

A Message From Our Chairman...

In our minds, we know it's March. But out my kitchen window, it still looks like the Tundra! The weather may seem foreboding but remember, we have snow plows and indoor heating so don't let a little cold and crummy weather keep you from the fellowship that we all enjoy. If you're looking for a place filled with warm hearts, look no further than your church, and, of course, the Women's Guild activities.

The word "outreach" has almost become a buzz word for good works. Sometimes, we may be so busy looking out, that we may have looked right over our own built in mission. I am guilty of being that person, sitting in a full church on Christmas Day and thinking, "who are these people?" And, then, "where are our people?" Well, "these people" are our people and as a Christ centered Guild whose mission it is to live our faith, we must begin to make welcome and include all of our people.

When our Grandparents fled all that was familiar, with nothing in their hands, they may have been outsiders to their new environment, but they created their very own church community and welcomed each other without reservation. We may not have had any part in the building of our community, but we certainly can try to have an active part in its inclusiveness and perpetuation.

Please try to take a moment to make yourself a familiar face to someone you might not know. It's a very comfortable experience for us to greet friends after church. Think about extending that same feeling of belonging that we all appreciate so much. Our Guild is looking forward to activities in the near future that will hopefully, extend our hands in keeping with our mission. Stay warm in body and heart.

Y. Joy Callan

PALM SUNDAY BAKE DAYS AND SALE

We continue with our Tuesday winter baking in preparation for our March 29th Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Everyone is encouraged to join us for the remaining scheduled bake days.

Upcoming Bake Days:

March 17 th –	Khatah	Terry Palaian & Joy Callan (Chairmen)
March 24 th –	Boorma	Yn. Roberta Kochakian (Chairman)

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, please contact coordinator and leader Dolly Matoian.

In addition to baked goods made in the church kitchen, we ask our members to donate their own baked goods for our sale. Armenian baked goods are always a very popular request but any donation is welcome as well as monetary donations.

When bringing your donations, please label it with your name, Women's Guild, and item name and/or description. It is also suggested that your bake goods be put on a container that does not need to be returned to you. We appreciate all donations in our quest to make this event the success it always is. Thank you in advance for your support.

Contact Bake Sale Co-Chairmen Marilyn Sarkesian or Terry Palaian with any questions or to volunteer to help during the sale.

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Please make these changes in your directory



Our thanks to Linda Tiffany for again taking on the task of compiling all the information for our 2015 Women's Guild Directory.

Lenten Luncheon and Sainly Women's Day Wednesday, March 4th

Our chairman, Joy Callan, began the meeting by giving a beautiful and inspirational presentation commemorating Sainly Women's Day. She spoke on the "Unnamed Women Martyrs of the Genocide," explaining that all martyrs of the 1915 genocide will be declared saints on April 23rd. Her message was that, "From so much tragedy has come so much triumph. Genocide certainly took from us many future generations. From this tragedy, we have been given the gifts of openly acknowledging our Christianity and our cultural history in the great diaspora. Our privilege is to carry our faith and our remarkable cultural history into the future. We are about to witness the miracle of our martyr's that we had mourned, being transformed into Saint's that we will now venerate and celebrate. We are blessed to witness this part of our future history and being allowed to preserve the legacy of the faith that defined the lives of so many that was lost. As we embrace our families in our precious faith and culture, we will surely live the legacy that has been our gift."

Charlene Goshgarian reported that St. John's Annual Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 21st. This year's theme is appropriately named, "Unspoken Martyrs of the Genocide." At the end of the day, there will be a special blessing for all the victims. Each attendee will have the opportunity to submit names of family members that perished. She noted the discussion will revolve around the parallel with St. Stephen, Christ, and our own martyrs. Guest speaker is Dr. Roberta Irvine from St. Nersess Seminary. The donation is \$15, which includes materials, Continental breakfast, and Lenten lunch. She encouraged all to attend.

Zabel Belian reported that in conjunction with the Genocide Observance, there will be a final Hokehankist for the victims of the Genocide on Sunday, April 19th. Immediately following church services, a Fine Arts exhibit of Armenian artists and a reception will be held in the Vartan Room.

The Guild expresses our sincere appreciation to Jackie and Faouzi El-Chemmas for hosting our annual Lenten Luncheon and to Joy Callan and Arlene Baylerian for providing dessert. It was a delicious meal and afternoon enjoyed by all.

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. We are also asking for donations to add to the sweet table.





Our sincere sympathy to Women's Guild Members, Paulette Apkarian and Jackie Klugman, on the loss of their dear mother, Mary Poladian and to Mary Kurkechian, on the loss of her beloved husband Berj.

The Guild wishes to send our loving thoughts to Almas Derderian, Pam Dayinian, Rose Najarian, Alice Bedrosian, Rosemary Darian, Alice Prudian, and also to our church secretary, May Kafafian. As you heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.



Congratulations to Eleeza Agopian and Vahan Callan on the birth of their daughter Arev Lily on January 28th. The joyful grandparents are Joy and Roy Callan and great-grandparents, Mihran and Gayle Hoplamazian.

The knitting group meets each month in our church nursery at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in joining, please contact chairman, Linda Assarian, for further details.



Just a friendly reminder...



**Please mail your 2015 dues of \$25.00 to:
Judy Parks
436 Linden Road
Birmingham, MI 48009**

March 16th, 8:00 p.m., the PBS network will air a special on the Armenian Genocide, followed by a 9:30 presentation of the History of Armenian Music by Ara Topouzian.

April 8th, 7:00 p.m., Women's Guild meeting in the Vartan Room.



Cheese Beoreg Bake Day



Standing L-R: Rozann Vartoogian, Esther Kulhanjian, Helen Olson, Sandra Jack, Diane Khachaturian, Seated L-R: Michelle Ducato, Linda Tiffany (Chairman), and Diana Vosganian

Cheoreg Bake Day



L-R: George Douroujalian, David Dardarian, Marianne Dardarian (Chairman), Jim Berryman, and Ed Zwinck

SouBeoreg Bake Day



L-R: Betty Amboian, Michelle Ducato, Linda Stambouljian, Carol Cholmakjian, Belinda Kabodian, Diane Khachaturian, Jim Berryman, Anita Arslanian (Chairman), Joy Callan, and Dawn Aginian

Nazoog Bake Day



L-R: Michele Ducato, Helen Olson, Linda Stambouljian, Cathy Zwinck, Carol Ohanesian and Joy Callan (Chairman)

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