

# 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

**March 15, 2026**  
Armenian Church Year 1475

### Sunday of the Judge

Guest Celebrant: Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian  
Pastor: Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian

Sunrise Service - 9:30 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 10:00 a.m.

Sacred Lections: Isaiah 65:8-25, Philippians 3:1-4:9, Luke 17:20-18:14

Fr. Aren will deliver the Children's Sermon

Lector: Yeretzkin Shakeh Ohanessian

### Morning Service During Lent

On all Sundays during Great Lent, Morning Service (Matins)  
will be replaced with The Sunrise Office (*Arevakal*) at 9:30 am.

We will return to our regular schedule of having  
Morning Service (Matins) at 9:00 am on Palm Sunday.

### 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's collection for the church will be taken 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.



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# 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)

### Midday Hymn for the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

O Christ! You left to Your church a true commandment  
to pray to God Always, without thought of time in spirit and in thought.  
In our nature you spent the whole night in prayer to God,  
you thereby affirmed Your commandment and gave it to us as an example;  
you, before whom every knee bows.  
Therefore, we also turn to You with prayers, O Christ;  
grant us at every hour to stand before You; with a pure prayer  
like the bodiless angels in heaven.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.  
Through the prayers of the Mother of God  
Your undefiled mother; in Your mercy open the spiritual eyes of our hearts  
That we might contemplate Your light, O Christ.

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## Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

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Badrik Jooharigian	Imprisoned Bishops and	Samvel Arakelyan
Andre' J. Gregory	Clergymen in Armenia	Yelena Zakaryan
Vladimir Avetisov	Diramay Marmine Bagdasarian	Nancy Altounian
Joann Mashigian	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Marus Grigoryan
Charles Sansone	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyagian	Nailya Sahakian
Hrayr Mashigian	Lara Roche Sarmanian	Chris Papazian
Nick Fernandez	Mary Helen Altounian	Rose Lucassian
Sonia Kalfayan	Shoghig Terjimanian	Marge Aramian
Edith Baise	Valera Ayrapetyan	Zaven Ovian
Rose Baise	Charles Vanerian	Jan Paloian

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## Holy Communion

Holy Communion is not openly administered during Great Lent, should any of the faithful wish to receive Holy Communion at any time during Great Lent, they may do so by making arrangements with the Pastor.

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## Year - End Statement

Church stewards who require a tax statement itemizing 2025 donations should contact the Church Office at (248) 569-3405 or [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org)

## Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 17:20-18:14

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Lo, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. And they will say to you, 'Lo, there!' or 'Lo, here!' Do not go, do not follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the arch, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was in the days of Lot they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom fire and sulphur rained from heaven and destroyed them all so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, let him who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other left." And they said to him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man: and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: "Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted." should rise from the dead."

## Gifts to Church

Mrs. Sally Kabodian presented a gift to the Armenian American Veterans' Building in memory of Zorab Kabodian on the occasion of his "Heavenly" 100th birthday.

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## Additional Hokihaankist Donation

Michael and Dolly Matoian and Family made a donation in memory of Sarkis "Sam" Kazarian's 40th Day Hokihaankist, which took place on March 8, 2026.

*Asdvadz Hokin Loosavoreh!*

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## Women's Guild Palm Sunday Bake Sale

The St. John Women's Guild proudly sponsors our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Thanks to the guidance of Marilyn Dadian and the leadership of Dawn Aginian, Sara Andonian, Joy Callan, and Terry Palaian, our Cultural Hall tables are filled and emptied in record time after Badarak!

Baking is already underway (Choreg and Khalkha are in the freezer!), with more Choreg, Khalkha, Semit Sticks, Katah, and our World Famous Soo Boreg still to come. We still need YOU! Every hand is the best hand of all.

**Tuesday, March 17, 9:00am - 12:00pm - Soo Boreg**

**Tuesday, March 24, 9:00am - 12:00pm - Katah**

If you are planning to place an advanced order for pre-paid Soo Boreg, the last day to order is Sunday, March 15. We prepare Soo Boreg based only on orders received and make just enough to fill those orders. Please note that ½ trays are limited, so be sure to reserve yours early. Full trays are \$80 and ½ trays are \$45, with no price changes in three years, get 'em while they're not hot! To place your order, contact Joy Callan at 248-533-6320 (text) or yerchanigc@gmail.com

## ***Veterans Building Renovation Fundraising***

Our goal is to renovate our dedicated space to honor those who served and to expand our community outreach.

