

Women's Guild News

March 2021

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A Message from our Chair...



It has been one year now since we have started this journey into the unknown Covid 19 pandemic. Many will talk about how we are near the end with shots available to some, and more coming soon. The topic of conversation lately has been whether or not you have received an appointment for the shot, received the shot, had problems with the shot, or have completed the shots? All of us anxious to get back to life as we knew it. How could that ever be the case? We will be forever changed by this pandemic. My hope is that we can stay strong with our faith in God so that we can continue the work that is asked of us as Christians and as members of our Women's Guild.

Denise Boyagian

P.S. Clocks move forward this month.



We are deeply saddened to share the news that our dear member, Arick Kasper, passed away on February 21, 2021.

-Asdvadz Hokeen Losavoreh



Our Plarning outreach program needs your help!!

Plarning 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 call Edith Baise with any questions about how to participate (313)673-3325.



Our member Belinda Kabodian, BS, RN, is the Community Coordinator for Ascension SE Michigan Community Health as well as our Parish nurse. She has generously shared the link below for the Ascension Carelink Newsletter (which lists FREE virtual exercise classes, educational lectures and classes :30 Minute Walking Workout (walk 4,000 steps/2 miles) 10:15-10:45 am, and 45-minute chair yoga

11-noon, ongoing Tuesdays and Thursdays) as well as Covid / Vaccine information.

Please contact Belinda with any questions (248)767-3942. Thank you so much, Belinda!

<http://healthcare.ascension.org/events>

We have 2021 Directory corrections to add:

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You will find a printable updated directory correction list for the executive board at the end of the newsletter. Please disregard the board member correction page from last month.

If you have any contact information changes, please reach out to Paulette Apkarian (248) 225-3823 or pauletteapkarian08@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES



Wed., March 3 rd	Women's Guild General Body Meeting – 7:00 pm Zoom
Wed., March 3 rd	ACYOA Jrs. Lenten Fish Dinner (drive-up) Contact Lisa Mardigian for more information lmardigian@sjachurch.org
Wed., March 10 th	Guild Gatherings YouTube – “Setting Your Table for Special Occasions” by Lisa
Wed., March 17 th	Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm Zoom
Wed., March 17 th	ACYOA Jrs. Lenten Fish Dinner (drive-up) Contact Lisa Mardigian for more information lmardigian@sjachurch.org
Sat., March 20 th	Women's Sainly Day Observance and Lenten Retreat
Wed., March 24 th	Guild Gatherings YouTube – “Mom's Eetch...A Vegetarian Delight” by Denise Karakashian.
Wed., March 24 th	ACYOA Jrs Lobster Dinner (drive-up) Contact Lisa Mardigian for more information lmardigian@sjachurch.org
Sun., March 28 th	Women's Guild Palm Sunday Bake Sale (drive-thru). Please contact Marilyn Dadian for baking information (248)644-1960 or dadian@comcast.net
Sun., April 4 th	Easter Sunday
Wed., April 7 th	Women's Guild General Body Meeting – 7:00 pm Zoom
Saturday, April 10 th	Women's Guild Manoogian Manor visit - Easter
Saturday, April 17 th	World Medical Relief – 1:00-3:30 Please reach out to Edith Baise for more information (313)673-3325

Do you like to talk on the phone??? Interested in making new friends???



Our outreach phone call program is for you!
Volunteers will have a list of ladies from our Women's Guild to reach out to during these trying times. Your list of friends will change every month.

It's a great way to get to know new people and to share what is happening in your lives!

Please contact Marianne Dardarian if you're interested.

(248)802-6917/ mhdardarian@att.net



Have you ever wondered how to “Look Better” on a ZOOM call??
Check out this YouTube video for tips!!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=ACNGhPKnmok>



The Women's Guild
of
St. John Armenian Church ~ Southfield, Michigan

presents

'GUILD GATHERINGS' 
~ A SERIES OF CREATIVE VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE ~

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10
SETTING YOUR TABLE FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS
BY LISA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24
MY MOM'S EETCH...A VEGETARIAN DELIGHT
BY DENISE

CLICK ON THE LINK

**[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?
list=PLgaajJ5B015V_CalkqdiHwLZU3qTyV71](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgaajJ5B015V_CalkqdiHwLZU3qTyV71)**

Each published video will remain on the Guild Gatherings site to be viewed as often as desired.





WE ASK ALL WOMEN'S GUILD MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE!

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

MARCH 28, 2021

BAKE FROM HOME

ARMENIAN DELICACIES ONLY

SIGN UP GENIUS INVENTORY CONTROL

ONLINE PURCHASES

DRIVE THROUGH PICK UP

♥
CHOEREG ~ KHALKHA ~ KATAH ~ NAZOOG ~ SIMIT ~ KURABIA

SIGN UP GENIUS WITH SPECIFICS COMING SOON!

