

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

July 20, 2025
Armenian Church Year 1474

Paregentan of the Feast of Transfiguration

Guest Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian

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

Isaiah 3:1-11, Romans 11:13-24, Matthew 14:13-21

Lector: Dr. Anne Marie Zallakian - Ameriguiian

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

Blessing in the highest to our King who became flesh from the Virgin.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessing in the highest to our unshakable and firm Hope;

Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

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

Blessing in the highest to the undivided and consubstantial Trinity;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a lonely place apart. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. As he went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fishes." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 Ovia

Jane Toomajian

Valera Ayrapetyan

Jan Paloian

Nick Fernandez

Craig Tarpinian

Rose Baise

Sonia Kalfayan

Jeffrey Perna

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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of Those Asleep in Christ

DIRAHAYR HAROUTIUN BAGHDASARIAN

Requested by Father Garabed and Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

EDDIE CARMAN

Requested by Father Garabed and Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian

Sue and Rick Vian

Edward and Matthew Carman

**RICHARD (DIKRAN) KERAMEDJIAN, 5th Year, Husband, Father,
Grandfather, Father-In-Law**

Requested by Jeanette Keramedjian

Lisa, Brian, and Jennifer Meer

Janice Keramedjian and Matthew Larcinese

PHILIP KEILA, 11th Year, Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather

Requested by Lorrie Keila

Angela and David Keila, Xander and Jack

Andrew Keila

PHILIP KEILA, 11th Year, Son-In-Law, Brother-In-Law, Nephew

Requested by Gloria Melkonian

Pattie Melkonian

David Melkonian

Mary Davidson

KRIKOR SHABANYAN

ANAHID SHABANYAN

ALEKSAN SHABANYAN

MAKROUHI SHABANYAN

YEGHIAZAR MESSIAYAN

VARTANOUSH MESSIAYAN

Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Megerian



Ordination Anniversary

This month marks the 49th anniversary of the ordination of Reverend Father Garabed and Yeretzhin Roberta Kochakian into the Armenian Apostolic Church. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for their decades of dedicated service to our parish and the greater Armenian community.

Save The Date

August 5, 2025 - Parish Town Hall Zoom Meeting at 7:00pm

Parish Announcement and Housing Request for Intern Priest and Family

We are pleased to announce His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, is sending an Intern for one year program of pastoral training. **Fr. Vasken Andreasyan** and his family will be joining our parish in August.

As we prepare to welcome them into our community, we are in **need of rental housing** for them for the duration of their stay. If you have a rental property available, or know of one that might be suitable, we kindly ask that you **contact the Church Office** as soon as possible.

Blessing of the Grapes

Sunday, August 17, 2025

The Armenian Church will observe one of its five major feast days,
the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God.

