

## A Message From Our Chairman...

Shnorhavor Nor Daree Yev Soorp Dznunt!!

Our 2016 Women's Guild Western Christmas Dinner Committee gave our members a beautiful evening to end the year with fellowship, entertainment and a delicious dinner from meze to dessert. We are truly blessed to have so many talented and dedicated women in our Guild. Thank you to all of our members, both seen and unseen, that provided us with a lovely evening. Special thanks to every guest that brought gifts that will be delivered to our deserving Veteran's that will be in the hospital over the holidays. Kudos to our Social Concern committee for their infinite heart in facilitating this mission.



On Friday, January 6, 2017!!!, we will celebrate Christmas at St. John. Immediately following Badarak, all are invited for a Guild sponsored luncheon. This is a free will offering lunch and following the lunch, we will have our first meeting of the New Year.

And so, our year begins again. We may think that each month will bring the same old thing and that will be true only when we don't put ourselves into making it all new again. We each bring our special gifts and talents to every project that the Guild undertakes, be it a long-standing tradition or the very first trial run. You make it new and you make it special. Think about giving your unique talents to your Guild this year. New ideas keep us fresh and engaging for all members.

Here's a scary thought; no sooner will we celebrate Christmas than we will begin that great built in fellowship experience, Palm Sunday Bake Sale baking. Watch for the calendar in the next newsletter and tape it to your forearm so you will remember every date that you and your friends can come and lend yourselves to our big day. All hands are good hands!

Your new board, installed in church during Badarak by Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, is ready to serve the church and the mission of our Guild. We welcome all ideas and those anxious to share their energies in serving the common good of our community. You know you are needed and wanted. Happy New Year and a Blessed Christmas to all.

Y. Joy Callan

### Our New 2017 Executive Board

**President** – Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

**Chairman** – Yerchanig Joy Callan

**Vice Chairman** – Barbara Rupus

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**Recording Secretary** – Cathy Zwink

**Corresponding Secretary** – Lisa Derderian

**Newsletter Advisor** – Diana Vosganian

**Outreach Advisor** – Sue Carman Vian

**Membership Advisor** – Barbara Haroutunian & Kathy Mekjian



Our heartfelt sympathy to Carol Cholmakjian on the passing of her dear mother Lucia Cholmakjian.

Get well wishes to Louise Brocher who recently had hip surgery. We send our prayers and good wishes for her speedy recovery.



Congratulations to Kelly and Dikran Callan on the birth of their son Zaven Mihran on November 8<sup>th</sup>. He has been lovingly welcomed by his sister Sosi, happy grandparents Denise and Bob Karakashian and Yerchanig and Roy Callan and proud great-grandparents Gayle and Mihran Hoplamazian.

January 6 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Armenian Christmas Free Will Luncheon 12:00 p.m. after Church Service
January 7 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Manoogian Manor Visitation 11:00 a.m.
February 26 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Poon Pareegenton
March 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	2017 Parish Assembly
April 9 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Palm Sunday Bake Sale
April 16 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Easter Tea





## Guild Christmas Dinner

Our Thanks to the Christmas Dinner Committee, under the chairmanship of Barbara Haroutunian. The committee included Patricia Akkashian, Anita Arslanian, Anna Baylerian, Yerchanig (Joy) Callan, Alberta Godoshian, Kathy Mekjian, Nora Noraian, Joyce Obenhoff, Shirley Ann Sarkisian, Nevart Torian and Sue Vian.



Many Thanks to the Generous Donors Sara Andonian, Alice Argnian, Anita Arslanian, Anonymous, Yerchanig (Joy) Callan, Alberta Godoshian, Barbara Haroutunian, Jane Hovsepian, Sue Janigian, Yvonne Korkorian, Dolly Matoian, Katherine Mekjian, Carol Ohanesian, Linda Stambouliau and Mariann Zamanigian.

Thank you to Marilyn Sarkesian and Nancy Panaretos for preparing and donating the punch. Jacqueline ElChemmas and Diramayr Virginia Melkonian for preparing and donating the Boeregs. Shirley Ann Sarkisian for making a donation for dining room set ups and Joyce Obenhoff for donating the materials and printing the programs.

Finally, thank you to Linda Jevahirian, who beautifully played piano solos and to Charlene Apigian for leading us with the singing of Christmas Carols.



Dinner guests making their way through the delicious buffet selections.

## Christmas Dinner Centerpiece Donations



The following Guild members made donations for the Santa Boot centerpieces at the Christmas Dinner. The boots will be donated to the Rochester Neighborhood House. Thank you to Pat Akkashian, Isabelle Belian, Marianne Dardarrian, Yn. Roberta Kochakian, Nora Norian, Anna Sarkisian, Linda Stamboulian, Sue Vian, Diana Vosganian and Cathy Zwink.

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