

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 31, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah

Celebrant: His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan

Pastor: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

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

Sacred Lections: James 5:16-20, Luke 4:25-30

Lector: Yn. Shakeh Ohanesian

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.





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 1

In a unanimous song of praise

Let us bless Christ, the King of glory,

Who for our sake became flesh from the holy Virgin

And endured the cross.

In a unanimous song of praise

Let us bless Him

Who took on Himself burial for three days

Who arose from the dead as Master.

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

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

In a unanimous song of praise

Let us bless Him who mightily destroyed the gates of Hell

And adorned His Church in great splendor.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

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

Congratulatory Tea

Today's tea is generously donated by **an anonymous family** in honor of the newly ordained Subdeacons and Acolytes. May God continue to inspire them to work diligently as they serve our community at the Holy Altar.

Everyone is welcome to join in congratulating the newly ordained.

Memorial Grave Blessing Donations

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th, Fr. Aren blessed graves at cemeteries throughout Metro Detroit, including a general requiem service at the Armenian Martyrs' Monument at Woodlawn Cemetery. With hope in the Resurrection, St. John is thankful for the \$395 in donations from our community members for the blessing of their loved ones' graves.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 4:25-30

But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land; and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and put him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong. But passing through the midst of them he went away.

Altar Flowers

The beautiful flowers at the altar today are presented by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian on the joyous occasion of **Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian's 50th Anniversary of Ordination**, as well as **Fr. Garabed and Yn. Roberta Kochakian's 50th Wedding Anniversary**.

The beautiful flowers at the side altar today are presented by **Kevin Riadh Dado** and **Karen Lillian Dardarian** on the happy occasion of their wedding which took place at St. John Armenian Church on Sunday, May 24, 2026.



Gifts to Church

Dr. and Mrs. Gary and Mariann Zamanigian present a gift to the Church on the joyous occasion of the **50th Wedding Anniversary of Fr. Garabed and Yn. Roberta Kochakian**.

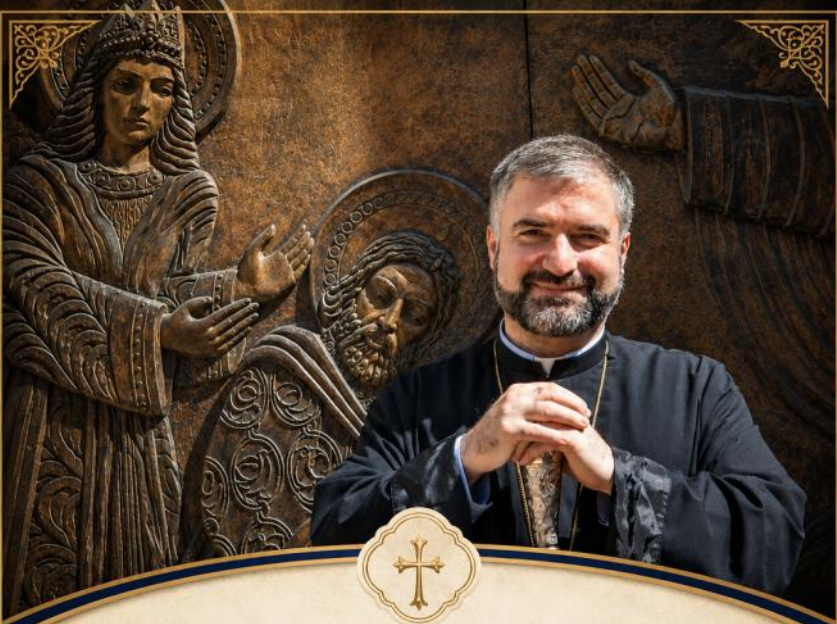
The Family of Alberta Godoshian present a gift to the Church in loving memory of **Alberta Godoshian** on the occasion of her **40th Day Memorial**.

Nicole Matoian presents a gift to the Church on the happy occasion of her son, **Noah Michael Matoian's**, ordination as an **Acolyte**.

Mike and Dolly Matoian present a gift to the Church on the happy occasion of their grandson, **Noah Michael Matoian's**, ordination as an **Acolyte**.

Dr. Christine Matoian presents a gift to the Church on the happy occasion of her godson and nephew, **Noah Michael Matoian's**, ordination as an **Acolyte**.

John and Janet Shekerjian and Family present a gift to the Church on the happy occasion of **Noah Michael Matoian's**, ordination as an **Acolyte**.



