:12

Fr. Aren will deliver the Children's Sermon

Lector: Lerna Lacinian

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* 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.





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)

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!

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Acts 9:32-43; 1 Peter 2:11-17; John 3:13-21

Tuesday - Acts 10:1-23; 1 Peter 2:18-25; John 3:22-36

Wednesday - Acts 10:24-48; 1 Peter 3:1-9; John 4:1-23

Thursday - Acts 11:1-26; 1 Peter 3:10-22; John 4:24-42

Friday - Acts 11:27-12:24; 1 Peter 4:1-11; John 4:43-54

Saturday - Acts 12:25-13:15; 1 Peter 4:12-19; John 5:1-18

Today's Gospel Reading

John 2:23-3:12

Now he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of Those Asleep in Christ

DN. DR. HAGOP NERSOYAN, 19th Year

Requested by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE EVEREG-FENESSE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY REQUESTS HOKEHANKIST TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THEIR DEARLY DEPARTED MEMBERS OVER THE LAST YEAR:

JUDY ADAMS

MICHAEL ARMOUDLIAN

GARY EZMERLIAN

EVIE EZMERLIAN

ROBERT BAGDASARIAN

KAREN PYLMAN

ROZANN VARTOOGIAN

BAHJA CASSA, 1st Year, Friend

Requested by Kathryn Torigian

MARY BAHADURIAN, 35th Year, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Friend

Requested by Dr. Joyce Yeghessian and Dn. Rubik Mailian, Sevana and Areg Anahid Dilakian and Sarkis Ghazarian, Sevag, Hiyk and Aren

ARDEMIS KALOUSDIAN, 16th Year, Mother and Grandmother

DIRAN KALOUSDIAN, 33rd Year, Father and Grandfather

ZABEL KOUZIAN, 40th Year, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother

HARRY G. KOUZIAN, 53rd Year, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather

Requested by Sona Kalousdian and Ira D. Lawrence

Raffi Kalousdian, Kathleen M. Hennessey and Ani Kalousdian

DIKRAM KOLOIAN, 85th Year, Grandmother

TAKOUIHI KOLOIAN, 52nd Year

Requested by Alice and Peter Argnian



Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Samvel Arakelyan
Nadia Ayrapetyan	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian	Nancy Altounian
Azniv-Ann Kzirian	Haroutiun Bagdasarian	Marus Grigoryan
Vladimir Avetisov	Mary Helen Altounian	Nailya Sahakian
Joann Mashigian	Wayne Owen Engelki	Ronald Seaman
Charles Sansone	Shoghig Terjimanian	Rose Lucassian
Hrayr Mashigian	Samvel Ayrapetyan	Marge Aramian
Nick Fernandez	Valera Ayrapetyan	Zaven Ovian
Sonia Kalfayan	Craig Tarpinian	Jan Paloian
Jeffrey Perna	Rose Baise	

Save the Date

June 5, 2025, 7:00pm

Lecture, musical demonstration and book signing by Hachig Kazarian: "Is there a Relationship between Armenian Sacred and Secular Music?" A world renowned Armenian musician, Hachig Kazarian will share excerpts from his book, *Armenian Music: From Asia Minor to the United States*, alongside live performances by musicians. Free Admission, with books available for purchase.

2025-2026 Parish Council

**Congratulations to the elected members of the
St. John Parish Council.**

**The elected parish council members will have
their installation service today, before Hayr Mer.**

Peter Egigian, Chairman

Marilyn Boladian, Vice Chair

Roseann Manoogian Attar, Treasurer

Correne Akarakcian, Assistant Treasurer

Dn. George Boyagian, Recording Secretary

Anna Tokmajyan, Assistant Secretary

Lisa Boyadjian, Advisor

Michael Toomajian, Advisor

George Derderian, Advisor

Gary Gozmanian, Advisor

Paul Yousoufian, Advisor

Dn. Ohannes (Onnig) Boyajian, Alternate

First graders will recite the Hayr Mer

Sunday, May 4th, the first grade students will recite Hayr Mer in church as a class. They may be joined by a few second graders due to the class size being so small this year.

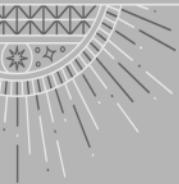
Ms. Christina Kujawa and Ms. Ani Lucassian, first grade teachers, have been working on teaching the prayer in Armenian as part of their curriculum.

