

St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit

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(248) 569-3405 (phone)

www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org

The Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor

Clergy residing within the St. John parish and community:

The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian

The Reverend Father Abraham Ohanesian

Deacon Rubik Mailian, *Director of Sacred Music and Pastoral Assistant*

Arshaluys Gharibian, *Organist*



Sunday Bulletin

Welcome!

We welcome you to the Divine Liturgy/Soorp Badarak and invite all who are Baptized and Chrismated in, or are in communion with, the Armenian Church 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 desk. Make certain you fill out a contact card before you leave so we can be in touch. Enter to worship the Lord Jesus who loves you and depart with His love to serve others.

May 05, 2024

The Armenian Church Year 1474

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Abraham Ohanesian

Pastor: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

THE LORD'S DAY - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.

SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY

Acts 20:17-38. | John 3:2-6. John 9:39-10:10.

Lector: Yerezgin Shakeh Ohanesian

Fr. Aren will deliver the Children's Sermon

Today's Gospel

John 9:39-10:10

Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Hymn of the Day

During the Synaxis (on the bottom of page 12 of the Divine Liturgy book), the choir will sing the Midday Psalm and the Midday Chant proper to the Day

Midday Hymn for New Sunday - Octave of Easter

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem.

Christ is risen from the dead, Alleluia!

Come, you peoples, sing to the Lord, Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
Now and for ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

To Him who is risen from the dead, Alleluia!

To Him who has enlightened the world, Alleluia!

Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Veranica Mkrtumyan
Rose Sarafian Strauss
Badrik Jooharigian
Lusine Hovsepyan
Joann Mashigian
Hrayr Mashigian
Charles Sansone
Gary Mashigian
Craig Tarpinian

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian
Haroutiun Bagdasarian
Dinora Boulgarian Pitz
Mary Helen Altounian
Wayne Owen Engelki
Shoghig Terjimanian
Rozann Vartoogian
Ardash Apigian

Vladimir Avetisov
Nancy Altounian
Marge Aramian
Ronald Seaman
Rose Lucassian
Susie Janigian
Zaven Ovian
Jan Paloian
Rose Baise

Position Opening – Event Manager

St. John Armenian Church has an available job opportunity for a full-time event manager. The event manager will be responsible for the management of functions including closing events to ensuring an exceptional customer experience with the utmost highest level of service and standards. The position reports to the event director, Anush and works closely with clients, the kitchen manager, building maintenance team and administration. Flexible availability necessary.

Please submit resume to Anush Topakbashian at anush@sjachurch.org

Easter Greeting

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!
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KRISDOS HARYAV EE MERELTOZ ORHNIAL EH HAROUTIUNUN KRISTOSI

Plate Collection

Parish Council will be taking a plate collection for the church immediately after Holy Communion. Your donations remain an essential part of supporting our church's mission and activities. Online donations can also be made using the QR code.





BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN



REQUIEM PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO ARE ASLEEP IN CHRIST

JAMES STEVEN GUTY, 40th Day, Son

Requested by Michael and Mandy Guty

VALRICH AND ANGELA ANDONAN, Parents, Grandparents

Requested by Paul and Kristine Andonian

Sara Andonian

Matthew Andonian

Carolyn Andonian

Kate Andonian

Mark Andonian and Katie Friedman

SERANOUSH MAHAKIAN, Mother, Grandmother

ROSE SABOONJIAN, Mother, Grandmother

DIANA DERVAHANIAN, Mother, Aunt

MARGARET ARSLANIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Sister

Requested by Paul, Dawn, Sam, John Paul, Joey Arslanian

Christine and Nick Chatas

Alexandra and Justin Jevicks

Alice and Jenni Mehlenbacher

Anita Saboonjian

George Saboonjian

Yepram DerVahanian

Vahan Vahanian

JOSE BEN MANGUNE, 4th Year, Husband, Father

Requested by Karen and Brad Mangune

ARDEMIS KALOUSDIAN, 15th Year, Mother and Grandmother

DIRAN KALOUSDIAN, 32nd Year, Father and Grandfather

ZABEL KOUZIAN, 39th Year, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother

