

A message From Our Chairman...



What better kick off to summer than the wonderful evening we all spent together, honoring our members that have served our church for so many years. Every year, in lieu of a formal meeting, the first Wednesday of the month of June is a celebration of our mission of service to our church and this year was no different. The committee outdid itself and everyone in attendance reveled in our unique camaraderie.

Our upcoming focus now turns to the 2016 Festival preparation. From now until Festival, we will provide our members and friends of the Guild, a great way to spend Tuesday mornings. As always, keeping in mind that no experience is necessary, bring your good hands and willingness to enjoy fellowship and a chance to help or learn how to prepare all the goodies that fly off the tables every fall. This is a totally non-discriminatory practice and we welcome all Guild members and all friends of the Guild. So, yes, bring a friend!

It's summer and we have many wonderful plans for our families to occupy us. But, please, put the church on your calendar as well. Tuesday's for sure, some Monday's, days and evenings, too. This year's Festival Chairman is Jim Stamboulian. He is looking to bring new and fresh ideas to our annual event. Your participation is essential.

Watch for information about our summer trip to Manoogian Manor. No formal meetings in July or August but right back at you come September. A summer outing is in the works for you as well.

And finally, a short story to ponder:

A few years ago, a young St. John mom told us that while her children were playing with neighborhood kids, she over heard them talking about church. The kids talked about summer church and Bible study. Our young mom then heard her child relay to the neighbor child, "...Oh, we don't have to go to church in the summer because our church is closed for the summer!"

Yes, we all laughed when we heard the story. Really. But, NO, it's not closed! Hope to see you in church.

Y. Joy Callan



Our sincere sympathy to Linda Assarian on the passing of her mother-in-law, Rose Assarian, and to Rose's sister, Anna Baylerian.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Kora Jamian. She was the sister of Roxanne Kurajian and mother-in-law of Sandra and Cynthia Jamian.

The Guild also sends condolences to the family of Virginia Megregian and to Nancy Kevonian on the passing of her mother-in-law, Rose Kevonian.

Congratulations to Ryan and Christine DePietro on the birth of their son, Matthew Heath, who was born on June 2nd. Happy grandparents are Linda and Robert DePietro and Linda and Jeff Heath.



Grape Leaf Picking Time!!!



We need lots of grape leaves for the preparation of "yalanchi" for the Church Fall Festival. Now is the time to pick them!! There is a container inside the walk-in freezer in the church kitchen where you can drop off your grape leaves. Any questions, please contact Dawn Aginian at www.daginian@yahoo.com.

August 4 th (Thursday)	Hagopian World of Rugs Summer Outing 4:30 p.m. *Dinner at Phoenicia afterwards (Details will follow)
August 14 th (Sunday)	Church Picnic
August 20 th (Saturday)	Visit to Manoogian Manor 11:00 a.m.
October 13 th (Thursday)	Sanctuary & Museum Tour 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
October 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd	Church Festival



St. John Armenian Church Annual Picnic Sunday, August 14, 2016



The Women's Guild will be sponsoring the Bake Sale for the Annual Church Picnic. We need donations and helpers on Sunday to make this annual fundraiser a success. Contact Nora Noraian at 586-286-7628 if you would like to participate. This is a great way to meet your service obligation to the Guild.

Please consider a donation of bake goods or a monetary donation. Label your donations with your name and the name of the item. Checks should be made out to St. John Armenian Church, note Picnic Bake Sale in the memo. Mail to Nora Noraian 17755 E. Kirkwood Drive, Clinton Twp. MI, 48038.

On Sunday, bake goods may be dropped off in the church kitchen or in the Vartan Room where the sale will be held. If you are dropping off bake goods before Sunday, mark items "Church Picnic Bake Sale," and place them in the church kitchen refrigerator. Your contributions are needed and appreciated!



Jackets for Jobs

Members of the Social Service Committee delivered our donations of clothing and accessories to "Jackets for Jobs." Two S.U.V.'s were filled to the brim and given to a very grateful group of volunteers. Our Social Service Committee extends a big thank you to the Guild members for their generous donations to this very worthwhile cause.

Pictured L. - R.: Carol Ohanessian,
Cheryl Joboulian, Linda Lutz,
and Nancy Panaretos
(Photographed by Linda Assarian)

Mother-Daughter Boutique and Fashion Show



Committee members L-R: Cindy Amboian, Linda Assarian, Chairman Anna Baylerian, Marianne Dardarian, Rose Shahinian, and Susan Carman-Vian



Boutique shoppers, Marianne Dardarian and Yvonne Korkoian

Close to 200 guests came together to enjoy this lovely spring event. They began by visiting the various vendors while being served mezza. This was followed by lunch and a fashion show. What fun it was to watch models from our own church community: tiny toddlers, teens and up. The afternoon excitement grew as names were called out to those lucky recipients of the many wonderful raffle prizes!!

This hardworking committee included chairman Anna Baylerian, Cindy Amboian, Susan Carman-Vian, Linda Assarian, Marianne Dardarian, Barbara Haroutunian, Gloria Korkoian, Linda Lutz, Anna Sarkisian, Rose Shahinian, Lydia Doyon, Linda Jevahirian, and Kathy Mekjian.



Our tiniest models, Nina Ivezaj and Chloe Sahakian

Mother-Daughter Boutique and Fashion Show (continued)



L-R: Tamara Doyon, Olivia and Jillian Tottis, Anjel Doyon and Andrea Bahm



L-R: Zabel Belian, Izzy Vahratian, Lucine Tarman, Knar Pifer and Olivia Tottis



L-R: Cathy Atesian, Izzy Vahratian, Margaret-Ann Yessian, Lindsay and Chloe Sahakian



Top Row L-R: Nadine Shoushanian, Allie and Katie Amboian, Gabrielle Anusbigian
Bottom Row: Lula Yessian and Lauren Kchikian

June Membership and Awards Dinner



Dinner Committee preparing meal: L-R: Rozann Vartoogian, Linda Tiffany, Marilyn Sarkesian, Dolly Matoian, Patricia Akkashian, Nancy Panaretos, Sara Andonian, Esther Kulhanjian and Sandra Jack



Nancy Panaretos assembling her Eech for the mezza table

The dinner was prepared under the co-chairman of Linda Tiffany and Dolly Matoian and their talented committee. Everything was done to perfection, from the beautiful floral centerpieces to the excellent mezza and the delicious dinner.

Thank you to the following committee members for their donations:

- Sara Andonian for the floral centerpieces
- Patricia Akkashian for the punch
- Dolly Matoian for the phyllo, hummus, pita, and tzatziki sauce
- Joyce Obenhoff for the mezza cheese, napkins and punch tumblers
- Nancy Panaretos for the eech
- Linda Tiffany for the dessert
- Anonymous member for the wine
- Monetary donors were Charlene Apigian, Alice Argnian, Yerchanig Callan, Diane Ekizian, Mary Keoleian, Diane Khachaturian and Jackie Klugman

June Membership Awards Dinner (Continued)



New member, Marilyn Sarafian Brown. Absent: Carol Cholmakjian and Lillian Marinelli



25 year members: Gloria Korkoian, Arlene Howrani and Laurie Reizian.
Absent: Dawn Karagosian and Jackie Klugman



Very Rev. Fr. Jebejian with 60 year members: Clara Dzovigian Varjabedian, Jane Hovsepian, Rose Shahinian, Virginia Mekjian and Guild Secretary Dawn Aginian, who prepared the gifts and flowers for the honorees.



Very Rev. Fr. Jebejian with Honorary Members L-R: Arick Kasper, Angela Banerian and Nina Sarkisian.
Absent: Margaret Kemian

Festival Bake Schedule

Our summer baking has begun!! We again "NEED YOUR HELP"!! Please look at the schedules below and join us for a morning or evening working with friends, (as well as making new friends) as we prepare for our October Church Festival.



Upcoming Day Bake Dates:

Monday, June 27 th	Kufteh Shell	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 28 th	Kufteh Shell	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 5 th	Katah	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday, July 11 th	Choreg	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 12 th	Katah	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday, July 18 th	Choreg	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
*Monday, July 18 th	Choreg	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 19 th	Sou Beoreg	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday, July 25 th	Choreg	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 26 th	Sou Beoreg	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday, August 1 st	Choreg	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 2 nd	Sou Beoreg	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 9 th	Sou Beoreg	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Any questions, please contact coordinator and leader Joy Callan at (248) 254-3955
 Sou Beoreg Chairman Anita Arslanian at (248) 980-3198
 Choreg Daytime Chairman Dolly Matoian (248) 737-9055
 Choreg Evening Chairman Marianne Dardarian at (248) 661-0617
 Katah Chairman Terry Palaian at (313) 929-0926

* Evening hours

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