S t. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor
Clergy residing with in the St.John parish and community:
Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian



Sunday Bulletin

October 25, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross

Guest Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Abraham Ohanesian
Priest: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.
Wisdom 14:1-8, Isaiah 33:22-34:1, I Corinthians 1:18-24, Matthew 24:27-36
Lector: Linda Jevahirian

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 merhaydnetsav.
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 betaken 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)

Discovery of the Holy Cross

O Christ. The mighty and wonder-working
Tree of Your Cross was revealed as the staff of strength
Come, you peoples, let us adore
The unhide-able treasure hidden by the Jews
By the fervent desire of the empress was revealed to us as a tree of life.
Come, you peoples, let us adore
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen
It is the weapon of victory for believers. It is the champion
It is the sign of victory against the enemy. Come, you peoples, let us adore.

Today's Gospel Reading — Matthew 24:27-36

"For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered to-gether. "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken; then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian
Andre' J. Gregory
Vladimir Avetisov
Charles Sansone
Debbie Dakhlian
Hrayr Mashigian
William Terian
Hovhannes Hovhannisyan
Edith Baise
Rose Baise
Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian
Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan
Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian
Mikhaeel Rasho Bakoyan
Lara Roche Sarmanian
Mary Helen Altounian
Charlene Goshgarian
Shoghig Terjimanian
Jennifer Toomajian
David Gasparian
Nadejda Basova
Samvel Arakelyan
Marus Grigoryan
Yelena Zakaryan
Nancy Altounian
Nancy Kevonian
Nailya Sahakian
Marge Aramian
Rose Lucassian
Chris Papazian
Zaven Ovian
Jan Paloian

Memorial Tea

Today's Fellowship Tea is hosted by the **members of the Tekeyan Cultural Association of Detroit, members of the Armenian Democratic League, and many friends** in loving memory of **Edmond Azadian**.
Everyone is welcome to join us in the St. Vartan Room after Divine Liturgy.

Altar Flowers



The beautiful altar flowers were donated by the **Sirian and Oknayan** families in celebration of the wedding of **Ryan Sirian and Talia Oknayan**, which took place at St. John Armenian Church on Saturday, October 24, 2026.
We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the newlyweds and wish them a lifetime filled with love, happiness, and God's abundant blessings.

The Season of Holy Cross:
A Sign of Faith, Hope, and New Life

The Holy Cross holds a central place in our Christian faith, reminding us of the boundless love of Jesus Christ, His sacrifice for our salvation, and His glorious Resurrection. Through Christ, the Cross was transformed from a symbol of suffering into a sign of victory, hope, and eternal life.
In the Armenian Christian tradition, the Cross is often adorned with beautiful vines, leaves, and flowers, symbolizing the new life that comes through Christ. This unique expression reminds us that the Cross is not the end of the story, but a promise of renewal, redemption, and the hope of Resurrection.
The Cross is more than an ornament we wear or a symbol displayed in our churches. It is a daily reminder of how we are called to live as followers of Christ-with compassion, humility, forgiveness, and love.
As we honor the Holy Cross, may we carry its message in our hearts, strengthen our faith, and share Christ's light with those around us.
"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." - Matthew 16:24

St. John Women's Guild Annual Holiday Sale

The St. John Women's Guild announces its Annual Holiday Sale of world-famous Soo Boreg and Katah!
Orders are being accepted beginning today through Tuesday, November 10.
Paid-in-advance orders only.
Whole and half trays are available. Please note that half trays are limited.
To place your order, please contact Joy Callan at 248-533-6320.

Thank you

We wish to thank Tigran and Maral Antonian, from Cleveland, for professionally cleaning our beautiful khachkar displayed outside the lobby entrance. It is the first time in many years that this cherished monument has received a professional cleaning. We thank them and ask God to bless the good works of their hands.

