

Advent by Candlelight

Wednesday, December 4th

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December

12th 6:00 p.m.

Reservations

Joyce Obenhoff

248-471-3882

(\$15-see enclosed flyer)

Armenian Christmas

Badarak, Luncheon & Guild

Meeting - Monday

January 6th

Knitting

Thurs. Nov. 21st 10:00-Noon

Contact Linda Assarian

248-332-0816

A Note from Your Chairman

Dear Father Garabed and Ladies of the Guild,

As we give thanks to our Lord for all of the blessings bestowed upon us during this month of November and the Thanksgiving holiday, let us take time to remember those who are less fortunate. As Armenian Christians, we are blessed with strong, supportive families with strong Christian values, ethics, and beliefs. We, like many other cultures, place a high value on education. As we look at the society surrounding us, oftentimes we see others who do not have these advantages or who are not as fortunate.

This month the Women's Guild participated in an outreach program to help inner-city young women who are "at risk." *Alternatives for Girls* has many ongoing programs. They have a *Prevention Program*, a *Rise and Shine Summer Camp*, a leadership group, *Young Women Changing Communities*, and a *Strengthening Families Program*. As one young woman member and future journalist, in the *Young Women Changing Communities* stated, "Now, I love who I am.....-I have an inner joy now!" Our thanks to Sue Vian for chairing this outreach program that helps these young women. Thanks to our members for all of the generous donations for the gift bags created at our November. 6th General Body Meeting.

Under the leadership of Carol Ohanesian, our Guild recently sent care packages to college students and soldiers who are away from our community. It is a wonderful way to let our young people know that St. John's Church and the Women's Guild has not forgotten about them. Hopefully as they venture off to their new schools and professions they will always remember St. John's fondly as their home parish and return often if not permanently. Our thanks to Carol and her committee for this outreach program.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Linda Stamboulian

Past Events

November 6, 2013 General Body Meeting and Election of Officers: At our November Meeting, an Election for the Executive Board and Nominating Committee for 2014 was conducted by Dolly Matoian. Our thanks to Dolly for chairing the Nominating Committee this year. Congratulations to our four new members to the Board: Sara Andonian, Barbara Haroutunian, Judy Parks, and Sue Vian. We wish them a most enjoyable and rewarding two-year term on the Board. The Nominating Committee for 2014 will be: (in alphabetical order), Anne Marie Ameriguian, Marianne Dardarian, Diane Khachaturian, Carol Ohanesian, and Marilyn Sarkesian, Chairman. (over)

We also wish to thank our outgoing Board members: Pamela Dayinian (4 years) Dawn Karagosian (2 years), Karmen Santourian (2 years), and Rozann Vartoogian (1 year.) They have served faithfully for the past years and we appreciate their dedication and willingness to serve. Please let them know how much you have appreciated their service when you see them.

Festival Bake Thank you Luncheon: On November 9th, Saturday, Dolly Matoian graciously hosted a lovely luncheon for the dedicated ladies who came for the baking all summer long. Everyone is appreciative of the many hours these ladies spent in the church kitchen baking for our Festival. Half of the money made from the Festival was due to the sale of the Women's Guild Baked Goods and Hot Food sales both during and after the Festival. It required a tremendous team effort to achieve this success.

Alternatives for Girls Gift Bags: Sue Vian was the Chairman of the Alternatives for Girls gift bag project. Under her leadership, the ladies from the Guild created 150 lovely gift bags for the holiday season for the young women in this program. Our thanks to Sue for her leadership in this project and our thanks to all of our members who donated items and helped to assemble the bags.

College Care Packages: Our thanks to Carol Ohanesian and her committee for assembling the College Care Packages. These packages are much appreciated by our young people who are mostly far away from home. It lets them know that the St. John's community and the Women's Guild are thinking about them.

Bosco Pizza Factory Tour

On Thursday, October 10th, the Women's Guild were fortunate to be invited for a complimentary tour and lunch at Bosco Pizza in Warren. Bosco Pizza is owned by Mark Artinian, the son of our member, Gladys Artinian, and the nephew of our member, Alice Malakhanian. Joy Callan led the group on the tour (arranged by Pam Dayinian) going to great lengths to ensure we were all present and on time. We observed the interesting and time consuming process of making delicious and unique bread dough from high quality special flour to numerous time and temperature controls. Bosco started in 1988 as a neighborhood pizzeria with a goal of delivering a high quality frozen pizza. Currently they are in 48 states and their Bosco stick is a favorite in schools, restaurants, cafeterias and grocery stores. The name Bosco is from Mark's childhood nickname "Johnny Bosco". Today the Bosco Team consists of more than 150 employees of whom 45 have been with Bosco over 10 years. What an accomplishment!

Future Events:

Knitting Group: The WG knitters are meeting the third Thursday of the month (next meeting is November 21) from 10:00 to 12:00 in the nursery. We are now knitting lap blankets for Beaumont Dialysis Centers. Join us. All are welcome! Call Linda Assarian 248-332-0816 for questions.

Advent by Candlelight: *Advent by Candlelight* will take place on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required for attendance at Advent. The event preparation is moving along very well. The excitement is building for this much-loved event. We are very excited and hope that the event will be as successful as it has always been. Our very capable chairpersons, Arlene Baylerian and Araxie Choukourian, are busy tending to all of the organization and details. Our thanks to Araxie and Arlene for all of their efforts in planning and organizing the wonderful *Advent by Candlelight 2013*.

Women's Guild Annual Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers:

Our Women's Guild Annual Christmas Dinner & Program will take place on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. For reservations please call Joyce Obenhoff at 586-754-3984 or shortafoot@wowway.com. There will be a \$15 charge for the dinner and program. The chairpersons for this event are Cathy Atesian, Pamela Dayinian, and Cathy Zwinck. A program by *Noteworthy* will take place after the dinner. There will be a collection for the Gleaner's Food Bank that evening. Please see the box below for specific items requested by Gleaner's.

Christmas Dinner December 12th

Please bring the following for Gleaners Food Bank:

- Canned Tuna, Meats
- Peanut Butter
- Dried or Canned Beans
- Rice
- Cereal, Oatmeal

Armenian Christmas Church Services followed by a Luncheon and the Women's Guild General Body Meeting:

At the conclusion of the Badarak on January 6, 2014 celebrating Armenian Christmas, there will be a luncheon sponsored by the Women's Guild. The chairpersons of this event are Barbara Haroutunian and Karmen Santourian. The Ladies are planning a lovely luncheon. There will be a good will offering for this luncheon. Following the Luncheon there will be a Women's Guild General Body Meeting. See invitation following:



You are cordially invited to attend a

Christmas Luncheon

hosted by the Women's Guild following
Divine Liturgy on

Monday January 6, 2014

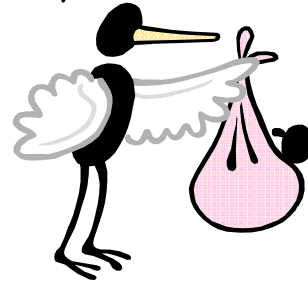
In the main ballroom. Join your fellow parishioners on this joyous occasion for a delicious lunch. We suggest a free will offering, however please make your **reservations by January 3, 2014**

Call the Church office at 248-569-3405

Congratulations

Margaret Benian
Joyce Obenhoff

On the birth of Great Granddaughter
& Great Grandniece
Sky Love Barnett



Attention!

If you would like to be included in our email updates
please give your email to Linda Stamboulian

lindastamboulian@gmail.com

248-553-0597

Please contact Dawn Aginian at daginian@yahoo.com or
248-225-7176 with any special announcements for the
newsletter

DUES

Please submit your 2013
dues of \$20 to St. John
Women's Guild

Joyce Obenhoff
27062 Bonnie Drive
Warren, MI 48093

If you know someone who would like to join the Women's
Guild please call Terry Palaian 313-929-0926

Save the Date!

March 1, 2014

Poon Paregentan
Day of Good Living



More information to follow

Happy 90th Birthday

Marguerite Dakhlian

Rose Megerian

Alice Prudian

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

