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Schedule of Sunday Services

Morning Service (<i>Kesheraheen & Aravodyan Jham</i>)	9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (<i>Soorp Badarak</i>)	10:00 a.m.
Blessing of the Four Corners of the World (<i>Antastan</i>)	11:45 a.m.

Sunday, April 20, 2014

Easter Sunday - *Soorp Zadig* - Սուրբ Զատիկ

Scripture Readings

Acts 1:15-26 (Pg. 108) Mark 16:2-8 (Pg. 50)

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)

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Primate's Easter Message

Living the Resurrection

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed!" he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" (Mark 16:5-7)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers...and said, "Brothers and sisters...it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." (Acts 1:15-22)

As we approach the great celebration of our Lord's resurrection, there is no better guide for our thoughts and hearts than the liturgy of the Armenian Church. The readings for Easter Sunday are especially instructive.

From St. Mark we hear the story of the empty tomb: the women arriving to perform the ritual anointing, stunned to see that the stone had been rolled away, amazed to hear an angel declare their Lord's resurrection. This episode is retold in each of the gospels, confirming the miracle that changed the world forever: Christ had risen from the dead, healing the wound that had severed earth from heaven so long ago.

The Book of Acts chronicles the story of the Church-the Body born out of Christ's sacrifice-and in this Easter lection we learn the criteria of discipleship.

For in replacing Judas, the disciples were searching for someone who fulfilled two requirements: First, they felt the new disciple should have accompanied Christ throughout his ministry; and second, he should be prepared to witness to Christ's resurrection.

The disciples were seeking someone who would not just believe and follow, but who would actually live the Resurrection. What would such a life look like?

Mary Magdalene's story from the Gospel of St. John, read to us twice on Easter Sunday-at the opening and closing of the day-provides a powerful answer. Healed by Jesus, Mary is mentioned in all four gospels, and generally listed first whenever the women are mentioned (except when she stands with Mary, Jesus' mother, at the cross). She was clearly a formidable presence among Jesus' followers. Most importantly for us, she sets the example for a life transformed by the Lord, having accompanied him throughout his travels and in his darkest hours-even to Jerusalem, where she saw Christ crucified, and laid to rest in the tomb. Finally, she was the first, according to John, to see the risen Lord and proclaim his resurrection. "Go!" Jesus told her. And go she did, with the joyful words: "I have seen the Lord!" What does it mean, 2,000 years later, to walk with Christ and live the Resurrection?

Living the Resurrection means to follow Christ daily by opening our hearts to him through the Bible, and through the fellowship of his people, the Church. Living the Resurrection means putting off one's old self with its old habits, and putting on a new self-which God is continually renewing in his own image, to bring us to a full knowledge of himself (Colossians 3:9-10).

Living the Resurrection means loving one another as God loved us, for by this and this primarily will we be known as disciples of Jesus (John 13:35). Living the Resurrection means not just hearing the good news, but putting it into practice-walking with the Holy Spirit and bearing the fruits of that relationship: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

Living the Resurrection means that we not only believe and trust in that miraculous event, but are ready to witness to it-as the disciple chosen to replace Judas was ready. Do we, as witnesses, truly believe in all the ways Christ is with us, today and always? Can we, in company with the joyful Mary Magdalene, boldly declare to the world: "I have seen the risen Lord!"

Our Armenian ancestors were the first people, as a nation, to join in that declaration. With boldness and joy, and at great cost, they declared that Jesus Christ was the Lord of their lives. Over the subsequent centuries, millions of Armenians have endured sacrifice-from the plains of Avarayr to the sands of Der Zor-for the love of their Lord and the integrity of their faith. Preserving the heritage we share with these martyrs is the precious responsibility of our generation, and of all future generations of the Armenian people.

But as we rightfully honor these martyrdoms, let us also commit ourselves-as they did-to taking up the Lord's cross every day. Let us dedicate ourselves to our own transformation to glorify God, as He works through all of creation, "groaning with the pangs of labor" (Romans 8:22) to restore the world: an endeavor of divine love that burst forth with renewed vigor from the Cross of Jesus Christ. For under its protective and empowering shadow, the Lord's faithful continue to gather in hope and joy. In this spirit let us live Christ's resurrection this Easter, as we proclaim:

***Krisdos haryav ee merelotz! Orhnyal eh harootiunun Krisdosee!
Christ is raised from the dead! Blessed is the resurrection of Christ!***

—Archbishop Khajag Barsamian

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 16:2-8

And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; -- it was very large.

And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him.

But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

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 գառիկն 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 գառիկն 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:

Յիշեսցէ 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:

Տաղէ 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 Krparar 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.

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.

*The Pastor, Parish Council and Delegates wish
you and your loved ones a Happy Easter. May the
blessings of our resurrected Savior fill your hearts with
joy, peace, love and forgiveness.*

Prayer of the Week

We rejoice with great joy for the Good News of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has been the fruit and the first born of all that have fallen asleep. He has destroyed the gates of hell, and loosed the tyranny of death; and he gave us the firm hope of the renewal of the life of all men.

In faith let us ask of our Savior Jesus Christ that he may please to make us worthy of his resurrection, and to transform our lowly body into the likeness of his glorious Body. For the very God, Jesus Christ our Lord, has promised to grant this great and ineffable gift to them that love him.

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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.stsahmes.org/prayercard.shtml>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Two large *Easter Pascal Candles* have been donated in loving memory of Archdeacon Hachadoor Madenigian, Zartar Madenigian, and Helen and John Seplocha by Dr. Holly Seplocha; Joy & Patrick Ramsier and Children; and Joni Cochran.

Donations of *Flowers for Holy Week & Easter* - see Insert.

APRIL 21

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."

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

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 21st.

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 - Last study of the season - 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.

APRIL 29

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

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.

JUNE 14

The Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Gala Centennial Banquet will be held on Saturday, June 14th at the Marriott Hotel on Orms Street. After a cocktail hour at 6 o'clock, the dinner will begin at 7. The Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening will be RI State Representative Katherine Kazarian. The Reverend Father Mardiros Chevian, Dean of St. Nersess Seminary, who is originally

from Providence, will give the keynote address. Tickets are \$85 dollars. For reservations, please contact the church office at 272-7712 or Ann Ayrassian at 272-4743. We welcome all to join us in celebrating this joyous occasion!

NOTICES

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Sunday School Lenten Drive - The Diocesan-wide Lenten Drive for our Sunday School was "*feeding the hungry.*" Throughout Lent, our students raised over \$1,100 to benefit "*Feeding America*" and the "*Berd Soup Kitchen*" in Armenia. In addition, Mrs. Dorothy Martiesian and her 8th & 9th grade students had a goal, with our Centennial Anniversary in mind, to collect 100 jars of peanut butter for the Mary House Food Pantry. With everyone's participation, **we have collected 122 jars!**

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

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR APRIL 25-26 SESSIONS

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

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.