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Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
THE LIGHTHOUSE



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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, May 24, 2015
Pentecost - *Hokkaloost* - Հոգեգալուստ
Vocation Sunday
Scripture Reading
Acts 2:1-21 (Pg. 108), John 14:25-31 (Pg. 100)
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!

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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Pastor's Points of Light



Please join me today in welcoming the Rev. Fr. Archpriest Mardiros Chevian, the Dean of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary as both the celebrant and preacher. Today is the 50th day following the celebration of the glorious resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ and is the celebration of the birth of the church by the descent and empowerment of the Apostles of Christ.

On the Sunday morning of Pentecost the Holy Spirit comprised the Body of Christ on earth by which Christ continues his earthly ministry of salvation for all mankind. The fathers of the Church called the Church the continuing incarnation meaning that members are

added daily through conversion from the holy font and the seal of the Holy Spirit.

As the Church continues her ministry she requires laborers who themselves continue the work of the Apostles. Such people are called from among the faithful and serve in various capacities, some even in the ranks of the major orders, Deacon, Priest, and Bishop. Who will be called from among us? Who will become the teacher, who will become the preacher, and who will be the one to proclaim the life saving message to the next generation?

The mission of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary is to provide the place in America where men and women can go to learn and to be trained to be that next generation of leaders in our church. Pentecost is not only a celebration of the church's birth, but a re-birth of the Apostolic urgency for mission and obedience to Christ's command to go into the world and make disciples of all nations. Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out his laborers into the field, for the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.

To encourage the great work of our Seminary we will be passing a second plate today at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy which will go towards support of the Seminary's mission. May you all be filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit and may the Lord be with you all. Amen.

Have a blessed Memorial Day Weekend and may God bless the souls of all those who have served our country.

Prayerfully,
Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (14:25-31)

"These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe.

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go hence.

Glory to You, O Lord our God!

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Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The faithful says:

Յիշեսցիր եւ զիս առաջի անմահ գառիկն 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 գառիկն 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:

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 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:

- **ALL DECEASED VETERANS, MEN and WOMEN**, who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

- **DIRAMAYR ROSE ARAXIE CHEVIAN** (4 Year Memorial) - requested by Mr. Tateos Chevian; Rev. Fr. Mardiros and Yn. Diane Chevian; Ms. Carol Chevian; Alexandra and Kristina Chevian; Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Brown and Family; Sue and Ann Ayrassian; Mary Fermanian; Queenie Haboian; Marion Der Vartanian and Family; Carol Norigian; Charles & Eileen Chevian and Family.

- **TERESA MARIE CHEVIAN** (9 Year Memorial) - requested by Richard Chevian; Mesrob Chevian; Larry & Carrie Chevian; Gabe, Kym, and Rebecca Teresa Sassoon.

- **KASPAR TOPALIAN** (56 Year Memorial) - requested in loving memory by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Toumasian; Griego-Marottolo (CT) Families.

- **GEORGE KEVORK AYRASSIAN** (10 Year Memorial) - requested by Sue Ayrassian, Ann Ayrassian, Gary Ayrassian and Courtney.

- **LEO SURMEIAN** (5 Year Memorial 2010-2015) - requested by Mrs. Leo Surmeian, Rosanne & John Hamblin and Sons, John & Irene Surmeian, Mrs. & Mrs. James Surmeian and Sons, Lisa & Tom Ohanian and Eliz, Azarian and Klick Families.

- **EDWARD K. MAZMANIAN** (7 Year Memorial) - requested by Edward & Evelyn Mazmanian.

- **ANAHID SARIBEKYAN** (10 Year Memorial) - requested by Aida Mikaelian; Gayane Mikaelian; Boghos Mikaelian; Sonya Petrosyan; Sara Odabashian; and Family and Friends.

- **SONA VARDANYAN** (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk); **HAROUTOUNE GEVORKIAN**; **ARAXIE GEVORKIAN**; **ANNA GEVORKIAN**; **GEVORK VARDANYAN**; **NAZELI VARDANYAN** - requested by Hasmik Vardanyan; the Gevorkian 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 and Sunday Fellowship

Welcome Visitors! Please 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

May you pour on us, O Lord, the grace of your spirit—the spirit of wisdom, knowledge, power; the spirit of understanding and of the mystery of worship in God—which you received in the River Jordan. Fill us with the spirit of fear towards you. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy. 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)

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

There will be a *second plate collection* today after the Divine Liturgy with the proceeds to support the mission of St. Nersess Seminary. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

For today's *Coffee Fellowship*, a tray of Yalanchi has been given in loving memory of Edward K. Mazmanian by Edward and Evelyn Mazmanian.

Today 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. Please see John Megrđichian.

MAY 25

The annual *Memorial Day Commemoration* at the Armenian Heritage Park on Douglas Ave., Providence, will be held on Monday, May 25 at 9:00 am, with the participation of our local church leaders, the Homenetmen, and community leaders. Following the program, participants are invited to the Brooklyn Coffee House on Douglas Ave. for coffee and refreshments that will include a birthday cake for a special community leader. Please join us for that celebration.

MAY 26

Senior Citizens- come join us on Mondays (at 10 a.m. *weather permitting*, excluding holidays). **This week on Tuesday** due to the Memorial Day holiday. Have fun with your friends and neighbors and enjoy with us "coffee and," cards, tavloo, pinochle, etc."

MAY 29

Jr. Choir & Dance classes meet Fridays, 6 p.m. Last class for the semester.

MAY 30

Saturday Arts Education classes - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Last classes for the semester.

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 5

The Cultural Committee cordially invites the RI Community to attend the *Annual Children's Talent Show, "Reflections of Armenian Youth"* on Saturday evening, June 5, 2015, 7:00 p.m. in the Egavian Cultural Center. Let us encourage our talented young people with a large attendance! Any youngsters wishing to participate in the Talent Show are urged to contact Janna Guegamian at 861-3573 or Irene Eranosian at (401) 942-5423 before May 31. This Talent Show is open to the youth of the entire RI Armenian Community. Donation: \$5.00 at the door. Children under 16 no charge.

JUNE 14

Summer Hours begin, 9 a.m. Morning Service, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

JUNE 22

Mary House Outreach - In the spirit of Christian stewardship, part of our parish outreach effort is to donate food to the Mary House food pantry and to volunteer at St. Patrick's meal kitchen. Monday, June 22 is our parish's next date to volunteer. We meet at St. Patrick's on Smith Street by 4:00 PM. The last meal is served by 5:15 PM when we help with clean-up. Call the Church office, Joyce Avedisian (724-3978), or Bertha Mugurdichian (351-9276) if you have any questions.

JUNE 27

Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Cultural Committee. Details to be announced soon.

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 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
25 Memorial Day Holiday, Office Closed
Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Armenian Heritage Park on Douglas Ave., Providence, at 9 a.m.
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 Annual Talent Show
7 Sunday School closing Ceremonies
8 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
14 Summers Hours begin, 9 a.m. & 9:30 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 (see notice)
27 Cultural Committee 20th Year Anniversary - details TBA
28 Communion Breakfast to be announced
29 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Golf Tournament, Cranston Country Club