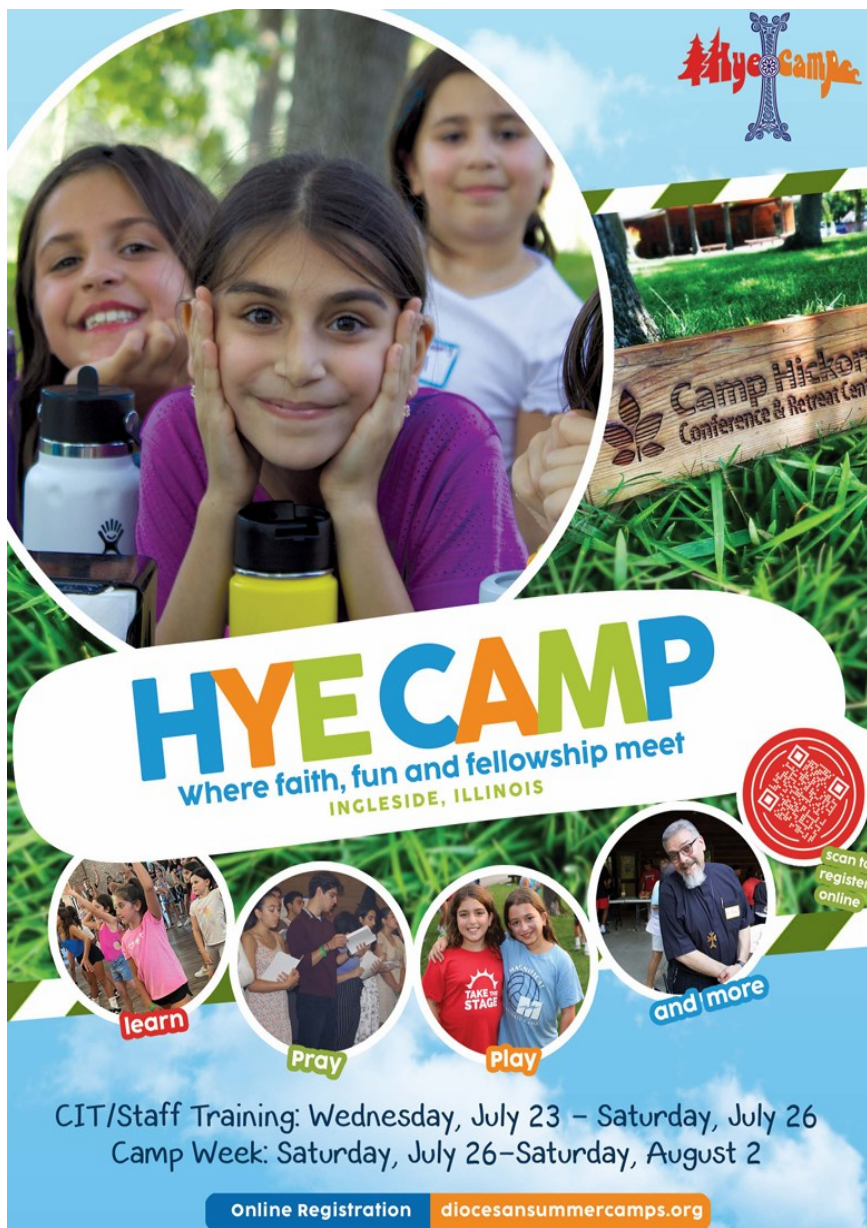
As is our tradition, immediately after Divine Liturgy, the celebrant and the altar servers will conduct the service of the Blessing of the Grapes.

Upon the conclusion of the service, the blessed
grapes will be distributed to the faithful.

On the occasion of the blessing of the grapes, those who are wishing to make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one, may contact to the church office at (248) 569-3405 or email at office@sjachurch.org by Wednesday, August 13th. Donations will be listed in the August 17th on the Sunday Bulletin.



Parish Organization News and Events



A vibrant promotional graphic for HYE CAMP. The background is a collage of images: a large circular photo of three smiling girls, a wooden sign for 'Camp Hickory Conference & Retreat Center', and a smaller photo of a man. The text 'HYE CAMP' is prominently displayed in large, colorful letters (H: blue, Y: orange, E: green, C: blue, A: orange, M: green, P: blue). Below it, the tagline 'where faith, fun and fellowship meet' is written in a smaller, blue font, followed by 'INGLESIDE, ILLINOIS' in green. At the bottom, the dates and activities are listed: 'CIT/Staff Training: Wednesday, July 23 – Saturday, July 26' and 'Camp Week: Saturday, July 26–Saturday, August 2'. A QR code is located on the right side, with the text 'scan to register online' next to it. Four circular icons represent different activities: 'learn' (a girl reading), 'Pray' (a group of people in prayer), 'Play' (two girls smiling), and 'and more' (a man in a blue shirt).

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

Pickleball

Join Pickleball Mania!

Open Play ~ Walk-ins welcome!