EPISCOPAL DIVINE LITURGY

— & ORDINATION OF SUBDEACONS AND ACOLYTES —



With great joy, we welcome

His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan

for a special celebration of the Divine Liturgy,
and the ordination of candidates to
Holy Orders in our parish.

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

A fellowship reception will follow the service.
*All parishioners, family, and friends are warmly
invited to join us for this blessed occasion.*



A Blessed Journey of Faith and Service

ORDINATION

BY HIS GRACE BISHOP MESROP PARSAMIAN



SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026



With thanksgiving to God, we joyfully announce
the ordination of our dedicated and faithful young men
to serve at the Lord's Altar.

SUB DEACON



Vartan Ohanesian



Thomas Omartian

ACOLYTES



Alex Koceyan



Bakrad Khasroof



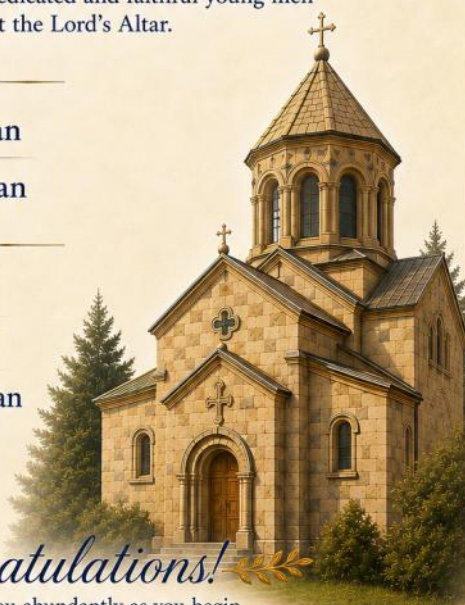
Michael Togmajyan



Diran Rasho



Noah Matoian



Congratulations!

May God bless you abundantly as you begin
this sacred journey of service, faith, and devotion.



All are invited to a reception
in honor of the newly ordained.



MAY THE LORD GUIDE YOU, STRENGTHEN YOU,
AND FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH HIS LOVE AND GRACE.

Names are listed in the order shown.



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

REVEREND FATHER KAREKIN KASPARIAN, 40th Day

Requested by Father Garabed and Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian,

ALBERTA GODOSHIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Great Aunt, Special Friend

Requested by Raffi and Chris Sarafian

Danielle, Melanie and Nicolas Sarafian

Mark and Kathy Haase

Michael Haase

Nicholas and Megan Cococchetta

Alex and Kara Sarafian and Family

Drienne Sarafian

Zack Zakem

Ross and Judie Vartian

Eric Avedesian and Laura Thomas

The Keshgegian Family (Philidelphia, PA)

Tracey Jabbour

Father Garabed and Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

Arthur and Rosalie Mardigian and Family

Harry and Margo Derderian

Lena Montgomery

Sara Andonian

Edward and Yvonne Korkoian and Family

Michael and Karen Kazarian and Family

Marie and Chuck Semarjian

Rod, Karen, Alex and Melina Glusac

George and Karen Nigosian

Gregory and Laura Nigosian and Family

George A. Nigosian

CJ and Taleen Baldwin and Family

Susie Mardiros

VAHE ASADOURIAN, 1st Year

THELMA OHANIAN-ASADOURIAN, 10th Year

JANET OHANIAN, 26th Year

SOUREN OHANIAN, 55th Year

Requested by the Ohanian Family

GREGG HOWARD TIRYAKIAN, 2nd Year

Requested by Lynette Tiryakian

Mickey Mardirosian

Michael Dolik

Edwin Neffian

SOGMON DANEALIAN, 12th Year

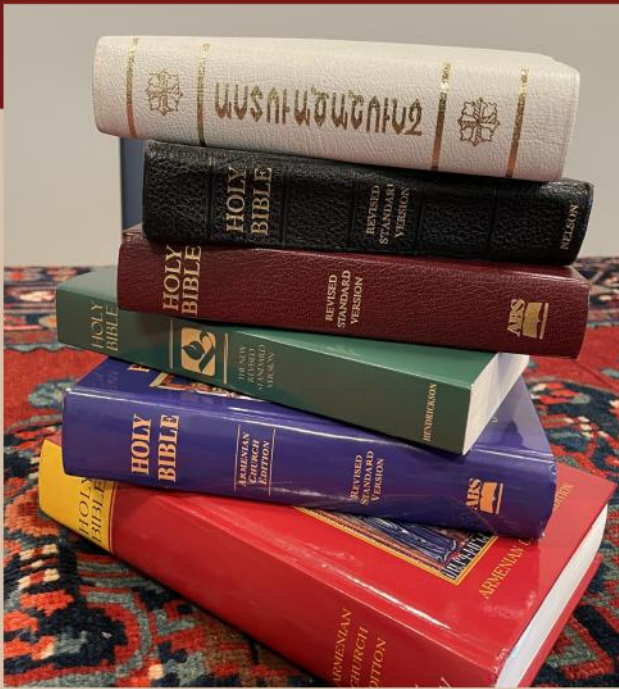
Requested by Khagek Danealian



St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



JUNE 1, 2026

TWICE A MONTH,
IN-PERSON
MONDAYS FROM 7.00PM - 8.30PM

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

Join Us on Zoom!

