



A message From Our Chairman...

Happy New Year! January is a time of renewal and fresh starts. It is also an opportunity to play an active part in our Guild. We have so many exciting opportunities for you to become involved in. When asked to join a committee, look at it as a chance to connect with old and new friends, while giving back to our church community. New events and speakers are on the horizon. Mark your calendar for May 5th when we are hosting a Spring Fashion Show Brunch!

This past month we have been busy! Thank you to all who attended Manoogian Manor for our Armenian Christmas celebration. The residents were truly grateful for the time you took to shine a light of happiness into their lives. Prayers, Christmas carols and your visit made the day special. A special thank you to our Armenian Christmas luncheon co-chairs Jackie El Chemmas and Lisa Derderian for their leadership in coordinating the delicious lunch.

Palm Sunday baking days are just getting started. We need you on Tuesday mornings and a few Monday evenings to assist in the preparation. Yerchanig Joy Callan is coordinating the baking days! Please note that in the event of extreme weather, the e-blast will keep you posted if there is a cancellation, or contact Yerchanig directly: home 248.254.3955 or cell 248.533.6320.

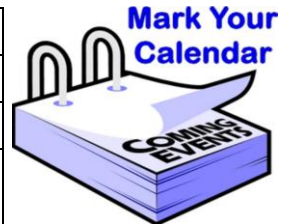
As always, your St. John Women's Guild encourages every member to contact the board with any suggestions or questions. Remember this is your organization! Choose to make a difference.

Barb Rupas



The Women’s Guild sends our sincere sympathy to Susan Janigian on the passing of her dear sister, Salina Blegvad, who passed in December. May happy memories bring comfort and peace in the midst of your sorrow.

February 7 th (Wednesday)	Guild Meeting 7:00 p.m.
February 11 th (Sunday)	Poon Pareegentan
February 25 th (Sunday)	Annual Parish Assembly
March 7 th (Wednesday)	Guild Meeting/Saintly Women’s Day 12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon
March 25 th (Sunday)	Palm Sunday Bake Sale



Palm Sunday Bake Schedule

Our Palm Sunday baking has begun! We again “NEED YOUR HELP!!” Please look at the schedule below and join us.

January 22 nd (Monday)	5 p.m. – 8 p.m. <i>Choreg Rolls</i>
January 23 rd (Tuesday)	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. <i>Semit</i>
January 30 th (Tuesday)	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. <i>Choreg Loaves</i>
February 6 th (Tuesday)	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. <i>Khalkha</i>
February 13 th (Tuesday)	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. <i>Nazoog</i>
February 20 th (Tuesday)	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. <i>Khalkha</i>
February 27 th (Tuesday)	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
March 6 th (Tuesday)	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. <i>Soo Boreg</i>
March 13 th (Tuesday)	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. <i>Katah</i>



It’s Time to Pay Your Women’s Guild Dues for 2018.

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 Yerchanig Joy Callan
36445 Valley Ridge Drive
Farmington Hills, MI 48331-1233**



We would appreciate receiving your dues by March 31st.

Thank you to those who have already paid.

Any questions, please contact Yerchanig Callan at 248-254-3955

or yerchanigc@gmail.com



Guild December Christmas Dinner



The delicious meal was prepared by:

L – R: Denise Karakashian, Nancy Banks, Debbie Zazaian, Carol Cholmakjian, Co-chair Marilyn Sarkesian, Cathy Zwinck, Dolly Matoian, Carol Ohanesian, Nancy Penaretos & Co-chair Diane Nolf



The West Bloomfield High School Laker Express Choir provided the lovely evening entertainment.

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Armenian Christmas Luncheon



Congratulations to Godfathers of the Cross Martin and Zaven Shoushanian, shown here with their proud parents, sister and grandparents. Our thanks to Martin and Diana Shoushanian for generously sponsoring the Christmas luncheon in honor of their grandsons.

Seated: Paul and Anoush Korian, and Diana Shoushanian

Backrow: Nadine, Karen, Martin, Andrew, Zaven and Martin Shoushanian.



The luncheon chairs, Jackie El Chemmas and Lisa Derderian, and their committee presented a beautiful lunch following *Badarak*.

L-R: Barb Rupas, Diana Vosganian, Marilyn Sarkesian, Lisa Derderian, Denise Boyagian, Jackie El Chemmas, Yerchanig Callan, Nevart Torian, Linda Houhanisin & Dawn Aginian

MANOOGIAN MANOR ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS VISIT

Our thanks to coordinators, Yerchanig Joy Callan, Anna Sarkisian and Barb Rupas, who arranged our visit to Manoogian Manor to celebrate Armenian Christmas. We would like to express special appreciation to our clergy, choir and Guild members who shared in prayer, song and good will to help bring joy to the residents.



Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian and Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian



Manoogian Manor resident receiving communion and holy water



St. John Choir members



St. John Women's Guild members

General Body Meeting, February 7th, 7:00 p.m. in the ~~Vartan~~^{Ararat} Room



Are you feeling overwhelmed, disorganized and wanting to get rid of stuff, but don't know where to start? "Get Organized in 2018" with a few simple ideas presented by Nancy Adams, professional organizer. Guild members are welcome to bring a guest! Refreshments, presentation, fellowship and a brief meeting will be held.

If you have had a change in your contact information (e.g. email, address and/or phone number) in the last three months, **PLEASE** contact Linda Tiffany or Diana Vosganian so we can update our directory. The new directory is scheduled to be mailed to Guild members in March.



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



FEBRUARY 11TH POON PAREGENTAN

St. John Armenian Church Armenian Mardi Gras Celebration Hosted by the Women's Guild.

Reservations are appreciated. Please call Renee Baharian at 248-348-5474 and leave your first and last name and the number that will attend. A free will offering will be collected at the door.

Hosted by: Renee Baharian, Tricia Magee, and Heidi Aprahamian. Please join us for a day of family fellowship and fun! Please click on the following link to sign up to support this event. www.signupgenius.com/go/4090449ADAA2DA57-february1 Your help with this event is greatly appreciated!

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MENU:

Lahmajoon, Pilaf,
Boereg, Soup, Salad,
Potato Bar, Hot Dogs,
Chocolate Fountain,
Sweet Table

ACTIVITIES:

Crafts, Games, Knitting,
Photo Booth, Face
Painting, Balloons,
Caricature Artist, Slot
Car, legos, Backgammon,
Choreg Baking

ARMENIAN MUSIC

AND DANCING

CHILDREN'S RAFFLE:

4 Disney Tickets,
Henry Ford Tickets,
Xbox, Drone, Rocket,
American Girl Doll,
and much more...

Must be present to win.

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Beginning after church – 3:30pm

Questions: 734-536-4680