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Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
THE LIGHTHOUSE



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Schedule of Sunday Services

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

Sunday, May 17, 2015

Second Palm Sunday

Scripture Readings

Acts 23:12-25 (Pg. 131) I John 5:13-21 (Pg. 217)

John 12:12-23 (Pg. 97)

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!

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 Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

On May 14, the Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The day marks the ascent of our Lord into heaven, on the 40th day after his resurrection.

In the Bible, the opening chapter of the Book of Acts presents the classic account of Christ's ascension, where Jesus preaches to the disciples on the Mount of Olives, and then, "while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9). Luke (who is also the author of Acts) in the closing verses of his gospel reports that "while [Jesus] blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven" (Lk 24:51). St. Paul gives us the earliest reference to Christ's presence in heaven, in his Epistle to the Romans (Rom 10:5-7).

The Feast of the Ascension ("Hampartsoum" in Armenian) has been celebrated in the universal church since ancient times. Modern scholarship traces its observance to the 4th century. The Nicene Creed (A.D. 325), chanted in the Armenian Church during every Divine Liturgy, asserts that Christ "ascended into heaven with the same body and sat at the right hand of the Father."

Today, a sanctuary on the Mount of Olives marks the place where the Ascension of our Lord occurred; for centuries the Brotherhood of St. James at the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem has held a vespers service and vigil in the sanctuary on the eve of the Feast of the Ascension.

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

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

The crowd that had been with him when he called Laz'arus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see that you can do nothing; look, the world has gone after him."

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Beth-sa'ida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus.

And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified.

Glory to You, O Lord our God!

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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 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:

Յիշեցէ՛ 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:

Տալէ՛ 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:

- **ANI ELORA EMDJIAN** (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk) - requested by Osheen Emdjian and Marie McMillan; Garo Emdjian and Satenik Emdjian; John & Denise Emdjian and Family; Ashot & Narine Emdjian; Aurora Emdjian; Jirair & Sona Emdjian; Manouel Emdjian and Family; Maro & Jorge Maldonado and Family; Zabel and Mary Meklian; the Armenian School of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church; Mr. & Mrs. Konstantin Petrossian; Arts Education Program of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church; the Armenian Chorale of RI; the Church Choir of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church.

- **JULIA VARADIAN DONABEDIAN** (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk) requested by Mr. Serop M. Donabedian, Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Wambolt, Dr. & Mrs. David H. Donabedian and Family, and Mr. & Mrs. Gregory K. Donabedian and Family.

- **JAMES H. WOLOOHOJIAN** (8 Year Memorial) - requested by Marilyn J. Woloohojian and Family; Mr. & Mrs. George Sarkisian and Family; Rose Chacran; Gloria Casparian; Mary Der Vartanian and Family.

- **GEORGE KOURKEN (COOKIE) MOORADIAN** (3 Year Memorial) - requested by Anne Mooradian and Family.

- **MGRDICH CHEVIAN** (66 Year Memorial); **JOHN WESLEY PARKS** (30 Year Memorial) - requested by Ohanian, Chevian and Chateaufneuf Families.

- **JOHN KUSHIGIAN** (31 Year Memorial) - requested by Margaret Chevian.

- **KAREKIN HAYTAIAN** (64 Year Memorial); **YERANOOHE HAYTAIAN** (16 Year Memorial); **DANIEL DANIELIAN** (52 Year Memorial); **HAIGANOUSH DANIELIAN** (21 Year Memorial) - requested by Margaret Danielian.

- **GEORGE ZARTARIAN** (50 Year Memorial); **IRENE ZARTARIAN** - requested by David & Janet Zartarian; Alan & Marilyn Zartarian, Lori and Brian; Robert Zartarian.

- **ROSE DER ANANIAN** (11 Year Memorial) - requested by Ardashes Der Ananian; Paul, Carolyn, Paul Jr. and Nichole Der Ananian; Paul & Priscilla Der Ananian (MA).

- **MARY PEARL YEREMIAN** (10 Year Memorial) - requested by Ardashes Der Ananian; Paul, Carolyn, Paul Jr. and Nichole Der Ananian; Paul & Priscilla Der Ananian (MA); the Griego-Marottolo (CT) Families.

- **DIRAHAYR ARAM MOURADJIAN** (4 Year Memorial) - requested by Diramayr Irene Mouradjian 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 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.

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Prayer of the Week

I glorify you, God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and give thanks to him who has kept me in peace this night, to him who has led me from darkness to light, from death to life, from ignorance to the knowledge of his truth. 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

Altar Flowers are given today in loving memory of Ani Elora Emdjian by the Emdjian Family.

Coffee Fellowship is given today in loving memory of Ani Elora Emdjian by the Armenian School of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church.

MAY 18

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."

MAY 22

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

MAY 23

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 24

Next Sunday, May 24, there will be a *Banquet Committee meeting* after church services in preparation for the Gala Banquet on May 31, to finalize plans. All are welcome.

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 3

The Knights and Daughters of Vartan will be having their annual *Graduates Night* on June 3 from 6-8 p.m. in the Egavian Cultural Hall. All High School, College and Graduate School graduates of Armenian descent are welcome with their families. Will include a delicious meal with a short program recognizing each graduate's accomplishment. Each graduate will receive a gift. This evening is free of charge to all graduates and their parents. Please call the office for a form to fill in and send by May 22 to Rob Zorian, 105 Plantation Dr., Cranston, RI 02920

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 an 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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- Today* Anniversary Banquet Meeting after church
18 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
19 Deacon Training, 5:30 p.m.
Parish Council 7 p.m.
Martyr's Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
20 Cultural Committee Meeting, 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

- 1 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
3 Knights & Daughters of Vartan Graduates Night
5 Cultural Committee Talent Show
7 Sunday School closing Ceremonies
8 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
15 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
20 Saturday Evening Service to be announced.
22 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Mary House Outreach - Meal Kitchen
27 Cultural Committee Cafe Night - details to be announced
28 Communion Breakfast to be announced
29 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Golf Tournament, Cranston Country Club