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Schedule of Sunday Services

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

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

Sunday, September 28, 2014

† Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak †

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Scripture Readings

Isaiah 65:22-25 (Pg. 741) Galatians 6:14-18 (Pg. 174)

Matthew 24:30-36 (Pg. 25)

**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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Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

On Sunday, September 28, Armenian Churches worldwide will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak—an observance unique to the Armenian Church.

In the 7th century, a monk named Totig received a vision of a brilliant cross descending from Mount Varak (in historic Armenia) and coming to rest on the monastery at the mountain's foot. Totig raced to where the vision had led him, and there found a miraculous Christian relic: a fragment of the True Cross of Jesus Christ!

How had it gotten there? The relic had been brought to Armenia by St. Hripsime, in the late 3rd century, during her flight to find refuge from the persecutions of pagan Rome. When St. Hripsime was martyred by King Drtad, the hiding place of the cross was forgotten—and the holy relic had languished in its secret place for nearly 300 years, before being found again by the monk Totig.

To commemorate this discovery, the catholicos of the time, St. Nersess the Builder, established a feast day. And the Holy Cross became a relic of great power in Armenia, moving from Varak to Sepastia and finally to Van, where it still could be seen by pilgrims—until the time of the Genocide.

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 24:30-36

Then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

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 together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always. 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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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:

- **LEKTAR GEVORGYAN** ((8th Day of Passing) - requested by the Gevorkian Family; Boghos Gulesserian.

- **ARAM "ACE" OHANIAN** (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk)- Tom, Lisa, and Eliz Ohanian; Russell & Seta Chateaneuf and Family; Michael & Barbara Ohanian and Family; Margaret Chevian; Marty & Linda Chevian; Dolores Norigian; the Senior Citizens of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church.

- **COL. MOORAD MOORADIAN** (5Year Memorial) - requested by Lillian Mooradian and Family; Mrs. Anahith Boyajian and Family; Mrs. Beatrice Petricone and Family; Mr. & Mrs. Aram Tateosian.

- **MELVIN V. SARKISIAN** (5 Year Memorial) - requested by Myron & Rosemary Kuzirian; Bill & Karen Brannon; Michael & Denise Navoian; Stephanie & Michael Cogliandro; Lt. Stephen C. Kuzirian; Matthew Brannon; Zachary, Jenna and Kadie Navoian; Roxie Kuzirian.

- **MIHRAN Z. KUZIRIAN** (20 Year Memorial) - requested by Roxie Kuzirian; Myron & Rosemary Kuzirian; Stephanie & Michael Cogliandro; Lt. Stephen C. Kuzirian; Bill & Karen Brannon; Matthew Brannon; Michael & Denise Navoian; Zachary, Jenna and Kadie Navoian.

...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

For today's *Coffee Fellowship*, a cake has been given in loving memory of Aram "Ace" Ohanian by his family.

SEPTEMBER 29

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 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.

SEPTEMBER 30

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

OCTOBER 4

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>

OCTOBER 5

We will celebrate our *Centennial Name Day* with a special *Coffee Fellowship* in honor of all parishioners on Sunday, October 5th with a special service, acknowledgement and blessing being offered for CENTURIONS who have become new members to our church in this, our centennial year.

OCTOBER 6-10

Church Office - From October 6-10, church office hours will be from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday - Friday while the secretary is on vacation. For emergencies, please call the church office during these hours (401-272-7712), Der Hayr Shnork Souin (201-306-4304) You may also leave your message on the answering service and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Requiems for October 12: Please let the office know of your request by Thursday, October 9.

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.

Gift Certificates for our Bazaar - Please consider purchasing one or more for the special people in your life! They can be written in any denomination. You may purchase by calling the church office. Gift certificates are always a welcomed gift so please consider! We appreciate all your support for our bazaar.

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 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, 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 29 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Mary House Meal Kitchen, 4 p.m.
30 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
Parish Council, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 4 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
5 Centennial Anniversary special Coffee Fellowship
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.
Parish Council, 7 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
Parish Council, 7 p.m.