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Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church

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Schedule of Sunday Services

Morning Service (<i>Keesherajeen & Aravodyan Jham</i>)	9:00 a.m.
Sunrise Service (<i>Arevakal</i>)	10:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (<i>Soorp Badarak</i>)	10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 11, 2007

Sunday of the Steward

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 56:1-57:21 (Pg. 732) Ephesians 4:17-5:14 (Pg. 176)

Luke 16:1-31 (Pg. 72)

Sunday of the Unjust Steward

"O Lord, You who have created with power the heavenly world of angels, and established the princes of the fiery spirits as stewards there; we bless Your inconceivable power. You who have created in a lordly manner the second world and placed the first man as a steward in the Garden of Eden; You who have built Your Church highest of all in mystery and have ordained in it the preacher of the word of truth as steward; we bless Your inconceivable power!" (Sharagan for the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent)

The Sunday of the Unjust Steward (Luke 16:1-31), with its parable of a dishonest accountant whose master has discovered his treachery, tells how the accountant makes his master's debtors grateful to him by reducing their bills, so that they will help him later. The master praises him for looking out for himself. It is a strange story, at first glance, but it reminds us that we are all stewards of God's world. If the dishonest "children of this world" can use what it offers for their own gain, then certainly the "children of light" who put God first can learn to use the things of this world not for themselves but for His glory.

That is the kind of cleverness that is praised here, for everything can be used in good ways, if only we take care to learn how. There is one condition: either we will use this world solely for earthly gain, or we will use it for God. We cannot have it both ways.

The other readings (Isaiah 56:1-57:21, Ephesians.4:17-5:14) remind

us of the future in which we will all have to give account of our stewardship.

(from the website of the Diocese of the Armenian Church: www.info@armenianchurch.net)

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Participating in the Divine Liturgy: Please follow the prayers and hymns in the Divine Liturgy pew books. The front section contains the Armenian Krapar text and modern Armenian translation, while the latter part gives the English transliteration and translation. Page numbers are illuminated at the upper left and right sides of the main altar. Please sing along with any of the hymns which the choir is singing.

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TODAY'S REQUIEMS (*Hokehankist*):

Requiem Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, Son of God, forbearing and compassionate, have compassion, in your love as our creator, upon the souls of your servants who are at rest, especially upon the souls of your servants and maidservants:

- **PEGGY PRAPION DASNABEDIAN** (2 Year Memorial) - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Barry Newman and Family; Mr. & Mrs. Berg Gokberg and Family; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Melkonian and Family; Mr. Jack Dasnabedian and Family.

- **HURANT SHAMSHOIAN; JAMES SHAMSHOIAN** - requested by Arsen, Joan, John and Aaron Shamshoian.

- **MARIAM JOUHOURIAN; KHACHIG JOUHOURIAN; HAGOP JOUHOURIAN; BOGHOS GHAJANIAN; KOHAR GHAJANIAN; ARAKEL GHAJANIAN; deceased members of the JOUHOURIAN and GHAJANIAN FAMILIES** - requested by Mrs. Satenig Jouhourian; Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Jouhourian and Family; Boghos Jouhourian and Family.

- **MARGARET (SAROIAN) COLOIAN** (40 Year Memorial) - requested by her Grandchildren - Anahid, Margaret, Avedis and Mariam Boyajian.

- **ANTRANIG KRIKORIAN** (51 Year Memorial); **SIMA MARDIGIAN** (46 Year Memorial) - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Azarig Kooloian and Family.

...for whom we are offering these prayers. Be mindful of them in the great day of the coming of your kingdom. Make them worthy of mercy, of expiation and forgiveness of sins. Glorify them and reckon them with the company of your saints at your right hand. For you are Lord and creator of all, judge of the living and of the dead. And to you is befitting glory, dominion and honor, now and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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CELL PHONES: We kindly ask that all cell phones be turned off prior to entering the church. Please show your respect to our holy sanctuary and to your fellow worshippers.

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Prayer of St. Ephraim

Lord, reach your hand out to me, who am shipwrecked and am drowning in the depths of my sins. Deliver me from captivity to the intense tempestuous currents of my sins. Lord, bridle my unbridled mind and remove from me worldly distractions and vanities. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Altar Candles are given today in loving memory of Margaret (Saroian) Coloian, by her Grandchildren - Anahid, Margaret, Avedis and Mariam Boyajian.

