

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

October 5, 2025
Armenian Church Year 1475

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Celebrant: Reverend Father Vazgen Andreasyan

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.

Isaiah 17:7-14, II Corinthians 13:5-13, Mark 11:27-33

Lector: Mara Najarian

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 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

Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 11:27-33

"And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, and they said to him, "By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?" Jesus said to them, "I will ask you a question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men? Answer me." And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But shall we say, 'From men?'"—they were afraid of the people, for all held that John was a real prophet. So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Lost Item (cross and chain)

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a cross and chain were left behind. If this belongs to you or someone you know, please see **Fr. Aren** to claim it.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

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	Sonia Kalfayan	Jan Paloian
	Rose Baise	



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

VIVIAN JAMIAN, 40th Day, Dear Friend and Dear Friends

SARKIS AND KHANEM KORKOIAN

EDWARD AND FRANCES KORKOIAN

JACK AND ALICE KORKOIAN

ROSE KALAJIAN

MANUEL JAMIAN

LEE JAMIAN

Requested by Dn. Richard Norsigian and Family

**PETER RUPAS, 3rd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Son In-law,
Brother In-law, Uncle, Friend**

Requested by Barbara Rupas

Matthew Rupas and Marilly Palettas, Iphiyenia

Nina Sarkisian

Linda Houhanisin

Diana and Todd Byrne, Aiden and Sophia

George Houhanisin and Dr. Sarah Johnson, Gregory and Simon

Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian

Sara, Morgan, Sona and Anya Bell

Dn. Dr. Aram Sarkisian and Dr. Diana Ohanian

Lisa and Steve Derderian

Allan and Rachel Sarkisian, Tyler and Emma

**FRANK HOUHANISIN, 10th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Son-In-Law,
Brother-In-Law, Uncle, Friend**

Requested by Linda Houhanisin

Nina Sarkisian

Diana and Todd Byrne, Aiden and Sophia

George Houhanisin and Dr. Sarah Johnson, Gregory and Simon

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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in

GHEVONT MALIAN

AGAVNIE MALIAN

Requested by Dr. Ida Malian

SHAHE ASHKARIAN, 10th Year, Father, Grandfather

RAZMIG TASLAKIAN, 4th Year, Nephew

Requested by Ashkarian Family

Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Charlotte Boshnakian**, who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on September 29, 2025.
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Roger Gregory**, who entered his eternal rest last week. His funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on October 2, 2025.
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon his soul.

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Marine Hana**, who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on October 3, 2025.
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.



PARISH REGISTER - SEPTEMBER, 2025

BAPTISMS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

JACK MICHAEL DOYLE

SON OF ADAM MARZEC AND YERAN NATALIE DOYLE





2025 BAZAAR Raffle

Raffle License #R82821

Only 250 tickets available
\$100 per ticket

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.

1. Contact Andi Sheena for available tickets (1-250)
2. Make online payments to the Church via Abundant
<https://abundant.co/stjohnnarmenianchurch/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).

Contact Andi Sheena for ticket numbers
586-914-1342 / andisheena@gmail.com

BAZAAR

2025 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Bazaar Food Services

5:30 pm - 10 pm Vendors, Fine Art Show, Country Store, Hye Bar, Raffle

5:30 pm - 10 pm Detroit Retro Gaming Show Pop-up

6:30 pm - 11 pm Johnites Band

SATURDAY

12 pm - 8:30 pm Bazaar Food Services

12 pm - 10 pm Vendors, Fine Art Show, Country Store, and Raffle

12 pm - 2 pm Immunization Clinic

12 pm - 4 pm Blood Drive (Veterans Building)

1 pm - 3 pm Mobile Health Unit (Parking Lot)

1 pm - 4 pm Kids Zone: Pony Rides, Pumpkin Decorating,
Cider & Donuts, Southfield Fire Department (Outside lawn)

1pm - 9pm Detroit Retro Gaming Show Pop-up

3 pm - 6 pm Ara Topouzian Trio

6:30 pm - 11 pm Nigosian Band

SUNDAY

12 pm - 2 pm - Limited Bazaar Food Menu, Country Store, Raffle and Hye Bar

1 pm - 1:45 pm - Baking Demonstration Y. Roberta Kochakian

1:45 pm Tin Can Raffle & \$100 Raffle Drawings

Come for the kebab, stay for the memories.





