

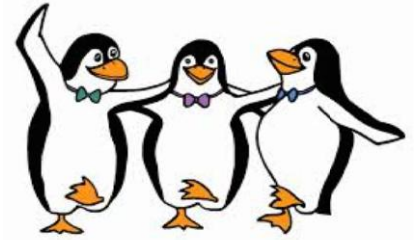
A Message From Our Chairman...

As we enter the season of Great Lent, we are charged to reflect upon ourselves and our relationship with our faith. Fr.

Aren Jebejian, in his address to our Guild at our February

meeting, reminded us that just sticking to a diet, is only part of the Lenten observance.

We must dedicate ourselves to prayer and reaching out to give of ourselves through good works and deeds for others. So, on a personal note, just giving up coffee (arrgghhh!!) really isn't enough?



Sunday, February 7, Fr. Aren engaged our church school children in church, asking how they planned to observe Lenten denial. The answers ranged from giving up cucumbers to 'I'm giving up giving up!' What a great lead in to a fabulous Poon Paregentan celebration, enjoyed by hundreds of our church families and friends. And, Fr. Aren taking the first swing at the piñata, set the mood for great family fun. Thank you to our amazing committee led by Heidi Aprahamian, for giving us a perfect day.

As always, we are blessed with a full calendar of upcoming events throughout 2016. We are hoping to hear from you soon, if you and a group of your friends, are interested in organizing the traditional Easter Sunday Tea. It's fast approaching and we are really looking forward to our members asking to take on this special event. Remember, it only involves recruiting donations for our beautiful table, set up and NO clean up! Just empty platters. Christmas lunch and Easter Tea are kind of the gateway events that will help you take on leadership responsibility without being overwhelmed. So, come on, you know you want to! Just let the board know. Please?

We are looking forward to enjoying the company of one another in preparation for our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Look inside for all of the up coming dates. No experience necessary! Just a willingness to get together with some wonderful women in service to our church.

And finally, our Guild is privileged this year, to work in conjunction with the St. John Annual Lenten Retreat, incorporating our observances of Saintly Women's Day. Our committee will be using the Women's Guild Central Council recommended event and presentation schedule. This is an important part of our Lenten Observance and we hope you can all make it on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

Y. Joy Callan



We send our prayers and get-well wishes to our dear Guild member and past chairman, Linda Stamboulion. As you rest, know you are missed and thought of often and we wish you a speedy recovery. We also extend good wishes to Emma Betrosian and Kathy Mekjian as they continue on their road to good health.

Linda and Tom Stamboulion are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Charles Edward Stamboulion, to Brittney Nicole Webster.



Congratulations to Charlie and Andrea Costa, on the birth of their daughter, Violet Christina, who was born on October 23, 2015. She was welcomed by big-brother, Christopher and happy grandparents Diane Yessian Costa and Patrick Costa.

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Please make these changes in your directory

If you or someone you know has recently turned 90 or is about to reach this milestone, please contact Dawn Aginian at 248-225-7176 or dawnaginian@yahoo.com.



Palm Sunday Bake Sale Schedule

Please look at the schedule below and join us for a morning or evening working with friends (as well as making new friends) as we prepare for the Palm Sunday Bake Sale.

<u>Upcoming Bake Dates</u>			
*Monday, February 22 nd	Choreg	6:00 p.m.	Marianne Dardarian
Tuesday, February 23 rd	Khalkha	9:00 a.m.	Cathy Atesian
Tuesday, March 1 st	Choreg	9:00 a.m.	Dolly Matoian
Monday, March 8 th	Khalka	9:00 a.m.	Cathy Atesian
*Monday, March 14 th	Beoreg	6:00 p.m.	Yn. Roberta Kochakian
Tuesday, March 15 th	Nazoog	9:00 a.m.	Y. Joy Callan
*Evening bake hours Additional bake days may be added			



Sunday, February 21 st	Annual Parish Assembly after Badarak
Wednesday, March 2 nd	4:00 p.m. Guild Meeting - Lent Fish Dinner
Saturday, March 12 th	St. John Church Annual Lenten Retreat with Women's Guild support
Sunday, March 20 th	Palm Sunday Bake Sale
Sunday, March 27 th	Easter Tea after Badarak
Wednesday, April 6 th	7:00 p.m. Guild meeting
Saturday, May 21 st	Mother Daughter Luncheon & Fashion Show

We need your help!

We need volunteers to take on the chairmanship of the following committees: Mas preparation and packaging, Easter Sunday Tea, and the June Membership Dinner. We also need a Women's Guild photographer to help take photos during our events. Interested?? Please contact our chairman, Yerchanig Callan, at (248) 254-3955.



It's Time to Pay Your Women's Guild Dues for 2016.



Make your check payable to: St. John Women's Guild.
Mail your dues of \$25.00 to our Assistant Treasurer:
St. John Women's Guild
c/o Dawn Aginian
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We would appreciate receiving your dues by March 1st.
Thank you to those who have already paid.
Any questions, please contact Dawn Aginian at 248-225-7176
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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

Women's Guild Visit to the Manogian Manor for Armenian Christmas



Deacon Rubik Mailian directing St. John's Komitas choir during Fr. Aren Jebejian's blessing of water service with Dn. Ohannes Boyajian assisting.



Manogian Manor residents receiving Holy Communion from Fr. Aren.

Fr. Aren Jebejian Accepting Welcome Gift



During our February Women's Guild meeting, former chairman Linda Tiffany, presented Fr. Aren with a copy of the Women's Guild "Armenian Cuisine" Cookbook as a welcome gift from our members.

Poon Paregentan Celebration



Committee members responsible for the highly successful Poon Paregentan celebration L-R: Renee Baharian, Heidi Aprahamian, Kim Kalajian and Patricia Magee.

A Few of the Many Activities



Poon Paregentan (cont.)



Guests L-R: Lydia Doyon, Agnes Hovsepien, and Sue Vian



An array of beautiful desserts!



"See you in Church on Sunday!"

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