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Schedule of Sunday Services

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| Morning Service (<i>Keesheraheen & 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, April 1, 2007

Palm Sunday

Scripture Readings

Zechariah 9:9-15 (Pg. 926) Philippians 4:4-7 (Pg. 180)

Matthew 20:29-21:17 (Pg. 20)

Trmpatsek – Ritual of the Opening of the Doors Conducted on Palm Sunday

Psalm 118

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, and we bless you from the house of the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, his steadfast loves endures forever!

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Hymn – *Shmorya Mez Der* – Grant us Lord

Grant us vigilance, Lord, with that of the Wise Virgins and brighten the lamps of our souls.

The priest kneeling outside the curtain of the altar shall chant lamentingly, for this service symbolizes Judgment Day.

Pats Mez Der – Open to Us Lord

Open to us, open to us, O Lord, the door of Thy mercy, we ask with a lamenting voice,

Priest (inside): Who are these to whom I should open, for this is the Lord's door and the righteous shall enter through it.

Priest (outside): Not only can the just enter, but the sinners also may enter, having been justified by means of confession and repentance.

Priest (inside): Be it known, that this is the door to heaven, the vale of sorrow, which God promised to Jacob, rest for the just, a place of forgive-

ness for sinners, the Kingdom of Christ, the residence of the angels, the place of meeting for saints, a place of refuge, and the House of God.

Priest (outside): It is worthy and true what you say about the Holy Church because she is our Immaculate Mother; and from her we are born as sons of light and of truth; she is the hope of life for us; through her we find salvation of our souls; she is the way of righteousness for us and through her we ascend to Christ, our heavenly Father.

Hymn – *Imasdoon Goosankn* – The Wise Virgins

The Wise Virgins, having prepared their oil-lamps, went forth to meet the heavenly Bridegroom with lighted lamps.

The priest kneeling outside the curtain of the altar shall chant lamentingly:

***Pats Mez Der* – Open to Us Lord**

Open to us, open to us, O Lord, the door of Thy mercy, we ask with a lamenting voice,

Priest (inside): Behold, we see Christ, our Lord, who is seated upon the Holy Altar and calls unto Himself all those who do His will: "Where I am, there also shall my servants be."

Priest (outside): We are the price of the incorruptible blood of the Son of God, joyfully, let us sing praises unto our Saviour Jesus Christ, and let us all say, "Glory to your awesome coming Lord."

Hymn – *Takavor Parats* – King of Glory

King of glory, we shall be ready and waiting vigilantly to go and meet you when you come to judge the earth.

The priest kneeling outside the curtain of the altar shall chant lamentingly:

***Pats Mez Der* – Open to Us Lord**

Open to us, open to us, O Lord, the door of Thy mercy, we ask with a lamenting voice,

Priest (inside): The terrifying trumpet of God calls out with a frightful sound and says: "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him."

Priest (outside): Behold, I and the children whom God has entrusted me. We all are here and expect to see Christ and hear His blissful voice.

Priest (inside): The voice of God the Creator calls, saying: "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world."

Priest (outside): Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks unto the Lord.

The Curtain is opened with the **Hymn – *Zoghormootyan* – Open to Us**

Open to us the gate of thy mercy, O Lord, and make us worthy of your

dwelling of light together with your saints.

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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Requiem Prayer for Prime Minister of Armenia

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian has directed that all of the parishes throughout the Eastern Diocese conduct a special Requiem Service today on the occasion of the untimely death of **Mr. Andranik Margaryan**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia. In the words of the Primate, "The prime minister was a patriot and true son of the Armenian Church. As a dedicated public servant, he advanced the cause of Armenian statehood and the new opportunities independence represented and offered the Armenian people." "What I miss most about Prime Minister Margaryan was his unending love for the Armenian Church and the sincerity of his efforts as prime minister to recognize the special relationship between our church and our state."

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Altar Flowers are given today by Linda Minassian, Joyce Minassian & Amit Rai in loving memory of their Cousin, Paul Parnagian.

Donations of Palms have been given:

- In loving memory of "my Brother, **Yetvart Arzoumanian** and my Aunt, **Anna Arzoumanian**" by Diane Arzoumanian.
- In loving memory of **Kaspar** and **Ehsig Topalian** by Griego-Marottolo (CT) Families.
- In loving memory of **George Zartarian** by Irene Zartarian.

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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.

Prayer of St. Ephraim

Remove the darkness from my soul, O Lord, and clothe me with the light of the rays of your righteousness. Adorn my heart with fear, contrition and tears, so that I may fear your judgments and keep all your commandments. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

ACYOA Palm Sunday Dinner at 1 p.m. Chicken & Pilaf dinner, \$12 Adults, \$5 Kids under 10. Special Guest Speaker, Miss Jennifer Morris, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Outreach. Also presenting slide presentations of 2006 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend. Please join us.

APRIL 3, 2007

Holy and Great Tuesday, Evening Service (Vespers) Remembrance of the Ten Virgins, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 5, 2007

Holy & Great Thursday, Morning Service, 10:00a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m., Ceremony of the Washing of Feet, 7 p.m., Memorial of the Passion of Our Lord 8:00 p.m.

Ladies Aid Holy Thursday Lenten Buffet will take place on April 5, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. following the Divine Liturgy (10:30 a.m.). Reservations are requested, please call the church office (272-7712) or Sandra Pomfret (942-3913). Donation \$10.

APRIL 6, 2007

Holy & Great Friday, Memorial of the Crucifixion, 12 p.m., Memorial of the Burial of our Lord, 7 p.m.

APRIL 7, 2007

Holy and Great Saturday - Easter Children's Communion Service and Brunch/Easter Activity. Service at 11 a.m. Brunch and Activity at 11:30 a.m. A free-will offering will be taken. Sponsored by the Church School of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church. Please RSVP to the Church Office by April 4.

Easter Eve Fellowship: On Easter Eve we are asking that parishioners bring one food item with them for the fellowship following services. The Service of Readings begins at 6:30 p.m. and the Divine Liturgy at 7:00 and will conclude by 8:30 p.m.

APRIL 16, 2007

Habitat for Humanity Armenia Project - presents our first fundraiser, Meet the Author, Barbara Ghazarian. There will be a book signing and tasting from her Cookbook "Simply Armenian : Naturally Healthy Ethnic Cooking Made Easy," Monday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Egavian Cultural Center. Come enjoy delicacies from her cookbook including her signature quince preserves. Donation \$5.00 to benefit Habitat for Humanity Armenia Project. For reservations call the Church Office (272-7712), Leona Bailey (467-6027), Stephanie Masoian (461-4774) or e-mail <Akqul1@aol.com>.

APRIL 17, 2007

Armenian Youth Day sponsored by the Martyrs' Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 17, starting at 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Egavian Auditorium. Children from 7-18 are welcome. Please RSVP Joyce (354-8770) or Sondra (781-6984).

APRIL 18, 2007

The ***Senior Citizens*** will sponsor a trip to Connecticut on Wednesday, April 18. For reservations, call Zabel at 861-8925.

APRIL 20, 2007

Family Night - Friday, April 20 - "Mer Doon" Restaurant night in Egavian Hall. Enjoy tasty appetizers, luleh kebab and bulgur pilaf dinner, and dessert. Also available, cash bar. DJ Gago and Bingo. Dinner will be served from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Adults \$8.00, Children \$6.00. Baby sitting services are available on a limited basis from 6-8 p.m. For reservations for party of 8 or more for 6 p.m. seating call Hermond Ghazarian (821-2549); Gary Taraian (508-761-4600); or the Church Office (272-7712).

APRIL 24, 2007

Martyrs Day – On Tuesday, April 24 we will conduct a special Requiem – Hokehankist Service for the repose of the souls of the 1.5 million victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915. This will take place in the sanctuary from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a Commemorative Program with the participation of the ACYOÁ Juniors from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This will take place in the Egavian Hall. All are strongly encouraged to take part in this solemn remembrance.

