

Women's Guild News

August 2021

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<https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site>

Message from our Chair...



Happy August,

My thanks to those of you who were able to complete the survey that was sent in June. We will reveal the results at our live meeting in September. Have you ever stood in line while getting your food at a Church Bazaar or picnic and wondered how such an endless amount of food ended up in the warmers in front of you? Well one person did not do all the cooking and prepping to make that happen. It was a large dedicated well-organized group of volunteers that produced those belly filling memories of your grandmother's kitchen. So, we are now coming into the month with two events still needing to be chaired. The first is the Bazaar in October which can be co-chaired amongst friends to gather and help with the serving and the sale of items. The second is Advent By Candlelight, on December 1st, which requires the coordination of the evening's presentations and hostess reservations. Previous chairs are available for guidance and advice. Contact me for more information (248)892-9739 or dboyagian@yahoo.com.

Denise Boyagian



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our long-time member Maritza “Mitzi” Negohosian on May 29, 2021 at the age of 99.

Our deepest condolences to Charlene Apigian on the passing of her dear brother, James Hagop Kuzirian, on June 3, 2021.

-Asdvadz Hokeeneruh Losavoreh



We send our get well wishes to Yerchanig “Joy” Callan . As you heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.



Congratulations to proud grandparents Linda and Bob DePietro on the birth of their grandson Grant Daniel DePietro. Grant was born on May 30, 2021 to Ryan and Christine DePietro and joins big brothers Matthew and Alex!

Brayden Michael was born on July 18, 2021 to Jordan and Samantha Gorosh. The proud great-grandmother is Elizabeth Amboian. Congratulations to the entire family!

Our Planning Outreach Program needs your help!!



Planning is a form of crocheting with plastic bags to make blankets and pillows for the homeless. The shelters hand them out faster than volunteers can make them. It’s very easy and you can find the demonstration on our YouTube Guild Gatherings page. Please reach out to Edith Baise with any questions about how to participate (313)673-3325.



Thank you all for completing the survey – We will go over the results at our next general body meeting on Wednesday, September 1st at 7pm in person!



Coming Soon! Women’s Guild Mentoring Program

We are going to match up current Guild members with new members to help show them the ropes! If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Denise Karakashian (248)701-5906.

MANOOGIAN MANOR YARD SALE



Manoogian Manor will be hosting a Yard Sale August 26th & 27th from 10:30-5:30. If you have anything to donate to the sale that is worth selling, please bring it to the side door near the Hospitality Room (please make an appointment to do this FIRST 734-522-5780) **between August 1st & August 13th** so there will be time to price and organize it all.

Sat., Aug. 7 th	World Medical Relief – 9:00 to 11:30 am. Please reach out to Edith Baise for more information (313)673-3325
Wed, Aug. 11 th	Guild Gatherings YouTube – <i>“It’s Simple To Make Yogurt” with Carol.</i>
Sun., Aug. 15 th	Church Picnic – Don’t forget your baked good donation or good will offering. Contact Edith Baise (313)673-3325 or Alice Arginian (313)574-5560 with any questions.
Wed., Aug. 18 th	Executive Board Meeting – 7pm – <i>In Person!!!</i>
Sat., Aug. 21 st	Manoogian Manor Visit – Assumption of the Holy Mother of God
Wed., Sept. 1 st	General Body Meeting and dinner – 7pm – <i>In Person!!!</i>
Wed., Sept. 8 th	New Guild Gatherings YouTube – <i>“Interior Design Tips with Christine”.</i>
Wed., Sept. 15 th	Executive Board Meeting – 7pm – <i>In Person!!!</i>
Sat., Sept 18 th	Manoogian Manor Visit – Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wed., Sept, 22 nd	St. John Armenian Church Sanctuary and Manoogian Museum Tour 10:00 to 2:00. Space is limited. Contact Diane Ekizian for details (248)851-4069.
Oct. 1 st & 2 nd	Church Bazaar – August baking dates listed below.



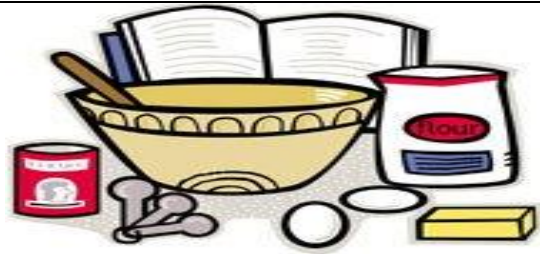
JOIN US AND HELP SORT BADLY NEEDED MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE USED LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

SJAC VOLUNTEER DAY AT WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

August 7th at 9:00 - 11:30

CONTACT GREG OR EDITH BAISE AT (313) 673-3325 OR EBAISE@UMICH.EDU



BAZAAR BAKING DATES

All baking times are 9am-noon

- Wed., Aug. 4th – Khalkha
- Sat., Aug. 7th - Katah – *All hands-on deck!*
- Wed., Aug. 11th – Katah – *All hands-on deck!*
- Wed., Aug. 18th – Choreg (small)
- Wed., Aug. 25th – Soo Boreg – *need as many helpers as possible.*

Please reach out to Yerchanig if you can help!
(248)533-6320



Welcome Back!

