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Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
THE LIGHTHOUSE

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Schedule of Sunday Services

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

Sunday, November 1, 2015
16th Anniversary of the Enthronement of Karekin II
Supreme Patriarch and Catholics of All Armenians

Eighth Sunday After Exaltation - Ութերորդ Կիրակի զկնի Ս. Խաչի

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 22:15-24 (Pg. 699) Ephesians 1:1-14 (Pg. 174) Luke 8:17-21 (Pg. 61)
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)

Der Shnork

Icon of Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide

The icon of Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide was commissioned by the Catholicos of All Armenians, His Holiness Karekin II, and painted by Tigran Barkhanajyan specifically for the 2015 ceremony of canonization, marking the 100th year of remembrance of the Armenian Genocide.

It is a unique work of iconography, depicting the first "new" saints to be recognized by the Armenian Church in several centuries: the martyrs who (in the words of the official prayer of intercession) "gave their lives during the Armenian Genocide for faith and for the homeland." The Holy Martyrs are portrayed in the dress typical of the Ottoman empire in 1915, and represent all ranks of Western Armenian society: men, women, children, and the elderly; merchants, intellectuals, artists, clergymen, farmers—all of whom perished in the brutal crime of 1915.

Although the icon directly depicts God the Father and the Holy Spirit, the figure of Christ is not explicitly shown. However, the artist's intention is that the multitude of figures represents the mystical Body of Christ: his holy Church. In this way, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity are present in the icon.

In the manner of our Lord at his resurrection, the martyrs travel from Death to Life, emerging upon the precincts of God's heavenly kingdom as the Church Victorious. Their path is bordered by desecrated khatchkars and the shattered remains of Armenian monuments, suggesting the centuries of

sacred and material culture lost to the Armenians when they were driven from their historic land.

His Holiness Karekin II and a special council of bishops approved the icon for display as a sacred image. The original is on view at the museum of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, in the Republic of Armenia



Prayer for the Catholicos of All Armenians

O Lord our God, benevolent and merciful, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the intercession of the holy Apostles Bartholomew and Thaddeus, who enlightened the land of Armenia from the darkness of pagan idolatry, and by the intercession of St. Gregory the Illuminator, the follower of the apostles, accept the supplications of your people, and keep the Lord KAREKIN II, our Catholicos, whom you chose as Patriarch and leader of the Armenian people, firm in his great calling for a long time. Let him lead your people with humility and orthodoxy. Exalt throughout the universe the horn of your anointed one. Make him worthy of becoming a faithful and wise steward of your new covenant. Look with sweetness after your people who have been entrusted to him and keep them spotless from all evil, so that rejecting from themselves the worldly desires, they may live in righteousness, clad with your Christ's holiness, and let them be one flock and one pastor, together becoming worthy of reaching eternal bliss in the company of all your saints, through the grace of your Only-begotten, our Lord Jesus Christ, with whom glory, power and honor is befitting to the Almighty Father and the coexistent Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 8:17-21

For nothing is hid that shall not be made manifest, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Take heed then how you hear; for to him who has will more be given, and from him who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."

Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him for the crowd.

And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you."

But he said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

Glory to You, O Lord our God!



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:

Տա՛ցէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քոմ:
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.



NO REQUIEMS (Hokehankist) today. Requiems will resume on November 8.



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>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

The unveiling and anointing of the *Icon of the Holy Martyrs* of the Armenian Genocide will take place today. **Please note** there will be no Hokehankist (requiems), which will resume November 8.

A **special plate collection** will be taken to remember our own Genocide Martyrs by helping refugees in the world today. Proceeds will support the United Nations Refugee Fund.

NOVEMBER 2

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."

Women's Guild meeting at 7:15 p.m.

