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A Message from our Chair...

HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!

It's been very busy lately with preparations for our annual St. John Bazaar. Thanks to the very creative works of the Parish Council, Lisa Mardigian, and all the St. John organizations, we will still enjoy October's most anticipated event and all that goes with it.

A slew of volunteers have risen to the occasion (like a golden loaf of choreg) and promised lots of our very favorite goodies for the Bazaar. We know each member helps out in her own way and not everyone bakes, so please remember to mail your "in-kind" donations to Jackie ElChemmas. Many thanks to all of you! Speaking of the Bazaar, I have to put in another plug for the Bazaar raffle. Being the only raffle this year, please think about supporting it. Buy your own ticket or share with a family member, friend, or group and take your chance at winning some \$\$\$.

A gentle reminder to be sure your dues are paid by our November elections. Please send it to Paulette Apkarian and give plenty of time since postal service can be slow these days. I've been reading through our By-laws a lot lately as I communicate with the nominating committee. In some cases, membership of our local parish is required for certain positions. If you haven't been a member of St. John in the past, the new Stewardship program makes it very convenient to become a member of the parish. With no set dues structure, each person is free to give an amount that is comfortable for him/her. If membership hasn't been for you in the past, this is the year to try it out. For some Guild positions, parish membership is required. Our organization needs the talents of all members to help us do good works that build the body of Christ. www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/giving

It has been wonderful seeing all the names of those who have joined us for our membership meetings. The board is so grateful for your support. Please join us again on October 7 at 7:00 pm.

Despite all the factors that are restricting us, we are still finding ways to celebrate, stay in touch, be productive, meet with each other, support one another, help those in need, hold elections, and even have our annual BAZAAR!! Working together we have made things happen that seemed unthinkable months ago. However, we know there are disturbing events occurring around the country. We see unrest, anger, and desperation that can create a feeling of anxiety and darkness. **You** have the ability to bring light to the darkness. Find the positive, give thanks, and offer a prayer for peace. When you keep the light burning inside you, you never know whose path you might help illuminate.

Denise Karakashian



We send our get well wishes to Sylvia Aglamishian, Renee Baharian, Emma Betrosian, Joy Callan, Sally Kabodian, Arick Kasper, and Kathy Mekjian. As you heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.



Congratulations to Sylvia Aglamishian on the birth of her first grandchild, a little girl, Claire Elise Ghoukasian, on June 3, 2020. Proud parents are Eric and Lisa Ghoukasian.

Congratulations to Terrie Karebian on the birth of her first grandchild, a girl, Isla James Karebian, daughter of Nicholas & Sarah Karebian, born on September 10, 2020. Isla is the great granddaughter of Eugenie Karebian and niece of Lillian Durham.



Emily Movsesian, daughter of Dr. and Karen Movsesian, became engaged to Dn Armen Terjimanian in a traditional Nishandook ceremony this summer. They will be joined in Holy Matrimony on December 5, 2020



Welcome our newest Women's Guild member!

Sarah Hagopian
1932 Oak Cliff Drive
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48332

248-635-8775/Email: neale.sara@gmail.com

We have a few more directory corrections to add:



Jane Hovsepien - new email - jane.hovsepien@gmail.com
Dawn Karagosian - eliminate home phone
Diane Khachaturian - 2400 E. Lincoln #28, Birmingham, MI 48009
Jackie Klugman - eliminate home phone; Correct cell : 248-212-2105
Lillian Kojamanian - lives at Manoogian Manor
Lynne Kojamanian - correct cell: 248-804-7527
Karen Movsesian - 8079 Aarwood Trl NW, Rapid City, MI 49676
home (231)322-3025/cell (313)318-4703 themovsesians@gmail.com
Elise Papazian - 248-943-6162 / elisepkp@gmail.com



Please don't forget your monetary donation
for this year's Bazaar!!!!

You can send in your monetary donation to:

Jackie El Chammas
5784 Inkster Rd


West Bloomfield, MI 48323-3832

***If you have an announcement you would like to share, please email
Nyree Giragosian nyreevgir@gmail.com or call (248)231-2547***



For the past ten years during the month of October, the Women's Guild Social Services Committee, with the help of our Guild members, has been sending out special goodie boxes to our college students to let them know their church family is thinking of them. Regrettably, under these extraordinary circumstances, the committee is not able to reach out to them as we have so enjoyed doing these past years. Members of the Women's Guild acknowledge the students, their families, and circle of friends extending best wishes and prayers to them in their studies and

God's blessings during this difficult time. We are hopeful that in 2021 we will be able to resume this most enjoyable project.