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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

REV. FR. NERSESS JEBEJIAN, 4th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother-In-Law
OLIMPIA JEBEJIAN, 5th Year, Aunt
Requested by Yeretzgin Aurora Jebejian
Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Megrdichian
Miss Mari Megrdichian
Dn. Garen Megrdichian
Mrs. Roslyn Basherian
Mr. Gary Melikian
Mr. and Mrs. John Megrdichian and Family
Richard and Diane Aginian and Dawn Aginian
Ardis Gregory
Dn. Rubik Mailian and Dr. Joyce Yeghissian, Sevana and Areg
Sarkis Ghazarian and Anahid Dilakian, Sevag, Hiyk, Aren
Arman Vardanyan and Anna Tokmajyan and Family

JEANETTE ARAKSE KERAMEDJIAN, 40th Day, Devoted Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, Mother-In-Law, Grandmother, Aunt, Cousin and Friend
Requested by Janice Keramedjian and Matthew Larcinese
Lisa and Brian Meer
Jennifer Meer-Biglin and Kevin Biglin
Graceann and Larry Nishon and Family
Linda and Mike Tiffany and Family

EDMOND AZADIAN
Requested by Mambers of the Tekeyan Cultural Association of Detroit
Members of the Armenian Democratic League
Many Friends

EDMOND AZADIAN, Friend
Requested by Edward and Yvonne Korkoian and Family

EDMOND AZADIAN, Friend
Requested by Anahit Toumajan and Family

YARJANEEK IBRAHIM, Father, Grandpa, Friend
Requested by Vanik and Tala Alarmany
Family and Friends



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

CRAIG TARPINIAN, 1st Year, Loving Husband, Father, Brother, Uncle, Son-In-Law and Brother-In-Law, Dear Cousin

Requested by Lisa Tarpinian and Matthew Tarpinian
Rick and Jeanette Smith
Dr. Kevin Orr and Holly Orr and Lila and Chloe
Jerry and Dana Redoutey and Ella and Madelyn
Scott Smith
Mike and Cindy Zavadil
Ryan Zavadil
Jennifer Zavadil
Margaret Amroian
Ron and Susan Nash
Patricia and Chris Makaroff

ANDREW TARPINIAN, 17th Year, Loving Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather and Khaname

Requested by Lisa Tarpinian and Matthew Tarpinian
Rick and Jeanette Smith
Dr. Kevin Orr and Holly Orr and Lila and Chloe
Jerry and Dana Redoutey and Ella and Madelyn
Scott Smith
Mike and Cindy Zavadil
Ryan Zavadil
Jennifer Zavadil
Margaret Amroian
Ron and Susan Nash

ANNE TARPINIAN, 15th Year, Loving Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Khaname

Requested by Lisa Tarpinian and Matthew Tarpinian
Rick and Jeanette Smith
Dr. Kevin Orr and Holly Orr and Lila and Chloe
Jerry and Dana Redoutey and Ella and Madelyn
Scott Smith
Mike and Cindy Zavadil
Ryan Zavadil
Jennifer Zavadil
Margaret Amroian
Ron and Susan Nash

DOROTHY VARJABEDIAN COOK, 25th Year
MANUEL COOK, 8th Year

Requested by Diane and Larry Baldwin and Family
Karen and Greg Movsesian and Family



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

DYANA KEZELIAN, Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Cousin, Khnamee, Friend
Requested by Rosemary Kezelian
Dr. Harry and Patty Kezelian
Harry Kezelian III
Michael and Katie Kezelian and Family
Randy, Laurie Jayne and Meredith Pepper
Bobby and Roseann Attar
David and Marianne Dardarian and Family
Richard and Arlene Hovsepian and Family
Edward Haic and Yvonne Korkoian
Dr. Laura Korkoian
Christopher and Shakay Korkoian
Michael and Linda Karibian
Paulette Apkarian

MARY KEZELIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Khnamee, Friend
Requested by Rosemary Kezelian
Dr. Harry and Patty Kezelian
Harry Kezelian III
Michael and Katie Kezelian and Family
Randy, Laurie Jayne and Meredith Pepper
Bobby and Roseann Attar
David and Marianne Dardarian and Family
Richard and Arlene Hovsepian and Family
Edward Haic and Yvonne Korkoian
Dr. Laura Korkoian
Christopher and Shakay Korkoian

