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Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
THE LIGHTHOUSE



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Schedule of Sunday Services

Matins 9:00 a.m.
Sunrise Service 9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (*Soorp Badarak*) 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 20, 2016

~ Palm Sunday - Ծաղկաբարդ - Dzaghgazart *~*

Scripture Readings

Zechariah 9:9-15 (Pg. 926) Philippians 4:4-7 (Pg. 180)
Matthew 20:29-21:17 (Pg. 20)

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!

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

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Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!

Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. —From the prophet Zechariah 9:9-10 - 587 BC

Don't you love when your hopes come true! Imagine the joy of the Israelites when they saw the hope of 600 years fulfilled before their very eyes! They were so moved that they lined the streets of Jerusalem, with branches of Palms, and shouted praises "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna!" Psalm 118:26

The words Hosanna, literally means "SAVE!" Those eyewitnesses recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah and the One who Only would come in the NAME of the LORD (bearing His authority and word) who would save His people and bring them safely out of the bondage of sin.

Have a blessed Holy Week as we walk in the steps of our Lord from the Triumphal Entry to the Passion of Holy Thursday, the bitter-sweet burial and the Glorious Resurrection on Easter morning, where we proclaim the victory of our Savior and realize the fulfillment of our eternal HOPE in Christ.

Prayerfully, Fr. Shnork Souin

We regret to inform you that after a lengthy illness, Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian has passed away. He was a much beloved Bishop of our Church and will be greatly missed. Please keep him in your prayers. May the memory of the righteous be eternally blessed. There will be a repose of souls conducted on May 1.



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20:29-21:17

And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the roadside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent; but they cried out the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" And Jesus stopped and called them, saying, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they received their sight and followed him.

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers." And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise'?" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

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.



REQUIEMS (*Hokehankist*) will resume on April 3.
PALM DONATIONS - Please see insert.



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

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 **Healing Prayer Card** for **Araxy Avedisian** has been requested by the Women's Guild.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

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).

MARCH 21

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."

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.

Armenian Chorale of RI meets on Mondays, March 21 through April 11 at 7 p.m.

MARCH 24 - MARCH 27

Please see insert for complete schedule of services for *Holy Week* and *Easter*.

APRIL 1 & 2

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

APRIL 10

Godparent's Sunday - April 10, celebrating Godparents and Godchildren. A service of re-dedication & renewal! Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

APRIL 16

Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide - Legacy of our Martyrs - Concert of Armenian Patriotic songs - Saturday, April 16, 7-8 p.m. - Performed by the Armenian Chorale of RI - Fellowship following concert 8-8:30 p.m.

APTIL 30

The Cultural Committee and Armenian Evangelical Church presents "Tribute to Armenia," Armenian Youth Talent from NY & NJ, finalists of concert in Carnegie Hall, Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Armenian Evangelical Church of RI, 180 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston.

NOTICES

FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER -

Donations towards the purchase of 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 flower donations, March 24. Donations will be acknowledged in the bulletin on March 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@armeniandiocese.org or 248-648-0702 or Lorie Odabashian, Coordinator, **LorieO@armeniandiocese.org** or 212-686-0710 ext. 143 Register on line at **www.diocesansummercamps.org**. 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. 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 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 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.

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

MARCH

- Today* Palm Sunday & ACYOA Palm Sunday Dinner
21 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Mary House Outreach, 3:45 p.m. at St. Patrick Church
Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.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.
Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
29 Parish Council, 7 p.m.

APRIL

- 1 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
2 Arts Education 10 a.m.
4 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
8 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
9 Arts Education 10 a.m.
10 Godparents' Sunday during Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
Bake Sale to benefit the Nazeli Dance Group after church
11 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Armenian Chorale of RI 7 p.m.
15 Jr. Choir 6:30 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
16 Arts Education 10 a.m.
Legacy of Our Martyrs Memorial Concert 7 p.m.
18 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
19 Armenian Youth Day 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
22 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
23 Arts Education, 10 a.m.
24 Martyr's Commemoration, North Buriel Ground, 12:45 p.m.
25 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
29 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
30 Arts Education 10 a.m.
"Tribute To Armenia" Concert at Evangelical Church,
Cranston, 7 p.m.

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- 13 Sports Banquet