HARRY G. KOUZIAN, 52nd Year, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather

Requested by Sona Kalousdian and Ira D. Lawrence

Raffi Kalousdian, Kathleen M. Hennessey and Ani Kalousdian

DIKRAN KOLOIAN, 84th Year, Grandfather

TAKOUHI KOLOIAN, 51st Year, Grandmother

Requested by Alice and Peter Argnian



St. John Armenian Church

BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN!



MAY 6, 2024

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



The Men's Society

Armenian Deli

Sunday, May 5th 2024 after Church

Chee Kuftha Sandwichs and

Luleh Kabob Sandwichs

Enhance your sandwich with:

scallions, red onions, tomatoes and flat parsley, etc.

Served with bottled water

10.00 per Sandwich

Eat them here or take them with you

Please - pre order needed for Chee Kuftha

Call or text *Pre-order, please call or text Paul Yousoufian 313-310-3508*

Please order by Sunday, 5-1-2024

St. John Armenian Church / 22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield Mi, 48075 / 248-569-3405



Hey Doon!

PAINT PARTY



**Create Your Own Painting of Mount Ararat
Taught by Artist Zabel Belian**

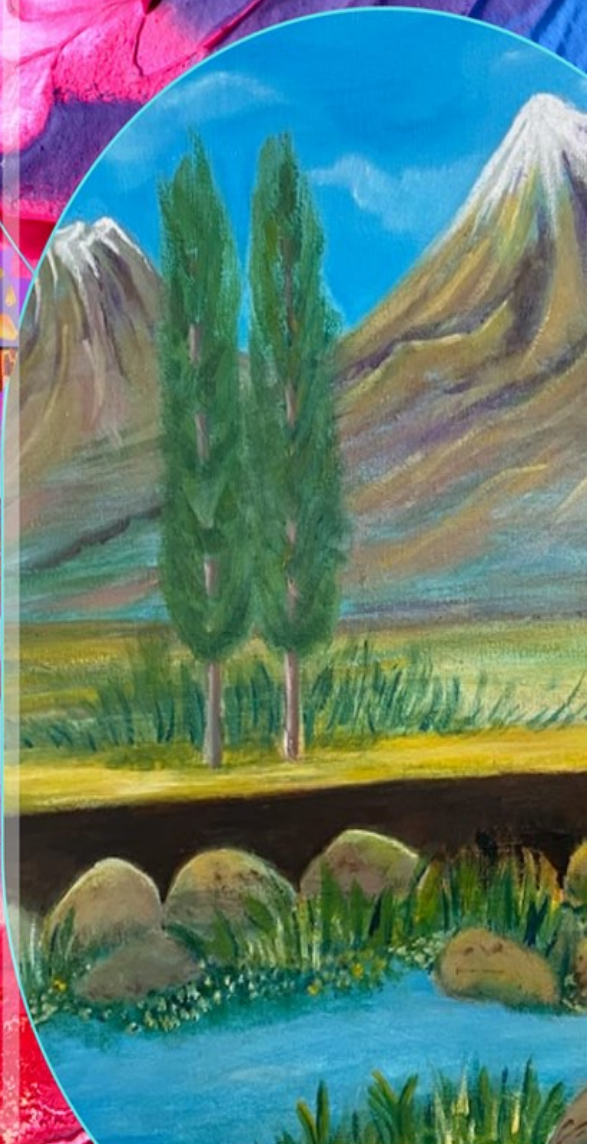
Thursday May 9
Veterans Hall
Card Room

7:00PM
\$15 Art
Supplies+Dinner

Young adults 26
through forties

RSVP Appreciated
detroitheydoon@
gmail.com

Or Scan The QR Code



Happy Mother's Day

Sunday May 12th, 2024

Make her happy with a box of

Homemade Chocolates from St. John's

*Jumbo Chocolate dipped Strawberries
Chocolate Truffles dusted in Cocoa
White Chocolate Coconut Truffles
Chocolate dipped Figs*
\$20.00