***Renovation Goal***    **\$ 500,000**

***Current Donations***    **\$ 131,227**

***Funding Needed***    **\$ 368,773**

As of March 6, 2026.

Help us reach our goal!

Donate today by scanning the QR code.



## **Fallen Asleep in the Lord**

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Vartan Ghazarian**, who entered his eternal rest last week. His funeral was held at

St. John Armenian Church on March 12, 2026.

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



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

**ARMENOUHI KAZAZIAN, 3rd Year, Wife, Mother, Grandmother**

Requested by Zaven Kazazian  
Silva Kazazian-Lamas  
Lilia and Talar Lamas

**RICHARD M. APKARIAN, 8th Year, Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle**

Requested by Paulette Apkarian  
Kristen, Alana, and Adam Vosbikian  
Richie, Alex, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Marty Apkarian  
Carolyn Arslanian  
Dawn and Adi Asadoorian  
Omar and Soseh Segman  
Lyle, Nicole, Luc and Leo Dadian  
Anto, Tamar, and Frankie Arslanian

**DR. ARA YARJANIAN, 9th Year, Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather**

Requested by Mrs. Laurie Yarjanian  
Dr. Daron Yarjanian  
Dr. John Yarjanian  
Linda Yarjanian  
Adam Yarjanian

**MATUSHKA MELANYA SVIRIDOV, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

Requested by Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian  
Sara, Morgan, Sona and Anya Bell  
Dn. Dr. Aram Sarkisian and Dr. Diana Ohanian

**MARY DOUROUJALIAN, 16th Year, Beloved Mother, Sister, Grandmother,  
Great-Grandmother, Mother-In-Law, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Wonderful Friend to Many**

Requested by Diane and Bruce Kezlarian  
Courtney, Mike, Amelia, and Andrew Abela  
Kirsten Kezlarian and Victoria Trebnik  
Donna Portrey  
Ryan, Liz, Cole, and Annie Portrey  
Lindsay and Michael Clark  
George, Yvette, and Blake Douroujalian  
Bryan, Amanda, Dominic, Hayden, Alexandria, and Kendall Douroujalian

**HERIKA DJEBEDJIAN, 26th Year**

**MAGDALENE PCHALEKIAN, 43rd Year**

Requested by Sonia Dedeian



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

**JAMES BAYLERIAN, 3rd Year, Father, Father-In-Law, Grandfather, Brother, Brother-In-Law, Uncle, Great Uncle, Nephew, Cousin**

**CONSTANCE BAYLERIAN, 6th Year, Mother, Mother-In-Law, Grandmother, Sister-In-Law, Aunt, Great Aunt, Niece, Cousin**

Requested by Adam and Amy Baylerian  
Tera and Sean Kinney  
Tina and Jim Schaffner  
Brendan Kinney  
Sam and Connor Baylerian  
Jackson, Andrew and Lilyana Schaffner  
Michael and Deborah Baylerian  
Nora Baylerian  
Jason, Kaitlynn and Brooke Baylerian  
Elizabeth Baylerian and Leyon Afram  
James and Lauren Uselton, Olivia and Kendall  
Dr. Vincent and Anna Baylerian and Family  
Richard and Arlene Baylerian and Family  
David and Marianne Dardarian and Family  
Dr. Harry and Patty Kezelian and Family  
Richard and Arlene Hovsepian and Family

**ZABEL BAYLERIAN, 49th Year, Mother, Mother-In-Law, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Great Great-Grandmother, Aunt, Sister-In-Law**

**GEORGE BAYLERIAN, 38th Year, Father, Father-In-Law Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Great Great-Grandfather, Brother, Uncle**

**LILLIAN HOVSEPIAN, 38th Year, Sister, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Great Great-Aunt**

Requested by Nora Baylerian  
Michael and Deborah Baylerian  
Jason, Kaitlynn and Brooke Baylerian  
Elizabeth Baylerian and Leyon Afram  
James and Lauren Uselton, Olivia and Kendall  
Adam and Amy Baylerian  
Tina and Jim Schaffner  
Tera and Sean Kinney  
Brandon Kinney  
Sam and Connor Baylerian  
Jackson, Andrew, and Lilyana Schaffner  
Dr. Vincent and Anna Baylerian and Family  
Richard and Arlene Baylerian and Family  
David and Marianne Dardarian and Family  
Dr. Harry and Patty Kezelian and Family  
Richard and Arlene Hovsepian and Family

# ST JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

## 2026 PALMS, EASTER LILY PLANTS, FLOWERS AND CANDLE DONATIONS

We are offering parishioners and friends of St. John Armenian Church the opportunity to donate palms, Easter lily plants, flowers for the Tomb of Christ, and candles to beautify the Holy Altar and sanctuary for Holy Week. These items will serve as a loving memorial and tribute to those whom you wish to remember in a special way before the Lord.

If you would like to donate any of these items in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please fill out the form below providing all the information needed.

Please mail this form to the Church Office with a check made payable to St. John Armenian Church, or pay online at QR code below.



**Orders must be placed by Monday, March 23, 2026**

All donors' names will be printed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin

Donor Name.....

In Honor/Memory of:.....

I wish to donate Palms for Palm Sunday - \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily Plants at \$35.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate Flowers/Plants for Good Friday Tomb of Christ - \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate Candles for the Holy Altar - \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate for all of the above - \$125.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(Easter Lily Plant, Candles for the Altar, Flowers/Plants and Palms) Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For further information, please call the Church Office at 248-569-3405 or  
e-mail [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org)

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# 2026 Holy Week

## Schedule of Services

### **MARCH 29 - PALM SUNDAY**

9:00am - Morning Service

9:45am - Divine Liturgy with Church School Procession

1:30pm - Opening of the Doors Service

### **MARCH 31 - HOLY TUESDAY**

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

### **April 1 - HOLY WEDNESDAY**

7:00pm - Prayers for Healing Service

### **APRIL 2 - GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY**

10:00am - Divine Liturgy

7:00pm - Washing of the Feet Service

8:30pm - Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord

### **APRIL 3 - GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY**

11:30am - Order of the Crucifixion of Christ

7:00pm - Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ

### **APRIL 4 - GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY**

4:00pm - Reading of Scriptures

5:00pm - Divine Liturgy - Jrakalooyts

### **APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY**

9:00am - Morning Service

9:45am - Divine Liturgy

### **APRIL 6 - MERELTZ**

11:00am - Requiem Service

## PRIMATE'S PASTORAL VISIT

Over the weekend of May 28 - June 1, His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan will be visiting the St. John Armenian Church Community.

# save the date

## May 28 - June 1

This special weekend will include:

- Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 31
- Celebration of Fr. Garabed Kochakian's 50th Anniversary to the Sacred Priesthood with a banquet on Friday, May 29
- Acolyte and Sub-Deacon Ordinations
- Meetings with parish leadership

We look forward to welcoming His Grace that weekend.

Details to follow...

## Men's Society's ~ Sunday Soups 2026

March 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Shrimp & Salmon Creole Stew ~ Gratin**

Prepared by The Men Society Family  
\$15 - served in a pie shell w/ dipping bread

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Tahnabour (Matzoon)

Prepared by The Semarjian Family  
\$10 - 14ounce bowl served w/ dipping bread

Please preorder - call or text Dan at 313-938-4215

# REST SERVICE & ACYOA Jrs LENTEN DINNER

rest service 5:30pm  
dinner 6:00pm-7:00pm

## WEDNESDAYS

march 18<sup>th</sup> - Lena Montgomery

**Fish & Chips**

march 25<sup>th</sup> - Dickran Callan

**Lobster Dinner**

## DONATIONS

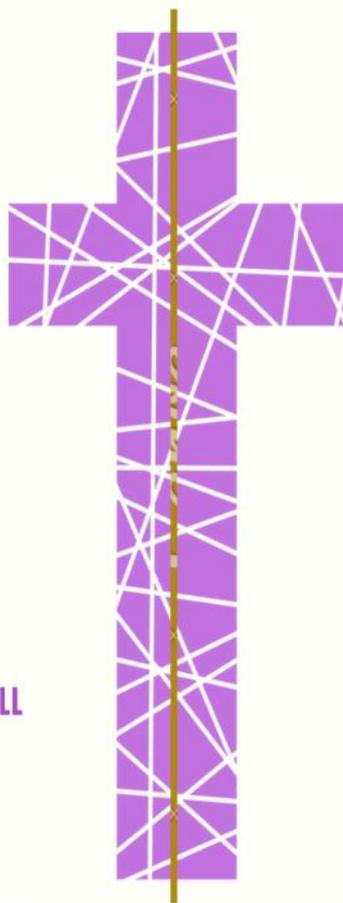
adults \$15 (fish or vegan)

children \$5

## ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH CULTURAL HALL

22001 Northwestern Hwy.

Southfield, Michigan



reservations call  
church office (248) 569-3405 *or*  
email [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org)

# COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

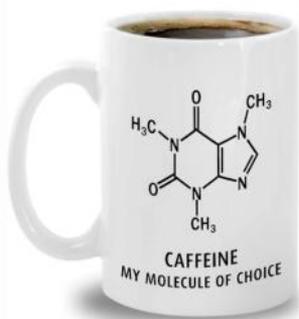
## Join Us on Zoom!

