

## Women's Guild Newsletter

January 2022

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### *A Message from our Chair...*



*Shnorhavor Nor Daree yev Soorp Dznunt!*

Thank you to so many who have given me words of encouragement and good wishes as I begin my chairmanship. I understand through these conversations that there is a real love for our Guild and its continuing mission.

We closed 2021 with a successful Winter Fundraiser - 50 volunteers either baked (5900 cookies and 340 choregs!), filled & distributed boxes, or made a generous donation. Thank you to all who contributed.

I'm interested in your suggestions and comments as working together makes a stronger Guild.

Feel free to email me directly ([ccholmak@hotmail.com](mailto:ccholmak@hotmail.com))

or through the Contact Us page of our website

<https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site/contact-us>

I'll end with a favorite quote from one of our past chairmen, Barb Rupas:

*"Remember this is your organization! Choose to make a difference."*

*Carol Cholmakjian*



It is with sorrow that we share the passing of Masis Godoshian, devoted husband of Alberta Godoshian and loving father of Kathy Haase and Christine Sarafian, on December 2, 2021. Our deepest condolences to Alberta, Kathy, Christine, and their family.

Our deepest sympathies to June Mekjian on the loss of her beloved son, Chuck Simon, on December 8, 2021. June, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

*-Asdvadz Hokeen Loosavoreh*

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

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Look who's turning 100! Margaret Moushmoulian will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on January 4, 2022!!!! We are asking Guild members to send her a birthday card to the Manoogian Manor – imagine her surprise when she receives all of these good wishes!!!

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#### **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 to turn grocery bags into lengths of plarn (plastic yarn) which are then used to make the blankets. Find out how easy it is to make plarn on our YouTube Guild Gatherings page.

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Our member Belinda Kabodian, BS, RN, is the Community Coordinator for Ascension SE Michigan Community Health as well as our Parish nurse. She has generously shared the link below for the Jan.- March 2022 Ascension Carelink Newsletter (which lists FREE virtual exercise classes, educational lectures and classes, as well as Covid / Vaccine information. Please contact Belinda with any questions (248)767-3942. Thank you so much, Belinda!

**<https://ascension.org/CommunityHealthMichigan>**

***Go to the page and click "community health publications in southeast Michigan".***

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#### **The New Women's Guild Directories Are Ready**

Guild directories will be available for pick up from our church secretary Anna during weekday hours 9-5.

Thurs., Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Armenian Christmas Take Out Luncheon <i>at noon</i> . FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Divine Liturgy Blessing of the Waters/Chrorhnek 10:00 am -- Jackie ElChemmas
Thurs., Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	General Body Meeting 7:00pm ZOOM
Sat., Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Manoogian Manor Armenian Christmas Visit - Elise Papazian <i>Celebrate Margaret Moushmoulian's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday after the service!</i>
Wed., Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	New Guild Gatherings – “Interior Design Tips” by Christine.
Wed., Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Board Meeting 7pm
Wed., Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	General Body Meeting – 7pm ZOOM
Wed., Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Medical Relief, 9am-11:30am Contact Edith Baise (313)673-3325
Wed., Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Board Meeting – 7pm ZOOM
Wed., March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Saintly Women's Day Luncheon and general body meeting Noon - Need chair.
Wed., March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Board Meeting 8:00 pm



The Women's Guild  
 Armenian Christmas Luncheon  
 has been changed to a  
 Take-Out Luncheon  
 Thursday, January 6, 2022 at noon  
 St. John Armenian Church  
 Contact Jackie ElChemmas for lunch order  
[jackieelech@gmail.com](mailto:jackieelech@gmail.com) or (248)762-1312  
 \$10.00 per meal  
*General Body Meeting has been rescheduled for*  
*Thurs. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via ZOOM (Link will be emailed)*



# Manoogian Manor Armenian Christmas Visit

Saturday, January 8, 2022 – 11am



Join our clergy,  
members of the choir, the Men's Society, and the  
Women's Guild as we spend the morning in  
prayer, singing, and good will with the residents  
of Manoogian Manor.

We will be celebrating Margaret Moushmoulian's  
100<sup>th</sup> Birthday after the service!

Contact Elise Papazian for information  
[elisekp@gmail.com](mailto:elisekp@gmail.com) or (248)943-6162

## THE ARMENIAN **MIRROR SPECTATOR** SINCE 1932

Check out the Mirror Spectator December 18<sup>th</sup>  
issue for the "Holiday Candy Cane Simit from  
Guild Gatherings" article about Guild member  
Marianne Dardarian. Go to the link below and it  
will take you directly to the write-up  
along with the recipe.

<https://mirrorspectator.com/2021/12/16/holiday-candy-cane-simit-from-guild-gatherings/>



Contact Chris Datian at [datian@cox.net](mailto:datian@cox.net)  
if any Guild Gatherings participants would like to send  
their recipes and or story about their YouTube  
demonstrations, hobbies, and skills, Chris will be  
happy to develop a story around them and feature  
their stories next year.



JOIN US AND HELP SORT BADLY NEEDED MEDICAL  
SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT  
TO BE USED LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

## **SJAC VOLUNTEER DAY AT WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF**

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



**February 5th /9:00-11:30 am**

CONTACT GREG OR EDITH BAISE AT (313)673-3325  
OR [EBAISE@UMICH.EDU](mailto:EBAISE@UMICH.EDU)



## Women's Guild Christmas Dinner

Over 60 guests were in attendance at this year's Women's Guild Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Our taste buds were dazzled by individual mezza plates of boureg, yelanche, and eetch, followed by a mouthwatering pasta and meatball entrée. The event wouldn't be complete without the decadent tiramisu dessert that followed. Our Social Outreach Committee organized the donations for "Motor City Mitten Mission" to help the homeless and the needy. Dinner guests were asked to bring blankets and socks for the organization. Through their generosity, our committee was able to deliver 34 blankets, bags of socks, bags of washcloths, and a sleeping bag on December 6<sup>th</sup>! Motor City Mitten Mission was so appreciative – our volunteers were told these items would be put to use right away! Thank you for all of your generous donations! *Members also donated dozens of toys for the Toys for Tots Program!*



Many thanks to our Christmas Dinner chairperson Marianne Dardarian and her dedicated volunteers: Sara Andonian, Joy Callan, Carole Hovsepian, Diane Nolff, Nancy Panaretos, Paulette Schmidt, Linda Tiffany, Marilyn Sarkesian, & Debbie Zazaian.

Special thank you to  
"Chef" David Dardarian!!!



Heartfelt thanks to our Social Outreach Committee for organizing the donations for Motor City Mittens Mission: Linda Assarian, Nancy Berryman, Linda DePietro, Linda Franquist, Cheryl Jobouljian, Lisa Johnson, Denise Karakashian, Linda Lutz, Carol Ohanesian, Nancy Panaretos, Barb Rupas, and Marilyn Sarkesian



*Check out the pictures on the next two pages –  
lots of smiling faces and beautiful decorations!*











Thank you to all of our  
2021 Winter Fundraiser volunteers!

We couldn't have done it without you!

Dawn Aginian  
Ann Marie Zallakian Ameriguian  
Sara Andonian  
Annerae Anusbigian  
Charlene Apigian  
Paulette Apkarian  
Ygn. Maran Bagdasarian  
Nancy Banks  
Lisa Boyadjian  
Denise Boyagian  
Marilyn Brown  
Yerchanig Joy Callan  
Carol Cholmakjian  
Marianne Dardarian  
Paula Derbabian  
Michele Ducato  
Ann Marie Egigian  
Serena Egigian  
Jacqueline ElChemmas  
Mackenzie Forman  
Linda Franquist  
Lauren Reizian-Gershonowicz  
Linda Houhanisin  
Sandra Jamian  
Denise Karakashian  
Linda Karibian

Lorrie M Keila  
Patty Kezelian  
Ygn. Roberta Kochakian  
Mona Kurjian  
Donna Lafian  
Dolly Matoian  
Janice Megerian  
Kim Najarian  
Diane Nolf  
Nora Noraian  
Nicole O'Donovan  
Erika Palaian  
Terry Palaian  
Nancy Panaretos  
Judy Parks  
Susan Reizian  
Michelle Samarian  
Marilyn Sarkesian  
Paulette Schmidt  
Linda Stambouljian  
Linda Tiffany  
Diana Vosganian  
Kathie Vosganian  
Deb Zazaian  
Cathy Zwinck



The Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church

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# Guild Gatherings

~a series of creative videos on YouTube~

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

INTERIOR DESIGN TIPS

BY CHRISTINE

CLICK ON THE LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgaaiJ5B015V>

[fCalkgdiHwLZU3qTyV71](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgaaiJ5B015VfCalkgdiHwLZU3qTyV71)

OR

<https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site/guild-gatherings-1>



# Eetch

One of the appetizers served at the Christmas Dinner was Jackie ElChemmas' recipe for Eetch.



This simple recipe relies on fresh ingredients and has a nice little kick to it. It was especially attractive served in individual cups with mini spoons and looked delicious even before you tried it! The recipe is also in our cookbook, *Armenian Cuisine, Preserving our Heritage*.

## Jacqueline Melkonian ElChemmas' Eetch

- 1 c. fine bulghur
  - 3 8-oz. cans tomato sauce, such as Hunt's
  - ¼ c. fresh lemon juice
  - ¼ c. olive oil
  - ¼ t. cayenne pepper
  - 1-2 cloves garlic, mashed
  - 1 t. salt
  - ½ c thinly sliced green onions
  - ½ c. of each - parsley, green peppers, red peppers, minced.
- Mix all together the night before serving.





# BLAST from the PAST

*Have you come across any old Women's Guild photos lately??? If so, please email them to Nyree Giragosian, [nyreevgir@gmail.com](mailto:nyreevgir@gmail.com), along with member names/event and any other news you would like to share and we will include them in an upcoming newsletter.*

*The deadline is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month.*

*We have two submissions this month:*



Women's Guild program on Armenian architecture by Dr. Lucy Der Manuelian. The event was open to the public and took place in the late 1990's.

*Pictured left to right:  
Dr. Lucy Der Manuelian,  
Fr. Garabed Kochakian, & Jane Hovsepien*

St. John Bazaar October 2001  
Araxie Andonian, Anna Soultanian,  
Jean Sarkisian, Anna Karakashian



*Thank you, Jane Hovsepien, and Mariann Zamanigian  
for sharing these memories!*

## Women's Guild Calendar 2022

January 6	Armenian Christmas Service/Take-Out Luncheon - Jackie ElChemmas General Body Meeting 7:00pm <b>via ZOOM</b>	June 15	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm
January 8	Manoogian Manor Visit, Armenian Christmas – Elise Papazian	July 30	Manoogian Manor visit, Transfiguration of our Lord (Vartavar in Armenia 7/24)
January 12	New Guild Gatherings	August 14	Church Picnic and Bake Sale – Edith Baise
January 19	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm	August 20	Manoogian Manor visit, Assumption of the Holy Mother of God
February 2	General Body meeting, 7:00 pm <b>via ZOOM</b>	August 17	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 live
February 16	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm <b>via ZOOM</b>	September 7	General Body meeting, 7:00 pm
March 2	Saintly Women's Day luncheon and general body meeting – Noon Jackie ElChemmas	September 11	Manoogian Manor visit, Exaltation of the Holy Cross
March 16	Executive Board meeting, (after Lenten services) 7:00 pm	September 18	Women's Guild Khunjook after church
April 6	General Body meeting, (after Lenten services) 7:00 pm	September 21	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm
April 10	Palm Sunday Bake Sale, Location TBD – Marilyn Dadian	Sept 30–Oct 2	St. John Bazaar – NEED CHAIR
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday Tea – Nyree Giragosian	October 5	General Body meeting, 7:00 pm <b>via ZOOM</b>
April 20	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm	October 19	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm
April 23	Manoogian Manor visit, Easter 11:00 am	October 22	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Heritage Collection - TBD
May	Spring Fundraiser – NEED CHAIR	November 2	Alternatives for Girls, 6:30pm General Body meeting and elections, 7:00 pm
May 4	General Body meeting, 7:00 pm	November 16	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm
May 18	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm	November 30	Advent by Candlelight – Sara Andonian
June 1	General Body Meeting Summer Outing	December 21	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm