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## A Message from our Chair...



### Newsletter, February 2020, Chairman's Message

The Armenian Christmas service and luncheon was a celebration of joy. A big thank-you to chairs Alice Mekjian and Rozann Vartoogian and their committee for a well-organized lunch which was very well attended.

Manoogian Manor visit finally took place and thanks are due to Denise Boyagian for taking the lead on that. Our visit brought an opportunity for fellowship and joy to the residents along with the chance to celebrate Christmas and receive communion. For me, that alone was worth the small amount of time it took to be there.

Plans for Saintry Women's Day are in place. Please note the date change on the calendar in this newsletter. We will observe the day on Wednesday, March 4, with a morning service and a lunch followed by our regular meeting. Please join us in honoring two women, Saint Junia and Saint Khosrovitookht, whose faith and courage gained them sainthood in the Armenian Church.

Let's build the body of Christ together at our February meeting as we learn how to make "plarn" out of plastic bags to be used as blankets for the homeless. Bring 20-25 plastic grocery bags (should be of similar color) and a pair of scissors to our meeting. Our presenters are very excited to share what they have learned with us. Ask your neighbors, friends, or family for plastic bags and save yours to bring.

This Valentine's Day, bring a smile to someone else. Let those you love know they are special and you are thankful they are part of your life. Our Guild is full of amazing women who have enriched my life. Thank you for your friendship and love. Happy Valentine's Day to all!

*Denise*



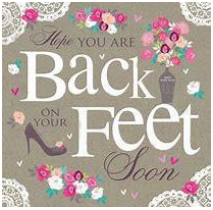
The Women's Guild extends our sincere sympathy to Correne Akarakcian on the passing of her brother's mother-in-law, Roberta Arvani.

Our condolences to Cheryl Joboulian on the passing of her mother, Alice Mavian.

We extend our condolences to Cathy Zwinck on the passing of her brother-in-law Bob Zwinck.

It is with sorrow that we send our sympathy to Terry Palaian, Lisa Boyadjian, and Erica Palaian on the passing of their aunt, Janet Farashetian

- Asdvadz Hokeeneruh Losavoreh



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Extending our love and best wishes to Cathy Atesian for continued good health. Looking forward to seeing you again soon.

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Congratulations to Marilyn Sarkesian on the engagement of her son, Christopher Sarkesian to Lynda Asadourian. Happy aunts are Kathy Zwinck and Nancy Panaretos.

Best Wishes to Dr. Linda Darian Karibian on the engagement of her daughter, Ani Karibian to Armen Mardirossian.

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### **Don't forget your Women's Guild 2020 Membership Dues!**

Please send this year's \$25 annual dues

Paulette Apkarian, 7430 Brookberry Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48322  
(or bring with you to next Guild meeting)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Paulette  
(248)896-2339 or email [pauletteapkarian@aol.com](mailto:pauletteapkarian@aol.com)



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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. A big thank you to Linda Tiffany for all of her work putting the directory together!

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Thank you, Carol Cholmakjian and Diane Shoushanian, for their generous gifts of kitchen utensils. Both ladies separately donated several much-needed tools for the Guild's baking needs!

Wed., Feb 5th	General body meeting 7pm in the Vartan room  ***Bring your plastic bags and scissors***  <b><u>New Women's Guild Directory will be available for pickup at this meeting and at future monthly meetings</u></b>
Wed., Feb 19th	Executive Board Meeting 7pm
Sun., Feb 23rd	Annual Parish Assembly immediately following Church Services.
Fri., March 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Medical Relief Day
Sat., March 4 <sup>th</sup>  <b>(Note change of date)</b>	Saintly Women's Day Church Service and luncheon <b>Denise Karakashian - chair</b>
Sun., April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday Bake Sale <b>Marilyn Dadian – Chair</b>
Fri., May 8 <sup>th</sup> Evening	Spring Event – Cultural Hall <b>2 Chairs &amp; committee still needed</b>



**PALM SUNDAY BAKING DATES**

- Tues., Feb. 25th 9am-noon (small choreg)
- Tues., March 3rd 9am-noon
- Tues., March 17th 9am noon
- Tues., March 25th 9am-noon
- Tues., March 31st 9am-noon

If you have an announcement you would like to share, please email Nyree Giragosian [nyreevgir@gmail.com](mailto:nyreevgir@gmail.com) or call 248-231-2547 by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month.