THE FINE ARTS COMMITTEE OF ST. JOHN
ARMENIAN CHURCH IS SPONSORING A FINE ARTS
EXHIBITION AND SALE OF PAINTINGS BY A SELECT
GROUP OF ARMENIAN ARTISTS
(DURING THE BAZAAR)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD (ST. VARTAN ROOM)

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

12:00 PM - 10:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

248-569-3405
22001 NORTHWESTERN HWY
SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075
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Join Us on Zoom!

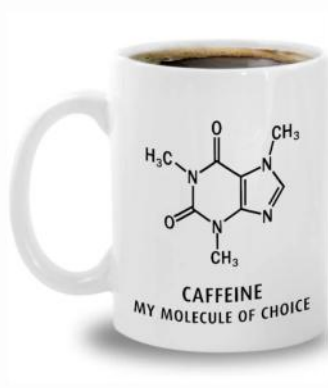
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

Monday, October 6, at 3:00pm

(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!



St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

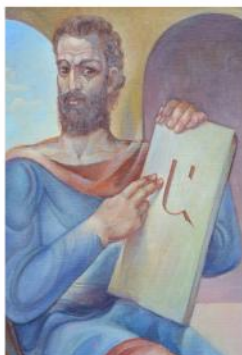
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OCTOBER 6, 2025

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

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

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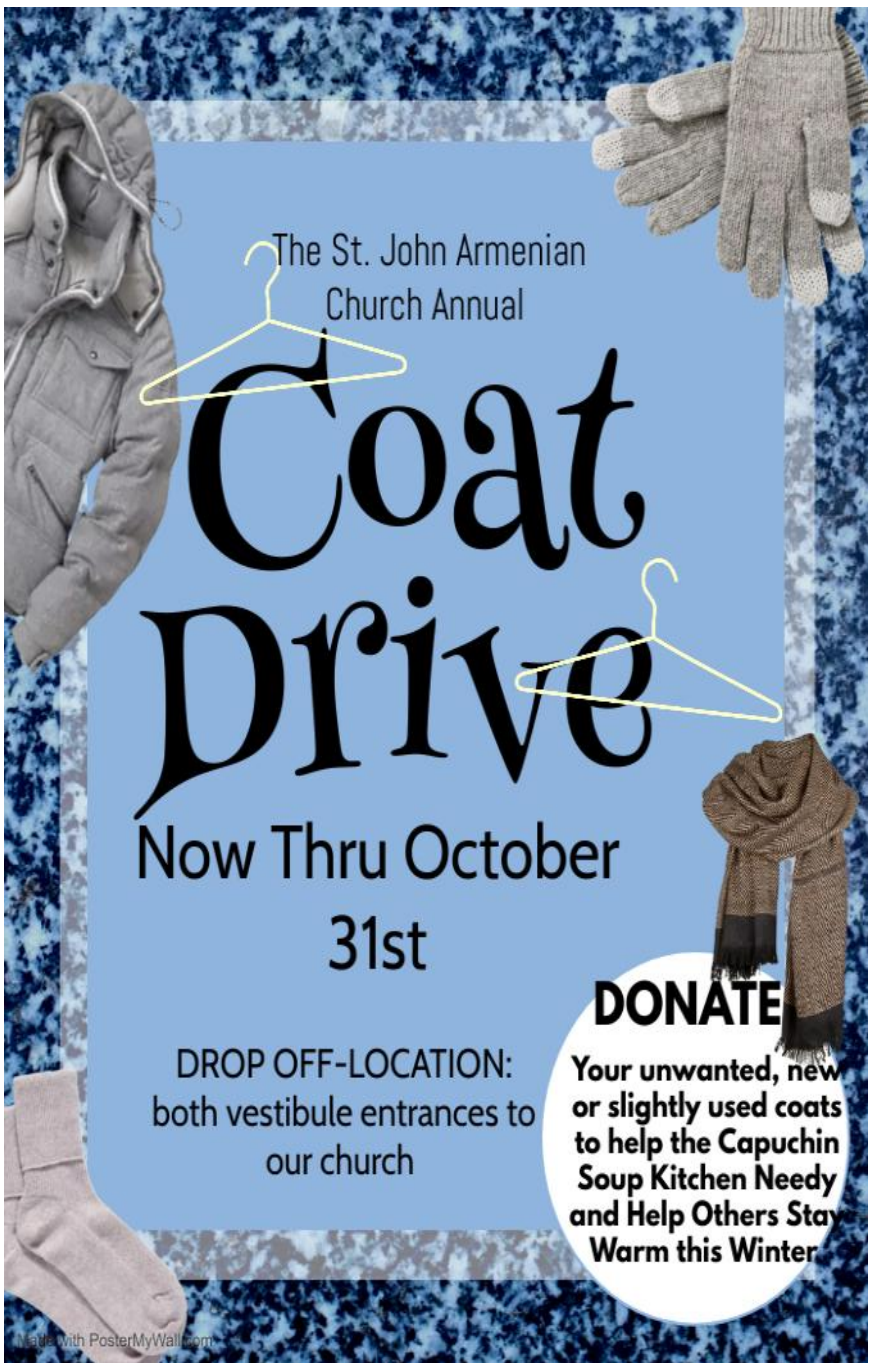
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