Dzovig Pifer

Emmett Kujawa

Mathyos Goregian

Mary Mashuryan



PARISH REGISTER - APRIL, 2025

BAPTISMS

APRIL 26, 2025

ARIELLA MALVINA SARKISIAN

DAUGHTER OF SERGEI SARKISIAN AND TATEVIK TERRIE SARKISIAN

APRIL 26, 2025

SARMEN ZAKARIAN

SON OF NOVA ZAKARIANA AND MARINA NAKAR

APRIL 26, 2025

SAMUEL ZAKARIAN

SON OF KAREKEN ZAKARIAN AND MARIAM TOMA

APRIL 27, 2025

ALEEN RITA KALIJIAN

DAUGHTER OF ABRAHAM KALIJIAN AND SONYA SAWA-KALIJIAN



Parish Organization News and Events

50/50 RAFFLE TO BENEFIT ACYOA 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY & SPORTS WEEKEND

Ticket Price : \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00

First Prize - 30% of Proceeds

Second Prize - 15% of Proceeds

Third Prize - 5% of Proceeds

Please join us after church in the hall for light refreshments,
and drawing of the raffle today, May 4 @ Noon

**50/50
RAFFLE**



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We are thrilled to announce that the 2025 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend (GASW) will take place in Detroit over Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 2025! This event is a cherished tradition that brings together Armenian-American young adults from across the country for a weekend of fellowship, sports, and community.

The success of the weekend depends greatly on contributions from our community. Placing an ad is an excellent way to support the ACYOA, and an opportunity to extend a personal greeting, honor a loved one, share a memory, or promote your business.

To submit your ad, please complete the form below and provide high-resolution graphics (PDF or JPEG) with your message by mail/email. For any questions, contact our committee at 2025acyoagasw@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generosity and support to help make this weekend memorable!

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ACYOA GASW 2025

7 X 7
FULL PAGE

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QUARTER
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ACYOA Sports Weekend Ad Book Form

sponsorship package	\$5,000
diamond full page	\$1,000
platinum full page	\$500
gold half page	\$300
silver quarter page	\$200
line listing	\$100

mail form and check payable to:

ACYOA GASW 2025
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075

to learn more, submit
the form, payment, and
ad submission online,
[scan here >](#)



SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 6, 2025

Message/Listing as you wish to appear in your ad: _____

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The Armenian American Veterans' Building Renovation

Join the crowd!



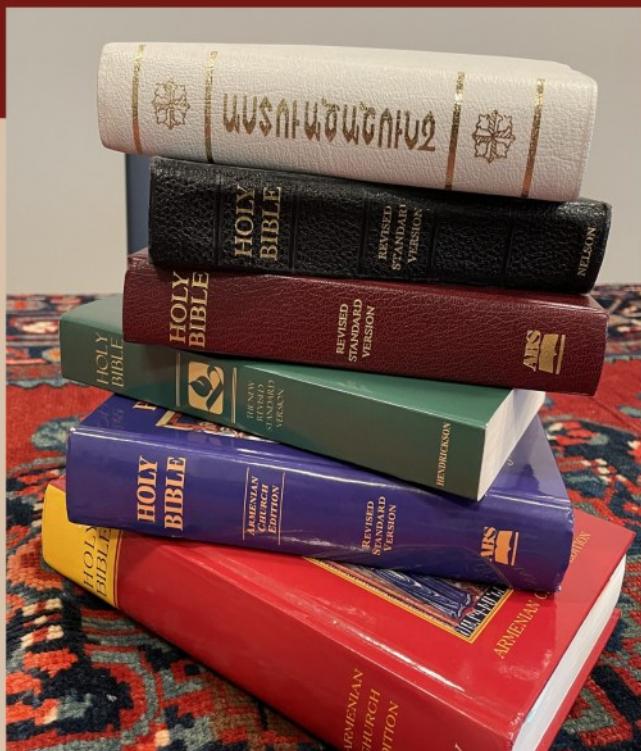
Scan here to donate



St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



MAY 5, 2025

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

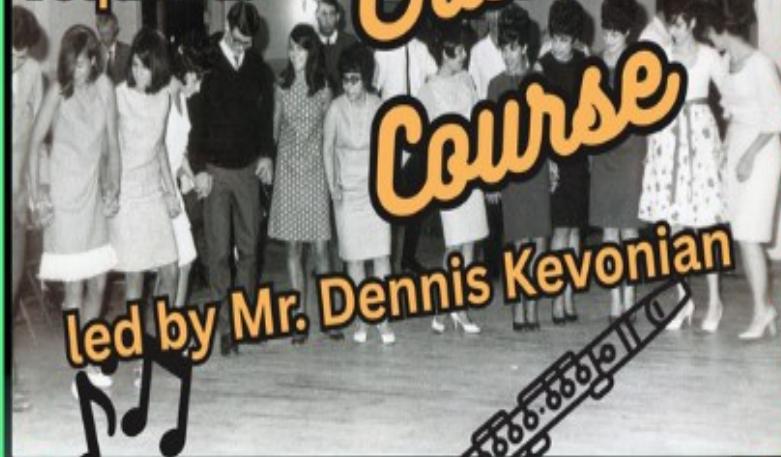
HYE DOON PRESENTS

SHURCH BAR

no experience
required!

