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A Message from our chairman...

**Hello,
September!**

Dear Women's Guild Members,

In lieu of the chairman's message this month, Jackie ElChemmas will share a brief message about her experience in Armenia this summer visiting the home last year's team worked on.

This summer my "Fuller Center for Housing - Armenia" team was able to visit the home of Samvel & Vardik Smbatyan and their daughters Sofia & Yana. It was our Guild's generous gift as donors last year to this family to have a solid foundation and a safe roof and give them a reliable future. Look at their smiles! Words of gratitude and appreciation will never be enough to say what a difference we made in their lives. We had a home blessing with the local priest, Der Hovhannes. It was a blessing for them and us. The Women's Guild members felt such pride to be there. Thank you very much.

Prayerfully yours,

Jackie ElChemmas



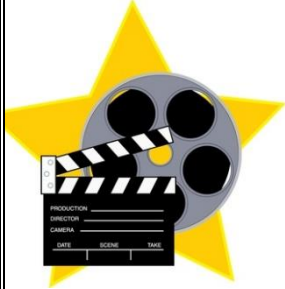


It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear member Carol Aprahamian on August 20, 2023. Our deepest condolences to Carol's family and friends.

- Asdvadz Hokeen Loosavoreh



Wishing Joyce Obenhoff, Diana Shoushanian, and Izzy Vahratian a speedy recovery after surgery as well as Nancy Kevonian who suffered a fall. As you heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.

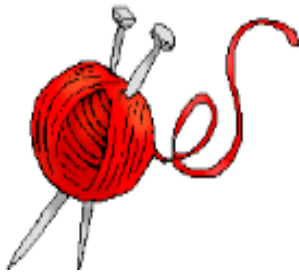


Congratulations to Donna Lafian – her nieces Tia Mayhem (Dmuchowski) and Tanya Venom (Dmuchowski) of rock band “Stormstress” were two of the Armenian musicians featured in the documentary film “We Thrive”- focusing on the various kinds of music made by Armenians here in Detroit.

Congratulations to Joyce Yeghissian as her husband, St. John Armeninan Church Choir Director, Dn. Rubik Malian, was also featured in this film.

If one of your family members were featured in this documentary – please let us know!

KNITTING CLUB



The knitting club will be back in full force beginning Thursday, September 21st 10am-noon in the Vartan room. The group will get together the third Thursday of every month – no experience necessary – come and learn while making new friends! Please reach out to Linda Assarian linda.assarian@gmail.com

St. John Armenian Church Volunteer Day at WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF



Join us on October 14th, 1:00pm - 3:00pm. 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! Contact Greg or Edith Baise (313)673-3325 or ebaise@umich.edu.

Alternatives for Girls



Every year the Women's Guild has donated personal hygiene items for girls and young teens who are at risk. With everything going on in the world right now, these girls are more in need than ever. As always, we will be gathering together to pack up the bags before the November general body meeting and elections in the church hall. Please start collecting these items now because November will be here before we know it!



Do you have some big news you would like to share with the Women's Guild? Please email Nyree Giragosian nyreevgir@gmail.com or call/text (248)231-2547 with the information. Newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month.

Wed., Sept. 6 th	General Body Meeting, 7:00 pm
Sun., Sept. 10 th	Khunjook Family Fun Day – after church services
Thurs., Sept. 21 st	Knitting Club 10am-noon – Vartan room
Sat., Sept. 23 rd	Manoogian Manor visit – Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 11:00 am
Wed., Sept. 27 th	Sanctuary and Museum Tour – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sat., Sept. 30 th	Save the Date -Bazaar Kickoff
Wed., Oct 4 th	General Body Meeting – 7:00PM ZOOM
Fri., Oct 6 th & Sat. Oct. 7 th	Church Bazaar
Sat., Oct. 14 th	World Medical Relief 1:00pm-3:00pm. Contact Edith Baise (313)673-3325 or ebaise@umich.edu
Thurs., Oct. 19 th	Knitting Club 10am-noon – Vartan room
Sat., Oct. 28 th	Women’s Guild Gala Celebration – 85th Anniversary of the Women’s Guild and 50th Anniversary of the Heritage Collection.
Wed., Nov. 1 st	General Body Meeting, Elections, Alternatives for Girls collection.
Sat., Nov 4 th	Painting workshop presented by Fr Garabed Kochakian – see flyer.



