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## **A Message from our Chair...**

As October waves good-bye, we are about to witness a number of “firsts” on the horizon. Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas during this pandemic, undoubtedly means celebrations will be different this year. Maybe it’s not so bad to scale down those big holiday gatherings where the shopping and preparation can cause more stress than enjoyment distracting us from the reason we are gathering in the first place. Maybe this year, we can actually focus on what each holiday really means and embrace spending time with a more intimate group of family or friends who are closest to our hearts. Thank goodness for the technology that allows us to stay in touch and “see” each other while being right in our own homes!

Some things to think about this month:

- Please keep Artsakh in your hearts- pray for an end to the attacks and violence, pray for a peaceful outcome to this conflict, pray for the soldiers and people of Artsakh and Armenia, and pray that God will guide all leaders who may have influence to put a stop to this conflict. Bishop Daniel recently asked four things from all of us, 1-Prayer, 2-Truth, 3-Money, and 4-Unity.
- Make it your goal to stay positive despite the negative that seems to surround us. Don’t allow yourself to be pulled in. The energy you put out attracts the same. Let all that is good guide your words and deeds. Trust that God is the master planner and speak to Him often for He is a very good listener.
- Join our zoom webinar election meeting on November 4. Nothing is easier than attending a meeting in your own home!

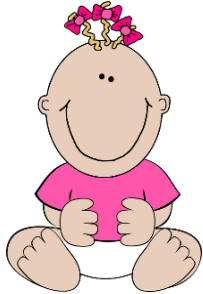
November signals the season to give thanks. Take time to think about all the blessings you have and those who are not as fortunate, those who are struggling or going without, and those who may feel lost and need extra help. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones.

*Denise Karakashian*



We send our get well wishes to Margaret Dayinian and Helen Olsen. As you heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.

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Michelle Ducato has a new granddaughter! Taline Samarian Ducato, born on August 20, 2020 - 8 lbs. 13 oz. Proud parents are Michael and Michele Ducato.

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 on Eugenie Karebian and niece of Lillian Durham.

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Katie Nolf, daughter of Diane Nolf, was engaged to Jason Dudzinski on Sunday September 2, 2020. An August 21, wedding is planned!

Allison Marie Parks married Alex Murphy on October 16, St. John's Armenian Church. Allison's parents are Judy and Parks and Alex's parent is Shery Murphy. The happy couple resides in Boston.

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Have you come across any old Women's Guild photos lately??? If so, please email them to Nyree Giragosian along with member names and the event and we will include it in the newsletter! [nyreevgir@gmail.com](mailto:nyreevgir@gmail.com)

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*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](mailto:mhdardarian@att.net)

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*If you have an announcement you would like to share, please email Nyree Giragosian [nyreevgir@gmail.com](mailto:nyreevgir@gmail.com) or call (248)231-2547. Deadline is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month.*

Wed., Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Guild <b>ZOOM</b> membership meeting <b>and</b> ELECTIONS 7:00pm <i>An email will be sent with a link to join the meeting</i>
Thurs. Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Alternative for Girls donation pick-up 3:00pm-6:00pm in church parking lot by the kitchen doors (see flyer).
Thurs., Nov.5 <sup>th</sup>	Town Hall Meeting 6:30pm
Wed., Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 	Women's Guild <b>ZOOM</b> membership meeting A little holiday fun is planned for this meeting!!! <i>An email will be sent with a link to join the meeting</i>
Wed., Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	World Medical Relief 9:00am-11:30am Contact Edith Baise (313)673-3325
Coming Soon!	Women's Guild December Cookie Sale Fundraiser See attached flyer



## Women's Guild Elections

Remember to join us for our meeting and elections on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 pm. You must be present to vote and your 2020 **dues must be paid.**

### 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

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **A Call to Service**

Looking for a member to coordinate the Manoogian Manor visits for Women's Guild in 2021. Your job would be to verify dates with our priests, contact the director of Manoogian Manor, and inform our membership about each visit. If you want to work on something that is very meaningful but doesn't require a lot of time, this is it. Please contact Denise Karakashian to volunteer ([denisekar@hotmail.com](mailto:denisekar@hotmail.com) or 248-489-4076). There will be 5 visits:

**Armenian Christmas-January**  
**Easter- April**  
**Transfiguration- July**  
**Assumption of the Holy Mother of God- August**  
**Exaltation of the Holy Cross- September**

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## **Helping Our Homeland**

In this time of crises, your continued prayers are needed for our soldiers and people in Artsakh. Additionally, Armenia's government is looking to the diaspora for financial support.

You can donate on the secure website of the Eastern Diocese (choose "Artsakh/Armenia Relief" in the dropdown menu) [armenianchurch.us](http://armenianchurch.us)

or you can mail a check to the:



**Diocese of the Armenian Church  
of America (Eastern)**

**630 Second Avenue,  
New York, NY 10016**

Please write "Artsakh Relief" on the  
memo line of the check.

Donations can also be made directly to Armenia Fund on its secure website.

[www.armeniasfund.org](http://www.armeniasfund.org)

*All funds collected will support civilian humanitarian aid*



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH  
**BAZAAR**  
 BY CAR  
 A DRIVE THROUGH  
 FESTIVAL OF CULTURE

\We did it!!! Lisa Mardigian accepted the challenge to make this year's Bazaar happen and she did not disappoint! It just goes to show you that whenever Armenians get together, they always seem to make things work! From baking at home to working the days of the event – the drive thru Bazaar was a huge success! Thank you Yerchanig Callan for spear heading the baking, Sara Andonian the boereg/spinach pie, Dawn Aginian the yalanche, and Marilyn Dadian for organizing the distribution.

*Thank  
You*

*Our Bazaar By Car was a great success because of many wonderful Women's Guild Members and dear Friends of the Guild that gave their time, many talents, and treasury. Many "carfuls" of thanks to:*

Dawn Aginian  
 Diane Aginian  
 Patricia Akkashian  
 Shoushan Ameriguan  
 Betty Amboian  
 Sara Andonian  
 Charlene Apigian  
 Cynthia Apkarian  
 Paulette Apkarian  
 Carol Aprahamian  
 Cathy Atesian  
 Edith Baise  
 Nancy Banks  
 Sara Bell  
 Lisa Boyadjian  
 Mary Boyadjian  
 Victoria Boyadjian  
 Denise Boyagian  
 Marilyn Brown  
 Yerchanig Callan  
 Katherine Channel  
 Carol Cholmakjian  
 Barbara Couyoumjian  
 Julie Couyoumjian  
 Marilyn Dadian

Marianne Dardarian  
 Lisa Derderian  
 Claire Dokmecian  
 Michele Ducato  
 Anne Marie Egigian  
 Serena Egigian  
 Jackie ElChemmas  
 Linda Franquist  
 Nyree Giragosian  
 Fran Hagopian  
 Sarah Hagopian  
 Adreena Harley  
 Linda Houhanisin  
 Jane Hovsepian  
 Sandy Jamian  
 Patty Javizian  
 Belinda Kabodian  
 Sally Kabodian  
 Denise Karakashian  
 Linda Karibian  
 Terrie Karibian  
 Nancy Kevonian  
 Patty Kezelian  
 Ygn Roberta Kochakian  
 Lynne Kojamanian

Ani Lucassian  
 Lisa Mardigian  
 Rose Mardigian  
 Lily Marinelli  
 Dolly Matoian  
 Ani Misirlyan  
 Nayiri Misirlyan  
 Janice Megerian  
 Kathy Mekjian  
 Cross Mooradian  
 Rose Najarian  
 Diane Nolf  
 Erica Palaian  
 Terry Palaian  
 Nancy Panaretos  
 Kathy Partogian  
 Kathryn Petryszak  
 Susan Reizian  
 Anna Sarkisian  
 Marilyn Sarkisian  
 Paulette Schmidt  
 Linda Stambouljian  
 Diana Vosganian  
 Anne Marie Zallakian  
 Deb Zazaian



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

## **'GUILD GATHERINGS'**

**~ A SERIES OF CREATIVE VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE ~**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**  
MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS MERRY AND BRIGHT  
BY PAULETTE

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**  
DECORATE A FESTIVE HOLIDAY TABLE  
BY ANITA AND SANDY

**CLICK ON THE LINK!**

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgaajJ5B015V\\_fCalkqdiHwLZU3qTyV71](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.





# Women's Guild December Fundraiser

## **Holiday Bake Boxes**

A festive box containing an assortment of Armenian sweets (bourma, khurabia, nazoog and simit) along with classic holiday cookies

## **Holiday Bake Box Plus!**

The box above plus choreg, one large and 10 small

Perfect as a gift for family, clients, teachers, health-care workers, neighbors, anyone who appreciates a box of homemade baked goods in an attractive package.

Members will be asked to bake at home. Volunteering will be via Sign Up Genius, many opportunities to participate, hardly any involve a rolling pin! All skill sets are appreciated!

More information on this worthy project will be coming soon.

Right now, we are a committee of two.  
If you'd like to help us out please contact:

Carol Cholmakjian [ccholmak@hotmail.com](mailto:ccholmak@hotmail.com) or  
Joy Callan [yerchanigc@gmail.com](mailto:yerchanigc@gmail.com)

*Help us support the worthy missions of the Women's Guild!*