Crash
Course

led by Mr. Dennis Kevonian



THURSDAY, MAY 8
7 PM

AGES ~26 THROUGH FORTIES

ST JOHN CULTURAL HALL

FREE ADMISSION - LIGHT BITES

Meet the Founder of Zulal Wines of Armenia
Taste her wines at a luncheon on Tuesday, May 13th 1pm
St. John Armenian Church, St. Vartan Room
Limited to thirty People ~ \$48



KEUSH
méthode traditionnelle

Luncheon
“Ararat Water” Armenian Bottled Water

KEUSH ~ Origins
Cheese Beoreg, Vospov Kufta

Zulal ~ Voskehat 2020
Baked Salmon over wilted Spinach and Sun-Dried Cherries

Zulal ~ 2021
Gnocchi, Grilled Chicken & Oyster Mushrooms in Cream

Zulal ~ Areni Reserve 2018
Lamb Khorovats, Bulgur Pilaf with Lentils

KEUSH ~ Rosé Extremis
Marlenka Honey Cakes
Coffee



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EVENTS



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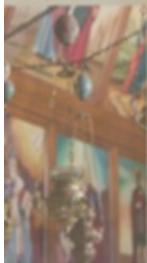
Reservations and Payment Call Paul Yousoufian 313-310-3508
Advance Payment required

St. John Armenian Church / 22001 Northwestern Hwy Southfield MI 48075 / 248-569-3405 / www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org

Church Chat

With Fr. Aren

REFLECTIONS ON LIFE IN JERUSALEM



Thursday May 15 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

ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SPORTS WEEKEND 2025

MAY 23 - 25, 2025

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Friday, May 23rd – St. John Armenian Church – Southfield, MI
9:00am – 5:00pm

FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT

Friday, May 23rd – Fifth Avenue – Royal Oak, MI
7:00pm – 10:30pm

SPORTS

Saturday, May 24th – Groves High School – Birmingham, MI
8:30am – 5:00pm

Sunday, May 25th – St. John Armenian Church Rec. Center – Southfield, MI
1:00pm – 5:00pm

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

Saturday, May 24th – Little Caesars Arena – Detroit, MI
8:30pm – 1:00am

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, May 25th – St. John Armenian Church – Southfield, MI
9:30am - Noon

Brunch hosted by Women's Guild immediately following at Veterans Building

SUNDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET

Sunday, May 25th – St. John Armenian Church Grand Ballroom – Southfield, MI
Alumni Cocktail Hour: 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Dinner, Awards, and Dance: 7:30pm – 2:00am

Please visit www.acyoa.org/gasw to register.
Must be 18 years or older to attend Friday and Saturday evening events.

SWISH! SPIKE!



**St. John Armenian Church
Women's Guild**

Invites you

ACYOA Sports Weekend



Please join us

Sunday, May 25, 2025

After church and before basketball and volleyball
Veteran's Building

Serving a selection of quick bites for the 'team on the go' and many other delicious breakfast options

RSVP

ACYOA Participants: Free with weekend package

Parishioners: \$15 adult; \$5 children under 10

Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian
(248) 225-5634



ARMENIA - THE LONE
STONE: A DUAL LENS
ON HERITAGE AND
DISCOVERY

Thursday, May 29
7:00 PM

SJAC St. Vartan Room



St. John Armenian Church
and the Edward & Helen
Mardigian Library
present

DAVID KARA MIAN

ARTIST, AUTHOR,
PHOTOGRAPHER.

Book Presentation

Join us for a special hybrid presentation as the author-photographer shares insights from his two companion books: *Armenia - the Lone Stone, Invincible Through the Ages* and *Armenia - the Lone Stone, a Traveler's Guide*

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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ARTS OF ARMENIA



*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 Mailian, at 248-569-3405 or rubik@sjachurch.org
Or Lisa Mardigian, lmardigian@sjachurch.org

Registration

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 26th-AUGUST 2nd
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

