

A Message From Our Chairman...

KRISDOS HARYAV EE MERELOTZ! Christ is risen and we are given peace through His blessed resurrection and the renewal of our faith! It is more than symbolic that the resurrection and spring are one in the same. We open the windows of our homes to bring in the fresh air and we open our hearts to receive the blessings of the Lord. ORHNYAL EH HAROUTIUNUN KRISDOSEE!

The Sundays of Holy Week were punctuated by the wonderful support of all of our members and their generous gifts of time and talents. Our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale and Easter Tea were very well received as was evidenced by empty tables at their conclusions.

A small observation; since our new board was installed, we have yet to have a 'normal' general membership meeting. Be it weather or conflicting events, we are like gypsies looking for a permanent home! Please don't get out of the habit of attending our meetings. We are at our best when we are all together, contributing and supporting one another. Due to the upcoming assembly in Washington DC, we are again, moving our meeting date from Wednesday, May 6 to Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and for yet another fun change, we are scheduled to meet in the Ararat room. Please come!

April 24, 2015, we will meet at St Mary Antiochian Orthodox Basilica for an ecumenical service of prayer, at 7:30 p.m. Please go to www.facebook.com/armenianchurchesofgreaterdetroit for further information. And, remember, all of our newsletters are on line thru the St John web site, so that you can always reference information about our activities.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts and those wonderful women that we often call our 'second mother.' I was blessed not only with my own very understanding and patient mother but, with two 'other mother's' that made my life so wonderful. I hope that you all have had that same blessing in your life. I know you're smiling just thinking about them! Happy Mothers Day!

Y. Joy Callan

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PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

A very successful Palm Sunday Bake Sale was organized under the co-chairmanship of Marilyn Sarkesian and Terry Palaian. Within an hour of opening, after the completion of Palm Sunday church service, cheoreg, kata, khalkha, and simit "flew off" the tables as well as an array of other baked goods from our guild members. Thank you to all who donated to the sale with either monetary donations or baked goods. A special thank you to Almas Derderian, Arek Kasper, Alice Arginian, and Helen Olson for helping to sell our baked goods after church each week before Palm Sunday.



From L-R: Carol Ohanesian, Arlene Baylerian, Bake sale co-chair: Marilyn Sarkesian and Zabel Belian
Missing from photo: Co-chair Terrie Palaian, Linda Stambouljian, Nora Noraian, Helen Olson,
Debbie Zazaian, Cathy Atesian and Diana Vosganian

EASTER SUNDAY TEA

Immediately following Easter Sunday Service, a beautiful tea, chaired by Belinda Kabodian, was attended by more than five hundred parishioners. After the blessing of the table by Father Garabed Kochakian, guests enjoyed Easter eggs, cheereg, cheese, pita, grapes, and a variety of baked goods.



Front row of Easter Tea Committee: Joyce Obenoff, Sally Kabodian, Chairman Belinda Kabodian, Susan Ameriguian, and Helen Olson; Back row: Joy Callan, Kim Kalajian, and Diana Vosganian



Centerpiece done by Belinda Kabodian

Our sincere sympathy to Women's Guild members Patty Morris on the loss of her father, John Stepanian, and Sara Andonian on the loss of her father, Valrich "Andy" Andonian. We also extend our condolences to Victoria Kurajian on the loss of her dear husband, Professor George Kurajian and to the family of our dear church secretary May Kafafian on her passing.



Congratulations Ana and Joel Howrani Herres on the birth of their son, Theodore Howrani Herres on March 29th. Happy Grandmother Arlene Howrani lovingly welcomed the newest family addition.

The knitting group meets each month in our church nursery at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in joining, please contact chairman, Linda Assarian, for further details.



Just a friendly reminder...



Please mail your 2015 dues of \$25.00 to:
Judy Parks
436 Linden Road
Birmingham, MI 48009

April 24th at 7:30 p.m. St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Basilica
Genocide remembrance
Ecumenical Service of Prayer.

April 29th at 7:00 p.m. Women's Guild meeting will be held in
the Ararat Room.
Please bring small personal items such as
nail polish, make up, small tubes of face cream, etc. for Jackie
ElChemmas to take with her to Armenia and her visit to Mer Doon.



June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Membership Dinner (complementary dinner for members)
Those interested in making a donation towards the wine, please
contact our Women's Guild Chairman Joy Callan.

If you have something you would like to include in our newsletter, please contact Diana Vosganian at (248) 661-1875 or email: pasadenapenguin@gmail.com