

## A Message From Our Chairman...

A woman of substance has returned home. Ramela Carman, faithful, devout and the last link that our Detroit community had to the survivors of genocide has passed.

For regular churchgoers, it was unthinkable to not see her in 'her seat' every Sunday until her health no longer

permitted it. As was noted in the homily of her funeral by Fr. Aren Jebejian, '...her Bible had no dust.' Anyone fortunate enough to be her visitor could not have missed how close she was to her Bible; not just in physical proximity, but also in heart.

She joins her late husband, Deacon Masa Carman and will be missed by all of her loving and extended family and fortunate friends.



Our summer is barely halfway through and we are truly halfway to finishing our Festival Preparation. Our wonderful volunteers have really made this process, as one of our legendary volunteers reported, '...this was fun, not work!!' We laugh and joke and somehow, the freezer is filling up fast. We're not quite done, so keep on a comin'!!

Our Guild is in the process of building out-reach and missions. If you are aware of a project or organization that might benefit from the attention of willing Guild members, please contact the board so that we can review your project or idea. We are interested.

The 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church and the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our ACYOA are upon us and our Parish Council is working to bring us a celebration that will engage our entire community. Watch for details and you can even volunteer to help!!

Our first fall general membership meeting is fast upon us. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 7, 2016. It will be great to have everyone together and review all of the projects and events that are coming our way this fall and winter. Keep in mind that the nominating committee is already scouring the membership for election candidates. No screening phone calls allowed. Just say yes!

Y. Joy Callan



Our sincere sympathy to Anne Tashjian, on the passing of her dear sister, Louise Kushigian. We also extend our condolences to the family of our long-time member, Mary Simonian.

Get well wishes to Barbara Haroutunian, who is recovering after having had hip-replacement surgery.



Congratulations to Naomi and Ara Howrani, on the birth of their son, Ameen Edward, who was born on July 20<sup>th</sup>. He is the grandson of Arlene and the late Ameen Howrani.

September 7 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	7:00 Guild meeting. Refreshments and speaker Barbara Haroutunian.
October 13 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	Sanctuary & Museum Tour 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
October 21, 22, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Church Festival



Just a friendly reminder for those who may have forgotten...

Please mail your 2016 dues of \$25.00 to:

St. John Women's Guild  
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## FESTIVAL BAKE SCHEDULE

We continue to "NEED YOUR HELP"!! Please look at the schedules below and join us as we prepare for our October Church Festival.



### Upcoming Day Bake Dates:

Monday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nazoog	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Khalkha	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
*Monday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Choreg Rolls	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Khalkha	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Spinach Boreg	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Katah	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Semit	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
*Monday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Choreg Rolls	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Any questions, please contact coordinator and leader Joy Callan at (248) 254-3955  
 Choreg Evening Chairman Marianne Dardarian at (248) 661-0617  
 Katah Chairman Terry Palaian at (313) 929-0926  
 Khalkha Chairman Charlene Apigian at (734) 725-5276  
 Khalkha Chairman Cathy Atesian at (248) 642-7055  
 Spinach Boreg Chairman Linda Tiffany at (248) 549-7106  
 Nazoog and Semit Chairman Joy Callan at (248) 254-3955

\* Evening hours  
 Additional bake days may be added

## GUILD VISITATION

On Friday, June 24, 2016, Joyce Obenhoff, Arick Kasper and Yerchanig Callan, paid a visit to Alice Prudian. Alice has been a faithful member of our St. John Guild since 1976 and received her 40-year pin. Congratulations Alice!



## Women's Guild Summer Outing at Hagopian World of Rugs



Guild members learned the fascinating history and traditions of beautiful handmade rugs with Suzanne Hagopian. Dinner followed at Joe's Bistro. Thank you to Chairman Judy Park for planning this year's interesting and fun summer outing!

## Manoogian Manor Visit for "Blessing of Grapes" Service



On August 20<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Aren Jebejian, Dn. Ohannes Boyajian, Dn. Rubik Mailian, Choir and Guild members joined the Manoogian Manor residents for the "Blessing of Grapes" service. Thank you to the chairman Linda Tiffany for coordinating the day.

## Church Picnic



Band members consisted of Guild member's children and grandchildren.

L-R: Aram Boyagian, Brian Anusbigian (Boston) Harry Kezelian III, Craig Harabedian, and Dikran Callan.

Their music brought much enjoyment to those in attendance.



Guild member Sue Ameriguian, delivered her boorma and khadayif for the Guild Bake Sale with the help of her granddaughters, Ariana and Margaux Kabodian.

Co-chairs Nora Noraian and Diana Vosgian thank all of the Guild members who donated baked goods, made monetary donations and/or helped work at the bake sale. It was a successful sale thanks to the help and generosity of our members.

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

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