

A Message From Our Chairman...

A new year brings a new calendar and the hope of new ideas. As always, your St John Women's Guild encourages every member to contact the board with thoughts and concepts that will enhance and improve our ability to fulfill our mission and serve our church. So, let's talk!!



Thanks to all that attended Manoogian Manor for our Christmas celebration. Our seniors are so happy for the company and truly engaged in the services that were brought to them by so many of us.

We are on the cusp of preparation time for Palm Sunday Bake Sale. If it's Tuesday, it's a baking day. Watch for the specific calendar but know that if there is extreme weather, the e blasts will keep you posted on days that are a go and days that may be canceled or postponed. If you are not internet savvy, please have someone contact you with date changes.

Speaking of internet savvy, we will soon be offering members the opportunity to receive the Women's Guild Newsletter on line. You may already know that thanks to Gary Melikian, church administrator and David Dardarian, Women's Guild Angel, all of our Guild information is already on line and you can access that information any time of day or night.

Keep in mind that if you have any information that needs sharing, you may contact Diana Vosganian, our editor, to submit content.

Since many of our members are blessed to have full and busy lives, we realize that we cannot all attend all of our monthly Guild meetings all of the time. We still need members to take leadership roles and if you cannot, for whatever reason, attend a meeting, that doesn't mean we won't be thrilled to say yes to you if you offer to take on any upcoming responsibilities.

So, one more time, Shnorhavor Nor Daree yev Soorp Dznunt!!

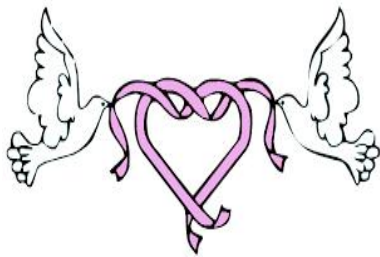
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It is with sorrow that we share with you, the passing of our dear member, Margaret Kemian. Margaret was the cherished mother of our member, Linda Franquist.

Our condolences, also, to Elizabeth Johnson and Diana Vosgian, on the loss of their beloved mother, Grace Couyoumjian.

We send our get-well wishes to our members who are recovering from surgery or illness this month. They are Joyce Obenhoff, Rozann Vartogian, Louise Brocher, Sally Kabodian and Marianne Dardarian. Our prayers to all for their quick and complete recoveries.



Our best wishes to Michael and Michelle Ducato, who were married on December 10th. Michael is the son of Guild member, Michele Ducato. We wish them many happy and blessed years in their marriage.

Congratulations to Johnny and Sevana Elchemmas, on the birth of their daughter, Aria Melikian Elchemmas, on October 21st. Happy grandparents are Jackie and Faouzi Elchemmas and great-grandmother, Diramayr Virginia Melkonian.

Also, congratulations to Nicole and Anthony O'Donovan on the birth of their son, Oliver John, who was born on December 7th. Happy first-time grandmother, is Michele Ducato.

Our best wishes to the happy families!



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY!!!

Happy Birthday to Diramayr Virginia Melkonian, who celebrated her 90th Birthday on January 11th!

Diramayr Virginia Melkonian, with her daughter, Jackie Elchemmas.

Manoogian Manor Visit

Our thanks to Lisa Derderian, Linda Houhanisin, Barbara Rupas and Anna Sarkisian, who coordinated the visit and to the members of the Choir and Guild who attended. Residents were thankful for the company and lovely service.



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| January 31 st , (Tuesday) | First Palm Sunday Baking 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Choreg) |
| February 1 st (Wednesday) | Guild meeting at 7:00 p.m. and speaker from the Holocaust Museum |
| February 26 th (Sunday) | Poon Paregentan |
| March 1 st (Wednesday) | Guild meeting and Lenten Luncheon at noon followed by speaker |
| March 5 th (Sunday) | 2017 Parish Assembly |
| April 9 th (Sunday) | Palm Sunday Bake Sale |
| April 16 th (Sunday) | Easter Tea |



Delivery to VA Hospital

Social Concern Committee members delivered 13 large boxes of much-needed supplies to the Veteran's Hospital. These were donated by our generous Guild Members.



L-R: Nancy Panaretos, Linda Lutz, Carol Ohanesian and Cheryl Joboulian. Photographer, in shadow, Linda Assarian.

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

Armenian Christmas

Congratulations to Myles Najarian, who had the honor of being Godfather of the Cross. His proud family includes parents, Kim and David Najarian, grandparents Alice and Harry Terzian, and Sue and Harry Najarian. Our thanks to Myles' family, who sponsored the luncheon following the Christmas service. The luncheon was chaired by Dawn Aginian and Nevart Torian.



It's Time to Pay Your 2017 Women's Guild Dues

Payment by March 31, 2017 would be greatly appreciated!



Thank you to those who have already paid.

Please send in your yearly dues of **\$25** and make your check payable to:
St. John Women's Guild



Please mail checks to:
St. John Women's Guild
c/c Dawn Aginian
1783 Cole Street
Birmingham, MI 48009-7066



For questions, contact Dawn Aginian at 248-225-7176 or daginian@yahoo.com.

If more convenient, you may also leave a check at Church in the Women's Guild mailbox in the secretary's office.

Please fill out the form below with any **corrections** and send it in with your payment.

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