

St. John Armenian Church

OF GREATER DETROIT

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, *Pastor*

Rev. Fr. Ardashir Bagdasarian, *Assistant Pastor*



Wedding Fee Schedule

Effective May 21, 2021

Use of St. John Armenian Sanctuary by Stewards.....\$500.00

Bride, groom or both are a St John Church Steward or a member of an Armenian church within the Eastern Diocese.

Use of St. John Armenian Sanctuary by Non-Stewards.....\$1,000.00

Bride, groom or both are baptized members of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church however, are not stewards of St. John Armenian Church or a member of an Armenian church within the Eastern Diocese.

Payment of all Fees

All Sacramental Offerings and honorariums are to be brought to the church the evening of the rehearsal.

- *Sanctuary fee can be by check to “St. John Armenian Church” or in cash.*
- *The parish secretary will provide you with envelopes for each liturgical participant with their names printed on the face of the envelope. Make your checks payable to them directly. These envelopes will be distributed to the participants by the Pastor on the day of the wedding.*

Included in the Sanctuary Fee

The sanctuary fee includes the following:

- Wedding Rehearsal
 - The wedding rehearsal must be scheduled with the Pastor through the church’s secretary.
- Wedding Ceremony
 - Sanctuary will be available for two (2) hours before the ceremony for decorating purposes. Please review the *Wedding Guidelines* for church decoration protocol.
 - Wedding guests may arrive and wait in the church during this period.
 - At your request, a room may be reserved for the bridal party for dressing or preparations two (2) hours prior to the wedding ceremony.

PLEASE NOTE: Fees for the participants in the wedding ceremony (Deacon, Organist, Soloist) are NOT included in the sanctuary fee, nor is the clergy honorarium. See enclosed “*Wedding Reminder*” letter and *Wedding Guidelines* for more details.

Marriage License and Legal Registration

Once all services and church fees are received, your Marriage License will be properly processed. Following the wedding ceremony, the pastor and your two witnesses will sign the licenses. On the next business day, your original will be sent to you and the other copies to the office of the Marriage Registrar in the county from which it was issued. The parish office will be responsible to discharge this legal requirement.

Wedding Ceremony

Please remember, your punctuality in arriving at the church to begin the ceremony is both a way of ensuring that you will not be harried or hurried on your wedding day and an act of courtesy not only to your guests, but also to the priest, deacon, organist and soloist who will be serving you.

Each of these individuals has a busy personal and professional schedule and has made scheduling arrangements with the assumption that the ceremony will begin on time. Our church ceremony normally lasts approximately one (1) hour.

Being respectful of everyone's time commitments will help to make your wedding day a happy day for all of your participants and guests as well.

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CLERGY HONORARIUM.....Family Discretion
Clergy honorariums to the celebrant and guest clergy assisting him should accompany the fees when they are presented to the church the day of the rehearsal.

DEACON.....\$200.00

ORGANIST\$175.00
This fee includes processional and recessional music.

PLEASE NOTE: An additional fee will be assessed for special requests of certain pre- and/or post-ceremony music requiring consultations, research, additional preparation, and extra practice on the part of the organist. This additional fee is to be discussed and agreed upon between the Pastor, bride and groom.

SOLOIST.....\$175.00
This fee covers the hymns sung during the sacramental service.

PLEASE NOTE: An additional fee will be assessed for special requests of certain pre- and/or post-ceremony music requiring consultations, research, additional preparation, and extra practice or rehearsal time on the part of the soloist. This additional fee is to be discussed and agreed upon between the Pastor, bride and groom.