

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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The Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor
The Reverend Father Armash Bagdasarian, Assistant Pastor

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:
The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Deacon Rubik Mailian, *Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant*
Arshaluys Gharibian, *Organist*



Sunday Bulletin

Welcome!

We welcome you to the Divine Liturgy/Soorp Badarak and invite all who are Baptized and Chrismated in, or are in communion with, the Armenian Church 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 desk. Make certain you fill out a contact card before you leave so we can be in touch. Enter to worship the Lord Jesus Christ

March 19, 2023

The Armenian Church Year 1472

SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian

Pastor: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Sunrise Service - 9:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Sona Bell

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Isaiah 65:8-25, Philippians 3:1-4:9, Luke 17:20-18:14

Today's Gospel

Luke 17:20-18:14

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Lo, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you." And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. And they will say to you, 'Lo, there!' or 'Lo, here!' Do not go, do not follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man.

They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the arch, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was in the days of Lot they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom fire and sulphur rained from heaven and destroyed them all so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, let him who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other left." And they said to him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together." And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man: and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: "Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted." should rise from the dead."

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

William "Billy" Samson
Dinora Boulgarian Pitz
Badrik Jooharigian
Charles Sansone
Ardash Apigian
Barbara Savick
Sally Kabodian
Greg Baise
Rose Baise

Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan
Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian
Minas "Casey" Kazanjian
Kenarr Petrosian Chiodo
Mary Helen Altounian
Lusine Hovsepyan
Rose Ghoogasian
Rose Lucassian
John Farsakian

Yeretzgin LuAnn Sabounjian
Lynne Ann Dabanian
Richard Khederian
Vladimir Avetisov
Judy Yousoufian
Marge Aramian
Adam Apigian
Dan Cristiano
Jan Paloian

Holy Communion

Communion is not openly offered during Great Lent. Anyone wishing to receive Communion during Lent may do so by making arrangements with the pastor.

Special Collection

Our Church School Children are collecting money through their Lenten Canisters to help the victims of the Earthquake in Eastern Turkey and Syria. We will continue collecting donations for this Earthquake assistance and also for Artsakh Humanitarian Aid through the end of Great Lent.

We encourage our faithful to generously support these Diocesan initiatives by dropping off your donations to the Church Office or give to a Parish Council member (note designation on memo line).

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Paul Korian**, who entered his eternal rest last week. His funeral took place at St. John Armenian Church on March 18, 2023.
May Christ our Lord shed His Eternal light upon his soul.





BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN



REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO ARE ASLEEP IN CHRIST

GLORIA SEMONIAN, 1st Year, Dear Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Carol and Steve Palaian
Alan Semonian
Lisa and Chris Michetti
Maria, Angela and Julia Palaian

DR. ARA YARJANIAN, 6th Year, Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Mrs. Laurie Yarjanian
Dr. Daron Yarjanian
Dr. John Yarjanian, Linda Yarjanian, and Adam Yarjanian

NUBAR CHOLAKIAN, 6th Year, Loving Husband, Father

Requested by Ann Marie Cholakian
Michael Cholakian

ARTHUR BARSAMIAN, 12th Year, Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Agnes Barsamian
Arthur Alan Barsamian
Jeffrey and Beverly Barsamian
Matthew and Angela Manosky and Family
Lauren Barsamian

**MATTHEW DAVID BARSAMIAN, 4th Year, Beloved Son, Brother, Grandson,
Nephew, Uncle, Husband**

Requested by Jeffrey and Beverly Barsamian
Matthew and Angela Manosky and Family
Agnes Barsamian
Arthur Alan Barsamian
Lauren Barsamian



BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN



REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO ARE ASLEEP IN CHRIST

AYDA LOSSOIAN, 6th Year, Beloved Mother, Grandmother, Aunt

Requested by Alex and Vanna Kazarian and Family
Araxi and Niery Karaghossian

KASPER OHANNASIAN, JR, 8th Year, Beloved Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Friend