BAZAAR final BAKING DATES

We are coming into the home stretch! Here are the final Bake Dates leading up to the Bazaar:

- Monday, September 11 = Choreg with Marianne, 5-8 pm
- Tuesday, September 12 = Katah with Terry, 9-noon
- Tuesday, September 19 = Katah with Terry, 9-noon
- Tuesday, September 26 = Soo Boreg, 9-noon
- Monday, October 2 = Choreg with Marianne, 5-8
- Tuesday, October 3 = Yalanchi (another sit down job)

*All are welcome!
Bring your very good hands
No experience necessary!!!*

Still looking for two volunteers to take charge of the spinach pie and yalanchi dates which will be within 10 days of the Bazaar

Use “Sign Up Genius” to volunteer at the Bazaar for either Hot Foods, Bake Sale, or both!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/13574D805A4CDEFC7AC5-stjohn>



Camelot Bouncy Castle

Arts and Crafts

Jelly Belly Contest

Tin Can Raffle for Kids

Photo Booth

Radical Run Rock Climb

Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church
presents

Khunjook

Family Fun Day

Sunday, September 10, 2023

St. John Armenian Church
after church services on the lawn

Hunter House Burgers & Fries

Veggies & Fruit

Popcorn Bar & Ice Cream Cart

Greg Nigosian Band

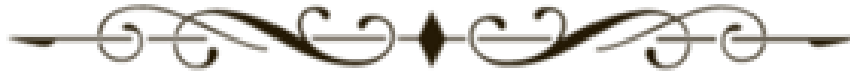
Free Will Donation

**Every registered Sunday School Student will receive
a free ticket for the Kids Tin Can Raffle!!!**

In case of rain the Khunjook will be held in the Grand Ballroom

**Would you like to support our event?
Point your camera at the QR Code to learn how.**



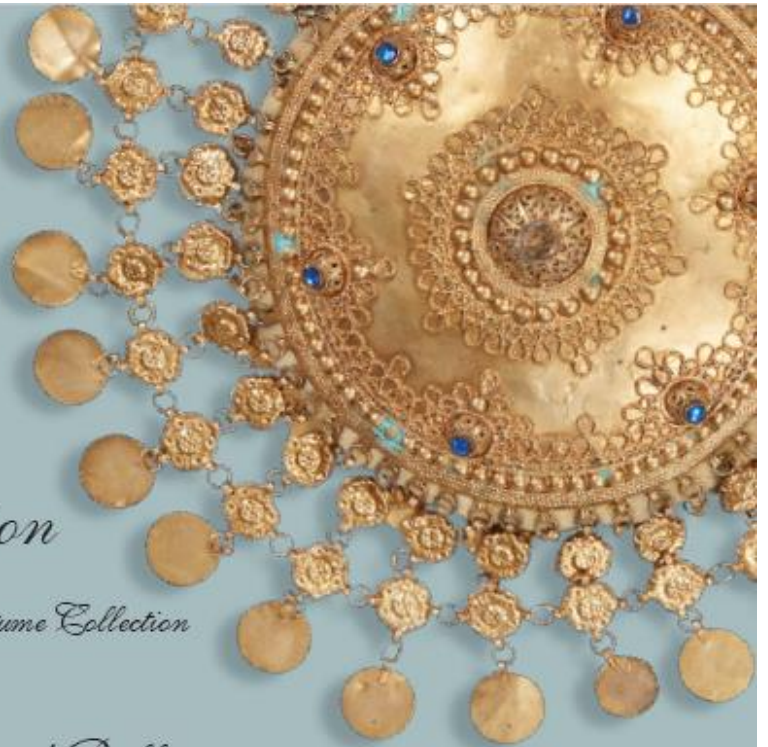


*The Women's Guild
of
St. John Armenian Church*
EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS

*An
Gala
Celebration*

The Armenian Heritage Costume Collection
FIFTY YEARS

The Grand Ballroom
ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023



The Women's Guild

is pleased to announce a painting workshop for our members
presented by Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Art Historian and Iconographer

The Art of Armenian Letters – Ա Բ Գ – Painting our Identity

Saturday, November 4, 2023 9:30 am – 3 pm

St. John Armenian Church Cultural Hall



This workshop begins with a PowerPoint presentation and discussion concerning the history of the Armenian alphabet and how the *Ayp, Pen, Kim* functions linguistically, artistically, and numerically in the tradition of the
Armenian Illuminated Manuscripts

Examples show the decorative capital letters with their unique Armenian forms, all handwritten and painted by scribes and
Icon- Miniaturists

Father Garabed will take you step by step on how to paint beautifully illuminated letters that will be meaningful to you.

Tickets are \$45 and include all materials. A light lunch will be served.

Seating is limited to the first 25 pre-registered members.

Your check is your confirmation and must be received by October 2.

Please make checks payable to St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild

Mail Checks to: Linda Karibian

5225 Wing Lake Road

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Questions? Contact Linda Tiffany 248-250-6020

Men's Society & Women's Guild "Tavloo and other Games Night!"



The Men's Society and Women's Guild held their second Tavloo and other Games Night on Friday, August 11th. So many turned out for games and comradery – we've had several requests to make this a monthly event! We will keep you posted!



Picnic Bake sale



St. John Armenian Church celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mother of God on Sunday, August 13, 2023. As part of our church's annual picnic honoring this feast day, the Women's Guild held our bake sale in the Ararat Room. Chaired by Alice Argnian and Edith Baise, the Bake sale was a

huge success! Some smart customers came to make their purchases before they bought their dinners ensuring they would be able to stock up on delicious choreg, nazoog, and more! We had an abundant number of baked goods donated by guild members and friends. With the help our team of hardworking members it was a success.

