

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

June 7, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Feast of the Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:30 a.m.

Lections: Proverbs 9:1-6, Zechariah 3:7-4:9, Hebrews. 9:1-10, John 10:22-30

Lector: Gayle Sarkisian

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.

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Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin. The Divine Liturgy will pause prior to the singing of Hayr Mer (the Lord's Prayer), on pg. 41, in order to conduct **the Order of Special Prayer for the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin.**

Gark Hayrabadakan Maghtank yev ee doni Soorp Etchmiadzni.

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.





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)

Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin

Today the multitudes of citizens of heaven

Celebrate with joy the feast of the renewal of the Holy Church;

For to us is given a High Priest from all eternity;

For the enlightenment of the Holy Catholic Church. Glory to Your coming, O Lord!

Today a pillar of light has overshadowed us from on high;

For the Heavenly King comes into the Holy Church;

And the armies of the angels, spreading among peoples

Celebrate with us. Glory to Your coming, O Lord!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Today the high priest, Honored by the true divine law;

Sets up a four-cornered altar of sacrifice in the likeness of the cross;

In worthy manner performing sacrifice on it. He distributes the Lord's body and blood;

With purity, draw near, you saved new peoples;

And beseech Christ to grant this to us for many days.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Maya Hovhannisyian	Imprisoned Bishops and	Michael Vartoogian
Badrik Jooharigian	Clergymen in Armenia	Samvel Arakelyan
Andre' J. Gregory	Diramay Marmine Bagdasarian	Yelena Zakaryan
Vladimir Avetisov	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Nancy Altounian
Charles Sansone	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian	Marus Grigoryan
Debbie Dakhlian	Lara Roche Sarmanian	Nailya Sahakian
Hrayr Mashigian	Mary Helen Altounian	Chris Papazian
Jan Paloian	Shoghig Terjimanian	Rose Lucassian
Edith Baise	Valera Ayrapetyan	Marge Aramian
Rose Baise	Charles Vanerian	Zaven Ovian

Today's Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

It was the feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered round him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Altar Flowers

The beautiful flowers at the altar today are presented by **Yasmin Eloian** in loving Memory of her parents, **Hagop Jack Eloian**, **Jeannette Mary Eloian**, and other deceased Family members.



Memorial Tea

Today's Fellowship Tea is hosted by the **Women's Guild** of St. John Armenian Church in loving memory of all deceased **Women's Guild Members**. Everyone is welcome to attend in the Cultural Hall after Divine Liturgy.



The Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church

is requesting Requiem Prayers
for the souls of all deceased
Women's Guild Members
and recently departed...

Carole Bagdasarian

Alberta Godoshian

Nina Sarkisian



Hokehankist will be held on
Sunday, June 7
with a Tea to follow



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

In loving memory of all deceased Women's Guild members and especially:

CAROL BAGDASARIAN

ALBERTA GODOSHIAN

NINA SARKISIAN

Requested by Women's Guild Members

In loving memory of all deceased Women's Guild members and especially:

LILLIAN HOVSEPIAN and AGNES CARMAN HOVSEPIAN, Past Chairwoman

Beloved Mothers

ZABEL BAYLERIAN, Dear Aunt

HERMALENE KAHAYIAN and MARY KEZELIAN, Dear Khnamees and Past Chairwomen

ARMENHOUIE HOVSEPIAN, Dear Godmother, Charter Member

Requested by David and Marianne Dardarian and Family

In loving memory of all deceased Ladies' Auxiliary members and especially:

HAZEL HOVSEPIAN and HAMASPYR BAYLERIAN, Charter Member,

Beloved Grandmothers and Great-Grandmothers

OVSANA BOGOSIAN, Dear Godmother

Requested by David and Marianne Dardarian and Family

In loving memory of all deceased Women's Guild members and especially:

NINA SARKISIAN, Beloved Mother, Past Chairman

ARMENOUHIE DOCTORIAN, Beloved Grandmother

HAIGANOUSH SARKISIAN, Beloved Grandmother

Requested by Linda Houhanisin

The Rupas Family

NINA SARKISIAN, Past Chairwoman of Women's Guild, Beloved Mother

Mother-In-Law, and Friend

ARMENOUHIE DOCTORIAN, Beloved Grandmother

HAIGANOUSH SARKISIAN, Beloved Grandmother

ARSHALOOYS NERSESIAN, Past Member of Ladies Auxillary, Beloved Grandmother

BAIZAR DERDERIAN, Past Member of Ladies Auxillary, Beloved Grandmother

Requested by Lisa and Stephen Derderian



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

ALICE JAVIZIAN, Past Chairwoman of Women's Guild, Beloved Family Friend

Requested by Lisa and Stephen Derderian

In loving memory of all deceased Women's Guild members and especially:

CAROL BAGDASARIAN, Khnamee

ALBERTA GODOSHIAN, Sunday School Superintendent

Requested by Michael, Linda and Ani Karibian

In loving memory of all deceased Ladies' Auxiliary members and especially:

LUCIA CHOLMAKJIAN, Beloved Mother, Grandmother, and Aunt

Requested by Orjan and Jim Oswald

Carol Cholmakjian

Charles, Maria, Alexander, Paulina, Lukas and Ella Cholmakjian

Charline Travis

MOSES CHOLMAKJIAN

ARDASH, ORJAN, AND KAREKIN CHOLMAKJIAN

MARY AND JAMES ROBERTSON

RICHARD AND BETTY CHALMERS

MARGARET FLEISCHER

TRUDY RITTENGER

JOSEPH AND ELYSE CHALMERS

Requested by Orjan and Jim Oswald

Carol Cholmakjian

Charles, Maria, Alexander, Paulina, Lukas and Ella Cholmakjian

Charline Travis

ARMIN AND YELSIGH TURIGIAN

PEGGY AND NINO DEMARIO

TACQUE, DICK, AND ANNA DERBABIAN

Requested by Jim and Orjan Oswald

Carol Cholmakjian

Charles, Maria, Alexander, Paulina, Lukas and Ella Cholmakjian



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

**NINA AND ALBERT SARKISIAN, Parents, Grandparents,
Great-Grandparents**

**ARMENOUHIE AND KRIKOR DOCTORIAN, Grandparents,
Great-Grandparents**

**HAIGANOUSH AND LEVON SARKISIAN, Grandparents,
Great-Grandparents**

Requested by Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian
Sara, Morgan, Sona and Anya Bell
Dn. Dr. Aram Sarkisian and Dr. Diana Ohanian

NINA SARKISIAN, Beloved Mother, Mother-In-Law

ARMENOUHIE DOCTORIAN, Beloved Grandmother

HAIGANOUSH SARKISIAN, Beloved Grandmother

Requested by Allan and Rachel Sarkisian and Family

HAGOP JACK ELOIAN, 25 Year, Loving Father

JEANNETTE MARY ELOIAN, 2.5 Year, Loving Mother

DOLLIG ELOIAN

YERVANT ELOIAN

ARPENA ELOIAN

MARIAM ELOIAN LESCINSKAS

DONALD LESCINSKAS

Requested by Yasmin Eloian

GEORGE AND HIGO AVAKIAN

STEVE AVAKIAN

ZEVART AND GEORGE MELEDOSIAN

MARIAN SIROUNIAN

GEORGETTE AND JOHN OKNAIAN

Requested by Yasmin Eloian

HAGOP JACK ELOIAN

JEANNETTE MARY ELOIAN

Requested by Dan Cristiano and Danielle Cristiano

2026-2027 PARISH COUNCIL

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

**The elected parish council members will have
their installation service in the near future.**

Peter Egigian - Chairman

Marilyn Boladian - Vice Chair

Dn. George Boyagian - Secretary

Anna Tokmajyan - Assistant Secretary

Roseann Attar - Treasurer

Zaven Dadian - Assistant Treasurer

Howard Atesian, Advisor

Berj Bush, Advisor

Gary Gozmanian, Advisor

Michael Kazarian, Advisor

Lena Montgomery, Advisor

Tala Al-Armany, Alternate

ST. JOHN PARISH REGISTER - MAY, 2026

BAPTISM

May 3, 2026

Taline Samarian Ducato

Lucine Samarian Ducato

Daughters of Michael Ducato and Michelle Samarian

May 17, 2026

Mariam John Avedissian

Daughter of Ara Avedissian and Tara Karebian Avedissian

WEDDING

May 24, 2026

Kevin Riadh Dado and Karen Lillian Dardarian

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

Join Us on Zoom!

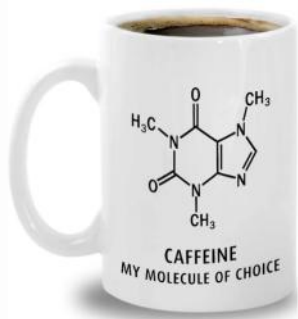
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

Thursday, June 11, at 6:00pm

(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!

**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, June 13, 9:00am-11:30am

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

OR EBASE@UMICH.EDU

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075

St. John Armenian Church

Estate Sale

Saturday, June 13

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, June 14

12:00 - 4:00 PM

**Armenian American Veterans Building
22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075**

**All proceeds benefit
St. John Armenian
Church**

For More Information:

248-890-7577

AestatesMI@gmail.com

Brought to you by:

The logo consists of the letters 'A', '&', and 'A' in a stylized, serif font. The 'A's are a vibrant pink color, while the ampersand is a darker shade of pink. The letters are closely spaced and have a slight shadow effect.