Armenian Sparkling Wine goes great with Chocolate Dip Strawberries

Keush "Orgin" Armenian Sparkling Wine

Special price for Mother's Day

\$28.00 a btl

Pre-order by May 7th 2024

please call or text

Dan Cristiano 313-938-4215

Please order by Sunday, 5-5-2024



Prepared by Chocolatier Chef George Saboonjian

Sponsored by St. John's Men's Society

Lamb Chop Dinner \$20.00

St John Community Dinner, Friday, May 17th

Doors open 6pm, Dinner Served at 6:30 pm in the Veterans Building

Please make your reservation by Tuesday, May 14th

Tossed Greens w/ Tomatoes & Cucumbers, House Vinaigrette

Dinner Rolls and Butter, Served Family Style

Grilled Lamb Chops, w/ Rice Pilaf & Vegetables



Salmon (non-beef) Meal Option Available

Dessert: Chef Choice Served Family Style

Coffee, & Lemonade Station

Hot Dogs for the kids, available preorder request \$8.00

Only 100 reservations available

Armenian Wine Available for Purchase 5.00 a glass 21.00 @btl



For Dinner Reservations Please Call, Text or Email

Dan Cristiano 313.938.4215 or djcrist100@gmail.com

Next Dinner Friday, June 21st Filet Mignon

Community Dinners are made possible by the generous financial support from

Diane & Ara Elkizian, Sandy & Greg Jamian, Cathy & Howard Atesian

Annette & Greg Mamassian, Mariann & Dr. Gary Zamanigian

To become a sponsor for one of these dinners contact: Greg Mamassian 248-720-8924

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

Celebrating church school graduation



SUN

19

MAY

FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICE

Kherovadz Picnic

JOIN US FOR FUN AND GOOD FOOD!!!



Bees Honey & Bee-Keeping



The St John's Mens Society

*Invites you to a dinner lecture with
Bee-keeper and Master Gardener David Putt.*

Bees are fascinating insects and beekeeping can be a very rewarding enterprise. In this presentation, Dave will explore the world of the honeybee, what you need to know to become a beekeeper and the secrets of honey.

Thursday May 23rd

Lecture is COMPLIMENTARY & Open to the Public

**SJ MENS SOCIETY MEETING TO FOLLOW
PLEASE JOIN US!**

Dinner \$15 Starts at 6:00 pm

MEAL PREP BY SJ MENS SOCIETY

Lecture begins at 6:30 pm

IN THE SAINT VARTAN ROOM

**For Dinner Reservations Please Call or Email
Danny Cristlano 313.398.4215 or djcris100@gmail.com**





VISIT COST PER PERSON: \$3,425

BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

SPACE IS LIMITED

ETCHMIADZIN

Round Trip airfare JFK (Air France)

YEREVAN

Full transportation and transfers in Armenia as specified in itinerary

GENOCIDE MEMORIAL

KHOR VIRAB

Breakfast and lunch/dinner according to the itinerary

NORAVANK

Hotel accommodations (double occupancy)

LAKE SEVAN

DILIJAN

Entrance fee to all sightseeing destinations

GARNI

Tour guide (English)

GEGHARD

FOR INFORMATION
simatours@gmail.com

HAGHPAT

610.359.7521

REGISTRATION

DEADLINE

June 10

A HISTORIC PILGRIMAGE TO

ARMENIA

SEPTEMBER 19 – OCTOBER 2, 2024

**BLESSING OF THE HOLY MURON
RECONSECRATION OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN**

Father's Day Booklet

Tell us a story about your Dad...

Granddad...

Great Granddad...



Father's Day June 16th, 2024

- ✦ We would like to hear about those big and small things - that dads do to make your life a little better. Or
- ✦ Wish your father a Happy Father's Day. Or
- ✦ Offer a prayer in Memory of your father that has passed.

Deadline June 8th

Email your story/Pictures to: Robert Magee: pmagee7277@gmail.com

Donation ad: 1/2 page (5 in. high x 7.5 in. wide) \$30.00 / full page (10 in. high x 7.5 in. wide) \$50.00

Church School students: 1/4 page 20.00 per student

We reserve the right to adjust your article to fit the booklet outline.

Please send checks to: St John Armenian Church Attention: Men's Society

St. John Armenian Church/ 22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield Mi, 48075 / 248-569-3405 3/2/24

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH DAY CAMP 2024

Monday – Thursday
Check-in: 9:00 am - 9:30 am
Dismissal: 4:00pm

Session I:

Monday, June 24 – Thursday, June 27

Arts of Armenia

Separate application in conjunction with
Komitas Choir
Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 12

Session II:

Monday, July 15 – Thursday, July 18

HYE CAMP JULY 22nd – AUGUST 3rd
www.diocesansummercamps.org

Session III:

Monday, August 5 – Thursday, August 8

Session IV:

Monday, August 12 – Thursday, August 15

Session V:

Monday, August 19 – Thursday, August 22

Session VI:

Monday, August 26-Thursday, August 29

Additional Information:

\$30 a day | Discount for second child | Ages 5-12 yrs.
Enrollment includes art supplies, refreshments, t-shirt,
field trips, and transportation for field trips.

Parents, please provide sack lunch!

Lisa Mardigian

lmardigian@sjachurch.org (586) 808 2202



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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Հայաստանէն



ARTS OF ARMENIA



*A premier summer fine arts program
for children ages 8-12*

This Year's Theme: Works of Our Hands: Armenian Creators

July 8-12, 2024

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Authentic Armenian Dance, Music, Drawing/Painting,
Baking and more
taught by professional teachers

Registration Deadline: Sunday, June 23, 2024

Limited Enrollment



For more information please contact:

Lisa Mardigian

lmardigian@sjachurch.org

Registration Link <https://forms.gle/HbGVxb7gDrtLCxsvKA> and QR Code



Sponsored by the
Komitas Choir

St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075
248-569-3405





EASTERN DIOCESE
OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH
OF AMERICA

Summer 2024

HYE CAMP

Where faith, fun and fellowship meet

Where friends
you meet
will last a
lifetime

Where
memories
are made

JULY 27 - AUGUST 3
Ingleside, IL



CAMP HICKORY

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT

JENNIFER MORRIS AT 248.648.0702

JENNIFERM@ARMENIANDIOCESE.ORG

STAFF TRAINING: JULY 24 - JULY 27

CAMP SESSION: JULY 27 - AUGUST 3

CAMPERS: \$800 FOR THE SESSION

CITS: \$450 FOR THE SESSION

EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT: \$50/CAMPER
FAMILY DISCOUNT: \$25/PER EXTRA CAMPER



Register Online

diocesansummercamps.org



YOUNG ADULTS AGES 26 THROUGH FORTIES ARE INVITED!

MONTHLY HYE DOON SOCIAL



Whether you're new to Detroit or it's been home forever,
connect with friends at our casual evening get-togethers

Scan the QR Code or email DetroitHyeDoon@gmail.com to join our mailing list!

Dinner, Music, Mingling, Games [usually the first Thursday of the month at 7PM]

Past themes: trivia night, tavloo/cards evening, Armenian dance workshop, 90s throwback party,
Manoogian Museum and St. John Sanctuary Tour, Pumpkin Carving Contest, Ugly Xmas Sweater
Party, Short Film Screening, Karaoke Night, Cheereg Making Workshop,
and many more!



**HOST YOUR SPECIAL MOMENT AT
ONE OF OUR THREE VENUES**

- weddings
- baptisms
- showers
- birthday parties
- graduations
- reunions
- memorial luncheons
- award banquets



**LET US HELP PLAN AN EVENT AS
SPECIAL AND UNIQUE AS YOU**

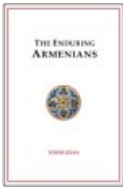
**CONTACT EVENT DIRECTOR
ANUSH TOPAKBASHIAN**

248.286.1055

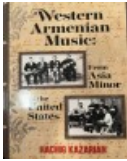
anush@sjachurch.org
www.sjacevents.org

Visit the Parish Bookstore

The Parish Bookstore is open during Church Office hours and on Sundays after Divine Liturgy



NEW: The Enduring Armenians: A Series of Essays on the Armenian Civilization was published by the Levon Topouzian Book Publication Trust. Multiple scholars and the translators provide an overview of 5000 years of Armenian history, its language, literature, music, and culture, its wars, the Armenian Church, the Genocide, and the Soviet era- in a book of over 700 pages. Alice Nigoghosian, Project Director and Publishing Consultant. SC - \$30.00



NEW, Western Armenian Music: From Asia Minor to the United States By Hachig Kazarian HC \$40.00, SC - \$30.00



NEW, "Zabelle Panosian" (I am the servant of your voice) By Harout Arakelian, Harry Kezelian III, Ian Nagoski Story of the life of Zabelle Panosian, the most popular female classical Armenian singer during the Genocide era who toured the U.S. raising funds for the victims. - \$15.00 (CD included)



NEW, Armenia-The Lone Stone by David Karamian Hardcover coffee table book documenting history of cultural landmarks HC - \$60.00



Lavash—Armenian Recipe Book
By Kate Leahy, John Lee,
Ara Zada HC - \$25.00



Women's Guild's cookbook:
Armenian Cuisine - Preserving Our
Heritage, HC - \$25.00



An Armenian Trilogy
By Dan Yessian
CD/DVD - \$25.00



New: Western Armenian
Children's book
A little rabbit learns how to stand
out in a big family
Khigar Nabasdaguh HC - \$17.00
By Michael Pifer

***New items from Armenia just arrived.
Stop by and browse!***

A large variety of Michael Aram pieces are now available

Candles
\$75



White Orchid Cocktail
Napkin Holder
\$75



Noah's Ark Nut Dish
\$130



New Armenian Cross
Ornament, Size 5"x3.5"
\$50



The best selection of Armenian books and CDs plus many gift items: jewelry, Armenian crosses, key chains, cookbooks and many "Made in Armenia" products. Table runners, tablecloths, soccer balls, shawls and scarves from Armenia and much more!

General Information

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

After hours in an emergency, please contact:

Fr. Aren's Mobile: (773) 457-4122 e-mail: FrAren@sjachurch.org

Parish Administrator's Mobile: (586) 817-2974

Visits to the Hospitalized and Homebound Please phone the Church Office when you or someone you love is admitted to the hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor. If you have an upcoming surgery, please consider requesting your name to be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized" list. Those who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home should phone the Church Office.

Home Blessing If you would like the Pastor to visit your home and offer a home blessing, please contact the Church Office.

Baptism Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born. For more information, phone the Church Secretary. We encourage parents to baptize their children between 40 days and 3 months.

Marriage Please make sure to confirm your wedding date with the Pastor before booking your reception hall. Phone the Church Secretary at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date.

Parish Membership If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. John parish, please speak to a Parish Council member on Sunday, or phone the Church Office.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin are due in the Church Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday preceding the date of service.

Requiem Requests may be submitted to the Church Office by mail, phone or email to office@sjachurch.org no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby. Requiem may be offered every Sunday of the year 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, particularly when partaking in Holy Communion. If you don't possess a veil but desire one, kindly approach a Parish Council member who can assist you in obtaining one.

The Kiss of Peace

The GIVER says: Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

Christ is revealed amongst us.

The RECEIVER says: Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

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