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Schedule of Sunday Services

Morning Service (<i>Keesheryeen & 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 20, 2011

Sunday of the Prodigal Son - *Anaragi Giragi* - Անառակի Կիրակի

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 54:11-55:13 (Page 731) II Corinthians 6:1-7:1 (Pg. 165)

Visiting Priest

Rev. Fr. Arakel Vardazaryan

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (15:1-32)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.'

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that

country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father.

But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!'

And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Glory to You, O Lord our God!

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Welcome Cards and Sunday Fellowship

Informational cards are found in the pew racks. Visitors, please complete a card and join us for our after services coffee fellowship in the Egavian Hall. Your presence is greatly valued. Please become be a regular worshipper.

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Participating in the Divine Liturgy: Please follow the text in the Divine Liturgy books. The front section has 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 the choir.

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Prayer of the Week

Jesus, Wisdom of the Father, grant me wisdom, that I may, at all times, think, speak, and do before you that which is good in your sight. And save me from evil thoughts, words, and deeds. Have mercy upon your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.

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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:

- **ALBERT CEPRANO** (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk) - requested by Julia Tashjian Martin.

- **JOHN AHLIJIAN** (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk)

- **MARJORIE PELIGIAN** (One Year Memorial - Dareleetz) - requested by Robert, Carol and Alexandra; Dr. Steven Peligian; Robert & Barbara Muksian; William & Karen Pitts and Mark; Robin & Gerritt Schutt; Vartanoush Derderian; Marion & Mike Merijian; Harry & Deborah Sarajian; Kimberly Sarajian; Keri & Rick Stratton; Melanie Krikorian.

- **BARSAM, HAIGANOUSH, BEDROS, BOGHOS and ESGOUHE TARAIAN** - requested by Mary and Teresa Taraian; Mr. & Mrs. Peter & Roberta Taraian and Family; Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Sonya Taraian, Gary Jr. and Zachary Razmig.

- **SARKIS KLANIAN** (58 Year Memorial); **ARMENOUHI KLANIAN** (22 Year Memorial); **BOGOS KLANIAN** (80 Year Memorial); **ARISTAKES BEDROSIAN**; **ANA BEDROSIAN** - requested by Susan Mouradjian.

- **VAHRAM AZNAVOURIAN** (49 Year Memorial) - requested by William Aznavourian.

...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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

There will be a special plate offering taken today for *Japan Earthquake Relief*. Please see the insert for full details in the directive received from the Diocese. Your prayers and generous support will be appreciated.

Ladies Aid will have choreg available this morning.

MARCH 22

Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Language School -- Classes meet Tuesdays, 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Conversation, reading, writing, history, literature. Tuition \$100: first child, \$90: additional child. More information, Dn. Hagop Ghajanian (401-467-2582 or h.ghajanian@osjl.com).

MARCH 23

Peace and Rest Service, 7-8 p.m. - The Third Word - Luke 23:42

MARCH 26

Arts Education Program begins at 10 a.m. For more information and application form: <http://www.stsahmes.org/NewWebsite/culturalcommittee.shtml>

MARCH 26

ACYOA Juniors Basketball will play at the Haven Church, 200 Taunton Ave., East Providence, RI on Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m. against Newman Church. Please call Steve Megrđichian, Youth Director, ACYOA Providence Chapter, at 401-419-4392 (cell).

MARCH 28

The *Senior Citizens* will hold a *Lenten Buffet Luncheon* on Monday, March 28 at 12:30 p.m. Donation, \$5.

MARCH 30

Peace and Rest Service, 7-8 p.m. - The Fourth Word - Matthew 27:42-43 and *The Fifth Word* - Matthew 27:47-49; Mark 15:34-36

APRIL 2

The Cultural Committee proudly presents "*Meet with the first Armenian Ambassador to the United States - Professor Rouben Shugarian.*" Topic: "The recent history of the international mediation of Armenian-Turkish Relations. The basic mistakes" Lecture will be followed by questions and answers (English and Armenian). Ara Boghigian, Moderator. Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Egavian Cultural Center.

