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*A Message
from our
chairman...*



Dear Guild Members,

It is my pleasure to introduce you to our board members for 2023 –

Sara Andonian - Chairperson
Linda Karibian - Vice Chairperson
Yerchanig Joy Callan - Recording Secretary
Donna Lafian - Corresponding Secretary
Jackie ElChemmas - Treasurer
Paulette Apkarian - Membership
Nyree Giragosian - Newsletter
Sue Vian - Advisor
Joyce Yeghissian - Advisor
Carol Cholmakjian - past Chairperson

Our contact information is listed in the newsletter. We are all dedicated to serve the Church and Guild. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns, suggestions or ideas. With all of us working together, our Guild will become a stronger example of Christian fellowship and service.

I also would like to thank our outgoing board members Carol Cholmakjian, Denise Boyagian, Dawn Aginian and Edith Baise. Each of you has assisted in making my transition to my new role easier. Your well-wishes and words of encouragement are greatly appreciated, as are your continued support of the Guild and our activities.

Lastly, enclosed in this newsletter are the list of Circles. We may have assigned you to a Circle, but these are not set in stone. If you wish to join an additional Circle or chair an event that doesn't have a chair, no one is going to stop you! The assignments are not absolute, we can make changes. So, find your name, make new friends, and serve the Guild.

Sara Andonian

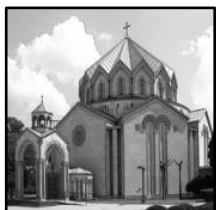


It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Women's Guild member Margaret Moushmoulion on January 5, 2022. Our deepest sympathies to her family.

-Asdvadz Hokin Loosavoreh



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



Through our fundraising efforts in 2022, the Women's Guild was able to donate \$22,000.00 to our church plus \$5,550.00 to the sanctuary restoration fund! We were also able to contribute \$2000 to Mer Doon, \$500 to CASP, and \$300 to Motor City Mitten Mission. Thank you to all of our members who worked so hard last year to make a difference for our church and these other charitable organizations.

Our Plarning Outreach Program Needs Your Help



Plarning is a form of crocheting with plastic bags to make blankets and pillows for the homeless. The shelters hand them out faster than volunteers can make them. It's very easy and you can find the demonstration on our YouTube Guild Gatherings page. Please reach out to Edith Baise about how to participate (313)673-3325.



The Knitting Club will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month from 10:00 am-noon at the church in the Ararat room. *No experience is necessary* and all are welcome! We will be knitting scarves to support the Motor City Mitten Mission. Contact Linda Assarian for more information. linda.assarian@gmail.com

St. John Armenian Church Volunteer Day at WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF



Join us and sort badly needed medical supplies and equipment to be used locally and around the world. World Medical Relief donated over \$1.5 million dollars in medical supplies to Armenia in 2021! February 5, 2023, 9:00am – 11:30 am. Contact Greg or Edith Baise (313)673-3325 or ebaise@umich.edu.



Please support the ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinners every Wednesday during Lent. For reservations, call the church office (248)563-3405 or email office@sjachurch.org
Wed., Feb. 22nd, Wed., March 1st, Wed., March 8th, Wed., March 15th,
Wed., March 22nd, Wed., March 29th,

Deadline for all newsletter submissions is the 20th of the month

Wed., Feb. 1 st	General Body Meeting – 7:00pm ZOOM
Sat. Feb. 5 th	World Medical Relief 9:00 am – 11:30 am – Edith Baise
Wed., Feb. 15 th	Executive Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
Wed., Feb. 15 th	Guild Gatherings
Thurs., Feb. 16 th	Knitting Club – 10:00am-noon – Ararat room
Sun., Feb. 19 th	Poon Paregentan
Wed., Feb. 22 nd	ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner – Reservations (248)569-3405
Sun., Feb. 26 th	Annual Parish Assembly
Wed., March 1 st	ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner – Reservations (248)569-3405
Wed., March 8 th	Saintly Women's Day, General Body Meeting
Wed., March 8 th	ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner – Reservations (248)569-3405 or email office@sjachurch.org



Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Preparation Dates

The Palm Sunday Bake Sale is fast approaching. In addition to our scheduled preparation dates, we are encouraging our members to make delicious homemade baked goods. Of course, Armenian style baked goods are most preferable. We happily accept all varieties of semit, khalkha, birds next, bourma, nazoog, khurabia, etc.

Monday evenings with Marianne Dardarian are reserved for Choreg 5:00pm until 8:00 pm in the main kitchen. Lite dinner will be provided.

- Monday, February, 20th – choreg
- Monday, March 6th – choreg
- Monday, March 20th – choreg
- Monday, March 27th – choreg

We will be preparing Bake Sale products every Tuesday in February and March 9:00am – noon in the main kitchen.

