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THE LIGHTHOUSE

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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 12, 2014

Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross

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Scripture Readings

Isaiah 19:1-11 (Pg. 696) Galatians 2:1-10 (Pg. 171)

Mark 12:35-44 (Pg. 45)

**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 քանզո է Տէր:

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

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Pastor's Points of Light (Mark 12:41-44)

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting in their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling His disciples to Him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on.”

How much should we trust to the Lord? By the example given by The Lord, He clearly understands how the natural human instinct is to give out of your wealth or excess. Our American culture also encourage personal happiness and posterity. At the same time, there is also a contrast of consumerism and greed to the fact that per capita, Americans are the most generous and charitable people on earth.

The church could clearly not sustain her work and ministry, if it wasn't for the charity and support of her faithful. While we are very blessed in our community with many dedicated workers who plan, organize and produce many successful events for building

up the church both socially and insuring the financial stability, we need every person to make a personal sacrifice. The Lord is showing that even the least of us are called to participate in the stewardship of the Body.

The amount is less important than the posture or sense of sacrifice with which the offering is made. Is it made from your excess or are you prepared to give til it hurts? As Christians, we are taught that all good things come down from above. Even our possessions are The Lord's and what we offer to Him is His, and we are only giving it back. We are merely custodians of grace and not its possessors.

At this time of year, the office at Sts. Sahag and Mesrob is forced to send out invoices asking for dues and stewardship. We usually end up having to make many phone calls even up to late December trying to fill our rolls. I dream of a day when our faithful are so trained to trust The Lord that it would be natural to joyfully pledge our tithes and our gifts to the church according to our heart. O, if all the baptized made their God pleasing offerings lovingly, cheerfully, faithfully and in a timely way.

Our goal is to Strive To Drive for 500 members. We are hovering around 400, meaning that we want to grow by 100 new members. It would be so easy to surpas if The Lord's example was taken to heart. Everyone 18 and over could make the lifestyle adjustments to insure the timely payments of their dues along with their gifts and participation in the life and ministry of the church.

May God bless you all and may The Holy Spirit inspire us to have the heart of the widow.

Prayerfully,
Fr. Shnork Souin

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark (12:35-44)

And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David? David himself, inspired by the Holy Spirit, declared, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet.' David himself calls him Lord; so how is he his son?" And the great throng heard him gladly.

And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go about in long robes, and to have salutations in the market places and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers, They will receive the greater condemnation."

And he sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."

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 անաչի անմահ գառիճն 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 անաչի անմահ գառիճն 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:

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

With your peace, Christ our savior, which surpasses all understanding and speech, defend us and keep us fearless of all evil. Make us equal to your true worshipers, who worship you in spirit and in truth; for to the most-holy Trinity is befitting glory, dominion, and honor, 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
Abp. Yeghishe Srpazan Ghizirian - Surgery NYC
Hagop Dakessian - California - Requested by Ghajanian Family**

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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, forebearing 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:

- MARINE DANIELYAN (Armenia) - 7th Day - requested by Davit Gevorkyan.
- MISHA DAVTIAN (Armenia) - 7th Day - requested by David Gevorkyan.
- AGHAVNE MOURACHIAN (24 Year Memorial); OHAN MOURACHIAN (53 Year Memorial) - requested by Baidzar M. Spirito, Anna Mae Mourachian, Melanie & Terry Beckemeyer OH), Robert & Ruth Mourachian.
- SARAH CHOBANIAN WALKER - requested by Charles Walker, husband; Paula & Louis Pelosi, daughter & son-in-law; Ssgt Christopher Trice & Family..

- **JOHN STEPANIAN** (47 Year Memorial), father; Berch Stepanian (17 Year Memorial), brother - requested by Martha Stepanian.

- **HAGOP "JAKE" SURMEIAN** (13 Year Memorial) - requested by Mrs. Leo Surmeian, Rosanne & John Hamblin & Sons, John & Irene Surmeian, James & Jennifer Surmeian & Sons, Lisa & Tom Ohanian & Eliz, Mr. Martin Mahdesyan & Family.

- **EDWARD (HOUGAS) SURMEIAN** (29 Year Memorial) - requested by Mrs. Leo Surmeian, Rosanne & John Hamblin & Sons, John & Irene Surmeian, James & Jennifer Surmeian & Sons, Lisa & Tom Ohanian & Eliz, Mr. Martin Mahdesyan & fmai.

- **ZARTOUHI AZARIAN** (11 Year Memorial); **MIHRAN AZARIAN** (46 Year Memorial) - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tramonti, Mathew & Justin; Mrs. Alice Gilardo & Family; Sadie & Lucy Barran; Martin Mahdesyan; Larry & Karen Miller; Linda Grant; Lindsay & Justin Aromin; Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Williams & Family; Mrs. Leo Surmeian; Rosanne & John Hamblin & Sons; John & Irene Surmeian; James & Jennifer Surmeian & Family; Tom & Lisa Ohanian & Eliz; Mr. & Mrs. Terrance Martiesian & Family; Margie Martiesian; Mr. & Mrs. Philip Doughty & Family.

- **ZAROUHY MAHESYAN** (36 Year Memorial); **MANOOG MAHDESHYAN** (59 Year Memorial) - requested by Martin Mahdesyan; Lary & Karen Miller; Linda Grant; Lindsay & Justin Aromin; Mr. & Mrs. Johnathan Williams & Family; Sadie & Ludy Barran; Joseph & Debra Tramonti & Sons; Mrs. Leo Surmeian; Rosanne & John Hamblin & Sons; John & Irene Suremian; James & Jennifer Surmeian & Sons; Tom & Lisa Ohanian & Eliz.

- **KACHADOOR KAZARIAN** - requested by Marin Mahdesyan & family.

....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

An offering of Altar Flowers given by Paula & Louis Pelosi.

OCTOBER 13

Prof. Ara Dostourian's *Church History Class* 7-8:30 p.m. in the Church Hall meeting Mondays through October on the 13th, 20th, and 27th. Please join us.

OCTOBER 14

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 14

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 15

"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 18

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 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. **This is the only ACYOA dance for the year.**

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 Mugurdichian (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 and The Stained Glas Windows 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

OCTOBER

- 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 Arts Education, 10am
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 No Badarak Class
- 24 Nazeli Dance Class, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Sunday School Group Photo
Husenig Grove Hay Ride
- 27 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 28 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
- 29 Badarak 201 Class 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 5 No Badarak Class
- 8 & 9 Annual Church Bazaar
- 11 Veteran's Day Observance, 10 a.m. RI Veterans Cemetery, Exeter