Fri. and Sat. Oct 3 rd -4 th	 Bazaar - see Bazaar flyer for information.
Wed., Oct. 7 th	Women's Guild ZOOM membership meeting, 7:00pm <i>An email will be sent with a link to join the meeting</i>
Sat., Oct. 10 th	World Medical Relief 1:00pm-3:30pm Contact Edith Baise (313)673-3325
Wed., Oct. 21 st	Women's Guild Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
Wed., Nov. 4 th	Women's Guild ZOOM membership meeting and ELECTIONS 7:00pm <i>An email will be sent with a link to join the meeting</i>
Thurs., Nov 5 th	Alternative for Girls donation pick-up 3:00pm-6:00pm in church parking lot (see flyer)
Sat., Dec. 12 th	World Medical Relief 9:00am-11:30am Contact Edith Baise (313)673-3325



Do you like to talk on the phone???

Interested in making new friends???



Our outreach phone call program is for you!
Volunteers will have a list of ladies from our Women's Guild to reach out to during these trying times. Your list of friends will change every month. It's a great way to get to know new people and to share what is happening in your lives!

Please contact Marianne Dardarian if you're interested.

(248)802-6917

mhdardarian@att.net



Under the leadership of Lisa Mardigian, this year's Bazaar to be held on Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 4th will look a little different than prior years but many of your favorite foods and areas will be back.

- ◆ Dinners ◆ Armenian Delicacies ◆ Country Store ◆
- ◆ Pumpkin Sale ◆ \$100 Raffle ◆ The Parish Bookstore ◆
- ◆ Blood Drive/Flu Shot Clinic ◆ ACYOA Bishops Walk/Run ◆
- ◆ Hye Bar Beer & Wine Sale ◆

The Women's Guild will be selling cookbooks, USBs and aprons during the Bazaar. A table will be set up outside the lobby entrance. There will also be a table for Armenian wine and beer as well as one for Book Store items.

Stop by and pick up any holiday gifts you might need.

Be sure to visit the Bazaar website for more details and to place your baked goods/dinner orders!!!

<https://2020-bazaar-by-car.constantcontactsites.com/>

Volunteers are still needed! Please contact Lisa Mardigian (586)808-2202 if you are able to help distribute the orders during the Bazaar weekend!!!



One of the best ways to
Support the Bazaar is to
Purchase a
\$100 Raffle Ticket!!!



First Prize – 25% of ticket sales

Second Prize – 10%

Third Prize – 5%

(guaranteed payout of \$2,500/\$1,000/\$500)

Greg Mamassian and Jim Stambouljian are chairing this year's raffle.

Contact them for more information and to purchase raffle tickets

Greg at (248) 720-8924 / gmamassian@wowway.com

Jim at (248) 917-6645 / jstambou@gmail.com



We Invite You To Live And Feel Better

It is time for the 11th "Modified" Annual Health Fair and Blood Drive
St. John Armenian Church (Veterans Building behind the Church)
22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan, 48075

During the Bazaar Saturday, October 3rd in conjunction with our "Drive-Thru" Bake Sale
Although limited, we will be offering the following important Services

• Flu Shot Clinic 3pm-6pm (presented by Merriman Drugs)

This is welcome news, especially during this pandemic, where protection from flu becomes even more critical!

• Blood Drive 2pm-6:30pm (by Versiti -formerly Michigan Blood)

The need for blood is currently greater than ever so as always, you are encouraged to participate.

For Information about the

Flu Shot Clinic and Blood Drive

Please contact Edith Baise (313)673-3325





Alternatives For Girls

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Every year the Women's Guild has donated personal hygiene items for girls and young teens who are at risk. With everything going on in the world right now, these girls are more in need than ever. As many of you recall, we normally put together gift bags before the November executive board election meeting every year. This year, because of Covid-19, Sue Vian will be collecting the donations in her van on Thursday, November 5th from 3pm-6pm in the parking lot behind the church hall. Please be sure to WEAR A MASK when dropping items off.

Alternatives for Girls is asking for:

Face wash for teens

Large bottles of body lotion

New wash cloths

Large bottles of body wash

Hair accessories for girls/women,

Deodorant

No dental or sanitary items are needed at this time. You may wish to make several small bags with smaller quantities of the above items or go in on a donation with another guild member.

Please put all donations in a box to set in Sue's van.

Please contact Sue Vian with any questions (248)414-5246.



