

A message From Our Chairman...



Wow! What happened to summer? Fall is upon us and all I can think of is the beauty of the leaves changing, excitement of upcoming college football tailgates and of course, the smells of the hot foods at St. John Bazaar! Make sure to mark your calendar for Oct 5th, 6th, and 7th. This is truly an exciting time for us!

The Guild is preparing for a 'changing of the guard' with our impending elections in November. The nominating committee has started to meet and work on the arduous task of presenting a slate of officers for you to vote upon. That brings me to my message about why volunteering is so important.

I think I have heard of every excuse why people say "Not me...my life is too busy...I can't commit to one more thing in my life...I work...I'm tired...how did you get my number?..." Now I'll give you the top 10 reasons to volunteer!

1. Giving back...gives you the good feeling that comes from giving to others.
2. Giving back...making a difference for the people around you gives you the chance to mold the church community we live in.
3. Giving back...makes our church community stronger.
4. Giving back...helps you develop new skills. You have to deal with a mix of personalities. This helps you improve your teamwork, leadership, problem-solving and people skills.
5. Giving back...helps you build on existing experiences and knowledge.
6. Giving back...is good for your health. Studies have shown that when focusing on someone other than yourself, your stress level starts to decrease, your immune system is strengthened and your overall sense of life's satisfaction increases.
7. Giving back...is a great way to boost your career prospects. Our church community provides an extensive networking opportunity.
8. Giving back...allows your actions to be led from a place of passion.
9. Giving back...is inspirational.
10. And the number #1 reason for giving back...the lifelong friendships that you find.

So, consider saying "Yes!" when you get that phone call.
Enjoy the beauty, sights, and smells of Fall!

Barb Rupas



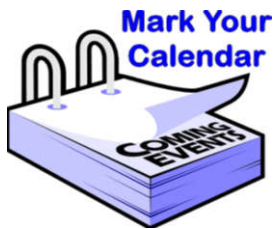
We send get well wishes to our chairwoman Barb Rupas who is recuperating after having knee surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery!

Directory Change:

Maritza (Sarkeis) Negohosian has moved to:
Manoogian Manor
15775 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48154



Please make this change in your directory!

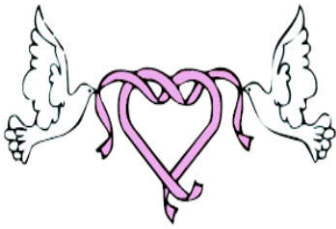


September 5 th (Wednesday)	Guild 80 th Anniversary Meeting 7 p.m.
September 9 th (Sunday)	Men’s Society Breakfast Honoring Women’s Guild 80 th Anniversary
September 19 th (Wednesday)	Guild Recruitment Meeting at Troy Crispelli’s 6:30
September 26 th (Wednesday)	Church Sanctuary & Museum Tour 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
October 5 th , 6 th & 7 th	Church Bazaar
*October 11th (Thursday)	Guild Meeting 7:00 *
November 7 th (Wednesday)	Alternative for Girls Collection & Guild Election 6:30

***Note Date Change**

Linda Assarian reports that the knitting group has six members and would happily welcome anyone interested in joining. They will start back on September 20th, meeting in the Nursery Room at Church at 10:00 a.m. The knitters will continue to meet every 3rd Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. This committee continues to work on some amazing projects. They have knitted baby blankets, lap blankets, caps, and scarves. Many of these items have been sent to Armenia through the AMAA Stitched with Love Project and local shelters and hospitals. All knitting levels are welcomed!





Our best wishes to Emily and Jordan Balbes, who were married on Saturday August 25th. Emily is the daughter of Judy and Terry Parks. We wish the couple many happy and blessed years together.

Our sincere thanks to those who chaired committees during the Church Picnic. Linda Stamboulian coordinated the Picnic Food Servers, and Terri Palaian and Ann Marie Ameriguian co-chaired the Bake Sale. Our appreciation to all members who volunteered to either serve meals and/or made monetary or baked good donations for the bake sale.

*Thank
you*

We also wish to thank Linda Tiffany for again chairing the August visitation to the Manoogian Manor.

St. John Women's Guild Members Visiting Mer Doon



Jacqueline Elchemmas and her 2018 Fuller Center Armenia Team included Women's Guild members, Cathy Atesian and Alice Mekjian. They visited Mer Doon and delivered our gifts. Thank you to our Women's Guild for ten years of monetary gifts and presents.

Sunday, September 9th

Please join us in congratulating the
Women's Guild on the 80th Anniversary
of their founding.



Eggs, sausage, fruit, juices, coffee, flavored
creamers, potatoes and of course our famous
pancakes!

Following Church in the St. John's Cultural Hall
Hosted by the St. John's Men's Society

\$5.00 donation per person

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“The Church with the Golden Dome”

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

10 AM – 2 PM



Sanctuary and Museum Tour

Traditional Armenian Buffet Luncheon

Sanctuary Tour Presentations by:

- ❖ Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor
- ❖ Reverend Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian,
Master of Arts in Armenian Architecture and Art
- ❖ Reverend Deacon Rubik Mailian,
Sacred Music Director

Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum Tour:

- ❖ Largest Armenian Museum in North America,
Directed by Lucy Ardash
- ❖ Includes costumes from the Armenian Heritage Collection,
Under the direction of Paulette Apkarian



Donation - \$25.00 per person

Please register early. Seating is limited.

For reservation information, please contact:

Diane Ekizian: dlekizian@yahoo.com 248.851.4069



WOMEN'S GUILD 2018 GROUP PHOTO ORDER FORM

Please complete the attached form if you are interested in ordering the 2018 Women's Guild Group Photo (taken at the Guild June Membership Dinner).

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
8 x 10	_____	\$5.00	_____

*Orders taken through October 11th, 2018

Requests should be made with payment to:

Barb Rupas

1663 Caliper

Troy, MI 48084

Checks payable to: St. John Women's Guild



St. John Women’s Guild 9th Annual Care Package Project

Dear WG members, it’s once again that time to send out care packages to our young family members attending college or in the armed services.

Our goal is to send a loving message and some special treats from St. John Women’s Guild, to let our loved ones know we care!

Members ~DON’T Forget the Guild’s Social Services Committee needs your completed form **NO LATER THAN: September 28, 2018**

Reminder: our October 11th meeting is a delayed meeting due to the Bazaar & too LATE to submit your form, so don’t delay!

[One form per student / serviceman should be completed & mailing is only within the USA]

Form Mailed to → Nancy Panaretos 3160 Pikewood Ct., Commerce Twp., MI 48382

Name of student: _____



Currently attending: _____

Address of college student /serviceman: _____

Phone number of student: _____

Name of contact person (family member): _____

Phone number of contact person: _____

Form submitted by: _____

*Thank you for helping us keep our young adults connected to our
St. John Armenian Church Family!*



**Any donations to defer mailing costs are appreciated
Please make checks out to St. John Women’s Guild**

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Please check your emails for upcoming Bazaar preparation dates!



Volunteers are needed for this years Bazaar. Please feel free to contact any chairman listed below to offer your services:

Hot Foods: Friday, Saturday & Sunday – Dawn Aginian (Co-chair needed)

Baked Goods: Friday – Rose Najarian and Sue Vian

Saturday – Terry Palaian & Lisa Derderian

Sunday – Chairman needed



We will continue our yearly gift bag project for the women's shelter, "Alternative for Girls." Please bring any toiletries and small gifts that you have saved and bring them to our November 7th meeting.

If you have something you would like to include in our newsletter, please contact Diana Vosganian at (248) 661-1875 or email: pasadenapenguin@gmail.com.

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