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Schedule of Sunday Services

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

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

Sunday, September 21, 2014

† **Barekendan of the Fast of the Holy Cross of Varak** †

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Scripture Readings

Isaiah 14:3-17 (p. 693) II Corinthians 10:18-11:10(p. 168)

Mark 10:1-12 (p. 42)

**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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23rd Anniversary of Armenia's Independence

*Prayer of Thanksgiving will be offered at the conclusion of the
Divine Liturgy*

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Pastor's Points of Light

Think Orange ! For the past number of weeks many parishioners have been asking what this means. Some have concluded that the orange must represent one of the colors of the Armenian Flag. My answer has always been “you will find out on September 21. Come to church.” As you know orange is a secondary color comprised of red and yellow. Combined they create something wonderful, unique, and beautiful. This is also true of our spiritual life. The Church on its own is very beautiful and is the embodiment of God's presence on earth. Each of us are also created uniquely and wonderfully and possess the image and living breath of God. We are intended and called to incorporate our unique identity with that of the Church whereby the Holy Spirit creates something new, wonderful, unique and beautiful.

The Church is represented by the color red and yellow represents us. Only when red and yellow come together in full immersion is all the beauty of God's intention revealed. The color orange represents that fulfillment.

The theme of Christian Education this year is *“Think Orange”* and every effort will be made to encourage, nurture, and evoke a synthesis of our children and their families into the fullest possible communion in the faith, life, ministry, and mission of the Armenian Church. If the theme is *“Think Orange”* then the goal is to create true discipleship where the faithful are empowered to fulfill their Christian mission. Today our recent Sunday School graduates will be commissioned to answer their call to discipleship by serving in their chosen vocations throughout this year. May God the Holy Spirit inspire and direct each of them and all of us to discern our individual vocations as fully engaged disciples of our Church and our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Think Orange”

Prayerfully,
Der Shnork

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 10:1-12

And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again; and again, as his custom was, he taught them. And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away.” But Jesus said to them, “For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’

‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.”

And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

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 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:

Յիշեալ 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:

Յիշեցէ՛ 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

O Lord our God, listen to the voice of supplications of your servants and keep unshaken the Republic of Armenia, which you restored through the grace of your mercy. Bless, O Lord, our ancestral land, so that the site where you first established the blessed paradise would again bloom with flowers. Bless, O Lord, everything that is good in it, and especially its appellation, the name Armenia. 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>

**A Healing Prayer Card
for Elizabeth Kooloian has been requested by the Women's Guild.**

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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:

- **ALICE AVEDESIAN** (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk) - requested by her children, David, Haig, Ted and Anahid.

- **HAGOP** and **HURANT SHAMSHOIAN** - requested by the Shamshoian Family.

- **SOUREN TORIGIAN** (31 Year Memorial) - requested by Markrid Torigians.

- **SIRVART** and **BOGOS BOGOSIAN; HARRY BOGOSIAN** - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Boghosian; Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. DeBlois, Jr. and Family; Dr. Rosemary & Dr. Thomas Miner and Family; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Boghosian and Family; Mrs. Elizabeth Kassabian; Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Kassabian; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kassabian and Family

- **ROSALIE AHLIJANIAN** (12 Year Memorial); **JOHN AHLIJANIAN** (12 Year Memorial) - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Martin Ahlijanian and Family, Mr. David Ahlijanian, Mrs. Sylvia Varadian, Ms. Sylvia Varadian and Family, Mr. Sarkis Varadian, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Varadian and Family, Mrs. Zarie Ahlijanian, Ms. Roxane Stevenson & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Ahlijanian & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ahlijanian & Family.

- **HARRY J. WOLOOHOJIAN JR.** (25 Year Memorial) - requested by his Wife Elaine Woloohojian and Family.

- **JACK M. HALBERIAN** (8/7/1953 - 9/13/1966) - requested by Michele, Jackie and Katie Kazarian.

- **DAVID PAPAIZIAN** - requested by Lillian Papazian and Family; Peter Papazian.

...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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

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

SEPTEMBER 22

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 23

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 27

Arts Education 2014 - 2015 - Programs have begun. 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 about the Arts Education Program please contact Chairperson Mrs. Janna Guegamian 401 861-3573, <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 Mugurdichian (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.

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day Observance Tuesday, November 11 at 10 a.m. at the RI Veterans Cemetery in Exeter. Honoree: the late Harry Kizirian.

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.

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

SEPTEMBER

- Today* Regular Hours begin today, 9 am. Morning Service,
10 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- Sunday School Opening Day
- 22 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 23 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
- 24 Armenian Martyrs Community meeting at Sts. Vartananz
Armenian Church, 402 Broadway, Providence.
- 27 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
Women’s Guild Fashion Show and Luncheon
- 29 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Mary House Meal Kitchen, 4 p.m.
- 30 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 4 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
- 5 Special Centennial Anniversary Name Day
- 6 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Church History Classes resume at 7 p.m. through October
- 7 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
- 8 Badarak 201 class begins, 7-8:30 p.m. through Nov. 19
- 9 Men’s Night - Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
- 13 Columbus Day Holiday, Office Closed
Church History Class 7 p.m.
- 14 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Armenian Language School 6 p.m.
- 15 Badarak 201 Class 7-8:30
- 17 Nazeli Dance Group, 6:30 p.m. Jr. Choir 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Cultural Committee & ACYOA “Battle of the Bands” 8 p.m.
- 19 Annual Blood Drive
- 20 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 21 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
- 22 Badarak 201 Class, 7 p.m.
- 24 Nazeli Dance Class, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 28 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
- 29 Badarak 201 Class 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 8 & 9 Annual Church Bazaar
- 11 Veteran’s Day Observance, 10 a.m. RI Veterans Cemetery, Exeter