

Service to My Church

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Roseann Manoogian Attar has a legacy of 38 years of service to St. John Armenian Church School, in addition to her professional career in accounting as head of Martin Manoogian Accounting and Tax.

Thirty-eight years ago, Roseann answered the call to teach Sunday School when Archbishop Paren Avedikian asked her to serve. Years later, Der Garabed Kochakian encouraged her to teach at the high school level. Over the years she became the High School Coordinator and initiated many programs for her high school students.

Roseann guided her students through classroom instruction, participation in church service, and numerous community service projects. She spearheaded outreach initiatives that involved students in serving the Metro Detroit community through food banks and shelters while also raising awareness of issues affecting the global Armenian community. In addition, she introduced her students to various places of worship, allowing them to gain a broader understanding of faith traditions and to see where the Armenian Church fits within the wider world. Many students found these experiences enlightening and developed a deeper appreciation for their own church sanctuary.

Roseann also established the annual Thanksgiving Dinner tradition. Through this program, her students learned the importance of serving their church and community, while assisting various organizations in need.

Over the years, many lasting bonds, were formed between Roseann and her students. While she taught and guided them, they in turn, shared valuable lessons and wisdom with her. She has been honored to participate in many of their important celebrations.

"I believe it is both my pleasure and my duty to serve my church," Roseann says, reflecting the commitment that has guided her decades of faithful service.