

A Message From Our Chair...

I would like to thank you for the vote of confidence and look forward to this new journey together for another successful and fulfilling year for the Women's Guild.

I remember when I joined Women's Guild with my two sisters and my sister-in-law. I knew one day I would like to become the Chair of the Women's Guild like my mother, Nina Sarkisian, and follow in my sister Barb's footsteps.



Congratulations to the new and the continuing board members, and to the Diocesan Delegates.

Lisa Derderian - Chair

Denise Boyagian - Vice Chair

Sara Andonian - Treasurer/DVD & Cookbook Sales

Diane Nolff - Assistant Treasurer (Membership)

Denise Karakashian - Recording Secretary

Edith Baise - Corresponding Secretary

Diana Vosganian - Newsletter

Dawn Aginian - Advisor

Cathy Zwinck - Advisor

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Diane Khachaturian, Alternate

Yerchanig Joy Callan, assist in computerizing membership

Barbara Rupas - Advisor and Past President

Diocesan Delegates:

Linda Jevahirian and Rozann Vartoogian.

Please see the roster included in the newsletter.

It's hard to believe that in a just a few more weeks Western Christmas will already be upon us!

Your holiday checklist:

- Clean your house
- Bake twenty dozen Christmas Cookies just like Martha Stewart
- Make *Bourma* / Cheese *Beoreg* / *Katah* / *Sou beoreg*
- Call Gary
- Decorate your house and tree to perfection
- Finish Christmas shopping and wrap all the presents

Yes, we are all BUSY!

We already have the perfect gift: our family, friends, and Church. They are always there for us physically, socially, and spiritually. The love, support, and camaraderie help when you're down. Praying, coming to Church, being with your Church family is also spiritually uplifting. Your family and friends will enjoy whatever you bake, and whatever you give them. It does not matter where you are, as long as you're together with your family, friends, or in your Church.

December is a special time for many people. It's a time to reflect on what used to be, a time to remember who is missing from the Christmas table and a time to remember God. Take a moment and look around and be there mentally, physically, and spiritually for your family, friends, and your friends in the Women's Guild.

This year's theme is "Nourish Your Body, Mind, and Spirit." Wishing you 365 NEW DAYS to get inspired, and get involved with the Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church.

Perhaps you will be able to join us in the Armenian Cooking Classes next year? I am pleased to announce that Yerchanig Joy Callan will be the coordinator for the Armenian Cooking Classes. Watch for details in the newsletter or the eBlast.

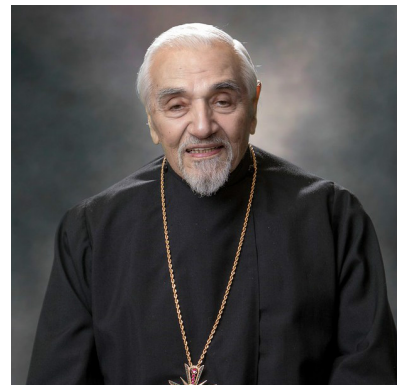
Enjoy, relax, and reflect this holiday season with your family and friends! Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lisa Derderian



The Guild extends sincere sympathy to our member, Elise Papazian, on the passing of her beloved father and our esteemed former priest, Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian.

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The Women's Guild sends our prayers and get well wishes to Alice Chavdarian who fell and sustained injuries. After surgery and completing rehab, she is now back at assisted living. We hope our loving thoughts bring her comfort and brighten her day.

January 10 th (Thursday) *New date & day	Guild Meeting (7:00 p.m.) Speaker Very Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian Presents: "The Art of the Armenian Alphabet"
January 12 th (Saturday)	Manoogian Manor Christmas Visitation (10:30 – noon) Nevart Torian 248-470-2990 Chairwoman
January 15 th (Tuesday) *New date & day	Executive Board Meeting 7 p.m. Room #107
February 6 th (Wednesday)	Guild Meeting (7:00 p.m.) Speaker to be announced
February 20 th (Wednesday)	Executive Board Meeting 7 p.m. Room #107



Palm Sunday Bake Sale Schedule. Please join us!



January 15 th (Tuesday)	9:00 a.m. – Noon
January 22 nd (Tuesday)	9:00 a.m. – Noon
January 29 th (Tuesday)	9:00 a.m. – Noon
February 5 th (Tuesday)	9:00 a.m. – Noon
February 12 th (Tuesday)	9:00 a.m. – Noon
February 19 th (Tuesday)	9:00 a.m. – Noon
February 26 th (Tuesday)	9:00 a.m. – Noon

***Specific bake items will be listed at a later date.**

This year's Christmas dinner was cancelled in reverence of Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian. Thank you to Linda Tiffany and her committee for their time and efforts in the planning of the event that unfortunately did not take place. We appreciate their willingness to take on this project.





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It was a great kick off to the holiday season with the packing of over 150 Christmas bags for the Alternative Girls Shelter in Pontiac. Sue Vian once again chaired the event and Guild members generously donated beauty products, toiletries and small gifts for young women determined to make positive life changes.

Change of Address



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***Please make these changes in your Guild directory**



The Annual St. John Women's Guild

Christmas Visit
to
Manoogian Manor

Saturday, January 12, 2019
11 am

Please join our clergy,
members of the Gomidas Choir,
and the Women's Guild
as we spend the morning
in prayer, singing and good will
with the residents of Manoogian Manor.

If you will be attending, please contact:

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*Thank
You!*

I wanted to personally thank the Women's Guild for their leadership and participation in working with the other church organizations to prepare cookies etc... for our beloved Fr. Diran's visitation. I am grateful to the entire community for making Fr. Diran's funeral so meaningful and touching. You once again showed your Christian love and giving nature. I look forward to working with you all as we continue our service to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*With prayers,
Fr. Aren Jebejian*

Thank you, Guild Members for your love and support to come together on Sunday after Church in the kitchen as well as on Tuesday afternoon and evening to provide light refreshments during the viewing for our beloved Father Diran Papazian. His memory will linger but his love will always be in our hearts. He has touched all of us in some way. We have many stories just like you. May his soul rest in peace.

~ Lisa Derderian



*Thank
you!*



Thank you to our Guild Members and great friends of our St John Women's Guild, for giving their time and talent to a new project, 'After Bazaar Sou Beoreg.' On Tuesday, Nov 13, we nearly completed the

project. Not wanting to over tax our great friends, we agreed to return on Thursday, November 15, to put on the finishing touches.



We took advanced orders only and sold nearly every tray. And, during the annual Church School Thanksgiving Dinner, we sold the last two unclaimed trays. What a lucky break!

Our volunteers, while enjoying one another's company, lent their talents to fund raise over \$2,000 for our upcoming projects.

We look forward to repeating this project next fall, following the 2019 Bazaar. Our Guild members and friends of our Guild made this project a success. Many thanks!!

~ Yerchanig Joy Callan



*Merry Christmas to all my friends,
Love, Emma Betrosian.*

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