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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, October 4, 2015

† Fourth Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross †

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Scripture Readings

Isaiah 17:7-14 (p. 696) II Cor. 13:5-13 (p. 170)

Mark 11:27-33 (Pg. 44)

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!

Ճաշակեցեք եւ տեսեք զի քաղցր է Տէր:

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



Prayer for the Blessing of the Holy Chrism

*"Through the strength of Your All-Holy Spirit, let this oil be:
The oil of joy and garment of light... holiness of body and soul...,
the seal of justice, the weapon of faith, and the martyr
triumphant against all the works of the intriguer."*

On Sunday, September 27, 2015, the blessing ceremony of the Holy Muron convened in the Holy See of Etchmiadzin in memory of the 1.5 million Armenian Genocide martyrs who are canonized, sanctified and beatified.

His Holiness Karekin II called the blessed muron the "Muron of Victory." He said, "This chrisim, blessed in this revered year commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, and with the intercessory prayers of our sanctified Martyrs, is hereby proclaimed to be the Chrism of Victory, with the belief that it shall seal the souls of our faithful with the courageous and undefeatable spirit of our Holy Martyrs."

Holy Muron is sanctified oil. It is made of olive oil and some 40 different types of flowers and other sweet smelling herbs. In general, a special blessing ceremony of the Holy Muron is conducted every seven years by the Catholicos. During the blessing of the holy Muron, the old muron is mixed with the new one.

In general, the sacraments are given in the name of Jesus Christ, who is himself the bestower of these blessings. When we receive a sacrament, we invite Christ to live in our midst. We ask him to share his life with us, so we may partake in his divine graces. Muron or chrisim is the true seal of our faith, the Holy Spirit, descending into ourselves, wherewith the divine grace dwells in us, sanctifying and continuously renewing us.

In the Year of Our Lord 301, the holy chrisim of the seven luminous graces floated on the waters of the Arsenias River, circling round our newly converted people and glittering under the rays of a cruciform light from heaven. The same chrisim has coursed through Armenian life for the past seventeen centuries, uniting us, strengthening us as Armenian Christians, bringing us in contact with holiness, and becoming a bridge between our past, our present, and all eternity. It shall continue to do so in the ensuing centuries.

- "Prayer for the Blessing of the Holy Chrism" from the website of the Mother see of Holy Etchmiadzin. Text of article excerpted from the newsletter of the Holy Cross Armenian Church, Union City, NJ and the e-newsletter of the Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern)



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 11:27-33

And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, and they said to him, "By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?"

Jesus said to them, "I will ask you a question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men? Answer me."

And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But shall we say, 'From men?'" -- they were afraid of the people, for all held that John was a real prophet.

So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Glory to You, O Lord our God!



Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The faithful says:

Յիշեսցիր եւ զիս առաջի անմահ գառիճն 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 գառիճն 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:

- **HELEN KALOOSTIAN** (2 Year Memorial) - requested by Peter Kaloostian; Candance Kaloostian; Shelly & Joseph Conti, Taylor and Peter; Ellen & Matthew Ferrara, Grace and Nicholas; Karen & Bill Martin and Family; Denise & Harry Boghigian; Marilyn J. Woloohojian and Family.

- **HARRY ARAM ZARTARIAN** (20 Year Memorial) - requested by Mrs. Helen Zartarian and Family.

- **MARY** and **ARAKEL ZARTARIAN**; **IRENE** and **GEORGE ZARTARIAN** - requested by Mrs. Helen Zartarian and Family.

- **HILDA EGHIAN** (17 Year Memorial) - requested by Linda, Dimitri and Dominic Salas; John Eghian; Levon Eghian. Mary and Victoria Banes.

- **PAUL S. TAVITIAN** (3 Year Memorial) - requested by John, Debra, Melissa & Peter Megrđichian; Mr. & Mrs. Peter Megrđichian; Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Megrđichian, Mari and Garen; Mr. & Mrs. V. Jack Sabounjian.

- **AGHAVNE MOURACHIAN** (25 Year Memorial); **OHAN MOURACHIAN** (54 Year Memorial) - requested by Baidzar M. Spirito; Melanie & Terry Beckemeyer (OH); Robert & Ruth Mourachian.

- **JOHN M. KALIAN** (September 30) and **SUE AHARONIAN** (October 1) - Birthday Remembrance - requested by Debbie (Kalian) and Greg Hazian & Family; Mark and Lauren Kalian & 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 Anna Iasimone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

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 5

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."

OCTOBER 5

Church History Class with Prof. Ara Dostourian, 10/5 at 7 p.m. Future Classes on October 12, and 19.

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 9

Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 10

The Cultural Committee's *Arts Educational Program*: Programs meet on Saturdays, at 10 a.m. For information, contact Chairperson, Janna Guegamian (401-861-3573.) Registration forms available through the office.

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 Armenian 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. Our mailing with details on how to support the Sponsor Book, Wish List, etc. Your participation is needed and greatly appreciated.

NOVEMBER 23

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, November 23 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: 3/21, 6/20.

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: ß T. Mansuryan "Requiem," Comidas, Alan Hovhanness, 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 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

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 Megrdechian)
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.
21 Armenian Chorale of RI Rehearsals begin at 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.
28 Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.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
4 Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m. (location to be announced)
7 & 8 Annual Church Bazaar
11 Mary House Outreach, 4p.m.
Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
12 Knights of Vartan "Knight of the Year" Dinner
14 Saturday Evening Worship, 5-6 pm
18 Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
25 Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
26 Thanksgiving Day, office closed
28 ACYOA Dance

DECEMBER

- 2 Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
5 Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
12 Saturday Evening Worship 5-6 p.m.
19 Children's Christmas Concert