APRIL 28, 2007

A World of Contribution - Celebrate a tribute to Corinne Heditsian (1939-2005), past chair of the Armenian Historical Association of Rhode Island, with a special performance by members of the Silk Road Ensemble, featuring the music of Gomidas and artist Kevork Mourad who has developed a technique of spontaneous painting in which he shares the stage with the musicians. Saturday evening, April 28th at the Egavian Cultural Center – 7:30 p.m. Donation \$20 Students \$12. Reservations - contact Ramon Zorabedian at 884-6626.

APRIL 29, 2007

The *Armenian Martyrs' Memorial Committee Services* will be held at the North Burial Ground at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER -- Donations of money towards the purchase of Flowers for Holy Week and Easter will be greatly appreciated. Please use the form enclosed to make your donations and send to the office by April 4, 2007.

HOLY WEEK FLOWER SALE - We are pleased to announce that the Women's Guild will be selling flowers during Holy Week. Please plan to fulfill all your Easter floral needs by purchasing flowers here and thus help the Guild in its fundraising efforts.

IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA TO SPEAK - We have received word that Rwandan Genocide Survivor, Immaculee Ilibagiza, will be speaking at Holy Trinity Armenian Church, 145 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA on Sun., Apr. 22 at 4 p.m. Ms. Ilibagiza has appeared on "60 Minutes" and will be sharing her inspiring and triumphant story of survival as she and seven other women huddled silently together in the cramped bathroom of a local pastor's house for 91 days during the 1994 Rwandan genocide. She is the author of "Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust." Hers is a captivating story of power of forgiveness. For more info. please call 617-354-0632 or visit www.htaac.org.

MEMBERSHIP/ STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE - The Parish Council is seeking individuals interested in serving on this vital committee. Please inform Hayr Simeon or Hagop Ghajanian of your interest. Please help us as we strive to bring new growth to our church community.

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.

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - The Diocesan Department of Youth and Education and the ACYOA invite College Students (completed 2 yrs. of college), Young Adults, and Church School Teachers on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem - August 5 - 14. Cost is \$1,998 per person (double occupancy). Deadline is May 8. For information call: 212-686-0710. The pilgrimage will be led by Father Mardiros Chevian.

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>

SCHOLARSHIPS - Partial Scholarships are available for youth desiring to attend St. Vartan Camp, Hye Camp and St. Nersess Summer Programs. Scholarships will be based on need and level of community involvement. Applications are available from Debbie Onanian and Hayr Simeon. Applications must be returned by June 17 to the Church Office.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE'S Arts Education Program 2006-2007

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 - Library Hours: Sundays following church services until 1:30 p.m., and by appointment only by calling the church secretary at 272-7712, who will get you in touch with a member of the Library Committee. **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. **Note: The Library will be closed today and Easter Sunday.**

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 A.M.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2007

- Today** **Palm Sunday** - ACYOA Palm Sunday Dinner
2 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
3 **Holy & Great Tuesday** - Vesper Service, 7:30 p.m.
5 **Holy & Great 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.
9 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
13 Nazeli & Ballroom Dance, 6:30 p.m.
Junior Choir 7:30 p.m.
14 Arts Education 10:30 a.m.
15 ACYOA Meeting, 5-8 p.m.
16 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Habitat Presentation 7:00 p.m.
17 Annual Armenian Youth Day 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
18 Senior Citizens Trip to Connecticut
19 Jr. Choir & Ballroom Dance Class 6:30 p.m.
20 Family Night 6-8 p.m.
21 Arts Education 10:30 a.m.
24 Martyrs Day Requiem Service & Program, 6:30 p.m.
28 Memorial Tribute to Corinne Heditsian, 7:30 p.m. (please note
the corrected date)
29 Martyrs' Memorial Committee Services at North Burial
Ground at 12:30 p.m.

MAY 2007

- 8 Ladies Aid Board Meeting, 1 p.m.
11 Annual Sports Banquet
15 Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
16 Ladies Aid Mother's Day Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.
20 ACYOA Jrs. Meeting, 5-8 p.m.