

Activity Report 2023

Ladies' Guild of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church

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St. Gregory's Ladies' Guild started 2023 with a Christmas Brunch/Meeting on January 24, 2023 at the American Pub in Conshohocken. Since the first meeting, we have held general membership meetings in February, April, and June of 2023.

During 2023 our members and many volunteers were involved in the following activities:

- Helped prepare tables and serve the Armenian Christmas Eve Dinner on January 5, 2023
- Provided extra help for Armenian Christmas Day Brunch on January 6, 2023
- Provided sweet table for the Inter-Communal Vartanantz Celebration held at St. Gregory's on February 15, 2023
- Held Lenten Topig Luncheon on March 19, 2023
- Served Brunch for the "Journey of Tolerance" Concert on March 26, 2023
- Held manti sale on April 2 and 9, 2023
- Prepared and served Children's Easter Communion Breakfast on April 8, 2023
- Hosted, along with ARS Ani and Artemis Chapters, "A Celebration of Ascension" on May 18, 2023, with attendees enjoying dessert, refreshments, and vijag.
- Participated at the NALG conference on May 19, 2023, in Providence, RI.
- Participated in committee meetings for Vehapar's Pontifical Visit
- Provided Fellowship Brunch every Sunday after Badarak
- Prepared and served Father's Day Brunch for all parishioners on June 18, 2023
- Participated in Parishioner's Day on September 10, 2023
- Held Hokehankisd for deceased Ladies' Guild members on September 10, 2023
- Donated food for St. Gregory's Golf Outing raffle
- Held a successful Food Festival November 3-5, 2023
- Prepared and set mezza/dessert for program after Vehapar's evening service on November 13, 2023
- Prepared and served breakfast for Vehapar's visit on November 14, 2023
- Donated food for ASA Posh event
- Sponsored 5 orphans in Armenia through the Prelacy Orphan Program

The biggest event of the year is the Food Festival. Starting in June the Ladies' Guild Executive, who serve as the Food Festival Committee, held meetings to plan Food Festival 2023. Planning continued during the summer months and cooking began immediately after Labor Day. We are blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers to help prep, cook, and serve food for the buffet, country store, cookie/dessert store and pre-orders. We were happy to have Vahe Ashodian Art and Armenian Vendor.com join the Food Festival. In addition to these two Armenian vendors, Gabrielle's face painting talent provided fun for the children on Saturday evening.

St. Gregory's Ladies' Guild started the New Year with a Christmas Brunch on January 10, 2024 at the Sandy Run CC in Oreland, PA. The "Thank You" Brunch acknowledged the hard work of the many dedicated women who contributed to the events held throughout 2023. Everyone was especially excited to hear the official results of Food Festival 2023 at the meeting that followed brunch. It was another "best ever" successful event!!

The Ladies' Guild is grateful to all who help in any way to support our work for the Church.