

St. 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

October 18, 2026
Armenian Church Year 1475

Sixth 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 20:2-21:6, Galatians 4:3-18, Mark 4:14-23

Fr. Aren will deliver the Children's Sermon

Lector: Jim Omartian

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.

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Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

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)

Resurrection Mode 5

Let all the earth bless Christ the King with a song of praise.

Let all the earth dedicate a hymn of praise, with thanksgiving to the Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-23

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and a report concerning him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth; and they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, Physician, heal yourself; what we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here also in your own country."

Stand Up Sunday: Standing Together for Love and Respect

St. John Armenian Church joins the Eastern Diocese and faith communities across the country in observing "Stand Up Sunday," reaffirming our commitment to religious freedom, mutual respect, and the God-given dignity of every human being.

As Armenian Christians, we remember the painful history of persecution and the suffering of our people, including the displacement of the Armenian Christian community of Artsakh. These experiences strengthen our responsibility to stand against hatred, discrimination, and intolerance, and to treat every person with compassion and dignity.

Guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, may we stand together in love, peace, and understanding, recognizing the sacred worth of every member of the human family.

"Love one another, as I have loved you." - John 15:12

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Badrik Jooharigian	Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian	Michael Vartoogian
Andre' J. Gregory	Dirahayr Mihran Parsamyan	Samvel Arakelyan
Vladimir Avetisov	Yeretzgin Tirouhi Boyajian	Yelena Zakaryan
Charles Sansone	Mikhaeel Rasho Bakoyan	Nancy Altounian
Debbie Dakhlian	Lara Roche Sarmanian	Marus Grigoryan
Hrayr Mashigian	Mary Helen Altounian	Nailya Sahakian
William Terian	Charlene Goshgarian	Chris Papazian
Hovhannes	Shoghig Terjimanian	Rose Lucassian
Hovhannisyen	Jennifer Toomajian	Marge Aramian
Edith Baise	David Gasparian	Zaven Oviaen
Rose Baise	Nadejda Basova	Jan Paloian



Gifts to Church

Bryan and Lisa Boyadjian made a gift to St. John Armenian Church on the happy occasion of the marriage of **Nick and Alique Boyadjian**.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to the newlyweds.

Bryan and Lisa Boyadjian made a gift to St. John Armenian Church on the happy occasion of the engagement of **Victoria Boyadjian and Salvatore Signorelli**.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to the happy couple.



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Requiem Prayers for the Souls of those asleep in Christ

KATIA BITCHAKJIAN, 2ND YEAR

Requested by Kevork and Galina Wartesian

ARPINE PANOSIAN

TAVIT PANOSIAN

GIRAGOS PANOSIAN

MARIAM PANOSIAN

PANOSIAN FAMILIES

ELIZABETH KASBARIAN

KERSAM KASBARIAN

KASBARIAN FAMILIES

Requested by Sara Najarian

MAKRUHI SETA CIVELEK

MIHRAN CIVELEK

Requested by the Civelek Family

ACYOA JUNIORS

of St. John Armenian Church

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, October 18

Following Divine Liturgy

Join us for
ice cream, fellowship
& fun!



COFFEE WITH HAYR SOORP

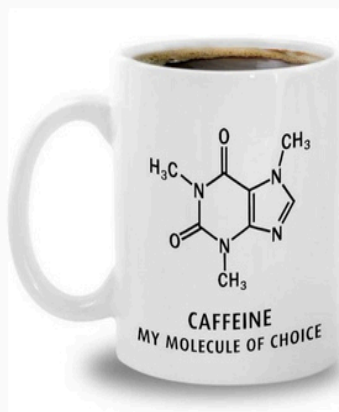
Join Us on Zoom!

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

Monday, October 19, 2026, at 3:00pm
(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