Requested by Cheryl and Keith Messisco and Family
Kasper A. Ohannasian and Family
Nancy Altounian and Family

HAYRIK KASPAR, 10th Year

Requested by Cufer Kaspar
Murat and Ani Kasparian
Nubar, Armig and Arek Terziyan
Shant, Sylvia, Talia, Cecille, and Daron Kasparian

ALICE ZEVZAVADJIAN, 15th Year, Mother, Grandmother

Requested by Gregory and Anita Boyajian
Raffi, Danielle, Eden and Henry Boyajian
Marissa and Gregory Boyajian



2023 Holy Week

Schedule of Services

April 2 – Palm Sunday

9:00am - Morning Service
9:45am - Divine Liturgy with Church School Procession
1:30pm - Opening of the Doors Service

April 4 - Holy Tuesday

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

April 5 - Holy Wednesday

7:00pm - Prayers for Healing Service

April 6 - Great and Holy Thursday

10:00am - Divine Liturgy
7:00pm - Washing of the Feet Service
8:30pm - Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord

April 7 - Great and Holy Friday

11:30am - Order of the Crucifixion of Christ
7:00pm Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ

April 8- Great and Holy Saturday

4:00pm - Reading of Scriptures
5:00pm - Divine Liturgy – Trakalooyts

April 9 - Easter Sunday

9:00am - Morning Service
9:45am - Divine Liturgy

April 10 – Merelotz

11:00am - Requiem Service

2023 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 USING QR CODE

Orders must be placed by March 31, 2023
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 - \$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 - \$120.00

(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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A stylized, light gray illustration of a choir. In the center is a figure with a beard and a halo, likely representing Jesus, wearing a white robe. Surrounding this central figure are several other figures in robes, some standing and some slightly crouched, suggesting a choir or a group of people. The style is minimalist and graphic.

**The Komitas Choir of
St. John Armenian Church**
Presents

**A Selection of Songs in the
Tradition of Lent**

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 - 7:00 pm
In the Church Sanctuary

*Please join us for a complimentary nightcap of
Armenian and American music following the Lenten Dinner*

**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH 28TH ANNUAL
REV. FR. DIRAN AND YN. ROSALIE PAPAZIAN PARISH RETREAT**

OPEN TO ALL

Saturday, March 25th, 2023

**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075**

**Registration / Continental Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Program 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Conversing with God Through Scripture:
Inspiration, Revelation, and Canon**



Guest Speaker:

His Grace Bishop Vahan Hovhannessian, PhD
Professor of Biblical Studies

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PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLES! Suggested Donation: \$15; includes all materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. To register and donate online, go to <https://abundant.co/stjohnarmenianchurch/retreat>. To donate by check, register by email ebaise@umich.edu or call Edith at 313-673-3325. 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

If you know of someone who does not have email access, please pass on this information.

REST SERVICE & ACYOA Jrs LENTEN DINNER

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

WEDNESDAYS

february 22nd

march 1st

march 8th

march 15th

march 22nd

march 29th - Lobster Dinner

DONATIONS

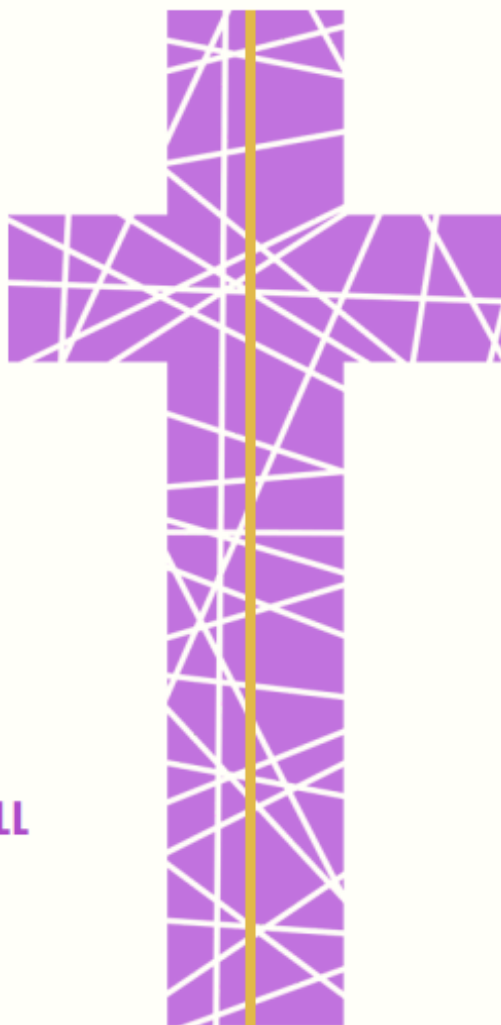
adults \$15 (fish or vegan)

