### **Women's Guild Newsletter**

## September 2022

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## A Message from our chairman...



I was thinking the year is winding down quickly -- but Women's Guild is still going gangbusters!

September is busy with our general body meeting, a Manoogian Manor visit, Khunjook, Bazaar bake days, a Knitting Club meeting, and the first day of the Bazaar. October starts with the Bazaar, then we have a Zoom meeting and distribution of our college boxes. November is our last in-person meeting where we'll bring donations for Alternative for Girls and hold our elections, then on the 30<sup>th</sup> we bring back Advent by Candlelight to herald in the Christmas season. And I can't forget one of my favorite things - the monthly Guild Gatherings videos.

And, except for executive board meetings, that wraps up our year.

We have two more in-person meetings, and one Zoom. I wonder if there are members who want to participate in the Zoom (video conferencing) meetings but don't know how to do so. If yes, please contact me. You'll need to have an email address and one of the following:

- A smart phone (if you can search the internet on your cell phone, you have a smart phone), or
- A computer with a camera, or
- A tablet with a camera.

Email me and we'll see about getting you connected.

We're excited to bring back Advent! Event chair Sara Andonian will share more information about this lovely event at our September meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Carol Cholmakjian



We send our get well wishes Deb Zazaian. As you heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.

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Join us on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for the Women's Guild Khunjook after church on the lawn. This is the first day of Sunday School! Loads of family fun from a Food Truck to live entertainment to crafts and bouncy houses for the kids!

Would you like to support our event?

Point your camera at the QR code to learn how!



The St. John Armenian Church annual Bazaar is on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>! Please remember your baked goods/monetary donation for the bake sale.

We still need a bake sale chair/co-chair for Saturday. Let Denise Boyagian know if you would like to volunteer! (248)892-9739/dboygian@yahoo.com

Still looking for hot foods/bake sale shift workers – please use the sign-up genius link to volunteer! <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/qo/10c0f4aafad2da1fcc25-bazaar">https://www.signupgenius.com/qo/10c0f4aafad2da1fcc25-bazaar</a>



The knitting club will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month from 10:00 am-noon beginning Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the church in what was once the nursery. *No experience is necessary* and all are welcome! We will be knitting scarves to support the Motor City Mitten Mission. Contact Linda Assarian for more information. <a href="mailto:linda.assarian@gmail.com">linda.assarian@gmail.com</a>



Our member Belinda Kabodian, BS, RN, is the Community Coordinator for Ascension SE Michigan

Community Health as well as our Parish nurse. She has generously shared the information on the right regarding their FREE fall cancer screening and education event. Please contact Belinda with any questions (248)767-3942. Thank you so much, Belinda!



Scan the code to learn more

## Fall Cancer Screening Event

Join Ascension Providence and the SM GAVINI Center for Cancer Prevention for our free fall cancer screening and community education event. We will be offering a variety of screenings at no cost, including breast exams, cervical screenings, prostate exams, colorectal FITKit tests, blood pressure measurement, and BMI measurement.

In addition to these screenings, we are also hosting informative presentations about risk factors and cancer prevention. Specific topics covered will include Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention, Prostate Cancer Prevention and Treatment Updates, and Lifestyle Behaviors and Changes. Please join our Nurses/Navigators, Physicians, and other staff to learn more about your family history, personal risk factors, and steps you can take to reduce these risks.

October 1, 2022 9:00 a.m. Ascension Providence Cancer Center 22301 Foster Winter Dr. Southfield, MI 48076

Register at: https://ascension-mi.regfox.com/cancer-screening-2022 or call 248-849-2781 for more information.

General Body Meeting – 7:00 pm – Guest speakers:		
Jackie ElChemmas, Elise Papazian, and Judy Parks		
- Fuller House Trip		
Women's Guild Khunjook & Family Fun Day, Paulette Apkarian		
Guild Gatherings "Learn to make Boregs with Filo Dough by Mary"		
Knitting Club Meeting 10:00 am – noon. St. John Armenian Church - Reach out		
to Linda Assarian for details <u>linda.assarian@gmail.com</u> – all are welcome!		
Manoogian Manor visit – Exaltation of the Holy Cross 11:00 am		
Sanctuary and Museum Tour – see flyer at the end of the newsletter for details.		
Executive Board Meeting – 7:00 pm		
St. John's Annual Bazaar – Still need a Bake Sale chairperson for Saturday – let		
Denise Boyagian know if you would like to volunteer!		
(248)892-9739/ <u>dboygian@yahoo.com</u>		
General Body Meeting – 7:00 pm - ZOOM		
World Medical Relief – 9:00 am- 11:30 am		
Guild Gatherings – "Sisters Bake Nazoog Together" – by Marilyn and Nancy		
Executive Board Meeting – 7:00 pm		
Alternatives for Girls drop off – 6:30 pm – contact Sue Vian for details		
(248)414-5246/suecarmanvian@gmail.com		
General Body meeting and elections – 7:00 pm		



