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Schedule of Sunday Services

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

Sunday, September 27, 2015

† Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak †

Տօն Վարազայ Սրբոյ Խաչին
Scripture Readings

Isaiah 65:22-25 (Pg. 741) Galatians 6:14-18 (Pg. 174)
Matthew 24:30-36 (Pg. 25)

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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Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

On Sunday, September 27, Armenian Churches worldwide will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak—an observance unique to the Armenian Church.

In the 7th century, a monk named Totig received a vision of a brilliant cross descending from Mount Varak (in historic Armenia) and coming to rest on the monastery at the mountain's foot. Totig raced to where the vision had led him, and there found a miraculous Christian relic: a fragment of the True Cross of Jesus Christ!

How had it gotten there? The relic had been brought to Armenia by St. Hripsime, in the late 3rd century, during her flight to find refuge from the persecutions of pagan Rome. When St. Hripsime was martyred by King Drtad, the hiding place of the cross was forgotten—and the holy relic had languished in its secret place for nearly 300 years, before being found again by the monk Totig.

To commemorate this discovery, the Catholicos of the time, St. Nersess the Builder, established a feast day. And the Holy Cross became a relic of great power in Armenia, moving from Varak to Sepastia and finally to Van, where it still could be seen by pilgrims—until the time of the Genocide.

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 24:30-36

Then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

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.



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:

- **MARIE DER MOOSHEGIAN** (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk) - requested by James Der Mooshegian and Family; Mr. & Mrs. David & Elsa Iannacci and Family; Mr. & Mrs. Kevork & Azadouhie Kassabian; Mr. & Mrs. Berj Kassabian and Family; Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Kassabian and Family; Irma Kassabian; Armine Khatchadourian; Maral & John Veltri and Family; Ani & Ralph Comparone; Ronald & Rosemary Sepe.

- **KHATCHADOURIAN FAMILY; ARMOUDIAN FAMILY; DANIEL HARVEY** - requested by Armine Khatchadourian; Maral & John Veltri and Family; Ani & Ralph Comparone.

- **MIRIDJAN MOURADJIAN; YEGHISAPET MOURADJIAN; SANDRA MOURADJIAN; DIRAHAYR ARAM MOURADJIAN; MUGURDICH KOSHGARIAN; AGHAVNI KOSHGARIAN; NISHON KOSHGARIAN; ZAROOHI KOSHGARIAN; CHARLES KANARIAN; ANN KANARIAN** - requested by Diramayr Irene Mouradjian and Family and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Koshgarian and Family.

- **SIRVART and BOGOS BOGOSIAN, HARRY BOGOSIAN and KERKOR KASSABIAN** - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Boghosian; Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. DeBlois, Jr. and Family; Dr. Rosemary and Dr. Thomas Miner and Family; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Boghosian and Family; Mrs. Elizabeth Kassabian; Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Kassabian; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kassabian 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.



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

Please pray for Master Sergeant Richard Moore

of the RI Air National Guard who is deployed in Kuwait. May God bless him and keep him safe throughout his service.

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>

A Memorial Prayer Card

has been requested for the repose of Marie Der Mooshegian by Ronald & Rosemary Sepe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

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

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."

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.

SEPTEMBER 28

Church History Class with Prof. Ara Dostourian, 9/28 at 7 p.m. Future Classes on October 5, 12, and 19.

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

OCTOBER 3

The Cultural Committee's *Arts Educational Program*: Programs meet on Saturdays, 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.

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 cannonization, 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 Yerezgin Julie Souin at juliesouin@gmail.com / 1-973-865-9925. Best costume contest for kids and adults! Come join the fun!

OCTOBER 17

Saturday Evening Family Worship Service (English) on October 17 from 5-6 p.m. Please join us...future dates will be November 14 & December 12.

OCTOBER 18

Sunday, October 18 - *Name Day Banquet*, honoring Parishioners of the Year: William Aznavourian, Hagop Boghosian, Jasper Der Ananian, Agnes Killabian, Bertha Mugurdichian, and Lucy Muradian. 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.

NOVEMBER 1

On Sunday, November 1, the unveiling and anointing of the *Icon of the Holy Martyrs* of the army and genocide will take place.

NOVEMBER 7 & 8

The 85th *Annual Armenian Food Fair and Bazaar* will be held on Saturday, & Sunday, November 7 & 8, 2015 in the Egavian Cultural Center, featuring authentic Armenian food & pastries, take out food booth, Armenian market with all your Armenian favorites, children's activities, etc. Come enjoy a great meal at very reasonable prices and spend time with family & friends. Cash/ Credit Card available for your convenience. For more information, contact the church office at 272-7712, e-mail us at office@stsahmes.org or visit the church web site at www.stsahmes.org or log onto armenianfoodfairri.org or armenianfoodfairri.com. Watch for our mailing with details on how to support the Sponsor Book, Wish List, etc. Your participation is needed and greatly appreciated.

NOTICES

Special Notice: October 18, 2015 at 3 p.m. Jordan Hall at New England Conservatory of Music, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston. *The Friends of Armenian Cultural Society presents A Concert* commemorating the centennial of the Armenian Genocide. Program: † T. Mansuryan "Requiem," Comidas, Alan Hovhaness, Shostakovich. For tickets and information please visit www.FACSBoston.org

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 if you have not already done so.*

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 Murgudichian (351-9276).

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.*

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

SEPTEMBER

- Today* 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
Arts Education 10 a.m.
- 4 *Great Cloud of Witnesses* film during fellowship
- 5 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Church History Class, 7 p.m.
- 6 Parish Council 7 p.m.
- 9 Women's Guild Family Night, 6:30p.m.
Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 9-12 ACYOA Jrs. Sports Weekend (speak to Steve Megrđichian)
- 10 Arts Education 10 a.m.
- 12 Columbus Day Holiday, office closed
Church History Class, 7 p.m.
- 13 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 16 Jr. Choir begins for this season, 6:30 p.m.
Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Family Evening Service 5-6 p.m. (English)
- 18 Annual Church Name Day
- 19 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Church History Class, 7 p.m.
- 20 Parish Council 7 p.m.
- 23 Jr. Choir & Dance Classes 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
- 25 Flu Clinic after church
- 26 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 30 Jr. Choir & Dance Class 6:30 p.m.
- 31 Arts Education, 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Unveiling & Anointing of the icon of the Holy Martyrs
- 7 & 8 Annual Church Bazaar
- 11 Mary House Outreach, 4p.m.
- 12 Knights of Vartan "Knight of the Year" Dinner
- 14 Saturday Evening Worship, 5-6 pm
- 26 Thanksgiving Day, office closed
- 28 ACYOA Dance

DECEMBER

- 5 Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
- 12 Saturday Evening Worship 5-6 p.m.
- 19 Children's Christmas Concert