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The Rev. Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor

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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, September 14, 2014**

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

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**Scripture Readings**

**Isaiah 49:13-23(p. 726) Galatians 6:14-18 (p. 178) John 3:13-21 (p. 86)**

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**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**

**† Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross †**

The Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is celebrated each year on the Sunday closest to September 14. The Feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine.

In the twentieth year of his reign (326), the Emperor Constantine sent his mother Saint Helen to Jerusalem to venerate the holy places and to find the site of the Holy Sepulchre and of the Cross. Relying upon the oral tradition of the faithful, Saint Helen found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord with the manifestation of a miraculous sign.

This became the occasion of the institution in all of the Churches of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross, not only in memory of the event of the finding of the Cross, but also to celebrate how an instrument of shame was used to overcome death and bring salvation and eternal life.

The Feast is an opportunity outside of the observances of Holy Week to celebrate the full significance of the victory of the Cross over the powers of the world, and the triumph of the wisdom of God through the Cross over the wisdom of this world. This Feast also gives the Church an opportunity to relish the full glory of the Cross as a source of light,

hope and victory for Christ's people. It is also a time to celebrate the universality of the work of redemption accomplished through the Cross: the entire universe is seen through the light of the Cross, the new Tree of Life which provides nourishment for those who have been redeemed in Christ.

On the day of the Feast at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, a special Antasdan service is held. The Cross is placed on a tray, sprinkled with rose water, surrounded by branches of basil and is taken in solemn procession through the church to the chanting of the Hymn of the Feast. The tray is placed on a table, and the priest takes the Cross and offers petitions from each side of the table, the four directions of the compass. This represents the universal nature of the offering of Christ upon the Cross. As the people respond by chanting "Lord have mercy", the priest raises and lowers the cross, a commemoration of its finding and exaltation. At the conclusion of the service, the people come and venerate the cross and receive the blessed basil, the "herb of royalty" from the priest. The basil is used and offered, as it was the fragrant flower growing where the Cross was found.

### *Hymn of Exaltation*

King of ages! You poured out on us a great light, Having given us the victorious Sign of Your Cross.  
In it you gave to those who believe in you a mighty fortress and terrible tower against the enemy.  
We beseech you Lord, keep us under the protection of your Cross.

#### *A word of thanks to the Picnic Committee and all Workers.*

On this glorious celebration of the feast, I would like to thank our Picnic Committee, under the chairmanship of Armen Janigian, the Executive Committee and all the faithful who worked so hard in putting this day together. It takes many hours of preparation and commitment by many people in order to make this a success.

It has been wonderful weekend and we pray that it has been a blessing for our church and for all who worked so hard and for those who enjoyed the foods, and the fellowship.

\*\* **Remember:** Next week is Sunday School Kickoff!

**THINK ORANGE!**

Prayerfully  
Der Shnork Souin, Pastor

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### **The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 3:13-21**

No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,

and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.

*Glory to You, O Lord our God!*

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**KISS OF PEACE - IT'S IN THE BIBLE!**

II Cor. 13:12 & Rom. 16:16 ~ Greet one another with a holy kiss.

**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

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 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, Egypt and Iraq 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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**REQUIEMS (Hokehankist):** Will resume next Sunday, 9/21.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY

Today's *Altar Flowers* are donated by Laurie Onanian in honor of her birthday today, and in thanksgiving to God for continued good health. Happy Birthday Laurie!

### *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Blessing of Basil.*

#### *Sweet Basil (Rahan) for the Holy Cross*

- A donation for basil has been given by Dr. & Mrs. Edward & Sonja (Avedisian) Pollard in loving memory of the Avedisian and Marza Families.
- A donation of Basil has been given by Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Arzoomanian.
- A donation of basil has been given by Haroutune Arslanian.
- A donation of basil has been given by Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Ghajanian.
- A donation for basil has been given by Boghos Gulesserian.

Today is the 2nd day of our *Annual Church Picnic* with great Armenian food, music, dancing and fun. Please join us under the tents this afternoon following the church services. Kids entertainment, Armenian Vendor, and more. Come and enjoy the afternoon with us !!

### SEPTEMBER 15

*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."