NOVEMBER 4

Beginning November 4 through December 16th, at 7-8:30 p.m. in Hanoian Hall - **BIBLE STUDY** with Fr. Shnork Souin. (Wednesday evenings). Week 1 (11/4) - "*Introit-Myadzin Vorti & Soorp Asdvads.*" (No Bible Study on Nov. 11 and Dec. 9). Please feel free to bring coffee and snacks. RSVP Der Shnork at dershork@gmail.com or 201-306-4304.

NOVEMBER 7 & 8

The 85th *Annual Armenian Food Fair and Bazaar* will be held on next weekend 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. Your participation is needed and greatly appreciated. The Bazaar Committee is asking for parishioners to bring a baked item (Armenian or American) for the pastry table Saturday and Sunday. Please help support the bazaar !!

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans' Day Observance, Wednesday, November 11, at 10 a.m. at the Armenian Memorial Monument, RI Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, RI. This Year's Honoree is Vartkes Kaprielian.

NOVEMBER 13

Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m. & Jr. Choir 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER 14

The Cultural Committee's *Arts Educational Program*: Programs meet on Saturdays, at 10 a.m. For information, contact Chairperson, Janna Guegarian (401-861-3573.)

NOVEMBER 14

Saturday Evening Family Worship Service (English) from 5-6 p.m. Please join us on the following dates: Nov. 14 & Dec. 12.

NOVEMBER 15

The Blessing of the Water with the Holy Muron - November 15, 2015: At the conclusion of the Badarak, Fr. Shnork Souin will bless water with the newly consecrated Holy Muron from Holy Etchmiadzin. Everyone in attendance at this wonderful service of blessing will receive the blessed water with the Holy Muron, in a special container that memorializes the day and the event. The Holy Water can be gently sprinkled from time to time in the corners of the home and kept in a sacred place in the family home.

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.

NOVEMBER 28

ACYOA Dance - watch for future announcements & details.

NOTICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL Announcement: Sunday School students are participating in an outreach project collecting hygiene products. The packages will be given to Mary House as well as to St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Church to distribute as needed. For the month of October we are asking parishioners to bring in tooth paste and tooth brushes. In November we will be collecting toilet paper and Kleenex. In December we will be collecting shampoo and soap. Thank you for your support in our children's outreach efforts.

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 Mugurdichian (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 parishioner recommends an orphan's story. Karnig Panian's memoir, "Goodbye Antoura" describes his life during the Armenian Genocide as a 5 year old boy separated from his family and living in an orphanage in Antoura, Lebanon and of the harsh treatment he endures at the hands of the Turkish administrators. This is an unforgettable story. Through his faith, strength and determination he became a teacher later in life at the Beirut Djemaran, the premier Armenian educational institution in the Middle East. (My mother, Mary, was reunited with her mother who found her in an orphanage by an identifying birthmark.) This book is available at book stores and also your local libraries.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- Today* Unveiling & Anointing of the icon of the Holy Martyrs Badarak will begin at 9:45 a.m.
Note: Hokehankist (Requiems) will resume Nov. 8
- 2 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Women's Guild Meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- 4 Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m.
Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
- 7 & 8 Annual Church Bazaar
- 9 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 11 Veteran's Day Observance 10 a.m., RI Veteran's Cenetry
Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
(No Bible Study)
- 12 Knights of Vartan "Knight of the Year" Dinner
- 13 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
Saturday Evening Worship, 5-6 pm
- 15 The Blessing of Water with the Holy Muron
- 16 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 17 Parish Council, 7 p.m.
- 18 Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m.
Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
- 20 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Arts Education 10 a.m.
- 22 Choir Recognition Day
- 23 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Mary House Meal Kitchen, 4 p.m.
- 25 Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m.
Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
- 26 Thanksgiving Day, office closed
- 28 ACYOA Dance
- 30 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.

DECEMBER

- 2 Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m.
Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
- 5 Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
- 9 Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m.
- 12 Saturday Evening Worship 5-6 p.m.
- 16 Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m.
- 25 Christmas Day, Office Closed