

ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN CHURCH, BINGHAMTON, NY -  
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Women's Guild has always had regular activities for the calendar year, which have been carried out faithfully. These activities were Armenian Christmas Buffet, Mid-lenten Dinner, Women's Saints Day, celebrated this year at St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Niagara Falls, NY. Eleven women from our guild attended this celebration. Choreg on Easter Sunday, Spring luncheon, and a Christmas Party in December ended our activities for the year. The guild has usually conducted 8 meetins per year. Our membership to date is 21.

Besides accomplishing the usual duties, a guild member assumes other duties in the church where needed and when asked. It is an automatic giving of herself, of her time and effort for the church. And I am proud to have been associated with these women who possess this unselfish and unending devotion for the church.

Unfortunately, the devotions and sacrifices of our women are assets only to a living and growing church. Therefore, when it was said that financial difficulties were increasing; that a priest could no longer be supported, in my opinion, Women's Guild as a major organization would be endangered. To support a church without a priest, the women who are the work force of the church have no direction and no incentive.

At our September meeting, I proposed that we set up a nominating committee to find a woman among the guild members to chair the group for the coming two year term in office. It was suggested we postpone the matter for the following month's meeting. We did not have a quorum at the November meeting, therefore the motion was not acted upon. I duly submitted my resignation in November to Father Sooren. It seems noone has come forward to resume the duties of chairing Women's Guild.

It is my recommendation that in a small parish such as ours, chairing an essential group such as Women's Guild might be handled on a rotating annual bases. This would alleviate pressures on any one of the women to handle the task for too long a time period. It would give the responsibility periodically and eventually to all the women involved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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