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The Rev. Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor

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**Schedule of Lenten Sunday Services**

Morning Service ( <i>Keesherayeen &amp; Aravodyan Jham</i> )	9:00 a.m.
Sunrise Service	9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy ( <i>Soorp Badarak</i> )	10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, March 15, 2015**

**Sunday of the Judge - Դատաւորի Կիրակի - *Tadavori Giragi***

**Scripture Readings**

**Isaiah 65:8-25 (Pg. 738)      Philippians 3:1-4:9 (Pg. 180)**

**Luke 17:20-18:14 (Pg. 73)**

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**The Legacy of our Martyrs 1915 - 2015**

**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!**

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

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**Sunday of the Judge**

A common image runs through the Gospel reading for Sunday, March 15—the Sunday of the Judge, in Great Lent.

In one parable, our Lord tells the story of a widow who would not cease calling on a judge for justice—and we are meant to think about our own prayers to heaven. In a second parable, a Pharisee and a tax collector pray in the Temple, displaying very different attitudes towards God.

Both of these stories are offered in the context of Jesus telling about the end of the world, the coming of God's kingdom, and the judgment of all mankind.

Listening to these passages, we are forced to realize that as human beings, every day, we stand before God. Indeed, one day, at the coming of His kingdom, we will stand before Him as our judge. And so we must ask ourselves: How should we stand before God? How should we prepare to show ourselves to Him?

Efforts like these of self-examination are especially important in the present season of Lent.

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Dear faithful,

I want to tell you about a few very important and exciting events coming up in our parish over the next couple of months. I hope and pray that you will not only support and participate in these events but encourage others to as well.

1. I am arranging a Trip to Armenia this summer for the Commemoration of the Centennial of the Genocide! It is part of **Project Graduation but open to the parish**. Dates are July 12-24, 2015 at the cost is \$2950 including airfare, hotel accommodations, 2 meals a day and excursions. Visit Holy Etchmiadzin, Geghart Monastery, Tsitsernagapert, Holy Etchmiadzin (an audience with His Holiness KAREKIN II), Lake Sevan and much more. Call me at 201-306-4304.

2. Thursday April 23 at 7:00am - Live viewing of the Canonization of the Martyrs in the Hanoian Hall.

Friday April 24th at 12:00pm. Divine liturgy at the North Burial Ground Memorial Monument.

Sunday April 26th Bus trip to NYC St. Vartan Cathedral for Badarak and Times Square for Genocide Commemorations.

3. Washington DC-National Commemoration of Genocide Centennial

May 7 at 7:00PM: Ecumenical Service at the National Cathedral

May 8 at 8:00PM: Concert at the Music Center at Strathmore

May 9 10:00AM: Divine Liturgy-Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

May 9 6:00PM: Reception and Banquet at the Marriott Marquis Hotel

May 7-9: Exhibitions and Cultural Events at the Marriott Hotel

\*\*Please visit for hotel info and reservations - [resweb.passkey.com/go/441f5d02](http://resweb.passkey.com/go/441f5d02); More info: <http://armeniangenocidencentennial.org/>; [www.genocide100.org](http://www.genocide100.org)

4. May 31 - Divine Liturgy, Ordinations and Banquet in honor of Fr. Shnork Souin's 20th Anniversary of ordination and the presentation of the St. Vartan Award to Steven Zaroogian and Ed Eranosian under the auspices of His Eminence, Abp. Khajag Barsamian.

Prayerfully, Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor

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### **The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (17:20-18:14)**

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Lo, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you." And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and you will not see it.

And they will say to you, 'Lo, there!' or 'Lo, here!' Do not go, do not follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of man be in his day. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was in the days of Lot--they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom fire and sulphur rained from heaven and destroyed them all -- so will it be on the day when the Son of man is revealed. On that day, let him who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot's

wife. Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it.

I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other left." And they said to him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'"

And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

*Glory to You, O Lord our God!*

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### **Wednesday Evenings of Lent**

With the launch of Great Lent, Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church will invite the faithful to gather for prayer on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m. to participate in the Peace and Rest Hour Services, which feature many eloquent penitential prayers and hymns.

We encourage all the faithful to use these evenings of Lent as a way to unwind from the often stressful hustle and bustle of everyday life. By making that special effort to recharge our faith, we provide the soul an opportunity to grow in the faith of Christ.

