

## Membership Dinner

Wed. June 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

SJAC Hall

Chair: Pepsi Baylerian

R.S.V.P. to Isabelle Vahratian by

June 1st, 248-890-2185



## Summer Baking

Tues., June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kharpert Kufteh 9:00 a.m.

Chair: Dolly Matoian

248-737-9055

## Knitting

May 15<sup>th</sup> & June 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. - Noon SJAC nursery

Chair: Linda Assarian

248-332-0816



## Summer Outing

Information will be forthcoming.

Program Chairs: Pam Dayinian,

248-644-8028 & Barbara

Haroutunian, 248-661-0026

## A Note from Your Chairman...

Dear Fr. Garabed and Ladies of the Guild,

As we celebrate Mother's Day this month, let us reflect on the blessings bestowed upon us by our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and the special women in our lives. The following poem states it quite beautifully.

### *So Blessed by You, Mother*

*A mother who always cares,*

*A mother who's always there.*

*A mother who always prays,*

*A mother who always stays*

*When things get rough,*

*When life gets tough,*

*When all is just too much to bear,*

*God's word she shares,*

*God's light she shines,*

*So blessed God made this mother mine.*

*Author Unknown*



May is a time to honor and cherish our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and the special women in our lives.

With love and kindest regards,

Linda Stamboulian

## Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Our Chairpersons for the Palm Sunday Bake Sale were Almas Derderian, Terry Palaian, and Marilyn Sarkesian. They, along with their committee, expertly organized a very successful bake sale. Their committee consisted of the following women: Carol Hazergian, Dar Hazergian, Nora Noraian, Linda Stamboulian, Diana Vosganian, and Cathy Zwinck. This year's best sellers were katah, cheoreg, sou beoreg, nazoug, and khalkha. The sales, which began immediately after church, went smoothly. Our thanks to the Chairpersons, their Committee, and our parishioners who purchased baked goods.

## Easter Tea



Following an inspirational church service on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014, the Women's Guild presented our annual Easter Tea. The elegant buffet table, decorated with Easter Lilies, offered Armenian

and multicolored dyed Easter eggs, cheoreg, cheese, desserts, Armenian pastries, and fruit. The Chairmen for the Easter Tea were Lisa Boyadjian and Nyree Giragosian. The special Easter Sunday Cheoreg Bake Committee included the following helpers; Lisa Boyadjian, Marianne Dardarian, Nyree Giragosian, Diane Khachaturian, Dolly Matoian, Linda Stambouljian, and Diana Vosganian. The committee for serving on Easter Sunday included Lisa & Brian Boyadjian and Family, Nyree Giragosian, Kim Kalajian, Esther Kulhanjian, Helen Olson, Linda Stambouljian, Diana Vosganian, and Dr. Joyce Yeghissian & Family.

### **99<sup>th</sup> Armenian Genocide Commemoration**



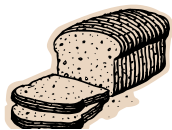
Thank you to Women's Guild members who, under the leadership of Alberta Godoshian, along with volunteers from the three other local Armenian Church Women's Guilds, helped make sandwiches for the Madagh for April 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Sarkis Armenian Church. Everyone worked well together marking a successful first time that all four Armenian Churches commemorated the Armenian Genocide together. Women's Guild members from St. John who helped make sandwiches in the St. Sarkis Kitchen before the program were (in alphabetical order) Dawn Aginian, Charlene Apigian, Anita Arslanian, Louise Brocher, Judy Cristiano, Linda Franquist, Charlene Goshgarian, Gloria Korkoian, Nora Noraian, Joyce Slowik, and Linda Stambouljian.

### **June Membership Dinner**



Our Annual Membership Dinner will take place on June 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Please make your reservations by calling Isabelle Vahratian at 248-890-2185 by June 1<sup>st</sup>. There is no charge to our members for this event, and a lovely dinner is being planned by Chairman Pepsi Baylerian. Please contact Pepsi at 248-960-1719 if you are able to donate wine or centerpieces (flowers) for the event. Following the dinner, our new members will be initiated. If you know of someone who wishes to be a member, please contact Terry Palaian at 313-929-0926 or [tpalaian@yahoo.com](mailto:tpalaian@yahoo.com). Terry has done an outstanding job all year of recruiting and welcoming new members. We are very fortunate to have her. Awards will also be presented to 10, 25, 40 and 50-year members. Please try to attend this special dinner.

