Women's Guild Newsletter

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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)

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



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



Look who's turning 100! Margaret Moushmoulian will be celebrating her 100th 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!!!



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.



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".



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 th | 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 | | |
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| Thurs., Jan. 6 th | General Body Meeting 7:00pm ZOOM | | |
| Sat., Jan. 8 th | Manoogian Manor Armenian Christmas Visit - Elise Papazian Celebrate Margaret Moushmoulian's 100 th Birthday after the service! | | |
| Wed., Jan. 12th | New Guild Gatherings – "Interior Design Tips" by Christine. | | |
| Wed., Jan. 19 th | Executive Board Meeting 7pm | | |
| Wed., Feb. 2nd | General Body Meeting – 7pm ZOOM | | |
| Wed., Feb. 5 th | World Medical Relief, 9am-11:30am Contact Edith Baise (313)673-3325 | | |
| Wed., Feb. 16 th | Executive Board Meeting – 7pm ZOOM | | |
| Wed., March 2 nd | Saintly Women's Day Luncheon and general body meeting Noon - Need chair. | | |
| Wed., March 16 th | Executive Board Meeting 8:00 pm | | |



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 100th Birthday after the service!

> Contact Elise Papazian for information elisepkp@gmail.com or (248)943-6162

MIRROR SPECTATOR

Check out the Mirror Spectator December 18th 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/holidaycandy-cane-simit-from-guild-gatherings/





Contact Chris Datian at 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















































The Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church

presents

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=PLgaajJ5B015V fCalkgdiHwLZU3qTyV71

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

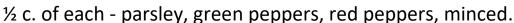
¼ c. olive oil

¼ t. cayenne pepper

1-2 cloves garlic, mashed

1 t. salt

½ c thinly sliced green onions



Mix all together the night before serving.





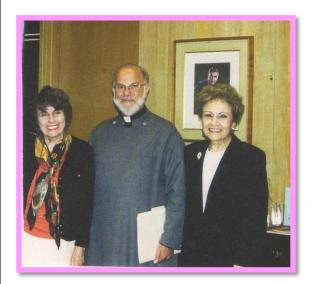




Have you come across any old Women's Guild photos lately??? If so, please email them to Nyree Giragosian, nyreevgir@gmail.com, along with member names/event and any other news you would like to share and we will include them in an upcoming newsletter.

The deadline is the 22nd 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 Hovsepian

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



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

Women's Guild Calendar 2022

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