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Schedule of Sunday Services

Morning Service (*Keesherayeen & Aravodyan Jham*) 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (*Soorp Badarak*) 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 49:13-23 (p. 726) Galatians 6:14-18 (p. 178)

John 3:13-21 (p. 86)

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)



† Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross †

We see it soaring atop church spires and standing solemnly over graves. It ornaments our places of worship, and dangles from the neck to rest close to the heart. It flashes through our field of vision when an ambulance speeds by on a mission of mercy, and lends a reserved dignity to the crests of great universities. It is the sign of the Cross: the universal symbol of Christianity, which lends its eloquent simplicity of form to the distinctive virtues of our religion. Faith, hope, and charity. Righteousness, compassion, and mercy. Humble appreciation for learning, and for conveying the fruits of accumulated knowledge. Comfort in the trials of living, and the promise of life after death. These are the impressions we take for granted after 2,000 years of Christian civilization.

But it was not always this way. In ancient times, the cross was an object of fear and loathing; and it was in this guise that the cross was made the instrument of painful death for our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was only in the light cast by his resurrection that the cross took on a new symbolic meaning. Christ's apostle St. James was the first to perceive the cross not with fear, but with reverence and awe. In raising up the cross, and bowing before it, St. James showed the world that Christ's resurrection marked a decisive turning point in history. The old era's

symbol of death would henceforth be known as the Christian era's symbol of everlasting life.

This is the story the Armenian Church will remember this Sunday, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It's one of the major feast days of the church calendar, and the first of several celebrations marking the season of our Lord's Cross.

Reprinted from the Armenian Church website



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 3:13-21

No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.

Glory to You, O Lord our God!



Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The faithful says:

Յիշեսցիր 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:

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 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.

CHRIST OUR GOD

You crown your saints with triumph and you do the will of all who fear you, looking after your creatures with love and kindness. Hear us from your holy and heavenly realm by the intercession of the Holy Mother of God and by the prayers of all your saints, especially the holy martyrs who gave their lives during the Armenian Genocide for faith and for the homeland, whom we commemorate today. Hear us Lord, and show us your mercy. Forgive, redeem and pardon our sins. Make us worthy thankfully to glorify you with the Father and with the Holy Spirit. Now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

REQUIEMS (*Hokehankist*): will resume next week.



Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Blessing of Basil.

*Sweet Basil (*Rahan*) for the Holy Cross*

- A donation of basil has been given by Dr. & Mrs. Edward & Sonja (Avedisian) Pollard in loving memory of the Avedisian and Marza Families.

A donation of basil has been given by Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Ghajanian.

- A donation for basil has been given by Agnes Killabian.



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 prayer

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 Abp Mesrob Mutafyan, Patriarch of Constantinople

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>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Blessing of Basil.

Sunday School Registration and First Day, commissioning of 2016 graduates' service year and special blessing for students and parents by Der Hayr. Welcome Back Family Picnic for the Whole Parish.

A donation for *Altar Flowers* has been given today by Boghos Gulesserian.

SEPTEMBER 15

Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Church Armenian Language School for children and adults! Tuesdays, 6-8 pm. Advance Registration Only Program includes: Language, history, Armenian songs and entertainment, Cultural events during the intermission First day of classes September 15, 2015 Last day of classes May 31, 2016 - Hantes date June 5, 2016 (Tentative) Tuition \$125.00 for first student, \$90.00 for each additional student, \$225.00 for adults plus the cost of books

SEPTEMBER 19

The Cultural Committee's *Arts Educational Program*: Programs begin on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 10 a.m. First rehearsal of the Nazeli Dance group will be October 2. For information, contact Chairperson, Janna Guegamian (401-861-3573.) Registration forms available through the office.

SEPTEMBER 24

The Providence Men's Dinner - Fellowship - Prime Rib - Fine Spirits - Quality Cigars Thursday September 24 at 6:30 p.m. Donation \$100. Only 75 spaces available. To reserve contact Nick Durgarian (508-596-4912) Marc Janigian (401--523-3276) or Paul Surabian (401-301-5510). Thank you for your support.

SEPTEMBER 25

The Cultural Committee presents a special evening with Mr. Ruben Pashinyan - Journalist, playwright and producer from Armenia on Friday, September 25th at 7:00pm in Hanoian Hall. Film "*Armenian Kingdom in Cilicia*" followed by a Q&A session. Admission is \$10. Light refreshments will follow.

SEPTEMBER 27

Let's Learn Armenian Songs! Nvair Beylerian and Andrea Carden - Nvair and Andrea will spend the morning with the Sunday School teaching music and then follow up with a short presentation in the Egavian Hall! Do not miss this!!!!!!

SEPTEMBER 28

Mary House Outreach - In the spirit of Christian stewardship, part of our parish outreach effort is to volunteer at St. Patrick's meal kitchen. Monday, September 28th is our parish's next date to volunteer. We meet at St. Patrick's on Smith Street by 4:00pm. The last meal is served by 5:15pm when we help with clean-up. Call Joyce Avedisian (724-3978) or Bertha Mugurdichian (351-9276) if you have questions. Subsequent dates: 11/23, 3/21, 6/20.

