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Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
THE LIGHTHOUSE BULLETIN

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The Rev. Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor

Schedule of Sunday Services

Morning Service (*Kesheraheen & Aravodyan Jham*)
Divine Liturgy (*Soorp Badarak*)

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 2, 2014
Great Barekandan

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 58:1-14 (Pg. 733) Romans 13:11-14:25 (Pg. 148)
Matthew 6:1-21 (Pg. 4)

Don't just attend the Badarak. See it, feel it, sing it, pray it, hear it, smell it, touch it, and taste it and see how sweet is the Lord!

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"Taste ye, and see, for the Lord is sweet." (Adapted from Psalm 34:8)

Der Shnork

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"A man offers the good things of his soul to God through prayer, those of his body through fasting and those of his possessions through charity. By the first he defeats Satan, the second his body and the third the world:"

-Patriarch Poghos of Adrianapolis

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (6:1-21)

"Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."

"Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who

is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

“And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

“And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Glory to You, O Lord our God!

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Wednesday Evenings of Lent

With the launch of Great Lent, Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church will invite the faithful to gather for prayer on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m. to participate in the Peace and Rest Hour Services, which feature many eloquent penitential prayers and hymns.

We encourage all the faithful to use these evenings of Lent as a way to unwind from the often stressful hustle and bustle of everyday life. By making that special effort to recharge our faith, we provide the soul an opportunity to grow in the faith of Christ.

Lenten Services

The Peace Service, (Khaghaghagan) performed late in the evening, contains prayers for peace, praises to God, thanks for passing this day without tribulation, and reminds us that God is always with us in the face of trial and temptation.

The Rest Service, (Hankusdyan) offered before retiring for the night, requests God to watch over us throughout the night. This service contains the eloquent prayer of St. Nerses the Graceful.

Date and Special Announcement

Lenten Services - Wednesday Evenings - 7:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday March 12th - Special Guest & Preacher -

Rev. Fr. Untsag Nalbandian,

Following the Evening Service, during a fellowship hour, Fr. Untsag will do a presentation and book signing of his newly published book, Fate, Faith Fun.

Please come and join me every Wednesday for prayers and especially join me in welcoming Fr. Untsag on March 12th.

Participating in the Divine Liturgy: Please follow the prayers and hymns of the Divine Liturgy in the books provided in the pews. 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.

Confession and Holy Communion: Those who are preparing to receive Holy Communion may kneel in the center aisle or remain standing at their pew for the group recitation of the confession (p. 48-49). After the absolution please proceed via the central aisle towards the altar in an orderly manner. Two Parish Council members will be present to assist. Please return to your pew via the side aisles.

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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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Note: Please call the office if you would like to include the name of your family member or friend who is presently in the military in our prayers.

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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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Please keep our Christian brothers and sisters in Syria, Iraq, and Egypt in your prayers that God Almighty will watch over them and protect them in these uncertain and dangerous times.

PRAYER FOR HEALING - Armenian Book Of Hours (Sixth Hour)

Remove the pains and heal the wounds of your people, O Lord our God, and grant perfect health to us all through your all-conquering cross, through which you eliminated the weakness of the human race and condemned the enemy of our life and salvation.

You are our life and redemption, beneficent and all-merciful God, and you alone can forgive our sins, remove diseases and sicknesses from us. You know our needs, O giver of gifts; grant your abundant mercy to all your creatures, each one according to his needs. And through your gifts may we always praise the all-holy Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen

Prayers of Healing have been requested for:

His Beatitude Archbishop Mesrob Mutafyan, Patriarch of Constantinople, Ani Anjel Ayanyan , Very Rev. Fr. Shnork Kasparian

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Prayer Card Ministry

Information about the ***Prayer Card Ministry*** of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church is available through the church office. If you would like to request a Healing Prayer Card or a Memorial Prayer Card for a loved one, please call the office (272-7712). Details for this are available on line at <http://www.stsahmes.org/prayercard.shtml>

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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:

- **ASHOT UZUNYAN** (1 Year Memorial - Dareleetz); **LORA DALLAKYAN** (25 Year Memorial) - requested by Arman Uzunyan and the Gevorkian Family.

- **PAUL KAZARIAN** (Two Year Memorial) - Requested in honor of our Ambassador Emeritus (In Memoriam) by the Charles and Agnes Kazarian Eternal Foundation, Washington, DC.

- **SUSAN VARADIAN TORKOMIAN** (16 Year Memorial) – requested by Nancy Torkomian, Caracciolo Family; Paolino Family.

- **HRANT SHAMSHOIAN, JAMES SHAMSHOIAN** – requested by the Shamshoian Family.

- **BEATRICE AZNAVOURIAN** (23 Year Memorial) - requested by William Aznavourian.

- **HAIGOUSH VARDANYAN** (5 Year Memorial) - requested by the Petrosyan Family; the Faryan Family; Sarkis & Sarah Odabashyan.

- **HAGOP & ARSHALOUS TOSOUNIAN; KAYZAG TOTOVIAN** - requested by the Totovian and Tosounian 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

A donation for **Altar Flowers** has been given today in loving memory of Hagop & Arshalous Tosounian and Kayzag Totovian by the Totovian and Tosounian Family.

MARCH 3

Senior Citizens 10 am- come join us every Monday (weather permitting, excluding holidays). Have fun with your friends and neighbors and enjoy with us "coffee and.....", cards, tavloo, pinochle, etc."

MARCH 3

Deacon's Training classes will begin on March 3, Mondays from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. and every other week thereafter.

MARCH 4

Acolyte Training classes meet on Tuesdays from 5 p.m.- 6 p.m. Next class March 4 and every other week thereafter. New students? Please contact Der Hayr, 272-7712.

MARCH 4

Armenian School - Classes meet from 6 pm to 8 pm. on Tuesdays. For more information please contact Deacon Hagop Ghajanian tel: 401-862-6815 or e-mail: h.ghajanian@verizon.net

MARCH 4

Centennial Banquet Committee meeting: 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4. Please contact Nathalie Yaghoobian (353-2488)

MARCH 5

Lenten Services "Lent Through the Experience of the Church Fathers" will begin on March 5 from 7-8 p.m. and continue through Lent on March 12, 19, 26, and April 2, 9 and 16.

MARCH 6

Armenian Martyr's Committee community meeting at 7 p.m.

MARCH 7

Bible Study - Spring Session - Gospel of John - Friday, February 28 from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Please join us. *Jr. Choir* at 6 p.m. *Nazeli Dance Group* at 6:30 p.m. (Please note the changes)

MARCH 8

Arts Education Program - meeting on Saturdays 10 a.m. in Egavian Cultural Center. Please speak with Janna Guegamian (861-3573) for information.

MARCH 10

New!! Badarak 101 - Come learn about the history, meaning, and spirituality of the Divine Liturgy of the Armenian church. Instructor, Fr. Shnork Souin. Every Monday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. Begins on March 3 (*please note the change in date*) through April 7th. Please RSVP to let us know of your participation at dershnork@gmail.com (No Class on March 24)

MARCH 14, 15

Life Touch Photography sessions scheduled for March 14 and 15, please see notice elsewhere in this bulletin.

MARCH 24

The *Armenian Chorale of RI* will begin rehearsing on Monday, March 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Egavian Hall, and every Monday thereafter in preparation for our memorial concert in April 26, and Centennial celebration Concert in June 13. Also, the Chorale invite new members. Please speak with Maestro Konstantin Petrossian (861-3573).

NOTICES

Special Notice - the Sunday School is inviting parishioners the opportunity to fulfill our Lord's request to spread the Good News. Share your time and talent with the youth of our church. We need your support in such positions as teacher, assistant teacher, substitute teacher, assembly presenters. Please share in this service to our Lord. If interested, please speak with Der Hayr, or any CEAB member.

Note: You may now order the new **2014 Project Graduation Calendars** in support of Project Graduation. Order on line at <http://www.stsahmes.org> & follow the links for the Project Graduation Calendar.

Scholarship Opportunities:

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 2014. 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, 2014.

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 (401-641-5851) johnht@blissproperties.net. The deadline must arrive by April 5, 2014 to be considered. Please contact Sylvia Long at (401) 884-4343 with any questions concerning the application process.

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP 2014- information for the Diocesan Summer Camp sessions is now available, so you can start planning now (St. Vartan Camp and Hye Camp). For information, contact: The Dept. of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, Jennifer E. Morris, Director, JenniferM@armeniandiocese.org or 248-648-0702 or Lorie Odabashian, Coordinator, LorieO@armeniandiocese.org or 212-686-0710 ext. 143 You may also visit the Diocesan website at <http://www.armenianchurch-ed.net>. Scholarships will be available for St. Nersess & St. Vartan camp for children whose parents are dues paying members of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church. Please notify the office for applications.

