

## Summer Baking



Chair: Dolly Matoian  
248-737-9055  
Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.

Evening bakes - Mondays -  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> &  
Sep. 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Chair Marianne Dardarian  
248-661-0617

## Church Picnic Bake Sale August 17<sup>th</sup>

Please label your Armenian or  
other baked goods with your  
name, name of item, and  
Women's Guild. Monetary  
donations will be accepted.

## Summer Outing

Wednesday eve. August 27<sup>th</sup>  
@ Hagopian (in Birmingham)  
"Getting to know Oriental  
Rugs" -Group dinner before  
lecture - R.S.V.P. to Pam  
Dayinian, 248-644-8028 or  
[pamdayinian@gmail.com](mailto:pamdayinian@gmail.com)

## Knitting

Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m. -Noon SJAC nursery  
Chair: Linda Assarian  
248-332-0816

## *A Note from Your Chairman...*

Dear Fr. Garabed and Ladies of the Guild,

May was a busy month for those members of St. John Armenian Church who attended the Annual Diocesan Assembly and related group meetings, as delegates and guests in New York City.

Marianne Dardarian, Barbara Haroutunian, Cathy Zwinck, and I attended, as our chapter's delegates, the Annual Women's Guild Assembly sponsored by the Women's Guild Central Council. We also participated in the Diocesan Assembly for a few hours and joined Jackie ElChemmas and Karmen Santourian, who attended as Diocesan Assembly delegates. Both assemblies conducted round table discussions on the Diocesan theme for this year, "Living the Gospel of Christ."

As delegates to the Women's Guild Assembly we were given the task of answering the following four questions: (1) Who are you? Not your name, nor your marital status..., but if you had to complete the sentence "I am ..." to describe yourself, how would you? (2) Aside from your mother or grandmother, is there one woman in your life currently or from the past that stands out in your memory as a person who contributed the most to who you are today and why? (3) What needs do you think the Women's Guild organization could and/or should help develop in its members and within the community at large (not just the church community)? (4) How well do you believe that the Women's Guild organization is currently doing in meeting these needs? All of us would benefit from answering these thought provoking questions.

It was noted that Detroit has the largest membership of any of the guilds in the Eastern Diocese. Therefore, we were asked to share ideas on how we increase our membership and how we sponsor so many varied activities. We did so, and explained that being so large also increases our overall responsibilities, and has its inherent difficulties. If you, our members, have any ideas or suggestions on how we can better serve our membership, please let us (the Executive Board) know. Our goal is to continually keep growing and serving our members and our church through worship, witness, service, education, and fellowship.

Respectfully Yours,

Linda Stamboulian

## June Membership Dinner

Our annual Membership Dinner chaired by Anna (Pepsi) Baylerian took place on June 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. This was a complimentary dinner for members. The evening began with the Invocation given by Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian followed by a lovely dinner consisting of wine, cheese and crackers, tossed salad, luleh kebab, bulgur pilaf, green peas, strawberry delight, coffee and tea. After dinner, Linda Stamboulian welcomed the attendees and thanked all who helped with the preparations. The next order of business was the initiation of new members by Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian. We welcomed Kathleen Abrahamian, Lilit Bablounian, Zabel Belian, Lydia Doyon, Lillian Durham, Ann Marie Egigian, Serena Egigian, Carole Hovsepian, Linda Kalfayan, Karen Kevorkian, Erika Palaian, Christine Santourian, Jacalyn Sutherland and Nevart Torian as new members and look forward to working with them. We thank Pepsi Baylerian and her wonderful committee for the delicious dinner. We also thank Membership Chair Terry Palaian and her committee on an outstanding job of recruiting our fourteen new Guild members.

Following the Initiation Ceremony, awards were presented to members for 10, 25, and 40 years of service to the Women's Guild. There were no 50 year membership award recipients this year.

