S t. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit



Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor
Clergy residing with in the St.John parish and community:
Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Sunday Bulletin

November 8, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Ninth Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
Morning Service - 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.
Lections: Isaiah 24:1-12, Ephesians 5:15-33, Luke 8:49-56
Lector: Edward Haic Korkoian

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 merhaydnetsav.
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 betaken 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)

Resurrection Mode 2

God has become King over the Gentiles
And radiantly has adorned the Holy Church.
Bless Christ you peoples.
The Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength
For by his holy cross he has destroyed the sting of death
Bless Christ you peoples.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.
God has risen
And all the universe has been adorned in a new garment
And the children have partaken of the body and blood of the Giver of Life.
Bless Christ you peoples

Today's Gospel Reading — Luke 8:49-56

While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and the mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing hat she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian
Andre' J. Gregory
Vladimir Avetisov
Charles Sansone
Debbie Dakhlian
Hrayr Mashigian
William Terian
Hovhannes
Hovhannisyan
Edith Baise
Rose Baise

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian
Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan
Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian
Mikhaeel Rasho Bakoyan
Lara Roche Sarmanian
Mary Helen Altounian
Charlene Goshgarian
Shoghig Terjimanian
Jennifer Toomajian
David Gasparian
Nadejda Basova
Joyce Slowik

Samvel Arakelyan
Marus Grigoryan
Yelena Zakaryan
Nancy Altounian
Nancy Kevonian
Nailya Sahakian
Marge Aramian
Rose Lucassian
Chris Papazian
Zaven Ovian
Jan Paloian

Memorial Tea

Today's Fellowship Tea is hosted by the Pastor, Parish Council, and Community of St. John Armenian Church; the School Board, Administration, Faculty, and Staff of the A.G.B.U. Alex and Marie Manoogian School; the Armenian Apostolic Society; and Board of Directors, Staff, and Residents of Manoogian Manor, in loving memory of **Richard Manoogian on the occasion of his 40th Day Hokehankist**. There will also be a brief tributes presentation.

Everyone is welcome to join us in the St. Vartan Room following Divine Liturgy.

In Lieu of Flowers Donation

Those wishing to honor Richard Manoogian may make memorial donations to the following organizations:

- A.G.B.U. Alex and Marie Manoogian School
- St. John Armenian Church
- Mackinac Island Community Foundation, specifically the Richard and Jane Manoogian Fund for the Conservation and Preservation of Open Spaces.

Veterans' Day Gift

A gift to St. John's was donated by Laura, Christopher, Shakay, Daniel, Danielle, Karen, Kevin, Christopher and Shant in honor All Veterans, especially:
In loving memory of their Great-Grandfather, Grandfather, Uncle, and Great-Uncle:
Edward B. Korkoian (U.S. Army - World War II)
Peter N. Hovsepian (U.S. Navy -World War II)
In honor of their Uncle, Father, and Grandfather:
Edward H. Korkoian (U.S. Army - Vietnam War)
In honor of their Father, Uncle, and Great-Uncle:
David H. Dardarian (U.S. Army - Vietnam War)

Also Honoring:

Dr. Edward Baylerian – U.S. Army (1968–1970)

Fallen Asleep in the Lord

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Elizabeth "Liz" Barsamian**, who entered her eternal rest last week. Her funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on October 31, 2026.
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Michael Vartoogian**, who entered his eternal rest last week. His funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on November 2, 2026.
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon his soul.

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **Dikran Ornekian**, who entered his eternal rest last week. His funeral was held at St. John Armenian Church on November 4, 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

RICHARD MANOOGIAN, 40th Day
Requested by the Pastor, Parish Council, and Community of
St. John Armenian Church
School Board, Administration, Faculty, and
Staff of the A.G.B.U. Alex and Marie Manoogian School
Armenian Apostolic Society
Board of Directors, Staff, and Residents of Manoogian Manor

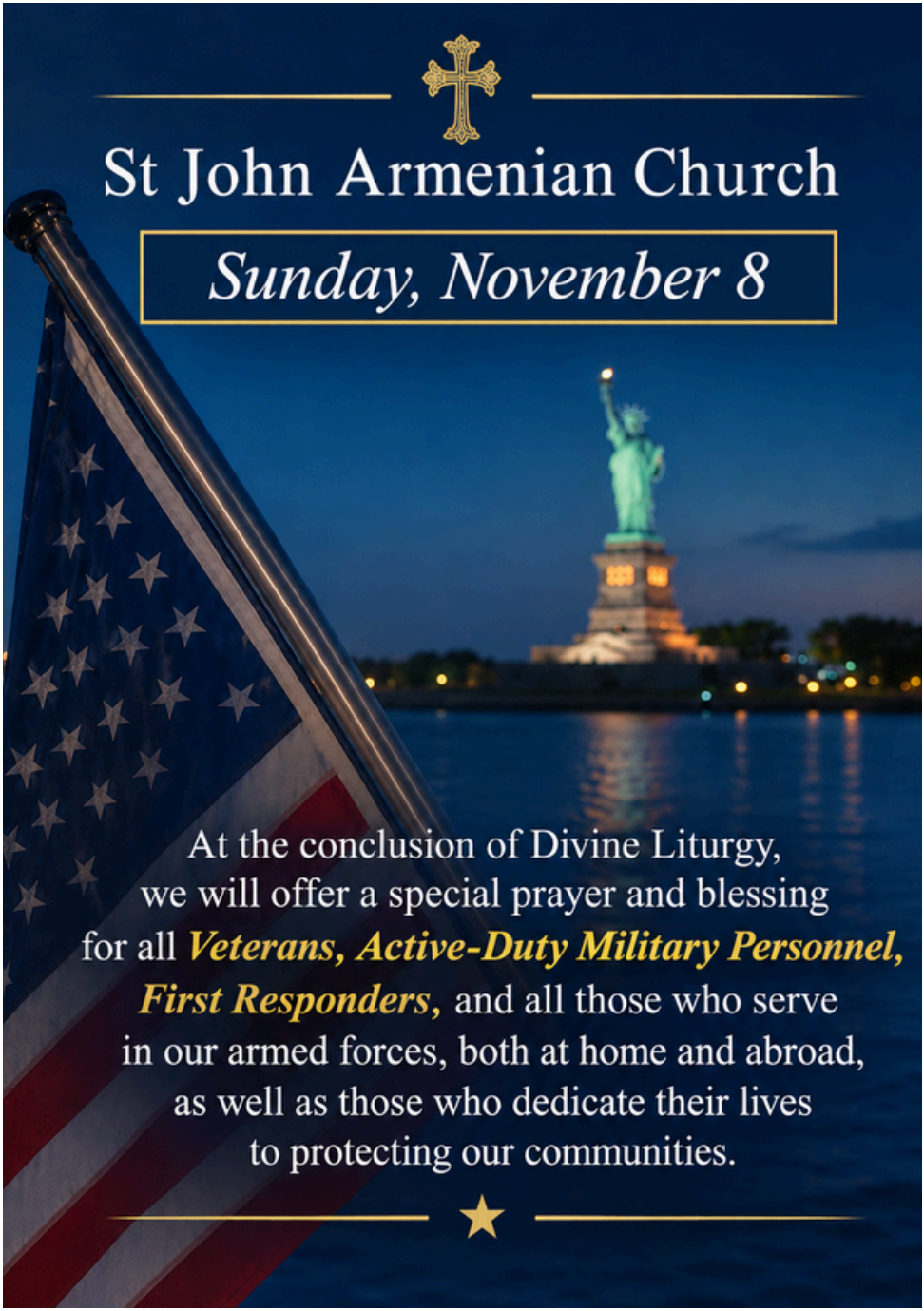
GOZAL BAKRAD BAKOYAN, Newly Deceased, Wife, Aunt
Requested by Fouad Shamoon
Sogheek and Maral Bakoyan

JACK MAHTERIAN (Florida), 40th Day, Husband, Cousin, Uncle
Requested by Trudee Mahterian
Margaret Derderian and Family
Alice Derderian
Egigian Family

ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KOMITAS CHOIR OF ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
Requested by Komitas Choir of St. John Armenian Church

ISABELLE VAHRATIAN, 2nd Year, Mother, Friend
Requested by Anjel Vahratian and Michael Vlaikov
Yeretzgin Aurora Jebejian
Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Megrdichian and Family
Lucy Ardash and Family




St John Armenian Church
Sunday, November 8
At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy,
we will offer a special prayer and blessing
for all Veterans, Active-Duty Military Personnel,
First Responders, and all those who serve
in our armed forces, both at home and abroad,
as well as those who dedicate their lives
to protecting our communities.

COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

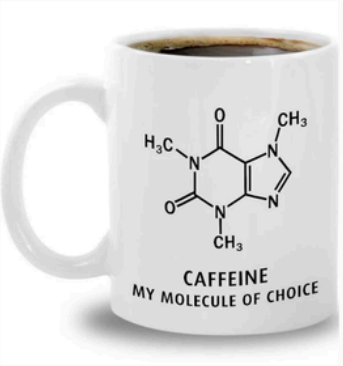
Join Us on Zoom!

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

Thursday, November 12, 2026, 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!

STEWARDSHIP

TOWN HALL MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

LEARN HOW THE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM WORKS & HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

OR VIA ZOOM THURSDAY

7PM NOVEMBER 12

ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL

Tuesday Lunch Club

A St. John Armenian Church Serving Ministry

In The Armenian American Veteran's Building

Serving at 12 noon

Today's Lunch Prepared by

Proprietor and Chef Hasmik Movsesyan

Lavash Grill

Tuesday, November 17th, 2026

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

or

BBQ Chicken Tenderloin, Barbeque Sauce

Lunches Served with

Salad, Fresh Broccoli, Fettuccine and Pita Bread

Dessert: Lemon Cake

$15 Lunch Includes: Salad, Bread, Entrée, Accompaniments, Dessert, Coffee and Water

Carry outs exclude coffee and water

RESERVATIONS ONLY - No walk-ins

Text (or email / phone) your name & lunch choice

to Dan Cristiano by Friday 11am 313-938-4215 / djcrist100@gmail.com

We extend a special thank-you to the Edward Mardigian family for partially subsidizing this program!