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

St. John Armenian Church Cultural Hall
"Sunday Soups" by The Men's Society

The Menu

All Vegan Preparation

Sunday, March 5th

Roasted Acorn Squash Soup



Sunday, March 12th

Vegetable and Navy Bean Soup



Sunday, March 19th

Vegetarian Chili



Sunday, March 26th

Lentin Lentil



Served with a side of bread

\$5



Palm Sunday

ACYOA DAY



Sunday, April 2nd

**St. John's ACYOA will be
hosting a reception following
Divine Liturgy**

Free will offering to support our ACYOA

You are invited to

Church School Easter Supper

Saturday, April 8th

following Jrakalooyts Divine Liturgy in the
Cultural Hall

Beef Tenderloin Buffet

\$25 per person

Church School Students Free
everyone welcome

RSVP to (248) 569-3405



Tuesday Lunch Club

(Senior Lunch)

Have Lunch, join a card game; be with Family & Friends

Lunch served at noon

Veterans Building - Dining Room
3-21-2023 Menu choices

Luleh Kabob, Peas with tomato and onions & Rice Pilaf
Or

Chicken Kabob (5), (not on skewer) Peas with tomato and onions & Rice Pilaf

Dessert

Apple Pie

\$8.00 includes Salad, Entrée, Roll, side dishes,
Dessert, Coffee & Water

**Salad and dessert included for those who are
dining with us only.**

Walk-ins Welcome

**If possible - Let us know you are coming
Call or text 313-310-3508**

Give your name & lunch choice.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE MARDIGIAN FAMILY
WHO SUBSIDIZES THIS PROGRAM.

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, April 1st, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Saturday, June 2nd, 9:00am-11:30am

Saturday, August 5th, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Saturday, October 14th, 1:00am-3:00am

Saturday, December 2nd, 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

EBAISE@UMICH.EDU

St. John Women's Guild
PALM SUNDAY
Bake
Sale

APRIL 2nd
SALES BEGIN AFTER CHURCH
in the main hall

CASH
CHECK
CREDIT CARDS

*choereg, katah, simit, khalka, nazoug,
kurabia and more*

contact dadian@comcast.net



**50% OF PROFITS WILL GO TO ARMENIANS AFFECTED BY
THE EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA**

WOMEN'S GUILD PALM SUNDAY BAKE DAYS 2023

St John Women's Guild is happy to announce that we will be preparing for our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale all thru February and March. We will be happy to take your advanced orders for Women's Guild World Famous Soo Boreg.

Trays are limited.

To reserve a tray, please contact
Joy Callan at 248-533-6320.

Our next Palm Sunday prep day will be

Monday, March 20, 5pm by 8pm/Choreg

Tuesday, March 21, 9am by noon/Katah

Monday, March 27, 5pm by 8pm/Choreg

All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship. No experience is necessary and there is something for everyone to do. Please watch for future dates.

There may be cancellations due to severe weather or other reasons.