Thank you, Bake Sale Circle Members:

Co-Chairs Alice Argnian and Edith Baise, Denise Boyagian, Lisa Derderian, Belinda Kabodian, Linda Karibian, Patricia Magee, Alice Mekjian, Rose Najarian, Joyce Obenhoff, Nancy Panaretos, Marie Semarjian, Linda Tiffany and Nevart Torian.

We would also like to thank over 70 members who made baked good or monetary donations to this year's Bake sale – your contributions are greatly appreciated!



Fellowship with St. Sarkis Ladies Guild



The St. Sarkis Ladies Guild was so kind to invite our Guild along with the Women's groups from the Armenian Congregational Church and St. Vartan's Armenian Catholic Church for an evening of fellowship and camaraderie on Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30pm in the St. Sarkis Lillian Arakelian Hall. Over 60 women were in attendance for an evening of fellowship along with a delicious mezza and dessert reception. The evening concluded with an Armenian trivia game enjoyed by all. The nicest part of the evening was the random seating arrangements which gave us all a chance to mix, mingle, and make new friends. All in attendance agreed that this is something we need to do more often – taking turns hosting!

*Thank you so much to the St. Sarkis Ladies Guild
for such a lovely evening!*

Manoogian Manor Visit

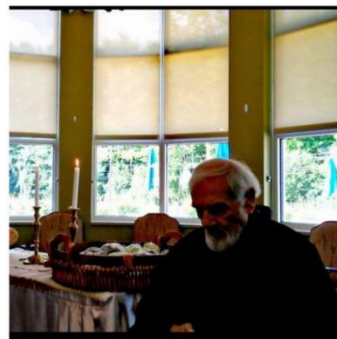
Thank you, Elise Papazian, for sharing the Women's Guild visit along with her thoughts and memories of the Manoogian Manor



The blessing of the grapes with the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God was observed for residents of Manoogian Manor on August 19th, 2023. According to biblical history, Noah planted a vineyard in Nakhicheran, Armenia after disembarking the Ark on Mt. Ararat (Genesis 9) plus wine used for communion. St. Gregory the Illuminator ages ago helped Christianize the ritual which Armenians commemorate thru-out the world. 'Bless oh Lord the vineyards, protecting ALL the lands from ANY misfortunes'. Thank you St. John Armenian Church deacons, choir members, Women's Guild and Men's Society (in charge of the surprise BBQ) - you made this possible! Thank you to Guild member Paulette Schmidt for baking the delicious choreg for the residents.

Fr. Aren included Artsakh in prayer (and I'd appreciate if you dear friends would do the same in yours. along with all good folks in the world facing adversity) I have included pictures from today and a few from the last 'full service' Dad was in attendance & helped with blessings. The following 2 years was the pandemic and last year only the clergy. Wonderful to be together again in worship & remind the sick, sad, and elderly they remain in our hearts. I feel here it's befitting to quote dad: "Find your peace, trust in God and live life... tomorrow is not promised" God's blessings to you and yours.

-Elise Papazian



THE WOMEN'S GUILD OF
ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

presents

GUILD GATHERINGS

A Series of Creative Videos on YouTube

JENGYALOV HATS WITH ANNA



Watch from our Website:

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Click on **Guild Gatherings** then **Learn More**



Christmas Cookie Bakers & Volunteers

2023 Cookie News & Recipes

The Christmas Cookie circle is hosting the September 6th General Body Meeting. We're trying out new recipes for our December sale.

If you're curious to see what we're making, go to signupgenius.com & search using our email: sjacwg@gmail.com. Click on the cookie box to open the page and see the new recipes. Download them if you like, no need to sign up.

Not much of a baker? The photo on that page shows how to turn a pan of brownies into Christmas trees!

Another Sign Up later this year for the December sale. We will pack the cookie boxes on Saturday, December 16th.

Thank you!

Carol Cholmakjian & Joy Callan

Related Files

- [Glazed Citrus Cookies.pdf](#) (1997KB pdf)
- [Mexican Chocolate Snickerdoodles.pdf](#) (898KB pdf)
- [Key Lime Crackles.pdf](#) (2062KB pdf)
- [Pfeffernusse pg1.pdf](#) (1509KB pdf)
- [Pfeffernusse pg 2.pdf](#) (1287KB pdf)
- [Choc Chip w Orange Peel.pdf](#) (2216KB pdf)
- [Holiday Pinwheels.pdf](#) (3162KB pdf)
- [Shortbread Swirls.pdf](#) (3227KB pdf)
- [Minty Spritz.pdf](#) (3633KB pdf)
- [Glazed Lemon Poppyseed.pdf](#) (2189KB pdf)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aafad2da1fcc25-2023#/>

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 _____

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
	Thurs., June 22	Summer Outing – Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum
JULY	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 28	Anniversary Gala: WG 85th & Heritage Costume Collection 50th, Evening Event (NOTE: DATE CHANGE)
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