

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

April 13, 2025
Armenian Church Year 1474

Palm Sunday

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

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

Song 1:1-2:3, Zechariah 9:9-15, Philippians 4:4-7, Matthew 20:29-21:17

Fr. Aren will deliver the Children's Sermon

Lector: Sevana Mailian

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.

Plate Collection: Today, in honor of ACYOA Day, members of the ACYOA Seniors will be taking a plate collection for the ACYOA. This collection will take place during the hymn "*Amen yev unthokvooyt koom*" (p.39).

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)

Palm Sunday

The Lord reigneth;

He is clothed with majesty.

The eternal Word of the Father

Who rests on the Cherubim;

On this day sits on a young colt;

Blessed is the unconquerable King who comes!

The Son before all ages

Who sits on the four faced living creatures;

On this day is glorified by the elders and children;

Blessed is the unconquerable King who comes!

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

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

Come, you new nations

With the countless hosts of the bodiless;

Let us give Him glory with sweet sounding loud song;

Blessed is the unconquerable King who comes!

St. John Armenian Church

We wish to congratulate the newly elected

Parish Council 2025-2026

Peter Egigian, Chairman

Marilyn Boladian, Vice Chair

Roseann Manoogian Attar, Treasurer

Correne Akarakcian, Assistant Treasurer

Dn. George Boyagian, Recording Secretary

Anna Tokmajyan, Assistant Secretary

Lisa Boyadjian, Advisor

Michael Toomajian, Advisor

George Derderian, Advisor

Gary Gozmanian, Advisor

Paul Yousoufian, Advisor

Dn. Ohannes (Onnig) Boyajian, Alternate

Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:29-21:17

And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the roadside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent; but they cried out the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" and Jesus stopped and called them, saying, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they received their sight and followed him.

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers."

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings you have brought perfect praise'?" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Memorial Day of Easter (Merelotz)

Hokehankisd, Requiem Service, for the repose of the souls of the departed, will not be offered on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Requests for Hokehankisd will be fulfilled on Monday, April 21 at 11am. It is the tradition to remember all deceased loved ones the day after a major feast day known as Merelotz. Please submit the full name of the person or persons you wish to have remembered either typed or electronically sent to office@sjachurch.org or call the church office by Monday, April 21, before 10:00am at 248-569-3405. An offering from your heart would be appreciated.

Special Thanks

We would like to thank Mr. Stephen Evarian for the beautiful individual hand made palm crosses being distributed today.

2025 HOLY WEEK

APRIL 13 – PALM SUNDAY

9:00am - Morning Service

9:45am - Divine Liturgy with Church School Procession

1:30pm - Opening of the Doors Service

APRIL 15 - HOLY TUESDAY

7:00pm - Vespers remembering the Wise and Foolish Maidens

APRIL 16 - HOLY WEDNESDAY

7:00pm - Prayers for Healing Service

APRIL 17 - GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

10:00am - Divine Liturgy

7:00pm - Washing of the Feet Service

8:30pm - Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord

APRIL 18 - GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

11:30am - Order of the Crucifixion of Christ

7:00pm - Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ

APRIL 19 - GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

4:00pm - Reading of Scriptures

5:00pm - Divine Liturgy - Jrakalooyts

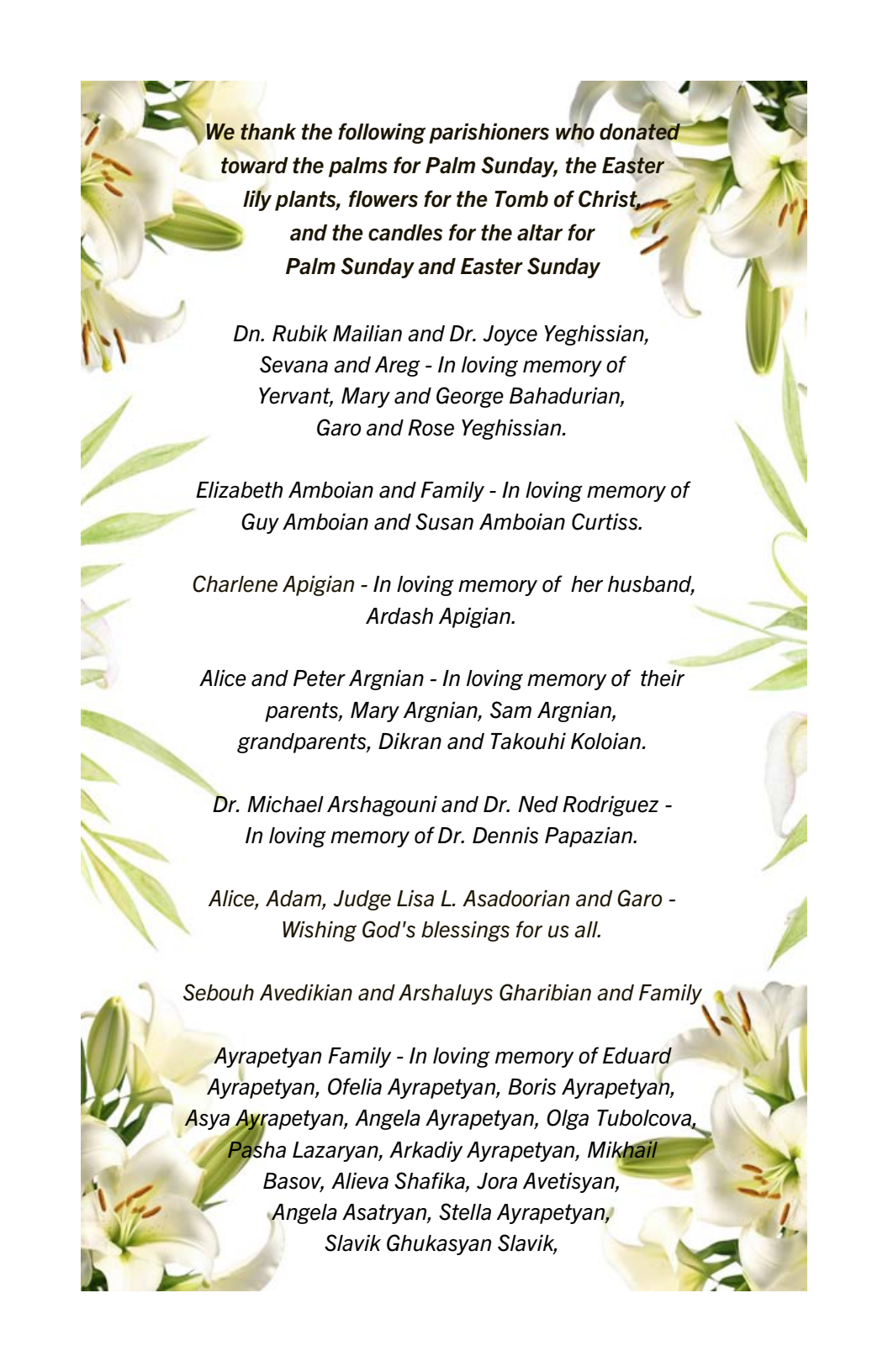
APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am - Morning Service

9:45am - Divine Liturgy

APRIL 21 – MERELTZ

11:00am - Requiem Service



***We thank the following parishioners who donated
toward the palms for Palm Sunday, the Easter
lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ,
and the candles for the altar for
Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday***

*Dn. Rubik Mailian and Dr. Joyce Yeghissian,
Sevana and Areg - In loving memory of
Yervant, Mary and George Bahadurian,
Garo and Rose Yeghissian.*

*Elizabeth Amboian and Family - In loving memory of
Guy Amboian and Susan Amboian Curtiss.*

*Charlene Apigian - In loving memory of her husband,
Ardash Apigian.*

*Alice and Peter Argnian - In loving memory of their
parents, Mary Argnian, Sam Argnian,
grandparents, Dikran and Takouhi Koloian.*

*Dr. Michael Arshagouni and Dr. Ned Rodriguez -
In loving memory of Dr. Dennis Papazian.*

*Alice, Adam, Judge Lisa L. Asadoorian and Garo -
Wishing God's blessings for us all.*

Sebouh Avedikian and Arshaluys Gharibian and Family

*Ayrapetyan Family - In loving memory of Eduard
Ayrapetyan, Ofelia Ayrapetyan, Boris Ayrapetyan,
Asya Ayrapetyan, Angela Ayrapetyan, Olga Tubolcova,
Pasha Lazaryan, Arkadiy Ayrapetyan, Mikhail
Basov, Alieva Shafika, Jora Avetisyan,
Angela Asatryan, Stella Ayrapetyan,
Slavik Ghukasyan Slavik,*



*Agnes Barsamian - In loving memory of
Arthur Barsamian and Matthew David Barsamian.*

*Arthur A. Barsamian - In loving memory of
Arthur Barsamian and Matthew David Barsamian.*

*Roslyn Basherian - In loving memory of
Ara Basherian and Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian.*

*Dr. Rose Berberian - In loving memory
of Judge Y. Gladys Barsamian.*

Bush Family - In loving memory of Hovhannes Bush.

*Daniel, Danielle and Karen Dardarian - In honor of the
name day of their father, David Harry Dardarian;
uncle, Dr. Harry Kezelian; and cousin, Harry Kezelian III
and in loving memory of their grandfather,
Harry Dardarian and uncle Harry Kezelian, Sr.*

Margaret Derderian - In loving memory of Harry Derderian.

*David and Randi Dolik - In loving memory of
Roxie and Zaven Dolik, and Virginia and Souren Keoleian.*

Jerry Govjanian - Anticipating of Daniel Thomas Pilcher.


Roger and Ardis Gregory - In loving memory of their parents.

Dr. Khatchig and Marcia Hamamdjian

*Gregory and Sandra Jamian - In loving memory of
Edward and Kora Jamian.*

*Sandra and Gregory Jamian - In loving memory of
John and Sophie Nagohosian.*

Adam, Alexandria, Eddie and Eva Kotlarek



*Anita Kachadurian and Family -
In loving memory of
Harry Kachadurian on his Name Day.*

*Edward, Yvonne, Laura, Christopher,
Shakay, Shant and Christopher Korkoian -
In loving memory of Rev. Fr. Haroutiun Dagley,
Harry B. Dardarian, Harry A. Kezelian Sr.,
Harry Asadoorian, Harry Sarkisian and
Harry Mardirosian, grandmothers and great-grandmothers
Eugapere Zobian and Yougaper Dardarian,
and in Honor of David Harry Dardarian,
Dr. Harry A. Kezelian, and Harry A. Kezelian III.*

*Linda Lutz - In loving memory of James and Florence Ohanesian
and Diramayr Ursula Findikyan.*

*Robert, Tricia, Rayeanne, Grace and Becca Magee -
In loving memory of their Parents/Grandparents,
Robert and Rayeanne Magee, and John and Alice Duszczk.*

*Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Masropian - In loving memory
of their parents and dear sisters.*

