

# 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

**November 30, 2025**

**Armenian Church Year 1475**

### Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

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

Isaiah 36:22-37:11, | Thessalonians 4:1-12, Luke 13:1-9

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 յայտնուեցինն 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.





## **St. John Komitas Choir**

Deacon Rubik Mailian, Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant

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### **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

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### **Today's Gospel Reading**

**Luke 13:1-9**

There were some present at that very time who told him of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered thus? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Lo, these three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Let it alone, sir, this year also, till I dig about it and put on manure. And if it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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### **Men's Society Outreach**

Continuing their partnership with Motor City Mitten Mission, the Men's Society of St. John Armenian Church prepared hot lunches twice in June for the homeless of Metro Detroit. The Men's Society would like to thank:

**Edward & Yvonne Korkoian - on the occasion of  
Shant & Christopher Korkoian's 2nd Birthday,  
Anna Markarian**

for their donations to underwrite the cost of the lunches.

We are in need of volunteers to help us prepare meals twice a month in the main kitchen. If you are available and would like to help, please contact Harry Dulger at 313-333-6915.

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## Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

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Badrik Jooharigian	Imprisoned Bishops and	Samvel Arakelyan
Azniv-Ann Kzirian	Clergyman in Armenia	Yelena Zakaryan
Vladimir Avetisov	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Nancy Altounian
Joann Mashigian	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Marus Grigoryan
Charles Sansone	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian	Nailya Sahakian
Hrayr Mashigian	Mary Helen Altounian	Rose Lucassian
Theodore Rasho	Shoghig Terjimanian	Marge Aramian
Nick Fernandez	Valera Ayrapetyan	Zaven Ovian
Sonia Kalfayan	Charles Vanerian	Jan Paloian
Edith Baise		Rose Baise

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### Organist Position Available

St. John Armenian Church is seeking an organist/Pianist to accompany the choir during Sunday Divine Liturgies, rehearsals as well as weddings and funerals. Compensation is provided per service.

Interested candidates are invited to contact Deacon Rubik Mailian, [rubik@sjachurch.org](mailto:rubik@sjachurch.org) or (248) 569-3405 Ext. 206 for more information.

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### Digital Advent Calendar

The Children and Family Ministry is excited to announce the start of the Advent season. The **Digital Advent Calendar**, was created by the Children and Family Ministry. We hope this calendar will make the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas more joyful and special, as each day we are filled with His light, in anticipation of celebrating the miraculous birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please use QR code on the right to view the Advent Calendar.



To access it easily and use it daily, you can save this calendar as an app on your phone or tablet's home screen with a few easy steps ([use QR code below to see directions](#)). Please note that you won't be able to open the Doors before Sunday, November 17 (no peeking).



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### Altar Flowers “Poinsettias”

A beautiful Christmas tradition at St. John Armenian Church is the adornment of the Holy Altar and Bema with poinsettia plants. If you would like to contribute towards the plants, please contact the church office at (248) 569-3405.

Donors will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.





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

**LUCIE J. JACOBS, 40 Day, Mother**

**HARRY JACOBS, 15th Year, Father**

Requested by Robert Jacobs, Laurie Seabolt and Lisa Griffin

**ROSEMARY DARIAN, 10th Year, Wife, Mother, Sister, Aunt, Khnamee, Friend**

Requested by Vigen and Lynda Darian

Grant, Talin and Leland Miars

Mara Darian

George and Scott Bagdasarian

Christine, Josh and Ari Keillor

Michael, Linda and Ani Karibian

Armen Darian

Beth Hinkle

Paula Derbabian

Paulette Apkarian

Gary Reizian

George Manoogian

14 Karat Card Club

Rose Babayan Simon

Nancy Banks

Carol Cholmakjian

Marianne Dardarian

Carole Hovsepian

Denise Karakashian

Patty Kezelian

Sandy Manoogian

Diane Nolff

Susie Reizian

Marilyn Sarkesian

JoAnne Todd

Barb Widener

Debbie Zazaian



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

**GEORGE GAZMARARIAN, 2nd Year, Husband, Father, Grandfather,**

Requested by Ruth Gazmararian

Michael and Julie Gazmarian and Family

Julie Gazmararian and Paul Foster and Family

Dr. Joyce Yeghissian and Dn. Rubik Mailian and Family

**ZAREH DERBABIAN, 75th Year, Grandfather**

Requested by Paula Derbabian

Susie and Gary Reisian

**OHANES YERANOSIAN, Husband**

**ARDASH AKSARELIAN, Father**

**JAYRAN AKSARELIAN, Mother**

Requested by Juliet Yeranorian

### Condolences

Fr. Aren, the Parish Council and the entire St. John Family offer our deepest condolences to Fr. Garabed on the death of his brother **Charles Kochakian**.

The funeral will take place at St. Gregory the Illuminator  
Armenian Church in Andover, MA on December 1st.

*Asdvadz Hokin Loosavoreh*

### Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Carole Elizabeth Bagdasarian**, who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at

St. John Armenian Church on November 22, 2025.

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

### Memorial Tea

Today's Fellowship Tea is hosted in loving memory of **Rosemary Darian** on the occasion of her 10th year by 14 Karat Card Club.

Everyone is welcome to attend following the Divine Liturgy.

# Parish Organization News and Events

## ***MERRY CHRISTMAS***

### ***St. John Armenian Church Parish Christmas Card***

#### **A Holiday Tradition to Support Our Church**

Once again, parishioners may share their Christmas and New Year greetings with their fellow St. John's members in our Parish Christmas Card, and in doing so support a special program. All proceeds will go to the Social Concern Fund. Your gift is a testimony of your love and support in Christian stewardship for the works of Christ in our spiritual home.

Please complete the form below and forward to the church office with a donation from the heart, check payable to:

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

**Checks should be received no later than  
Friday, December 12, 2025**

If you wish to charge your gift, please go to  
**<https://abundant.co/stjohnarmenianchurch/christmascard>**  
or call the Church Office at (248) 569-3405

**Thank you for your generosity**

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Enclosed is my gift for the Social Concern Fund

Please include the name(s) for the Parish Christmas Card as written below

Donation enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Pastors and Parish Council thank you for your patronage and wish you and your loved ones all of God's blessings for Christmas and New Year.

**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH**  
**2025 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025 - WESTERN CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Western Christmas Eve Service - 11:00 pm**

**Afterglow refreshments provided by the ACYOA**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**Blessing of Pomegranates at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 - ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS EVE / JRAKALOOYTS**

**Vespers and Reading of Prophecies - 4:00 p.m. | Divine Liturgy - 5:00 p.m.**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 - ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS**

**FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Waters/Chrorhnek - 10:00 a.m.**

**Christmas luncheon following the Divine Liturgy,**

**sponsored by the St. John Women's Guild**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026 - SECOND DAY OF THEOPHANY**

**Remembrance of the Dead/Merelotz/Hokehankist - 11 a.m.**

**St. John Armenian Church  
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[www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.com](http://www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.com)**



St. John Armenian Church

# BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



## DECEMBER 1, 2025

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



## **ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION**



### **COLLECTION DATES**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 THROUGH MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025**

**PLEASE BRING NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS  
AND PLACE THEM IN THE COLLECTION BOXES  
WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE CHURCH LOBBY.**

**CONTACT SARA ANDONIAN (248) 515-9264 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**



# COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

## Join Us on Zoom!

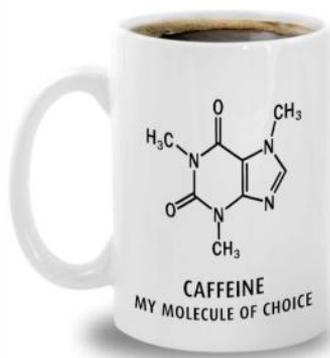
Take a break, grab your favorite cup of coffee, and log on for a half hour relaxed and meaningful conversation with Fr. Aren.

**Wednesday, December 3 at 1:00pm**

(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!**



Thursday, December 4 at 7PM  
Veterans Hall Card Room \$15 Light Dinner

Young Adults Late Twenties Through Forties  
Your Kids are Welcome Too!



Christmas Games and Karaoke  
Wear your Christmas Pajamas or Ugly SwEaTeR!





# Coffee, Cookies & Compassion

Sunday, December 7, 2025  
immediately following  
Divine Liturgy

Please bring a bag  
of non-perishable food items  
to be donated to a local food pantry.  
The need is great!  
Please do your part!



