

## **Armenian Christmas**

Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 a.m. Badarak,  
Luncheon & Guild Mtg  
Reservations by January  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Church office  
248-569-3405

## **Manoogian Manor Visit Blessing of Water**

Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m.  
Chairman: Nevart Torian

## **A Note from Your Chairman...**

Dear Father Garabed and Ladies of the Guild,  
As 2014 comes to a close and we celebrate Christmas, the Women's Guild membership should be proud of its many accomplishments during this past year. One of our most rewarding accomplishments was to donate \$19,000 to St. John Armenian Church. We are also very pleased to report that the Women's Guild Baked Goods and Hot Foods contributed to over half of the total profit from the Festival at \$40,940.39 as of this date (with more baked goods yet to sell.) In addition, the Women's Guild provided the delicacy basket, which was raffled off. Our thanks to all of our members who made this possible. We began our year with our Winter Bake Days (from Jan. to April) for the Palm Sunday Bake Sale then continued from June to September for the Festival. Our accomplished bake leader, Dolly Matoian, coordinated all these bake sessions!

We wish to thank our outgoing Executive Board members, Nora Noraian and Joyce Obenhoff for their four years of dedicated service to our Guild. Nora and Joyce have been tremendous contributors to our Board. Nora and Charlene Goshgarian chaired "A Royal Luncheon and Fashion Show" in 2013. Joyce chaired Poon Paregentan, a dinner dance with the Vosbikian band in 2014. We also wish to thank the Board incumbents for all of their assistance and advice during the past two years: Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian for his unwavering guidance and support, Dawn Aginian, Judy Parks, Virginia Mekjian, Barbara Haroutunian, and Sue Vian have all helped to make a dynamic team. Finally, I wish to thank all of you, our membership, for giving me the opportunity to serve you as Chairman for the past two years. It has been an extraordinary experience, one which I will always cherish. You have been an awesome group of women whom I have had the privilege of serving. It is with great confidence and comfort that I pass the torch on to our new Chairman, Joy Callan. I know the torch will be carried exceedingly well.

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

Linda Stamboulian

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW 2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

President: Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian

Chairman: Joy Callan

Vice Chairman: Belinda Kabodian

Recording Secretary: Dawn Aginian

Corresponding Secretary: Virginia Mekjian

Treasurer: Sara Andonian

Assistant Treasurer: Judy Parks

Assistant Recording Secretary/Advisor: Barbara Haroutunian

Newsletter Director: Diana Vosganian & Advisor: Sue Carman Vian

### 2015 Women's Guild Nominating Committee

Anita Boyajian, Linda DePietro, Jackie ElChemmas, Kim Kalajian and Helen Olson

We also wish to thank the outgoing Nominating Committee - Anne Marie Ameriguian, Marianne Dardarian, Diane Khachaturian, Carol Ohanesian, and Marilyn Sarkesian (Chairman)

### 2015 Annual Meeting Delegates

Marianne Dardarian, Kathy Mekjian and Nora Noraian

**Women's Guild Annual Christmas Dinner & Installation of Officers:** Our annual Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers was a huge success due to the efforts of the co-chairs Joy Callan and Jackie ElChemmas. The delicious dinner of beef filet and salmon was created by the chairmen and their committee, Sara Andonian, Alice Argnian, Anita Arslanian, Arlene Howrani, Yn. Roberta Kochakian, Diramayr Virginia Melkonian, Kathy Mekjian, Nancy Panaretos, Marilyn Sarkesian, Shirley Ann Sarkisian, Nevart Torian, Deborah Zazaian, and Cathy Zwinck.

Our thanks for the donations of wine and dessert to Pamela Dayinian, Evie Ezmerlian, Carole Hovsepien, Jane Hovsepien, Mary Keoleian and Linda Lutz. We also thank Joy Callan and Jackie ElChemmas for donating the delicious cheoreg and cheese beoregs.

We also wish to thank Carol Ohanesian, Social Services Committee Chairman, for coordinating the stuffed animal collection for the Southfield Fire Department. Our members brought beautiful stuffed animals for children experiencing traumas.

Our entertainment for the evening was the world- renowned musician, Ara Topouzian! Ara performed on the Kanun (Armenian Harp).

**After Church Bake Sale:** Thank you to Almas Derderian, Arick Kasper, Dolly Matoian and Helen Olson for faithfully leading the weekly sale of baked goods every Sunday after Church. We also would like to thank our many other dedicated members who assisted after Church.

**Festival Bake Thank you Luncheon:** This lovely luncheon held on Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup> was coordinated by Dolly Matoian and funded by St. John Armenian Church. It was given in appreciation to all of the dedicated women who came to bake all summer long. We also wish to thank Jackie and Faouzi ElChemmas for preparing this delicious lunch. A special gift was given to Almas Derderian on this occasion for all she has done to help with our Women's Guild baking endeavors. For those that don't know, Almas plays a crucial role in buying ingredients, making sure we have enough ingredients and getting the best price possible, packaging, and selling after Church (among other things). Almas is an outstanding example of selflessness and devotion, always putting the best interest of our Church first and foremost.

**Thank You**  
to the Cookbook  
Committee & also



Marianne Dardarian for leading  
the sales and shipping of the  
cookbooks.

**Thank You**

to Diane Khachaturian  
for proofreading  
Women's Guild  
Correspondence!



**Thank You**

to Charlene  
Apigian  
& her committee  
for preparing the  
weekly Mahs!

**Armenian Christmas Church Services followed by a Luncheon and the Women's Guild**

**General Body Meeting:** The chairpersons of the Armenian Christmas Luncheon are Sara Andonian and Alberta Godoshian. Please see the luncheon invitation below. After the luncheon, there will be a Women's Guild General Body Meeting. At the Women's Guild meeting, the Social Services Committee will be taking a collection of new books at a first or second grade level for children who have none at home. The children are students of Katie Kalajian who live in an economically disadvantaged area of North Carolina. Katie is the daughter of Women's Guild Member, Kim Kalajian.



You are cordially invited to attend a  
***Armenian Christmas Luncheon***  
hosted by the Women's Guild following Divine Liturgy on  
**Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
in the main ballroom. Join your fellow parishioners on this joyous occasion for a delicious lunch. Free will offerings may be made. Please make your **reservations by January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015** by calling the Church office at 248-569-3405.

**Prayers & Sympathy**

Our sympathies to Women's Guild member Rozann Vartoogian on the loss of her dear brother



Richard Ghoogasian of California.

Our sympathies also to Virginia and Helen Mekjian on the loss of their dear nephew.

**Congratulations**  
to Richie & Alexandra Apkarian on the birth of their daughter, Katherine Paulette Apkarian on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.  
The delighted grandparents are Rick & Paulette Apkarian and Dr. Neshan & Debbie Ohanian



**DUES**



Please mail your 2015 dues of \$25, and if necessary, your 2014 dues of \$20 to the Assistant Treasurer

JUDY PARKS  
436 Linden Rd.  
Birmingham, MI 48009

**Best Wishes to**  
**Lisa Haidostian & Connor Gants**  
on their engagement.  
Lisa is the daughter of Dicran & Aralynn Haidostian, and the granddaughter of Harry Mardirosian



**Knitting**

Anyone interested in joining the knitting group should contact Linda Assarian at 248-332-0816 or [linda.assarian@gmail.com](mailto:linda.assarian@gmail.com). All Welcome!