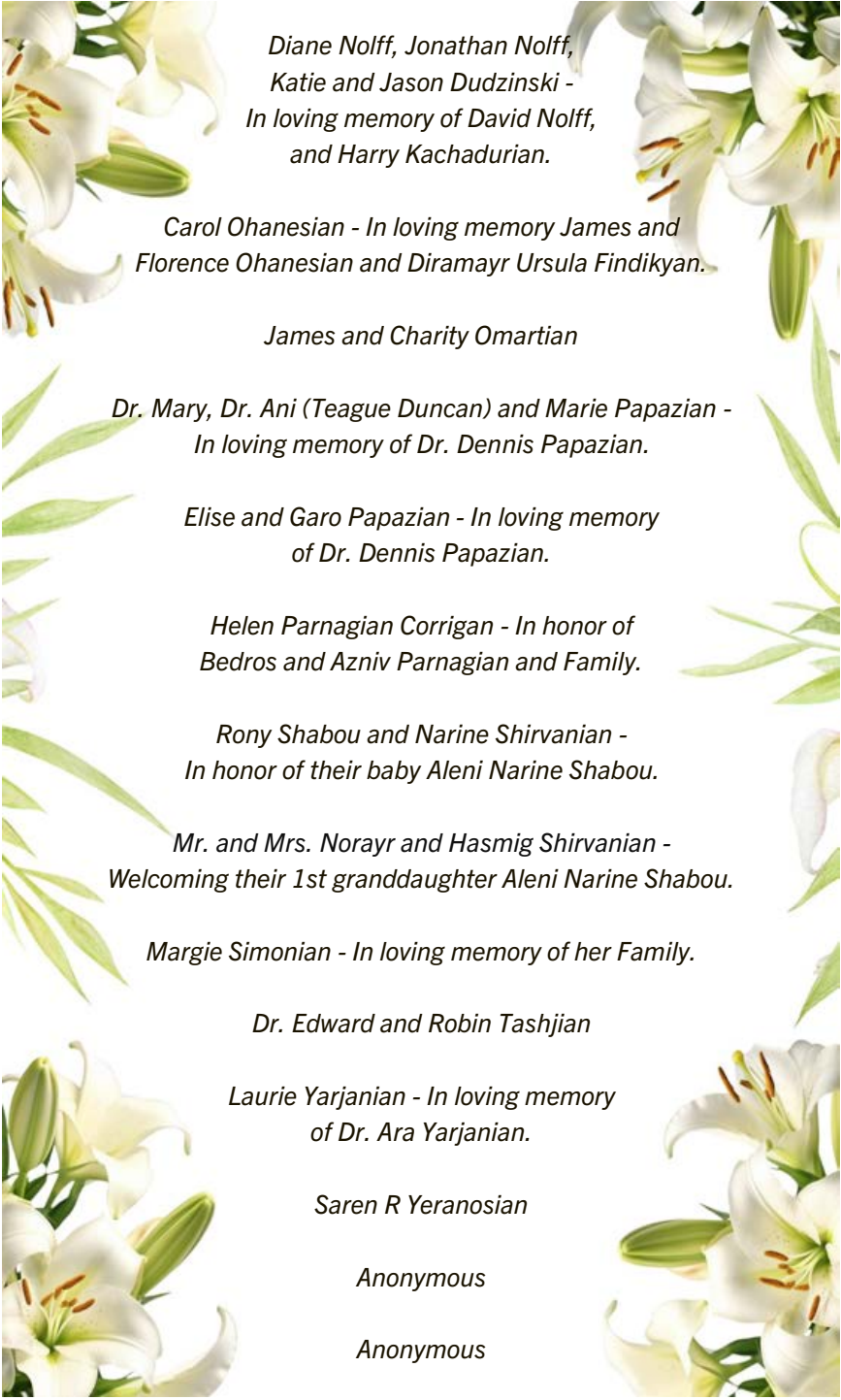
*Mark and Maral Mamassian and Family - In honor of
the Mamassian and Toukhanian Families.*

*Mike and Dolly Matoian - In loving memory of
Nishan and Helen Baltayan,
and Baghdasar and Mariam Matoian.*

*Nennette Merametdjian - In honor of
the Komitas Choir.*

*Lena Montgomery - In loving memory
of her husband, Jerry Montgomery.*

Alice and Sandra Nigoghosian



*Diane Nolff, Jonathan Nolff,
Katie and Jason Dudzinski -
In loving memory of David Nolff,
and Harry Kachadurian.*

*Carol Ohanesian - In loving memory James and
Florence Ohanesian and Diramayr Ursula Findikyan.*

James and Charity Omartian

*Dr. Mary, Dr. Ani (Teague Duncan) and Marie Papazian -
In loving memory of Dr. Dennis Papazian.*

*Elise and Garo Papazian - In loving memory
of Dr. Dennis Papazian.*

*Helen Parnagian Corrigan - In honor of
Bedros and Azniv Parnagian and Family.*

*Rony Shabou and Narine Shirvanian -
In honor of their baby Aleni Narine Shabou.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Norayr and Hasmig Shirvanian -
Welcoming their 1st granddaughter Aleni Narine Shabou.*

Margie Simonian - In loving memory of her Family.

Dr. Edward and Robin Tashjian

*Laurie Yarjanian - In loving memory
of Dr. Ara Yarjanian.*

Saren R Yerasosian

Anonymous

Anonymous

Parish Organization News and Events



St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



APRIL 21, 2025

TWICE A MONTH,
IN-PERSON
MONDAYS FROM 7.00PM - 8.30PM

St John Women's Guild

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

APRIL 13

After church in the main hall.

