

**St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit**

22001 Northwestern Highway | Southfield, MI 48075

(248) 569-3405 (phone)

[www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org](http://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.

**January 21, 2024**

**The Armenian Church Year 1474**

## **PAREKENDAN OF THE FAST OF CATECHUMENS**

**Celebrant: 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**

**Isaiah 61:10-62:9, 2 Timothy 2:15-26, John 6:15-21**

**Lector: Hermine Dervartanian**

## **Today's Gospel**

### **John 6:15-21**

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea rose because a strong wind was blowing. When they have rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat. They were frightened, but he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

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## **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

## **Resurrection Mode 8**

By Your boundless all-conquering power  
You are king of heaven and earth, Christ God  
We bless you.

Sharer in the glory of the Father!  
Blessed with Him by the immortal ones  
You came down and put on flesh  
King of glory, we bless You.

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

You mightily trampled down death  
And having risen, You have filled the Holy Church with light;  
Immortal Essence, we bless You.

## **Altar Flowers**

The beautiful flowers adorning the altar are presented by the Keoleian and Dolik Family in loving memory of **Virginia Keoleian.**



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## **Gift to Church**

In honor of Dn. Rubik Mailian's twenty-five years as Director of our Komitas Choir, outstanding service to our Church as well as Community, and spiritually uplifting renditions of our hymns, Dn. Richard Norsigian and Family present a gift to St. John Armenian Church.

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## **Great Lent Begins February 12**

We wish to remind our parishioners that Great Lent begins on Monday February 12 this year. The last Sunday to receive Holy Communion will be February 4 since the curtain will be closed for Poon Parigentan on Sunday February 11. Should any parishioner wish to receive Holy Communion during the period of Great Lent, please make arrangements with the pastor.

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## **Plate Collection**



We would like to remind everyone that while we will not be passing a collection plate during Divine Liturgy, your donations remain an essential part of supporting our church's mission and activities. Therefore, we kindly ask you to consider making a contribution to our church through the collection plates located at the candle table in the lobby. Online donations can also be made using the QR Code.

## Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized

Armen Mary Negosian  
Dinora Boulgarian Pitz  
Anahit Tovmasyan  
Badrik Jooharigian  
Lusine Hovsepyan  
Joann Mashigian  
Hrayr Mashigian  
Charles Sansone  
Ardash Apigian

Diramayr Marmine Bagdasarian  
Mary Helen Altounian  
Betty Apigian Kessel  
Shoghig Terjimanian  
Rozann Vartoogian  
Jerry Montgomery  
Richard Khederian  
Judy Yousoufian  
Susie Janigian

Vladimir Avetisov  
Nancy Altounian  
Marge Aramian  
Ronald Seaman  
Rose Lucassian  
Stella Green  
Jan Paloian  
Rose Baise

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### Save the Date

Annual Parish Assembly Meeting in the Cultural Hall  
Sunday, February 25, 2024 - Following Divine Liturgy

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### Year - End Statement

Church stewards who require a tax statement itemizing 2023 donations please  
contact the Church Office at (248) 569-3405 or [office@sjachurch.org](mailto:office@sjachurch.org)

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### FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

We offer our prayers for the servant of God, **John Shakarjian, Sr.**,  
who entered his eternal rest last week.  
His funeral took place at St. John Armenian Church on January 18, 2024.  
May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon his soul.





**BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN**

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



**KHACHEEK DANIAL MARKARIAN**

Requested by the Markarian Family

**HELEN K. KARIBIAN, 40th Day, Beloved Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Cousin, Friend**

Requested by Adam, Kimmy, Bianca, and Adam Karibian  
Anjell, Craig, Remi, Juliette, and Lucien Bruck  
Maria, Larry, and Gabrielle Suarez  
Max Lark  
Aggie Thompson  
Lisa and Bruce Coleman  
Kristen and Michael Rowberry  
Nicole Thompson and Terra  
George Darboian  
Kari Kulhanjian and Family  
Mikiel Darboian  
Edna Buday and Family  
Robert and Carol Bruck and Family  
David and Ann Perun and Family

**VIRGINIA KEOLEIAN, 1st Year, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Khanamee, Sister-In-Law**

Requested by Gary and Laurie Keoleian  
Randi and David Dolik  
Lauren, Alex and Leah Dolik  
Jack and Natalie Brodeur and Evan  
Michael, Sophia, Gabriella Keoleian  
James and Lisa Wilson  
Mike and Jill Dolik  
Adrian Keoleian and Family  
Mary Keoleian and Family



**BASHDON HOKEHANKUSDYAN**

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



**ROSE GHOOGASIAN, 40th Day, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Friend**

Requested by Michael and Rozann Vartoogian  
Christopher Danielian  
Karen Mangune  
Arthur Mekjian

**LYNNMAY AGHILI, 40th Day, Sister-In-Law, Aunt**

Requested by Karen and Brad Mangune

**CLARA MESSELIAN, 13th Year, Mother, Grandmother**

**JERRY MESSELIAN, 10th Year, Father, Grandfather**

Requested by Karen and Brad Mangune

**GARO YEGHISSIAN, 25th Year, Father, Grandfather, Khnamee, Friend**

Requested by Dr. Joyce Yeghissian and Deacon Rubik Mailian, Sevana, and Areg  
Anahid Dilakian and Sarkis Ghazarian, Sevag, Hiyk, and Aren  
Arax Markarian Mars and Roobina Hagh-Nazarian and Family  
Lucy Ardash  
Isabelle Vahratian

**ZAROOHY NORSIGIAN, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

**BARBARA NORSIGIAN, Wife, Mother, Grandmother**

**ARAM NORSIGIAN, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather**

**KHATOON CHAVOOSHIAN, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother**

**MARDIROS CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle**

**ARDASH CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle**

**MAMPRE CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle**

**MAMIGON CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle**

**PARAVON CHAVOOSHIAN, Uncle**

**ALEX PETROSIAN, Brother-In-law, Uncle**

**DICKRAN VARTANIAN, Brother-In-law, Uncle**

Requested by Dn. Richard Norsigian  
Shant, Victoria, Noah, and Michael Norsigian  
Jordan, Kathryn, and Mila Norsigian



St. John Armenian Church

# BIBLE STUDY

LED BY FR. AREN



## JANUARY 22, 2024

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

# Tuesday Lunch Club

(Senior Lunch)

Have Lunch, join a card game; be with Family & Friends

Lunch served at noon

**1/23/24 Veterans Building – Dining Room**

Fish and Chips with Cole slaw and Garlic toast

OR

Loaded Mexican Rice and Potato (bacon, black bean, tomatoes, onions, peppers, corn) with cornbread

Dessert

Peach and Apricot cobbler

\$10.00 includes Salad, Entrée, Roll, side dishes,  
Dessert, Coffee & Water

**Salad and dessert are included for those who are  
dining with us only.**

Walk-ins Welcome

**If possible - Let us know you are coming  
Call or text 313-938-4215, Dan Cristiano**

**Give your name & lunch choice.**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE MARDIGIAN FAMILY  
WHO SUBSIDIZES THIS PROGRAM

**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH  
WOMEN'S GUILD AND MEN'S SOCIETY PRESENT**



**Veterans Building Card Room**

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

**Pizza and Salad \$10.00**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR TAVLOO BOARDS AND OTHER GAMES  
ALONG WITH YOUR APPETITE.**

**To reserve your spot contact Edith or Greg Baise @  
313-673-3325**

**Friday – January 26, 2024 from 6pm to 11pm**

# GOMIDAS: HIS LIFE AND MUSIC

AS PART OF THE *PERSEVERANCE OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT* PROJECT

**JANUARY 21 AT 4 PM | ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH**

Rubik Malian, Music Director of St. John Armenian Church, takes audiences through an artistic exploration of the life and work of Gomidas Vartabed, a genocide survivor and a pioneer of Armenian musicology. Afterward, patrons are invited for a guided tour of the remarkable collection of Armenian art held at the St. John Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum.



**FREE ADMISSION WITH ONLINE REGISTRATION**



Registration and Project Information:

[detroitchamberwinds.org/phs](https://detroitchamberwinds.org/phs)  
(248) 559-2095

THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS

THE  
PECK  
FOUNDATION



This collaboration, titled *Perseverance of the Human Spirit*, invites audiences on an intellectual and artistic exploration centered around the creative outputs resulting from the Holocaust, the Armenian Genocide and the African Diaspora.



# *Men's Society's Pancake Breakfast,*

*Join us, Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, after church.*

*Part of all the proceeds to go to Hye Camp Fund*

*Includes: Pancakes & Maple*

*Syrups*

*Scrambled Eggs*

*Sausage*

*Fresh Fruit*

*Coffee and Juice*



*Adults \$10.00*

*Church School Aged Students \$5.00*

*Thanks  
For Giving*



*Your whole family and the  
entire St. John volunteer family  
are invited to a*

## ***Special Appreciation Event***

*The Clergy and Parish Council would like to  
acknowledge the love and dedication of our  
St. John Armenian Church volunteers,  
who have given of their time, talent and treasure  
to our many events and endeavors.*

***Sunday, January 28, 2024  
at 12:00 pm (after Church)  
St. John Armenian Church***

**Mezza • Tavloo • Chess • Fun**

*(Please bring your tavloo, chess or any other game to play)*

*If you have not volunteered, please join us  
to learn more about opportunities.*

**Please RSVP (text or call) to: Correne Akarakcian, 248-672-5736**

# St. John Community Dinner Night!

February  
9th

**Dinner on FRIDAY in observance of Vartananz**  
(Thursdays will resume in April)

Everyone is Invited to Enjoy a Delicious

Kabob Dinner (Beef or Chicken)  
With Veggies, Salad, Humus, Bread,  
Dessert & Choice of Rice Pilaf or  
Bulghur or Have A Little of BOTH!