*This Fellowship is sponsored by  
Der Garabed and Yerezgin Roberta Kochakian*

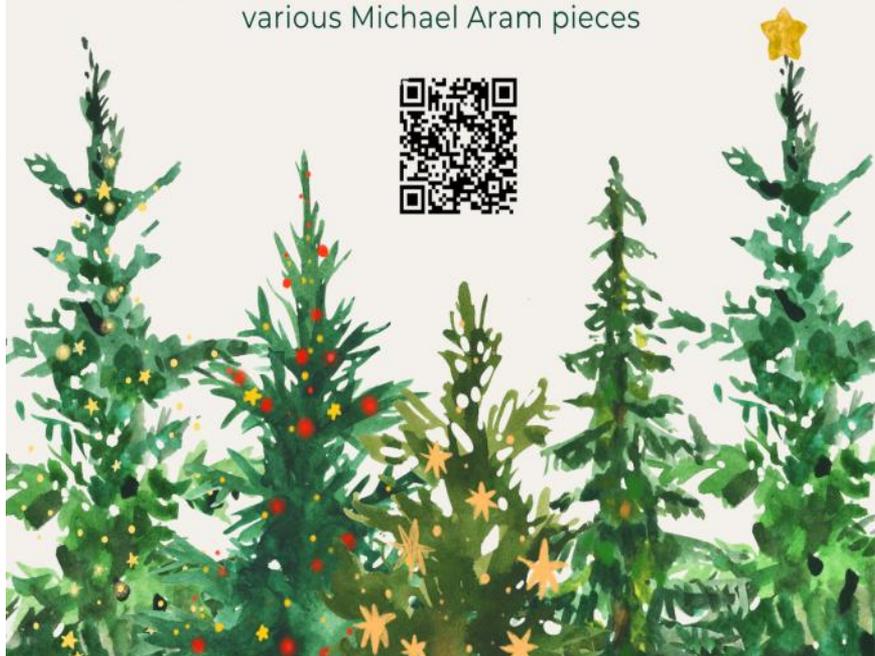


**ACYOA JUNIORS**  
**WINTER**  
**WONDERLAND** *Sale*

**Sunday, December 7th**

*FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY*

Wreathes, Christmas Gifts + a selection of  
various Michael Aram pieces



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

# ACOLYTE TRAINING

## SCHEDULE

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2025  
9:00AM-11:00AM

DECEMBER 6, 13

Contact Deacon Rubik  
[rubik@sjachurch.org](mailto:rubik@sjachurch.org)



**SJAC FINANCIAL TOWN HALL**  
DECEMBER 10, 2025, AT 7:00PM, VIA ZOOM

### AGENDA

- Welcome & Purpose
- Major Projects
  - Accomplishments
  - Projected
- Financial Update & Impact
- Comments & Questions
- Closing Comments



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH & TEKEYAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION PRESENT

MONSIEUR

# AZNAVOUR



**THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 11**

*SAINT VARTAN ROOM*

*LIGHT REFRESHMENTS 6:45*

*FILM SCREENING BEGINS  
PROMPTLY AT 7PM*

*DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO  
SEE THIS FEATURE LENGTH  
BIO-PIC SHOWCASING  
CHARLES AZNAVOUR'S LIFE  
AND MUSIC*

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



## **DATE CORRECTION**

**Saturday, December 13, 9:00am-11:30am**

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

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

21725 MELROSE AVE, SOUTHFIELD, MI, 48075



ST. JOHN CHURCH SCHOOL

# Christmas Celebration Brunch

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

Following Divine Liturgy in the Cultural Hall.

Join us for a **festive Christmas Brunch** featuring  
a presentation by Church School.



free will offering - suggested price \$10/person



## 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!*

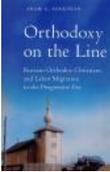
### Featured Items



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



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# General Parish Information

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**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/](http://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/](http://www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/)



## **December 1 - Bible Study**

7:00pm - Conference Room

## **December 2 - Western Armenian Classes (Intermediate/Beginner)**

4:30pm - 7:30pm - Ararat Room

## **December 3 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp**

1:00pm - Via Zoom

## **December 4 - Hye Doon - Christmas Party**

7:00pm - Veterans' Hall Card Room

## **December 6 - Acolyte Training**

9:00am - 11:00am - Sanctuary

## **December 7 - Coffee Hour**

Following Divine Liturgy

## **December 7 - ACYOA Junior Winter Wonderland**

Following Divine Liturgy

## **December 10 - Parish Town Hall Meeting**

7:00pm, via zoom

## **December 11 - Film Screening "Aznavour"**

6:45pm - St. Vartan Room

## **December 13 - World Medical Relief/Date Correction**

9:00am - 11:30am - 21725 Melrose Ave., Southfield, MI 48075

## **December 14 - St John Church School - Christmas Celebration Brunch**

Following Divine Liturgy

## **December 20 - Little Saints Program**

10:00 - 11:00am - Ararat Room

## **Seeking Stewards Time and Talent Help**

Church office requests help with the following projects

- Social Media organization and publishing
- Storage rooms clean-up and re-organize
- Update church event manual
- Volunteers for small repair projects
- Organize tool/shop room

Contact Jim Stamboulian at Church Office