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Schedule of Lenten Sunday Services

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

Sunday, March 30, 2014

Sunday of the Judge - Դատաւորի Կիրակի - *Tadavori Giragi*

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 65:8-25 (Pg. 738) Philippians 3:1-4:9 (Pg. 180)

Luke 17:20-18:14 (Pg. 73)

**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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Lent's fifth Sunday is known as The Sunday of the Judge. This Sunday's parable (Luke 18:1-8) involves an unjust judge who refuses to hear a widow's plea. But because of the widow's persistence to be vindicated against her adversary, even this hard, godless judge gives in and conducts a trial. This parable assures us that God, our just and loving judge, will not turn a deaf ear to the pleas of His children; but we learn, too, the need for perseverance in the Christian life.

Reprinted from the website of the Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern)

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This Sunday, Saints Sahag and Mesrob Church, will conduct a special plate collection with proceeds to be sent to the Diocese for the Aid and Relief of Armenians displaced from Kessab Syria. Please read the Primates Message and Plea regarding the situation in the historical Armenian town of Kessab and the efforts of Turkey and known TERRORIST Cells to depopulate it of Armenians.

Prayerfully,
Fr. Shnork Souin

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (17:20-18:14)

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Lo, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you." And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and you will not see it.

And they will say to you, 'Lo, there!' or 'Lo, here!' Do not go, do not follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of man be in his day. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was in the days of Lot--they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom fire and sulphur rained from heaven and destroyed them all -- so will it be on the day when the Son of man is revealed. On that day, let him who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it.

I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other left." And they said to him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'"

And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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.

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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: During the Lenten period, Holy Communion will not be distributed during the Divine Liturgy and the Altar Curtain will remain closed. Those wishing to see the Pastor for private confession and/or desiring to receive Communion privately should speak to Der Hayr.

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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.

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

O Lord, send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Then I will go to the altar of God, and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God. Amen.

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Please keep our Christian brothers and sisters in Syria especially with the tragic events that are taking place now in Kessab; 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, Iris Kalian**

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:

- **GRACE SIMONIAN** (40 Day Memorial) Karasoonk) - requested by Peter Simonian; Marilee Simonian.

- **PETER JAMGOCHIAN** (One Year Memorial - Dareleetz) - requested by Victoria Jamgochian; Peter S. Jamgochian; Gary R. Kolligian; the Senior Citizens of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church; Malcolm, Paul, and Gregory Yekhtikian.

- **ANOUSHMEKLIAN; ZEVRT APKARIAN; STEPAN GIRAGOSIAN; DEPOYAN FAMILY MEMBERS** - requested by Mary and Zabel Meklian and the Curran Family.

- **EDWARD J. CURRAN; JOHN T. CURRAN** - requested by the Curran Family and Meklian Family.

- **JENNIE GARABEDIAN** - requested by Mary and Zabel Meklian.

- **ARDASHES JAMGOCHIAN** (40 Year Memorial) and **NOURITZA ADISHIAN JAMGOCHIAN** (9 Year Memorial) - requested by Martha and Daniel Jamgochian.

- **MARTHA and WILDOR FLEURY** - requested by Kachadour & Marilyn Kojoian and Family; Leona & Wayne Bailey; Chris & Meggan Bailey; Naomi Thovmasian Marsh and Family; Linda Angell.

- **DEACON CARL AYRASSIAN** (33 Year Memorial) - requested by Mrs. Agnes Ayrassian; Robert Ayrassian; Mrs. Sue Ayrassian; Ann Ayrassian; Gary Ayrassian and Courtney; Greg, Susan, Chris, David & Tara Ayrassian.

...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 today's *Coffee Hour* has been given in loving memory of Grace Simonian by Peter Simonian.

A *Candle Donation* is offered in loving memory of Anoush Meklian and Depoyan Family Members.

MARCH 31

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."

The *Armenian Chorale of RI* will be rehearsing on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Egavian Hall, next rehearsal March 31 in preparation for our memorial concert on April 26, and Centennial Celebration Concert in June 13. Also, the Chorale invites new members. Please speak with Maestro Konstantin Petrossian (861-3573).

Badarak 101 - Come learn about the history, church, meaning, and spirituality of the Divine Liturgy of the Armenian church. Instructor, Fr. Shnork Souin. Every Monday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. Meeting through April 14th. Please RSVP to let us know of your participation at dershork@gmail.com

APRIL 1

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

Acolyte Training classes meet on Tuesdays from 5 p.m.- 6 p.m. Next class April 1 and every other week thereafter.

APRIL 2

Lenten Services - "Lent Through the Experience of the Church Fathers" on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. continues through Lent on April 2, 9 and 16.

APRIL 2-4

The church will be making *Lenten Kufta* available the first week week of April, \$14 per dozen, \$7 for 1/2 dozen. If you would like to place an order, please call the church office (401-272-7712).

APRIL 4

Bible Study - Spring Session - Gospel of John - Friday, April 4 from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Please join us. *Jr. Choir* at 6 p.m. *Nazeli Dance Group* at 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 5

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

APRIL 6

Sunday, April 6, the *Sunday School will sponsor a Bake Sale* during the Fellowship Hour to raise funds for their Lenten Drive. Your support & participation will be greatly appreciated. 2013 Sunday School graduates who traveled to Armenia as part of Project Graduation will make a slide presentation of their trip (including the service project in Hatsik).

APRIL 7

Deacon's Training classes, Mondays from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. and every other week. Next class April 7.

The *Women's Guild* will meet on Monday, April 7 at 7:15 p.m. planning for upcoming events, we need your help !

APRIL 12

Saintly Women's Day will be hosted this year by the Women's Guild of St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, MA on April 12 (Saturday). 10:30 a.m. Welcome/ Coffee in the church hall, 11 a.m. service and 12:00 Luncheon & Program honoring St. Santoukht. \$25 per person, proceeds will be given to the Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program (CASP) and the Vanadzor Elderly Project. Reserve by April 6 to Nancy Kassabian (781-322-0029) or Gail Boroyan (978-256-5906)

APRIL 13

ACYOA Day - Palm Sunday Celebration at 1 p.m. in Egavian Cultural Center. Presentation by Cailyne Ghazarian on her trip to Jerusalem in 2013. Chicken and Pilaf Dinner \$12 adults, \$5 kids under 10. Reservations encouraged, call Christopher Parnagian (401-489-8337), Hasmik Gevorkian (401-714-5723) or Church Office (401-272-7712)

APRIL 13 - 20

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter - a complete schedule has been mailed out, see dates for services in the Calendar of Events.

APRIL 14

Mary House Outreach - In the spirit of Christian stewardship, part of our parish outreach effort is to donate food to the Mary House food pantry and to volunteer at St. Patrick's meal kitchen. Monday, April 14, is our parish's next date to volunteer. We meet at St. Patrick's on Smith Street by 3:45 PM. 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. Future date will be June 16.

APRIL 22

The *17th Annual Armenian Youth Day* sponsored by The Armenian Martyrs' Memorial Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in Egavian Cultural Center. This is the 99th Anniversary of the 1915 Genocide. Registration is at 8:30am with orientation at 8:50am. The program will run from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Please contact Martha Jamgochian for information (401-723-3344).

APRIL 24

Divine Liturgy 6 p.m. and Requiem on the occasion of the 99th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. A movie will be shown in Hanoian Hall following the Liturgy.

APRIL 25 & 26

Life Touch Photography sessions scheduled for April 25 and 26, please see notice elsewhere in this bulletin.

APRIL 26

Dedicated to the 99th Anniversary of the Genocide, *Solemn Memorial Service and Concert* performed by the Armenian Chorale of RI from 7-8 p.m. Blessing of Madagh. Genocide Art Exhibition, hosted by the Cultural Committee. Let us not forget.

APRIL 27

Divine Liturgy will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m., (no requiems at the church or fellowship hour, snacks available for the road) All the faithful are urged to attend the **COMMEMORATION** at the **NORTH BURIAL GROUND** - let's stand together on April 27th.

MAY 9

Annual Sports Scholarship Banquet- watch for details.

MAY 11

Mother's Day Cake Sale by the Women's Guild.

MAY 12

Save the date - Golf Tournament at the Cranston Country Club on Monday, May 12. Longest drive, closest to pin, hole in one, silent auction, lunch and dinner included. Individual Golfer rates \$150, sponsorships available.

NOTICES

Sunday School Lenten Food Drive - The Diocesan-wide Lenten Drive for our Sunday School is "*feeding the hungry.*" Throughout Lent, our students will be raising funds to benefit "*Feeding America*" and the "*Berd Soup Kitchen*" in Armenia. In addition, Mrs. Dorothy Martiesian and her 8th & 9th grade students are coordinating a *Peanut Butter Drive* to support the needy closer to home. Their goal, with our Centennial Anniversary in mind, is to collect 100 jars of peanut butter for the Mary House Food Pantry. **So far we have collected 33 jars.** A special collection bin is located in the Sunday School hall or you place jars in the food pantry collection bins near the sanctuary and elevator doors. Thanks for your generosity!

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 are available in the hallway by the church office, or you may send your donation to the church office (call if you would like to use a credit card). Deadline for palm donations, April 10, for flower donations, April 17. Donations will be acknowledged in the Bulletins on 4/13 & 4/20.

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.

Scholarship Opportunity:

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) johnt@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 Diocesan17thArmenian999 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 2/26/2014 Parish Assembly, membership dues are \$175 (\$125 for seniors). Based on a new Diocesan by-law and as this is the centennial year, dues for members age 18-24 are only \$100. 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 be received by Dec. 31, 2014;** (new members must be received by June 30 to vote at Parish Assembly in February 2015.) Don't forget to take advantage of the many payment options which can be made on line, by check, credit card, in full, or in part weekly, monthly or quarterly.

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).

EASTER HOME BLESSINGS - Parishioners are encouraged to have their homes blessed after Easter. 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)

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, please see insert.