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Schedule of Sunday Services

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

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

Sunday, May 18, 2014

Apparition of the Holy Cross

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Scripture Readings

Acts 17:1-15 (Pg. 125) I John 1:1-10 (Pg. 214)

John 7:14-23 (Pg. 91)

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!

Գաշակեցէք եւ տեսէք զի քաղցր է Տէր:

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

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Welcome Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian

Diocesan Vicar

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Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross

The Apparition of the Holy Cross is the third feast of the Holy Cross and is celebrated on the fifth Sunday of Quinquagesima after Easter. The commemoration is in remembrance of the apparition of the sign of the cross over the city of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives to Golgotha in 351 AD.

This apparition was so luminous that it shone brighter than sunlight. It was seen by both clergy and laity who rushed to the churches to praise the Lord for this miraculous sign. Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem at that time, had recently composed a stern yet respectful letter to Emperor Constans of Byzantium for re-instating the Adam heresy within the church and disrupting its peaceful functions.

Admonishing the Emperor, the patriarch reminded him of the orthodox faith of his father Emperor Constantine the Great and cited the Apparition as a further proof to convince him to return back to the orthodox faith.

The Armenian translation of this encyclical is read on this feast during the Rogation (Antastan) prior to the Gospel lection.

Reprinted from "Domar"

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (7:14-23)

About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. The Jews marveled at it, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?"

So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me; if any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.

He who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?"

The people answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all marvel at it. Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man upon the sabbath. If on the sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the sabbath I made a man's whole body well?

Glory to You, O Lord our God!

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Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The faithful says:

Ֆիշեսչիր 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:

Ֆիշեալ 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:

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:

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 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.

Reprinted from the E-Newsletter of the Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern)

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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>

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:

- **DIRAHAYR ARAM MOURADJIAN** (3 Year Memorial) - requested by Diramayr Irene Mouradjian and Family.

- **JAMES H. WOLOOHOJIAN** (7 Year Memorial) - requested by Marilyn J. Woloohojian and Family; Mr. & Mrs. George Sarkisian and Family; Rose Chacran; Gloria Casparian; Mary Der Vartanian and Family.

- **LEO SURMEIAN** (4 Year Memorial) - requested by Mrs. Leo Surmeian, Rosanne & John Hamblin and Sons; John & Irene Surmeian; James & Jennifer Surmeian and Sons; Lisa & Tom Ohanian and Eliz; Mr. Martin Azarian and Family; Martin Mahdesyan; Karen & Larry Miller.

- **KASPAR TOPALIAN** (55 Year Memorial) - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Toumasian; Griego-Marottolo (CT) Families.

...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

Nazeli Dance Group will have a bake sale today after church services. Your support will be appreciated.

MAY 19 & 21

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."

The *Armenian Chorale of RI* will be rehearsing on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Egavian Hall, next rehearsal 5/19 & 5/21 in preparation for Centennial Celebration Concert on June 13. Also, the Chorale invites new members. Please speak with Maestro Konstantin Petrossian (861-3573).

MAY 20

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 22

Centennial Banquet Booklet Deadline: Please note that the deadline for making a donation specifically to the booklet is this Thursday, May 22. In order to clarify some confusion surrounding our appeals for support – the Church has been asking for your help in contributing to a Centennial Fund, with proceeds used to fund our new Khatchkar AND to put remaining funds in an endowment account – “A Future Fund” to help assure our Church will remain in good stead for many years to come! If you make a donation to our Centennial Fund, your name will be automatically listed in the banquet book. However, for those of you who wish to purchase a full page in the book, say to honor a loved one or to promote a business, that is a separate cost – ranging from \$150 to \$500 based upon placement in the book and whether the page is color or black and white. Information on this has been mailed and is on our church website. Please send advertisement details and payment to Fran in the Church office no later than May 22. If you have any questions, please call Laurie Onanian at 787-0493. Thanks to everyone for your support!

MAY 22

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

MAY 24

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

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 1

Sunday School Graduations will take place in the Sanctuary on June 1 during the Divine Liturgy followed by a reception in the Egavian Cultural Center. Congratulations to our graduates: Mari Megrđichian, Garen Megrđichian, Taylor Rainho, David Ayrassian, Elise Papazian, Eric Harpootian, and Paul Hazian.

JUNE 8

Celebrating Armenian School, Sunday, June 8 following the Divine Liturgy in the Egavian Cultural center Program presented by the Armenian School Students. Light lunch sponsored by the Armenian School Committee. Admission is free. Donations will be appreciated. For more information contact Deacon Hagop Ghajanian (h.ghajanian@verizon.net – 401.467.2582)

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.

JUNE 27

The Cultural Committee and Armenian Composers Union (Yerevan) presents "*An Evening of Armenian Chamber Music*" on Friday, June 27 at 7 p.m. in the Egavian Cultural Center. More details to follow in future announcements.

NOTICES

HOLY TRANSLTORS ARMENIAN SCHOOL is having 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 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).

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 students 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 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.
21 Armenian Chorale of RI, 7 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.
28 Armenian Chorale of RI, 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
2 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
3 Armenian Language School 6 p.m.
6 & 7 Life Touch Photo Sessions
8 Begin Summer Hours, 9 a.m. Morning Service,
9:30 a.m. Badarak
Armenian School Closing Ceremonies/Hantess
9, 11 Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
13, 14, 15 100th Anniversary Celebrations (see bulletin notices)
16 Mary House Outreach
27 Cultural Committee concert 7 p.m.

Save the Date: Sept. 27, 2014 Women's Guild Luncheon and Fashion Show.