#### **Lenten Services**

**The Peace Service, (Khaghaghagan)** performed late in the evening, contains prayers for peace, praises to God, thanks for passing this day without tribulation, and reminds us that God is always with us in the face of trial and temptation.

**The Rest Service, (Hankusdyan)** offered before retiring for the night, requests God to watch over us throughout the night. This service contains the eloquent prayer of St. Nerses the Graceful.

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**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:** There is no Communion offered during Lent. Those wishing to make their Confession can do so at 6:00pm on Wednesdays by appointment. Please contact Der Hayr.

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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 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.

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### **Prayer of the Week**

O Lord, send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Then I will go to the altar of God, and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God. 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.**

### **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  
Anna Mae Mourachian**

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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:***

- **ARCHBISHOP GRIGORIS BOUNIATIAN (3/7/15)**  
Kharkov, Ukraine

....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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY

There will be a second plate collection to benefit the *Sunday School Lenten Drive* today.

The Women's Guild will have a *Soup & Salad Luncheon* today after church services. All you can eat soup and salad dinner with a variety of soups, etc., coffee & dessert. Mac & cheese and Hoodsies for the kids.. Donation, \$10 adults, children 12 and under \$5. Please join us, tickets will be available at the door.

### MARCH 16

*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."

### MARCH 17

*Deacon Training* with Der Shnork, 5:30 p.m.

*Armenian School* classes meet on Tuesdays, 6 pm to 8 pm.

For more information contact Nvard Danayan tel: 401-943-4001, or e-mail: nvarddanayan@yahoo.com

*Armenian Chorale of RI* rehearses Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

### MARCH 18

*Lenten Services* take place Wednesdays during Lent at 7 p.m.

### MARCH 20

*Jr. Choir (6 p.m.)* and *Nazeli Dance Group* (no charge/*Nazeli Dance (6:30 p.m.)* classes take place on Fridays.

### MARCH 21

*Saturday Arts Education classes* - 2015 Semester - 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 please contact Chairperson Janna Guegamian 401 861-3573, <Petroskon@aol.com> **Saturdays:** Arts Education 10 a.m.-3 p.m..

### MARCH 22

There will be a *Bake Sale* to benefit the Sunday School Lenten Drive on March 22. (see insert)

### MARCH 29

*Annual ACYOA Palm Sunday Celebration*, special guest speaker, Mr. Gene Valicenti "Rhode Island's Anchoraman". Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 1 p.m. in the Egavian cultural Center. Stuffed Chicken and Pilaf Dinner - \$15 adults, \$10 kids under 10. Reservations highly recommended by calling

the church office (401-272-7712 or Hasmik Gevorkian 401-714-5723). Please bring your family and support our youth.

**MARCH 30-APRIL 5**

*Holy Week and Easter Services* - please see insert.

**MAY 2**

*100th Anniversary Concert "Legacy of Our Martyr's celebration of their Canonization*, on Saturday, May 2 at 7 p.m. in the Egavian Cultural Center hosted by the Cultural Committee. Refreshments, concert is free and donations will be gratefully accepted.

**MAY 31**

A *Banquet* will be held under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian honoring the 20th anniversary of the ordination of Fr Shnork Souin, as well as the Presentation of the St Gregory Medal to Edward Eranosian and Steven Zaroogian and the ordination of our Sub-deacons.

**NOTICES**

**TEN BUSES** for the *100TH Armenian Genocide Commemoration in Times Square* - Depart Warwick Mall Parking to Manhattan, New York City, Sunday, April 26, 2015. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Be at the Warwick mall parking lot by the Firestone Store by **7:00 a.m. sharp**. This is critical. **Deadline for your FREE RESERVATION is TODAY Call the church office for your reservation/confirmation and leave a message on the answering service.** Keep up with ALL planned 2015 community events as they develop by visiting the website of the Armenian Martyrs Monument Committee of RI, ammri.org.

The **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, is pleased to announce that applications are now available for the *Charles Yaghoobian, Jr. Scholarship Grants* for 2015 Scholarship Grants will be awarded to qualified members of all three Armenian Churches in RI. Applicants must be dues paying members of their church. Scholarships are limited for up to 3 years only. We are currently seeking qualified candidates for consideration. For an application and a list of eligibility requirements you may contact: Nathalie Yaghoobian, 353-2488. The deadline to submit completed application and all documentation is April 1, 2015.