DR. SIMON JOHN TOOMAJANIAN, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Great-Uncle
Requested by Randy, Laurie Jayne and Meredith Pepper
Rosemary Kezelian
Dr. Harry and Patty Kezelian
Harry Kezelian III
Michael and Katie Kezelian and Family

DR. MARGARET HOGIKYAN, 37th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother
DR. AZAD HOGIKYAN, 47th Year, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather
ELAINE KAMRADT, 3rd Year, Sister, Sister-In-Law, Aunt, Great Aunt
Requested by The Hogikyan Families

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

Parishioner Reflection during Badarak

"What does being a Steward mean to you?"

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

Town Hall Meeting after Badarak
in the Saint Vartan Room

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

Town Hall Meeting 7PM
via ZOOM

HOW THE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM WORKS & HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

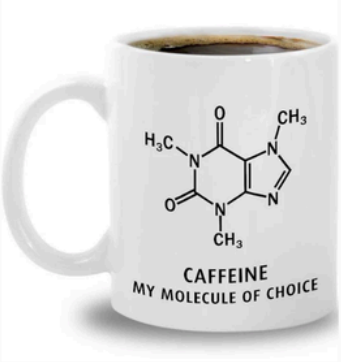
Join Us on Zoom!

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

Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 1:30pm
(Day, date, and time will change week to week)

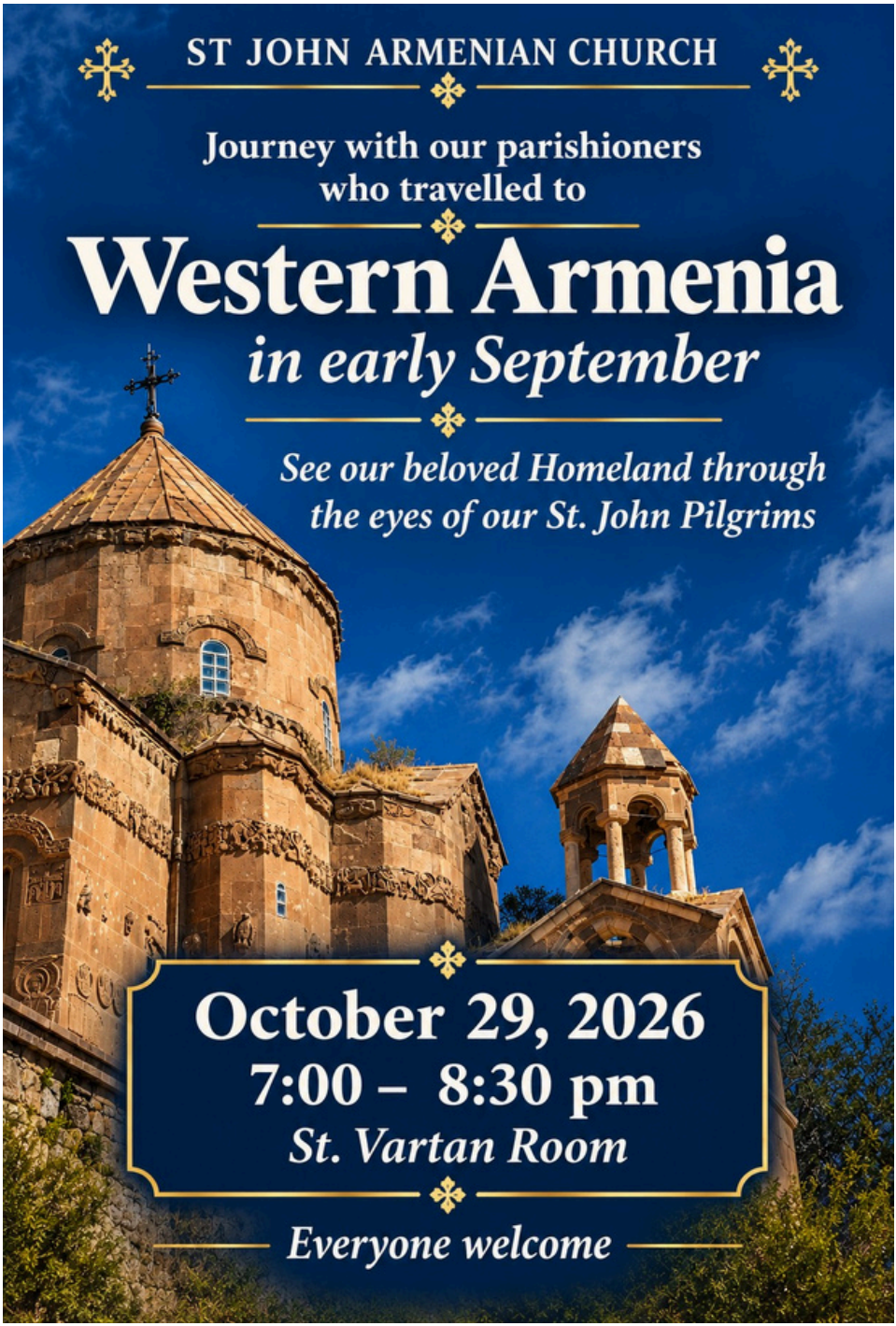
This is a chance to:

- 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

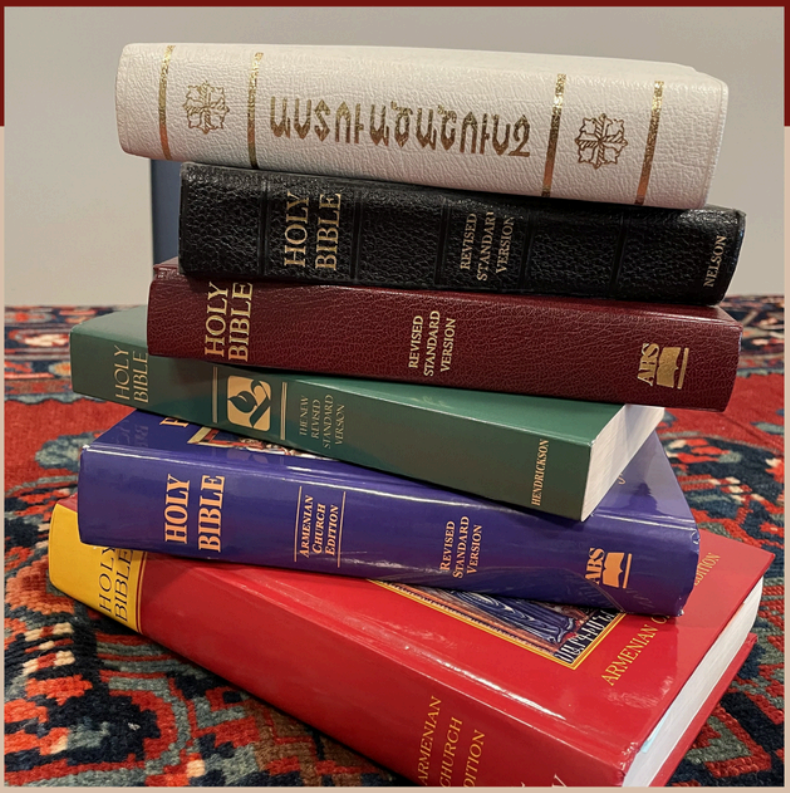
All are welcome - come as you are!