MARCH 14, 2007

Meecheenk - Median Day of Great Lent, Sunrise Service at 11:30 a.m. followed by Lenten Luncheon sponsored by Ladies Aid. Reservations are requested, please RSVP by calling the church office (272-7712) or Sandra Pomfret (942-3913) \$10 per person.

MARCH 24, 2007

The Cultural Committee proudly presents its annual *Music Appreciation Series Concert "Sounds of Spring"* Featuring: *Haig Yaghoobian*, piano. Works range from classical to romantic periods and include works of Mozart and Chopin. Concert date is Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Music Mansion, 88 Meeting Street, Providence, RI. Reception following the concert. Seating is very limited. Tickets: \$25.00 For tickets call the church office (401)272-7712 or Delicacies (401) 461-4774. No tickets will be sold at the door!

MARCH 30, 2007

The ACYOA's will have a "Night with the Providence Bruins" on Friday, March 30 at the Dunkin' Donuts Center, 7:05 p.m. (Providence Bruins vs. Springfield Falcons). Free post-game concert with Tommy Fava & Anthony following the game. First 3,000 fans receive free P-Bruins Bandanas. Tickets are only \$10. For more information please contact Steve Megrđichian at 401-464-9004, 401-419-4392 or <spmeg77@cox.net>. **Deadline for tickets is March 11 (TODAY).**

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SUNDAYS of GREAT LENT 2007

The Rhode Island Orthodox Clergy Fellowship is sponsoring a series of Lenten Services with Sermons on each of the Sundays of Great Lent.

Services begin at 5 pm and are followed by lenten refreshments.

Sunday, March 11 - St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, 249 High St., Pawtucket

Sunday, March 18 - St. John Romanian Orthodox Church, 501 E. School St., Woonsocket

Sunday, March 25 - Sts. Mary & Mena Coptic Orthodox Church, 8 Pendelton St., Cranston

MILITARY OUTREACH - The Diocese of the Armenian Church wishes to reach out to Armenians serving in the military, particularly those who are in unstable areas such as Iraq and Afghanistan; also to those who have recently completed their active duty. Please forward the name, military addresses and e-mail address of any Armenian military whom you are aware of to: <office@stsahmes.org> or forward the information to the church office.

PARISH MEMBER DUES - Following the decision of the February 19, 2006 Parish Assembly, membership dues for the year 2007 and moving forward is \$150 for general membership and \$100 for seniors and full-time students. Those unable to pay the full dues may confidentially approach Hayr Soorp to explain their situation. Parishioners are strongly encouraged to contribute beyond the minimum dues as part of the "Stewardship Program."

HOME BLESSINGS - One of the major goals of this year's diocesan theme, "Church and Home: One in the Spirit" is to encourage the faithful to have their homes blessed. Please consider inviting Hayr Simeon to bless your home according to the tradition of the Armenian Church. There is no requirement to offer a meal nor present a gift to the priest. Please have a piece of bread, dish of salt and glass of water available for the blessing. Call 272-7712 to schedule a visit.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2007 - We have received

scholarship applications from the Diocese of the Armenian Church. Scholarships are intended for needy Armenian American students attending accredited 4-year undergraduate university programs. Preference will be given to those who are active in the life of the Armenian Churches of the Eastern Diocese and are U.S. citizens. Please contact the church office for an application. Deadline for submission is June 15, 2007.

The **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** is pleased to announce that applications are now available for the Charles Yaghoobian Jr. Scholarship Grants for 2007. Scholarship Grants will be awarded to qualified members of all three Armenian Churches in RI. We are currently seeking qualified candidates for consideration. For an application and a list of eligibility requirements you may contact Nathalie Yaghoobian at 353-2488. The deadline to submit application is Monday, April 2, 2007.

SUMMER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Conferences at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary: 2007 Summer Conference Dates - Post High School A: June 11-16; Deacons' Training and Liturgical Music: June 25 - July 3; High School A: July 6-14; High School B: July 17-25; High School C: July 28 - August 5; Junior High School: August 7-11; Post High School B: August 13-19. Applications will be available on the St. Nersess Seminary website in the near future.
(<http://www.stnersess.edu/index.php>)

At the Ararat Center: St. Vartan Camp - Session A (June 24- July 7), Session A1 (June 24-30); Session B (July 8-21), Session B1 (July 8-14); Session C (July 22-Aug 4), Session C1 (July 22-28), Session C2 (July 29-August 4). For more information, please call the Church Office. Scholarships are available. There are a number of paid camp staff positions available at this time. Please call the church office or visit their website for more information or an application: <http://www.armenianchurch.net/families/programs/vartancamp.html>