JOIN US AND HELP SORT BADLY NEEDED MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE USED LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

# SJAC VOLUNTEER DAY AT WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



World Medical Relief donated over \$1.5 million dollars in medical supplies to Armenia in 2021!

The Women's Guild appreciates all of their effort and we encourage our members to volunteer.

OCT. 8TH /9:00-11:30 am

CONTACT GREG OR EDITH BAISE AT (313)673-3325 OR EBAISE@UMICH.EDU



Women's Guild Executive Board
Elections will be here soon! You may
receive a call from one of our nominating
committee volunteers asking if you would
be interested in running for the Guild
Board – Please consider saying Yes!
It's a great way to become more involved
with the Women's Guild and it's not as
time consuming as you may think.

Reach out to our nominating committee chair Nora Noraian with any questions. (586)286-7628 or

n.norahye5@gmail.com

Any qualified member of the Women's Guild who is a dues-paying member of the local parish may be may be elected a member of the Executive Committee after one year of membership in the Guild.

# Rhujook SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 after church on the lawn

Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church

#### ACTIVITIES

photo booth, kids crafts, bounce house, basketball shootout

ENTERTAINMENT nigosian band

#### MUNCHIES

crispelli's pizza served fresh from the oven popcorn, cookies, pretzel bar ice cream cart

#### KIDS TIN CAN RAFFLE

every child registering for St. John Armenian Church sunday school receives a free ticket

#### FREE WILL DONATION

St. John Armenian Church 22001 northwestern hwy, southfield 248.569.0716

> "held in recreation center if inclement weather"



Would you like to support our event? Point your camera at the QR code to learn how



St. John Main Kitchen





Bazaar Baking is upon us, led by Yerchanig Joy Callan along with choreg pro Marianne Dardarian on Monday evenings. Katah is on Tuesdays. We are losing one month of bake time due to the church kitchen renovations so the more volunteers we have the better!

No experience needed!

BAKE DATES WILL BE SENT OUT AS SOON AS THE KITCHEN RENOVATIONS ARE COMPLETE - STAY TUNED!!!

Please reach out to Yerchanig if you can help 248-533-6320 or yerchanige@gmail.com

Come help, come learn, bring a friend, make friends. All Hands are Good Hands!!

Every year, our St John Community looks forward to our annual Bazaar. Our friends and families gather to share in our culture and heritage. Our delicious foods, that we all appreciate, are a part of the culture. Please consider giving a bit of your time, lending a hand to the creation of our delicious foods. We always look forward to meeting new friends. All interested men and women are welcome and no experience is necessary!

Bazaar 2022 - Beginning Friday, September 30th!



Our St. John Armenian Church Bazaar is almost upon us and we need your help!!!

Our hot foods chair people are Dawn Aginian and Denise Boyadjian and the bake sale chair people for Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> are Rose Najarian and Sue Vian. We are still looking for a chairperson/people for Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please contact Denise Boyagian (248)892-9739/<u>dboygian @yahoo.com</u> if you and a friend would like to help organize the bake sale Saturday.

Please use the sign-up genius link to sign up for the hot foods and/or bake sale shifts that work best for you over the Bazaar weekend.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aafad2da1fcc25-bazaar

You can reach out to Denise Boyagian (248)892-9739/dboygian@yahoo.com or Dawn Aginian (248)225-7176/dawnaginian@gmail.com if you are unfamiliar with how sign-up genius works and would like to volunteer!

Thank you!!!!!!

## St. John Women's Guild's

## 12th Annual Care Package Project

#### Dear WG members.

It's that time of year, for our Annual WG Care Package Project.

With your help, we'd like to send out care packages to our young family members attending college (whether at home or away)/or in the armed services. Our goal is to send a loving message and some special treats from St. John Women's Guild, to let our loved ones know we care!