ST JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
Journey with our parishioners
who travelled to
Western Armenia
in early September
See our beloved Homeland through
the eyes of our St. John Pilgrims
October 29, 2026
7:00 – 8:30 pm
St. Vartan Room
Everyone welcome

St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



NOVEMBER 2, 2026

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

Tuesday Lunch Club

Tuesday November 3rd 2026 -Midterm Elections Today

A St. John Armenian Church Serving Ministry

In The Armenian American Veteran's Building

Serving at 12 noon

Today's Lunch Prepared by

Proprietor and Chef Hasmik Movsesyan

Lavash Grill

Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026

Don't Forget to Vote Today

Beef Stuffed Cabbage Rolls (4)

or

Chicken Kafta

Lunches Served with

Fresh Salad, Geen Peas, Rice Pilaf and Pita Bread

Dessert: Gata

$15 Lunch Includes: Salad, Bread, Entrée,

Accompaniments, Dessert, Coffee and Water

Carry outs exclude coffee and water

RESERVATIONS ONLY - No walk-ins

Text (or email / phone) your name & lunch choice

to Dan Cristiano by Friday 11am 313-938-4215 / djcrist100@gmail.com

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ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM

NOVEMBER 7
DECEMBER 19







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


SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7
MICHIGAN-MSU TAILGATE
SJAC CULTURAL HALL
TIME TBA
Join Hye Doon to watch the game on the big screen!
All young adults late twenties through forties are invited, your little ones are welcome too!


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THE ANNUAL PARISH *Assembly*

FEBRUARY 28, 2027



The Nominating Committee is seeking dedicated and enthusiastic stewards to run for election for Parish Council, Auditing Committee, Nominating Committee and Diocesan Delegate at the 2027 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,

Contact:

PAUL ANDONIAN, MARILYN DADIAN, SAKO GHAZARIAN, KIM NAJARIAN OR LAURIE REIZIAN

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!

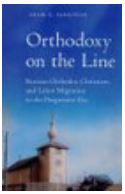
Featured Items



Armenia: TheLone 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
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By Rebecca Mooradian,
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General Parish Information

Church OfficeHours: Monday-Friday, 9am - 4pm

Parish Secretary: GayaneHovhannisyan| (248) 569-3405 |office@sjachurch.org The Church Library and Museum are closed on Mondays

In an after-hours emergency please contact:

Fr. Aren - cell (773) 457-4122 | fraren@sjachurch.org

For after hours building and maintenance issues please call:

Gerry Kmita, Property Maintenance Manager (313) 580-5083

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 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. 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.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/

October 25 - Morning Service 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 9:45am
October 25 - Stewardship Sunday
October 27 - TLC, 12:00pm, Armenian American Veterans Hall
October 27 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp, 1:30pm Via Zoom
October 27 - Western Armenian Classes, 4:30pm - 7:30pm, Conference Room
October 29 - Adult Catechism, 7:00pm, St. Vartan Room
November 2 - Bible Study, Conference Room, 7:00pm
November 3 - TLC, 12:00pm, Armenian American Veterans Hall
November 5 - The Venue at SJAC Open House, 5:00pm - 8:00pm
November 6 - Cabaret Musical Event, Music Guild, 7:00pm, St John Cultural Hall
November 7 - Little Saints, 10:00am, Ararat Room
November 7 - Michigan - MSU Tailgate - Hye Doon, St John Cultural Hall
November 28 - November Dance
February 28, 2027 - The Annual Parish Assembly

Armenian Christmas in Jerusalem

Parishioners interested in making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for Armenian Christmas on January 18–19 are asked to contact the church office by November 9.

Church Corner

Adapted from the Vemkar Topical Series, Armenian Church Etiquette, by the Order of The Very Reverend Father Mesrop Parsamyan Primate.

A Sense of Holiness and Reverence

As Orthodox Christians, we believe that the church building is not an ordinary building and what takes place inside it is not routine activity. For it is in the church sanctuary (nave) that heaven and earth unite, and where we physically meet Jesus Christ, the Creator of the universe, through the reading and hearing of His Word and through receiving His precious and life-giving Body and Blood. For this reason, when we enter the narthex (vestibule or lobby), we leave the secular world behind us and, thus, we behave differently. This sacred space of worship is a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven. We are encouraged to leave behind our cares, worries and fears, for we are entering not just the house of God, but into His very presence.

The church building is not just four walls and a roof, but the place where the living Body of Christ gathers. When the faithful come together, Christ is in their midst (Matthew 18:20).