APRIL 2

Saintly Women's Day will take place this year at St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, MA. Breakfast, refreshments and registration, 10:30 a.m., Service at 11 a.m., Lenten Luncheon & Program at 12:00, \$30 per person. Reservations need to be made with our Women's Guild by March 25. Call the church office at 272-7712.

APRIL 6

The Knights of Vartan will sponsor a Lenten dinner on April 6 which will be open to everyone at 6 p.m. prior to the Lenten Service.

Peace and Rest Service, 7-8 p.m. - The Sixth Word - Luke 23:36-37, Matthew 27:42

APRIL 9, 10, 16

Annual White Cross Project, sponsored by the ACYOA Providence Chapter: We need your help again this year in placing the 1500 white crosses to commemorate the 1.5 million Armenians who were massacred in the Armenian Genocide almost 100 years ago. Dates are Saturday, April 9 from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, April 10 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, April 16 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Donations to help defray costs are encouraged and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Armenian Martyrs Memorial Committee. Please call to sign up today: Ara Janigian (401-486-8495, arajanigian@gmail.com), or Steve Megrdichian (401-419-4392, spmeg77@cox.net)

APRIL 9

The Cultural Committee proudly presents its *"Music Appreciation Series - New Names,"* featuring Zachary Haroutunian, piano (New England Conservatory), Sevag Khatchadourian, vocal, and Alexandra Martirosian and Nelli Balian, surprise performance. Saturday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Egavian Cultural Center. Donation: \$10, Refreshments.

APRIL 13

Peace and Rest Service, 7-8 p.m. - The Seventh Word - Matthew 27:54, Luke 23:47, Mark 15:39

APRIL 17

ACYOA Day Palm Sunday Celebration, hosted by the Providence ACYOA's will take place Sunday, April 17 at 1 p.m. in the Egavian Cultural Center. Chicken and Pilaf dinner, \$12 adults, \$5 (kids under 10). Guest Speaker Mayor Harry Tutunjian, Mayor of Troy, NY, ACYOA alumnus and member of St. Peter Armenian Church in Watervliet, NY. Reservations encouraged, call Christina Zaroogian (401-885-2253) or Adam Parnagian (401-942-7334). Please bring your family and support our youth.

APRIL 19

14th Annual Armenian Youth Day, in the Egavian Cultural Center Tuesday, April 19. Activities and lunch provided for children ages 7-14. 8:30-2:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10

Save the date! *"Salute To Armenia"* presented by Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church, Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church, and Armenian Euphrates Evangelical Church on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Program dedicated to the 20th Anniversary of Armenia's Independence with over 100 performers of Armenian song. Event will take place at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul, Providence, RI.

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CELL PHONES: We ask that all cell phones be powered down. Please respect our holy sanctuary & fellow worshippers.

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NOTICES

Ladies Aid will be making *peanut butter kufta* for Lent, available on an "orders only" basis. Please call the church office or Doris Avedisian at 353-1039.

YOUTH BASKETBALL - The Providence ACYOA Juniors releases its 2011 basketball schedule. The newly formed team is playing in the East Providence Church Basketball League. All of the games are located at: Haven Church, 200 Taunton Ave., East Providence, RI. Right off of the Riverside exit of 195. Easy off and easy on. All games are played early SATURDAY mornings: (see next page)

Mar. 26 - 10 a.m. - Newman Church,

April 02 - ALL-STAR GAME

Any questions, please call Steve (401) 419-4392, or Ara (401) 439-6656.

NEWSLETTER - "Paros" - Please submit your articles, notices, pictures, etc. in to the office as soon as possible for the next issue of the "Paros" which is due to be published at the end of March. Thanks.

PALMS & FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER -

Donations towards the purchase of palms for Palm Sunday and flowers for Holy Week and Easter would be greatly appreciated. Forms for this will be available in the hallway by the church office, or you may your send your donation to the church office (call if you would like to use a credit card). Kindly submit to the office by April 13, 2011.

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS, 2011 - Information is now available in the church office for the 2011 Diocesan Summer Camp Programs - St. Vartan Camp (June 26 - August 6). Registration begins Feb. 15 at www.armenianchurch-ed.net. Hye Camp (Ingleside, IL) (July 30-August 6) (Download applications starting March 15 at www.armenianchurch-ed.net). Flyer will be posted on the bulletin board under the church, and applications/flyers are available for your use in the hallway near the church office.

E-mail Addresses: In order to help us communicate with the members of the community in a more efficient and timely manner, we kindly request that you submit your e-mail addresses to the church office at your convenience or e-mail us at <office@stsahmes.org>

The Scholarship Committee of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, is pleased to announce that applications are now available for the Charles Yaghoobian, Jr. Scholarship Grants for 2011. Scholarship Grants will be awarded to qualified members of all three Armenian Churches in RI. Applicants must be dues paying members of their church. Scholarships are limited for up to 3 years only. We are currently seeking qualified candidates for consideration. For an application and a list of eligibility requirements you may contact: Nathalie Yaghoobian, 353-2488. The deadline to submit completed application and all documentation is April 1, 2011.

Sunday School 2010/2011 - All children ages 4 & above are welcome to join our Sunday School family. Classes run 10 a.m. until noon every Sunday. Any questions, contact superintendent, Deborah Onanian, at 401-615-5583 or e-mail at <donanian@cox.net>.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES -

The *Vaughn Avedisian Memorial Fund* is offering scholarships this year by the RI Community Foundation to benefit students from RI to attend a non-profit post-secondary institution that offers either a two year associate or a four year college degree. Information and applications are available by contacting the Church Office, or John Takian (641-5851) johnt@blissproperties.net.

The *Armenian International Women's Association* is offering Scholarship Awards and is accepting applications for the 2011-2012 Academic Year to females of Armenian descent. The complete details are on the bulletin board under the church. E-mail Aiwalnc@aol.com or visit www.aiwa-net.org for forms and information, or write to Scholarship Committee, Armenian International Women's Association, Inc., 65 Main St., Watertown, MA 02472. Completed application must be postmarked no later than April 5, 2011)

PARISH MEMBER DUES - Following the decision of the Feb. 28, 2010 Parish Assembly, membership dues are \$175 (\$125 for seniors & full-time students). Those unable to give full dues may confidentially approach the Parish Council Chairman, Gary Taraian, to explain their situation. Parishioners are kindly asked to contribute beyond dues as part of the "*Stewardship Program.*" Existing members'

dues must be received by Dec. 31, 2011; (new members' must have been received by June 30) to vote at Parish Assembly in February 2012. Forms available in church office.

POOR BOX – Did you know we have poor boxes for donations to help the needy? They are at entrances to the Sanctuary. Contributions appreciated.

GOLD BOX - Parishioners may write prayer requests. Please insert these into the “gold box” to the front left of the chancel. Prayer requests are offered during the Divine Liturgy.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR REMINDER- Remember your non-perishable food donations for Mary House food pantry. For info., contact Joyce Avedisian (724-3978) or Bertha Mugurdichian (351-9276).

CHURCH LIBRARY - Volunteers are needed to assist parishioners for book selections during library hours Sundays from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. & by appointment by calling the office at 272-7712 or Hosanna at 942-3103.

CHILDREN'S & JUNIOR CHOIRS and **NAZELI DANCE GROUP**
Your children & grandchildren are invited to learn to read music, religious hymns, popular Armenian songs & dances. Open for ages 6 thru 16. Rehearsals at the Egavian Cultural Center. Please call the church office (272-7712) or Maestro Petrossian (861-3573) to sign up.

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

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

ARMENIAN RADIO HOUR - Sundays 9-10 a.m. WARL 1320 AM
ARDZAGANG - Armenian Television Program-Statewide Cable Interconnect Channel 13 (A):broadcast Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m

Please see insert for the calendar and notice regarding the Japan Earthquake Relief effort from the Diocese.