

# 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 21, 2025**

**Armenian Church Year 1475**

### Paregentan of the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

Celebrant: Reverend Father Vazgen Andreasyan

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

Isaiah 14:3-17, II Corinthians 10:18-11:10, Mark 10:1-12

Fr. Aren will deliver the Children's Sermon

Lector: Hermine Dervartanian

### 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.



22001 Northwestern Hwy. | Southfield, MI 48075 | (248) 569-3405 | [stjohnsarmenianchurch.org](http://stjohnsarmenianchurch.org)



## St. John Komitas Choir

Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant  
Arshaluys Gharibian, Organist

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### Midday Hymn

Sung during the Synaxis (at the bottom of page 12 in the Divine Liturgy book)

#### Resurrection Mode 3

To the King of the ages, became flesh from the Virgin. Let us sing a hymn of praise;  
He has made firm the world in unshakeable faith. Glory to Him now and forever.

God the Word of His own will, endured death on the cross

And shed His holy blood for the salvation of the universe.

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

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

He arose from the newly hewn tomb as God.

And in brilliance adorned His Holy Church

To the glory and praise of His name. Glory to Him now and forever.

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### Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 10:1-12

And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again; and again, as his custom was, he taught them. And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." But Jesus said to them, "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one.' So they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

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### 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 **October, November and December**.

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.

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## 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

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### Gift to the Church

**Rose Samarian** has made a gift to St. John Armenian Church in loving memory of the Samarian Family.

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### 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 Stambouliau**

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### Dear Families with Children interested in attending Church School on Sundays

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. 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 should have received a prefilled 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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### Reminder

**Parents' meeting with Hayr Soorp on Sunday, September 21,**  
from **10:15 to 10:50 AM** at Vartan Room. All parents are encouraged to attend.



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**Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ**

**MARGUERITE (GARABEDIAN) DAKHLIAN, 1st Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

Requested by Stephen, Karen and Mark Dakhlian

**DORIS KALAJIAN, 1st Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

Requested by Kim and Tony Daguanno

Julie Kalajian

Kristen and Justin Waterstrat and Family

John and Ashley Daguanno and Family

**ARTHUR MELKONIAN, 7th Year, Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Brother-In-Law**

Requested by Gloria Melkonian

David Melkonian

Patricia Melkonian

Lorrie Keila

David Keila and Family

Andrew Keila

Mary Davidson

**JOHN F. MEHLHOPE, 7th Year, Beloved Husband, Brother-in-law, Uncle**

**JOHN DEMIRJIAN, Brother, Uncle, Great-Uncle**

**HOVANES DEMIRJIAN, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Great-Great-Grandfather**

**KRIKOR DEMIRJIAN, Father, Great-Grandfather, Great-Great-Grandfather**

**HRIPSEME DEMIRJIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

Requested by Mary Anne Mehlhope

Lucienne Arnold

Laura and Richard Brossart and Family

Kate and Tony Botma

Thomas Fernstrum

**ANAHID DEDEIAN**

**SDEPAN DEDEIAN**

**HERIKA DJEBEJIAN**

Requested by George Dedeian

Sonia Dedeian

**ALICE GARABEDIAN**

**KERSAM GARABEDIAN**

**LUCILLE GARABEDIAN MANEES**

Requested by Edward Garabedian



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### **Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ**