*The Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church  
Presents  
Saintly Women's Day  
Church Service Luncheon Meeting*



*Commemorating the lives of  
Saint Junia  
and  
Saint Khosrovitookht,  
Leaders of the early  
Christian Church*



*Wednesday, March 4, 2020  
Short service to honor  
Saints at 11 am  
Lenten Luncheon at noon  
\$10.00*

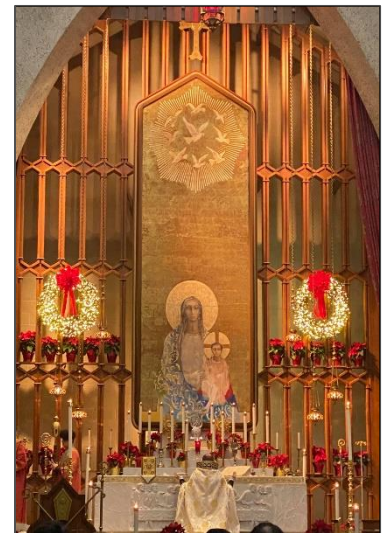
*Please RSVP to Denise Karakashian (248)489-4076*

*Women's Guild meeting immediately following the luncheon*

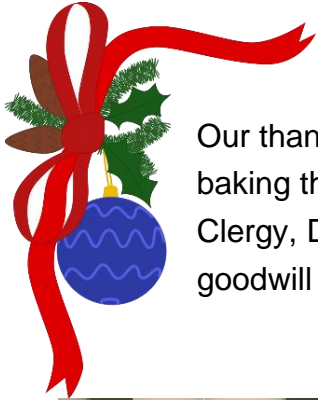
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## **Armenian Christmas Luncheon**

The Women's Guild held our annual Armenian Christmas luncheon on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> following the beautiful Christmas celebration church service. The church was filled with celebration, the lahmajoon lunch was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Afterward, Women's Guild members gathered for their first meeting of 2020. Thank you, Alice Mekjian and Rozann Vartogian and the committee for putting on such wonderful event!



# Manoogian Manor Armenian Christmas Visit



Our thanks to Denise Boyagian for arranging our visit to the Manoogian Manor and baking the choreg for the residents. We would like to express our appreciation to our Clergy, Deacons, Choir, and Guild members who shared in prayer, song, and goodwill to help bring joy to those who reside there.





## Women's Guild Calendar 2020

February 5 - General Body Meeting 7PM

Vartan Room Speaker

February 19 - Executive Board Meeting

(Conference Room 107)

February 23 - Poon Paregentan, Lent begins Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

February 25 - WG BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

March 3 - WG BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

March 4 - General Body Meeting-

Vartan Room Speaker 8PM

March 10 - WG BAKING -CHURCH KITCHEN

March 17 - WG BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

March 18 - Executive Board Meeting

Conference Room #107 8PM

March 24 - WG BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

March 31 - WG BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

April 1- General Body Meeting-

Speaker- Vartan Room 8PM

April 5 - Palm Sunday Bake Sale

April 12 - Easter Sunday- Bake Sale?

(leftover bake goods from week before)

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

May 6 - General Body Meeting Vartan Room 7PM

May 8 - Friday Evening –May Spring Event-

Cultural Hall Banquet Facility

May19- WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

May 20 - Executive Board Conference Room #107 7PM

May 26 -WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

June 2 -WG BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

June 3 - Membership Dinner-

Cultural Hall Banquet Facility 6:00 PM

June 9 - WG BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

June 16 -WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

June 17 - Executive Board Meeting-

Conference Room 7PM

June 23 -WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

June 30 -WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

July Summer outing TBA

July 7 - WG BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

July 14 -WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

July 21 -WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

July 28 -WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

Aug 4 - WG BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

Aug 11 -WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

Aug 16 - Assumption Blessing of the Grapes Picnic-

Bake Sale

Aug. 18 -WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

Aug 22 - Manoogian Manor Visit-

check Father Aren's Schedule

Aug 25 -WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

Sept 1- WG BAZAAR BAKING- CHURCH KITCHEN

Sept 2- General Body Meeting-

Vartan Room Speaker 7 PM

Sept 15 -WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

Sept 22 -WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

Sept 29 -WG BAZAAR BAKING-CHURCH KITCHEN

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

Oct 15, Thursday- General Body meeting

Vartan Room\* 7PM (Room may be changed)

Oct 21 - Executive Board Meeting

Conference Room #107 7PM

Nov 4 - Cultural Hall Alternative for Girls

General Body meeting and Elections for Board,

Nominating Committee, and Central Council

Delegates. Meeting starts 6:30 pm.

Nov 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