

Women's Guild News

June 2021

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A Message from our Chair...

June marks the passing of half a year but portrays the beginning of a new season in our lives. We have passed the mark so let's allow ourselves to bring back what used to bring us joy. With the recent celebration of Pentecost, we can continue the month and year with a renewed faith and spirit that God is with us and will help us move forward in our journeys.

So, we will be moving to in person meetings after June. We will follow any health guidelines set for us, but will be face to face at last! Looking forward to looking at you.

Happy June,

Denise Boyagian

Please take note:

Requiem Service for our Guild Members will take place on Sunday June 6th
Plus, our calendar has been updated.



It is with great sorrow to announce the passing of our long-time member Anna Soutlianian on May 9, 2021. Anna was the loving mother of our member Cathy Atesian.

Our deepest sympathies to Liz Johnson on the loss of her husband, Kent Johnson, on May 24, 2021. Kent was also the dear brother-in-law of Diana Vosganian.

Our sincere condolences to the family of long-time member Sylvia Aglamishian who passed away on May 25, 2021.

-Asdvadz Hokeeneruh Losavoreh



We are excited to announce the arrival of Nayra Dalita Bagdasarian, daughter of Rev. Fr. Armash and Yn. Maran on May 5, 2021.



Our Planning outreach program needs your help!!

Planning is a form of crocheting with plastic bags to make blankets and pillows for the homeless. The shelters hand them out faster than volunteers can make them. It's very easy and you can find the demonstration on our YouTube Guild Gatherings page. Please call Edith Baise with any questions about how to participate (313)673-3325.



You will be receiving an email with a new Women's Guild survey soon. This survey will help us determine the direction of the Guild as we move on. More will be discussed during the June 2nd general body meeting.



Coming Soon! Women's Guild Mentoring Program!!! We are going to match up current Guild members with new members to help show them the ropes! If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Denise Karakashian (248)701-5906.



We have 2021 Directory corrections to add:

Gloria Melkonian - Cell: (248) 417-2428/ArtGlo1929@gmail.com

Berjouhi Sanjian - Cell:(248) 891-8725

If you have any contact information changes, please reach out to Paulette Apkarian (248) 225-3823 or pauletteapkarian08@gmail.com



Have you come across any old Women's Guild photos lately? If so, please email them to Nyree Giragosian along with member names/event and we will include them in an upcoming newsletter nyreevgir@gmail.com along with any other news you would like to share. The deadline is the 22nd of the month.



Wed., June 2nd	Women's Guild General Body Meeting – 7pm Zoom
Sat., June 5 th	World Medical Relief – 1:00-3:30. Please reach out to Edith Baise for more information (313)673-3325
Sun., June 6 th	Hokehankist for our recently departed Guild members – hope to see you in church. This service will not be on live stream.
Wed., June 9 th	Guild Gatherings YouTube – “Beginners – Knit a Scarf with Linda”
Wed., June 16 th	Executive Board Meeting – 7pm – In person!!!!
Wed., June 23 rd	Guild Gatherings YouTube – “Make a Floral Arrangement with Verjek”
Wed., July 14 th	Guild Gatherings YouTube – “Temper Paint Technique for Upper Elementary Students by Sue”
Sat., July 17 th	Manoogian Manor Visit – Transfiguration of our Lord

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 or mhdardarian@att.net

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!

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

Saturday, June 5th - 1:00-3:30

Contact Edith Baise with any questions

and to make your reservations (313)673-3325 – up to 20 volunteers can participate

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.



**The Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church
has requested Requiem Prayers
for the souls of all Deceased Women's Guild Members,
and newly departed...**

**SYLVIA AGLAMISHIAN
JUDY CRISTIANO
BARBARA HAROUTUNIAN
ARICK KASPER
LILLIAN KOJAMANIAN
HELEN OLSON
SHIRLEY ANN SARKISIAN
ANNA SOULTANIAN**

**Hokehankist
will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2021**

Congratulations and Best Wishes

... to the following Women's Guild Members who have reached milestone membership years. Thank you for your service and devotion!

10 Year Members (2011)

LINDA JEVAHIRIAN
JENNIFER TOOMAJIAN

40 Year Members (1981)

DENISE ALEXANIAN
LINDA STAMBOULIAN

and Welcome

... to the following New Women's Guild Members.
We look forward to working with you!

OLIVIA ANDONYAN
ALEXANDRA OHANIAN
CHRISTINE ATESIAN
SARA BELL
CHRISTINE DATIAN
MICHELLE DUCATO
LAUREN GERSHONOWICZ
KATHY HAASE
SARAH HAGOPIAN

KAREN KALAJIAN
★ LORRIE KEILA
CHRISTINE KEILLOR
DONNA LAFIAN
JENNIFER MORRIS
NICOLE O'DONOVAN
CHRISTINE SARAFIAN
LUCINE TARMAN
KATHY TORIGIAN

MARGARET ANN YESSIAN



The Women's Guild
of St. John Armenian Church ~ Southfield, Michigan
presents

“GUILD GATHERINGS”

~ A SERIES OF CREATIVE VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE ~

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

BEGINNERS...KNIT A SCARF WITH LINDA


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

MAKE A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WITH VERJEK

CLICK ON THE LINK

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgaajJ5B015V_CalkqdiHwLZU3qTyV71

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





StJohnWomensGuild.square.site

Visit the website to:

Pay your dues

No more writing a check, finding a stamp and mailing in your dues -- go to the website and pay online

Send a gift

Want to easily send a cookbook or apron to someone? Purchase items from our shop – order, pay, you're done! Shipping is included in the price*

Make a donation

Watch Guild Gatherings

Contact us

View the 2021 Events list

*Note - The online cost for our cookbook is increased to \$35 to cover web fees and shipping. However, it's still \$25 in the bookstore or at events at St John

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(no need to type the capital letters)

Gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure

Our St John Women's Guild has been blessed over and over again, with heartfelt gifts from our members and friends. Recently, we received those blessings again.



