

A Message From Our Chairman...

The lawn has had its first cut and winter is officially over. That means that our calendars are about to fill up with summer activities. When you break out those planners, remember to enter our summer Festival prep days in ink. We will be working toward the new Festival dates of October 21, 22 and 23, beginning just after Memorial weekend. Our schedule will appear in the June Newsletter. Updates will follow in the remaining summer Newsletters. Keep in mind that these prep days are open to all friends of the Festival and not exclusive to Guild members. We appreciate all of the men and women in the church community that lend their talents to preparing all of the unique and delicious products that Festival followers look forward to and appreciate. Remember, in ink, please!



Our Mother Daughter event is right around the corner and you still have time to make your reservation. Places are going fast and you won't want to miss this beautiful event. Look for information inside. Your committee has planned many interesting things that you will really appreciate.

The rest, you already know but bears reminding. June membership dinner, visit to Manoogian Manor, church picnic, Festival, etc. Whew!

Your Women's Guild Delegates attended the Diocesan Assembly in Cleveland, Ohio. We were so impressed by the incredible hospitality and organization of the home committee. It was wonderful to see Fr. Hratch and his family and how loved they are in their new home. What's not to love? And, the skills and talents of Grandma Cathy and Grandpa Ed Zwinck were much appreciated by all delegates through out the assembly. Coffee breaks were punctuated by Cathy's famous semit. Yum!

Our Guild meetings were very captivating. We came away with a strong feeling of connection to one another and through our interactions with other Guild delegates, we learned about our commonalities and how each chapter engages members and new members. The presentations made by the speakers were very soul searching and we were called upon to bring the best of our past and present and translate that into our future. Our faith and our families as one, in service to our churches

Many of our wonderful women will be honored at our upcoming membership dinner in June. Please plan on attending this meaningful (and complimentary) evening to celebrate our dedicated women!

Y. Joy Callan



Our sincere sympathy to Katherine and Alice Mekjian on the passing of their dear father, Jack Mejkian (husband of our recently departed member, Helen) and the brother-in-law of Virginia (Arthur) Mekjian.

We also send our condolences to Carol Aprahanian on the passing of her beloved husband Arthur.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Deacon Richard Norsigian and sons Shant and Jordan on the passing of their beloved wife and mother Barbara Norsigian and to her sister, Sylvia Aglamashian.

The Guild sends our sympathy to the family of Rose Megerian. To her son and daughter-in-law Harry and Janice Megerian and their extended family.

Our condolences to Emma Betrosian on the passing of her beloved sister-in-law, Alice Betrosian and to Alice's family.

Get-well wishes to Diana Shoushanian who is recovering at home after having knee replacement surgery.



Congratulations to Jennifer and Daniel Scappaticci on the birth of their daughter Gassia Ani. She was born on Easter Sunday, March 27th. Happy first time grandmother is Denise Chiroyan.

May 21 st (Saturday)	Spring Boutique, Luncheon and Fashion Show
June 1 st (Wednesday)	Membership-Awards Dinner 6:00 p.m.
August 14 th (Sunday)	Church Picnic
August 20 th (Saturday)	Visit to Manoogian Manor
October 13 th (Thursday)	Sanctuary & Museum Tour 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
October 21, 22, 23 rd	Church Festival





Hello:

*You have seen me on the invitations and posters. I just want to remind you that St. John's Women's Guild is presenting a Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon Honoring all Mothers on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at St. John's Cultural Hall. I would love to see you there. It will be a lovely afternoon. It all begins at 10:00 am with Boutique Shopping. The Luncheon, Fashion Show & Raffle begins at noon. Donation \$55.00 * under 12: \$20.00.*

Please send your reservation and check payable to: St. John's Women's Guild by May 11th to: Linda Assarian, 3050 Bloomfield Crossing, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Tel: 248-332-0816. (Please indicate those you wish to be seated with.)

Celebrating the 85th Anniversary of the Consecration of St. John Armenian Church



St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild

Cordially invites you to attend the

2016 Annual Membership Dinner

Initiation and Awards Presentation

Wednesday, June 1st at 6:00 P.M.

St. John Armenian Church

For reservations please contact Joyce Obenhoff

586-754-3984 by May 27th.

If you wish to be a donor for the evening please

contact Linda Tiffany 248 -549 - 7106

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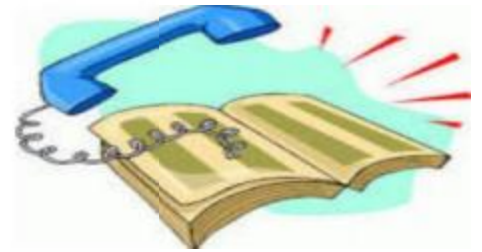
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NEW GUILD MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

Please contact Linda Tiffany with any corrections and/or additions for the new updated directory that will be printed and mailed to members in June.

Another friendly reminder for those who may have forgotten...

Please mail your 2016 dues of \$25.00 to:

St. John Women's Guild

c/o Dawn Aginian

1783 Cole Street

Birmingham, MI 48009-7066



2016 Women's Guild Central Council Assembly



St. John's Guild was represented by Yerchanig Callan, Marianne Dararian, Nora Noraian and Marilyn Sarkesian at this year's Women's Guild Central Council Assembly. Barbara Haroutunian attended as a WGCC board member. The theme of this year's Assembly of the Eastern Dioceses was, **Legacy of our Martyrs; A Gift to Carry Forward.**

The meetings focused on the two charities that the Women Guild's of the Eastern Diocese supports, Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program (CASP) and Vanadzor Old Age Home.

CASP is seeking to find sponsors for 99 more children, sponsoring a needy child cost \$250 per year. Members interested in sponsoring a child should contact one of the representatives for an application.

Vanadzor Old Age Home is a converted resort in the mountains. It is giving shelter nourishment and health care to the elderly. Poverty is still a major issue in Armenia. They continue to need donations to provide beds, chests, lamps etc. so they can accept additional individuals.

Elise Antreassian the Coordinator for Christian Education in the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America spoke on the influence and courage of Mary and Eve. Assembly members reflected on their spirit and courage as well as those of our martyrs, mothers and grandmothers to improve our guilds and strengthen our Christian faith. Ideas of charity activities were shared between guilds.

The assembly ended with the annual Women of Wonder (WOW) luncheon. This year's honorees were the Yeretzgins of the Diocese. Our very own Yeretzgin Roberta was there to be honored for her dedication and leadership in our Christian faith and her service to our church community. Congratulations Yeretzgin Roberta.

- Nora Noraian

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

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