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Schedule of Sunday Services

Morning Service (*Keesheraheen & Aravodyan Jham*)

9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (*Soorp Badarak*)

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 4, 2014

Sunday of the World Church - Green Sunday

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Godparents' Sunday

Scripture Readings

Acts 9:23-31 (Pg. 116) I Peter 2:1-10 (Pg. 209)

John 2:23-3:12 (Pg. 85)

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!

Ճաշակեցէք եւ տեսէք զի քաղցր է Տէր:

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

Der Shnork

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Today, our Sunday School Children will approach the Chancel with their Godparents where I will perform a re-affirmation of their Baptismal Vows and bless them with the Christ-given promises of the Holy Spirit sealed with their Chrismation with the Holy Muron. How wonderful it is to be reminded of the grace and new life given to us by our immersion in the waters of Baptism and whereby being grafted into the Body of Christ.

Providence's Mayor, Angel Taveras, will be joining us following the Divine Liturgy. At 12:30pm, Mayor Taveras will issue a proclamation to Saints Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church, in honor of our Centennial Anniversary and her service and witness throughout the century not only to the Armenian community but to the citizens of Providence.

An exciting announcement and special unveiling will accompany Mayor Taveras' proclamation on this great occasion that will have a lasting legacy for another 100 years!

A special fellowship to mark the occasion of our Mayor's visit and Godparent's day will take place in the Egavian Auditorium following Badarak. All faithful of the community are cordially invited to attend the Divine Liturgy and as we receive the Mayor's Proclamation.

Prayerfully, Der Shnork

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (2:23-3:12)

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicode'mus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicode'mus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." Nicode'mus said to him, "How can this be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

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 գառինն 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 գառինն 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 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.

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

Guard us, O Christ our God, in peace under the shadow of your holy and venerable Cross. Deliver us from the visible and invisible enemy. Make us worthy to give you thanks and to glorify you together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. 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, Carol Casparian

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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

The Sunday School of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church presents *Godparents Sunday*, celebrating Godparents & Godchildren. Godparents & Godchildren of all ages are invited to join our parish in honor of their sacred bond and joyous renewal of Baptismal Vows.

Providence's Mayor, Angel Taveras, will be joining us following the Divine Liturgy for a special proclamation in honor of our Centennial Anniversary. Fellowship following in Egavian Hall.

A donation for today's *Fellowship* has been given in loving memory of Bedros "Pete" Bedrosian by Mrs. Bedros Bedrosian and Family.

A donation for *Altar Candles* has been given today in loving memory of Mitchell Kezirian by Shirley Kezirian and Family.

MAY 5

Senior Citizens - come join us every Monday at 10 a.m. (weather permitting, excluding holidays). Have fun with your friends and neighbors and enjoy with us "coffee and", cards, tavloo, pinochle, etc." Monday, May 5 the Seniors will be having a May Breakfast.

The *Armenian Chorale of RI* will be rehearsing on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Egavian Hall, next rehearsal 5/5 in preparation for Centennial Celebration Concert on June 13. Also, the Chorale invites new members. Please speak with Maestro Konstantin Petrossian (861-3573).

MAY 6

Armenian Language 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 9

Annual Sports Banquet- Friday evening, May 9, social hour at 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Tickets, \$20 per person. The Charles Yaghoobian, Jr. Memorial Award, honoring RI Armenian athletes of the year, special recognition Trooper Roupen Bastajian RI State Police, Past Great Armenian Athlete Malcolm Najarian. Recipients of the Charles Yaghoobian Jr. Scholarship grants to be announced, awarding of the Vaughn Avedisian Memorial Scholarships. For tickets please call Rosemary Kuzirian 421-0480, eventints 943-3158.

MAY 10

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

MAY 11

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

MAY 12

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. Contact Nick Durgarian (durgarian@gmail.com), Paul Surabian (psurabian@douglasri.com) or Marc Janigian (mjanigian@cox.net)

MAY 18

Nazeli Dance Group will have a bake sale on May 18 after church.

MAY 22

Armenian Martyr's Memorial Committee community meeting, 7 p.m. in Hanoian Hall. on May 22.

MAY 31

The Cultural Committee cordially invites the RI Community to attend the *Annual Children's Talent Show, "Reflections of Armenian Youth"* on Saturday evening, May 31, 2014, 7:00 p.m. in the Egavian Cultural Center. Let us encourage our talented young people with a large attendance! Any youngsters wishing to participate in the Talent Show are urged to contact Janna Guegamian at 861-3573 or Irene Eranosian at (401) 942-5423 before May 25. This Talent Show is open to the youth of the entire RI Armenian Community. Donation: \$5.00 at the door. Children under 16 no charge.

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!

JUNE 15

Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian followed by the unveiling and consecration of the Centennial anniversary Khatchar. Reception in the Egavian Hall.

NOTICES

THANK YOU - Mrs. Dorothy Martiesian and her Sunday School class would like to thank everyone for helping them to reach and exceed their goal by collecting 144 jars of peanut butter which will be delivered to Mary House.

HOLY TRANSLOR ARMENIAN SCHOOL will have a fundraising candy sale (\$1 each).

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 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 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 LAST CHANCE

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, 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. 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:

Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7

*Friday times from 2:30 - 9:00 *Saturday times 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 stu-

dents who might be away now, **please sign up for sittings in June.**

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

MAY

- Today* Godparents Day & Mayor Tavares Visit, Dedication & Centennial Proclamation
- 5 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m. (May Breakfast)
Armenian Chorale of RI, 7 p.m.
- 6 Armenian Language School 6 p.m.
- 9 Sports Scholarship Banquet
Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
- 11 Mother's Day Cake Sale by Women's Guild
- 12 Senior Citizens,
Church Golf Tournament (see Website) Save the Date !!
Armenian Chorale of RI, 7 p.m.
- 13 Armenian Language School 6 p.m.
- 16 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
- 18 Nazeli Dance Group Bake sale during fellowship
- 19 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Armenian Chorale of RI, 7 p.m.
- 20 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
- 22 Martyr's Memorial Committee Community Meeting 7 p.m.
- 23 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
- 26 Memorial Day Holiday - Office Closed
- 27 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Armenian Language School, 7 p.m.
- 30 Rehearsals for Talent Show 6 p.m.
- 31 Cultural Committee's Annual Talent Show, 7 p.m.

JUNE

- 1 Sunday School Closing Ceremonies
- 6 & 7 Life Touch Photo Sessions
- 8 Armenian School Closing Ceremonies/Hantess
- 13, 14, 15 100th Anniversary Celebrations (see bulletin notices)