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Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
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Parish Council Members on duty today:
Joyce Avedisian and Marc Janigian

Schedule of Sunday Services

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

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Apparition of the Holy Cross

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Scripture Readings

Acts 17:1-15 (Pg. 125) I John 1:1-10 (Pg. 214)

John 7:14-23 (Pg. 91)

Creed: English

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!

Դաշակեցէք եւ տեսէք զի քաղցր է Տէր:

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

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Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross

The Apparition of the Holy Cross is the third feast of the Holy Cross and is celebrated on the fifth Sunday of Quinquagesima after Easter. The commemoration is in remembrance of the apparition of the sign of the cross over the city of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives to Golgotha in 351 AD.

This apparition was so luminous that it shone brighter than sunlight. It was seen by both clergy and laity who rushed to the churches to praise the Lord for this miraculous sign. Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem at that time, had recently composed a stern yet respectful letter to Emperor Constans of Byzantium for re-instating the Adam heresy within the church and disrupting its peaceful functions.

Admonishing the Emperor, the patriarch reminded him of the orthodox faith of his father Emperor Constantine the Great and cited the Apparition as a further proof to convince him to return back to the orthodox faith.

The Armenian translation of this encyclical is read on this feast during the Rogation (Antastan) prior to the Gospel lection.

Reprinted from “Domar”



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (7:14-23)

About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. The Jews marveled at it, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?"

So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me; if any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.

He who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?"

The people answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all marvel at it. Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man upon the sabbath. If on the sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the sabbath I made a man's whole body well?

Glory to You, O Lord our God!

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Parish Council Dedication Service this morning following the Divine Liturgy

With the approval of the Parish Assembly by the Primate, the newly elected Parish Council has taken office and has formed a new Executive Committee. We are pleased to announce:

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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Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The faithful says:

Յիշեցիր եւ զիս առաջի անմահ գառինն 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 գառինն 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 լալտնութիւնն 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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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:

- **ANNA MAE MOURACHIAN** (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk) - requested by Melanie & Terry Beckemeyer (OH); Robert & Ruth Mourachian; Tray Camara; Beatrice M. Spirito; Jack Tashjian and Family (Troy, NY); John Tashjian & Family (Troy, NY); Beverly Mourachian; George & Margaret Moorachian; Diramayr Irene Mouradjian; Rose Masoian; Senior Citizens of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church; Seta Hanoian; Bertha Mugurdichian; Araxy Avedisian; Charlie & Gloria Nazarian; Willie Peligian & Gloria Salerno; Sahag & Margaret Dakesian; Ann Avedisian; Lillian Papazian.

- **RICHARD DILDARIAN** (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk); **FRANCES DILDARIAN** (8 Year Memorial) - given in loving memory by Paul & Diane Surabian and Family; Dick & Carol Sherwood and Family; Reg & Lorraine Thorne and Family; Paul & Sophie Surabian; Mary Bajakian.

- **MITCHELL KEZIRIAN** (14 Year Memorial) - requested Shirley Kezirian and Family.

- **NOUHIMZAR KRIKORIAN** - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Azarig Kooloian and Family.

- **GRIGOR GEVORKIAN** (7 Year Memorial) - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Haroutune Arslanian and Michael; Mr. & Mrs. Garabed Kozinian and Family; Mr. & Mrs. Hamaz Aprahamian; Mr. & Mrs. Ohan Gevorkian and Family; Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Kechejian and Family; Mr. & Mrs. Norayr Ayanian and Family; Shake Arslanian; The Cultural Committee of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church.

- In Tribute to and Loving Memory of our Parents and Grandparents: **JUDGE JOHN K. NAJARIAN** (25 Year Memorial); **MARY (AVEDISIAN) NAJARIAN** (30 Year Memorial); **KRIKOR O. NAJARIAN**; **MARGARET (KARIAN) NAJARIAN** - requested by their Children and Grandchildren.

- In fond remembrance of **SEROUN (SALLY) KRIKORIAN** and **SE-ROUN (NAJARIAN) JAMGOCHIAN** - requested by Linda, Carol, John Jr., Kenneth and Families.