BEST TIME TO CONTACT YOU: _____

EMAIL: _____

LANGUAGE LEVEL (CHECK ONE): ☐ BEGINNER ☐ INTERMEDIATE



The St. John Armenian
Church Annual

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



HyeDoon **BACKYARD BONFIRE**

 **7PM THURSDAY OCTOBER 9** 

SJAC FRONT LAWN

 **FREE ADMISSION!** 

Young Adults Ages ~26 through 40s

Your kids are welcome as well!

S'mores, Cider + Donuts, Movie, Fall Games

RSVP DetroitHyeDoon@gmail.com

**ST JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
LED BY VERY REV. FR. AREN JEBEJIAN
DN. RUBIK MAILIAN**

ACOLYTE TRAINING

SCHEDULE

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2025

9:00AM-11:00AM

OCTOBER 11, 25

NOVEMBER 8

DECEMBER 6, 13

**Contact Deacon Rubik
rubik@sjachurch.org**



The talk explores the multifaceted lives of Armenia's national minority communities, tracing their historical contributions and examining the ongoing challenges of cultural preservation in contemporary Armenia. It further considers the complexities of identity formation within a post-Soviet society, highlighting both the remarkable resilience of these communities and the vulnerabilities they continue to face.



NATIONAL MINORITIES IN ARMENIA

Identity, Heritage, and Current Dynamics



Dr. Anahit Khosroeva is an ethnic Assyrian historian and genocide scholar born in Armenia. Her research focuses on the history of Armenian, Assyrian, and Greek genocides perpetrated in the Ottoman Empire between 1894 and 1923. An advocate for genocide recognition and prevention, Dr. Khosroeva has published and presented extensively worldwide in multiple languages and advances accountability through international human rights law.

MONDAY | OCTOBER 13 | 2025 | 7:00 PM

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

ST. VARTAN ROOM

22001 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075

Annual Armenian Independence Day Lecture



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Light refreshments will be served

The University of Michigan-Dearborn does not
necessarily endorse the speaker's views

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

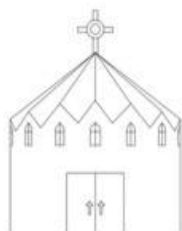
7:00pm Games Begin

Reservations: Call / Text: Michael Toomajian at 248-303-9744
or Email: michaeltroomajian@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



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

A GATHERING TO HONOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY
WHO SERVED TO PROTECT

★ *America the Beautiful!* ★

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE
ARMENIAN - AMERICAN VETERANS BUILDING
RENOVATION PROJECT

Sunday, November 9, 2025 • 12:30 pm

Saint Vartan Room and Gallery

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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,
OR TO MAKE A DONATION, CONTACT:
ANN MARIE EGIGIAN: 248.765.5016



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!

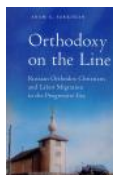
Featured Items



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, "The Repatriate
Returns" by Tom
Mooradian SC \$20.00

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

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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/



October 3 - 5 - Bazaar 2025

October 3 - 5 - Fine Arts Exhibition and Sale

6:00pm - 10:00pm - St. Vartan Room (Oct. 3rd)

12pm - 10:00pm (Oct. 4th), 12pm - 3:00pm (Oct. 5th)

October 6 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp, 3:00pm Zoom

October 6 - Bible Study, Conference Room, 7:00pm

October 7 - Western Armenian Classes (Intermediate/Beginner)

4:30 - 7:30pm

October 9 - Hye Doon, Backyard Bonfire - 7:00pm - SJAC Front Lawn

October 11 - Acolyte Training, 9:00am - 11:00am - Sanctuary

October 13 - Garj Talk - National Minorities in Armenia (Dr. Anahit Khosroeva)

7:00pm - St. Vartan Room

October 17 - Men's Society Euchre Night , 6:00pm

October 18 - Little Saints Program, 10:00 - 11:00am - Ararat Room

October 18 - World Medical Relief - 1:00 - 3:00pm

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November 9 - America the Beautiful (Veteran's Building Renovation Project)

After Badarak - St. Vartan Room

