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*A Message
from our
chairman...*



Dear Guild Members,

The daily news reports from Turkey and Syria bring the devastation of the area to the forefront of our minds and hearts. We, the board, came together to approve a \$200 donation to what the church is collecting. It's not enough. But it is what we quickly could donate. We will be discussing doing more at our March meeting. Please bring your hearts and ideas with you to the meeting and add your voice to the conversation.

I hope to see you in church on March 1 for the Lenten Service, at the ACYOA Lenten Dinner, and at our meeting. The service starts at 5:30 pm and our meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

Sara Andonian



Welcome to our Women's Guild Executive Board!

Linda Jevahirian - Alternate

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 reach out to Edith Baise about how to participate (313)673-3325.



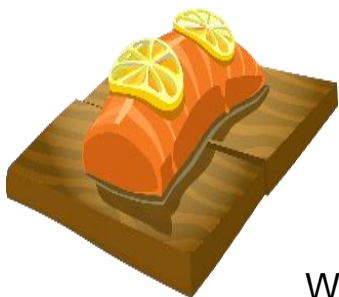
The Knitting Club will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month from 10:00 am-noon at the church in the Ararat room. *No experience is necessary* and all are welcome! We will be knitting scarves to support the Motor City Mitten Mission. Contact Linda Assarian for more information. linda.assarian@gmail.com

St. John Armenian Church Volunteer Day at WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF



Join us and sort badly needed medical supplies and equipment to be used locally and around the world. World Medical Relief donated over \$1.5 million dollars in medical supplies to Armenia in 2021! April 1, 2023/1:00pm-3:00pm. Contact Greg or Edith Baise (313)673-3325 or ebaise@umich.edu.

Please support the ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinners every Wednesday during Lent.



*For reservations, call the church office
(248)569-3405 or email office@sjachurch.org*

Wed., Feb. 22nd, Wed., March 1st, Wed., March 8th,
Wed., March 15th, Wed., March 22nd, Wed., March 29th,

Wed., March 1 st	ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner – Reservations (248)569-3405 or email office@sjachurch.org
Wed., March 1 st	General Body Meeting – 7:00pm
Sat., March 4 th	Saintly Women’s Day – 11:30am
Mon., March 6 th	Choreg Baking – 5:00pm – 8:00pm <i>Light dinner served.</i>
Tues., March 7 th	Khalkha Baking – 9:00am - noon
Wed., March 8 th	ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner – Reservations (248)569-3405 or email office@sjachurch.org
Tues., March 14 th	Khalkha Baking – 9:00am- noon
Wed., March 15 th	Guild Gatherings
Wed., March 15 th	Executive Board Meeting – 7:00pm
Thurs., March 16 th	Knitting Club – 10:00am-noon – Ararat room
Mon., March 20 th	Choreg Baking 5:00pm-8:00pm <i>Light dinner served</i>
Mon., March 27 th	Choreg Baking 5:00pm – 8:00pm <i>Light dinner served</i>
Tues., March 28 th	Baking weather make up day if needed
Sat., April 1 st	World Medical Relief – 1:00pm-3:00pm Edith Baise (313)673-3328.
Sun., April 2 nd	Palm Sunday Bake Sale – Marilyn Dadian.
Sun., April 9 th	Easter Sunday – please remember your donation of two dozen colored Easter Eggs
Wed., April 12 th	General Body Meeting – 7:00pm
Sat., April 15 th	Manoogian Manor Easter Visit – 11:00am
Wed., April 19 th	Executive Board Meeting – 7:00pm



Please remember your Women’s Guild obligation of donating 2 dozen colored Easter Eggs for our Easter Tea. Make sure the cartons are labeled “Women’s Guild” along with your name. They will need to be dropped off to the church kitchen refrigerator by Easter Sunday morning. We will be reserving several cartons for our Manoogian Manor Easter visit. Please contact Nyree Giragosian with any questions. (248)231-2547 or nyreevgir@gmail.com



Have you visited our website lately? There are so many things you can do on our site! Pay your dues, order cookbooks, access to our Guild Gathering Links, and more! <https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site>



Do you have an announcement you would like to share? Maybe you had a baby or a grandchild, a family engagement or wedding, or just something newsworthy to share. Please contact Nyree Giragosian (248)231-2547 or nyreevgir@gmail.com.

Women's Guild *presents*



Please join us on Saturday, March 4, 2022 - 11:30 am for
a new twist on our annual Saintly Women's Day.

Immediately following our Saintly Women's Day church service and luncheon, we will be honored to have Wendy Evans present a talk on Saintly Women in Art. Wendy is known around the metro Detroit area for her English accent, crazy socks, and informative and entertaining presentations on art in libraries, senior centers, country clubs, and many groups around Michigan. She has advanced degrees from Oxford University and Wayne State University, taught art history at Wayne, and volunteers at the Detroit Institute of Art.

Guests are welcome!

Lenten Luncheon - \$15.00

Reservations made through sign up genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aafad2da1fcc25-saintly>

or

Yerchanig Joy Callan (248)533-6320/ sjacwg@gmail.com

WOMEN'S GUILD PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE 2023

St John Women's Guild is happy to announce that we will be preparing for our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale all thru February and March. We will be happy to take your advanced orders for Women's Guild World Famous Soo Boreg.

Trays are limited.

To reserve a tray, please contact
Joy Callan at 248-533-6320.