CULTURAL COMMITTEE'S Arts Education Program 2006-2007

Second Semester has begun. Program offers art & cultural instruction in the following areas for a very modest fee. *In which classes would your child (children) be interested?* Ages 7-16: Drawing & Sculpture, Piano, Violin, Ballroom Dancing (ages 8 - 16), Nazeli Dance Group (ages 9-16), Voice training, Clarinet, Saxophone, Guitar, Kanon, Kemancha. Ages 16 & up: Piano, Guitar, Kanon, Kamancha, Voice training, Ballroom Dancing. For registration form: <http://www.stsahmes.org/Education/artsartsReg.html>, or call to Church office 272 7712. For information or questions please contact Program Chairperson Janna Guegamian: Tel. 861-3573.

"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS" CD - Special price - only \$10. Our Junior Choir & the Narek Bell Choir of St. Mary Church, Washington, D.C.

joined forces for this unforgettable recording of Armenian spiritual music. Songs on the CD are performed by the combined choir, as well as some unique features by the ringing sound of the Narek Bell Choir. You may purchase the CD from the Church office, 272-7712. Please support our Junior Choir.

CHURCH LIBRARY - Parishioners are encouraged to visit and make use of our newly organized Library. Library Hours: Sundays 12:30-1:30 p.m., and Mondays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ***BOOK SALE*** -- "*Colors and Words From Armenia and Beyond*" by Haroutune Armenian is a unique publication of different horizons from the Armenian highlands and the Mediterranean to the many corners of the Western world. Cost is only \$10.00. The book can be purchased during library hours on Sundays and on Mondays.

CHILDREN'S & JUNIOR CHOIRS - We invite your children and grandchildren to learn how to read music, religious hymns, popular Armenian Songs, participate in Divine Liturgy first Sunday of each month. Open for all ages 6 through 16, rehearsals at the Egavian Cultural Center. Please call the Church Office (272-7712) or Maestro Petrossian at 861-3573 to sign up your child.

SENIOR CITIZENS - Come join us every Monday (weather permitting, excluding Holidays). Have fun with your friends and neighbors, and enjoy with us "coffee and...."

COFFEE HOUR - Please consider sponsoring a **Coffee Fellowship** on the occasion of a Hokehankist (in memory of a loved one), a happy occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.) or to provide a wonderful service for our church. Contact Fran, the church secretary, to arrange a date (272-7712).

ARDZAGANG (Echo)-Armenian Television Program - Statewide Cable Interconnect Channel 13 (A): is broadcast on Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

ARMENIAN RADIO HOUR - Now heard on Sundays at 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. on WARL 1320 AM.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2007

- 12 Senior Citizens, 10:30 a.m.
13 Parish Council, 7:30 p.m.
14 Meecheenk Sunrise Service, 11:30 a.m.
Ladies Aid Luncheon 12:30 p.m.
Lenten Service, 7-8 p.m. - Theme: *"Give us this day our daily bread"*
Choir Rehearsal following the Lenten Service
16 Nazeli & Ballroom Dance Classes, 6:30 p.m.
Junior Choir, 7:30 p.m.
17 Arts Education, 10:30 a.m.
18 ACYOA Jrs. Meeting 5-8 p.m.
19 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
21 Lenten Service, 7-8 p.m. - Theme: *"And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"*
23 Nazeli & Balroom Dance Classes 6:30 p.m.
Junior Choir 7:30 p.m.
24 Arts Education, 10:30 a.m.
Cultural Committee, Haig Yaghoobian at Music Mansion
28 Lenten Service, 7-8 p.m. - Theme: *"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"*
30 ACYOA "Night with the Providence Bruins" 7:05 p.m. at the Dunkin' Donuts Center

APRIL 2007

- 1 Palm Sunday - ACYOA Palm Sunday Dinner
3 Holy Tuesday - Vesper Service, 7:30 p.m.
5 Holy Thursday -Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m.
Ladies Aid Luncheon 12:30 p.m.
Washing of the Feet Service, 7:00 p.m.
Memorial of the Passion, 8:00 p.m.
6 Holy & Great Friday
Memorial of the Crucifixion 12:00 noon
Memorial of the Burial of Our Lord, 7:00 p.m.
7 Holy & Great Saturday
Children's Communion Breakfast & Service 11 a.m.
Reading of Sacred Prophecies 6:30 p.m.
Easter Eve Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
8 Easter Sunday, Morning Service 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10am
Blessing of the Four Corners of the World, 11:45 a.m.