Hot Dog Meal Also Available



Featuring Armenian Wines!  
Available for Purchase  
by The Glass or Bottle



Come and Join Old Friends and Make New Ones!  
Come for an Evening of Fun Fellowship & Activities.  
Tavloo, Cards, Dominos, LRC, Board Games  
Whatever your Pleasure This is The Place to Meet!

Please  
RSVP by  
Tuesday

**Dinner \$18 Your Birthday This Month? Only \$15!**  
**Hot Dog Meal \$8.00** (Dine in Only)

**Dinner Served 6PM to 7:30PM**

★ **Pre-Order Carry Outs Available!**

For Dinner Reservations Please Call Text or Email  
**Danny Cristiano 313.938.4215 or [djcris100@gmail.com](mailto:djcrist100@gmail.com)**  
Please Include your Preference Chicken or Beef

# Super Bowl Mezza Platter

Sunday, February 11, 2024

pickup from Main Kitchen between 12:30 pm-1:30 pm



Mezza Platter



Hummus, Bastrama,  
Vospov Kufteh, Eech,  
Brick & Feta Cheese



6 Sarma, 6 Spinach Pie



Homemade Pickled Turnips & Olives



Bag of Pita Bread

\$60.00



A Bottle of Red or White Wine  
to go with the Mezza Platter \$21.00 btl.



For reservations text or call:

**Paul Yousoufian: (313) 310-3508**

Prepared by St. John Armenian Church Men's Society

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**ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH**

# **POON PAREGENTAN**

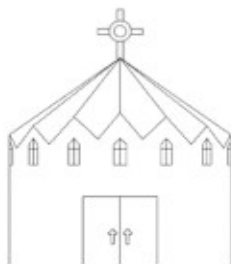
**FEBRUARY 11TH**

**FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES IN CULTURAL HALL**

**Food stations and more!**

**GOODWILL OFFERING - EVERYONE WELCOME!**





# ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH LITTLE SAINTS

Join us on the third Saturday every month at 10:00 AM

JANUARY 20

FEBRUARY 17

MARCH 16

APRIL 20

All Little Saints, birth to age four, are welcome to join us  
for monthly interactive lessons led by Fr. Aren.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL  
[SJLITTLESAINTS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SJLITTLESAINTS@GMAIL.COM)

2024 Dates  
**July 8 - 29**

Open to Ages  
**18 to 30**

Trip Rate  
**\$1,700\***



# ARMENIA SERVICE PROGRAM

Register by  
**April 25**  
[bit.ly/2024asp](https://bit.ly/2024asp)



Armenia  
**SIMA** Revealed  
tours

**2024  
ASP Info**



The ACYOA Central Council is pleased to announce the 2024 Armenia Service Program (ASP)! Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan of Holy Trinity Armenian Church in Cheltenham, PA will lead the group through our homeland for an exciting opportunity to explore and serve. Participants will visit historical and cultural sites, reflect and pray in ancient monasteries, work on a Fuller Center house build, volunteer at a children's summer camp, and support FAR and Ayo! projects.

\*The first 20 participants to register will receive a reduced program rate of \$1,700 thanks to the generosity of the Dadourian Foundation, ACYOA subsidies, and fundraising efforts. The full rate of the program is \$2,850.00.

Price includes all lodging, ground transportation and transfers in Armenia, all sightseeing tours with a bilingual tour guide, and most meals. Participants are responsible for their own airfare costs, and will work with Diocesan staff to coordinate flight times with fellow participants.

For inquiries, contact Jennifer Morris at  
[jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org](mailto:jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org) or at (248) 648-0702



Young Adults Ages ~26-Forties  
are invited to

# *Hye Doon*

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## **monthly social**

Hye Doon connects young adults for a  
casual social evening each month

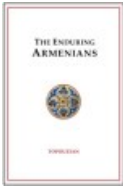
Enjoy dinner, themed activities, and mingling!

Scan the QR Code or email  
[detroithyedoona@gmail.com](mailto:detroithyedoona@gmail.com) to receive  
hye doon announcements



## Visit the Parish Bookstore

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



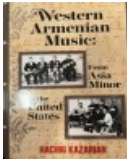
NEW: The Enduring Armenians: A Series of Essays on the Armenian Civilization was published by the Topouzian Book Publication Trust on January 6, 2023. Multiple scholars and the translators provide an overview of 5000 years of Armenian history, its language, literature, music, and culture, its wars, the Armenian Church, the Genocide, and the Soviet era- in a book of over 700 pages. Includes a Foreword by Richard Norsigian, with an Introduction by Hagop Daniel Mouradian - Alice Nigoghosian, Project Director and Publishing Consultant. SC - \$30.00



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



The Vegan Armenian Kitchen  
by Lena Tashjian HC - \$35.00



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



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



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)



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



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



"My Dear Son Garabed, I Read Your Letter, I  
Cried, I Laughed" by Dr. Jonathan Varjabedian  
A fascinating glimpse into pre – WWI village life  
in Efkere/Kayseri. SC - \$40.00

***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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*Քրիստոսի:*