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Schedule of Sunday Services

Matins	9:00 a.m.
Sunrise Service	9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (<i>Soorp Badarak</i>)	10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 6, 2016
Sunday of the Judge - Դատաւորի Կիրակի - *Tadavori Giragi*
Scripture Readings
Isaiah 65:8-25 (Pg. 738) Philippians 3:1-4:9 (Pg. 180)
Luke 17:20-18:14 (Pg. 73)
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!
Ճաշակեցէք եւ տեսէք զի քաղցր է Տէր:
"Taste ye, and see, for the Lord is sweet." (Adapted from Psalm 34:8)
Der Shnork



Pastor's Points of Light

God is long suffering and patient. He seeks our salvation. It is for this reason that He is not always quick to answer our prayers or even to necessarily answer them the way we'd like. This does not always seem clear to us. How many people have lost heart and grown unsure of God's concern for their welfare?

It is so important that we learn to be not only persistent, but faithful in our prayers. We must never lose heart. The widow in the parable stands as a symbol of humanity which feels itself weak and appeals to God for comfort. The difference, of course is that while the widow incessantly pleads for justice from the unrighteous judge, the sinner pleads for mercy from the Righteous Judge.

We too, like the widow, must be persistent not only in our prayers but in believing that out of His infinite love for us and in His eternal mercy, God will vindicate our trust in Him.

In the parable, even the impious, unfaithful and impudent judge submits, eventually, to the persistence of the widow! How much more will our Righteous Judge avenge His servants who call upon Him day and night? This does not mean that we merely must remain vigilant in prayer, but to be expectant and to trust our God with perfect faith, and to remain in our service to Him.

What an encouragement for us sinners, the parable is, especially those who are suffering or persecuted or held in fear, to look

with certainty and with expectation upon the day of God's mercy and His infinite love for us.

Prayerfully, Fr. Shnork Souin



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (17:20-18:14)

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Lo, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you." And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and you will not see it.

And they will say to you, 'Lo, there!' or 'Lo, here!' Do not go, do not follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of man be in his day. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was in the days of Lot--they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom fire and sulphur rained from heaven and destroyed them all -- so will it be on the day when the Son of man is revealed. On that day, let him who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it.

I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other left." And they said to him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'"

And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'"

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Glory to You, O Lord our God!



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.

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:

- **VERY REV. FR. SHNORK KASPIRIAN** (2 Year Memorial) - requested by Rev. Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor, Parish Council and Delegates of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church; Hagop, Marie and Tamar Ghajanian.
- **SARKIS DER MOOSHEGIAN** (One Year Memorial - Dareleetz); **MARIE DER MOOSHEGIAN** - requested by the Der Mooshegian Family; the Iannacci Family; the Kassabian Family.
- **VAHAN VARTANIAN** (One Year Memorial - Dareleetz) - requested by his Family.
- **HURANT SHAMSHOIAN; JAMES SHAMSHOIAN** - requested by the Shamshoian Family.
- **SUSAN VARADIAN TORKOMIAN** (18 Year Memorial) - requested by Nancy Torkomian; the Caracciolo Family; the Paolino Family.
- **SARKIS H. VARTANIAN** (20 Year Memorial) - requested by Penelope Vartanian and Family.
- **HAIGAZ VARTANIAN** (41 Year Memorial); **PYLOON VARTANIAN** (32 Year Memorial) - requested by Penelope Vartanian and Family.

- **MICHAEL AYRASSIAN** (13 Year Memorial) - requested by his sons Kenneth Ayrassian and Michael Ayrassian Jr.; daughter Cindy Amer and Family.

- **BEATRICE AZNAVOURIAN** (25 Year Memorial) - requested by William Aznavourian.

....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 prayers.

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 Haig Yaghoobian, US Army Basic Training at Ft. Jackson. His mailing info.: Specialist Haig Yaghoobian, Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 4th Platoon "Ghost Riders," 5500 Marion Ave., Fort Jackson, SC 29207.

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

His Eminence Abp. Yeghishe Gizirian

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

Today there will be a 2nd Plate Collection for the *Sunday School Lenten Drive*. Your generosity will be appreciated in support of these important efforts to feed the hungry in Armenia and the U.S.

The *Women's Guild* cordially invites you to attend "Soupy Sunday Luncheon" today following Badarak. All you can eat Soup and Salad - includes coffee and dessert (Apple Pie & Ice Cream). Pasta with sauce or butter for children. Donation: \$10 Adults, \$5 Children 12 and under. Everyone welcome. *Please join us!*

MARCH 7

Senior Citizens - come join us every Monday (at 10 a.m. weather permitting, excluding holidays). Have fun with your friends & neighbors & enjoy with us "coffee and," cards, tavloo, pinochle, etc."

MARCH 9

Lenten Services "My Lenten Journey" Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. followed by Bible Study "The Prophet/King/Messiah's Journey to Jerusalem." Please bring a Bible, meeting in Hanoian Hall.

MARCH 11

Lenten Kufta will be available on Friday, March 11. **Please place orders** with the church office as soon as possible. \$15 per dozen, \$8 per 1/2 dozen. They may be picked up after 1 p.m. on 3/11.

MARCH 11 & 12

Nazeli Dance Group and *Arts Educational Program*: Second Semester. For information, contact Chairperson, Janna Guegamian (401-861-3573.) See Calendar of Events for times.

MARCH 13

The *Sunday School* will have a Bake Sale to benefit the *Lenten Drive*.