**HAIG SAMARIAN, Father**

**VARSANEK SAMARIAN, Mother**

**SARKIS SAMARIAN, Brother**

**MELEK SAMARIAN, Brother**

**LUCY SAMARIAN, Sister-In-Law**

Requested by Rose Samarian

**HELEN TORIGIAN, 12 Years, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

Requested by Mark and Deanna Torigian

Kathryn Torigian

Eric, Nicole, Viviana, and Christian Torigian

Karen, Jeff, and Kyle Kalajian

Alec, Emily Torigian, and Gracie Rose Torigian

Andrew and Callie Torigian

Jenna, Jacob and Reese Kathryn Rayis

**DORIS KALAJIAN**

Requested by Mark and Deanna Torigian

Kathryn Torigian

Eric, Nicole, Viviana, and Christian Torigian

Karen, Jeff, and Kyle Kalajian

Alec, Emily Torigian, and Gracie Rose Torigian

Andrew and Callie Torigian

Jenna, Jacob and Reese Kathryn Rayis

**JON TOPALIAN, 15th Year, Father, Father-In-Law, Grandfather**

Requested by Tina Topalian and Maury Okun

**SAMUEL BOYADJIAN, 17th Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Khanamee**

**ARCHIE DADIAN, 3rd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Khanamee**

**ARMENOUHI FERESHETIAN, 21th Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

Requested by Mary Boyadjian

Chuck, Terry, Brent and Erika Palaian

Bruce, Elliott, Kayla, and Joshua and Gemma Boyadjian

Bryan, Lisa, Jordan, Nicholas and Victoria Boyadjian, Alique Bagdasarian

Shirley Dadian

Laurie Dadian

Lyle, Nicole, Luc and Leo Dadian

Larry, Tanya, Sammy, Talia and Jack Dadian

## Parish Organization News and Events

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St. John Armenian Church

# BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN

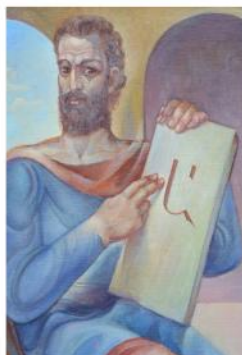


**SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

BEST TIME TO CONTACT YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGE LEVEL (CHECK ONE): ☐ BEGINNER ☐ INTERMEDIATE



# COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

## Join Us on Zoom!

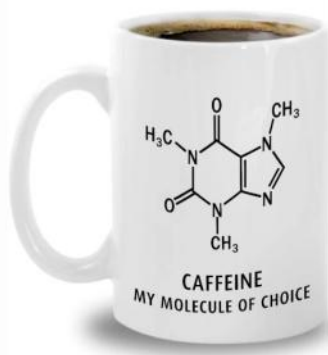
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

**Wednesday, September 24, 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 Chat

**Badarak: Up Close and Personal**

Join us for an engaging Church Chat where Hayr Soorp will take us behind the scenes of the Divine Liturgy, explaining the private prayers said by the priest – prayers the faithful do not usually hear.

**All are welcome!**

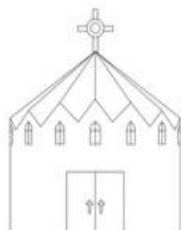
**Bring your questions and an open heart.**

