

A message From Our Chairwoman...

Last month I was spellbound by the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea. What a spectacular display of athleticism and patriotism. The back stories shared on each athlete were inspirational. Many faced adversity in their training and personal sacrifice, but were still driven to make their dream come true. Out of 244 U.S. athletes only 23 medaled, that is less than 9%. The honor to represent their country and be inspiring to others was just as important as winning that medal.



Do you ever ask yourself how can you be inspirational to others? Obviously, none of us are going to train for the Olympics but we can make a difference in the lives of others. How may you ask? I see it happening all the time in my daily life. It may be by taking the time to listen to your family or friends, helping others who are less fortunate, or by being a role model. In our organization, we have many opportunities to inspire others. Join in with other guild members to provide service to our church and community. We have many opportunities for you to choose from. A few samplings of committees include: Social Concern, Knitting Group, Bake, Special Events, Manoogian Manor Visits, and more. Sign up for a Standing Committee. The list is available at our general meetings.

Last month the Guild sponsored *Poon Paregentan* as our kick off to Lent! It was a wonderful success even with the poor wintry conditions outside. A special thank you to event chair, Renee Baharian and assistants Dr. Heidi Aprahamian and Pat Magee! Of course, not to be forgotten were the numerous volunteers who stepped up to provide, food, entertainment, prizes for the raffle, and monetary donations.

Be inspired to make a difference!

Barb Rupas



The Women's Guild extends our deepest sympathy to the family of our beloved guild member and past chairwoman, Araxie Choukourian. She will be greatly missed by the church community that she served with love and devotion.

We ask our Guild members to keep Diramayr Virginia Melkonian in their prayers wishing her peace and comfort.

Our Guild sends good wishes and prayers to members Jane Toomajian, and Sue Reizian. As you both heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.



March 25 th (Sunday)	Palm Sunday Bake Sale
April 1 st (Sunday)	Easter Tea
April 4 th (Wednesday)	Guild Meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 7 th (Saturday)	Manoogian Manor Visit 11:00 a.m.
May 5 th (Saturday)	Spring Fashion Show & Brunch

Palm Sunday Bake Date



March 19 th (Monday)	5 p.m. – 8: 00 p.m. <i>Cheoreg</i>
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Special Bake Day for Easter Tea

March 30 th (Friday)	9 a.m. – 11: 00 a.m. <i>Cheoreg</i>
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Thank you to Charlene Goshgarian for her wonderful presentation at last month's Saintly Women's Day guild meeting. She spoke of the lives of Saint Priscilla and Saint Phoebe, both leaders of the Early Christian Church.

We wish to thank Jackie El Chemmas for her preparation of the delicious lunch and to Alice Mekjian and Anna Sarkisian, who stepped up in Jackie's absence and arranged everything for the luncheon.

We also thank Linda Tiffany, who again took on the task of compiling information for our 2018 Women's Guild directory.

Thank You



March 25th – Palm Sunday

March 29th – Great & Holy Thursday

March 30th – Great & Holy Friday

March 31st – Great & Holy Saturday

April 1st – Easter Sunday

April 2nd – Merelotz (Remembrance of the Dead)



*Women's Guild Members
Palm Sunday Bake Sale
Sunday, March 25, 2018*

Don't forget – your bake good donations are needed and a guild membership obligation.

*Armenian baked goods are preferred, but all donations are welcomed. Please label with your name, description & package individually or 6 – 12 items per bag as appropriate for sales (also note if nuts are present).

Thank you,

Diane Nolff and Marilyn Sarkesian



Easter Tea

Our Women's Guild will once 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. We are also requesting baked good donations to add to the sweet table. For those of you who don't want to color your hard boil eggs, please contact guild member, Carol Cholmakjian, at 248-592-0392. She has graciously offered to color them for you.

Please join us for the

St. John Women's Guild

Spring Visit

to

Manoogian Manor

Saturday, April 7, 2018

11 am

Please join our clergy,

members of the Komitas Choir, and the Women's Guild

as we spend the morning in prayer, singing and good will

bringing the joy of Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord

to the residents of Manoogian Manor.

If you will be attending, please contact:

Denise Karakashian at 248.489.4076

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Just a reminder to those who have not yet paid their 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.

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

Thank you to those who have already paid.

April 4th Guild Meeting

Speaker Dikran Callan will talk about the different dances & costumes in the various regions of Armenia.



The St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild

hopes that you will plan to join them for Brunch

"Our Favorite Things" Family, Friends, Fashion...

Please save the date:
Saturday, May 5, 2018

Invitation will follow



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

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