10 Years	Bible	Denise Boyagian & Rosemary Darian
25 Years	14kt Gold pin	Deborah Ohanian & Marcia Hamamdjian
40 Years	14kt Gold pin with ruby	Arlene Baylerian, Araxie Choukourian & Berjouhi Sanjian

Each of the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Honorees, Anne Derderian, Jean Sarkisian, and Anne Soultanian, received a bouquet of flowers. Our thanks to Rose Shahinian and Pepsi Baylerian for donating the dessert, Agnes Carmen Hovsepian for donating the wine, Helen Mekjian for her monetary donation, and Shirley Sarkisian for her monetary donation.

## Celebration of Service

On Sunday, May 18, 2014, St. John Armenian Church hosted a *Celebration of Service* event. The parishioners of St. John Armenian Church recognized and expressed their gratitude to those who have been 'Good and Faithful Servants to our Lord.' We were blessed that His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese was also present. An amazing video presentation, depicting the global benevolence of Edward and Janet Mardigian to the Armenian Church, was shown. The Celebration Committee included: Fr. Garabed Kochakian, President; Linda Tiffany, Chairman; Ardis Gregory, Co-Chairman, and members Gayle Hoplamazian, Karmen Santourian, Anna Sarkisian, Shirley Ann Sarkisian, John Yavruian, Catherine Sarkesian Zwinck.

The Women's Guild is proud of the fact that eleven out of the twelve recipients of awards at A *Celebration of Service* are members of the Women's Guild. We are also proud that Linda Tiffany, our Guild member, was Chairman of the event, and Karmen Santourian, Parish Council Chair, also a Guild member, was the Master of Ceremonies. Our congratulations to Women's Guild recipients of **The Diocesan Saint Vartan Award**: Jacqueline Melkonian ElChemmas, Barbara Zamanigian Haroutunian, Dolly Baltayan Matoian, Katherine Sirapie Mekjian, and Women's Guild recipients of **The St. John the Forerunner Award**: Elizabeth Aprahamian, Nevart Godoshian, Jane Hovsepian, Helen Mekjian, Diramayr Virginia Melkonian, Rose Shahinian, and Sema (Sue) Tafralian.

## Church Picnic Bake Sale

The Women's Guild will sponsor a Bake Sale during the Church Picnic after Church on August 17, 2014, on the day we celebrate The Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God. The Chairman for

this bake sale will be Linda Franquist and the Co-Chair will be Nora Noraian. It is the obligation of all Guild members to contribute to the Bake Sale. If you are unable to bake something, you may make a monetary donation. Please **LABEL** all items. The label should include your name, the name of the item and "Church Picnic". Please bring items to the church the day of the picnic, or you may drop off items a few days before the picnic. Please put them in the church kitchen refrigerator. Bake sale proceeds will go to the church.

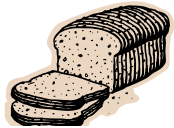
### Manoogian Manor Visit

Father Garabed, Guild and Choir members will be visiting the Manoogian Manor in August. Please watch your email and Church bulletin for more information and the date so you may join us.

### Programs/Summer Outing



Our summer outing will take place on Wednesday evening, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Pam Dayinian and Barbara Haroutunian have arranged for us to hear Suzanne Hagopian speak about Oriental Rugs at Hagopian in Birmingham. This is a presentation you do not want to miss. There is no charge for the lecture; however, there will be an optional dinner with the group before the presentation at Bistro Joe's (in Papa Joe's Gourmet Market) or Peabody's. The exact time will be forthcoming. Please R.S.V.P. to Pam Dayinian by phone, 248-644-8028, or email, [pamdayinian@gmail.com](mailto:pamdayinian@gmail.com). At our September 3<sup>rd</sup> General Body meeting, Diana Alexanian will speak on Alternatives and Health Approaches to Natural Healing.