**Thursday, September 25**

**7:00 - 8:30pm**

**In the Sanctuary**





# **ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH LITTLE SAINTS**

**JOIN US SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM**

**SEPTEMBER 27**

**OCTOBER 18**

**NOVEMBER 15**

**DECEMBER 20**

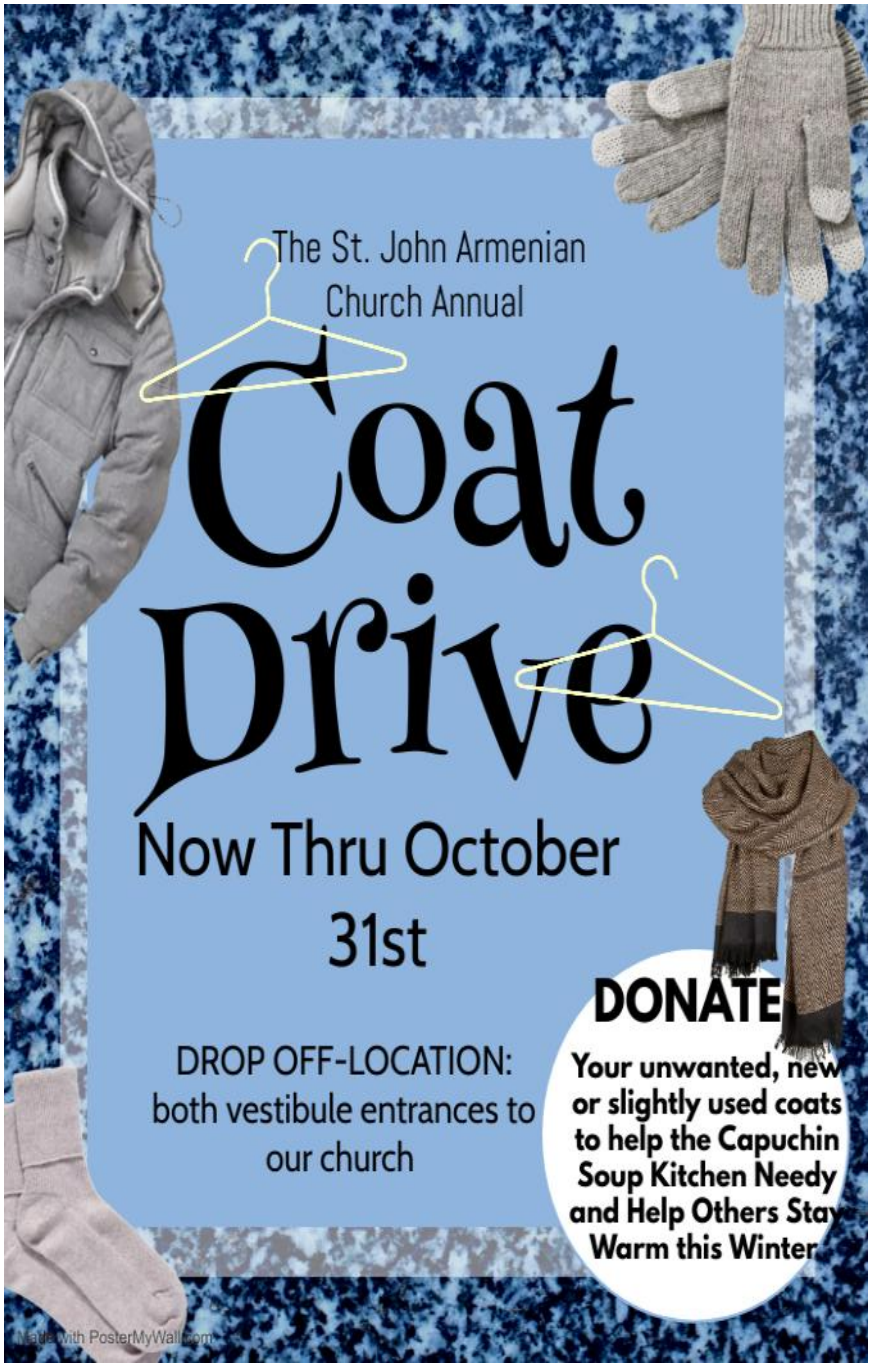


**Little Saints is a parish ministry for children from birth up to age four with monthly lessons led by Fr. Aren.**

**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](mailto:sjlittlesaints@gmail.com)**





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

# SJAC

**Need Volunteers !!!**

## **Outdoor Campus Clean-up. We Need Your Help!**



**Saturday, September 27**

**9:00AM - 1:00PM**



**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**

# 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.





## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, \$2500 for 2<sup>nd</sup> or \$1250 for 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Guaranteed payouts of \$2500, \$1000 & \$500 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:andisheena@gmail.com)





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**

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SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075  
[WWW.STJOHNSARMENIANCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.STJOHNSARMENIANCHURCH.ORG)

16<sup>th</sup> 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: In the Tahlij Room directly off the Church front lobby 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 Wayne State University: In the Parking Lot 1 PM-3PM**

Presented by World Medical Relief in partnership with the Wayne State University, Emergency Medicine Research Program

We are thrilled that this partnership with World Medical Relief will allow us to offer FREE health services to anyone in our community who wants and needs them.

The following services will be offered:

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

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](mailto:ebaise@umich.edu)**



# *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](mailto: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](mailto:rubik@sjachurch.org)**



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, October 11, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

CONTACT GREG OR EDITH BAISE AT (313) 673-3325

OR [EBAISE@UMICH.EDU](mailto:EBAISE@UMICH.EDU)

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075



# **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. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**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](mailto: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!*

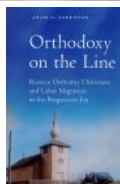
### Featured Items



**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](http://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](mailto:EVENTS@SJACHURCH.ORG)



# General Parish Information

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

**Parish Secretary:** Gayane Hovhanissyan | (248) 569-3405 | [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org)

**In an after-hours emergency, please contact:**

Fr. Aren - Cell: (773) 457-4122 | [fraren@sjachurch.org](mailto:fraren@sjachurch.org)

Administrative Consultant - Cell: (248) 917-6645 | [admin@sjachurch.org](mailto: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/](http://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/](http://www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/)



**September 21 - Ice Cream Social - After Badarak**

**September 22 - Bible Study, 7:00 - 8:30pm - Conference Room**

**September 23 - Western Armenian Classes (Intermediate/Beginner)**

4:30 - 7:30pm

**September 24 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp, 10:00am, Zoom**

**September 25 - Church Chat - 7:00 - 8:30pm - Sanctuary**

**September 25 - Sanctuary and Museum Tour / SOLD OUT, 10:00am - 2:00pm**

**September 27 - Outdoor Campus Clean - up, 9:00 - 1:00pm**

**September 27 - Little Saints Program, 10:00 - 11:00am - Ararat Room**

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

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

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

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

**October 11 - World Medical Relief - 1:00 - 3:00pm**

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

## **Bazaar 2025 Is Almost Here!**

### **October 3 - 5, 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:

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#### **Baking Dates:**

Tuesday, September 23, 9am - until noon - Final Meat Boreg

Monday, September 29, 5pm - 8pm, Khadaif with Ygn Roberta and Bourma with Terry

Tuesday, September 30, Yalanchi Sarma