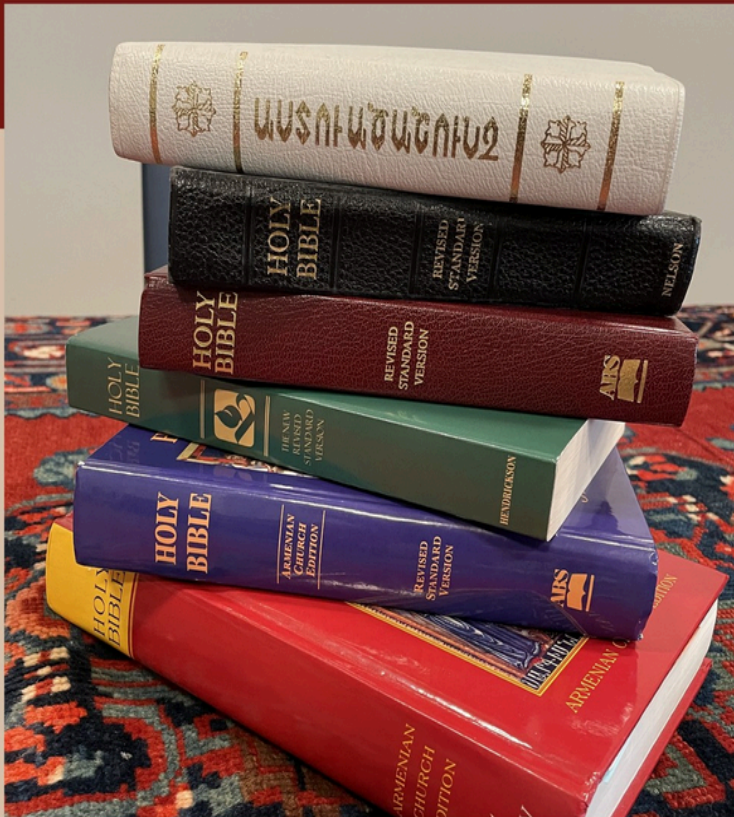
All are welcome - come as you are!



St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



OCTOBER 19, 2026

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

WESTERN ARMENIAN FOR ADULTS

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH IS OFFERING TWO
10-WEEK WESTERN ARMENIAN LANGUAGE COURSES



Do you want
to speak
and write
Armenian?

Ayo!

Tuesdays / Thursdays, September 22 - November 24, 2026

- **Tuesdays - Continued Intermediate - 4:30 - 6:00pm at St John Armenian Church**
 - Learn advanced vocabulary and grammar. Reading, writing, and advanced dialogues, individual and group conversation projects.
- **Tuesdays - New Beginner - 6:00 - 7:30pm at St John Armenian Church**
 - Learn basic vocabulary and grammar basics. Reading, writing, and basic dialogue, and individual and group conversation projects.
- **Thursdays - Continued Advanced Beginner - 6:30 - 8:00pm, via ZOOM.**
 - Learn vocabulary and grammar, focus on basic reading, writing and daily conversations.

Instructor: Hermine Dervartanian, an experienced Armenian language instructor
who has worked as a translator in Lebanon and the United States.

Returning/continuing students always welcome!

Please send your registration form and a check
made out to St. John Armenian Church
to the church office:

22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075

Questions: (248) 569-3405

Registration fee: \$125/Class materials: \$20



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

BEST TIME TO CONTACT YOU: _____

EMAIL: _____

LANGUAGE LEVEL (CHECK ONE): ☐ BEGINNER ☐ INTERMEDIATE



ARMENIAN RESEARCH CENTER

Annual Armenian Independence Day Lecture

GROWING ARMENIA'S FUTURE

Cultivating the Talent That Sustains Technology, Security, and Democracy

The talent of Armenia's people is a major resource the country can multiply, and achieving that takes deliberate work. Armenia's push to build a technology economy, defend itself, and ensure the survival of its young democracy all draw on that same resource, which must be cultivated through schools, universities, teacher training, and governance reforms. With cultivated talent, Armenia can build the technological capacity that increasingly defines modern security and develop the educated citizens its democracy needs to endure. Dr. Papazian's talk will draw on her work with universities, governance structures, ministries, and science and technology councils in Armenia. She will show where that cultivation is taking hold, why the pipeline still leaks, and what work remains to ensure Armenia's future success.



THURSDAY | OCTOBER 22 | 2026 | 7:00 PM

St. John Armenian Apostolic Church | St Vartan room
22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075



Dr. Mary A. Papazian is a distinguished Armenian-American higher education leader and a leading advocate for Armenian scholarship and science. She serves as Chair of the Executive Board of the Armenian Society of Fellows, Chair of the Advisory Board of the Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology, a member of the Prime Minister of Armenia's Council on Science and Technology, a trustee of Haigazian University in Beirut, Lebanon, and a board member of the National Association of Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR).

A former two-time university president who led San José State University and Southern Connecticut State University, she now serves as Senior Fellow and Senior Consultant at the Association of Governing Boards for Universities and Colleges, Senior Education Advisor at CodeSignal, and a Global Fellow at the University Design Institute at Arizona State University.