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL
ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION



COLLECTION DATES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 THROUGH MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2026

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.

St. John's Church School presents

FALL HARVEST Feast

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • THANKSGIVING

Join us for a delicious fall feast!

Enjoy a menu of seasonal favorites while supporting the St. John's Church School!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026
following church services

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH HALL
22001 Northwestern Hwy.
Southfield, MI

DONATION
Adults $10
Children (ages 5–12) $5
Under 5 Free

Menu Includes:

- Bratwurst & hot dogs
- Roasted corn on the cob
- Fresh apples
- Apple cider
- Cider donuts
- Hot pretzels

Apple and pumpkin pies for sale - prepared by the ACYOA Juniors.



ACYOA JUNIORS

Pie Sale

Pre-order pies for the holidays!

Pick up Sunday, NOVEMBER 22.



Prepared by our ACYOA JUNIORS



THE ANNUAL PARISH *Assembly*

FEBRUARY 28, 2027



The Nominating Committee is seeking dedicated and enthusiastic stewards to run for election for Parish Council, Auditing Committee, Nominating Committee and Diocesan Delegate at the 2027 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,

Contact:

PAUL ANDONIAN, MARILYN DADIAN, SAKO GHAZARIAN, KIM NAJARIAN OR LAURIE REIZIAN

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM

DECEMBER 19







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



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
KOMITAS CHOIR

JOIN US FOR Centennial Celebration
Friday October 8th, 2027

A LEGACY OF FAITH. | A HUNDRED YEARS OF SONG.

Join us in singing!

Our faith. Our community. Our heritage. Our future.

More details will be announced soon

For more information contact Dn. Rubik Mailian (248) 286- 1057 or rubik@sjachurch.org.

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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!

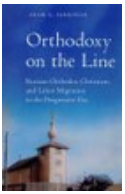
Featured Items



Armenia: TheLone 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



Children's Book
Rose by the Sea
By Rebecca Mooradian,
HC $20.00



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



NewJewelry from Armenia

Pregomesh Jewelry

Vanq Collection Silver Jewelry Celebrates Artsakh's Rich Heritage

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General Parish Information

Church OfficeHours: Monday-Friday, 9am - 4pm

Parish Secretary: GayaneHovhannisyan| (248) 569-3405 |office@sjachurch.org The Church Library and Museum are closed on Mondays

In an after-hours emergency please contact:

Fr. Aren - cell (773) 457-4122 | fraren@sjachurch.org

For after hours building and maintenance issues please call:

Gerry Kmita, Property Maintenance Manager (313) 580-5083

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 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. 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/

"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/

November 8 - Morning Service 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 9:45am
November 10 - TLC, Armenian American Veterans Hall, 12:00pm
November 10 - Western Armenian Classes, 4:30 - 7:30pm, Conference Room
November 12 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp, 1:00pm Via Zoom
November 12 - Stewardship Town Hall Meeting - 7:00pm Via Zoom
November 17 - TLC, Armenian American Veterans Hall, 12:00pm
November 22 - Church School, Fall Harvest Feast, Following Divine Liturgy
November 22 - ACYOA Juniors - Pie Sale, Folowing Divine LiturgyNovember 28 - November Dance
December 19 - Little Saints, Ararat Room, 10:00am
February 28, 2027 - The Annual Parish Assembly

St. John Women's Guild Annual Holyday Sale

The St. John Women's Guild announces its Annual Holiday Sale featuring our world-famous Soo Boreg and Katah!
Orders are being accepted beginning today through Tuesday, November 10.
Paid-in-advance orders only. Sales are brisk, and supplies are limited!
Whole and half trays are available. Please note that half trays are limited.

- Whole Tray: $80
- Half Tray: $45

To place your order, please contact Joy Callan at 248-533-6320.

Church Corner

Adapted from the Vemkar Topical Series, Armenian Church Etiquette, by the Order of The Very Reverend Father Mesrop Parsamyan Primate.

A Sense of Holiness and Reverence

As Orthodox Christians, we believe that the church building is not an ordinary building and what takes place inside it is not routine activity. For it is in the church sanctuary (nave) that heaven and earth unite, and where we physically meet Jesus Christ, the Creator of the universe, through the reading and hearing of His Word and through receiving His precious and life-giving Body and Blood. For this reason, when we enter the narthex (vestibule or lobby), we leave the secular world behind us and, thus, we behave differently. This sacred space of worship is a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven. We are encouraged to leave behind our cares, worries and fears, for we are entering not just the house of God, but into His very presence.

The church building is not just four walls and a roof, but the place where the living Body of Christ gathers. When the faithful come together, Christ is in their midst (Matthew 18:20).