

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 15, 2025
Armenian Church Year 1474

Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah

Guest Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian

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

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

Lector: Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

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.

St. John Complex Closed June 16

Please note that due to planned electrical work that necessitates temporarily shutting off power service, the St. John complex will be closed on Monday, June 16. We will reopen on Tuesday, June 17.

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.





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 for ever 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.

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.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Proverbs 31:29-31; Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Romans 15:30-16:2;
Matthew 10:26-33

Tuesday - Proverbs 1:20-23; Baruch 4:36-5:4; 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1;
John 16:1-5

Wednesday - Romans 3:19-31; Matthew 9:9-15

Thursday - Proverbs 15:21-25; Isaiah 22:20-24; 1 Peter 5:1-7; Matthew 11:2-14

Friday - Romans 4:1-12; Matthew 9:27-34

Saturday - Wisdom 5:1-8; Isaiah 60:20-61:7; Hebrews 13:17-21;
Matthew 19:27-29



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of Those Asleep in Christ

MAESTRO KHOREN MEKHENEDJIAN, 40th Day, Friend

Requested by Rev. Fr. Garabed and Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

ROBERT VAHAN KOCHAKIAN, Dearest Brother

Requested by Rev. Fr. Garabed and Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

ALEX ZADIK KARABAJAKIAN, 40th Day, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Friend

RAYLENE KARABAJAKIAN, Loving Mother, Grandmother, Sister-In-Law

HARRY KEVONIAN, Loving Husband, Father, Uncle

VERA AND JACK KAZANJIAN

Requested by Dr. Mark and Sharon Karabajakian

Vahan and Marylisa Karian

Lori Karabajakian

Nicole and Bernard Winkler

Mark, Nicholas and Jack Karabajakian

Eric and Kaitlyn, Alex and Tia, Anna and Megan Karian

Ani and Franziska Winkler

Mrs. Maro Kevonian

Gary and Melissa Kazanjian

George Saboonjian

CLARA MOUSIGIAN, 1st Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

Requested by the Mousigian Family

Michael and Susan Mousigian

Dr. Marianne Mousigian and Chris, Jacob Jurczak

Rosemarie, Robert and Griffin Pollum

Samuel Mousigian

Nancy Walters

Gary and Helga Mousigian, Armen and Andrew

SEMA TAFRALIAN, 2nd Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

DICRON TAFRALIAN, Sr, 38th year, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

KRIKOR KASBARIAN, 55th Year, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather,

OVSANNA KASBARIAN, 27th Year, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

Requested by Levon and Crystal Tafralian

Jim and Denise Kramer and Family

Dicron Tafralian, Jr.

Lucine Morrell and Family

Sally Kabodian

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	Samvel Ayrapetyan	Zaven Ovian
Nick Fernandez	Valera Ayrapetyan	Jan Paloian
Sonia Kalfayan	Craig Tarpinian	Rose Baise
	Jeffrey Perna	

Gifts to the Church

Sarkis and Lisa Mikhjian made a gift to St. John Armenian Church in honor of the baptism of their grandson, **Arthur Kenneth Mikhjian**, which took place on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

Michael and Kelly Landis made a gift to St. John Armenian Church in honor of the baptism of their daughter, **Genevieve Elise Landis**, which took place on Saturday, June 7, 2025.

Thank you

We would like to thank the **Attar Family and Golden Gifts Jewelry** for their continuous donation of silver crosses that are given during the sacrament of Baptism as a gift to the newly baptized child.

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

Tuesday, June 17, 9am - noon, Soo Boreg

Tuesday, June 24, 9am - noon, Soo Boreg

Parish Organization News and Events

Are you interested in improving your musical knowledge?

Deacon Rubik is Offering
Beginner Classes

- ❖ Sight Singing
- ❖ Music Theory
- ❖ Reading Music
- ❖ Ear Training



Explore music basics in a supportive environment



Ideal for *anyone at any age* who is curious about learning a new skill



No prior musical knowledge required

Komitass Choir Room
First Session Thursday Evenings
June 19-July 31, 2025
6:00 – 7:30 PM

To Register or Inquire
Deacon Rubik Mailian
rubik@sjachurch.org
(248) 286-1057

The Armenian American Veterans' Building Renovation

Join the crowd!



ACYOA Alumni Survey

*Calling all generations of ACYOA Alumni
from across the United States!
We want to hear from YOU!*



Submit by 6/15
acyoa.org

 ACYOA Alumni  @ACYOAalumni

A Filet Mignon Community Dinner

Friday, June 20th - Armenian American Veterans' Building

Event Chairs: Chuck and Marie Semarjian

Entertainment by Our Armenian Musicians

Card room open for cards and board games at 6pm

Dinner served at 6:30

Please make your reservation by Tuesday, June 17th

Char Grilled Filet Mignon (6oz), \$25

Salmon (pre-order option), \$20

Tossed Greens, Vinaigrette, Dinner Rolls, Potato & Fresh Asparagus

Dessert: Chef's Choice; Coffee, & Lemonade Station

Hot dogs for the kids (available upon request), \$8

Only 100 seats available!