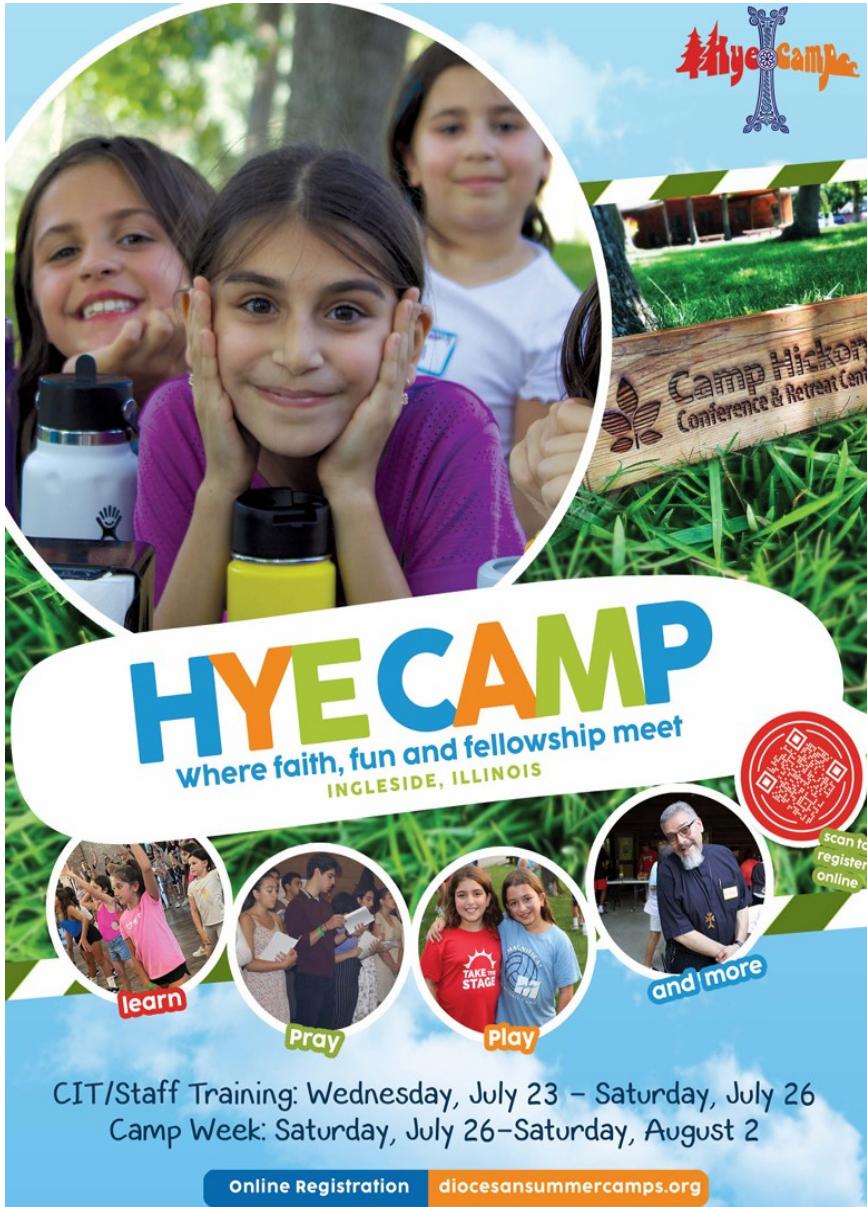
Session VI:

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 (586) 808 2202



HYE CAMP
where faith, fun and fellowship meet
INGLESIDE, ILLINOIS

learn

Pray

Play

and more

scan to register online

CIT/Staff Training: Wednesday, July 23 – Saturday, July 26
Camp Week: Saturday, July 26–Saturday, August 2

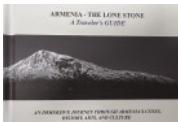
Online Registration diocesansummercamps.org

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
Hardcover coffee table book
documenting history of cultural
landmarks HC - \$70.00



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



New - Khiggar 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



EVENTS AT
ST JOHN
ARMENIAN CHURCH

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General Parish Information

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

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

Parish Administrator - Cell: (248) 770-2200 | 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, 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 (*Hokeyhankist*): 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/



May 8 - Hye Doon Shurch Bar Crash Course with Dennis Kevonian

7:00 pm - St. John Cultural Hall

May 15 - Adult Catechism "Church Chat - Reflections on Life in Jerusalem"

7:00 pm - St. Vartan Room

May 29 - Book Presentation - David Karamian, *Armenia - The Lone Stone*

7:00 pm - St. Vartan Room

June 5 - Book Presentation - Hachig Kazarian, *Western Armenian Music*

7:00 pm - St. Vartan Room

Upcoming Youth Events

May 23-25 - ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend

July 7-11 - Arts of Armenia Program - "An Armenian Wedding"

July 26 - August 2 - Hye Camp

The Kiss of Peace

The GIVER says:

Kreessdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ:

Christ is revealed amongst us.

The RECEIVER says:

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreessdosee.

Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:

Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

"On the calendar of the Armenian Church, the Sundays following Easter have special names - New Sunday, Green Sunday, and Red Sunday. Why is this the case? Because each of these Sundays symbolizes the new life that began with the resurrection of Our Lord... As life is revived in nature during the spring, all the fields turn to green. So Green Sunday marks the renewal of spiritual life that begins with the resurrection of Christ." - Archbishop Sion Manoogian, "Red Sunday: The Condition of Salvation - Faith and Works"