

**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 - Grakalooyts

### *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 \_\_\_\_\_

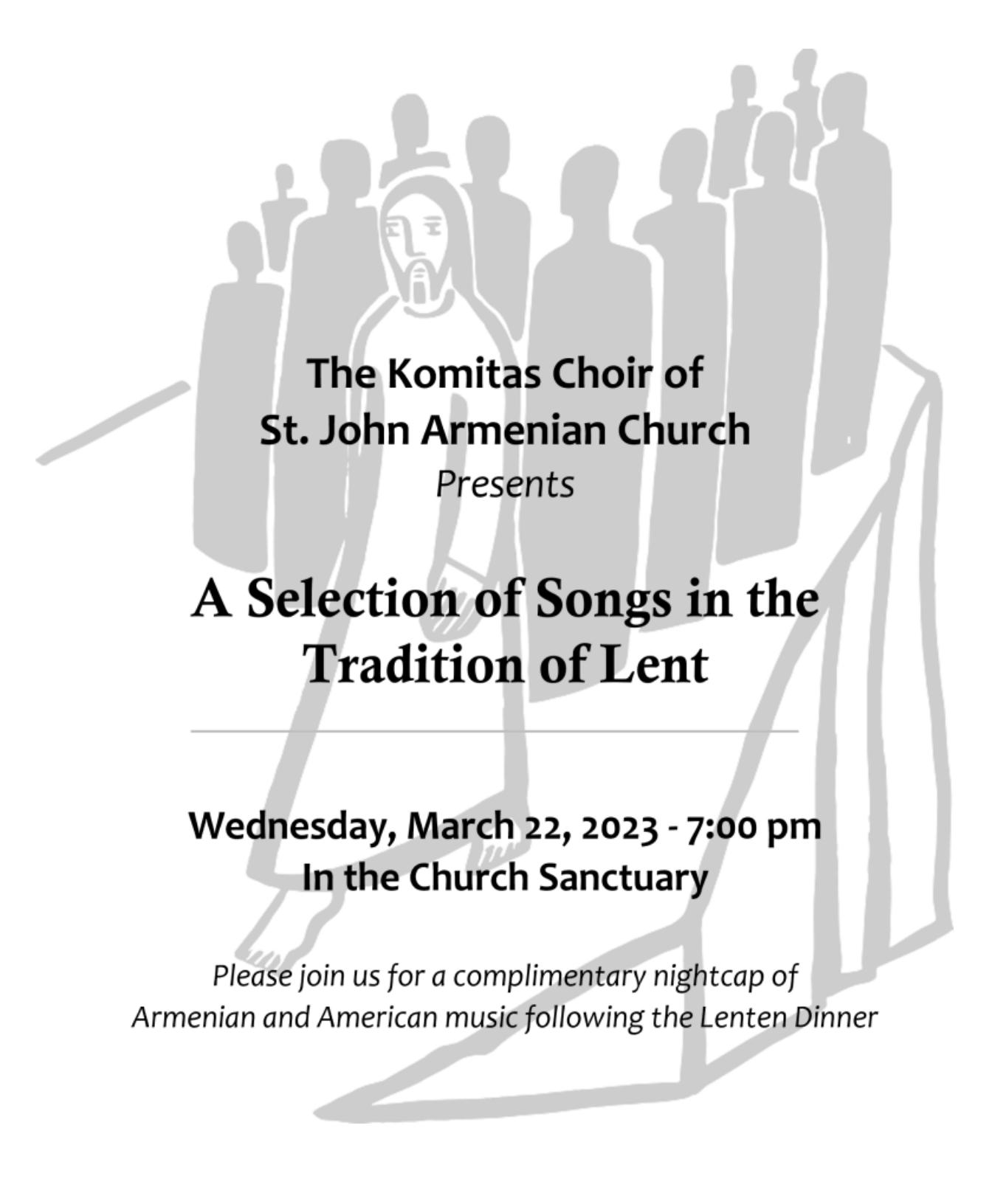
I wish to donate Candles for the Holy Altar - \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:office@sjachurch.org)

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The Komitas Choir of  
St. John Armenian Church  
Presents

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**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 Hovhanessian, PhD**  
Professor of Biblical Studies



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](mailto: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

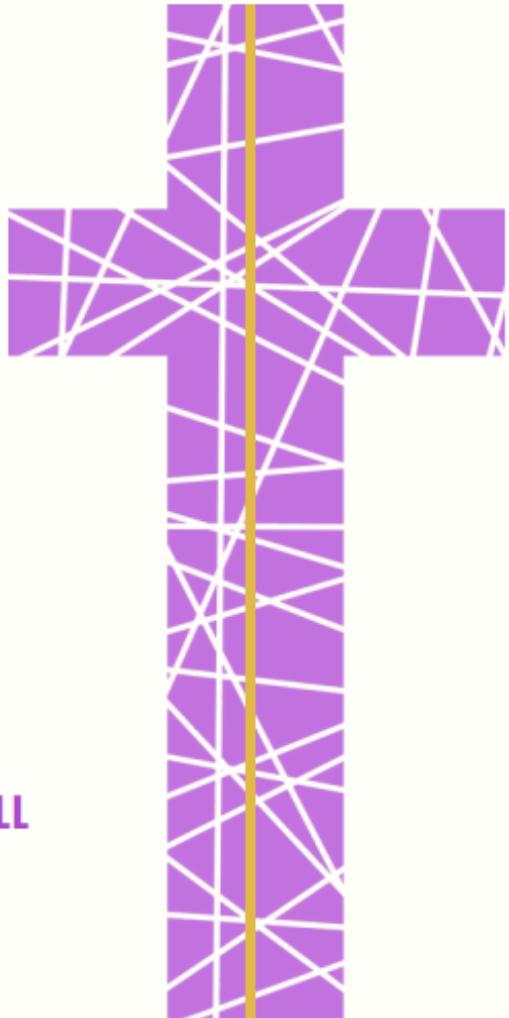
## WEDNESDAYS

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](mailto: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**

**Lentil 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

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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**

**21725 MELROSE, SOUTHFIELD, MI**

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

[EBaise@umich.edu](mailto: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, nazoung,  
kurabia and more

contact [dadian@comcast.net](mailto: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*

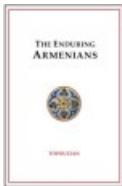
## Lucia's Mock Manti

An Easy Weeknight Meal



Click on the Link  
[https://stjohnwomensguild  
.square.site/  
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## 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



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



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)



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



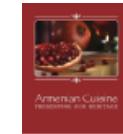
New, 2 Volume Set "History Of The Varanants Saints" By Yeghishe Translated By Beyon Miloyan SC - \$30.00



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



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



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



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



"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 Efkere/Kayseri. SC - \$40.00

Candles  
\$75



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

**Sterling silver letter Ե (eh): \$35.00**

**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**

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**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](mailto: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.