

Annual Activity Report 2021

Ladies' Guild of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church

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St. Gregory's Ladies' Guild activities during 2021 were minimal as we continued to stay cautious due to Covid,

Although we did not have many general membership meetings, several phone executive meetings were held. On June 21, 2021 we held an in-person executive meeting. At this meeting we made the decision to proceed with planning for Food Festival 2021. A general membership dinner meeting was held on November 18, 2021.

Food Festival 2021 planning began with mailing of letters, raffles, and kitchen schedules.

We started cooking for the Food Festival on September 12. For the safety of all we adhered to Philadelphia Covid guidelines by wearing masks while cooking in the kitchen. Everyone was cooperative and in addition to our usual head covering and gloves the adding of masks challenged our cooking experience! We are so grateful to all the women who joined in to help in the kitchen and to the men who helped with pick-up of large orders. We were in the kitchen every Monday and Wednesday and also on other days as needed during September and October. We also thank the Men's Club for preparing the meat and for the BBQ team who grilled the meats for the Festival. Thanks to the team of women who took over the evening of the Festival to cook and keep the foods supplied to the buffet line. Many thanks to the women working in the Country Store and working for the pre-orders which were a huge part of the Festival this year. Although it was not a normal Food Festival due to the caution we felt necessary to keep everyone comfortable during this extraordinary time of Covid, the Grab-and-Go format and the seating of people in only one hall gave everyone the opportunity to join in at their own comfort level. The first week of November we were at church everyday prepping food, planning set-up and preparing for the Food Festival held on Friday, 11/5, Saturday 11/6, and Sunday 11/7. We are so grateful to everyone who understood the difficult circumstance we were working under. Socially this was not the Food Festival we have come to love, however from the standpoint of providing the delicious food we enjoy, all the work made it a success. The response to our Food Festival Sponsor request was heartwarming. Words can't express how thankful we are to each Sponsor that joined in to make the Food Festival a success. I am most excited to report that financially this was the most successful Food Festival in the history of St. Gregory's Ladies' Guild. MANY THANKS to each of you who support us.

We returned to providing brunch during fellowship hour after Church services on September 19th.

We also worked to support the successful Annual Advent Tree Fundraising.

The Ladies' Guild continued support of 5 Orphans through the Prelacy program and donated to the Eastern Prelacy Raffle and the ARS Artsakh Fund.

We began working on the Ladies' Guild page on the church website with Veronica Babayan, our Church Website Coordinator. We hope to work with her to keep information updated.

We look forward to 2022.

Rosely Stronski

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