

## A Message From Our Chairman...

The Women's Guild of St John Armenian Church has been blessed to serve and grow under the faithful and dedicated leadership of our now retiring pastor, Der Garabed Kochakian. During our October General Body Meeting, it was our honor to present Der Garabed with a gift made in his honor to his beloved 'alma mater,' St Nerses Seminary. In his remarks, Der Garabed asked that as we have shown our love for him, we now show our love for our new pastor, Hayr Aren Jebejian. Der Garabed will celebrate his last Badarak as our pastor on Sunday, October 25, 2015. Immediately following this very special Badarak, we will continue this day of celebration with a retirement banquet in the Cultural Hall. You will not want to miss this very special day!

Promoting our Christian faith thru service and good works is the core value of our Women's Guild. We have many women in our membership that bring a wide range of ideas and talents to further these goals and objectives. We always appreciate those that are willing to step forward and offer their time and their talents. And, we are happy to receive new ideas and avenues of service that you may be able to offer that might not yet have been attempted. We've said it before; new, change and different are not dirty or scary words!! Let us hear from you and if you think you can only participate because you must first be called, think again!! Come on, we're waiting for you.

Sunday, November 1, 2015, we will welcome our new pastor, Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian. Hayr Aren has deep roots in our wonderful Detroit family and community. Even though he has lived in many places, we hope this will be a warm and welcoming homecoming in the truest sense for him. Following his first Badarak, the Parish Council will sponsor a tea following services, in the Cultural Hall. What better way to show our love and support than to attend church that day. And, you can even come on the Sunday's after that as well.

See you at so many events coming up in our church life; Heritage Collection, Fr Garabed Retirement Banquet, November General Body Meeting with Alternatives for Girls Project, St. John Music Guild Commemorative Centennial Concert featuring violinists Ani and Ida Kavafian, Veteran's Celebration, Advent by Candlelight, Women's Guild Christmas Dinner and Centennial Community Choir. Plan on it!



**Directory Change:**

**Member:**  
Alice Mekjian

**Number**  
(248) 837-5333

**\*Please make this change to your directory**

**Get well wishes to Alice Betrosian after her successful heart surgery! Looking forward to seeing her with us soon.**



**Family and friends traveled to Orvieto, Italy to witness and celebrate the May 30<sup>th</sup> marriage of Alexis and Antonello Spinnelli. Alexis is the daughter of Sandy and Greg Jamian. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple!**

**Congratulations to Jeffrey and Jessica Movsesian on the birth of their daughter, Camille Rose, on August 27<sup>th</sup> in Texas. The very proud grandparents are Karen and Greg Movsesian.**



**Thanks  
to Our  
Volunteers!**

**As a thank you to the wonderful women who helped each week at our Monday and Tuesday bake days, even if you came once, we invite you to a luncheon to be held on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon.**

**R.S.V.P. must be made!**

**Please email Dolly Matoian at [dmatoian@att.net](mailto:dmatoian@att.net) or call 248-227-9055. Thank you.**



"Project Linus," sponsored by Our Knitting Group, will be held on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Vartan Room. This is a national, non-profit organization which distributes hand made blankets to children 0-18 years of age in need of comfort. The Western Oakland County Chapter serves our area and will distribute our blankets locally to hospitals, hospice, and to children living in a traumatic situation to provide love, a sense of

security, warmth, and comfort.

"NO KNITTING" is involved in this project! These are fleece blankets which simply need to be cut and tied. "NO EXPERIENCE" is needed! Snacks will be served afterwards. If you are interested in attending, please R.S.V.P. to Linda Assarian at 248-332-0816 or [linda.assarian@gmail.com](mailto:linda.assarian@gmail.com).

### Advent by Candlelight 2015



The Advent Committee, chaired by Belinda Kabodian and Sara Andonian, have begun preparing for a beautiful and inspirational evening on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Hostess table reservations for guild members should be made between November 2<sup>nd</sup> - November 10<sup>th</sup> by contacting Sara Andonian at 248-515-9264 (please leave a message). This is a wonderful way to treat a group of your friends and/or family during the holiday season!

Because there is no charge for Advent by Candlelight, the Guild would appreciate having sponsors to help offset the expenses for this popular event. If you wish to be a sponsor, please contact either Belinda Kabodian at 248- 767-3942 or Sara Andonian at 248-515-9264.

We have received a number of requests for Yvonne Korkoian's Apple Cake recipe, which Marianne Dardarian made for the Women's Guild meeting. This yummy recipe can be found in our Armenian Cuisine Cookbook on page 275! Make and enjoy!!





Tuesday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cheese Beoreg Bake Day 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian's Retirement Banquet
Sunday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Welcome Tea for Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
Wednesday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Guild meeting 6:30 p.m. in the Vartan Room (bagging of personal care items collected for Alternative for Girls followed by Guild elections)
Saturday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Commemorative Centennial Concert featuring violinists Ani and Ida Kavafian at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	"Project Linus" at 7:00 p.m. in the Vartan Room
Monday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12:00 noon - Thank You Luncheon for those who helped on Monday and Tuesday Festival Bake Days
Wednesday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Advent by Candlelight 7:00
Monday, December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Guild Christmas Dinner 6:30

\* Change of date →



Another friendly reminder for those who may have forgotten...