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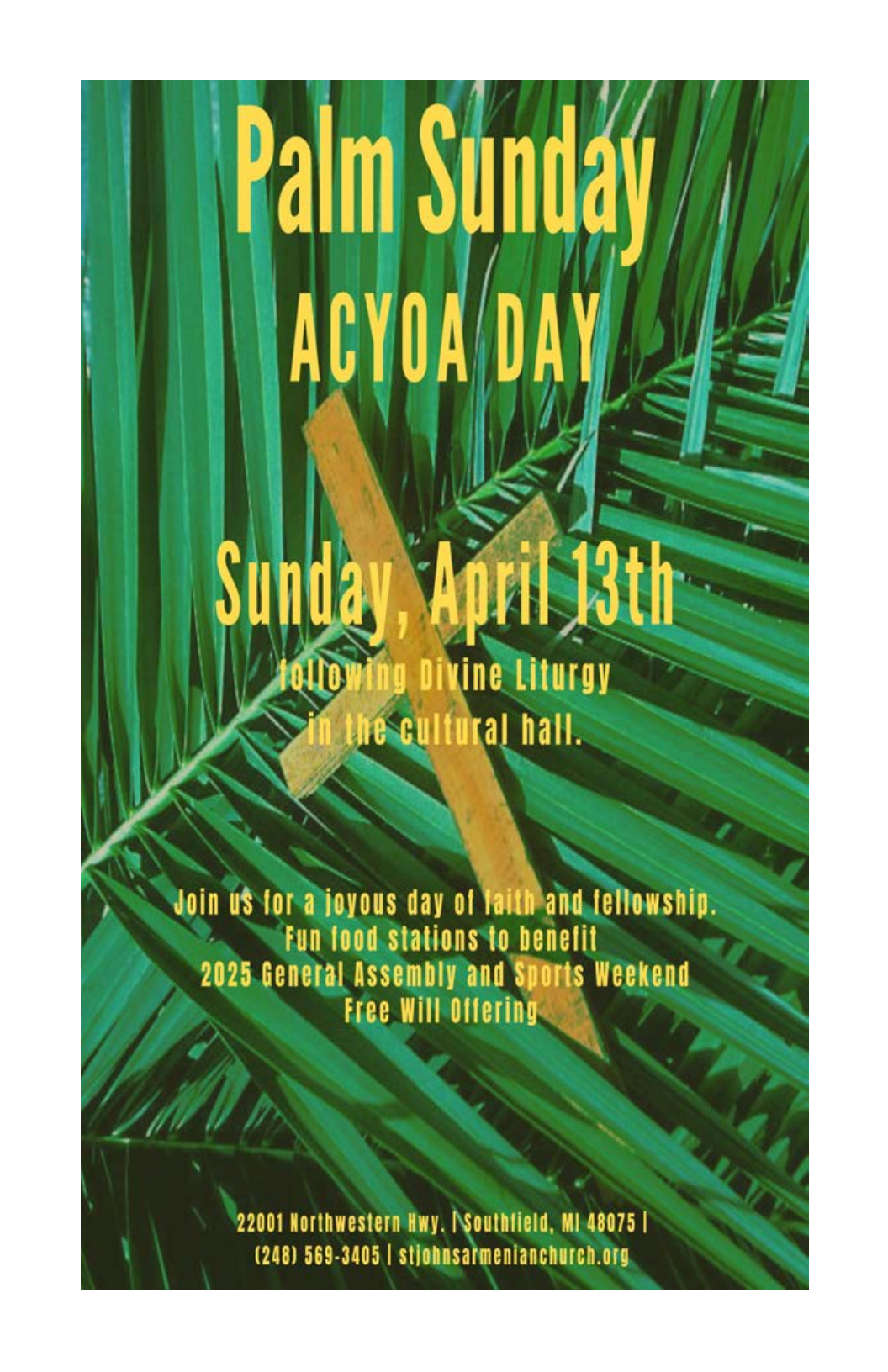
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Palm Sunday ACYOA DAY

Sunday, April 13th

following Divine Liturgy
in the cultural hall.

Join us for a joyous day of faith and fellowship.
Fun food stations to benefit
2025 General Assembly and Sports Weekend
Free Will Offering

22001 Northwestern Hwy. | Southfield, MI 48075 |
(248) 569-3405 | stjohnsarmenianchurch.org

Happy Easter



CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILY EASTER MID DAY SERVICE

Please be prepared to receive Holy Communion.



Saturday, April 19th
11:00am - 11:30am

Fellowship following Church services with
surprise visit from the *Easter Bunny!*

Welcome all Little Saints' Families!



CHURCH SCHOOL *Easter Supper*

BEEF TENDERLOIN DINNER

SATURDAY

19
APRIL

Jrakalooyts Divine Liturgy at 5pm
Dinner to follow in the Cultural Hall

\$30 PER PERSON

Church School Students Free

RSVP to (248) 569-3405

The Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church
presents

GUILD GATHERINGS

We're bringing back 2 favorites in time for Easter!

