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Schedule of Sunday Services

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

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

Sunday, October 5, 2014

† Fourth Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross †

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Scripture Readings

Isaiah 17:7-14 (p. 696) II Cor. 13:5-13 (p. 170)

Mark 11:27-33 (Pg. 44)

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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Pastor's Points of Light

A Century of Light , Hope and Faith - Church Name Day - Honoring our Centurions

In celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of our church, I am delighted to congratulate and offer blessings and thanksgiving to our membership for their stewardship, support and care for our church. Our future is made secure by your on-going participation of the care of our church through not only your financial commitments, but by your moral support and your active engagement in Her ministry and activities, through attendance and leadership.

It is also extremely important to recognize the essential infusion of new membership. As many know, we have set a goal to Drive for 5, to grow by about 100 members from our average of about 400/year. Each new member has come to be known as a Centurion. Without this growth our church will not flourish and thrive as it extends Her mission into the second century of Her existence. My hope is that in 100 years from now the children of your children will look back and delight in your commitment and example, in the way that we do for the founders of our church who came from broken and impoverished beginnings.

At the conclusion of the Badarak today, I will offer a prayer and

blessing upon all the new members, the Centurions of our church on this Feast of the Holy Translators, whose name is borne by our church. May God bless you all.

Prayerfully
Fr. Shnork Souin

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 11:27-33

And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, and they said to him, "By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?"

Jesus said to them, "I will ask you a question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men? Answer me."

And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But shall we say, 'From men?'" -- they were afraid of the people, for all held that John was a real prophet.

So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

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:

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

O Lord our God, turn not your face from me. O beneficent Lord, I beseech you, be my helper. O Lord, despise me not and forsake me not, O God, my Savior. 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>

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:

- **ALL DECEASED PASTORS and MEMBERS OF STS. SAHAG & MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH**, especially **REV. FR. SHAHE ALTOUNIAN** and **VERY REV. FR. SHNORK KASPARIAN**.

- **MARY KHOSROFIAN** (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk) - requested by Mr. & Mrs. David Spicuzza and Family; Eric Aronson and Janet Oulousian Aronson; Mr. & Mrs. Vincent DiMeglio and Family.

- **HELEN TALANIAN KALOOSTIAN** (One Year Memorial - Dareleetz) - requested by Peter Kaloostian (for Wife); Candace Kaloostian, Shelley & Joseph Conti, Ellen & Matthew Ferrara (for Mother); Taylor & Peter Conti, Grace & Nicholas Ferrara (for Grandmother); Karen & Bill Martin and Family; Denise & Harry Boghigian and Family (for Aunt and Great Aunt); Marilyn J. Wolooohojian and Family (Cousin); Mr. & Mrs. George Sarkisian and Family (Cousin).

- **MELINA BABORIAN** (10 Year Memorial) - requested by Mike & Gloria Church and Family; Jim & Nancy Derderian and Family; Melanie Krikorian and Family; Robert Baborian and Family.

- **HAMPARTZOOM** and **ROSE DERDERIAN** - requested by Mike & Gloria Church & Family; Jim & Nancy Derderian; Edwards Families.

- **AGHAVNI MOURACHIAN** (My Aunt) - requested by Boghos Guleserian and Family.

- **AGNES MOORADIAN** (4 Year Memorial) - requested by Melanie Krikorian and Family.

- **CATHERINE ZAROOGIAN** (6 Year Memorial); **CHARLES ZAROOGIAN** (6 Year Memorial); **JOAN IULIANO** (10 Year Memorial); **RAFFAELE IULIANO** (6 Year Memorial); **HERBERT ZAROOGIAN** (18 Year Memorial); **ANAHID TARPINIAN** (3 Year Memorial); **ANDREW (ANDY) TARPPIAN** (5 Year Memorial); **MARTHA (ARZOOMANIAN) ELBY** (30 Year Memorial); **GARABED ZAROOGIAN** (39 Year Memorial) - requested by Charles Zaroogian; Kathleen Zaroogian; Mary Jean Zaroogian; Donna & Michael Garrahy, Karisa and Brandyn; Joanne & Steven Zaroogian, Lisa and Christina; Elaine Mansour and Ara Zaroogian.

....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

We will celebrate our *Centennial Name Day* with a special *Coffee Fellowship* in honor of all parishioners today with a special service, acknowledgement and blessing being offered for Centurians who have become new members to our church in this, our centennial year. They are: Joni Cochrane, the Conti Family, Peter, Shelly, Taylor and Joseph; Matthew and Michael D'Antuono; Nvard Danayan, David Donabedian, Gregory Donabedian, Nicholas Durgarian, Emily Papazian, Yervant & Joan Parnagian; Linda Salas, Sema Santilli, Gagik Saribekyan, Mher Saribekyan, Julia Kushigian Secor, Logan Serabian, Galina Serobyan, Nick, Conner and Elizabeth Souin, Christine Surabian, Stephanie Surabian, Debra Tramonti.

OCTOBER 6

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."

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 7

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 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 11

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 14

Tuesday October 14th, 7 pm Kick off meeting for planning Der Hayr's *20th Anniversary Event*. If there are any questions call John Megrdochian at 401-742-2887.

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! New this year - For each \$50 gift certificate purchased, \$5 will be added to your gift for free.....

NOVEMBER 11

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

NOVEMBER 24

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, November

24 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 Murgudichian (351-9276) if you have any questions. *Future dates:* 3/30/15, and 6/22/15.

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 Murgudichian (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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- Today* 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.
Meeting for planning Der Hayr's 20th Anniversary, 7 p.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.
Church History Class 7 p.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. Jr. Choir 6:30 p.m.
25 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
27 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Church History Class 7 p.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.

DECEMBER

- 11 Women's Guild Cookie Stroll