### **Festival Baking**



Baking for our Annual September Festival will begin on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will bake every Monday and Tuesday during the summer up until the Festival, in late September.

Everyone is welcome to join us for great camaraderie and friendship. This includes men and non-members of the Women's Guild and/or Church. As well as making new friends and rekindling old ones, this is a great way to learn the secret techniques of Armenian baking. We will start with Kharpert Kufteh on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. More details on what we will be making and bake leaders will be forthcoming. For more information, contact Festival Bake Chairman Dolly Matoian at 248-737-9055 or [dmatoian@att.net](mailto:dmatoian@att.net).

### **Social Services Committee**

Under the Chairmanship of Carol Ohanesian, the Social Services Committee is currently collecting items to send to Armenia with Jackie ElChemmas and her team. Suggestions for donations for the girls at Mer Doon include new make-up (lipstick, eye shadow), make-up bags, small wallets, jewelry, hair bands, sunglasses, and clothing (including underwear) size small or medium. Clothing, make-up and personal items should be new. Items for the family for whom the home is being built, such as tablecloths (for 8-10 people), are also needed. Please contact Jackie for more suggestions. You may drop off your items at Church this month, or bring them to the June Membership Dinner.

### Knitting

The Women's Guild knitting group, under the leadership of Linda Assarian, knits on the third Thursday of the month in the St. John Armenian Church Nursery at 10:00 a.m. The group will meet on May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup>, then break for the summer and reconvene in September. The group is currently knitting baby clothes and blankets for mothers in need. Currently we are looking for a local charity in need of our items. We would like to acknowledge and extend a special thank you to the W.G. members who are unable to join us Thursday mornings but still donate beautiful knitted items.



### Announcements & Address Changes

Please contact Dawn Aginian with any news or announcements. If you have any address, email and/or phone number changes please contact Dawn Aginian at 248-225-7176 or [daginian@yahoo.com](mailto:daginian@yahoo.com). Address changes may also be submitted with dues, to Judy Parks, Assistant Treasurer, or e-mailed to Linda Stamboulian, Chairman at [lindastamboulian@gmail.com](mailto:lindastamboulian@gmail.com).

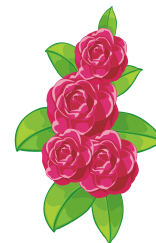
### St. Nersess Fundraiser

Sunday September 14, 2014 the Women's Guild and the Men's Society will host a luncheon/dinner after Church. The Chairmen of this event are John & Kim Kalajian. Please contact them if you wish to help.

We wish to send **get-well wishes** to  
Kathy Mekjian,  
Joy Callan &  
Joyce Obenhoff

### **Prayers & Sympathy**

Our sympathies to Lisa Bahm on the loss of her dear father, Mary Kurkechian on the loss of her dear brother, and Elizabeth Amboian on the loss of her dear brother-in-law



George Elian

### **Thank you**

to all Women's Guild Members for their donations to support the Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Easter Tea



### **Congratulations**

on the April 26<sup>th</sup> marriage of Ryan Shahan DePietro & Christine Margaret Heath.

Ryan is the son of Linda (Robert) DePietro & Christine is the daughter of Linda (Jeff) Manoogian Heath.

The couple will honeymoon in Italy and reside in Grand Rapids.

### **Thank you**

to Diane Khachaturian for proofreading Women's Guild Correspondence



### **DUES**

Please submit your 2014 dues of \$20 to St. John Women's Guild



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### **Sponsors**



Please contact Pepsi Baylerian at 248-960-1719 if you would like to donate wine or flowers for the centerpieces at the June membership meeting

### **We Thank**

Patricia Fantazian-Poeszat

for her presentation on careers in the Secret Service & Federal Air Marshals at the May General Body Meeting.