- Tuesday, February 7th – sou boreg
- Tuesday, February 14th – katah
- Tuesday, February 21st – katah
- Tuesday, February 28th – khalkha
- Tuesday, March 7th – khalkha
- Tuesday, March 14th – khalkha
- Tuesday, March 28th - weather make up day

No experience necessary!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to take this time to Welcome the Women's Guild new Executive Board, Nominating Committee, and Diocesan Delegates for 2023!

2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Guild members elected for 2-year term

*Designates newly elected members

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*Dr. Joyce Yeghissian

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NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBER

Marilyn Dadian, Parish Council Liaison

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2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Meet in fall to prepare slate for November)

Yerchanig Joy Callan – Chair

Diane Ekizian

Nancy Kevonian

Yvonne Korkoian

Deborah Zazaian

2023 Women's Guild Central Council Delegates – elected for two-year term

Linda Jevahirian, 2 years

Yvonne Korkoian, served 1 year

Roseanne Vartoogian, served 1 year

Sara Andonian, Chair

Armenian Christmas Luncheon

Immediately following Armenian Christmas church services on Friday, January 6, 2023, the Women's Guild provided a free will offering luncheon for our community. Guests were given the opportunity to donate blankets, socks, scarves, and mittens for the Motor City Mitten Mission in addition to or in lieu of their free will offering. Chaired by Jackie ElChemmas, the committee did an outstanding job preparing a lovely lunch of salad and lahmajoon along with other treats for our guests.

Our Social Services committee collected 86 scarves compliments of our knitting club, along with 12 blankets, 13 hats, 11 pair of gloves, 37 pair of socks, 2 pair of earmuffs, and 2 headbands donated by our lunch guests. We appreciate our Social Services committee for all of the good work they do for the community. This collection was donated to the Motor City Mitten Mission.



Thank you to the Luncheon committee: Carol Aprahamian, Alice Argonian, Marilyn Dadian, Jackie ElChemmas, Arlene Howrani, Sandy Jack, Karen Mangune, Lisa Mardigian, Alice Mekjian, and Marilyn Sarkesian.

Special Thank you to Jacqueline & Fouzi ElChemmas for underwriting the cost of the lahmajoon luncheon in memory of their mother, Diramayr Virginia Melkonian, who was a long-time member of the Women's Guild.



Special Thanks also to Marilyn Dadian, Laura Leacock, and Lisa Mardigian for underwriting the cost of the fruit and nuts in memory of their dear aunt Almas Derderian (also a long-time Women's Guild Member).



Women's Guild 2023 Circles

Below you will see this year's circle/committee lists. Please realize that these are not set in stone. If there is another circle/committee you would like to participate in, by all means, join in! A few of our circles are still looking for chair people if you are interested. We are looking forward to a successful 2023!

Armenian Christmas Luncheon, Friday, January 6

Chair: Jackie ElChemmas

Charlene Apigian	Denise Boyagian	Sandy Jack	Marilyn Sarkesian
Carol Aprahamian	Marilyn Dadian	Karen Mangune	Linda Tiffany
Alice Argnian	Arlene Howrani	Alice Mekjian	

Manoogian Manor Visits, Saturday after 5 major Feast Days

Chair: Elise Papazian

Correne Akarakian	Denise Alexanian	Denise Boyagian
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Co-chairs: Renee Apkarian

Charlene Apigian	Paulette Apkarian	Jackie Klugman	Isabelle Vahratian
Cynthia Apkarian	Linda Franquist	Berjouhi Sanjian	

Saintly Women's Day, Saturday, March 18

Chair: _____

Anne Marie Amerigian	Yn. Maran Bagdasarian	Marianne Dardarian	Joyce Slowik
Elizabeth Aprahamian	Sandra Bourgeois	Charlene Goshgarian	Cathy Zwinck

Palm Sunday Baking, February to March

Chair: Joy Callan

Elizabeth Amboian	Frances Hagopian	Anoush Korian	Diana Shoushanian
Carol Cholmakjian	Elizabeth Johnson	Judy Mardossian	Diana Vosganian
Marianne Dardarian	Yvonne Korkoian	Paulette Schmidt	

Palm Sunday Bake Sale, Sunday April 2

Chair: Marilyn Dadian

Paulette Apkarian	Renee Baharian	Diana Mardigian	Paula Derbabian
Christine Atesian	Paula Derbabian	Marge Nardell	Susie Reizian
Nancy Banks	Michelle Samarian Ducato	Nicole O'Donovan	Maral Demir Thomas

Easter Tea, Sunday, April 9 (November Hospitality)

Chair: Nyree Giragosian

Lisa Bahm	Patty Fantazian	Elise Landis	Joyce Yeghissian
Lisa Boyadjian	Belinda Kabodian	Denise Pochas	
Denise Boyagian	Donna Lafian	Laurie Reizian	