PARISH MEMBER DUES Following the decision of the 2/28/10 Parish Assembly, membership dues are \$175 (\$125 for seniors & full-time students). Those unable to give full dues may confidentially approach the Pastor to explain their situation. Parishioners are kindly asked to contribute beyond dues as part of the **"Stewardship Program."** **Existing members' dues must have been received by Dec. 31, 2013;** (new members must be received by June 30 to vote at Parish Assembly in February 2014).

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR REMINDER- Remember your non-perishable food donations for Mary House food pantry. Items that move very quickly and **are needed the most** - **tuna, peanut butter, jelly, soups and rice.** Donations of these food items will be greatly appreciated. As always thanks so much for supporting Mary House. For info., contact Joyce Avedisian (724-3978) or Bertha Mugurdichian (351-9276).

VETERANS LIST: We are continuing to update our Veteran's list and will do so on a ongoing basis. Please send an email to Gary Nahabedian at GaryNahabedian@hotmail.com. If email is unavailable please call him at 401-580-8123. Please make sure to leave the veteran's name, branch of service and living, deceased or killed in action. (Rank is optional).

HOME BLESSINGS - Parishioners are encouraged to have their homes blessed. Please invite Der Hayr to bless your home. Have a piece of bread, dish of salt and glass of water available for the blessing.

Der Hayr's Prayer List: Please inform the office if you have friends or family who are suffering any physical or spiritual distress and are in need of prayer, and Der Hayr will add them to his prayer list where they will be remembered before the Holy and Immortal Lamb of God during the Eucharist. *You may also use the prayer request cards and place them in the Gold Box.*

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

CHURCH LIBRARY - Anyone needing assistance to donate or take out books from the Church Library should call the church office at 272-7712. There are Armenian books for sale which are shown in the bookcase outside of the library including books by Dn. Gevork Gevorkian -- Contact information for his books: Deacon Gevork Gevorkian (ggevorkian@verizon.net or 401-714-9842 and 401-823-9050).

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

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ANNOUNCEMENT: NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

Dear Parishioners,

We are excited to announce that, in celebration of our Centennial, we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us to connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation. ***Please participate!***

All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional photographer at the church. For the next several weeks we will be making appointments after church services in the Egavian Hall. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule. Appointments can also be made very easily on-line.

Look for information and link on our web site coming soon - TBA! Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a FREE directory and a complimentary 8x10 portrait. You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing. The program is available at no cost to the church.

Along with the FREE 8x10 Portrait, you will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time. Whether you decide to dress formal or casual, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The scheduled dates for photography and portrait viewing are:

ATTENTION: COLLEGE STUDENTS? SNOW BIRDS?

Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15, 2014

Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, 2014.

*Friday times are from 2:30 - 9:00

*Saturday times are from 10:00 - 5:00

If you have questions, please contact Yn. Julie Souin at 973-865-9925 or Linda Salas at 401-300-6779. Again, if you have college students or are heading South after Armenian Christmas, **please sign up for session 2 sit-tings-March 14 or March 15, 2014.**

We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. Start making your appointments **TODAY** after church.

Our new pictorial directory won't be complete without you!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 3 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Deacon Training 6 p.m.
- 4 Acolyte Training Class 5 p.m.
Armenian Language School 6 p.m.
Centennial Banquet Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 5 Lenten Services begin 7 - 8 p.m..
- 6 Armenian Martyr's Committee Community Meeting 7 pm
- 7 Bible Study 12 p.m.
Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
- 9 Daylight Savings begins
- 10 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Badarak 101 at 7 p.m.
- 11 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
Parish Council 7 p.m.
- 12 Lenten Service 7-8 p.m. Fr. Untzag Nalbandian Guest
Speaker & Preacher, and Book Presentation
- 14 Bible Study 12 p.m.
Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 14,15 Life Touch Photography sessions - remember to sign up !!
- 17 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Deacon Training 6 p.m., Badarak 101 - 7 p.m.
- 18 Acolytes Class 5 p.m., Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
- 19 Lenten Service 7-8 p.m.
- 21 Bible Study 12 p.m..
Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
- 24 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m. -- **NO** Badarak 101
Armenian Chorale of RI begins rehearsing at 7 p.m.
- 25 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
- 26 Lenten Service 7-8 p.m.
- 28 Bible Study 12 p.m.
Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
- 31 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Armenian Chorale 7 p.m.