

Poon Paregentan Party/Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 1st

Mardi Gras Theme

\$55 dinner/dance

\$30 after 10:00 p.m.

Chair: Joyce Obenhoff

586-754-3984

shortafoot@wowway.com

Saintly Women's Day

Wednesday, March 5th

presentation by

Charlene Goshgarian

12:00 Noon Luncheon Mtg

\$5 charge for lunch

R.S.V.P. to

Hostess Jackie

ElChemmas

248-851-4018

Jackieelch@gmail.com

Winter Baking

Every Tuesday until Holy

Week 9 a.m.

Feb. 11,18,25, Mar. 4,11,18,25

April 1,8

Chair: Dolly Matoian

248-737-9055

A Note from Your Chairman...

Dear Father Garabed and Ladies of the Guild,

Despite a winter snowstorm and a heat outage, our winter baking continues with great fervor. Our thanks to Dolly Matoian for taking charge of this critical endeavor. Our thanks also to Almas Derderian for obtaining the supplies for baking each week. Almas claims that her secret to longevity is that she has worked for the Women's Guild in the kitchen for the past thirty-five years. She also served as Treasurer of the Guild for many of those years.

Our Poon Paregentan Dinner Dance is quickly approaching. Joyce Obenhoff is our expert chairman for this exciting event. Since this is our largest fundraiser of the year, we need every Guild member's support and participation. We are hosting an all-star band from Philadelphia and Detroit. We will also be serving a fabulous dinner complete with hors d'oeuvres, entrees, and desserts. Please bring your family and friends and have a wonderful evening while supporting your Church and your Women's Guild.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone! February is the month to celebrate *Love*. I Corinthians 13:13 "So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." As Women's Guild members let's try to do at *least* one random act of kindness each day to share our love with our fellow man. It is amazing how these random acts of kindness will multiply and come back to us in a myriad of unexpected ways.

With love and best regards,

Linda Stamboulian

Poon Paregentan Tradition Returns, Saturday March 1, 2014

Don't miss out make your reservations today!

This event is planned to be a fun night for everyone, with great food, music and dancing. The band will be fabulous with musicians from Philadelphia and Detroit. Attire is Dressy Casual. Doors open at 6:30P.M. Dinner will be served at 7:30 P.M.

For reservations contact: Marilyn Sarkesian 2338 Heronwood Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 332-6570

Please make your reservations with payment to St. John Women's Guild no later than Feb. 20, 2014.

Tables of 8-10 may be reserved. \$55 includes Dinner and Dance, \$30 after 10P.M. Cash bar.

In addition to attending the event please consider being a donor and purchasing raffle tickets. This is our major fundraiser for the year. Contact Diane Khachaturian at (248) 647-1725 to become a donor. To purchase raffle tickets Contact Marianne Dardarian at (248) 661-0617. See boxes below.

Sponsor Donations



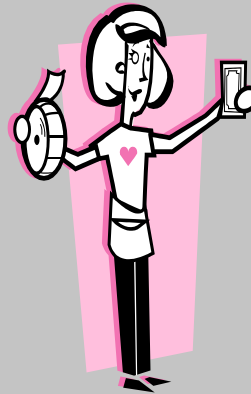
Please consider making a sponsor donation. Note how your name

and contribution will be acknowledged in our booklet.

Benefactor	\$500 and up
Patron	\$250 to \$499
Friend	\$100 to \$249
Sponsor	\$50 to \$99
Contributor	\$25 to \$49

Mail checks to Diane Khachaturian, 31242 Sunset Drive, Beverly Hills, MI 48025-5103. Questions please contact Diane at 248-647-1725, akhachat@msn.com

Poon Paregentan Raffle Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10



Please mail checks made out to St. John Women's Guild to:

Marianne Dardarian
5879 Shillingham Drive
W. Bloomfield, MI 48322
248-661-0617
mhdardarian@att.net

Need not be present to win
Include name, address & phone#

The Tradition of Poon Paregentan

In parts of the world it is known as Mardi Gras, (Fat Tuesday) the celebration of life before Lent. In Armenia we have Poon Paregentan. Poon Paregentan traditionally is the last Sunday before Great Lent. It is composed of two words Paree-Gentanootioun good living, rejoicing. Poon means the main. This term points to the fact that the fasting period following Paregentan is longer than weekly Lents of other feasts, and it is tied to the main event of Christendom, the resurrection of our Lord.