The Women's Guild of
St. John Armenian Church
presents



GUILD GATHERINGS

A Series of Creative Videos on YouTube

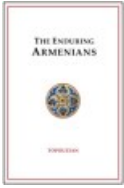
Lucia's Mock Manti

An Easy Weeknight Meal



Click on the Link
[https://stjohnwomensguild
.square.site/
guild-gatherings-1](https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site/guild-gatherings-1)

Visit the Parish Bookstore



NEW: The Enduring Armenians: A Series of Essays on the Armenian Civilization was published by the Topouzian Book Publication Trust on January 6, 2023. Multiple scholars and the translators provide an overview of 5000 years of Armenian history, its language, literature, music, & culture, its wars, the Armenian Church, the Genocide, and the Soviet era- in a book of over 700 pages. Includes a Foreword by Richard Norsigian, with an Introduction by Hagop Daniel Mouradian - Alice Nigoghosian, Project Director and Publishing Consultant.
SC - \$30.00



Lavash—Armenian Recipe Book
By Kate Leahy, John Lee,
Ara Zada HC - \$25.00



The Vegan Armenian Kitchen
by Lena Tashjian HC - \$35.00



NEW, From My Life and Thought:
Reflections on an Armenian-American Journey
By Dr. Dennis Papazian SC - \$20.00



Women's Guild's cookbook:
Armenian Cuisine - Preserving Our Heritage,
HC - \$25.00



NEW, "Zabelle Panosian"
(I am the servant of your voice) By Harout Arakelian, Harry Kezelian III, Ian Nagoski
Story of the life of Zabelle Panosian, the most popular female classical Armenian singer during the Genocide era who toured the U.S. raising funds for the victims. - \$15.00 (CD included)



An Armenian Trilogy
By Dan Yessian CD/DVD - \$25.00



NEW, Armenia-The Lone Stone
by David Karamian
Hardcover coffee table book documenting
history of cultural landmarks HC - \$60.00



"My Dear Son Garabed, I Read Your Letter, I Cried, I Laughed" by Dr. Jonathan Varjabedian
A fascinating glimpse into pre – WWI village life in Efker/Kayseri. SC - \$40.00



New, 2 Volume Set "History Of The Varanants Saints" By Yeghishe Translated By Beyon Miloyan SC - \$30.00

Sterling silver Armenian initials: \$35.00 - \$50.00

Sterling silver letter է (eh): \$35.00

**Candles
\$75**



A large variety of Michael Aram pieces are now available

**White Orchid Cocktail
Napkin Holder
\$75**



**Black Orchid Cheese
board w/ Knife - SM
\$160**



**Noah's Ark Nut
Dish \$130**

**Black Orchid
Vertical napkin
Holder \$120**



SILVER CROSSES FROM JERUSALEM, VARIOUS SIZES-\$35.00 - \$75.00

"The Promise" DVD \$15.00



The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry, Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many "Made in Armenia" products. Table runners, tablecloths, soccer balls, shawls and scarves from Armenia and much more!

General Information

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Fr. Aren's Mobile: (773) 457-4122 e-mail: FrAren@sjachurch.org

Fr. Armash's Mobile: (201) 665-9686 e-mail: FrArmash@sjachurch.org

Parish Administrator's Mobile: (586) 817-2974

Visits to the Hospitalized and Homebound Please phone the Church Office when you or someone you love is admitted to the hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor. If you have an upcoming surgery, please consider requesting your name to be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized" list. Those who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home should phone the Church Office.

Home Blessing If you would like the Pastor to visit your home and offer a home blessing, please contact the Church Office.

Baptism Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born. For more information, phone the Church Secretary. We encourage parents to baptize their children between 40 days and 3 months.

Marriage Please make sure to confirm your wedding date with the Pastor before booking your reception hall. Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date.

Parish Membership If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. John parish, please speak to a Parish Council member on Sunday, or phone the Church Office.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin are due in the Church Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday preceding the date of service.

Requiem Requests may be submitted to the Church Office by mail, phone or email to office@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby. Requiem may be offered every Sunday of the year except for the five Tabernacle Feast Days.