<u>Members</u> ~Remember the Guild's Social Services Committee needs your completed forms <u>NO LATER THAN: September 30, 2022.</u>

[One form per student / serviceman should be completed & mailing is only within the USA]

Form Mailed to→ Marilyn Sarkesian 2338 Heronwood Dr, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 Or marilynsarkesian@hotmail.com

Name of student:					
Eurrently attending:					
Address of college student /serviceman:					
Phone number of student:					
Any known Food ALLERGIES:					
Form submitted by:					

Thank you for helping us keep our young adults connected to our St. John Armenian Church Family!

Any donations to defer mailing costs are appreciated.

Please make checks out to St. John Women's Guild

## St. John's Annual Picnic Women's Guild Bake Sale





Our Women's Guild Bake Sale committee didn't let the rain damper their spirit! Led by co-chairs Alice Argnian and Edith Baise, members Paulette Apkarian, Carol Cholmakjian, Denise Boyagian, Lisa Derderian, Vicky Sarkisian, Sue Vian, Alice Mekjian, Rose Najarian, Nora Noraian, and Linda Tiffany had fur

Mekjian, Rose Najarian, Nora Noraian, and Linda Tiffany had fun working at this year's picnic on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Baskets of delicious choreg, nazoog, khalkha, and other assorted baked goods were on display for purchase – we sold out by the end of the day!!!

Thank you to Alice, Edith, and the entire committee for your dedication and hard work to make this year's Bake Sale a huge success!

We would also like to thank the following 60 Women's Guild members who made both baked goods and monetary donations to this year's sale – we couldn't do this without you!

Dawn Aginian, Diane Aginian, Anne Marie Ameriguian, Soushan Ameriguian, Sara Andonian, Charlene Apigian, Paulette Apkarian, Alice Argnian, Edith Baise, Arlene Baylerian, Nancy Berryman, Jacqueline Boskovich, Lisa Boyadjian, Denise Boyagian, Joy Callan, Carol Cholmakjian, Marilyn Dadian, Marianne Dardarian, Paula Derbabian, Lisa Derderian, Margaret Derderian, Jacqueline ElChemmas, Linda Franquist, Nyree Giragosian, Patty Hachigian, Jane Hovsepian, Susan Janigian, Patty Javizian, Belinda Kabodian, Denise Karakashian, Linda Karibian, Mary Keoleian, Yn. Roberta Kochakian, Gloria Korkoian, Esther Kulhanjian, Mona Kurjian, Linda Lutz, Dolly Matoian, Alice Mekjian, Rose Najarian, Diane Nolff, Nora Noraian, Nicole O'Donovan, Carol Ohanesian, Orjan



Cholmakjian-Oswald, Nancy Panaretos, Barb Rupas, Marilyn Sarkesian, Anna Sarkisian, Nina Sarkisian, Victoria Sarkisian, Diana Shoushanian, Linda Stamboulian, Linda Tiffany, Isabelle Vahratian, Rozann Vartoogian, Sue Vian, Joyce Yeghissian, and Deb Zazaian.



**PRESENTS** 

# GUILD GATHERINGS

Wednesday, September 14
Learn to Make Borags
Using Filo Dough
by Mary

Wednesday, October 12 Sisters Bake Nazoog Together by Marilyn and Nancy

Wednesday, November 9
Let's Make a Lemon Meringue Pie
by Denise and Paulette

Click on the Link https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site /guild-gatherings-1





Have you come across any old Women's Guild photos lately??? If so, please email them to Nyree Giragosian, <a href="mailto:nyreevgir@gmail.com">nyreevgir@gmail.com</a>, along with member names/event and any other news you would like to share and we will include them in an upcoming newsletter.

The deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Thank you Linda Tiffany for finding this Blast from the Past of the "Young Women's Guild"!



Seated-Victoria Reizian, advisor; Virginia Eginian, advisor; standing-Victoria Shouligian, treasurer; Lillian Boyajian, chairman; Hermalene Kahayian, vice-chairman; Harriet Gardner, corr. secretary; Fr. Arnak; Bertha Mertoian, advisor; Elizabeth Miaserian, advisor; Lillian Hovsepian, recording secretary.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD held their first general meeting for the year at the home of Rev. & Mrs. Arnak Kasparian, at which time Mrs. Victoria Reizian turned the gavel over to the new chairman, Mrs. Lillian Boyajian. Foremost in importance was the blessing of the new executive committee by Fr. Arnak.