### Festival Baking

Baking for our Annual September Festival began on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will bake every Monday and Tuesday during the summer up until the festival in late September. Everyone is welcome to join us for great camaraderie and friendship. This includes men and non-members of the Women's Guild and/or Church. As well as making new friends and rekindling old ones, this is a great way to learn the secret techniques of Armenian baking. We will make Kharpert Kufteh during the month of June and Sou Beoreg during the month of July on Tuesday mornings. Please refer to the Sunday bulletin for more details on what we will be making and who the bake leaders will be. For more information, contact Festival Bake Chairman Dolly Matoian at 248-737-9055 or [dmatoian@att.net](mailto:dmatoian@att.net).

### Knitting

The Women's Guild knitting group knits on the third Thursday of the month in the St. John Armenian Church Nursery at 10:00 a.m. The group will meet on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, then break for the summer and reconvene on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The group is currently knitting baby hats and blankets for mothers in need at Botsford Hospital. Jeannette Tarpinian Smith, the daughter of our dedicated, late member Ann Tarpinian will accept and deliver our donation in her mother Ann's honor. Please contact Linda Assarian for any questions at 248-332-0816. If you are not able to join the group on Thursdays you may still donate knitted items.

### Volunteer Office Help Needed



Please contact May in the Church office at 248-569-3405 if you are able to volunteer your time in the Church office. Volunteer help is needed performing office tasks. Any volunteer help you are able to render will be greatly appreciated.

## 99<sup>th</sup> Armenian Genocide Commemoration Addition



We would like to thank two more of our Guild members, Sara Andonian and Sue Vian, who graciously helped prepare and distribute the Madagh for the Armenian Genocide Commemoration at St. Sarkis Church. Their names were inadvertently omitted from last month's newsletter.

### St. Nersess Fundraiser

On Sunday September 14, 2014 the Women's Guild and the Men's Society will host a luncheon/dinner after Church. The Chairmen of this event are John & Kim Kalajian. Please contact them at [kimkalajian@gmail.com](mailto:kimkalajian@gmail.com) if you wish to help.


### **Congratulations**

on the engagement of  
**Raffi ElChemmas & Martha  
Mekaelian**

Raffi is the son of Jackie &  
Faouzi ElChemmas & Christine is  
the daughter of Dr. & Mrs.  
**Arsen Mekaelian.**

The couple plans to marry in 2015  
and will reside in Lake Forest, IL.

### **Prayers & Sympathy**

Our sympathies to  
**Roxanne & George  
Keurajian on the loss of  
their dear son & Kora  
Jamian on the loss of her  
dear nephew,**   
**Gary Keurajian**

### **Prayers & Sympathy**



Our sympathies to **Ann  
Manoogian** on the loss of  
her dear sister and to our  
past W.G. chairman **Alice  
Mikaelian** on the loss of  
her dear sister-in-law,  
**Margaret Mikaelian**

### **Congratulations**

to Women's Guild members honored  
for their love, devotion and years  
of service to the Church.

#### **Diocesan St. Vartan Award**

recipients were

**Jackie ElChemmas  
Barbara Haroutunian  
Dolly Matoian &  
Kathy Mekjian.**

#### **St. John the Forerunner Award** recipients were

**Elizabeth Aprahamian**   
**Nevart Godoshian**  
**Jane Hovsepian**  
**Helen Mekjian**  
**Diramayr Virginia Melkonian**  
**Rose Shahinian &  
Sue Tafraian.**

### **Thank you**

to **Diane Aginian** for  
 mailing the  
newsletter.

### **DUES**

Please submit your 2014  
dues of \$20 to St. John  
Women's Guild



**Judy Parks**  
436 Linden Rd  
Birmingham,  
MI 48009

### **Grape Leaves**

Please try to pick grape  
leaves for our festival  
preparation of Yahlanchi  
Refer to p. 290  
of our new  
cookbook for  
directions and leave labeled  
and dated in church freezer.



We wish to send get well  
wishes to  
**Betty Amboian**  
**Sue Ameriguian**  
**Vera Kazanjian &  
Yvonne Korkoian.**

