

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

Pastoral Intern Reverend Father Vazgen Andreasyan



Sunday Bulletin

September 7, 2025

Armenian Church Year 1475

Paregentan of the Fast of Exaltation

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

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

Isaiah 13:1-11. 2 Corinthians 7:4-16. Mark 7:31-37

Lector: Sona Bell

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* 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.



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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)

Resurrection Mode 5

Let all the earth bless Christ the King with a song of praise.

Let all the earth dedicate a hymn of praise, with thanksgiving to the
Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Now and for ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 7:31-37

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought him to lay his hand upon him. And taking him aside from the multitude privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And he charged them to tell no one; but the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well; he even make the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

Basil

Please call the church office at (248) 569-3405 if you are able to drop off basil from your garden for sacred blessing for the *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Khachveratz)*, Sunday, September 14th. (Please drop off basil on Saturday, September 13)



Gift

On the occasion of the 40th day dedication of **Baby Luka Vahan Wickham**, a gift is presented to the church by his grandparents Hosep and Shoghig Torossian.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is seeking dedicated and enthusiastic stewards to run for election for Parish Council, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee at the 2026 Annual Parish Assembly! This is a wonderful opportunity to take an active role in the leadership of SJAC, guiding the direction of our parish. If you would like to volunteer, or would like to nominate someone, please contact:

Paul Andonian, Howard Atesian, Marilyn Dadian, Kim Najarian or Jim Stambouljan

Summer Hours Ending

Beginning today, September 7, our regular service schedule will resume:

Morning Services will begin at 9:00 a.m. and **Divine Liturgy** at 9:45 a.m.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

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

Donations Needed for Men's Society Outreach

As part of its ongoing partnership with Motor City Mitten Mission, the Men's Society of St. John Armenian Church is continuing to prepare hot lunches for the homeless of Metro Detroit twice a month.

To sustain this important ministry, the Men's Society is seeking donations for meal preparations in **September, October, and November**.

To make a donation, please contact the church office or donate directly through the church website: <https://abundant.co/stjohnarmenianchurch/mcmm>

A donation of \$300 sponsors a meal for 100 individuals.

Donations in any amount will be acknowledged in a future Sunday bulletin.

We are always in need of volunteers to help prepare meals in the main kitchen.

Please contact Harry Dulger at 313-333-6915.

Dear Families with Children interested in attending Church School on Sundays

Our St. John Church School team is preparing for fall enrollment, and Sunday school classes. We are hoping you will enroll your children and allow us to join with you in providing Christian education services during the school year. We meet on Sundays from 10:15 AM to 12 noon. Our first day is September 7, 2025. During class-time students receive lessons that are age, and developmentally appropriate for their grade. We utilize the diocese curriculum which can be found at

<https://vemkar.us/children-and-family-ministry/>

Once again this year, there is no cost to attend. We simply ask that you register using the attached link, and bring your child(ren) to church!

The attached link is for NEW children only! Returning families will receive a pre-filled registration form to update in their email. Any questions, please reach out to the church office and someone will return your call.

New family/children registration form to complete and submit below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfF3KgYCRmiD2rkjX1ciFB54Dtar3ksmggfoH83v8pPeXh50G/viewform?usp=header>



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

VERANICA MKRTUMYAN, 1st Year, Daughter, Sister

Requested by Armen Mkrtumyan
Alla Mkrtumyan
Kazar and Marina Terterian

MATEVOS MATEVOSYAN, 3rd Year, Loving Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

ANDRE MATEVOSIAN, 5th Year, Loving Nephew, Son, Cousin

Requested by Matevosian, Yessayan, Safiani and Voskani Families

THOMAS C. GARDNER, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Friend

Requested by Gayle Gardner
Cedric and Melissa Jackson and family
Tommy Gardner and family
Ken and Judy Abler
Thomas and Deana Watson and family
Khush and Lisa Durawalla and family
The Merkle Family

GEORGE A. KRIKORIAN, 12th Year, Dear Friend

Requested by Richard Territo
Augie Liberino
David Vettraino
Frank Lorelli
Duby Family

ARAXIE SERKAIAN TERTERIAN, 59th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Friend

KEVORK TERTERIAN, 15th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Friend

VARTAN KALANGIAN, 26th Year, Brother, Uncle

ASHOT AND JASMINA MURADYAN, 33rd Year, Father, Uncle, Grandfather, Mother, Sister, Grandmother

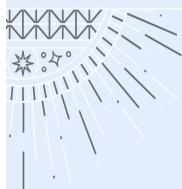
Requested by Kazar and Marina Terterian, Ani and Tigran
Arpine Devio
Alan and Heather Grant, Victor and Audrey
Araxie Grant
Christopher Devio
Inna Muradyan
Zhanna and Tamara Yesayan
Zaven and Tamara Yesayan