Day: Fridays

Time: 5pm-9pm

Where: Armenian American Veterans' Building Gymnasium

Cost: \$5.00 per person



Questions? Call
Dn. George Boyagian - 248-909-6149



SHOURCH BAR CLUB

AN ARMENIAN LINE DANCE MEETUP

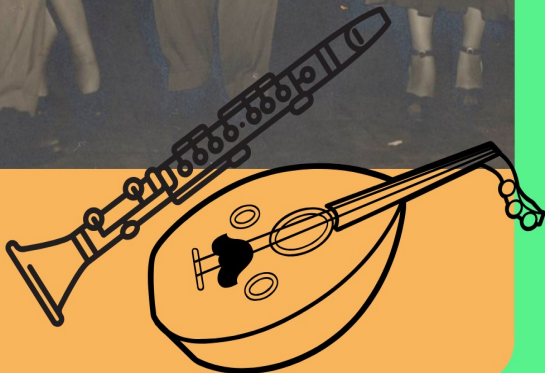
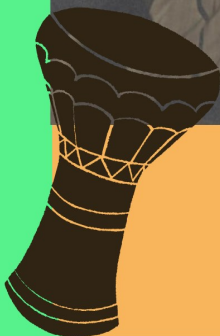


TUESDAY, JULY 22

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

LED BY
MR. DENNIS
KEVONIAN



ST JOHN CULTURAL HALL - 7:00 PM

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, August 9, 9:00am-11:30am

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

OR EBAISE@UMICH.EDU

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075

HYE DOON
FIELD DAY COMPETITION

thursday
august 14 7pm
sjac front lawn

Monthly Meetup

**Young Adults Late Twenties
Through Forties**

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wear comfy clothes & athletic shoes
bring a lawn chair if you'd like!

\$15 Dinner and Drinks

RSVP detroithyedoone@gmail.com

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



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Sunday, August 17th

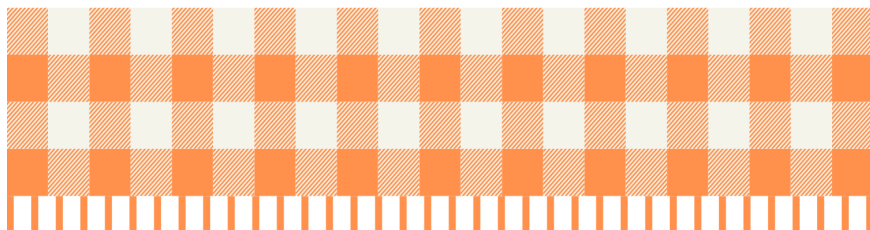
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

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!





Save the Date!!!

Khunjook and Family Fun Day

**To Celebrate the First Day of Church School
Sponsored by the Women's Guild**

**Sunday, September 7, 2025
at St. John Armenian Church**



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075 • 248.569.3405

"The Church with the Golden Dome"

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

10 AM — 2 PM



Sanctuary and Museum Tour Traditional Armenian Buffet Luncheon

Sanctuary Tour Presentations by:

- ❖ *Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor*
- ❖ *Reverend Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian,
Master of Arts in Armenian Architecture and Art*
- ❖ *Deacon Rubik Mailian,
Sacred Music Director and Pastoral Assistant*

Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum Tour:

- ❖ *Largest Armenian Museum in North America,
Directed by Lucy Ardash*



\$35 per person

Please register by September 10. Seating is limited.

For reservation information, please contact:

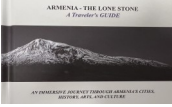
Gloria Korkoian: gkorkoian@gmail.com 248.318.5752

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!

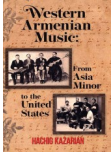
Featured Items



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 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

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

WEDDINGS | BAPTISMS
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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/



Thursday Nights - Beginner Music Classes

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

Friday Nights - Pickleball

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

July 22 - Hye Doon - Shourch Bar Club

7:00pm - St John Cultural Hall

July 26 - August 2 - Hye Camp

August 5 - Parish Town Hall Zoom Meeting

7:00pm

August 9 - World Medical Relief

9:00am - 11:30am

August 17 - Annual Church Picnic

September 7 - Khunjook and Family Fun Day

September 25 - Sanctuary and Museum Tour

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, July 22, 9am - noon - Katah

Monday, July 28, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg

Thursday, July 31, 9am - noon, Choreg with Sara

Monday, August 11, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg - with Dawn and Sara

Monday, September 15, 29, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg - with Dawn and Sara

Monday, September 29, 5pm - 8pm - Choreg - with Dawn and Sara