Bazaar Baking, May – September

Dawn Aginian	Jackie Boskovich	Linda Karibian	Erika Palaian
Shoushan Ameriguian	Carol Cholmakjian	Mona Kurjian	Terry Palaian
Alice Argnian	Julie Couyoumjian	Karen Mangune	Judy Parks
Anita Arslanian	Marianne Dardarian	Mary Matossian	Paulette Schmidt
Cathy Atesian	Sandy Jack	Alice Mekjian	Jennifer Toomajian
Gladys Artinian	Denise Karakashian	June Mekjian	Nevart Torian

Chair: Joy Callan***Tea following WG Hokehankist, Sunday, June 4 (Guild Chairwomen) Chair: Sara/Carol***

Sara Andonian	Marianne Dardarian	Lora Kazanjian	Rose Shahinian
Linda Assarian	Lisa Derderian	Mary Keoleian	Linda Stambouljian
Angela Banerian	Jane Hovsepian	Joyce Obenhoff	Alice Terzian
Denise Boyagian	Dawn Karagosian	Barbara Rupas	Linda Tiffany
Joy Callan	Denise Karakashian	Nina Sarkisian	Isabelle Vahratian
Carol Cholmakjian			

Membership Dinner, Wed, June 7

Pat Akkashian	Arlene Baylerian	Diane Ekizian	Dolly Matoian
Betty Amboian	Zabel Belian	Lorrie Keila	Janice Megerian
Anne Marie Ameriguian	Diane Costa	Debbie Krikorian	Debbie Ohanian
Paulette Apkarian	Michele Samarian Ducato	Delores Krikorian	

***Co-chairs: Belinda Kabodian
and Shoushan Ameriguian******Summer Outing, July date TBD***

Marilyn Sarkisian	Sue Vian
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Chair: _____***Church Picnic Bake Sale, Sunday, August 13 (April Hospitality) Chairs: Edith Baise
and Alice Argnian***

Paulette Apkarian	Sonia Dedeian	Linda Houghanisis	Nancy Panaretos
Marilyn Brown	Lisa Derderian	Pat Magee	Linda Tiffany
Katherine Channell	Alberta Godoshian	Rose Najarian	Ida Varadian
Margaret Dayinian	Gayle Hoplamazian	Joyce Obenhoff	

Khunjook, Sunday, September 10 (May Hospitality)

Olivia Andonyan	Michelle Samarian	Dawn Karagosian	Nicole O'Donovan
Alex Apkarian	Ducato	Christine Topa Keillor	Vanna Kazarian
Paulette Apkarian	Lauren Gershonowicz	Lynne Kojamarian	Lindsay Sahakian
Renee Apkarian	Nyree Giragosian	Donna Lafian	Christine Sarafian
Christine Atesian	Kathy Hasse	Diana Mardigian	Kathy Steck
Sara Bell	Sarah Hagopian	Jenny Morris	Maral Thomas
Marilyn Dadian	Karen Kalajian	Margaret Ann Yessian	Kathy Torigian

Chair: _____

Bazaar Hot Food Service, Fri & Sat, October 6 & 7***Chair: Dawn Aginian
and Denise Boyagian***

Dawn Aginian
Diane Aginian
Linda Karibian
Adrian Keoelian
Mary Keoleian

Nancy Kevonian
Gloria Melkonian
Lena Montgomery
Karen Mooradian
Carol Palaian

Nancy Panaretos
Victoria Sarkisian
Linda Stamboulion
Patricia Stamboulion
Debbie Stamp

Rozann Vartoogian
Seta Yeranosian
Maryann Zamanigian

***Bazaar Bake Sale, Friday, October 6
Bazaar Bake Sale, Saturday October 7******Friday Co-chairs: Sue Vian & Rose Najarian
Saturday Chair: _____***

Carole Bagdasarian
Anna (Pepsi) Baylerian
Denise Chiroyan
Carol Cholmakjian

Lillian Durham
Linda Franquist
Lilit Grigoryan
Marcia Hamamdjian

Nora Hutter
Patricia Javizian
Linda Jevahirian
Terri Karebian

Linda Karibian
Donna Lafian
Suzanne Nazoyan
Debbie Zazaian

Anniversary Gala 2023 Fundraiser, Saturday, October 21***Chair: Jackie ElChemmas***