RUBEN ARAMIAN, 63rd year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

AREGNAZ ARAMIAN, 38th year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

Requested by Anita Kachadurian and Family

Parish Organization News and Events



PARISH REGISTER - AUGUST, 2025

B A P T I S M S

AUGUST 2, 2025

MASON SETH GOROSH

SON OF JORDAN GOROSH AND SAMANTHA GOROSH

ISLA SUSAN GRABOWSKI

DAUGHTER OF STEPHEN GRABOWSKI AND LAUREN SIMONIAN

AUGUST 3, 2025

OLIVIA ISABELLE KASPAROV

DAUGHTER OF NICOLAI AND NARINA KASPAROV

AUGUST 10, 2025

ALEKSAN VIKEN MATOSSIAN

SON OF ANAHID MARI MATOSSIAN

AUGUST 14, 2025

JOSHUA RICHARDSON

AUGUST 24, 2025

TALIA ARAXI POPE

DAUGHTER OF ARAM JOSHUA POPE AND KAIL ANNETTE AIELLO

AUGUST 30, 2025

AMALYA SONA NEWELL

DAUGHTER OF ERIC K. AND Hripsime M NEWELL

AUGUST 31, 2025

ARIS MURAT TERZIYAN

SON OF NUBAR AND ARMINEH TERZIYAN



W E D D I N G

AUGUST 2, 2025

JULIA PALAIAN AND PETER CRANE

AUGUST 8, 2025

MIRNA DAGHLIAN AND DOMINIC REDMAN

AUGUST 9, 2025

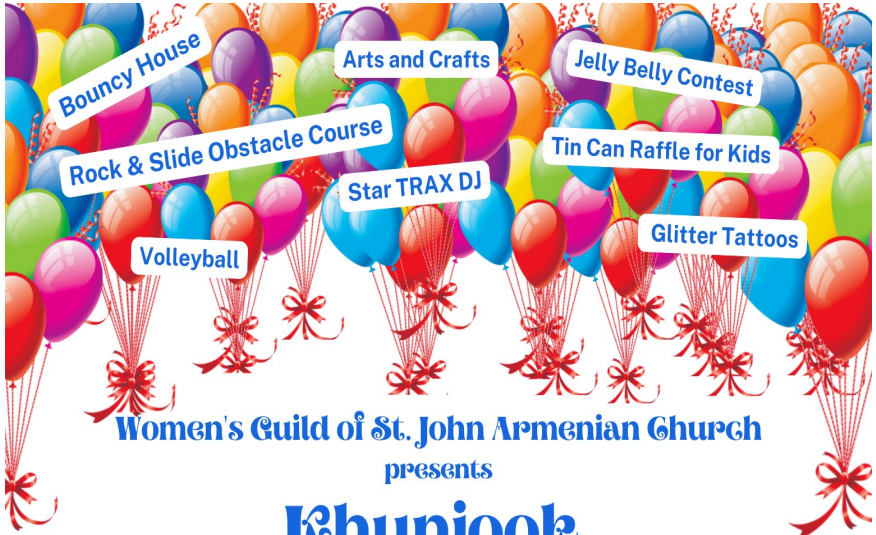
EMILY ARUTYUNOVA AND MATTHEW DURPHEY

AUGUST 15, 2025

SONJA REGISH AND JOSHUA RICHARDSON

AUGUST 16, 2025

ANI COOPER AND SEROP BABAYAN



Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church
presents

Khunjook

Family Fun Day

Sunday, September 7, 2025

St. John Armenian Church
after church services on the lawn

Burgers & Hot Dogs

Veggies, Fruit, Cotton Candy & Ice Cream Cart

Free Will Donation

**Every registered Sunday School Student will receive
a free ticket for the Kids Tin Can Raffle!!!**

In case of rain the Khunjook will be held in the Rec Center

**Would you like to support our event?
Point your camera at the QR Code to learn how.**





St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

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



COME AND JOIN OUR
**TOURSHEE
PARTY**

Come and help us make the Tourshee
that will be sold at the Bazaar

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

5pm until done

Casual dinner provided

Main kitchen - St. John Armenian Church

**Contact Ara Hachigian for more info
248-981-3093 or aramichael@mac.com**



St. John Armenian Church
Women's Guild and Men's
Society Present:

TAVLOU AND OTHER GAMES NIGHT

Friday, September 19, 2025 from 6PM -10PM

Come enjoy the night with old friends and
new friends, Join them in Tavlou, Cards
or even bring your own fun games to try!

Where we meet:

St. John Armenian Church (In the Veteran's Building)
25050 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075

Pizza and a fresh Salad will
be served in addition to other
delectable munchies so
please come and bring your
appetite!

