

A Message from Our Chairman...

'Mommy, where did I come from?'

Now, you can answer that question with great detail and authority by linking on to Armenian Genealogy websites, featured and discussed March 17 – March 19 at the University of Michigan Dearborn Armenian Genealogy Conference. What an amazing day of insight and revelation about our departures from our past, our friends and family left behind, those that received us, where we went, if we enlisted and where we lived and died.



Friday night, a non-competitive deghatzi gathering was held at St Sarkis. Saturday, following the all day conference, our Congregational Church held a banquet complete with entertainment. On Sunday, many of the out of town guests participated in Soorp Badarak at St. John and were then treated to a tour of the Manoogian Museum and Mardigian Library.

This conference was the second annual with more on the horizon. The first conference was last year in Boston, we were second and next years destination is yet to be determined. Watch for details and if it's in your travel plans, try not to miss it. Guests attend from as far as Oregon, California, Canada and England.

Here are just a few links that will help in your own document searches;

www.facebook.com/groups/Armenianguenealogy (Founded by Tracey Keeney of Kansas City)

www.arslanmb.org/armenianimmigrants/shiplists.html (Founded by Mark Arslan of North Carolina)

www.familytreedna.com (Our own home grown Janet Achoukian-Andreapoulos of Phoenix)

<http://westernarmenia.weebly.com/> (George Aghjayan of Boston)

This is a great beginning. Go for it and answer the age old question, 'Mommy, where did I really come from?'

Palm Sunday Bake Sale, Easter Tea, June 10 event. Mark your calendars!

Y. Joy Callan

We send our prayers and get well wishes to the following Guild members who are now recuperating at home. Carol Aprahamian, Michelle Ducato, Lillian Marinelli, Dolly Matoian, Marge Nardell and Nancy Panaretos. We wish each of them a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them soon.



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Please make these changes in your directory

April 5th (Wednesday)	Guild meeting at 4:00 p.m. followed by ACYOA Lobster Dinner and Lenten Service
April 9th (Sunday)	Palm Sunday Bake Sale after Badarak
April 16th (Sunday)	Easter Tea following Church Service
April 22nd (Saturday)	Menogian Manor Easter visit
May 3rd (Wednesday)	Guild Meeting 7:00 p.m. "Jackets for Jobs" Clothing Collection
June 10th (Saturday)	"Paris Nights, Paris Lights" Gala (Details to follow)



Palm Sunday Baking Schedule

Friday, April 14th, 9:00 a.m. Choreg

“Paris Nights, Paris Lights”

Dear Women's Guild Members,

A unique evening of fun, entertainment and delicious food is being planned for Saturday, June 10, 2017.

“Paris Nights, Paris Lights” is an evening sponsored by the Women's Guild and open to the entire St. John community to raise funds for our church and to support all of our ongoing projects.

As in the past we depend on your generosity to support this event by honoring and remembering all of the women in our lives from the past to the present who have touched our hearts with their love. Many of these women have served St. John Armenian Church throughout their entire lives and we are asking you, on this occasion, to make a generous donation as a tribute to them.

A general monetary donation of \$50.00 or \$100.00 would be greatly appreciated. Listed below are designated individual items which can be fully or partially donated by contacting Yn. Roberta Kochakian (248-538-9993.)



Flowers
Fruit

Printing
Hors d'oeuvres

Entertainment
Invitations & Mailing

Service
Decorations

Wine
Pastries

Please make checks out to St John Women's Guild by May 25th and mail to:

**St. John Women's Guild,
c/o Lisa Derderian
6738 Emerald Lake Drive
Troy, Michigan 48085**

Thank you for your heartfelt donation,

Co-Chairs: Yn. Roberta Kochakian & Susan Carman-Vian
Guild Chair: Yerchanig Callan



April 9th, Palm Sunday
April 13th, Holy Thursday
April 14th, Good Friday
April 15th, Easter Eve
April 16th, Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday Bake Sale April 9th, 2017



Bake good donations are needed as it is one of our guild membership obligations. Armenian baked goods are preferred, but all donations are welcomed! Please label with your name and description of item. Package individually or 6 – 12 items per bag as appropriate for sales. Also, note if nuts are present!

Thank you,
Diane Nolff and Debbie Zazaian



Don't forget!!



Easter Tea

Our Women's Guild will again sponsor a tea immediately following Easter church service. As in the past, we are asking our members to bring in two-dozen colored eggs. They may be put in the church kitchen cooler Thursday, Friday and Saturday as long as they are clearly marked "Women's Guild." We are also requesting baked good donations to add to the sweet table.

Just reminders...

Time to Clean Your Closets!

The Women's Guild will be collecting gently used, clean, pressed, in-style clothing for Detroit area women going on job interviews. We will be donating to Jackets for Jobs, Inc. in Detroit.

Donated items must be on hangers, in good condition and suitable for job interviews: Dresses, Suits, Blouses, Jackets, Pants, Sweaters, Purses, Totes, Shoes, Belts, Jewelry, Coats, Jackets & Umbrellas.

Seasonal clothing only!! No Winter clothes!! They have no storage room.

Donations can be brought to our WG meeting: Wednesday, May 3rd at 7pm



Important Newsletter Delivery Changes!!!



We are continually challenged by the rising costs of the postage and printing of our monthly newsletter. Therefore, we are moving toward a paperless newsletter that will be sent via email. *Those of you who **do not** have an email address, please contact Diana Vosganian at (248) 661-1875, and a newsletter will be sent to you through the U.S. Mail.



Easy Access to Internet Newsletter:

- **Click** onto the Church website (Stjohnsarmerianchurch.org)
- **Scroll** to Parish Organizations
- **Select** Women's Guild



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