

### A Message From Our Chairman...

If the St John Complex looks slightly different to you, good eyes! We have been given a gift of all new carpeting for our main building and the Veteran's Building. Our darling Almast Derderian inspired not only our St John family for the good of our community but, she also left her indelible mark on those she loved near and far. Her constant praise of our community fell on the ears of loved ones in the carpet business and when they began to change their business life, their thoughts were also drawn, from California, to St John. Almast's oldest niece, Andrea Greenleaf, daughter of the late Mike Derderian, brother of Almast and founder of Royalty Carpets, sent several samples of their product, enough to re-do our beloved complex.



Whenever we gather to serve the church thru different avenues of expression, we constantly make references to our much missed Almast. She was one of those indestructible fibers that when joined with others, makes the colorful fabric of our community. She didn't need to preach out her philosophy, she lived it and now, looking around, you can touch and see part of her inspiration, gracing our halls. A legacy comes in many ways. Thank you Almast. (By the way, we still don't sample our Tuesday wares)!

Back to the Bazaar, 2017, is upon us. Please keep those days open so that you can enjoy the organized chaos we call Bazaar. Fellowship abounds and you make that happen. When you have a chance, you can offer your help. It's the same stuff, same place, same times, same old same old. So, no surprises here and you can either call or just say yes, to doing your not so difficult part in helping. Yes, we do this every year. Yes, we ask and beg for help. And yes, you do say yes. So, no screening phone calls.

Speaking of screening phone calls, the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee has activated it's launch sequence. You might want to offer your talents or you might want to wait for that phone call. Either way, it just might be your turn. So, once again, and again, just say YES!!

Count yourself and your talents among the blessings of our remarkable community. On a personal note, you only need be absent for a bit, when you discover what an extraordinary and unique community we have here at St John. Let yourselves really get into that good stuff!!

Y. Joy Callan



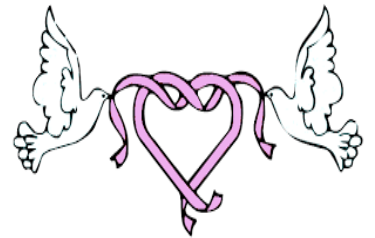
Our sincere sympathy to our dear member Patricia (Garry) Javizian on the passing of their beloved son, Gregory.

We send our love and prayers to Marianne Dardarian and Anita Arslanian. May our warm thoughts bring comfort to you and brighten your day. We look forward to seeing both of you with us soon.



Janet and Harry Megerian are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Michael, to Giulia Zaccagnini. Our congratulations and good wishes to the happy couple.

Our best wishes to Steven and Katie Assarian who were married on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Steven is the son of Dr. Gary and Linda Assarian. We wish them many happy and blessed years together!



Those interested in joining the Knitting Group, please contact Linda Assarian at (248) 332-0816. They meet the first Thursday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Church. New members are always welcome.

Thank you to Dolly Matoian and Linda Jevahirian for their wonderful PowerPoint presentation on their trip to Jerusalem with Fr. Aren. It was presented at last month's Guild meeting.

*Thank You*

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

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Please make these changes in your directory.

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| October 4 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)         | Guild Meeting 7:00 p.m.   |
| October 11 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)        | Sanctuary & Museum Tour<br>10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.               |
| October 12 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)         | Bazaar Preview Night  |
| October 13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> | Church Bazaar   |
| November 1 <sup>st</sup> (Wednesday)        | Guild Meeting 6:30 p.m.<br>Collection for Alternative for Girls |
| November 29 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)       | Advent by Candlelight   |



Alternatives For Girls

We are continuing our yearly gift bag project for the women's shelter, "Alternative for Girls." Please bring any toiletries and small gifts that you have saved to our general body meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Fall Festival Preparation Schedule

Please look at the schedule below and join us as we prepare for our October Church Festival.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Tuesday, September 26 <sup>th</sup> | Meat Boreg 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Yalanchi 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.   |



## Our Dedicated Members



Picnic  
Bake  
Sale



Linda Stambouljian, co-chair Marilyn Sarkesian,  
and Dolly Matoian

## Tuesday Food Preparation



All genders and ages happily help with the Bazaar food preparation



## Manoogian Manor Visitation



Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, along with Fr. Diran Papazian and Deacon Rubik Mailian, joined Manoogian Manor residents for the "Blessing of the Grapes" service. Thank you to Linda Tiffany for coordinating the visitation.





## St. John Fuller Home Builders in Armenia



Alice and Kathy Mekjian



"Mekjian Home" built in Armenia in tribute to Helen & Jack Mekjian



Team leader, Jackie ElChemmas with  
Bishop Paren Avedikian



Fuller team builders at Garni Temple

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

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



## St. John's Women's Guild 8th Annual Care Package Project

Once again, we're looking for **young members** of the St. John Armenian Church family who are going to college or are into the armed services and would enjoy a

**"care package" filled with special treats from St. John Women's Guild**

**WG Members** ~ Please help the Guild's Social Services Committee by sending us the following information **NO LATER THAN: September 30, 2017**

[One form per student/serviceman should be completed,  
also - please note we are only able to mail packages within the US]



Mail 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 (parent, gr. parent): \_\_\_\_\_

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**