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Schedule of Sunday Services

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

Sunday, June 22, 2014
Feast of the Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin

Scripture Readings

Zechariah 3:7-4:9 (Pg. 923) Hebrews 9:1-10 (Pg. 200)
John 10:22-30 (Pg. 95)

**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!**

Ծաշակեցէք եւ տեսէք զի քաղցր է Տէր:

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

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Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin

On Sunday, June 22, the Armenian Church will celebrate the Feast of the Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin (canonically known as Don Sourp Etchmiadzini Gatoghiguh Yegeghetzin).

The cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was built in A.D. 303, after St. Gregory the Illuminator had a vision in which Christ struck the ground with a golden hammer and instructed Gregory to erect a church on the site.

The feast day commemorates the founding of the Universal Church (the idea that there was one church, founded by Jesus Christ and spread by the Apostles) and St. Gregory's vision. It follows the Feast of St. Gregory the Enlightener (his deliverance from the pit), which is observed on Saturday, June 21.

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (10:22-30)

It was the feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

So the Jews gathered round him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

I and the Father are one."

Glory to You, O Lord our God!

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Thanksgiving Prayer for Holy Etchmiadzin

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through the prayers and intercession of your witness who has suffered much, our father Saint Gregory the Enlightener, you have descended from heaven to the plain of Ararat together with myriads of luminous hosts, to visit your little flock, the Armenian people, and to show your loving kindness and great mercy. You struck the depths of Hades and chased the infernal legions whereupon the illustrious and marvelous edifice of our Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin was built, and you made her the inexhaustible storehouse of your divine graces, to be the mother, instructor and perfecter of all Armenian churches; and now, keep her immaculate, firm and brilliant, for the splendor of our churches and their children until the end of the world; by whom always your all-Holy name is glorified, Amen.

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The Hymn of Holy Etchmiadzin

Etchmiadzinn ee Horeh yev looys parratz unt numa,

Tsaynk hunchetzeen santaramedk antuntotz.

Desyal uzlooys medz Hayrabedeen Kreekoree,

Badmer tzundzootyamp havadatzyal arkayeen.

Yegayk sheenestsook soorp uzkhoranun loosoh,

Kanzee ee suma dzakyats mez looys ee Hayastan ashkharhee.

The Only-Begotten descended from the Father, and the light of glory was with him;

Voices resounded in the depths of Hades.

The patriarch Gregory saw the great light,

And joyfully told of it to the believing king.

Come let us build the sanctuary of light,

For therein shone forth light unto us in the land of Armenia.

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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

Our Lord and Savior, you miraculously designed in luminous form Holy Etchmiadzin. You made it a storehouse of your unfading divine grace so that it may be the parent, teacher, and overseer of all the Armenian churches. Keep her without blemish, firm and bright for the glory of our churches and children until the end of the world, so that they may always glorify your name. Amen.

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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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A Healing Prayer Card

.....has been requested for Armenak Melkonian by Barry & Maro Newman.

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:

- **CAROL V. CASPARIAN** (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk) - requested by Gloria Casparian; Carla & Anthony Minutelli and Family ; Marilyn J. Woloohojian and Family; Anne Mooradian; Herach & Eliza Suvajian; Doris Avedisian; Sonja Avedisian Pollard; Margie Martiesian; Linda Short; Gloria Nahabedian; Zvart & Edward Onanian and Family; Bertha Mugurdichian; Mary Simonian; Ardemis Hazian; Araxie, Ara and Gregory Kazarian; Naomi Thovmasian Marsh; Mary Der Vartanian; Edward & Irene Eranosian; Merritt & Sylvia Agabian; Anne Dayian; Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Harpootian; Terry & Dorothy Martiesian; Araxy and Joyce Avedisian; Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Norigian.

- **VIOLET (MANOUSHAG) ANANIAN** (12 Year Memorial) - requested by Jasper Der Ananian; Lucy Droitcour; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ananian; Jennifer Carter.

- **GEORGE K. DULGARIAN** (29 Year Memorial) - requested by Sylvia S. Dulgarian; Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Shahinian.

- **KAREKIN T. SHAHINIAN** (45 Year Memorial); **ARSHALOUS SHAHINIAN** (29 Year Memorial) - requested by Sylvia S. Dulgarian; Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Shahinian.

- **VARTAN ARSLANIAN** (Las Vegas) (3 Year Memorial) - requested by Sona Arslanian; Mr. & Mrs. Levon & Marie Kaian & Family; Shake Arslanian and Family.

- **ARDEMIS AVAKIAN** - requested by Arlene Avakian; Gail Avakian VanderFeltz.

- **GEORGE S. JIZMAGIAN** - requested by the Jizmagian Family and the Jaghooobian Family.

- **KATHERINE KILLABIAN; PANOS KILLABIAN; SARAH (KILLABIAN) ZORABEDIAN** - requested by Agnes Killabian and Anthony Barsamian; Glenn, Robin, Lisa and Michelle Nahabedian; Gary & Nicole Nahabedian; Gregg, Judy, Justin and Ryan Nahabedian; Aldo, Lori, Luciana and Khiara Albanese.

- **NOREEN E. NAHABEDIAN; ANTHONY NAHABEDIAN** - requested by Glenn, Robin, Lisa and Michelle Nahabedian; Gary & Nicole Nahabedian; Gregg, Judy, Justin and Ryan Nahabedian; Aldo, Lori, Luciana and Khiara Albanese; Agnes Killabian and Anthony Barsamian.

...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

Today's *Coffee Fellowship* is given in loving memory of Carol Casparian by Gloria Casparian.

A *Candle Offering* is being given today in loving memory of our beloved Mother and Grandmother, Violet Ananian by Lucy and Jennifer.

A *second plate collection* will be taken today for our sister parish in Jrvehj, Armenia, to support them in their continuing ministry.

JUNE 23

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 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 Noune 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 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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 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
- 28 Senior Citizens