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Schedule of Sunday Services

Morning Service (<i>Keesherayeen & 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 10, 2011
Sixth Sunday of Great Lent - *Kalustyan*
Sunday of the Advent
Scripture Readings

Isaiah 66:1-24 (Pg. 741) Colossians 2:8-3:17 (Pg. 182)

Visiting Priest

Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian, Diocesan Vicar

**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to
Matthew (22:34-23:39)**

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sad'ducees, they came together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put thy enemies under thy feet'? If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.

Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice. They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by men; for they make their phylacteries broad

and their fringes long, and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues, and salutations in the market places, and being called rabbi by men. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ. He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you shut the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither enter yourselves, nor allow those who would enter to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you traverse sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. “Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘If any one swears by the temple, it is nothing; but if any one swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.’

You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? And you say, ‘If any one swears by the altar, it is nothing; but if any one swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.’ You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? So he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by everything on it; and he who swears by the temple, swears by it and by him who dwells in it; and he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel! “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of extortion and rapacity. You blind Pharisee! first cleanse the inside of the cup and of the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, saying, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’

Thus you witness against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of innocent Abel

to the blood of Zechari'ah the son of Barachi'ah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

Truly, I say to you, all this will come upon this generation. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!"

Behold, your house is forsaken and desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

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

Let us hold the Holy Mother of God and all the saints as intercessors with the Father in Heaven, that He may be pleased to have mercy and compassion on us, His creatures, and save us. Almighty Lord, our God, save us and have mercy on us. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Dedication of Choir and Deacon's Robes - In 1995, Azarig and Elizabeth Kooloian established the Julia Kooloian Choir Endowment Fund in memory of Julia. Today proceeds from that fund have enabled us to present new robes to our Choir and Deacons. As a special note, a new robe is also being presented to Jasper Der Ananian in honor of his many years of service to the Choir.

Dedication of Divine Liturgy Books - New Divine Liturgy books have been donated by Marjorie Martiesian in gratitude for being honored as "Woman of the Year" by Ladies Aid in 2008.

APRIL 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 Megrđichian (401-419-4392, spmeg77@cox.net)

APRIL 12

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).

APRIL 13

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

APRIL 16

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

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 18

Lenten Outreach - In the spirit of Christian stewardship, part of our parish outreach effort has been to donate food to the Mary House food pantry and to volunteer three (3) times a year at St. Patrick's meal kitchen. April 18, the beginning of Holy Week, is our parish's second date to volunteer. We meet at St. Patrick's on Smith Street between 4:00 and 4:15 PM and begin serving at 4:30. The last meal is served by 5:15 PM when we help with clean-up. Call the Church office, Joyce Avedisian (724-3978), or Bertha Mugurdichian (351-9276) if you have any questions. Thanks to those families who participated in November. Please consider joining us and making this part of your Lenten offering.

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.

Vespers of the Ten Virgins, 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 21

Holy and Great Thursday, Memorial of the Last Supper - Morning Service, 10a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m., Ceremony of the Washing of Feet, 7 p.m., Memorial of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 p.m.

APRIL 22

Holy and Great Friday - Memorial of the Crucifixion of our Lord, 12:00 noon, Memorial of the Burial of our Lord, 7 p.m.

APRIL 23

Holy and Great Saturday -Reading of Sacred Prophecies, 6:30 p.m., Easter Eve Divine Liturgy 7 p.m.

APRIL 24

Easter Sunday - Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ - Morning Service 9 a.m. , Divine Liturgy 10 a.m., Blessing of the Four Corners of the World, 11:45 a.m.

MAY 1

96th Anniversary of the 1915 Armenian Genocide at the North Burial Grounds, Providence, at 12:30 p.m. (In case of rain, in the Egavian Cultural Center).

MAY 8

Annual Mother's Day Cake Sale will be held Sunday, May 8, after church. Sponsored by the Women's Guild. Anyone interested in baking a cake, contributing money towards a cake, and/or helping out, please contact Lillibeth at <emkooloian@aol.com>

MAY 23

(Note the change in date) The Women's Guild will have a presentation on Monday, May 23 at 7 p.m. by Leslie Reichert, "*The Cleaning Coach*," nationally recognized green homekeeping expert dedicated to educating people on keeping their homes, schools and work areas "green." Leslie has appeared on Green House Project, ABC News and FOX and is the author of the book "The Joy of Green Cleaning" which is available at Whole Foods, Amazon.com and will be available the night of the presentation. Coffee and Armenian Pastries will be served. Donation \$7.

MAY 28

Cultural Committee of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church presents a Concert - Nune Badalyan, soprano, soloist of Yerevan National Opera House, also featuring Tim Aznavourian, classical guitar,

and Lusine Ustyan, piano (premier performance in RI). Egavian Cultural Center, 70 Jefferson St., Providence, RI. Details to follow.

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 (Armenian Chorales of RI and Greater Worcester, Symphony Orchestra, and Soloists). Event will take place at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul, Providence, RI. Free admission.

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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.

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.

The Ararat Center is looking for a parishioner in Providence to become its liaison to promote activities at the Ararat Center in Greenville, NY. As liaisons, the Board looks to you to extol the many benefits of the Center and to promote its use during operating season, which runs from the beginning of May through the end of October. The ultimate goal is to make everyone in the parish aware that the Ararat Center belongs to each and every one of us—young and old alike—and that the concept of family and community is enhanced at the Center. It’s time for all of us “to create memories through Armenian Church-related programs and events” and what better place than the Ararat Center—it truly is the perfect facility in which to create those memories. The Ararat Center is most known for holding Saint Vartan Camp, family reunions, Church events from various parishes and its’ Annual Festival every summer. For more information, call Steve Megrdochian @ 401-419 4392 or Andrea Karanian @ 860-673-9325 or check out the Centers’ website at www.araratcenter.org

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 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>

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>.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 10 ACYOA White Cross Project, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 11 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 12 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
Parish Council, 7 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.
- 13 Lenten Service, 7 p.m.
- 15 Nazeli Dance Group, 6 p.m., Jr. Choir 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
ACYOA White Cross Project, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 17 Palm Sunday, Morning Service, 9 a.m., Service of Opening
of the Gates, 10 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
ACYOA Day Palm Sunday Dinner & Speaker 1 p.m.
- 18 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Mary House Meal Kitchen, 4 p.m.
- 19 14th Annual Armenian Youth Day 8:30a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Vespers of the Ten Virgins, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Holy & Great Thursday, Memorial of the Last Supper
Morning Service 10 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.,
Ceremony of the Washing of Feet, 7 p.m., Memorial of
the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 p.m.
- 22 Holy and Great Friday, Memorial of the Crucifixion of our
Lord, 12:00 noon
Memorial of the Burial of Our Lord, 7 p.m.
- 23 Holy and Great Saturday
Reading of Sacred Prophecies, 6:30 p.m.
Easter Eve Divine Liturgy, 7 p.m.
- 24 Easter Sunday, Morning Service 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
Blessing of the Four Corners of the World, Antasdan - 11:45
- 25 Senior Citizens 10 a.m.
- 26 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
- 29 Nazeli Dance Group, 6 p.m., Jr. Choir 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Arts Education 10 a.m.

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- 1 96th Anniversary of the 1915 Armenian Genocide at
the North Burial Grounds, Providence, at 12:30 p.m.
- 8 Women's Guild Annual Mother's Day Cake Sale
- 14-15 ACYOA Lock-In
- 20 Family Night sponsored by ACYOA's
- 22 Armenian School Closing Program
- 23 Women's Guild Presentation*-"The Cleaning Coach" - 7 p.m.
(*Note the change in date)
- 28 Cultural Committee Concert