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A Message from our Chair...

I hope everyone is weathering the Coronavirus storm. There has been a lot to take in lately at home, in our country, and around the world. These events have caused business as usual to take on a different look. Our normal patterns have been disrupted and life is now about keeping ourselves and our families safe and healthy the best we can. Gatherings are limited, students are homebound as schools have closed, meetings are cancelled, teleconferencing is on the rise, and people are working from home (thank goodness for technology!). All these changes can cause us to feel unbalanced, stressed or even fearful but have faith that this "new normal" is temporary.

In following current restrictions, we will not hold Women's Guild meetings or bake days due to the COVID-19 situation. Guild information will be shared by email, if there is a need to do so. You may have heard that the Central Council assembly has been cancelled for this year. It has also been decided to suspend the Palm Sunday Bake Sale for now.

In the midst of all the turmoil, don't lose sight of the fact that the most glorious day in the Christian calendar is upon us. Easter still carries the same message of hope and love as always. No matter where we find ourselves on Easter, with family and friends or quietly at home, the celebration will take place where it always does, in our hearts.

While we continue to observe Lent, take some quiet time for yourself each day and guard yourself against news overload. There is a passage on my refrigerator from 1 Thessalonians 5 that says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, **give thanks in all circumstances**; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." It reminds me to find something to be thankful for every day, no matter how small, which always seems to put my perspective in order. Trust that God has a greater plan. Let's concentrate on the things we can control, not the things we can't. Stay well.

Denise

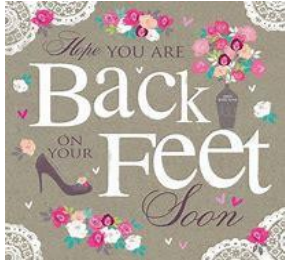


**Circles are *Trending* in the Women's Guild again...
details coming soon!!!!**



The Women's Guild extends our sincere sympathy to Michele Ducato and Sandy Jamian on the passing of their father, John Naghosian.

- Asdvadz Hokeen Losavoreh



Extending our love and best wishes to Cindy Amboian, Pepsi Baylerian and Joyce Obenhoff for continued good health. Looking forward to seeing all of you again soon!



Welcome to our newest Women's Guild member!

Kathy Steck

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This year's updated Women's Guild Directory will be available for pick up at every monthly Women's Guild Meeting. They will also be available for pick up every Sunday after Church services from Paulette Apkarian.

Project SAVE is looking for photos of Armenians past or present. It is an organization formed to collect and archive photographs of Armenians. Find out more by emailing archives@projectsave.org or by calling 617-923-4542.

If you have an announcement you would like to share, please email Nyree Giragosian nyreegir@gmail.com or call 248-231-2547 by the 22nd of each month

Sun., April 5 th	Palm Sunday Bake Sale – Suspended until further notice due to the Primate’s directive. Marilyn Dadian – Chair (248)882-0935
Sun., April 12 th 	EASTER TEA – Suspended until further notice due to the Primate’s directive regarding COVID-19
Sat., April 18 th	Manoogian Manor Easter Postponed Denise Boyagian - Chair (248)892-9739
Fri., May 8 th	May Guild event is now a fundraising event. Details to follow.
Wed., June 3 rd	Membership Dinner



PALM SUNDAY BAKING

All baking has been suspended until further notice due to the Primate’s directive in regards to COVID-19

Easter Tea

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE PRIMATE’S DIRECTIVE IN REGARDS TO COVID-19



Greetings to all
St. John Women's Guild Members
It's time to pay your 2020 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

Send in your payment by April 20

For questions, please contact Paulette Apkarian at 248-225-3823

or pauletteapkarian@aol.com

Please fill out the form below and mail it with your payment

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Saintly Women's Day



Saintly Women's Day service and luncheon meeting was held on March 3rd. In keeping with the theme of "Building the Body of Christ", this year's saintly women are two people who played a vital role in the astounding growth of the early church – Junia in 1st century Rome and Khosrovitookht in 3rd century Armenia. Father Aren and Father Armash delivered a beautiful service honoring the saints followed by moving readings delivered by Yerezgin Roberta and Yerezgin Shakey. Each Yerezgin and volunteers from the Women's Guild then led table discussions with preset questions. The discussions concluded with a delicious luncheon followed

by our monthly meeting. Thank you Denise Karakashian for chairing this moving, annual event.



Women's Guild Calendar 2020

April 1- **CANCELLED** -General Body Meeting-
Vartan Room 8PM

April 5 - Palm Sunday Bake Sale
SUSPENDED due to Primate's directive
(COVID-19)

April 12 - Easter Sunday- Easter Tea/Bake Sale?
(leftover bake goods from week before)
Tea is **SUSPENDED** due to Primate's
Directive (COVID-19)

April 15 - Executive Board Meeting
Conference Room #107 7 PM

May 6 - General Body Meeting Vartan Room 7PM

May 8 – Friday, WG Fundraiser baking event

May 19- BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

May 20 - Executive Board
Conference Room #107 7PM

May 26 - BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

June 2 - BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

June 3 - Membership Dinner-
Cultural Hall Banquet Facility 6:00 PM

June 9 - BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

June 16 - BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

June 17 - Executive Board Meeting-
Conference Room 7PM

June 23 - BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

June 30 - BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

July Summer outing TBA

July 7 - BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

July 14 - BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

July 21 - BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

July 28 - BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

August 4 - BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

August 11 - BAZAAR BAKING-
CHURCH KITCHEN

August 16 - Assumption Blessing of the Grapes
Picnic- Bake Sale

August 18 - BAZAAR BAKING-
CHURCH KITCHEN

August 22 –Manoogian Manor Visit (Tentative date)

August 25 - BAZAAR BAKING-
CHURCH KITCHEN

September 1- BAZAAR BAKING-
CHURCH KITCHEN

September 2 - General Body Meeting-
Vartan Room 7 PM

September 15 - BAZAAR BAKING-
CHURCH KITCHEN

September 22 - BAZAAR BAKING-
CHURCH KITCHEN

September 29 - BAZAAR BAKING-
CHURCH KITCHEN

October 2-4, Bazaar- WG Bakery and HOT FOODS

October 15, Thursday- General Body meeting
Vartan Room* 7PM (Room may be changed)

October 21 - Executive Board Meeting
Conference Room #107 7PM

November 4 - Cultural Hall Alternative for Girls,
General Body meeting and Elections for
Board, Nominating Committee, and Central
Council Delegates. Meeting starts 6:30
pm.

November 18 - Executive Board
Conference Room #107 7PM

December 2 - Christmas dinner meeting (General
body) No Advent by Candlelight this year.

December 16 - Executive Board -
Conference Room #107