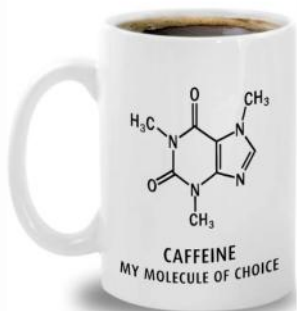
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

Monday, June 1, at 10:00am

(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!

CHURCH ESTATE SALE

Donation Drop-Off @

Veteran's Building

Sat June 6, 10am – 2pm

Accepting all donations EXCEPT: large furniture, clothing,
and shoes. Call or text Arda Kafarian with any questions,
248-890-7577

Estate Sale will occur June 13 & June 14

All proceeds of estate sale goes to
St. John Armenian Church

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

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ESTATE SALES & REAL ESTATE



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

**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

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

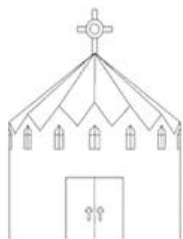
As of May 21, 2026.

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 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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Հայաստանէն



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:

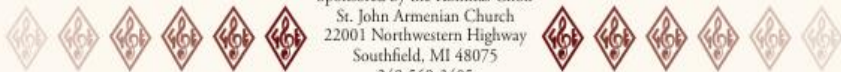
Lisa Mardigian

lmardigian@sjchurch.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





HYE CAMP

where faith, fun and fellowship meet
INGLESIDE, ILLINOIS



scan to
register
online



learn



Pray



play



and more

CIT/Staff Training: Wednesday, July 22 – Saturday, July 25
Camp Week: Saturday, July 25 – Saturday, August 1

Online Registration

hyecamp.org



MOTHER SEE OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN
KAREKIN I EDUCATIONAL CENTER

BY THE BLESSINGS OF HIS
HOLINESS KAREKIN II SUPREME
PATRIARCH AND CATHOLICOS OF
ALL ARMENIANS

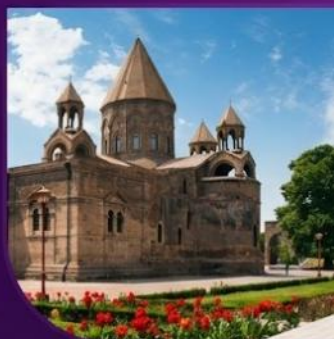


ArmEssence



Educational Summer Courses for the Youth

Dates
for two programs
July 6-24 and
August 3-21, 2026



IMMERSION IN:

- Armenian Language
- History of Armenia
- Armenian Christian Faith

HIGHLIGHTS

- Meeting with His Holiness
- Visit to holy shrines
- Visits to cultural centers
- Youth Activities and free time in Yerevan

To sign up for further information write to:
k1center23@gmail.com
or contact your parish or diocesan office

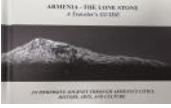


Visit the St. John Parish Bookstore!

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!

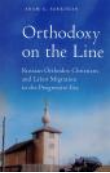
Featured Items



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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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/



May 31 - Morning Service - 9:00am

Episcopal Divine Liturgy and Ordination of Subdeacons and Acolytes

June 1 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 10:00am, Via Zoom

June 1 - Bible Study, 7:00pm - Conference Room

June 2 - Tuesday Lunch, 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans Hall

June 6 - Church Estate Sale/Drop Off, 10:00am - 2:00pm - Veterans Building

June 7 - Women's Guild Memorial Tea, Following Divine Liturgy

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 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!

Monday, June 1, 4:30pm until 7:30pm - *Choreg*

Tuesday, June 2, 9:00am until 12:00pm - *Meat Boreg*

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

Stewards Time and Talent Appreciation

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 **Alexan Kazarian**, son of Michael and Karen Kazarian, who recently completed his Eagle Scout project.

Alexan's project was the funding and installation of railings, gate and lighting for the patio at the Armenian American Veterans Building.