The *Vaughn Avedisian Memorial Fund* is offering scholarships this year by the RI Community Foundation to benefit students from RI to attend a non-profit post-secondary institution that offers either a two year associate or a four year college degree. Information and applications are available by contacting the Church Office, or John Takian (401-641-5851) johnt@blissproperties.net. The deadline must arrive by April 4, 2015 to be considered. Please contact Sylvia Long at (401) 884-4343 with any questions concerning the application process.

**HOME BLESSINGS** - Parishioners are encouraged to have their homes blessed. Please invite Der Hayr to bless your home. Have a piece of bread, dish of salt, glass of water available for the blessing.

**DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP 2015-** information for the Diocesan Summer Camp sessions is now available, so you can start planning now (St. Vartan Camp and Hye Camp). For information, contact: The Dept. of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, Jennifer E. Morris, Director, JenniferM@armeniadiocese.org

or 248-648-0702 or Lorie Odabashian, Coordinator, LorieO@armeniandioocese.org or 212-686-0710 ext. 143 You may also visit the Diocesan17thArmenian999 website at <http://www.armenianchurch-ed.net>. Scholarships will be available for St. Nersess & St. Vartan camp for children whose parents are dues paying members of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church. Please notify the office for applications.

**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, 2015;** (new members must be received by June 30 to vote at Parish Assembly in February 2016.) 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.

**Project Graduation Armenia Trip** - With Fr. Shnork Souin - July 12-24, 2015 - Registration Deadline February 25, 2015 - Cost: \$2,950  
Includes 4 Star Accommodations, Airfare, Excursions\*, 2 Meals/day  
Info: Call Fr. Shnork 201-306-4304

**The Armenian Historical Association of RI (AHARI)** is forming a sub-committee for genealogy research. Its purpose is to assist members in tracing their ancestors and discovering the daily events that shaped their and, eventually, our lives. We hope to help people find information about their ancestors and possibly make connections with relatives living on both sides of the Atlantic. We plan to upload databases to a website for research. We will need help with website design, database maintenance and research techniques. Please contact Margaret Cheviaan at [margo1915@gmail.com](mailto:margo1915@gmail.com) or 401-331-3985.

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

**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. They also need personal care toiletries such as tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant etc. As always thanks so much for supporting Mary House. For info., contact Joyce Avedisian (724-3978) or Bertha Mugurdichian (351-9276). **Future dates for helping at the Mary House meal kitchen:** 3/30/15, and 6/22/15.

**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](mailto:GaryNahabedian@hotmail.com). If email is unavailable please call him at 401-871-8331. Please make sure to leave the veteran's name, branch of service and living, deceased or killed in action. (Rank is optional).

**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.

**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

### MARCH

- 15 2nd Plate Collection for Sunday School Lenten Drive  
Women's Guild Soup & Salad Luncheon after church
- 16 Sr. Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 17 Deacon Training 5:30 p.m.  
Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.  
Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
- 18 Lenten Service 7 p.m.
- 20 Jr. Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
- 22 Bake Sale to benefit the Sunday School Lenten Drive  
Centennial Concert at RI College, 1 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Sr. Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 24 Deacon Training Class 5:30 p.m.  
NO Armenian School  
Parish Council, 7 p.m.  
Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
- 25 Lenten Service, 7 p.m.
- 26 No Church Service, Bus Trip to NY for Service & Event in NY
- 27 Jr. Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Arts Education 10 a.m.
- 29 ACYOA Palm Sunday Dinner after services

### APRIL

- 2 Holy & Great Thursday
- 3 Holy & Great Friday
- 4 Holy and Great Saturday
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 12 Godparents' Day  
Tribute to Survival Concert, 3 p.m. at Park Theater, Cranston
- 18 Sainly Women's Day hosted by the Women's Guild
- 22 Centennial Concert at RI College, 1 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- 23 *The Canonization of the Martyrs of 1915 Genocide* – 7 a.m. in  
the Egavian Cultural Center
- 24 Youth Day in Egavian Hall 9 a.m. - 11:45 noon, and services at  
*Martyrs' Monument* in North Burial Grounds, Providence 12 noon

### MAY

- 2 Legacy of our Martyr's concert - celebration of Canonization  
of our Martyrs
- 15 Sports Scholarship Banquet, save the date
- 31 Primate's visit honoring Der Hayr's 20th anniversary of his  
ordination immediately following Badarak. Details will follow.