ESTATE SALES & REAL ESTATE

Happy GRADUATION

CONGRATULATIONS 2026 HIGH SCHOOL + COLLEGE GRADUATES!
WELCOME HOME COLLEGE STUDENTS!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING AND GATHERING
JUNE 14, 2026
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY IN THE CULTURAL HALL

TO HONOR YOUR GRADUATE
PLEASE USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO SUBMIT YOUR GRADUATE'S INFORMATION



PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GRADUATE'S INFORMATION BY JUNE 10.

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 \$ 286,491
Funding Needed \$ 213,509

As of May 21, 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 Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



JUNE 15, 2026

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



**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, June 16, 2026

Meatloaf with Gravy

Or

Oven Roasted Chicken

Lunches served with

**Hummus & Pita, Salad, Bread
Mash Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables**

Dessert

Chocolate Cake

\$15 Lunch Includes: Salad, Bread, Entrée,

Accompaniments, Dessert, Coffee and Water

Carry outs exclude, hummus, 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** / dicrist100@gmail.com

Tuesday Lunch Club

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

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SUMMER BARBECUE

fundraiser for

ARAGATS CAMP

friday
6:00 pm

JUNE
19

St. John's
Veteran's Hall

Dinner \$40 | Cash Bar | Cigar Bar

AYO project through the Diocesan Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) to send 36 vulnerable kids to Aragats Camp between July 9 and July 24 for an experience of a lifetime!

An anonymous donor has pledged to match all donations up to \$1000. Double your gift with your donation. 100% of proceeds goes directly to AYO

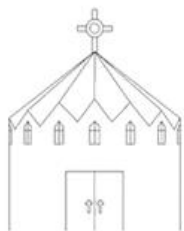
checks for dinner payable to St. John Armenian Church

donation checks payable to FAR memo: Ayo! No Kid Left Indoors

GO FAR WITH AYO!



reservations call or text Mark Mamassian 248.568.7358



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM

JUNE 20



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

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@sjachurch.org

(586) 808 2202



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: Royalties and Saints

July 13-17, 2026

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Authentic Armenian Dance, Music, Jewelry, Garments,
Baking, Wedding Service and more
taught by professional teachers

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 3, 2026

Limited Enrollment



For more information please contact:

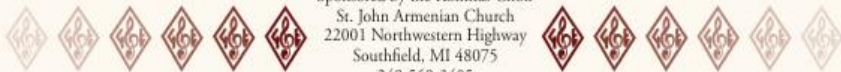
Lisa Mardigian

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

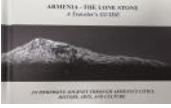


Visit the St. John Parish Bookstore!

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!

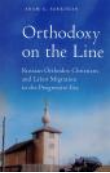
Featured Items



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



EVENTS AT
ST JOHN
ARMENIAN CHURCH

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MEETINGS | ART SHOWS

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

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.stjohnsarmerianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/



- June 7 - Morning Service - 9:00am, Divine Liturgy - 9:30am
June 7 - Women's Guild Memorial Tea, Following Divine Liturgy
June 9 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
June 11 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 6:00pm, Via Zoom
June 13 - SJAC Volunteer Day at World Medical Relief
9:00am - 11:30am - 21725 Melrose Ave., Southfield, MI 48075
June 13 - Church Estate Sale, 10:00am - 4:00pm - Veterans Building
June 14 - Special Gathering for High School and College Graduates
Following Divine Liturgy - St John Main Hall
June 14 - Church Estate Sale, 12:00pm - 4:00pm - Veterans Building
June 15 - Bible Study, 7:00pm - Conference Room
June 16 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
June 19 - Summer Barbecue - Fundraiser for Aragats Camp
6:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall
June 20 - Little Saints, 10:00am - Ararat Room
June 22 - June 25 - Day Camp - Session 1
June 26 - St. John Community Dinner - Lamb Shank Dinner,
6:00pm - Armenian American 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
July 25 - August 1 - Save the Date - Hye Camp

Bazaar 2026

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

Tuesday, June 9, 9:00am until 12:00pm - Meat Boreg

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

Seeking Stewards Time and Talent Help

Our parish is blessed with many volunteers who work tirelessly within the various Church organizations and we thank you all! We also want to note special thanks to individuals who take care of projects.

This week we thank the **AGBU Manoogian High School students** who helped our Maintenance Team with moving June 13-14 Estate Sale items from our Church & Rec Center storage rooms, offices, and basements to two staging areas ahead of the final move to the Armenian American Veterans Building on Monday, June 8.