Armenian wine available for purchase: \$5/glass, \$23/bottle

For dinner reservations, please call or text
Dan Cristiano (313-938-4215)

Next community dinner: Friday, July 11th, 2025 - An Armenian Buffet (\$20)

2025 community dinners are made possible by generous financial support of

Phyllis and Ed Garabedian, Solange and Norman Messelian, and Bej Manoukian

To become a dinner sponsor, contact Greg Mamassian (248-720-8924)

Let's Go To **HYE CAMP!**



**Please join us for a family BBQ fundraisers for
Hye Camp Bus Transportation!**

Wednesday, June 25th at 6pm

Wednesday, July 16th at 6pm

Rec Center

Free will Offering

Donate by Texting the Words

SJAC BUS to 73256

or



Lisa Mardigian

586-808-2202 or lmardigian@sjachurch.org

YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP



Take your basketball skills to the next level in this basketball bootcamp 3-day skill explosion!

July 15-17
10 AM - 1 PM

**St. John
Armenian
Church Gym**

GUEST COACH

Paul Haynes
—Impact Sports Services

Coach Stats:

- Played 5 years professionally in Germany, Austria, Hungary
- Trained dozens of successful pro, college, and high school players
- Trained with and played against several NBA players including Dwyane Wade and LeBron James



**FOR CHILDREN ENTERING
GRADES 4-7
Boys & Girls**

**\$50
Total**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL
GO TO ST. JOHN
ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**FREE
T-SHIRT!**

To register or for more info:
talaratikian@gmail.com (248) 444-8277

***Open to first 50 participants**
***Must bring water bottle, snack,
ball & basketball shoes**

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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Հայաստանէն



*A premier summer fine arts program
for children ages 8-12*

This Year's Theme: An Armenian Wedding

July 7-11, 2025

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

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

Registration Deadline: Sunday, June 20, 2025
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

Registration Deadline: Sunday, June 22, 2025 | Program Tuition \$150.00

Make checks payable to **KOMITAS CHOIR - ARTS OF ARMENIA**, or scan here to pay online:

Mail application and full payment to:

Lisa Mardigian
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075



Pay Online

Online Registration - <https://forms.gle/MKgc1eHE7BD4S4mTA> or scan here:

For questions, call or email:

Dn. Rubik Mailian, at 248-569-3405 or rubik@sjachurch.org

Or Lisa Mardigian, lmardigian@sjachurch.org



Registration

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

DAY CAMP 2025

Monday – Thursday

Check-in: 9:00 am - 9:30 am

Dismissal: 4:00pm

Session I:

Monday, June 23 – Thursday, June 26

Arts of Armenia

Separate application in conjunction with

Komitas Choir

Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11

Session II:

Monday, July 14 – Thursday, July 17

HYE CAMP JULY 26th-AUGUST 2nd
www.diocesansummercamps.org

Session III:

Monday, August 4 – Thursday, August 7

Session IV:

Monday, August 11 – Thursday, August 14

Session V:

Monday, August 18 – Thursday, August 21

Session VI:

Monday, August 25-Thursday, August 28

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





HYE CAMP

where faith, fun and fellowship meet
INGLESIDE, ILLINOIS



learn



Pray



Play



and more

CIT/Staff Training: Wednesday, July 23 – Saturday, July 26
Camp Week: Saturday, July 26–Saturday, August 2

Online Registration

diocesansummercamps.org

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

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PRESENTED BY THE ACYOA SENIORS

Sunday, August 17th

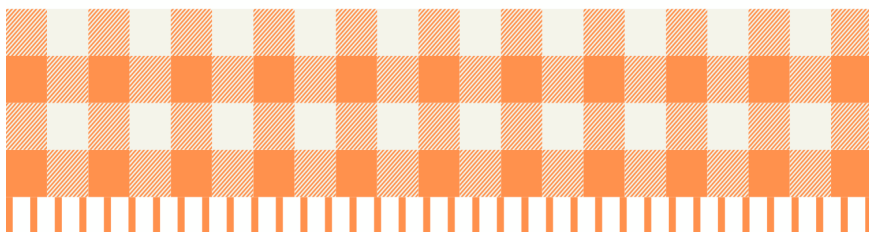
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

MENU: LAMB, CHICKEN + VEGAN DINNERS

FOOD SERVICE UNTIL 2pm



FEATURING: ARMENIAN WINES + BEER, WOMAN'S GUILD
BAKE SALE, PARISH BOOKSTORE, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES +
CLASSIC CAR SHOW!

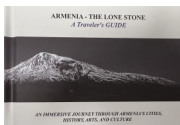


Visit the St. John Parish Bookstore!

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



New - Western Armenian Music:
From Asia Minor to the United States,
by Hachig Kazarian (HC \$40/SC \$30)



New - Khigar Nabsdaguh,
by Michael Pifer (HC \$17)
Western Armenian children's book
about a little rabbit who learns
how to stand out in a big family

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**



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, 9 am- 4 pm

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

Parish Administrator - Cell: (248) 770-2200 | 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, contact the church secretary. We encourage parents to baptize their children between the ages of 40 days and 3 months.

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.

Please be aware that more detailed information on these sacraments and online versions of the required forms are on our website under "Liturgical Services."

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.

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 by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

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/



June 19 - July 31 - Musical Classes with Dn. Rubik

6:00 - 7:30pm - Komitas Choir Room

June 20 - Men's Society Community Dinner

6:00 pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

June 26 - Hye Camp Bus Fundraiser

6:00 pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

July 7-11 - Arts of Armenia Program - "An Armenian Wedding"

July 11 - Men's Society Community Dinner

July 15-17 - Youth Basketball Camp

10am - 1:00pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

July 16 - Hye Camp Bus Fundraiser

6:00 pm - Armenian American Veterans' Building

July 26 - August 2 - Hye Camp

August 17 - Annual Church Picnic

September 25 - Sanctuary and Museum Tour



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.