Our next Palm Sunday prep days are the following:

Monday, March 6, 5pm-8pm/Choreg

Tuesday, March 7th, 9am-noon/Khalkha

Tuesday, March 14th, 9am-noon, Khalkha

Monday, March 20th, 5pm-upm/Choreg

Monday, March 27th, 5pm-8pm/Choreg

Tuesday, March 28th/weather makeup day

All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship. No experience is necessary and there is something for everyone to do. Please watch for future dates.

There may be cancellations due to severe weather or other reasons.

Watch for bulletins from the church.





CHILDREN OF ARMENIA SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

CASP provides supplemental financial support on an annual basis to orphans and low-income single-mothers. CASP stipends enable families to afford the things that improve their quality of life, including food, fuel and clothing, and certain extracurricular activities.

We are currently sponsoring 11-year-old Ashot Grigoryan. He recently reached out to us with two updates on what is happening in his life.

Thank you to CASP for translating.

Hello Dear Benefactor.

I am Ashot Grigoryan. I am in the sixth grade of Agarak Secondary School. My favorite subject is geography. I study pretty well at school. Besides geography, I like the Armenian language, math, and Russian. I attend musical school already four years. I am doing well there. For example, a few days ago, I got 9 points on the "Gammas" exam. I spend my free time playing in the yard or helping my grandmother. My brother and I went to a camp in the summer. I participated in the chess competition there, earning 10 points. My brother took part in the sports competition and got 5 points. We have a garden. I always help grandma and grandpa with the garden. As a result, we get tasty fruits and vegetables.

I am very thankful that you help us, and I have always felt your support. I wish you health.

Ashot Grigoryan



Hello Dear Benefactor,

My name is Ashot Grigoryan. I am 11 years old. I study in the sixth grade of Agarak Secondary school. I also attend the piano department of a music school. I study excellently in both schools. I love our city very much. There are very friendly people in our town. I would very much like to spend my summer vacations in the capital of Armenia, Yerevan. I have not been there for a while. Dear Benefactor, this concludes my letter. I wish you good health and longevity. We greatly appreciate your help and are very grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Ashot Grigoryan

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

GUILD GATHERINGS

A Series of Creative Videos on YouTube

Dyeing Easter Eggs with Onion Skins

Coming in MARCH



Greetings to All

St. John Women's Guild Members

It's time to pay your 2023 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

or

Credit Card payments of \$26 are payable on

<https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site>

(Includes \$1.00 processing fee)

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.

2023 _____ 2024 _____

Name _____ Husband's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

BLAST from the PAST

As we prepare for our Women's Guild 85th Anniversary Gala, we would like to share membership/executive board photos highlighting a different decade each month leading up to the big event!

Have you come across any Women's Guild membership photos lately??? If so, please email them to Nyree Giragosian, nyreevgir@gmail.com, along with the year (or at least the decade) they were taken.

The newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month.

This month's Women's Guild photo is the 1969 Executive Board



Back row: Mary Semeroff, Arshaloos Mooradian, Myrenee Khazarjan

Front row: Ashkhen Varbedian, Maliveneh Papazian, Victoria Zamanigian, Nevart Jurjuran

Women's Guild 2023 Calendar

JANUARY	Fri, Jan 6	Armenian Christmas Luncheon, General Body meeting afterwards
	Sat, Jan 7	Manoogian Manor visit, Armenian Christmas, 11:00am
	Wed, Jan 18	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
FEBRUARY	Wed, Feb 1	General Body meeting, 7:00pm, ZOOM
	Wed, Feb 15	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
MARCH	Wed, March 1	General Body meeting, 7:00 pm
	Sat., March 4	Saintly Women's Day program & luncheon, 11:30am
	Wed, March 15	Executive Board meeting after Lenten services, 7:00pm
APRIL	Sun, April 2	Palm Sunday Bake Sale
	Sun, April 9	Easter Sunday Tea
	Wed, April 12	General Body meeting, DATE CHANGE (Holy Week), 7:00pm
	Sat, April 15	Manoogian Manor visit, Easter, 11:00am
	Wed, April 19	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
	Mon, April 24	Armenian Martyrs' Day
MAY	Wed, May 3	General Body meeting, 7:00pm
	Wed, May 17	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
JUNE	Sun, June 4	Hokehankist for Women's Guild Members, Tea after services
	Wed, June 7	Membership Dinner
	Wed, June 21	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
JULY	DATE TBD	Summer Outing
	Sat, July 22	Manoogian Manor visit, Transfiguration of Our Lord, 11:00am
AUGUST	Wed, Aug 16	Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm
	Sat, Aug 19	Manoogian Manor visit, Assumption of the Holy Mother of God, 11:00am
	Sun, Aug 13	Church Picnic Bake Sale, after services
SEPTEMBER	Wed, Sept 6	General Body meeting, 7:00pm
	Sun, Sept 10	Khunjook/Family Fun Day
	Sat, Sept 23	Manoogian Manor visit, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 11:00am
	Wed, Sept 20	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
OCTOBER	Wed, Oct 4	General Body meeting, 7:00pm, ZOOM or in Vet's Building
	Fri & Sat, Oct 6-7	Bazaar Bake Sale & Hot Foods volunteers
	Wed, Oct 18	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
	Sat, Oct 21	Anniversary Gala: WG 85th & Heritage Collection 50th, Evening Event
NOVEMBER	Wed, Nov 1	General Body meeting, Elections & Alternatives for Girls drop-off
	Wed, Nov 15	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
DECEMBER	Wed, Dec 6	Christmas Dinner
	Sun, Dec 17	Christmas Cookie Sale, after services
	Wed, Dec 13	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm