

A Message From Our Chairman...

We have celebrated the Resurrection and the renewal of our faith. Each and every Sunday in church, Fr Aren Jebejian includes the congregation in the proclamation and promise of life eternal; "Chrisdos Hareeyav ee Merelotz." We answer, and we're getting better every week, "Ohrnial eh Haroutiunen Chrisdosee!" The only challenge has been hoping the weather cooperates in the near future so that we can break out those spring clothes that are supposed to go with Easter time. Keep believing!



Once again, our newsletter manages to keep us in touch with each other and our service to the church. This tool of communication shares recent and future activities that our dedicated Guild members have offered to all of us. Does it seem like each month we are thanking someone for their gifts and talents? Well, its true because that's who you are!

Please remember to send in your dues and we are very thankful to those of you that have been diligent in keeping up with your dues in a timely fashion. And, with your dues, remember to alert the Guild of any contact information changes for the upcoming directory.

We were happy to announce at our April meeting that all committee assignments were complete for the rest of the year. Here is some great news! Feel free to alert the board of your desire to take responsibility for any 2017 committee assignments. Our board was thrilled to discover that for our first six months on the job, we were blessed by our outgoing board, with committee assignments in tact. That was such a relief. No matter the level of commitment you might want to share, we are only too thrilled to accept your dedication. Come on, you know you want to so just call!

Finally, keep hope alive that by our May 21st Mother Daughter event, you will be able to leave your winter coat at home!

Y. Joy Callan



Our heartfelt sympathy to Denise Chiroyan, on the passing of her dear mother and long-time Guild member, Anne Derderian.

We send our prayers and get well wishes to Roxanne Keurajian, who is recuperating at home after breaking her foot.



Congratulations to Paulette and Rick Apkarian, who have welcomed a new grandson to their family. Adam Christopher Vosbikian was born on March 1st, to Kristen and Christopher Vosbikian.

Also, Dr. Harry and Patricia Kezelian became first time grandparents when grandson Joseph Edward Kezelian arrived on March 24th to Michael and Katherine Kezelian. Our best wishes to the happy families!

Directory Change

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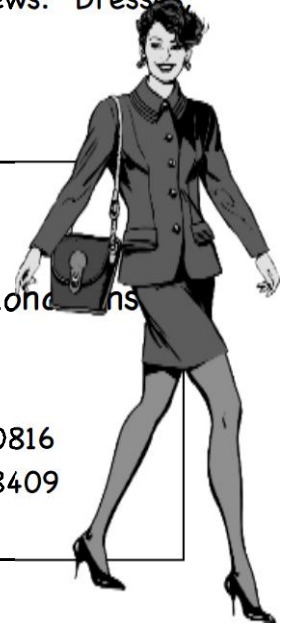
NEW GUILD MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

Please contact Linda Tiffany with any corrections and/or additions for the new updated directory that will be printed and mailed to members in June.

Spring Cleaning?

The Women's Guild will be collecting gently used clean, pressed, in-style clothing for Detroit area women going on job interviews. We will be donating to Jackets for Jobs, Inc. in Detroit.

Donated items must be on hangers, in good condition and suitable for job interviews: Dresses, Suits, Blouses, Jackets, Pants, Sweaters, Purses, Totes, Shoes, Belts, Jewelry, Coats, Jackets & Umbrellas



Donations can be brought to our WG meeting:

Wednesday, May 4th at 7pm

Additionally, for your convenience you can drop-off your donations from **April 27 - May 11** at the following locations (please call first):

- Linda Assarian's 3050 Bloomfield Crossing, Bloomfield Hls, 248 332-0816
- Carol Ohanesian's 280 Winding Brook, Commerce Twp, 248 668-8409



Hello:

*You have seen me on the invitations and posters. I just want to remind you that St. John's Women's Guild is presenting a Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon Honoring all Mothers on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at St. John's Cultural Hall. I would love to see you there. It will be a lovely afternoon. It all begins at 10:00 am with Boutique Shopping. The Luncheon, Fashion Show & Raffle begins at noon. Donation \$55.00 * under 12: \$20.00.*

*Please send your reservation and check payable to: St. John's Women's Guild by May 11th to: Linda Assarian, 3050 Bloomfield Crossing, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 * Tel: 248-332-0816. (Please indicate those you wish to be seated with.)*

Booklet Donations to Barbara Haroutunian by May 1st:

*7428 Camelot Drive, West Bloomfield, MI 48322 *Tel: 248-661-0026*

Celebrating the 85th Anniversary of the Concentration of St. John Armenian Church



PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

Thank you to co-chairs, Terry Palaian and Marilyn Sarkesian and to all of the Guild members who either donated bake goods or gave monetary donations for this sale. It was a very successful event making over \$6,000!



L-R: Diane Nolff, Diana Vosgian, Helen Olson, Cathy Zwinck, Carol Ohanesian, Marilyn Sarkesian, Terry Palaian, Terri Karebian, Nora Noraian, Jackie El Chemmas, Debbie Zazaian and Belinda Kabodian (missing from photo, Denise Boyagian and Sue Vian)

Just a friendly reminder for those who may have forgotten...

Please mail your 2016 dues of \$25.00 to:

**St. John Women's Guild
 c/o Dawn Aginian
 1783 Cole Street
 Birmingham, MI 48009-7066**



Sunday, April 24th	Joint celebration of Divine Liturgy for all four Armenian churches
Wednesday, May 4th	7:00 p.m. Guild meeting "Jackets for Jobs" donations
Saturday, May 21st	Mother-Daughter Boutique, Luncheon and Fashion Show
Wednesday, June 1st	Membership Dinner

Easter Tea

Easter services celebrated the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This was the first Easter Sunday Bardarak celebrated with our new Pastor, Father Aren Jebejian.

Father Aren led a processional with our deacons and choir who were followed by the congregation into St. John's Cultural Hall. Once in the hall, the congregation came together as a family as Father Aren performed a home blessing in our church home. The blessing, made with bread, salt and water, represents the three fundamental elements; the essential life giving gifts and symbols of God's infinite goodness and care.

It was a wonderful time to gather with friends and family in celebration of our Lord's resurrection.



Chairman Nora Noraian stands beside tables filled with refreshments for the congregation to enjoy and by the beautiful floral centerpiece she created.



Fr. Aren Jebejian performing a home blessing with Fr. Garabed Kochakian and Fr. Diran Papazian

Our thanks to Chairman Nora Noraian and her committee, which included Sara Andonian, Heidi and Elizabeth Aprahamian, Anita Arslanian, Cathy Atesian, Yerchanig Callan, Diana and Richard Cohen, Diane Nolff, Helen Olson, Terry Palaian, Sue Vian, and Diana Vosganian.

Easter Tea (Continued)



The entire congregation enjoyed the Easter Tea hosted by the Women's Guild. Our dedicated members provided a bountiful and beautiful buffet of cheese, fruit, colored eggs, and pastries.



Special goody bags were prepared to the delight of the children.



Fr. Aren concluded the day's event with a special moment shared with children of our parish. As each child approached him, Fr. Aren gave them a blessing and a beautiful chocolate cross.

Easter Visit to Manoogian Manor



Fr. Aren Jebejian, Deacon Rubik Mailian, and members of the choir and Women's Guild visit Manoogian Manor.



Manoogian Manor residents receiving Holy Communion from Fr. Aren, assisted by Deacon Rubik.

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

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