After a year and a half apart, we are finally able to have our first
in person

Women's Guild meeting!

Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00 pm

Yn. Roberta and Sue Vian will be hosting in honor of their mother
Agnes Carman.

A Light Dinner will be served

and

the New Guild Directories will be available.

Please RSVP by August 25th

Email Dboyagian@yahoo.com or, call or text 248-892-9739

Can't wait to see you!!!

St. John Armenian Church

ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY ON THE
CHURCH GROUNDS

PRESENTED BY THE ACYOA SENIORS



MENU: LAMB, CHICKEN, KHOROVADZ AND VEGAN DINNER OPTIONS
• FOOD SERVICE UNTIL 2PM •

**FEATURING: ARMENIAN BEERS AND
WINES, WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE SALE,
PARISH BOOKSTORE, CHILDRENS
ACTIVITIES & A CLASSIC CAR SHOW!!!**

22001 NORTHWESTERN HWY SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075



PICNIC BAKE SALE

Alice Arginian and Edith Baise have generously volunteered to chair this year's Church Picnic Bake Sale on Sunday, August 15th. You are invited to participate by supplying baked goods. Please bring them to the Church on Sunday morning by 10:00 a.m. Remember - Armenian treats are the best sellers! Please prepare your goodies in bags, ready for sale, packaged nicely, and in an appropriate amount for your item (6, 10, 12 pieces per bag).

Please let Alice or Edith know what/how many you will be donating.

If you are unable to bake and would like to make a monetary donation, you may use the Women's Guild website: <https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site/> or you may send a check made out to SJAC Women's Guild to:

Edith Baise
34722 Pembroke Ave
Livonia, MI 48152

We will also need a few helpers that morning to help price the items and during the sale to help customers. Let us know by phone or email if you are able to help!

Edith: ebaise@umich.edu or (313) 673-3325

Alice: argnian@yahoo.com or (313) 574-5560

Many thanks for all of the things you do to support the work of the Women's Guild!



Welcome New Women's Guild Members

It's so nice to be able to put these lovely faces with the names!



Dr. Alexandra Apkarian



Christine Atesian



Sara Sarkisian Bell



Dr. Michelle Samarian Ducato



Lauren Gershonowicz



Sarah Hagopian



Karen Kalajian



Christine Topa Keillor



Donna Lafian



Jennifer Morris



Nicole O'Donovan



Kathy Torigian



Christine Sarafian



Margaret Ann Yessian

*Not Pictured: Olivia Andonyan, Christine Datian,
Kathy Haase, Lorrie Keila, and Lucine Tarman*

*The Women's Guild
of St. John Armenian Church
presents*

"Guild Gatherings"

*~a series of creative videos on
YouTube~*

Wednesday, July 14

*Temper Paint Technique
for Upper Elementary Students
with Sue*

Wednesday, August 11

*It's Simple to Make Yogurt
with Carol*

Click on the Link

*[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=
PLgaajJ5B015V_fCalkqdiHwLZU3q
TyV71](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgaajJ5B015V_fCalkqdiHwLZU3qTyV71)*

or

*[https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site/
guild-gatherings-1](https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site/guild-gatherings-1)*



Manoogian Manor Visit

July 17th, 2021 - Feast of Transfiguration

The staff greeted us with Armenian coffee which helped to stir conversations with some of the residents. Father Armash along with Deacons Onnig and George conducted a prayer service and distributed communion to all who attended. Denise Boyagian and Denise Karakashian brought choreg for the residents and staff donated with love by Paulette Apkarian. It is such a pleasure to see the smiling faces that were once covered by masks. It was easy to hear and understand everyone, no shouting required. Discovering the thread that connects us and the faith that binds us together is what makes our feast day outreach visits such a joy.



Feast Day of the Holy Saint Sandukht

Saturday, July 17th, the Armenian Church observed the Feast of Saint Thaddeus the Apostle and the Holy Virgin Saint Sandukht. The story of these two saints shed light on the early days of Christianity in Armenia. In 2001, St. John Women's Guild commissioned a beautiful mosaic dedicated to Saint Sandukht which was installed and consecrated in St. John's Holy Sanctuary. To celebrate the feast day honoring Saint Sandukht, the Women's Guild adorned the mosaic with flowers and candles. We ask through prayer that our saint inspire us with her spirit, and to intercede on our behalf with God.



Have you visited our new website? It's a convenient place to:

- ✿ Pay your dues
- ✿ Shop for a gift - with free delivery!
- ✿ Conveniently access Guild Gatherings
- ✿ Donate to Women's Guild **

Here are some tips on making a donation on our website:

1. Customize your donation by adding amounts together

To donate \$35, select 25 then press 'Add to Cart' then chose 10 and 'Add to Cart'. Your total will be \$35 in checkout.

Or to donate \$20 chose 10 then press 'Add to Cart' and again press 'Add to Cart.' Your total will be \$20 at checkout.

2. Add an order note

While checking out click on *Add an order note* and type in your instructions such as, "Donation for Picnic Bake Sale," that way your donation will go exactly where you intend.

If you make a mistake scroll up to the shopping cart icon and click 'Remove' next to the item to delete it. That's it!

*** NOTE: The version of the website we use is the free one (we pay only when there is a transaction), this has limitations such as not having a fill-in-the-blank option for donations. We hope these suggestions allow our members a viable work-around.*

<https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site>

Greetings to All

St. John Women's Guild Members

It's time to pay your 2021 annual dues!

Please make checks of \$25 payable to St. John Women's Guild

Mail checks to Paulette Apkarian

7430 Brookberry Court
West Bloomfield, Michigan 48322

*For questions, please contact Paulette Apkarian at (248) 225-3823
or pauletteapkarian08@gmail.com*

Please fill out the form below and mail it with your payment.

2021 _____ 2022 _____

Name _____ Husband's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

BLAST from the PAST

Have you come across any old Women's Guild photos lately??? If so, please email them to Nyree Giragosian, nyreevgir@gmail.com, along with member names/event and any other news you would like to share and we will include them in an upcoming newsletter.

The deadline is the 22nd of the month.



Marash Needlework Class Held at Anoush Papelian's home.

Front Row: Amelia Boladian, Anoush Papelian, Diane Aginian, Jane Hovsepien

Back Row: Marilyn Boladian, Lena Montgomery, Nina Sarkisian, Zee Sarkesian, Lisa Derderian

St. John's Women's Guild Circle #2

1982 Manoogian Manor Visit

(Not sure of all the names)

Top row: Margaret K., Ann Sultanian, Mary Keoleian, Father Baret, Father Paren (now Abp. Paren), Alice Haidostian, Alice Safilian, Virginia Mekjian.

Middle Row: Does anyone know who is next to Margaret Brousalian? Margaret is on the right.

Front Row: Armena Odabashian, Marie Manoogian, Alice Mavian



Thank you Jane Hovsepien and Alice Safilian for sending in these "Blasts from the Past!"

Women's Guild Calendar 2021

January 6	Armenian Christmas Service	May 5	General Body meeting, 7pm, zoom webinar
January 6	After Armenian Christmas service drive up lunch from vets building	May 12	New Guild Gatherings video published
January 7	General Body meeting, 7pm, zoom webinar	May 19	Exec. Board meeting, 7 pm, zoom
January 14	New Guild Gatherings video published	May 26	New Guild Gatherings video published
January 16	Manoogian Manor visit- Armenian Christmas	June 2	General Body Meeting via Zoom
January 20	Exec. Board meeting, 7 pm, zoom	June 9	New Guild Gatherings video published
January 28	New Guild Gatherings video published	June 16	Exec. Board meeting, 7 pm
February 3	General Body meeting, 7pm, zoom webinar	June 23	New Guild Gatherings video published
February 10	New Guild Gatherings video published	July 14	New Guild Gathering video published
February 17	Executive Board meeting, (after Lenten services) 7 pm, zoom	July 17	Manoogian Manor visit- Transfiguration of our Lord
February 24	New Guild Gatherings video published	July 21	Exec. Board Meeting 7 pm
March 3	General Body meeting, (after Lenten services) 7 pm, zoom webinar	August 11	New Guild Gathering video published
March 20	Saintly Women's Day observance and Lenten Retreat	August 15	Church Picnic and bake sale
March 10	New Guild Gatherings video published	August 21	Manoogian Manor visit- Assumption of the Holy Mother of God
March 17	Executive Board meeting, (after Lenten services) 7 pm, zoom	September 1	General Body meeting, 7pm
March 24	New Guild Gatherings video published	September 8	New Guild Gatherings video published
March 28	Palm Sunday bake after church	September 15	Exec. Board meeting, 7 pm
April 7	General Body meeting, 7pm, zoom webinar	September 18	Manoogian Manor visit- Exaltation of the Holy Cross
April 8	Manoogian Manor visit- Easter 11am	October 1-3	St. John Bazaar
April 14	New Guild Gatherings video published	October 6	General Body meeting, 7 pm
April 17 th	Baby Shower 1-3pm	October 13	New Guild Gatherings video published
April 21	Exec. Board meeting, 7 pm, zoom	October 20	Exec. Board meeting, 7 pm
April 28	New Guild Gatherings video published	November 3	Alternatives for Girls- 6:30 pm
		November 10	General Body meeting and elections, 7:00 pm
		November 17	New Guild Gatherings video published
		December 1	Executive Board meeting, 7 pm
		December 8	Advent by Candlelight
		December 15	New Guild Gatherings video published
			Executive Board meeting, 7 pm