CALL MARILYN DADIAN WITH QUESTIONS (248)882-0935

Calling all Gardeners, Crafters....
and Mom/Child (all ages)
Activity Creators.

Would you like to share your talents
with us through our YouTube
GUILD GATHERINGS?

*No experience necessary
and we will help you along the way.*

Please contact
**Paulette Apkarian (248) 225-3823 or
Denise Karakashian (248) 701-5906**

A Baby Shower

honoring

Yn. Maran Bagdasarian

*Saturday, April 17, 2021
1 - 3 pm*

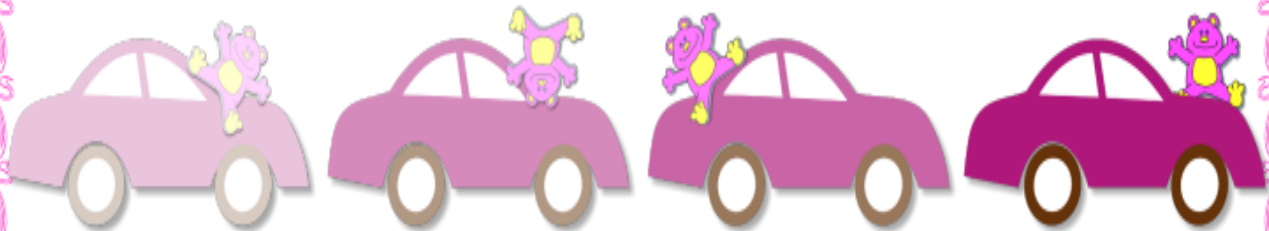
*St. John Armenian Church
Main Lobby Portico*

The Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church
is hosting a shower for our members to honor

Yn. Maran and their expected baby girl.

We hope you will join us for this strictly 'drive-by' event.
Watch for your invitation and respond
using the electronic form by April 1.

Questions? Please call Anna Sarkisian: 248.344.4321

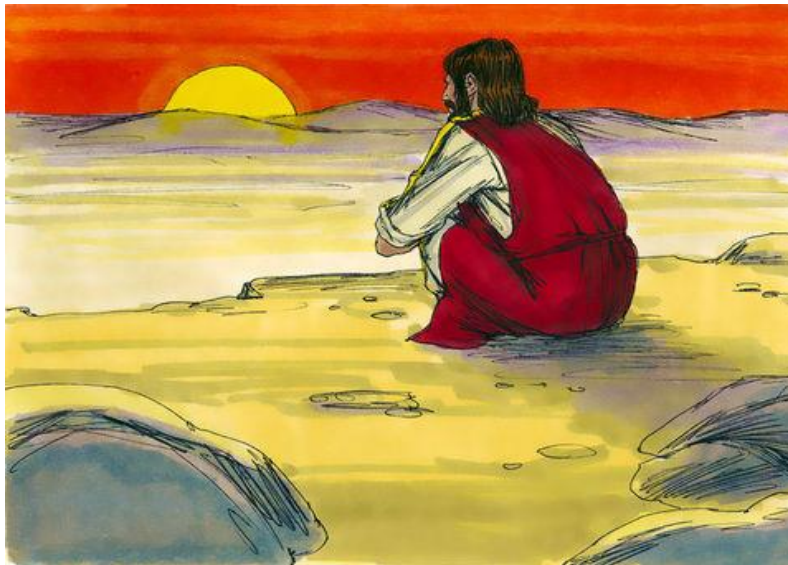


ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH 26TH ANNUAL
REV. FR. DIRAN AND YN. ROSALIE PAPAIZIAN PARISH RETREAT

OPEN TO ALL

Saturday, March 20th, 2021
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Zoom Meeting)

“Embracing Isolation . . . Christ’s Way”



- Special Guest Presentations ~ You Won’t Want to Miss!
- Breakout Sessions
- Zoom Format ~ Complementary Registration



Link to Register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdOyrrigsE9yqZU_rhlqEviUaDytT_amV

Confirmation and Zoom link will be sent upon registration.

Zoom Registration deadline: March 10, 2021

Sponsored by the Rev. Fr. Diran and Yeretzhin Rosalie Papazian Endowment Fund

Greetings to All
St. John Women's Guild Members
It's time to pay your 2021 annual dues!

Please make checks of \$25 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 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

In memory of our dear Barbara Haroutunian, we would like to share the "Train of Life". She so enjoyed sharing the devotional readings each month with the Women's Guild. "Train of Life" was read by Barbara during our first ZOOM general body meeting.