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

**Thursday, March 19, at 4:00pm**  
(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!

# 111<sup>TH</sup> GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION ESSAY COMPETITION

On April 24, 2026, the Four Churches Committee will gather to celebrate the New Saints of the Genocide.

On this occasion, four young people will offer reflections on what it means to be descendants of the Genocide of 1915 and what it means to have new Saints.

St. John Armenian Church has been designated to offer a young male to present this reflection. Those aged 20–30 who are interested in representing our church should submit a brief written essay to Fr. Aren explaining why they would like to offer this meditation on April 24. Submissions will be given anonymously to the Ajemian Scholarship Committee, which will select our church's representative for that day.

The paragraph should be sent to Fr. Aren  
at: [fraren@sjachurch.org](mailto:fraren@sjachurch.org)  
by April 7th, 2026



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# WHIRLYBALL



THURSDAY 3-19 7-9PM  
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EMAIL [DETROITHYEDOON@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DETROITHYEDOON@GMAIL.COM) TO RSVP

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

## ACOLYTE TRAINING

### SCHEDULE

TIME: 10AM-12PM

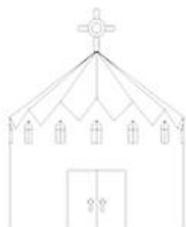
MARCH 28

APRIL 25

MAY 9 & 23



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



# ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM  
JANUARY 31  
FEBRUARY 21  
MARCH 21



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)

# ALEXAN KAZARIAN

NORTHVILLE TROOP 755  
EAGLE SCOUT

## CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE



All proceeds will go toward purchasing materials for my Eagle Scout project: enhancing the recently expanded patio at the Veterans Building at St. John Armenian Church.

Pick-up will be after church at the Sunday School entrance, or feel free to drop off your bag and I will pick it up after church.



**Pick up Day**  
**Sunday,**  
**March 22**

You may also give via Venmo (see QR code below)

**SCAN  
HERE!**



### **CONTACT**

Cell:  
248-916-5411

Email:  
AlexanKazarian@gmail.com

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## St. John Armenian Church Men's Society

Presents A Retreat  
For Men Of All Ages

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> / 8:30am - 3:30pm  
St. Vartan Room

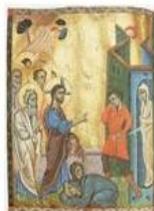
*Journeying through Holy Week ~ Strengthening us for Life*

*We will journey through the days and message of Holy Week during  
this very sacred time of year!*

**Led by Father Aren Jebejian**

**\$40.00 per person**

**Includes: Hot Breakfast, Buffet Lunch,  
light Mezza Reception afterglow**



**To reserve call or text Dan Cristiano 313.938.4215**

ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD

PALM SUNDAY  
*Bake Sale*

**MARCH 29**

*After church in the main hall.*

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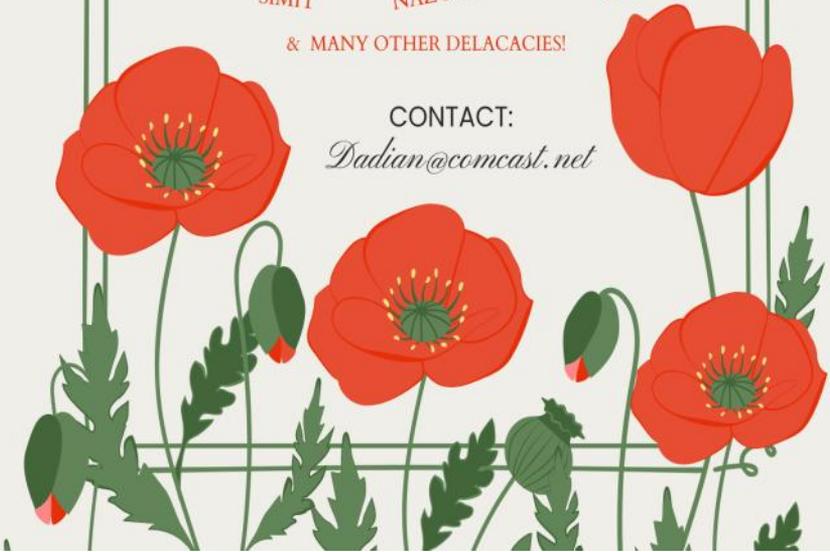
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& MANY OTHER DELACACIES!