### SEPTEMBER 16

*Armenian School* classes meet on Tuesdays, 6 pm to 8 pm. For more information please contact Nvard Danayan tel: 401-943-4001, or e-mail: nvarddanayan@yahoo.com

### SEPTEMBER 20

*Arts Education* 2014 - 2015 - Programs begin on Saturday, September 20, 2014. For application: <http://stsahmes.org/NewWebsite/culturalcommittee.shtml>. Please send application to: Cultural Committee Arts Education Program, Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, 70 Jefferson St., Providence, RI 02908. For more information or questions about the Arts Education Program please contact Program's Chairperson Mrs. Janna Guegamian 401 861-3573, e-mail: Petroskon@aol.com

### SEPTEMBER 21

*Sunday School Opening Day, Regular Hours* resume: 9 a.m. Morning Service, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

### SEPTEMBER 27

The *Women's Guild* will host a *Luncheon and Fashion Show* to celebrate the contributions of the women of the church, and to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the church on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 12 noon. Please join us for a fun filled afternoon with good food, raffles, a fashion show and more !! We are soliciting monetary donations to cover costs and gift cards for the raffle. Plan to join us !! Speak with Lillibeth Kooloian. (Tickets available in the church office.)

## SEPTEMBER 29

*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, September 29 is our parish's next date to volunteer. We meet at St. Patrick's on Smith Street by 4:00 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 Murgurdichian (351-9276) if you have any questions. **Future dates:** 11/24/14, 3/30/15, and 6/22/15.

## OCTOBER 5

Special Centennial Anniversary Name Day celebration. Please watch for future details.

## OCTOBER 6

Prof. Ara Dostourian's *Church History Class* 7-8:30 p.m. in the Church Hall meeting Mondays. **Note: No classes will be held in September.** Class will resume on October 6, and meet through October on the 13th, 20th, and 27th. Please join us.

## OCTOBER 8

*"Badarak 201"* - Come learn about the history, meaning and spirituality of the Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Church with Der Hayr Shnork Souin on Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. in Hanoian Hall from October 8 through November 19th. Please RSVP <dershnork@gmail.com>, or 201-306-4304. Textbook "Frequently Asked Questions on the Badarak: The Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Church" by Michael Findikyan (\$15).

## OCTOBER 9

*"The Providence Men's Dinner,"* October 9th - 6:30 p.m. - prime steak, fine spirits, quality cigars.....\$100 donation. Please contact Nick Durgarian at durgarian@gmail.com to make your reservations. Only 75 spaces available. Please join us for a nice evening this fall.

## OCTOBER 18

The Cultural Committee and ACYOA's proudly present the Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church *Centennial Ball* Saturday, October 18, 2014, 8:00 pm - ??? Inspired by Dr. Herman Ayvazyan- *"Battle of the Bands"* Joe Kouyoumjian Ensemble & The Sevan Band, Egavian Cultural Center 70 Jefferson St. Providence, RI. Mezze, Cash Bar, 50/50 Raffle Tickets - \$ 35, under 16 - \$ 25. For tickets and table reservations please call: Ann Ayrassian (401) 272 - 4743, Sevan Janigian (401) 533 - 4147.

## NOVEMBER 9 & 10

The 84th *Annual Armenian Food Fair and Bazaar* will be held on Saturday, & Sunday, November 8 & 9, 2014 in the Egavian Cultural Center, featuring authentic Armenian food & pastries, take out food booth, Armenian market with all your Armenian favorites, children's activities, live Armenian music. Come enjoy a great meal at very reasonable prices and spend time with family & friends. Cash/ Credit Card available for your convenience. For more information, contact the church office at 272-7712, e-mail us at office@stsahmes.org or visit the church web site at www.stsahmes.org or log onto armenianfoodfairri.org or armenianfoodfairri.com. Watch for future mailing with details on how to support the Sponsor Book, Wish List, etc. Your participation is needed and greatly appreciated.

## NOTICES

**Centennial Fund** - Thanks so very much to all who have so generously donated to the fund thus far. Please know that we are still accepting donations throughout the remainder of this year and early January. We wish to give everyone the opportunity to be included in this important effort before we create a permanent plaque recognizing all our donors. Der Hayr and the Parish Council will be advising us as to both selection and placement of this plaque. We thank everyone for their support!!

**Banquet Books** - are available in our church office for anyone who wishes to obtain one. Please see Fran.

**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, 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.*

**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: Gevork Gevorkian (ggevorkian@verizon.net)

**POOR BOX** - Did you know we have poor boxes for donations to help the needy at entrances to the Sanctuary? Contributions appreciated.