Her service to the Armenian community has been honored by His Holiness Catholicos Karekin II, the Armenian Ministry of the Diaspora, the Knights and Daughters of Vartan, and the Khachatur Abovian Armenian State Pedagogical University.

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Light refreshments will be served

ADMISSION IS FREE

The University of Michigan-Dearborn does not
necessarily endorse the speaker's views

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

Parishioner Reflection during Badarak

"What does being a Steward mean to you?"

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

Town Hall Meeting after Badarak
in the Saint Vartan Room

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

Town Hall Meeting 7PM
via ZOOM

**HOW THE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM
WORKS & HAVE YOUR
QUESTIONS ANSWERED**





ST JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH



Journey with our parishioners
who travelled to

Western Armenia *in early September*

*See our beloved Homeland through
the eyes of our St. John Pilgrims*

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St. Vartan Room

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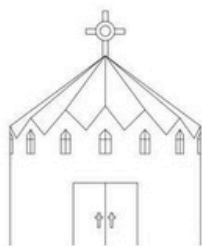
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ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

LITTLE SAINTS

JOIN US SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM

**NOVEMBER 7
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



SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7

MICHIGAN-MSU TAILGATE
SJAC CULTURAL HALL
TIME TBA

Join Hye Doon to watch the game on the big screen!

**All young adults late twenties through forties
are invited, your little ones are welcome too!**



The St. John Armenian
Church Annual

Coat Drive

Now Thru October
31st

DROP OFF-LOCATION:
both vestibule entrances to
our church

DONATE

Your unwanted, new
or slightly used coats
to help the Capuchin
Soup Kitchen Needy
and Help Others Stay
Warm this Winter

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



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.

1927 - 2027

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!

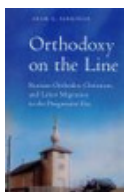
Featured Items



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
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HC \$50.00



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General Parish Information

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am - 4pm

Parish Secretary: Gayane Hovhannissyan | (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 Paris h 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/



October 18 - Morning Service 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 9:45am
October 18 - Ice Cream Social - ACYOA Juniors, Following Divine Liturgy
October 19 - Coffee with Hayr Soorp, 3:00pm Via Zoom
October 19 - Bible Study, Conference Room, 7:00pm
October 20 - Tuesday Lunch Club, 12:00pm, Armenian American Veterans Hall
October 20 - Western Armenian Classes, 4:30pm - 7:30pm, Conference Room
October 22 - Growing Armenian Future - Lecture, Armenian Research Center, 7:00pm, St. Vartan Room
October 27 - Tuesday Lunch Club, 12:00pm, Armenian American Veterans Hall
October 29 - Adult Catechism, 7:00pm, St. Vartan Room
November 5 - The Venue at SJAC Open House, 5:00pm - 8:00pm
November 6 - Cabaret Musical Event - Music Guild, 7:00pm, St John Cultural Hall
November 7 - Little Saints, 10:00am, Ararat Room
November 7 - Michigan - MSU Tailgate - Hye Doon, St John Cultural Hall
February 28, 2027 - The Annual Parish Assambly

The Season of Holy Cross: A Sign of Faith, Hope, and New Life

The Holy Cross holds a central place in our Christian faith, reminding us of the boundless love of Jesus Christ, His sacrifice for our salvation, and His glorious Resurrection. Through Christ, the Cross was transformed from a symbol of suffering into a sign of victory, hope, and eternal life.

In the Armenian Christian tradition, the Cross is often adorned with beautiful vines, leaves, and flowers, symbolizing the new life that comes through Christ. This unique expression reminds us that the Cross is not the end of the story, but a promise of renewal, redemption, and the hope of Resurrection.

The Cross is more than an ornament we wear or a symbol displayed in our churches. It is a daily reminder of how we are called to live as followers of Christ—with compassion, humility, forgiveness, and love.

As we honor the Holy Cross, may we carry its message in our hearts, strengthen our faith, and share Christ's light with those around us.

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." — Matthew 16:24

Yalanchi Sarma Making – Tuesday Morning

Everyone is welcome to join us for one more Tuesday morning of Yalanchi Sarma making, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, filled with good fellowship! The Sarma will be prepared for our ACYOA November Dance. For more information, please contact Joy Callan at 248-533- 6320.