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Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
THE LIGHTHOUSE



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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, April 3, 2016
Octave of Easter - New Sunday - Նոր Կիրակի
Scripture Readings
Acts 5:34-6:7 (Pg. 112) James 3:1-12 (Pg. 207)
John 1:1-17 (Pg. 83)
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!

Ծաշակեցէք եւ տեսէք զի քաղցր է Տէր:
"Taste ye, and see, for the Lord is sweet." (Adapted from Psalm 34:8)
Der Shnork

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Pastor's Points of Light

I am very pleased to announce that the newly elected Parish Council with approval of the Primate have formed a new Executive Committee. This new Council has had their first official meeting and today, which is New Sunday according to the Armenian calendar, we begin a new year under the guidance and supervision of this Parish Council who will work in harmony and for the benefit of our Church and to the Glory of God by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy a dedication service of the new council will be conducted commissioning them for their ministry. Please join me in wishing them success and wisdom.

Congratulations to the following:

Joyce Avedisian, Chairperson
Stephen Megrđichian, Vice-Chairman
Martha Jamgochian, Secretary
Arthur Yarumian, Treasurer
Gary Taraian, Assistant Treasurer

Advisors: **Leonard Arzoomanian, Ara Boghigian, Marc Janigian, Jason Martiesian, John Megrđichian, Mher Saribekyan.**

Prayerfully,
Rev. Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not.

He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

(John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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:

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:

Տագէ 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.



REQUIEMS (*Hokehankist*) 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
Susie Bossian Rotondo

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's *Coffee Fellowship* is given in loving memory of Araxie Kojoian by Peter & Lucy Megrđichian and the Megrđichian Family.

A *Candle Donation* is offered in loving memory of Anoush Meklian and Depoyan Family Members by Mary & Zabel Meklian.

Parish Council Installation - Today the 2016 Parish Council will be installed at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

APRIL 4

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."

Armenian Chorale of RI meets on Mondays, March 28 through April 11 at 7 p.m.

APRIL 9 & 10

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.

Saintly Women's Day - Saturday, April 16, 2016 hosted by Holy Trinity Armenian Church - Reservations call or e-mail Lillibeth 401-640-2646 or emkooloian@aol.com. Donation \$35.00 Honoring St. Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Asdvadzadzin), Queen of Heaven. Guest Speaker: Sr. Bridget Haase, OSU Ursuline Sister, Author, Speaker and Storyteller. Program: 10:15 a.m. Welcome & Coffee, 11:00 a.m. Church Service, 12:00 p.m., Lunch & Program.

APRIL 17

Nazeli Dance Group Bake Sale after services.

APRIL 19

The *18th Annual Armenian Youth Day* sponsored by The Armenian Martyrs' Memorial Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2016 in Egavian Cultural Center. This is the 101st Anniversary of the 1915 Genocide. Registration is at 8:30am with orientation at 8:50am. The program will run from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Please contact Martha Jamgochian for information (401-723-3344).

APRIL 24

Please Note: Badarak will begin at 9:30 a.m. on April 24.

The Armenian Martyrs' Memorial Committee will sponsor the *101st Anniversary Commemoration* of the 1915 Armenian Genocide at 12:45 p.m. at the North Buriel Ground on Sunday, April 24. All the faithful of the parish are encouraged to attend. In case of rain, it will take place in the Evagian Cultural Center at Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church.

APRIL 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

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.

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 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 - 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 .

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

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

APRIL

- Today Installation of 2016 Parish Council
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.
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.
17 Nazeli Dance group Bake Sale
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 Burial 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
18 Cultural Committee Concert - Group from Armenian Details TBA
30 Memorial Day - Office Closed

JUNE

- 1 Knights & Daughters of Vartan Graduates Night
4 Cultural Committee Annual Talent Show