*Armenian Easter Egg Traditions
and
Choreg with Tips on Making Dough*



Watch from our Website:

stjohnwomensguild.square.site

Click on Guild Gatherings then Learn More

ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SPORTS WEEKEND 2025

MAY 23 - 25, 2025

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Friday, May 23rd – St. John Armenian Church – Southfield, MI

9:00am – 5:00pm

FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT

Friday, May 23rd – Fifth Avenue – Royal Oak, MI

7:00pm – 10:30pm

SPORTS

Saturday, May 24th – Groves High School – Birmingham, MI

8:30am – 5:00pm

Sunday, May 25th – St. John Armenian Church Rec. Center – Southfield, MI

1:00pm – 5:00pm

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

Saturday, May 24th – Little Caesars Arena – Detroit, MI

8:30pm – 1:00am

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, May 25th – St. John Armenian Church – Southfield, MI

9:30am - Noon

Brunch hosted by Women's Guild immediately following at Veterans Building

SUNDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET

Sunday, May 25th – St. John Armenian Church Grand Ballroom – Southfield, MI

Alumni Cocktail Hour: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

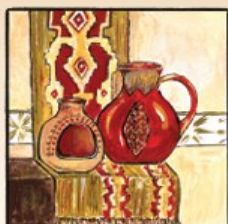
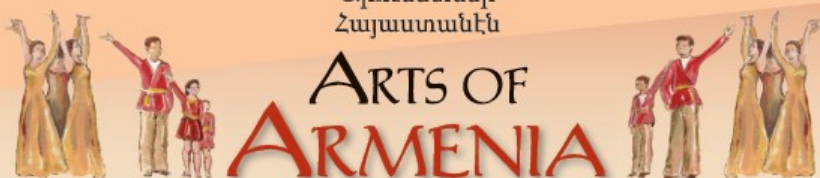
Dinner, Awards, and Dance: 7:30pm – 2:00am

Please visit www.acyoa.org/gasw to register.

Must be 18 years or older to attend Friday and Saturday evening events.

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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:

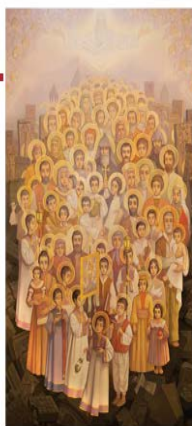
For questions, call or email:

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

Or Lisa Mardigian, lmardigian@sjachurch.org



Registration



SAVE THE DATE

110th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Service in Honor of the Sanctified
Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide

Under the auspices of the
Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit
Genocide Commemoration Committee



St. John Armenian
Apostolic Church

St. Sarkis Armenian
Apostolic Church

St. Vartan Armenian
Catholic Church




Armenian
Congregational Church

Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church

The Armenian American Veterans' Building Renovation Join the crowd!




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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

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
Hardcover coffee table book
documenting history of cultural
landmarks HC - \$70.00



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
how to stand out in a big family

These and many other Michael Aram pieces now available!

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White Orchid Cocktail
Napkin Holder



Noah's Ark
Nut Dish



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General Parish Information

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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.

Requiem Prayers (*Hokehankist*): Names may be submitted to the church office by mail, phone, or email 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.

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/

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/



April

Sun., April 13 – Women's Guild Palm Sunday Bake Sale and ACYOA Day

Following the Divine Liturgy in the Cultural Hall

Sat., April 19 – Church School Easter Supper

\$30/person (Church School Students – Free), please RSVP to the church office

Thurs., April 24 - Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide

Co-Sponsored by the Four Armenian Churches of Detroit - St. Sarkis, 7 p.m.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian
Aleksan Matossian
Anahid Matossian
Nadia Ayrapetyan
Vladimir Avetisov
Joann Mashigian
Charles Sansone
Hrayr Mashigian
Nick Fernandez
Jeffrey Perna

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian
Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian
Haroutiun Bagdasarian
Mary Helen Altounian
Wayne Owen Engelki
Shoghig Terjimanian
Samvel Ayrapetyan
Valera Ayrapetyan
Craig Tarpinian

Samvel Arakelyan
Nancy Altounian
Marus Grigoryan
Nailiya Sahakian
Ronald Seaman
Rose Lucassian
Marge Aramian
Zaven Ovian
Jan Paloian
Rose Baise

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.