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Schedule of Sunday Services

Morning Service (<i>Kesheraheen & Aravodyan Jham</i>)	9:00 a.m.
Service of Opening of the Doors (<i>Trnpatsek</i>)	10:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (<i>Soorp Badarak</i>)	10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 13, 2014

🌿 Palm Sunday - Ծաղկազարդ - Dzaghgazart 🌿

Scripture Readings

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

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

Don't just attend the Badarak. See it, feel it, sing it, pray it, hear it, smell it, and taste 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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Palm Sunday, celebrates Christ's entry into Jerusalem, when He was hailed as the Messiah and King of Israel. Since Christ was greeted with palm fronds and olive branches on that day, we observe this occasion by distributing palm leaves to the congregation. During the Palm Sunday liturgy, the service of "The Opening of the Doors" takes place.

The priest and faithful pray for entry once again into God's glorious Kingdom and wait for the church to symbolically open Her doors (by opening the black curtains) just as Christ paved the way for the resurrection of humanity.

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Please join me for the many services throughout Holy Week as we walk together with our Lord through His Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem at Palm Sunday and His Passion with the Last Supper on Thursday through the Washing of the Feet and Betrayal in the Garden of Eden. On Good Friday come to the Tomb and then on Holy Saturday celebrate the victorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ with the Divine liturgy of Jrakaluyts, the most important night of the Church year and then again on Easter Sunday. God bless you and have a blessed holy week.

Der Shnork

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20:29-21:17

And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the roadside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent; but they cried out the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" And Jesus stopped and called them, saying, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they received their sight and followed him.

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers." And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise'?" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Glory to You, O Lord our God!

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Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The faithful says:

Յիշեսցիր եւ զիս առաջի անմահ գաղիկն Աստուծոյ:

Hee-shes-cheer yev zeez a-rra-chee an-mah ka-rinn As-doo-dzo.

(Remember me before the immortal Lamb of God.)

The priest says:

Յիշեալ լիջիր առաջի անմահ գաղիկն Աստուծոյ:

Hee-shyal lee-cheer a-rra-chee an-mah ka-rinn As-doo-dzo.

(You shall be remembered before the immortal Lamb of God.)

Response for the Kiss of Peace:

The giver says:

Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ:

Krees-dos ee mech mer hayd-ne-tsav.

(Christ is revealed in our midst.)

The receiver says:

Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:
Orh-nyal eh hayd-noo-tyoo-nun Krees-do-see.
(Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)

Response when Kissing the Gospel (after the Divine Liturgy):

The faithful says:

Ֆիշեսցէ Տէր զամենայն պատարագս քո:
Hee-shes-tseh Der za-me-nayn ba-da-ra-kus ko.
(May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.)

The priest says:

Տագէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում:
Da-tseh kez Der usd sur-dee koom.
(May the Lord grant to you according to your heart.)

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 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.

Prayer of the Week

Open to us, O Lord, the door of your mercy, and make us worthy of your dwellings of light together with your saints. Receive us also, O Savior, into your mansions prepared for your saints, and inscribe our names in the Book of Life. O formidable judge, when you sit in the judgment seat, spare your creatures through the intercession and prayers of the holy ascetics.

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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

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.sahames.org/prayercard.shtml>

A *Prayer Card* has been requested for Sarah Arzoomanian, given by the Women's Guild.

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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:

- **LAZARUS MARTIESIAN** (7th Day of Passing) - requested by his 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

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.

Today there will be a second collection for the **Sunday School** Lenten Drive. Your support & participation will be greatly appreciated.

Choreg will be available after church this morning, \$12 per dozen. Please see Shake to purchase.

Palm Donations - Please see Insert.

APRIL 14

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."

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 4:00 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.

The *Armenian Chorale of RI* will be rehearsing on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Egavian Hall, next rehearsal April 7, 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, meaning, and spirituality of the Divine Liturgy of the Armenian church. Instructor, Fr. Shnork Souin. Monday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. April 14th, 21st.

APRIL 15

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

APRIL 17 - 20

Holy Week and Easter Services - please see insert

APRIL 19

Holy Saturday, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, there will be a installation and dedication of the Parish Council followed by a Home Blessing in the Egavian Hall.

APRIL 21

Deacon's Training classes, Mondays from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. and every other week. Next class April 21.

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

There will be a ***Flag Raising*** ceremony at the North Providence Town Hall on Friday, April 25 at 10 a.m.. Jack Chakoian will be honored.

Bible Study - Spring Session - Gospel of John - Friday, April 25 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 25 & 26

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

APRIL 26

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

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. Donations towards the Madagh would be appreciated. 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** after services - let's stand together on April 27th.

MAY 4

The Sunday School of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church presents *Godparents Sunday*, celebrating Godparents & Godchildren. All Godparents & Godchildren of all ages are invited to join our parish in honor of their sacred bond. Join us for this joyous renewal of Baptismal Vows and for fellowship following the services.

Mayor Tavares will join us for the Dedication & Centennial Proclamation, followed by fellowship in the Egavian Hall.

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.

JUNE 13

Under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate, on Friday, June 13, 2014 at 7 p.m. a concert in celebration of a century of "Light, Hope and Faith" featuring soloists from Armenia, NY, MA, RI, the Armenian Chorale of RI and Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Kontantin Petrossian at the new St. Mary & St. Mena Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, Scituate Ave., Cranston, RI. Spiritual and traditional Armenian Music, also, premier songs composed especially for this event by Armenian composers will be included in the program. This concert is not to be missed.

NOTICES

Sunday School Lenten Food Drive - The Diocesan-wide Lenten Drive for our Sunday School is "*feeding the hungry.*" Throughout Lent, our students have been 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 approximately 70 jars.** A special collection bin is located in the Sunday School hall or you may place jars in the food pantry collection bins near the sanctuary and elevator doors. Thanks for your generosity!

FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER -

Donations towards the purchase of 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 flower donations, April 17. Donations will be acknowledged in the Bulletin on Easter, 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.

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 an 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

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! 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, 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 who might be away now, **please sign up for sittings in April**

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, please see insert.