CONTACT:

*Dadian@comcast.net*



# Happy Easter!

**CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILY EASTER  
MID DAY SERVICE**

Please be prepared to receive Holy Communion.

**Saturday, April 4th  
at 11am**

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

**Welcome all Little Saints' families!**



# Church School Easter Supper

**Saturday, April 4th**

Jrakalooyts Divine Liturgy 5pm  
Supper following in the Cultural Hall

**Beef Tenderloin Buffet**

**\$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](http://stjohnwomensguild.square.site)  
Click on Guild Gatherings then Learn More

# EUCHRE NIGHT!!

April 17th, 2025

## St John Armenian Church Men's Society Charity Fundraiser

\$30 per Person

\$35 after April 10th

(Includes Chicken Kabob, Pilaf, Salad, Pop – Cash Bar)

*All are Welcome!! Fun for Everyone!*

We're in the ***Veterans Hall*** for this Event

**Cash Prizes, Door Prize, Raffle** (Must be 18 yrs old to win)

5:45-6:45 Museum Open for Attendees to Experience

6:00-6:45 Dinner

6:45 Euchre Starting Time

\*\*Euchre Lessons for New Players on Sundays after Church

To Make Reservations (RSVP):

Call / Text: Michael Toomajian at 248-303-9744

or Email: [michaeltoomajian@gmail.com](mailto:michaeltoomajian@gmail.com)

Join us for Euchre Night!

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## 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!*

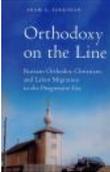
### Featured Items



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 (10% off)!*

Candles



White Orchid Cocktail  
Napkin Holder



Noah's Ark  
Nut Dish



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### 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 Hovhannisyan | (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.stjohnsarmerianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/](http://www.stjohnsarmerianchurch.org/sunday-bulletin/)



- March 15 - Church Sunrise Service - 9:30am, Divine Liturgy - 10:00am  
March 15 - Men's Society - Sunday Soups - Following Diving Liturgy  
March 17 - Tuesday Lunch - 12:00pm - Armenian American Veterans' Hall  
March 17 - Western Armenian Classes, 4:30pm - 7:30pm  
March 18 - Rest Service - 5:30pm - Fish Dinner - Following Rest Service  
March 19 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp - 4:00pm, Via Zoom  
March 19 - Hye Doon - Whirly Ball - 7:00pm, 4155 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48375  
March 21 - Little Saints - 10:00am - Ararat Room  
March 22 - Can & Bottle Drive for the Veterans Building Patio Enhancement  
March 22 - Jashou Communion Service  
4:00pm - 6:00pm - Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Lansing  
March 23 - Bible Study - 7:00pm - Conference Room  
March 23 - Men's Society - Presents a Retreat for Men of all Ages  
8:30am - 3:30pm - St. Vartan Room  
March 28 - Acolyte Training - 10:00am-12:00pm  
March 29 - Women's Guild - Palm Sunday Bake Sale - Following Diving Liturgy  
April 4 - Church School Family Easter Mid Day Service - 11:00am  
Fellowship following Church Service  
April 4 - Jrakalooyts / Divine Liturgy - 5:00pm  
Church School Easter Supper following Divine Liturgy  
April 17 - Men's Society - Euchre Night, 5:45pm  
May 28 - June 1 - Save the Date - Primate's Pastoral Visit  
July 13 - July 17 - Save the Date - Arts of Armenia  
July 25 - August 1 - Save the Date - Hye Camp

## Seeking Stewards Time and Talent Help

### Social Media / Communications

Need volunteers or recommendations for part-time help.

Need to outreach beyond email blasts with more video clips.

### Create Church Operations and Events Manual

Need 2-3 people to document the what, how & when regularly scheduled events are planned to create an operations manual.

### Supply / Purchasing Management

Need simple inventory control and purchasing tracking system

Please contact Jim Stambouljian at Church Office.