The biblical base is from the Old Testament from the life of Elijah when the Angel of the Lord tells him "Eat and drink because you will be traveling a long road (I King 19:7). In our case this long road is the 40 days of the Great Lent journey.

Paregentan, points to the period of abstinence. Feasting of Paregentan will lead us into fasting; fun filled days will turn into days of penance. In other words, the zeal and ingenuity we show in the realm of having fun should be put into the work of enriching our spiritual life.

In Armenia traditional foods were prepared daily, with the number of dishes, usually casseroles, increasing each day. Along with good food came lots of games, masquerade parties, weddings, and vaudevilles. The days and nights were filled with celebration.

We look forward to celebrating with you.
 The St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild
 Poon Paregentan Committee 2014

Information was selected from St. Gregory, Philadelphia web site. Please google Poon Paregentan for more fascinating facts on this celebration.

Winter/Easter Bake

We continue to bake every Tuesday until Holy Week. Please join us for great camaraderie and friendship. All are welcome. This includes men and other non-members of the Women's Guild. Our appreciation is extended to our bake leaders listed in the schedule below. In addition, our thanks to our members who come faithfully to bake each week.

February 4	Khalkha	Cathy Atesian
February 11	Tepsee & indiv beoregs	Pam Dayinian
February 18	Nazoog	Joy Callan
February 25	Cheoreg	Marianne Dardarian
March 4	Manti	Dolly Matoian
March 11	Bourma	Yn. Roberta Kochakian
March 18	Simit	Joy Callan
March 25	Make-up Day (Cheoreg)	Charlene Apigian
April 1	Katah	Terry Palaian
April 8	Sou Beoreg	Anita Arslanian

Knitting

The Women's Guild knitting group, under the chairman of Linda Assarian, knits every third Thursday in the St. John Armenian Church Nursery at 9:00 a.m. Due to the third Thursday of April falling during Holy Week, the group will meet on April 10th, the second Thursday in April. On Friday, February 7th, the group delivered seventeen lap blankets to the Beaumont Berkley Dialysis Center. Currently the group is knitting baby items for children in need. Other items such as scarves, hats and mittens have also been made and donated. If you cannot join the group, donations of yarn and any knitted items are welcome and much appreciated.

Manoogian Manor Blessing of Water

Our visit took place on Saturday, January 11, 2014 under the leadership of Marianne Dardarian. We wish to thank Fr. Garabed for officiating at the beautiful Blessing of Water Service and Holy Communion. We also wish to thank the members of the St. John Armenian Church Komitas Choir who participated in the service. In addition, we appreciate the presence of our Guild members Marianne Dardarian, Judy Hovnan, Denise Karakashian, Linda Stambouljian, and Linda Tiffany. The senior citizens greatly appreciated our visit.

Address Changes:

If you have any address, email and/or phone number changes please contact Dawn Aginian at 248-225-7176, daginian@yahoo.com.

Address Changes

Diana Vosgian
New Email

pasadenapenguin@gmail.com

Linda Franquist

New Phone & Email

313-204-6146

lindafranquist@gmail.com

Congratulations!

Engagement of

Jessica Stamboulian & Jeffrey Aries of NYC



daughter of Jimmy & Patricia
Stamboulian - Nov. wedding planned

Thank You!

Pam Dayinian & Sue Vian

Donation of quiche & salad at
February luncheon meeting



Congratulations!

Ernie & Louise Brocher
60th Wedding Anniversary



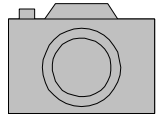
Prayers & Sympathy

Our sympathies to Women's Guild
member Margaret Derderian
on the loss of her brother-in-law

Peter Egigian

Volunteer Photographer Needed

For Guild events
Please contact: Dawn
Aginian, 248-225-7176
daqinian@yahoo.com



Knitting

Thursday, February 20th

10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

S.J.A.C. Nursery

Linda Assarian (Chairman)

248-332-0816



Thursday, March 20th, April
10th, May 15th & June 19th
All Welcome!

DUES

Please submit your 2013
dues of \$20 to St. John
Women's Guild

Judy Parks

436 Linden Road

Birmingham, MI 48009

Thank You!

Sue Vian



Presentation
on pie
making at
Feb. mtg

Make your Reservations!

Poon Paregentan
March 1, 2014



Marilyn Sarkesian

2338 Heronwood Drive,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

\$55/dinner/dance

\$30 dance only (after 10 p.m.)

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