Orjan (Cholmakjian) Oswald, daughter of our member of blessed memory, Lucia Cholmakjian and sister of Guild board member, Carol Cholmakjian, has gifted the Women's Guild with a nearly new, deluxe Cuisinart with all of the attachments in tow, along with a generous monetary donation! Upon first glance, it appears in mint, mint condition. It doesn't seem possible but Orjan's sister Carol claims that she actually used it.

It is stunning and we can't wait to put it to use.
Thank you Orjan for this treasure.

On a campaign to make our service to our church easier, Anthony Carman has risen to the rescue once again. Anthony not only tore down, but replaced parts and handles on our Duchess dough separator. Last year, our Duchess could have substituted for a work out machine in a gym. Now, it can nearly be operated by one's little finger. If that was not enough, in addition to other things, Anthony has also fully restored the dough sheeter to its full strength. It is pristine, and gears and rollers have been repaired and finetuned. Why is this significant, you say? Well, now we can nearly open Soo Boreg dough to full size, reducing the strain on the backs of our dedicated volunteers. After putting the dough through its paces, in and out of the rollers, it grows in size and becomes quite thin! We will also be testing our dough recipe for Katah as well. We are incredibly thankful to Anthony for the gifts of his time and talent.



Greetings to All

St. John Women's Guild Members

It's time to pay your 2021 annual dues!

Please make checks of \$25 payable to St. John Women's Guild

Mail checks to Paulette Apkarian

7430 Brookberry Court
West Bloomfield, Michigan 48322

*For questions, please contact Paulette Apkarian at (248) 225-3823
or pauletteapkarian08@gmail.com*

Please fill out the form below and mail it with your payment.

2021_____2022_____

Name_____Husband's name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Home Phone_____ Cell Phone_____

Email_____

Women's Guild Calendar 2021

January 6	Armenian Christmas Service	May 12	New Guild Gatherings video published
January 6	After Armenian Christmas service drive up lunch from Vet's building	May 19	Exec. Board meeting, 7pm, zoom
January 7	General Body meeting, 7pm, zoom webinar	May 26	New Guild Gatherings video published
January 14	New Guild Gatherings video published	June 2	General Body Meeting via Zoom
January 16	Manoogian Manor visit- Armenian Christmas	June 9	New Guild Gatherings video published
January 20	Exec. Board meeting, 7 pm, zoom	June 16	Exec. Board meeting 7pm
January 28	New Guild Gatherings video published	June 23	New Guild Gatherings video published
February 3	General Body meeting, 7pm, zoom webinar	July 14	New Guild Gathering video published
February 10	New Guild Gatherings video published	July 17	Manoogian Manor visit- Transfiguration of our Lord
February 17	Exec. Board meeting, (after Lenten services) 7 pm, zoom	July 21	Exec. Board Meeting 7 pm
February 24	New Guild Gatherings video published	August 11	New Guild Gathering video published
March 3	General Body meeting, (after Lenten services) 7 pm, zoom	August 15	Church Picnic and bake sale
March 20	Saintly Women's Day observance and Lenten Retreat	August 21	Manoogian Manor visit- Assumption of the Holy Mother of God
March 10	New Guild Gatherings video published	September 1	General Body meeting, 7 pm
March 17	Exec. Board meeting, (after Lenten services) 7 pm, zoom	September 8	New Guild Gatherings video published
March 24	New Guild Gatherings video published	September 15	Exec. Board Meeting 7 pm
March 28	Palm Sunday bake after church	September 18	Manoogian Manor visit- Exaltation of the Holy Cross
April 7	General Body meeting, 7pm zoom webinar	October 1-3	St. John Bazaar
April 8	Manoogian Manor visit- Easter 11am	October 6	General Body meeting, 7 pm
April 14	New Guild Gatherings video published	October 13	New Guild Gatherings video published
April 17 th	Baby Shower April 17 th 1-3pm	October 20	Exec. Board meeting, 7 pm
April 21	Exec. Board meeting, 7 pm, zoom	November 3	Alternatives for Girls-6:30 pm
April 28	New Guild Gatherings video published	November 10	General Body meeting and elections, 7 pm
May 5	General Body meeting, 7pm zoom webinar	November 17	New Guild Gatherings video published
		December 1	Exec. Board meeting, 7 pm
		December 8	Advent by Candlelight
		December 8	Christmas dinner meeting, 6:30 pm- Cultural Hall
		December 15	New Guild Gatherings video published
			Exec. Board meeting, 7 pm