**DONATION
ONLY: \$10 PER
PERSON**

To Reserve Your Spot please call Edith Baise at
(313) 673-3325 or email her at ebaise@umich.edu

WESTERN ARMENIAN FOR ADULTS

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH IS OFFERING TWO
10-WEEK WESTERN ARMENIAN LANGUAGE COURSES



Do you want
to speak
and write
Armenian?

Ayo!

Tuesdays, Sep. 23 - Dec. 2, at St. John Conference Room

- **Beginner - 6:00-7:30pm**, Learn vocabulary and grammar, focus on basic reading and writing and daily conversations.
- **Intermediate - 4:30-6:00pm**, Learn advanced vocabulary and grammar. Reading, writing, and advanced dialogues, individual and group conversation projects.

Instructor: Hermine Dervartanian, an experienced Armenian language instructor who has worked as a translator in Lebanon and the United States.

Returning/continuing students always welcome!
A second Beginner's session may be opened pending interest.

Please send your registration form and a check
made out to St. John Armenian Church
to the church office:

22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075

Questions: (248) 569-3405

Registration fee: \$125/Class materials: \$20



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

BEST TIME TO CONTACT YOU: _____

EMAIL: _____

LANGUAGE LEVEL (CHECK ONE): ☐ BEGINNER ☐ INTERMEDIATE



The St. John Armenian
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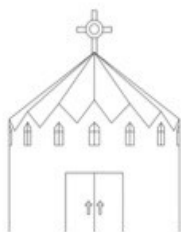
Coat Drive

Now Thru October
31st

DROP OFF-LOCATION:
both vestibule entrances to
our church

DONATE

Your unwanted, new
or slightly used coats
to help the Capuchin
Soup Kitchen Needy
and Help Others Stay
Warm this Winter



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 27

OCTOBER 18

NOVEMBER 15

DECEMBER 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

SJAC



Outdoor Campus Clean-up. We Need Your Help!



Saturday, September 27
9:00AM - 1:00PM
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Coffee-Bagels-Doughnuts-Water-Pop
Bring Your Friends and Have Some FUN

PLEASE BRING YOUR:

Gloves, Shovels, Saws, Tree Trimmers, Branch
Loppers, Pole Saws, Rakes, Safety Glasses,
Leaf Blowers, Chainsaws, Wheelbarrows,
Sledge Hammers, Axes, Gas Power-Washers,
Rope, Weed-whips, Sawzalls, Hoses, Hoes and
Power Edgers.

Please RSVP to Gayane: 248.569.3405
Gary Gozmanian: 248.225.9868



2025 Bazaar Raffle

October 3-5, 2025

\$100 per ticket

Only 250 tickets available
Up to \$10,000 in total payouts

1st Prize = 25% of ticket sales

2nd Prize = 10% of ticket sales

3rd Prize = 5% of ticket sales

If all 250 tickets are sold, payouts will be

\$6250 for 1st, \$2500 for 2nd or \$1250 for 3rd

Guaranteed payouts of \$2500, \$1000 & \$500 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes

Winners announced after Church on Sunday, October 5

You do not have to be present to win. Raffle License #R43221103.

Contact Andi Sheena for available ticket numbers

586-914-1342 / andisheena@gmail.com

Hurry now to buy your lucky winning tickets!

PAYMENT INFORMATION

1. Contact Andi Sheena for available tickets (1-250)
2. Make online payments to the Church via Abundant
<https://abundant.co/stjohnarmenianchurch/raffle>
3. Select Fund using the drop down menu choice
"Bazaar Raffle" Or, Text 73256 & note SJAC Raffle in the
message box from your cell phone (links you directly to
the site).

2025 Bazaar \$100 Raffle
St. John Armenian Church
Thank you for supporting the 2025 Bazaar by purchasing a \$100 raffle ticket.

How much would you like to give?

| Amount | Fund |
|----------|---------------|
| \$100.00 | Bazaar Raffle |

Memo

+ANOTHER FUND

ONE-ONCE ONE-MULTIPLE TIMES

On line Today

CONTINUE



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

BAZAAR

OCTOBER 3rd - 5th

Live Armenian Music & Dancing / Armenian Baked Goods

Country Store / Tin Can / Fine Arts Sale / \$100 Raffle

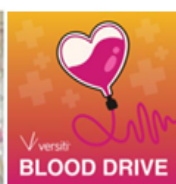
Vendors / Snack Bar / Bookstore / Hye Bar

Saturday Kids Zone

Southfield Fire Dept - Pony Rides - Pumpkin Decorating



16th Annual Health Fair and Blood Drive
St John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield Mi 48075
Saturday October 4, 2025



Annual Immunization Clinic with free Flu Shots: Time 11:00 AM-2:00PM

- Courtesy of Merriman Drugs, Livonia, presented by owner, Pharmacist Hanadi Thomas and her staff all generously donating their time.
- **Covid and Shingle RSV Shots:** Available by appointment only. So please bring your Medicare or Prescription Insurance Cards.