THE WOMEN'S GUILD
OF
ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH ~ SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN
PRESENTS

'GUILD GATHERINGS'

~ A SERIES OF CREATIVE VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE ~

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

DECORATING COOKIES
BY DIANE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

LIVING A CLEAN AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLE
BY ANOUSH

CLICK ON THE LINK!

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgaajJ5B015V_fCalkqdiHwLZU3qTyV71

Each published video will remain on the *Guild Gatherings* site to be viewed
as often as desired.



CASP
(Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program)

As you all know, we have always sponsored a child thru CASP.

Sevak Grigorian was the young boy we have been sending aid to. He aged out this year and we have now been assigned a young boy by the name of Ashot Grigorian (no relation to Sevak). He is a cutie pie! Ashot's father is recorded as "missing" and his mother has passed. He is 9 years old and has two younger siblings, 5 and 3.

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29 November, 2010
Date of birth- dd /mm/yyyy

town of Sisian
Place of Birth

Dear Ladies,

SP# 1327

Thank you for your pledge to support the Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program.

When an assigned child born in 2002 reaches the year of their 18th birthday (2020), it is the policy of CASP to automatically assign a new eligible child.

During this past year your assigned child Sevak Grigoryan #KP-102 has left the CASP program and has been replaced with a new eligible child.

Your new assigned child is:

CH # m-091 Name Ashot Grigoryan

Born 11-29-2010 is from the Meghri Region

Ashot be enrolled in CASP until the year 2028

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Brief description of the family: I am a 9 years old schoolboy. My brother is 5 years old and goes to kindergarten. My sister is three years old and also goes to kindergarten. My grandmother is unemployed. She takes care of us. The family gets state allowance (37,500 AMD).

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Do you get any financial assistance?

Yes

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Organization name.

Date application filling: 03 December, 2019

Manoogian Manor Visit

The Women's Guild paid the residents of Manoogian Manor a visit on Saturday, September 19th for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We will continue to visit the Manor for the five major feast days of the Armenian Church. All are welcome to attend!



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH VOLUNTEER DAYS AT WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF

St. John Armenian Church members volunteer at World Medical Relief several times a year sorting medical supplies and equipment to send to countries around the world that are in bad need for these supplies which help the sick and poor.

Join us and help sort badly needed medical supplies and equipment to be used locally and around the world.

No experience necessary!

World Medical Relief

*21725 Melrose Avenue, Southfield
Off Lahser between 8 and 9 mile Rd*

Sat., October 10th 1:00pm-3:30pm and Sat., December 12th 9:00am -11:30pm

Contact Edith Baise with any questions
and to make your reservations (313)673-3325

DRESS IS CASUAL AND COMFORTABLE.
SHORTS ARE FINE, BUT SHOES MUST BE CLOSED TOE FOR SAFETY REASONS.
FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE ALSO WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.

AGES START AT MIDDLE SCHOOL AND UP AND ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT.

BLAST from the PAST

Gary Zamanigian sent in this gem last week! He reads the newsletter with Mariann and particularly liked the old Women's Guild photo at the end of last month's edition, so when they came across this St. John's "Young Women's Guild" picture from the Detroit News ca.1942 featuring a "Guild Dinner Dance" to be held to support the war effort (WWII), they couldn't wait to send it in!

Thank you, Gary and Mariann!!!

NOTE: Gary watched Dolly Matoian making choreg on our YouTube Gatherings and has actually made it himself following her instruction!!!

Pictured l. to r. Is Linda Tiffany's maternal aunt, Sarah Paklaian, Gary's mother (Mariann's mother-in-law) Vicky Zamanigian, Karen Armoudlian's mother, Vartanoush Soultanian.

Does anyone recognize the other two ladies?



Mrs. Sarah Paklaian (left), Mrs. Vicky Zamanigian, Mrs. Vartanoush Soultanian, committee chairman; Mrs. Anna Torosian and Mrs. Alice Crane will be in charge of the Armenian Apostolic Church Young Women's Guild dinner and

dance, which will be held at 6 p. m. Sunday at the International Center Branch YWCA, 2431 E. Grand Blvd. The proceeds will go to the Armenian war-relief fund.



Lisa Derderian was kind of enough to share this lovely photo! Not sure when this is from, but it looks like Mrs. Demirjian, Mrs. Garabedian, Baizar Derederian, Hnazant Honey Bohigian, Araxie Andonian, and Mrs. Someroff.

Please feel free to send any photos you'd like to see featured on our "Blast from The Past Page"!!!