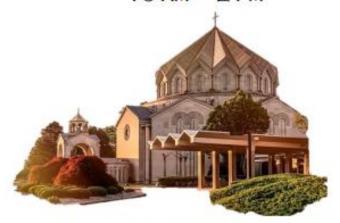
Mrs. Boyajian presented a full schedule of major events for the coming year. Refreshments were served by our gracious hostess Mrs. Violet Kasparian. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. mb

## ST. JOHN ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC ORTHODOX CHURCH 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075 • 248.569.3405

## "The Church with the Golden Dome"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

10 AM - 2 PM



## Sanctuary and Museum Tour Traditional Armenian Buffet Luncheon

#### Sanctuary Tour Presentations by:

- Very Reverend Father Aren Jebejian, Pastor
- Reverend Father Armash Bagdasarian, Asst. Pastor
- Reverend Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian. Master of Arts in Armenian Architecture and Art
- Reverend Deacon Rubik Mailian. Sacred Music Director

## Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum Tour:

- Largest Armenian Museum in North America, Directed by Lucy Ardash
- Includes costumes from the Armenian Heritage Collection. Under the direction of Paulette Apkarian

#### \$25 per person

Please register by September 9. Seating is limited. For reservation information, please contact: Diane Ekizian: dlekizian@yahoo.com or 248.821.4069



Women's Guild 2022 Calendar Including Event Chairs				
Thurs, Jan 6	Armenian Christmas Luncheon Take Away Noon	Sat, July 23	Armenia Fest Royal Oak Farmer's Market 5-10pm, Denise Boyagian	
Thurs, Jan 6	General Body meeting 7:00pm Zoom	Wed, July 27	Summer Outing - Detroit Tour of Historic Churches, Marilyn Sarkesian	
Chris	Manoogian Manor visit, Armenian Christmas, Elise Papazian, Cancelled due to COVID	Sat, July 30	Manoogian Manor visit, Transfiguration of Our Lord, 11:00am	
Wed, Jan 19	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm,	Wed, Aug 17	Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm	
Wed, Feb 2	ZOOM	Sat, Aug 20	Manoogian Manor visit, Assumption of the Holy Mother of God, 11:00am	
Wed, Feb 16		Sun, Aug 21	Church Picnic Bake Sale, Edith Baise & Alice Argnian	
		Wed, Sept 7	General Body meeting, 7:00pm	
Wed, March 2	Saintly Women's Day observance 11:00am/Luncheon/ General Body Mtg, Jackie ElChemmas	Sun, Sept 11	Khunjook/Family Fun Day, Paulette Apkarian	
Wed, March 16	Executive Board meeting after Lenten services, 7:00pm, <b>ZOOM</b>	Sat, Sept 17	Manoogian Manor visit, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 11:00am	
Wed April 6	Wed, April 6 7:00-7:30pm Fellowship & Book Exchange, 7:30pm General Body meeting	Wed, Sept 21	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm	
1123,1121113		Sept 30 – Oct 1	Bazaar Bake Sale, Sue Vian & Rose Najarian Fri, NEED CHAIR Sat; Hot Foods, Denise Boyagian & Dawn	
Sun, April 10	Palm Sunday Bake Sale, Marilyn Dadian, <i>outdoors</i>		Aginian	
Sun, April 17	Easter Sunday Tea, Nyree Giragosian, outdoors	Wed, Oct 5	General Body meeting, 7:00pm, ZOOM	
Wed, April 20	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm,	Wed, Oct 19	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm	
Sat, April 23	ZOOM	Wed, Nov 2	Alternatives for Girls drop-off 6:30pm, Sue Vian	
	11:00am	Wed, Nov 2	General Body meeting and Elections 7:00pm	
Speaker Dr. Christine Women's Health	General Body meeting, 7:00pm. Speaker Dr. Christine Matoian,	Wed, Nov 16	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm	
		Wed, Nov 30	Advent by Candlelight, Sara Andonian	
Wed, May 18	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm	Wod Dos 21		
Wed, June 1	Membership Dinner, Belinda Kabodian & Shoushan Ameriguian	Wed, Dec 21	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm  COMING 2023	
Wed, June 15	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm, ZOOM	Saturday, October 21, 2023		
Sun, June 26	Hokehankist for Women's Guild Members, Tea after church, Paulette Apkarian	85"	85 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Women's Guild and 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Heritage Collection <i>Evening Event</i>	
Wed, July 20	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm, ZOOM		araning aran	