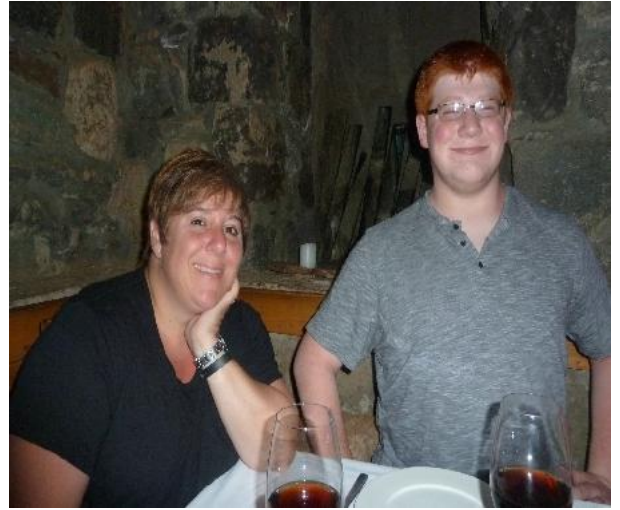
Please mail your 2015 dues of \$25.00 to:  
 Judy Parks  
 436 Linden Road  
 Birmingham, MI 48009

\*You must be current with your dues in order to be eligible to vote at our November guild election meeting.

## Fuller Center for Housing Trip to Armenian



Guild members who traveled to Armenia with the Fuller Center for Housing, spoke of their memorable trip to Armenia and what a life changing experience it proved to be for each of them. L - R: Cathy Atesian, Cathy Zwinck, group leader and coordinator Jackie El-Chemmas, and Nancy Panaretos



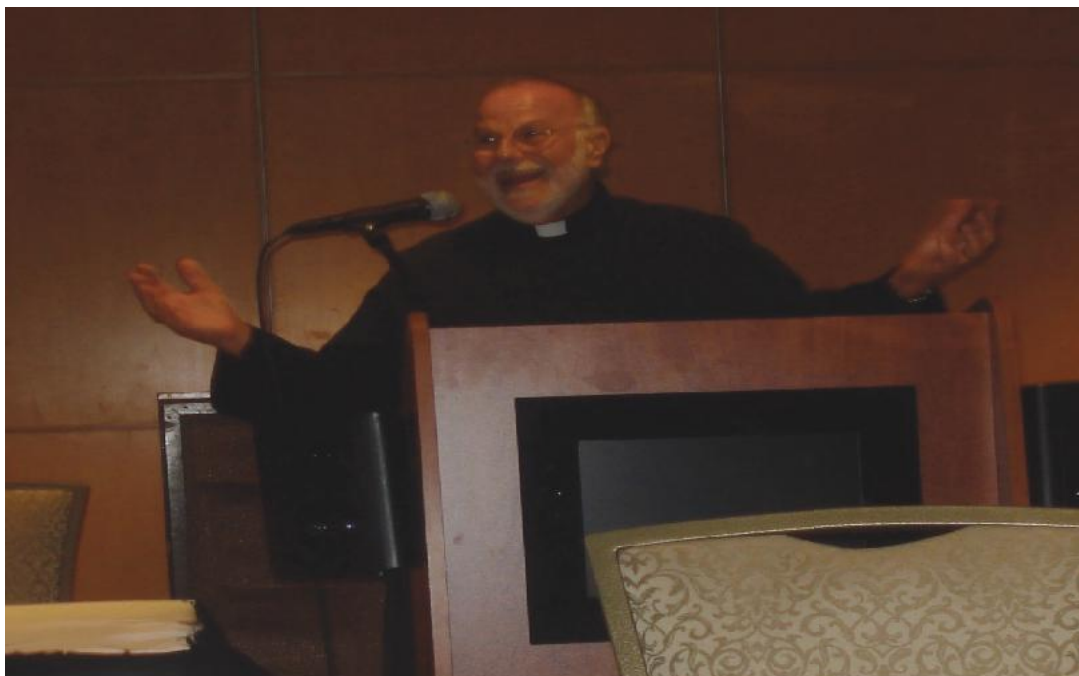
Lynne Kojamanian also spoke of her experience traveling to Armenia with her son, Craig, and read his written experiences of their trip together. Lynne, shared her moving memories and a desire to return to Armenia again.

## Festival Kitchen Workers



L - R: Roy Callan, Gary Javizian, David Dardarian, Anita Arslanian, Sara Andonian, and Dolly Matoian

## Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian's Farewell Address



Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian giving a loving farewell address to the members of the Women's Guild, which he has been an integral part of for the past 17 years.



*St. John Armenian Church  
Women's Guild  
Annual Christmas Dinner*

**New Date!!!**

*Monday, December 7, 2015*

*6:30 P.M.*

*\$15 per person*

Please bring a gift-wrapped item for a fun  
White Elephant Exchange

**\* Mark your calendars now. More information will follow!**

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