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Schedule of Sunday Services

Morning Service (*Keesheraheen & Aravodyan Jham*) 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (*Soorp Badarak*) 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 15, 2014

Father's Day

Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah

Scripture Readings

I Kings 18:29-46 (Pg. 313) James 5:16-20 (Pg. 208)

Luke 4:25-30 (Pg. 56)

**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!**

Դաշակեցէք եւ տեսէք զի քաղցր է Տէր:

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

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Pastor's Points of Light

A Century of Light, Hope and Faith!

This slogan which has been emblazoned on a banner on our church, visible to all passersby for over a year now, has captured our hearts, minds and imaginations. It expresses the living and moving dynamic of our parish which is comprised of many parts but forming one family.

In spite of challenges, obstacles, and various trials and tribulations, we have stuck together and have under God's grace and guidance been led through the uncertainties of 100 years!

This glorious celebration is an historic milestone in the life of this parish as it culminates generations of faithful who have come to America to establish new families and communities and kept their Armenian Apostolic Orthodox faith alive and have passed it on as a light of life to a new generation.

The consecration of the Khatchkar will be an eternal testament and sign of our life in His presence and under his supervision and stand as a further testament of allegiance to our Mother Church and her life giving faith and sacraments. The khatchkar is your gift to the

church.

Thank you to all who contributed toward it. If you haven't but want to be included as a Leader and contributor to the Centennial khatchkar, you can still do so.

During the weekend, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, who is celebrating this centennial with us has visited the elderly, visited our brothers and sisters of faith, broken bread with our youth, presided the Centennial Concert and Banquet and today offers the Holy and Life Giving Sacrifice on our behalf from all and for all.

In as much as we as a church have remembered this past week the sacrifice martyrdom and witness of the two first Saints of the Armenian Church Saints Hripsime and Gayane, so too today do we look for a new generation to bring a witness of their faith and make the sacrifices to ensure our future.

May God empower us and enlighten us to build our church and to make it greater than what it was. Let us put every effort into making her more glorious for the next century of light, hope and faith in the glorious Providence of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ.

Prayerfully,
Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor

Ps. I would like to thank Mr. Paul Surabian and for not only erecting our Khatchkar, but for creating a beautiful garden to accommodate it. I want to also thank Artur Ovanessyan for creating and donating the two beautiful angels on the occasion of the centennial anniversary.

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (4:25-30)

But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Eli'jah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land; and Eli'jah was sent to none of them but only to Zar'ephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Eli'sha; and none of them was cleansed, but only Na'aman the Syrian."

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.

And they rose up and put him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong.

But passing through the midst of them he went away.

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:

Տացէ 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

Look with love, O merciful Father, on the created works of your hand, and grant the camps of the angels to be guardians of our feeble persons. Deliver us from temptation, from the wandering demons of night, that by day and by night we may give you glory incessantly. 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 in Kessab; Iraq, and Egypt in your prayers that God Almighty will watch over them and protect them in these uncertain and dangerous times.

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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

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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:

- **DIRAMAYR ROSE ARAXIE CHEVIAN** (3 Year Memorial) - requested by Mr. Tateos Chevian; Rev. Fr. Mardiros and Yn. Diane Chevian; Ms. Carol Chevian; Alexandra and Kristina Chevian; Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Brown and Family; Sue and Ann Ayrassian; Mary Fermanian; Queenie Haboian; Marion Der Vartanian and Family; Carol Norigian.

- **ROBERT MOURACHIAN** (10 Year Memorial) - requested by Mrs. Anna Mae Mourachian; Melanie & Terry Beckemeyer (OH); Robert P. & Ruth Mourachian; Mrs. Beatrice M. Spirito; Harry Jeranian; John Tashjian and Family (Troy, NY); Mr. Jack Tashjian & Family (Troy, NY).

- **THE HUNCHAGIAN HEROIC VICTIMS OF THE 1915 HANGING: PARAMAZ, DR. BENEH, ARAM ACHUKBASHIAN, KEGHAM VANIGIAN, MOURAD ZAKARIAN, KAPRIEL KESHISHIAN, ROUPEN GARABEDIAN, ARMENAG HAMPAR-**

TSOUMIAN, APRAHAM MOURADIAN, HRANT YEGAVIAN, BOGHOS BOGHOSIAN, KAREKIN BOGHOSIAN, HAGOP BASMAJIAN, TOVMAS TOVMASIAN, YEREMIA MANANIAN, MGRDICH YERETSIAN, YERVANT TOPOUZIAN, HOVHANNES YEGHIAZARIAN, KARNIG BOYAJIAN, SMPAD KLUDJIAN - requested by Baidzar Mourachian Spirito; perpetual memorial donation by Mr. Moushegh Derderian.

- **AVEDIS JOHN YEKHTIKIAN** (22 Year Memorial) **BERNADETTE McGUIRK YEKHTIKIAN** (9 Year Memorial); - requested by Gregory, Malcolm and Paul Yekhtikian; Mrs. Marian Goshgarian and Steven (CA).

- **MGRDICH CHEVIAN** (65 Year Memorial); **JOHN WESLEY PARKS** (29 Year Memorial) – requested by Ohanian, Chevian and Chateaufeuf Families.

- **JOHN KUSHIGIAN** (30 Year Memorial) – requested by Margaret Chevian.

- **TERESA CHEVIAN** - requested by Mesrob Chevian; Larry & Carrie Chevian; Richard Chevian and Gabe; Kym & Rebecca Teresa Sassoon.

- **KRIKOR NISHAN BOYAJIAN** (39 Year Memorial); **SHOOSHAN (COLOIAN) BOYAJIAN** (24 Year Memorial); **MARGARET (SAROIAN) COLOIAN** (47 Year Memorial) - requested by Anahid, Margaret, Avedis and Mariam Boyajian.

...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

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

JUNE 16

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."

JUNE 16

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 June 16th, 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.

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. Featuring Nouné Karapetyan, Soprano, Sargis Karapetyan, Violin, Nune Karapetyan, Piano. Program includes works of Armenian contemporary composers - first performance in the USA. Opening remarks by Composer/Conductor Konstantin Petrossian. Please join us.

NOTICES

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 Hayri, 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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- Today** 100th Anniversary Divine Liturgy with His Eminence
Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Consecration of the Centennial Khatchkar
- 16 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Mary House Outreach 4 p.m.
Martyr's Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 23 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 27 Cultural Committee concert 7 p.m.
- 30 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.

JULY

- 4 Office closed for 4th of July Holiday
- 7 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 14 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 21 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 25 Women's Guild Family Night

