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Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
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Schedule of Sunday Services

Morning Service (*Keesheryayeen & Aravodyan Jham*) 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (*Soorp Badarak*) 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Sunday of the World Church - Green Sunday
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Scripture Readings

Acts 9:23-31 (Pg. 116) I Peter 2:1-10 (Pg. 209)

John 2:23-3:12 (Pg. 85)

Creed: Armenian

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!

Ճաշակեցէք եւ տեսէք զի քաղցր է Տէր:

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

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Sunday of the World Church - Green Sunday

The term 'World Church' refers to a place which belongs to the whole world and within whose walls all of Christianity prays. Obviously there is no such building on earth capable of holding all Christians. But if it were necessary to name such a place, it would probably be the Upper Room (Ver-na-doon) in Jerusalem on the mountain of Zion, where the apostles of our Lord gathered before and after the Resurrection and at Pentecost.

There would be found the nucleus of Christ's church which would one day become a church of millions. So the Upper Room became the oldest and best symbol of the entire church and we call it the World Church. Although the site of this building is there, the building itself is not. In its place, we have a world church—the entire earth which the Christian Church has taken under its roof.

Wherever the reviving spirit is, wherever is found the faith of the gospel, there is also the foundation of the World Church, before whose altar we may all pray. The name Green given to this Sunday conveys the idea of new life and birth symbolized by nature which is bedecked in green for the spring season. By the resurrection of our Lord, the whole world became green and flowered in order to make fruitful the kingdom of God.



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (2:23-3:12)

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicode'mus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicode'mus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." Nicode'mus said to him, "How can this be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

Glory to You, O Lord our God

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Announcement

With the approval of the Parish Assembly by the Primate on April 8, the newly elected Parish Council has taken office and has formed a new Executive Committee.

Chairperson: Joyce Avedisian

Vice Chairperson: Stephen Megrđichian

Treasurer: Paul Surabian

Assistant Treasurer: Nick Durgarian

Secretary: Martha Jamgochian

Advisors: Gary Taraian, John Megrđichian, Arthur Yarumian, Jason Martiesian, Marc Janigian, and Ara Boghigian.

Delegates: Stephanie Masoian, Zita Butler, Ann Ayrassian, and Stephen Megrđichian.

May God bless and prosper the work of their hands for the Glory of God and the good of our congregation and ministry.

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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. 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. Note: Buses will be available at the church to take parishioners to the North Burial Ground for the Liturgy. Please take advantage of this service as parking at the cemetery will be limited.

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

2. 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 ; More info: <http://armeniangenocidecentennial.org/> ; www.genocide100.org

3 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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Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The faithful says:

Յիշեսցիր եւ զիս առաջի 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 առաջի 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 Krpar 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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TODAY'S REQUIEMS (*Hokehankist*): Please see insert.

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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

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 and unto the ages of ages. 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
Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian (NY)**

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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

A *Candle Donation* is offered in loving memory of Anoush Meklian and Depoyan Family Members.

Altar Candles are given in memory of Shooshan (Coloian) Boyajian and Margaret (Saroian) Coloian by Anahid, Margaret, Avedis, and Mariam Boyajian.

Youth Pilgrimage to Jerusalem (June 5-14, 2015) - the Primate has invited Der Hayr to select one youth representative from our Parish to participate. Those eligible may fill out a ballot for a drawing to take place today at noon after Badarak. Must be a dues paying member in good standing. (Ages 21-26)

APRIL 20

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."

APRIL 21 - *Deacon Training* with Der Shnork, 5:30 p.m.

APRIL 22 - *Centenary Concert* at RI College, 1p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 24

Youth Day in Egavian Hall 9 a.m. - 11:45 noon, Divine Liturgy at *Martyrs' Monument* in North Burial Grounds, Providence 12 noon Bus transportation will be available from our parking lot as early as 11:00 AM and can take folks back as late as 2:30 PM. Memorial Dinner at Omni Providence, cocktails at 6, dinner at 7, see website for info.

APRIL 25

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

APRIL 26 - No Divine Liturgy.

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. Performances by Qnarik Nerkararian, Soprano, Armen Ghazaryan, Violin, Levon Hovsepian, Piano, Shake Chakmakchian - Recitation of the poetry of our Martyrs. The newly penned Kontakion - Orhnootiunn "SHARAGAN" of the Holy Martyrs of the Genocide, "HRASHATSAN", in the 8th Tone, will be premiered by Dn. Gary Alexander. This unique and inspiring program includes the works of Gomidas, Narekatsi, Yekmalian, Kanachian, Spendarian, Babajanian, Khachatourian, Haroutyunian, R.Melikian and other renowned Armenian composers. Refreshments, concert is free and donations will be gratefully accepted.

MAY 3

Women's Guild May Cake Sale Sunday May 3, following church services.. Contact Lillibeth at emkooloian@aol.com or (401-) 640-2646 with donations. Thank you for your continued support.

MAY 5

Armenian School - Adult Classes scheduled to resume on May 5. Please speak with Nvard Danayan for details.

MAY 10

No Badarak Sunday May 10 due to Diocesan Assembly.

MAY 15

46th Annual Sports Banquet, Friday, May 15 in the Egavian Cultural Center. Social Hour, 6 p.m., Dinner, 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 per person. For tickets, please call Ann Ayrassian at 401-272-4743. Special recognition of Armenian Athletes, The Charles Yaghoobian, Jr. Scholarship Grants and Vaughn Avedisian Memorial Scholarships to be announced.

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

Today (4/19) there will be a ceremony at the *Armenian Heritage Park* on Douglas Ave., Providence, at 1 p.m. for all members of our community in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Genocide. All are invited.

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@armeniandiocese.org or 248-648-0702 or Lorie Odabashian, Coordinator, LorieO@armeniandiocese.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.

Banquet Books and The Stained Glass Windows Books - are available in our church office for anyone who wishes to obtain one.

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 date for helping at the Mary House meal kitchen: 6/22/15.**

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 401-871-8331. 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

APRIL

- 20 Sr. Citizens, 10 a.m.
21 Deacon Training, 5:30 p.m.
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
25 Arts Education 10 a.m.
26 Bus Trip to NYC - No Badarak
27 Sr. Citizens, 10 a.m.
28 Deacon Training, 5:30 p.m.

MAY

- 1 Jr. Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group, 6:30 p.m.
2 Arts Education 10 a.m.
Legacy of our Martyr's Concert - celebration of Canonization
of our Martyrs in the Egavian Cultural Center 7 p.m.
3 Parish Council Dedication Service
Women's Guild May Cake Sale after services.
4 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
5 Deacon Training, 5:30 p.m.
Adult Armenian School Class resume at 6 p.m.
8 Jr. Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Class, 6:30 p.m.
9 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
10 No Badarak
11 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
12 Deacon Training, 5:30 p.m.
Adult Armenian School Class, 6 p.m.
15 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Dance Class 6:30 p.m.
Sports Scholarship Banquet
16 Arts Education 10 a.m.
18 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
19 Deacon Training, 5:30 p.m.
Adult Armenian School Class 6 p.m.
22 Jr. Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Class 6:30 p.m.
23 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
25 Memorial Day Holiday, Office Closed
26 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
29 Jr. Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
30 ARTs Education, 10 a.m.
31 Primate's visit honoring Der Hayr's 20th anniversary of his
ordination immediately following Badarak.
Details will follow.

JUNE

- 6 Cultural Committee Talent Show
7 Sunday School closing Ceremonies
29 Golf Tournament Details at the Cranston Country Club
Details to be announced.