MARCH 20

ACYOA Palm Sunday Celebration hosted by the Providence ACYOA Senior Chapter. Guest speaker Kathryn Ashbahian, Dept. of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at the Diocese. Sunday, March 20, 1 p.m. Stuffed Chicken and Pilaf Dinner, \$15 adults/\$10 (kids under 10) Reservations highly recommended, Church office (401-272-7712), Christina Parnagian (401-256-2686), Greta Janigian (401-556-0771). Please bring your family and support our youth.

MARCH 21

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, March 21, 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. Future date: 6/20/16.

NOTICES

PALMS & FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER -

Donations towards the purchase of palms for Palm Sunday and flowers for Holy Week and Easter would be greatly appreciated. Forms for this are available in the hallway by the church office, or you may your send your donation to the church office (call if you would like to use a credit card). Deadline for palm donations, March 17, for flower donations, March 24. Donations will be acknowledged in the bulletins on March 20 and 27.

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP 2016- 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@armeniadiocese.org or 248-648-0702 or Lorie Odabashian, Coordinator, LorieO@armeniadiocese.org or 212-686-0710 ext. 143 You may also visit <http://diocesansummercamps.org/stvartancamp/> to register on the website. 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.

The ***2016 Sunday School Lenten Drive*** is underway. Every year, the Department of Christian Education of the Eastern Diocese selects one or more charities that will receive contributions made by the various parishes across the diocese. This year the proceeds will be donated to 2 charities: FAR which is focused on child malnutrition in Armenia and Feed the Children organization which focuses on feeding children in the US. FAR provides day care centers and schools with nutritious meals, gives expectant mothers pre-natal vitamins, treats diseases of malnutrition and provides infants with infant formula. Feed the Children distributes needed food and other essentials to communities nationwide to impoverished children partnering with educators, shelters and churches. The next event will be a Bake Sale on Sunday, March 13th. A second plate collection will be held in the sanctuary today. Please help our Sunday School support this mission during this Lenten Season.

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, 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, 2016;*** (new members must be received by June 30 to vote at Parish Assembly in February 2017.) 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.

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. Thank you for your support in our children's outreach efforts.

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.

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 Murgurdichian (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 the needy at entrances to the Sanctuary? Contributions appreciated.

ARMENIAN RADIO HOUR - Sunday 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 .

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

The *Scholarship Committee*, of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church is pleased to announce that applications are now available for the *Charles Yaghoobian, Jr. Scholarship Grants* for 2016. Scholarship Grants will be awarded to qualified members of all three Armenian Churches in RI. Applicants must be dues paying members of their church. Scholarships are limited for up to 3 years only. We are currently seeking qualified candidates for consideration. For an application and a list of eligibility requirements you may contact: Nathalie Yaghoobian, 353-2488. The deadline to submit completed application and all documentation is April 1, 2016.

The *Vaughn Avedisian Memorial Fund* is offering scholarships this year by the RI Community Foundation to benefit students from RI to attend a non-profit post-secondary institution that offers either a two year associate or a four year college degree. Information and applications are available by contacting the Church Office (401-272-7712), or John Takian (401-641-5851) johnt@blissproperties.net. The applications must be received by April 4, 2016 to be considered. Please contact Sylvia Long at (401) 884-4343 with any questions concerning the application process.

The *Aik Otyag #10 Daughters of Vartan* are pleased to announce that applications are now available for an academic scholarship grant for a high school senior, who is of Armenian descent and is a Rhode Island resident. Application and eligibility requirements are available through the church office or on line at the church website. The completed application must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2016, submitted to the scholarship committee c/o Dorothy Martiesian. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The *Paul O. and Mary Boghossian Memorial Trust* awards scholarships for study at institutions of higher education beyond the secondary level

to RI students who demonstrate: financial need, academic capability, and potential to contribute to the US and its form of government. Scholarship awards from the Trust are limited to RI students from several groups which includes persons or descendants of persons who are Armenian by national origin or descent. Copies of the guidelines and application forms for eligible students are available in the church office (272-7712). Completed applications must be submitted by March 15 to the Paul O. and Mary Boghosian Memorial Trust (address included with the application information).

Diocese Opens Scholarship Application Process Each year the Eastern Diocese awards scholarships to college students throughout the Diocese. The Diocese seeks students who are active in their local parishes and have assumed leadership roles in their communities. To be eligible, applicants must be U.S. citizens enrolled in four-year undergraduate programs. The scholarship funding comes from various endowment funds, including the Adrina Movsesian Scholarship, the Armine Dikijian Journalism Scholarship, the Mabel Fenner Scholarship, and the George Holopigian Memorial Fund. The application form is available on the Diocese website at <armenianchurch-ed.net/programming/scholarships/application-form>. The application deadline is May 20, 2016. For information, contact Maria Barsoumian at mariab@armeniandiocese.org.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

29 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.

MARCH

6 2nd Plate Collection for Sunday School Lenten Drive
Women's Guild Soup Luncheon after church

7 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.

9 Lenten Service & Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m.
CEAB Meeting 7 p.m.

11 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.

12 Arts Education 10 a.m.

13 Sunday School Lenten Drive Bake Sale after service
Choir Rehearsal after service

14 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.

16 Lenten Service & Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m.

18 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.

19 Arts Education 10 a.m.

20 Palm Sunday & ACYOA Palm Sunday Dinner

21 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.

Holy Week & Easter Services - Please see insert.

24 **Holy & Great Thursday**

25 **Holy & Great Friday**

26 **Holy & Great Saturday**

27 **Easter Sunday - Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ**

28 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.

29 Parish Council, 7 p.m.

April 17 - Save the date. April 17 at 2 p.m. for the play "Women of Ararat" by Judith Boyajian. Speak with Dorothy Martiesian for details.