- **KASPER TORKOMIAN** (7 Year Memorial) - requested by Nancy Torkomian; the Caracciolo Family; the Paolino Family.

- **ANNA DeSIMONE**; **SHAHIN SARKISIAN** Sr. (63 Year Memorial); **ELIZABETH SARKISIAN** (41 Year Memorial); **EVA SARKISIAN** (41 Year Memorial); **STAR SARKISIAN** (15 Year Memorial); **LILLIAN MOURACHIAN** (15 Year Memorial); **LOUIS DeSIMONE** (8 Year Memorial) - requested by Shahin Sarkisian Jr.

- **MGRDICH ARSLANIAN** - requested by Shake Arslanian and Family; Angela Arslanian and Family.

- **ANNA (HAGOPIAN) ARZOOMANIAN** (70 Year Memorial) - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Leonard J. Arzoomanian and Family; Mrs. Sarah Arzoomanian; Mr. & Mrs. John Arzoomanian and 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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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

Christ, living Fire, inflame my soul with the fire of your love, which you sent forth upon the earth, that it may consume the impurities of my soul, cleanse my conscience, purge the sins of my body, and kindle in my heart the light

of your knowledge. Have mercy upon your creatures, and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.

Reprinted from the E-Newsletter of the Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern)

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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>

A Prayer Card

has been requested today for the repose of *Simeon Simon*.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Altar Flowers are given today in loving memory of Mitchell Kezirian by Shirley Kezirian and Family.

Coffee Hour is given today in loving memory of Richard Dildarian by Diane and Paul Surabian and Family.

Women's Guild May Cake Sale today following church services. Thank you for your continued support.

At the direction of the Primate, there will be a second plate collection today for "*Nepal Earthquake Relief*." Please note 100% of proceeds will go to the relief effort. Please make checks payable to the church, notation "Nepal Relief."

A *Dedication Service* for the Parish Council and Delegates will take place today at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

MAY 4

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."

The *Women's Guild* will hold a meeting May 4 at 7:15 p.m.

MAY 5

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

MAY 8

Jr. Choir & Dance classes meet Fridays, 6 p.m.

MAY 9

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.

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

On Sunday, May 31, a *Gala 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. Vartan Medal to Edward Eranosian and Steven Zaroogian and the ordination of our Sub-deacons. Immediately following the divine Liturgy in the Egavian Cultural Center. Reservations required by May 26th. Please call Fran at the church office (401-272-7712) or e-mail (office@stsahmes.org). Donations \$25, children 12 & under \$15.

JUNE 29

Sts. Sahag & Mesrob 2015 Annual Golf Tournament - Monday, June 29, 8:30 a.m. Registration begins, 10 a.m. tee off. Flyer and registration form with full details for golf, dinner and sponsorship packages are available on the church website (<http://www.stsahmes.org>) or the church office. Questions: call Marc Janigian (401-523-3276), Nick Durgarian (508-596-4912), or Paul Surabian (401-301-5516)

NOTICES

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.

ST. NERSESS Summer Conferences and Deacon's Training will be taking place from June 24 through August 2. Brochures are available throughout the church, please contact the office for further details.

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 Inter-connect Channel 13 (A):broadcast Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- Today* Parish Council Dedication Service
Women's Guild May Cake Sale after services.
- 4 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Women's Guild Meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- 5 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.
Parish Council 7 p.m.
- 21 AHARI Annual Meeting, 7 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.(Last classes for semester.)
- 30 Arts Education, 10 a.m. (Last classes for semester.)
- 31 Der Hayr's 20th anniversary Banquet, St. Vartan awards to Edward Eranosian and Steven Zaroogian, & Ordination of Altar Servers Presided by His Eminence Khajag Barsamian, Primate

JUNE

- 5 Cultural Committee Talent Show (note change in date)
- 7 Sunday School closing Ceremonies
- 27 Cultural Committee Cafe Night - details to be announced
- 29 Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Golf Tournament, Cranston Country Club