

Sunday School Lenten Drive

This year's Lenten Drive will benefit two (2) charities: FAR's Helping Children Out of Poverty Project and United to End Genocide. On March 15th, a second plate will be passed for contributions and on March 22nd a bake sale will be held. Last year we raised approximately \$1200. This year our goal is \$1500. Please note that all of the Eastern Diocese Sunday Schools participate in this effort. The monies are pooled together by the Diocese, divided in half and then contributed on behalf of our collaborative efforts.

Helping Children Out of Poverty Project:

The overall mission of FAR's outreach to children in Armenia is to provide them and their families with tangible support programs that would empower them to meet critical challenges, stay intact, and thrive. Child poverty (single-parent households, unemployed parents, children with disabilities) is an acute problem in Armenia, especially in the Ararat region. According to official government data, 26% of Armenia's population is considered poor. Unfortunately, the real numbers may be much higher than the official data. In addition, the geographic coverage of services offered to children is not spread evenly throughout the country. This new project will assist 150-200 families. The Sunday School drive will support direct humanitarian needs: food and clothing.

United to End Genocide:

Beginning in 1915, ethnic Armenians living in the Ottoman Empire were rounded up, deported and executed on orders of the government. Including the Armenian Genocide, tens of millions of men, women and children have lost their lives in genocide or mass atrocities in the past 150 years. Millions have been brutalized and forced from their homes. Building on the proud legacy of the Save Darfur Coalition, Genocide Intervention Network, STAND and the Sudan Divestment Task Force, United to End Genocide, an American organization, is dedicated to preventing and ending genocide and mass atrocities worldwide by building a powerful, lasting movement of community activists, faith leaders, students, artists, investors and genocide survivors.

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PALMS & FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER -

Donations towards the purchase of palms for Palm Sunday and flowers for Holy Week and Easter would be greatly appreciated. Forms for this are available in the hallway by the church office, or you may send your donation to the church office (call if you would like to use a credit card). Deadline for palm donations, March 26, for flower donations, April 2. Donations will be acknowledged in the bulletins on March 29 and April 5.

HOLY WEEK 2015 – SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

- MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY**
 9:00 a.m. Morning Service and Antasdan
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Service of Opening of the Gates – Trnpatzek
 ACYOA Palm Sunday Dinner following services
- APRIL 2 HOLY AND GREAT THURSDAY –**
 Institution of the Last Supper
 9:30 a.m. Morning and Healing Service
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Fellowship following
 7:00 p.m. Washing of Feet – Vodunluva & Vespers of the Ten Virgins
 8:30 p.m. Memorial of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Khavaroom
- APRIL 3 HOLY AND GREAT FRIDAY**
 5:00 p.m. Memorial of the Crucifixion of our Lord – Khachelootyunun Kreesdosee
 6:00 p.m. Memorial of the Burial of Our Lord – Taghoomun Kreesdosee
- APRIL 4 HOLY AND GREAT SATURDAY**
 5:30 p.m. Reading of Sacred Prophecies
 6:00 p.m. Easter Eve Divine Liturgy – Jrakalooys
 7:30 p.m. Family Night-TRIPLE S SHOPPE
 Egg Cracking Contest for children (The good old days!)
- APRIL 5 EASTER SUNDAY – RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
 9:00 a.m. Morning Service
 10:00 am. Divine Liturgy
 11:45 a.m. Blessing of the Four Corners of the World – Antasdan
 See below for next page.

100th Anniversary Commemorative Highlights

Sunday, April 12th at 3pm

A Tribute to Survival – at the Park Theatre in Cranston. This powerful concert is in tribute to our martyrs and survivors of the 1915 Armenian Genocide featuring the Armenian Chorale of RI, guest artists with the full complement of orchestra & the Sayat Nova Dance Company of Boston. The MC will be Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. Parking is available in back of Cranston City Hall – across the street from the theatre. Valet service will be available. Bring family & friends. Admission is free.

Wednesday, April 22, 1 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Centennial Concert at RI College Sapinsley Hall, tickets at the door (\$10 donation)

Thursday, April 23rd at 7am

The Canonization of the Martyrs of 1915 Genocide – view this significant and momentous occasion in Egavian Center on the wide-screen.

Friday, April 24th

- 8:30am - *Youth Day* – in Egavian Center - is scheduled from 8:30am – 11:45am. The focus is on genocide, remembering and service programs for Armenia.

- 12 noon – at the *Martyrs' Monument* in North Burial Grounds, Providence. Rev. Fr. Kapriel Nazarian, Assistant Pastor of Sts. Vartanantz, will be the Celebrant and our pastor, Rev. Fr. Shnork Souin, the Preacher. Invited inter-denominational clergy & friends will be present. Please take the time to attend this historic event with family & friends.

- *Anniversary Memorial Dinner* – Community- wide memorial dinner. 6pm cocktails, 7pm dinner MC is Scott Avedisian. Keynote speaker is Marian Mesrobian MacCurdy, author of Sacred Justice: The Voices and Legacy of the Armenian Operation Nemesis. Cost: \$50/person. Teacher of the Year Award will be presented, co-sponsored by AMMC and ANC. Omni Hotel, Providence

Sunday, April 26th

Badarak and Armenian Genocide Recognition - All churches will be closed on Sunday, April 26, 2015 to encourage attendance at this event in the New York City. Badarak at St Vartan Cathedral at 11am. At the end of Badarak, there will be a procession to the commemorative event at Times Square which begins at 2pm. Bus transportation will be available for those not able to walk. There will be bus service from Warwick Mall to/from NYC on that day provided by Aram Garabedian. Buses will leave Warwick Mall at 7am and return by 9pm. Sign up now as this is being offered – free of charge – on a first come/first serve basis. Deadline to sign-up is March 15th.

Saturday, May 2nd at 7pm

Legacy of Our Martyrs – our church hall – 7 p.m. dedicated to the canonization of the Holy Martyrs of the Genocide.

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