Train of Life



At birth, we boarded the train of life and met our parents, and we believed that they would always travel by our side. However, at some station, our parents would step down from the train, leaving us on life's journey alone.

As time goes by, some significant people will board the train: siblings, other children, friends, and even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we won't realize that they vacated their seats! This train ride has been a mixture of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

A successful journey consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery that prevails is that we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. Thus, we must try to travel along the track of life in the best possible way -- loving, forgiving, giving, and sharing.

When the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty -- we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who continue to travel on the train of life.

Let's remember to thank our Creator for giving us life to participate in this journey.

BLAST from the PAST

Have you come across any old Women's Guild photos lately??? If so, please email them to Nyree Giragosian along with member names/event and we will include them in an upcoming newsletter nyreevgir@gmail.com
Thank you Linda Tiffany for sharing these priceless photos!



2008 Women's Guild Dinner Dance

Arlene Baylerian, Anna Sarkisian,
Ed Sarikisian, Jane Hovsepien,
Shoushan Ameriguian



Guild 80th Anniversary Dinner Dance 2011

Linda Tiffany, Karen Mangune,
Rozann Vartogian, Charlene Apigian,
Alice Mekjian, Nancy Kevonian



Cookbook Committee lunching at Phoenicia – 2015

Terry Palaian, Belinda Kabodian, Roxie Choukourian, Dolly Matoian, Arlene Baylerian,
Marianne Dardarian, Linda Tiffany, Diana Vosganian, Shoushan Ameriguian, Mary Boyadjian.

2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD DIRECTORY UPDATE

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Women's Guild TENTATIVE 2021 Calendar

January 6	Armenian Christmas Service,	May 26	New Guild Gatherings video
January 7	General Body meeting, 7:00		published
	pm, zoom webinar	June 2	Membership Dinner and
January 14	New Guild Gatherings video		General Body meeting-
	published		Cultural Hall 6:00 pm
January 16	Manoogian Manor visit-	July TBA	Summer outing- date TBD
	Armenian Christmas	June 9	New Guild Gatherings video
January 20	Exec. Board meeting, 7:00 pm,		published
	zoom	June 16	Exec Board meeting, 7:00 pm
January 28	New Guild Gatherings video	June 23	New Guild Gatherings video
	published		published
February 3	General Body meeting, 7:00	July/August	No meetings (summer break)
	pm, zoom webinar	July 17	Manoogian Manor visit-
February 10	New Guild Gatherings video		Transfiguration of our Lord
	published	August 15	Church Picnic and bake sale
February 17	Exec. Board meeting, (after	August 21	Manoogian Manor visit-
	Lenten services) 8:00 pm,		Assumption of the Holy
	zoom		Mother of God
February 24	New Guild Gatherings video	September 1	General Body meeting 7:00 pm
	published	September 8	New Guild Gatherings video
March 3	General Body meeting, (after		published
	Lenten services) 8:00 pm,	September 15	Exec. Board meeting, 7:00 pm
	zoom webinar	September 18	Manoogian Manor visit-
March 10	New Guild Gatherings video		Exaltation of the Holy Cross
	published	September 22	New Guild Gatherings video
March 17	Exec. Board meeting, (after		published
	Lenten services) 8:00 pm,	October 1-3	St. John Bazaar
	zoom	October 6	General Body meeting 7:00 pm
March 20	Women's Sainly Day	October 13	New Guild Gatherings video
	Observance AND Lenten		published
	Retreat	October 20	Exec. Board meeting 7:00 pm
March 24	New Guild Gatherings video	October 27	New Guild Gatherings video
	published		published
March 28	Palm Sunday bake sale	November 3	Alternatives for Girls- 6:30 pm
April 10	Manoogian Manor visit- Easter		General Body meeting and
April 7	General Body meeting, 7:00	November 10	elections, 7:00 pm
	pm, zoom webinar		New Guild Gatherings video
April 14	New Guild Gatherings video		published
	published	November 17	Exec. Board meeting 7:00 pm
April 21	Exec. Board meeting, 7:00 pm,	November 24	New Guild Gatherings video
	zoom		published
April 28	New Guild Gatherings video	December 1	Advent by Candlelight
	published	December 8	Christmas dinner meeting,
May 5	General Body meeting, 7:00		6:30 pm- Cultural Hall
	pm, zoom webinar	December 8	New Guild Gatherings video
May 12	New Guild Gatherings video		published
	published	December 15	Exec. Board meeting, 7:00 pm
May 19	Exec. Board meeting, 7:00 pm,	December 22	New Guild Gatherings video
	zoom		published