

Armenian Christmas

Monday, January 6th

10:30 a.m. Badarak,

Luncheon & Guild

Meeting

Reservations by January

3rd - Church office 248-

569-3405

Manoogian Manor Visit

Blessing of Water

Saturday, January 11th

11:30 a.m.

Poon Paregentan

Party/Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Mardi Gras Theme

\$55 dinner/dance

\$30 after 10:00 p.m.

Chair: Joyce Obenhoff



A Note from Your Chairman...

Dear Father Garabed and Ladies of the Guild,

Kreesdos Dzunav yev Haydnetsav! As we celebrate the Christmas season, we are joyful for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the hope and joy He brings to all of our lives. May Christ's peace and love rest upon all of you and your families.

The Women's Guild has had a very successful year in 2013. That is due to the unselfish sacrifice of our members who have given of their time and talent to make all of our endeavors possible. With all of your support and help we were able to raise \$20,000 for our Church this year. In addition, The Guild also contributed to over half of the profit from the Annual Church Festival through our Bake Sale and our Hot Food Sales. We also contributed \$2100 to

our Church Picnic revenue through our Bake Sale. Thus, we can be proud that we have been an essential contributor to our St. John's community again this year. Our fundraiser highlight for the year was *A Royal Luncheon and Fashion Show*. Many of our members contributed to every aspect of this event.

In addition to our fundraising activities, we have also contributed to our outreach programs such as our Knitting Group's Dialysis Blanket Project, Alternatives for Girls Project, College Care Packages, Gleaner's Food Bank, and visits to the Manoogian Manor. We also enjoyed our Annual Membership Dinner, Christmas Dinner, and Advent by Candlelight (with approximately 400 persons in attendance.) During the past year each time we felt we were short of help a guardian angel (in the form of a parishioner or Guild member) would suddenly appear out of nowhere to help us!

We continue to be inspired by the depth and breadth of talent within our Guild. We are inspired by the wonderful support of our members and pray for another successful year in 2014.

We especially wish to thank our outgoing Executive Board members of 2013: Pam Dayinian (4 years), Dawn Karagosian (2 years), Karmen Santourian (2 years), Rozann Vartoogian (1 year). We thank each of them for their ongoing dedication and service to our church and our Women's Guild. Thank you for a job well done!

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Linda Stambouliau

Past Events

Advent by Candlelight: On Wednesday evening, December 4th, the Women's Guild sponsored Advent by *Candlelight 2013, Let Us Adore Him*. The chairpersons for this event were Arlene Baylerian and Araxie Choukourian. Our thanks to Arlene and Roxie and their Committee and our Hostesses for a fabulous evening! There were nearly four hundred women in attendance for this beloved event. The hostesses for each table were commissioned to create an exquisite candlelit Christmas table setting and dessert for their guests. After the table tours and dessert, the women proceeded into the church sanctuary where they witnessed an inspirational candlelight church service celebrated by Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian. Then four inspirational speakers, Charlene Apigian, Barbara Haroutunian, Stephanie Dallakian, and Tina Schaffner spoke on the topics of Love, Hope, Peace, and Joy. Intertwined with the speakers was a superb musical program performed by Lance Luce, Kelly Callan, Denise Karakashian, and Sevahn Merian. Our thanks to Marianne Dardarian for coordinating the musical program. Our thanks also to Linda Jevahirian for performing piano selections to greet the attendees as they arrived. As Linda so accurately stated, "The whole event was amazing! I felt like I was a princess in a fairytale all night!" We also wish to thank Aralynn Haidostian for creating the blueprint for Advent by Candlelight and for her support and assistance to the committee.

Women's Guild Annual Christmas Dinner & Installation of Officers: Our annual Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers was chaired by Cathy Atesian, Pam Dayinian and Cathy Zwinck. Entertainment was provided by Noteworthy and a collection was held for Gleaner's Food Bank. More details to follow in the next newsletter (This newsletter was mailed prior to the event).

2014 Women's Guild Executive Board

Linda Stamboulian - Chairman

Nora Noraian-Vice Chairman

Joyce Obenhoff - Treasurer

Judy Parks - Assistant Treasurer

Dawn Aginian - Recording Secretary & Newsletter

Barbara Haroutunian - Assistant Recording Secretary

Virginia Mekjian - Corresponding Secretary

Sara Andonian & Sue Carman Vian - Advisors

Linda Stamboulian - Newsletter Advisor/Editor

2014 Women's Guild Nominating Committee

(in alphabetical order)

Anne Marie Ameriguian, Marianne Dardarian, Diane Khachaturian, Carol Ohanessian,
and Marilyn Sarkisian (Chairman)

We also wish to thank the outgoing Nominating Committee - Correne Akarakcian, Dolly Matoian (Chairman), Virginia Mekjian, Rose Nairian, and Judy Parks

Current Annual Meeting Delegates (in alphabetical order)

Marianne Dardarian, Kathy Mekjian and Cathy Zwinck

After Church Bake Sale: Thank you to Almas Derderian for faithfully leading the weekly sale of baked goods every Sunday after Church. We also would like to thank Arick Kasper, Alice Argnian, Linda Stamboulian, Dolly Matoian and John Yavruian.

Festival Bake Thank you Luncheon: This lovely luncheon on Saturday November 9th was prepared by Dolly Matoian and was sponsored by our St. John Armenian Church Parish Council. It was given in appreciation to all of the dedicated women who came to bake all summer long. We also wish to thank Pam Dayinian for making the delicious salad.

Future Events:

Poon Paregentan: Plan to eat, dance and be merry as we celebrate "A Day of Good Living" before the beginning of Lent. A Mardi Gras theme with top musicians from Philadelphia and Detroit will make this the event of the year. Joyce Obenhoff and her talented and experienced committee are working diligently on this exciting event.

Armenian Christmas Church Services followed by a Luncheon and the Women's Guild General Body Meeting:

The chairpersons of this event are Barbara Haroutunian and Karmen Santourian. Following the Luncheon there will be a Women's Guild General Body Meeting. Please see invitation following:



You are cordially invited to attend a

Christmas Luncheon

hosted by the Women's Guild following
Divine Liturgy on

Monday January 6, 2014

In the main ballroom. Join your fellow parishioners on this joyous occasion for a delicious lunch. We suggest a free will offering, however please make your **reservations by January 3, 2014**

Call the Church office at 248-569-3405



Thank You!

Marianne Dardarian

Women's Guild Cookbook Sales

Thank You!

Diane Khachaturian

Proofreading WG correspondence



Prayers & Sympathy



Our sympathies to Women's Guild member
Ann Tashjian on the loss of her dear husband
Dr. Haig Tashjian

Thank You!

Carol Ohanessian
Gleaner's Food Bank
Collection



Knitting

Thursday, January 16th
10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
SJAC Nursery
Linda Assarian (Chair)
248-332-0816
(no knitting in
December)
All Welcome!

Thank You!

Charlene Apigian- Mahs
Chair
& her committee

Get Well!

Sirvart Mezian

Save the Date!

March 1, 2014
Poon Paregentan
Day of Good Living



Thank You!

Diane Aginian
Mailing the newsletter

DUES



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

Joyce Obenhoff
27062 Bonnie Drive
Warren, MI 48093

Congratulations!

November 23rd marriage of
**Ara Atesian & Christine
Schurr**

Son of Cathy Atesian (Howard)
and grandson of Ann Soutanian



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