

## **Membership Election Meeting & Alternatives for Girls Project**

Wed., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

(Earlier than usual time)

SJAC Main Hall

We will assemble gift bags for young women & hold elections.

## **Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Pot Luck Festival Thank You Luncheon 12 noon**

Please RSVP to Dolly Matoian

[dmatoian@att.net](mailto:dmatoian@att.net) or

248-227-9055

(For anyone who helped during  
bake sessions or festival.)

## **Christmas Dinner**

(No General Body Meeting)

Wed. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 p.m.

Chairs: Joy Callan &

Jackie ElChemmas

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

Dear Fr. Garabed and Ladies of the Guild,

Months of arduous work by all of the church organizations culminated in another very successful Festival this year. We are especially proud of our Women's Guild Hot Foods and Baked Goods sales and our Delicacy Basket. Thanks to all of you for your participation in any way at the Festival. A special thanks for the baked goods donations or monetary donations in lieu of baked goods. Our thanks especially to Dolly Matoian who led us through nearly four months of thirty-seven bake sessions. Her dedication to our church and our Guild is an inspiration to all of us. Our thanks also to her devoted assistants, Almas Derderian, Joy Callan, and Marianne Dardarian. We heard many positive comments about the baked goods and hot foods from people both inside and outside of our community. Our thanks to Anita Arslanian, Joy Callan, Marianne Dardarian, Sara Andonian, Alice Argnian, Betty Amboian and Nora Noraian who led the kitchen crew during the weekend. Our thanks to Hot Foods Chairmen all weekend: Diane and Dawn Aginian. Our appreciation to our Bake Sale Chairmen: Friday- Sue Vian and Rose Najarian, Saturday- Joy Callan and Terry Palaian, Sunday- Linda DePietro. Our thanks also to our members who came to our bake sessions each week and also helped in any capacity during the Festival weekend. Our Guild members did not disappoint as they worked cooperatively and flexibly in teams, and they were willing to change schedules as needed.

Sincerely Yours,

Linda Stamboulian

### **Festival Baking (from Dolly Matoian- Festival Baking and Cooking Chairman)**

I want to personally thank all those members and non-members who came all summer to assist in preparing the delicious baked and cooked items for the festival. I heard many compliments that this or that "was so delicious this year!" That makes our work worthwhile. And a special thank you also to those who worked at the festival and who donated baked items for the Bake Sale or monetarily. The Women's Guild, like all organizations has a few obligations, and this is one of them.

WE WILL BE HAVING A POT-LUCK LUNCHEON (suggested by those who attended last year's luncheon) ON NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 12 NOON. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Dolly at [dmatoian@att.net](mailto:dmatoian@att.net) or 248-227-9055. We will have a special little surprise thank you to Almas this year.

### **Festival Volunteers**

We could not have accomplished the summer baking endeavor without the leaders for each bake session. Our leaders were as follows: Kufteh - Dolly Matoian; Bourma- Yn. Roberta Kochakian; Sou Beoreg -

Anita Arslanian; Cheoreg - Marianne Dardarian, Dolly Matoian; Nazoog- Joy Callan; Katah- Terry Palaian, Joy Callan; Khalkha - Dolly Matoian, Cathy Atesian; Khadayif - Yn. Roberta Kochakian; Meat Beoreg -Dolly Matoian; Spinach Beoreg - Linda Tiffany, Sandra Jack; Yahlanchi Sarma -Dawn Aginian. We also, of course, could not have accomplished this task without the dedicated support of our members who came without hesitation each week to assist with all of our baking. In addition, Anita Arslanian and Joy Callan created the extraordinary Delicacy Basket, and Sara Andonian donated and created a basket for the Tin Can Raffle on behalf of the Women's Guild.

Everyone worked well together, willingly changing times and tasks as needed. We also would like to thank Linda Stamboulion, Women's Guild Chairman, for overseeing all Women's Guild participation for the weekend. Her help and support were much appreciated!

### **September 14, St. Nersess Fundraiser**

On Sunday September 14, 2014 the Women's Guild and the Men's Society hosted a very successful brunch after Church to raise money for the seminarians at St. Nersess Seminary. Kim Kalajian from the Women's Guild and John Kalajian from the Men's Society co-chaired the event. They had an excellent committee, which included Joy Callan who prepared a variety of delicious quiches. One hundred and two tickets were sold at \$10 each. Total income was \$1,020 and donations were \$1,033. The total sent to the St. Nersess Seminarians was \$2,053. Our thanks to Kim and John for chairing this very successful event.

### **October 1<sup>st</sup> General Body Meeting and Alternative for Girls Speaker**

On Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> the Women's Guild was honored to have Deena Policheecko, Director of Outreach and Education Services for Alternatives for Girls, speak to us. When Deena heard that we requested a speaker, she personally welcomed the opportunity to come speak, thank us for our donations, and educate us as to how she and her team are using the gift bags we make to help young women in the Detroit area. Deena and her team of two, go out in vans and talk to young women on the streets, usually teens, and educate them on the importance of finishing high school/and or college.

We will once again be making gift bags for the young women at the Alternatives for Girls - Detroit Shelter as well as a few for the girls in Armenia, residing at Mer Doon (women's shelter). Please see box on announcements page and bring requested items to our November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Welcome our new Church Administrator, Gary P. Melikian**

We would like to welcome our new church administrator, Gary Melikian. He already helped us with this printing and mailing as well as many other endeavors. Please give him a warm welcome when you see him.

### **Membership Christmas Dinner**

Our Membership Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers will take place on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 6 p.m. Our chairpersons for this event are Joy Callan and Jackie ElChemmas. Reservations may be made after November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Change in Dues for 2015**

At the September 3, 2014, General Body Meeting it was moved and seconded that the dues for the St. John Women's Guild for 2015 be raised to \$25 per year. Chairman Linda Stamboulion opened the floor for discussion, there being none she called for the vote. The result was all in favor, none opposed, the motion was passed.