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A Message from our Chair...

There are times when circumstances force us to operate differently than we usually do. I'm sure many of you figured out creative ways to celebrate Thanksgiving as my family did. Not having a big gathering for dinner did not make me less thankful and the same will happen for Christmas.

For me, the frenzy begins shortly before Thanksgiving and doesn't end until Christmas Eve when the imposed deadline signals that, ready or not, I must be done. If this sounds familiar, then this year is an opportunity to focus on the meaning of Christmas and not be distracted by all the trappings that surround this most blessed and loved holiday. Yes, it will be different but the birth of Christ will not be less joyful or meaningful because a houseful of people are not around. Christ's birth set in motion a chain of events unparalleled in all of history and we will be no less the beneficiaries regardless of our surroundings. The celebration is found within. In this season of Advent, it is my wish that each of you can take some time to quiet the chaos around you, close your eyes and feel the presence of Christ as we celebrate His birth. Embrace the season before us and let the month of December remind you there are so many ways to build the body of Christ. The opportunities are endless!

It has been a pleasure to serve the Women's Guild as your chairman. I appreciate all your kind words and encouragement throughout the year. This year has been one for the books but these unusual times forced us to stretch ourselves to find ways to stay connected. I'd like to thank the board for their dedication, hard work, support and friendship. I was blessed to work with an incredible group of ladies. I extend best wishes to the new board. Please join our membership meeting December 2nd to hear the election results.

I wish you, your families, friends, and all those you love a beautiful and blessed Christmas. Distance cannot keep us apart as long as we continue to hold each other close in our hearts.

*Christos Dznav yev Haidnetsav!
Orhnyal Eh Haydnootyoonun Krisdosee.*

*Love and gratitude,
Denise*



Our deepest sympathies to Rozann Vartoogian on the loss of her sister Gail Ghoogasian on November 1, 2020.

Condolences to Jennifer Toomajian on the passing of her father-in-law Harry Toomajian on November 14, 2020.

We are deeply saddened to share the news that our dear member Judy Cristiano passed away on November 19th, 2020.

It is with sorrow that we announce the passing of our dear member Lillian Kojamanian. Lillian was the mother-in-law of Lynne Kojamanian and khnamee of Cynthia Apkarian.

-Asdvadz Hokeeneruh Losavoreh



We send our get well wishes to Delores Krikorian. As you heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.



Congratulations to Judy Parks on the birth of her granddaughter Sosi Ann-Marie Balbes born on November 19th, 2020! Proud parents are Jordan and Emily Balbes.



Best wishes to Suzanne Nazoyan on the engagement of her daughter Silva Nazoyan to Brent Rogers! We offer our blessings to the happy couple!



We have a few more directory corrections to add:

Rose Najarian - new email: Rosienn126@gmail.com

Jackie Klugman - change phone to 248-438-6197

Do you like to talk on the phone??? Interested in making new friends???



Our outreach phone call program is for you!

Volunteers will have a list of ladies from our Women's Guild to reach out to during these trying times. Your list of friends will change every month. It's a great way to get to know new people and to share what is happening in your lives!

Please contact Marianne Dardarian if you're interested.


(248)802-6917/ mhdardarian@att.net

If you have an announcement you would like to share, please email Nyree Giragosian nyreevgir@gmail.com or call (248)231-2547. Deadline is the 22nd

Thank You

We would like to thank Elise Papazian for volunteering to chair the **Manoogian Manor visitations** for 2021. The next visit will be to celebrate Armenian Christmas on Saturday, January 16, 2021.

Please reach out to Elise for more information
elisepkp@gmail.com

 Wed., Dec 2 nd	Women's Guild ZOOM membership meeting 7:00pm Bingo and prizes are planned for this meeting!!! <i>An email will be sent with a link to join the meeting</i>
Tues., Dec. 8 th	Women's Guild Vespers tutorial – 7:00pm - watch your email for more information
Wed., Dec. 9 th	Vespers service 5:00pm– Women's Guild participate
Wed., Dec. 9 th	Guild Gatherings on YouTube – “Celebrate the Season with Christmas Greenery” by Barb. See attached flyer.
Sat., Dec. 12 th	World Medical Relief 9:00am-11:30am - Contact Edith Baise (313)673-3325
Wed., Dec. 16 th	Executive Board Meeting
Sun., Dec. 20 th	Holiday Bake Box Fundraiser pickup 12pm-2pm
Wed., Dec. 23 rd	Guild Gatherings on YouTube – “Let's Bake Candy Cane Cookies” by Marianne. See attached flyer.
Thurs., Dec 24 th	Western Christmas Eve service – Live streamed event

IMPORTANT DATES



Join us Wednesday,
 December 2nd at the
 Women's Guild
 Zoom membership meeting for
 Holiday Bingo!!!

Lots of prizes and fun to be had!!! Watch your email for
 Bingo card to print out for the game!

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH VOLUNTEER DAYS AT WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF

St. John Armenian Church members volunteer at World Medical Relief several times a year sorting medical supplies and equipment to send to countries around the world that are in bad need for these supplies which help the sick and poor.
Join us and help sort badly needed medical supplies and equipment to be used locally and around the world.

No experience necessary!

World Medical Relief

*21725 Melrose Avenue, Southfield
Off Lahser between 8 and 9 mile Rd*

Saturday, December 12th 9:00am -11:30pm

Contact Edith Baise with any questions
and to make your reservations (313)673-3325

**DRESS IS CASUAL AND COMFORTABLE.
SHORTS ARE FINE, BUT SHOES MUST BE CLOSED TOE FOR SAFETY REASONS.
FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE ALSO WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.**

AGES START AT MIDDLE SCHOOL AND UP AND ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT.

Helping Our Homeland

In this time of crises, your continued prayers are needed for our soldiers and people in Artsakh. Additionally, Armenia's government is looking to the diaspora for financial support.

You can donate on the secure website of the Eastern Diocese (choose "Artsakh/Armenia Relief" in the dropdown menu) armenianchurch.us

or you can mail a check to the:



Diocese of the Armenian Church
of America (Eastern)

630 Second Avenue,
New York, NY 10016

Please write "Artsakh Relief" on the
memo line of the check.

All funds collected will support civilian humanitarian aid

Women's Guild Winter 2020

Fundraiser



Holiday Bake Boxes



Enjoy the Season & Support our Guild by
Baking Cookies at Home
&
Assembling the Boxes Safely Together

- Make 6, 12, up to 36 dozen of one or more kinds of cookies
- You'll receive the recipe & size instructions
- Some recipes are no-bake, one uses a brownie mix

All Help is Welcome & Appreciated!

Sign Up Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ea4ac29abfe3-winter>

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ☐ Friday, December 18th — **Deliver your cookies to the Church.**
- ☐ Saturday, December 19th — **Help** organize cookies, fill boxes & bag web purchases (cookies, cookbook, Hye Dining USB, apron) in the spacious Cultural Hall with SJAC Safe Distancing Protocol observed at all times.
- ☐ Sunday, December 20th, Noon to 2pm — **Assist** with customer pick up.



THE WOMEN'S GUILD
OF
ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH ~ SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN

PRESENTS

'GUILD GATHERINGS'

~ A SERIES OF CREATIVE VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE ~

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

**CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH CHRISTMAS GREENERY
BY BARB**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

**LET'S BAKE CANDY CANE COOKIES
BY MARIANNE**

CLICK ON THE LINK!

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgaajJ5B015V_fCalkqdiHwLZU3qTyV71

Each published video will remain on the *Guild Gatherings* site to be viewed
as often as desired.