For appointments or questions call: Hanadi Thomas at (734) 427-3430

Wayne Health Mobile Unit from the Wayne State University: In the Parking Lot 1 PM-3PM

Presented by World Medical Relief in partnership with the Wayne Health Mobile Unit from the Wayne State University, Emergency Medicine Research Program from 1 PM to 3PM They will provide several health-related services free of charge to all who need them.

World Medical Relief is thrilled that this partnership allows us to offer FREE health services to anyone in our community who wants and needs them.

The following services will be offered:

General Health Screenings

- Lipid Panel Testing Cholesterol)
- Kidney Function Testing
- HbA1C Testing (Diabetics)
- High Blood Pressure screening
- Vitals Screening
- Pulse Ox
- Weight
- Temperature
- Vaccination will also be available

All services are FREE. No insurance or ID required. The Wayne Health workers do ask that those seeking services do provide some contact method, preferably a cell/mobile phone number, so that results and/or reminders can be provided for follow-up. For more information about any of these services, please contact Edith Baise at (313) 673-3325

Annual Versiti Blood Drive: In the Veterans Building Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Annual Versiti Blood Drive: The need for blood donations has never been greater so, as always. St. John Armenian Church Community lets show our support and donate blood! Contact Chairperson, Edith Baise to set up your appointment or questions in general. **Please contact Edith at (313) 673-3325 or by email at ebaise@umich.edu**

EUCHRE @ ST JOHN'S!

**St John Armenian Church - Men's Society
Welcomes Everyone to Another**

EUCHRE NIGHT!!

Friday, October 17, 2025

\$25 per Person \$30 after Oct. 10th

6-7pm Registration & Dinner

Tour The Manoogian Museum 5:45-6:45

7:00pm Games Begin

Reservations: Call / Text: Michael Toomajian at 248-303-9744
or Email: michaeltoomajian@gmail.com

Cash Prizes, Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, Cash Bar

(Must be 18 yrs. old to win)

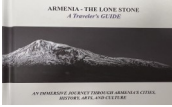
St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield Mi 48075

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!

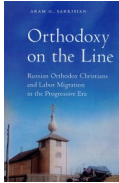
Featured Items



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



New - Khigar Nabasdaguh,
by Michael Pifer (HC \$17)
Western Armenian children's book
about a little rabbit who learns

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



New Jewelry from Armenia

Pregomesh Jewelry

Vanq Collection Silver Jewelry Celebrates Artsakh's Rich Heritage



EVENTS AT
ST JOHN
ARMENIAN CHURCH

WWW.SJACEVENTS.ORG

SCHEDULE AN
APPOINTMENT TO VIEW
OUR VENUE & ALL THE
FANTASTIC OPTIONS

WEDDINGS | BAPTISMS
SHOWERS | HOLIDAYS
GRADUATIONS | REUNIONS
BIRTHDAYS | BANQUETS
MEETINGS | ART SHOWS

CALL: 248.569.3405

EMAIL: EVENTS@SJACHURCH.ORG

General Parish Information

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

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

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/

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/



Friday Nights - Pickleball

5:00pm - 9:00pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

September 7 - Khunjook and Family Fun Day

September 8 - Bible Study

7:00pm - 8:30pm - Conference Room

September 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Khachveratz)

September 17 - Tourshee Party

5:00pm - St. John Main Kitchen

September 19 - Tavlou and Other Games Night

6:00pm - 10:00pm, Armenian American Veterans' Building

September 23 - Western Armenian Classes (Intermediate/Beginner)

4:30pm - 7:30pm - Conference Room

September 25 - Sanctuary and Museum Tour / SOLD OUT

10:00am - 2:00pm

September 27 - Little Saints Program

10:00am - 11:00am - St. Ararat Room

September 27 - Outdoor Campus Clean - up

9:00am - 1:00pm

October 3 and 4 - Bazaar 2025 / \$100 Raffle / Fine Arts Sale

October 4 - The 16th Annual Health Fair and Blood Drive

12:00pm - 4:00pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

October 17 - Men's Society Euchre Night - Save the Date

Bazaar 2025 Is Almost Here!

October 3 and 4, 2025

You're Invited to Join Us!

Help our community prepare delicious Armenian baked goods for our

Annual Bazaar! No experience is necessary - everyone is welcome!

Wear comfortable shoes and come ready to enjoy great company and even better camaraderie.

All hands are good hands, and we truly look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Yerchanig Callan, 248-533-6320 or yerchanigc@gmail.com

Baking Dates:

Monday, September 15, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg - with Dawn and Sara

Tuesday, September 16, 9am until noon - Meat Boreg (to be determined)