Paulette Apkarian
Carol Cholmakjian

Marilyn Dadian
Diane Ekizian

Nyree Giragosian
Denise Karakashian

Dolly Matoian
Anna Sarkisian

Social Concern Committee***Chair: Carol Ohanesian***

Linda Assarian
Nancy Berryman
Linda DePietro

Linda Franquist
Cheryl Joboulian
Lisa Johnson

Denise Karakashian
Linda Lutz
Nancy Panaretos

Barb Rupas
Marilyn Sarkesian

Alternatives for Girls, Wednesday, November 2***Chair: Sue Vian***

Anita Boyagian
Michele Ducato

Evie Ezmerlian
Sandy Jamian

Yn. Roberta Kochakian
Gloria Korkoian

Nora Noraian

Christmas Dinner, Wednesday, December 6***Chair: _____***

Sara Andonian
Annrae Anusbigian
Diana Cohen
Anne Marie Egigian

Serena Egigian
Aralyn Haidostian
Carole Hovsepan

Donna Lafian
Patty Kezelian
Janet Mardigian

Diane Nolf
Carol Ohanesian
Judy Parks

***Christmas Cookie Sale, December 16 and 17 (Sept Hospitality) Co-Chairs: Carol Cholmakjian
and Joy Callan***

Lillian Durham
Terrie Karebian

Donna Lafian
Debbie Morgan

Diane Nolf
Susie Reizian

Paulette Schmidt
Debbie Zazaian



The Women's Guild of
St. John Armenian Church
presents



GUILD GATHERINGS

A Series of Creative Videos on YouTube

Wednesday, February 15

Lucia's Mock Manti

An Easy Weeknight Meal



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[https://stjohnwomensguild
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guild-gatherings-1](https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site/guild-gatherings-1)

Greetings to All

St. John Women's Guild Members

It's time to pay your 2023 annual dues!

Please make checks of \$25 payable to St. John Women's Guild

Mail checks to Paulette Apkarian

7430 Brookberry Court
West Bloomfield, Michigan 48322

*For questions, please contact Paulette Apkarian at (248) 225-3823
or pauletteapkarian08@gmail.com*

Please fill out the form below and mail it with your payment.

2023 _____ 2024 _____

Name _____ Husband's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

BLAST from the PAST

As we prepare for our Women's Guild 85th Anniversary Gala, we would like to share membership photos highlighting a different decade each month leading up to the big event!

Have you come across any Women's Guild membership photos lately??? If so, please email them to Nyree Giragosian, nyreevgir@gmail.com, along with the year (or at least the decade) they were taken.

The newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month.

*This month's Women's Guild Membership photo is from
May 2, 1956!*



Tentative Women's Guild 2023 Calendar

JANUARY	Fri, Jan 6	Armenian Christmas Luncheon, General Body meeting afterwards
	Sat, Jan 7	Manoogian Manor visit, Armenian Christmas, 11:00am
	Wed, Jan 18	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
FEBRUARY	Wed, Feb 1	General Body meeting, 7:00pm, ZOOM
	Wed, Feb 15	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
MARCH	Wed, March 1	General Body meeting, Sainly Women's Day
	Wed, March 15	Executive Board meeting after Lenten services, 7:00pm
APRIL	Sun, April 2	Palm Sunday Bake Sale
	Sun, April 9	Easter Sunday Tea
	Wed, April 12	General Body meeting, DATE CHANGE (Holy Week), 7:00pm
	Sat, April 15	Manoogian Manor visit, Easter, 11:00am
	Wed, April 19	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
	Mon, April 24	Armenian Martyrs' Day
MAY	Wed, May 3	General Body meeting, 7:00pm
	Wed, May 17	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
JUNE	Sun, June 4	Hokehankist for Women's Guild Members, Tea after services
	Wed, June 7	Membership Dinner
	Wed, June 21	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
JULY	DATE TBD	Summer Outing
	Sat, July 22	Manoogian Manor visit, Transfiguration of Our Lord, 11:00am
AUGUST	Wed, Aug 16	Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm
	Sat, Aug 19	Manoogian Manor visit, Assumption of the Holy Mother of God, 11:00am
	Sun, Aug 13	Church Picnic Bake Sale, after services
SEPTEMBER	Wed, Sept 6	General Body meeting, 7:00pm
	Sun, Sept 10	Khunjook/Family Fun Day
	Sat, Sept 23	Manoogian Manor visit, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 11:00am
	Wed, Sept 20	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
OCTOBER	Wed, Oct 4	General Body meeting, 7:00pm, ZOOM or in Vet's Building
	Fri & Sat, Oct 6-7	Bazaar Bake Sale & Hot Foods volunteers
	Wed, Oct 18	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
	Sat, Oct 21	Anniversary Gala: WG 85th & Heritage Collection 50th, Evening Event
NOVEMBER	Wed, Nov 1	General Body meeting, Elections & Alternatives for Girls drop-off
	Wed, Nov 15	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
DECEMBER	Wed, Dec 6	Christmas Dinner
	Sun, Dec 17	Christmas Cookie Sale, after services
	Wed, Dec 13	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm