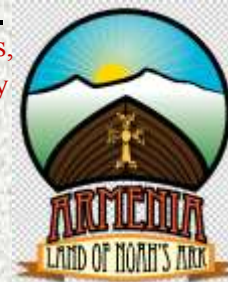


The Men, Women And Our Youth That Make It All Happen

The Women's Guild, Church Choir, Church School, ACYOA Seniors, ACYOA Juniors, Usher Corps, Men's Society, Senior Men's are organizations of Saint John Armenian Church and every year these faithful parishioners work hard to make Festival weekend a time for celebration, joy, and revitalization of our faith and culture. We thank you for your dedication. This year our members will devote themselves not only as fellow parishioners but as part of Armenian Organizations of which they are members. The following information will give you a little insight about these groups:



Tekeyan Cultural Association



The Association was founded in 1947 in [Beirut, Lebanon](#) and is named after the famous Armenian poet [Vahan Tekeyan](#). The TCA operates in 17 countries with chapters, cultural and social Centers, schools, weekly and periodical newspapers, radio and TV programs.

In 1991, during the first days of the Independence of Armenia, the TCA established itself in the Motherland, and in a short time intellectuals and dedicated Armenians joined the new organization.

The Tekeyan Cultural Association Inc. of USA and Canada was formed in 1969 and is located in [Watertown, Massachusetts, USA](#).

[Look for their sign close to the kitchen; this group has volunteered to grill the Kabobs.](#)

Knights Of Vartan



The Knights of Vartan (Vartanantz Asbedner) is an Armenian fraternal service organization established by twelve visionary men to encourage its members to assume leadership roles in cultural, educational, religious, and charitable organizations and activities on the local, national and international level for the betterment of the Armenian nation worldwide.

On May 27, 1916, a small group of Armenian community leaders in the United States knelt at an altar in a room at Bingham House in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and took the solemn oath of the Knights of Vartan, thus officially establishing the Brotherhood. The founding fathers included a bishop of the Armenian Apostolic Church (later Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia), five ministers of the Armenian Protestant Church, three professors, and three lay leaders of the Armenian community in America. Today there are 24 chapters of the Knights of Vartan throughout the United States and Canada.

The Knights of Vartan, Inc. was founded during the Armenian genocide and massacre of the religious and intellectual leaders of the Armenian people. After appeals to prominent political personalities in the United States, Germany and Russia, the realization dawned on the Founders that Armenians in America, and worldwide, not only lacked political and financial influence with the Great Powers (including the U.S.) to obtain political independence one day in historic Armenia, but in fact, were facing cultural and physical annihilation there. The primary aims of the organization were: to champion the Armenian cause, to alleviate the suffering of the Armenian people, to ensure the safety of displaced Armenians by interceding with the leaders of the Christian world, and to train leaders to serve the religious, cultural, educational, and charitable needs of the Armenian people.

[Look for their sign at the Country Store; this group has volunteered to help with preparation of special deli plates and other specialty foods](#)

Daughters Of Vartan



The Daughters of Vartan is an Armenian Sisterhood associated with the Knights of Vartan. It was organized in 1933, seventeen years after the founding of the Knights of Vartan. The first chapter was established on December 18, 1933 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Grand Council was established on May 25, 1941. At present, there are 21 Chapters of the Daughters of Vartan throughout the United States and Canada.

The Daughters of Vartan is an organization of women whose principles are based on Christian morality and good conduct. Its members are committed to contribute toward the intellectual development of Armenian women, cultivate nobility of character, perpetuate their cultural heritage, preserve the Armenian language, safeguard the sanctity of the Armenian home and nurture and promote ethnic values.

[Look for their sign at Grandma's Attic](#)

Evereg-Fenesse



The Evereg-Fenesse Educational Society is observing its 131st Anniversary in 2010. The Evereg-Fenesse Educational Society actively remains to this day with many chapters in Detroit, New York, Los Angeles, and Beirut, Lebanon, continuing to raise funds and supporting Armenian education as well as secondary college for Armenian-American descendents of Evereg-Fenesse families.

This group has volunteered to sponsor the Saturday morning Children's "Hye Tea".

Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul (CSAI)



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Serving for the Armenian Culture

The Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul (CSAI) was founded in February 1964 by a few Armenian newcomers from Istanbul. The main objective was to maintain the Armenian culture and language by providing lectures, concerts, choral and theatrical presentations, and literary publications in the Metropolitan Detroit community.

CSAI supports the Armenian Studies Programs of three major universities in the state of Michigan. Annual contributions are made to the A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School in Southfield. Scholarships are given to qualified students.

CSAI has been providing financial help for construction projects, renovations and repairs of schools and orphanages, scholarships, etc. in Armenia.

The Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul is a **NON-POLITICAL, NON-PARTISAN**, and **NON-SECTARIAN** organization.

This group has volunteered to sponsor The Texas Hold'em Night

Note: This page will be updated monthly as new information and details are received: please check back periodically. *If you have any questions, or if you would like to get involved in helping with these programs, please contact Paul Yousoufian pramy1@gmail.com*