OCTOBER 3

Teaching Faith: Modeling Christ. Regional Sunday School Teachers Workshop, 10am-3pm - registration at 9am. Sponsored by the New England Region Superintendents Association facilitated Diocese Department of Education.

OCTOBER 4

Film, *Great Cloud of Witnesses*, during Fellowship. The Armenian Church canonized The Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide in Holy Ethchmiadzin on April 23, 2015, in observation of the 100th anniversary of that cataclysm. The video explores the significance of that canonization, as well as the larger meaning of sainthood and martyrdom in the Christian tradition.

OCTOBER 9

The Women's Guild will host a "*1950's Family Night*," Friday October 9, at 6:30 p.m. Special "*Celebrity*" guest, dinner, games, raffles. Donation \$12, Kids, \$8. For reservations, please contact Yeretzgin Julie Souin at juliesouin@gmail.com / 1-973-865-9925. Best costume contest for kids and adults! Come join the fun!

OCTOBER 18

Sunday, October 18 - *Name Day Banquet*, honoring Parishioners of the Year. Names to be announced. Banquet to follow Church Services Tickets \$20.00 --Reservations may be made by calling the church office, 401-272-7712 or Anahid Ayrassian at 401-272-4743.

OCTOBER 25

Flu Clinic in Hanoian Hall following church services. Flu &

pneumonia shots available to those 19+, high dosage for seniors. Prescription insurance cards are needed for the shot to be free, otherwise \$30/charge.

Spiritual Music Festival in the Sanctuary at 5 p.m.

NOVEMBER 7 & 8

Annual Bazaar November 7 & 8. Watch for announcements.

NOTICES

OUR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY HAS ARRIVED ! - If you had your portrait taken, please see a member of the committee to pick up your copy on Sunday following the Divine Liturgy.

PRAYER BOX - There is now a new *prayer box* which replaces the "Gold Box" in the chancel. The new box is located on the table at the entrance of the Sanctuary on the elevator side. The prayer box is donated by Michele Kazarian in loving memory of her father, Michael Halberian.

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.

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.

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 Murgurichian (351-9276).

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.*

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

CHURCH LIBRARY - Anyone needing assistance to donate or take out books from the Church Library should call the church office at 272-7712.

Note: A recommended read by a church parishioner is author Eric Bogosian's book "*Operation Nemesis*" which is about the perpetrators who annihilated the Armenian people from their homeland in the early years of the 20th century and the ensuing trials that took place of men who sought retribution from the perpetrators for the loss of their ancestors. This book is available at book stores and also your local libraries.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Today* **Exaltation of the Holy Cross & Blessing of Basil**
Sunday School Opening Day - Registration
Welcome Back BBQ Picnic
- 14 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
 Church History Class, 7 p.m.
- 15 Armenian Language School 6-8 p.m. (First Day of Classes)
- 19 Arts Education Classes begin, 10 a.m. (1st semester)
- 21 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
 Church History Class, 7 p.m.
- 24 Men's Dinner & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Cultural Committee Film, "Armenian Kingdom in Cilicia"
 7pm, Hanoian Hall
 Nazeli Dance Group, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Arts Education 10 a.m.00
- 27 Let's Learn Armenian Songs! Nvair Beylerian and Andrea
 Carden - See "Announcements"
- 28 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
 Mary House Outreach, 4p.m.
 Church History Class, 7 p.m.
 Women's Guild Meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- OCTOBER**
- 2 Nazeli Dance Group, 6:30 p.m.
- 3 NERSA Sunday School Teacher Education Workshop
- 4 *Great Cloud of Witnesses* film during fellowship
- 9 Women's Guild Family Night, 6:30p.m.
- 18 Annual Church Name Day
- 25 Spiritual Music Festival (Sanctuary) 5 p.m.
- NOVEMBER**
- 7 & 8 Annual Church Bazaar
- 11 Mary House Outreach, 4p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Registration and First Day is
TODAY !!
Feast of the Holy Cross
Followed by a Welcome Back Family Picnic for the
Whole Parish



Pilgrimage to **JERUSALEM**

Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church

Armenian Christmas in the Holy Land

Our 1st Parish Pilgrimage to Jerusalem

Led by Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor

January 13-23, 2016

Includes visits to:

Armenian Patriarchate/ St. James' Monastery, Old City/ Tomb of Christ,
Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Dead Sea

Trip Includes:

Round-trip airfare from Boston; Full transportation and transfers in Israel as specified in itinerary; Breakfast and Dinner daily; 4* Hotel accommodation (Double occupancy); Entrance fee to all sightseeing destinations; Tour Guide (English).

Cost per person (based on double occupancy): \$2,800

Space is limited. A minimum of 20 participants is required.

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