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Schedule of Sunday Services

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

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Second Palm Sunday

Mother's Day

Scripture Readings

Acts 23:12-25 (Pg. 131) I John 5:13-21 (Pg. 217)

John 12:12-23 (Pg. 97)

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)

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Pastor's Points of Light

On the occasion of Mother's Day we congratulate all of the mothers of our parish family and pray that our Heavenly Father grant them many years of joy and good health; and eternal rest to all deceased mothers. May the bounteous blessings of God be upon all of the women of our community, through the prayers of the Holy Mother of God. Amen.

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Mayrig

by Hratch Tchillingirian, St. Nersess 1993

Mayrig – in Armenian mom or grandma – is one of the sweetest words in the Armenian language. For a moment picture your grandma, look at her face and you see the story of life. Look at her face closely and you see wrinkles, furrows sculpted by tears and struggles; furrows where seeds of smile and blessings have grown; furrows where – through the blessings of Faith in God – miracles have happened in our lives. For a moment picture your grandma...

Our grandma, our Mayrig, was born a hundred years ago in Armenia, to a humble immigrant family, who had seen suffering, genocide, blood and destruction...Yet, in her determination to pass her Faith to the children of her nation, she stood strong and gave life, spiritual strength to us all.

Despite her age, she is always young and living – but only

through us and for our children's sake. She prepares banquet and fellowship every Sunday... but today so few of her children come home to see her. So few come and pray with her for all the good things that God has blessed us with. Her children have grown, some have forgotten her Faith and the values she passed on and many have disowned her. Yet, many have never forgotten her and love her dearly.

This lonely Mayrig is praying unceasingly for us, waiting for us, keeping the lamp light of our faith shining for us. She needs our hand and humility; she needs our love and sobriety. She is our Church, our Mother Church, our Mayrig. She is the bride of Christ, and it is up to us to participate in the wedding celebration.

Don't wait for a committee. Don't wait for another meeting. Don't wait to discuss her problems next month or next year. She needs you now. She is home waiting for you. She wants to pray with you, for her and together for all of us, for all her children. She wants to work with you to continue her uninterrupted service and love to you and to all. You make her live, without you she will die. Don't count on others. Don't relegate your role to doctors and professionals to heal her wounds. It is only you who could make her healthy and full of life again. It is only your kiss of love and peace that soothe her wounds. Come home! Come home to Mayrig and see her sweet face.



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (12:12-23)

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

The crowd that had been with him when he called Laz'arus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see that you can do nothing; look, the world has gone after him."

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Beth-sa'ida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus.

And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified.

Glory to You, O Lord our God!



Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The faithful says:

Յիշեաջիր 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:

Յիշեացէ 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:

Տացէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քոյմ:
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:

- **LEON C. BOGHOSSIAN** Jr. (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk) - requested by Mrs. Susan Boghossian; Mr. & Mrs. Leon III & Karen Boghossian; Mr. & Mrs. Jamie & Licia Langford; Mr. & Mrs. Stephen & Liana Boghossian.

- **BRIAN CRAIG MURPHY** (One Year Memorial - Dareleetz); **OWAIN GREENWOOD** (Two Year Memorial) - requested by John Derderian.

- **KAREKIN HAYTAIAN** (65 Year Memorial); **YERANOOHE HAYTAIAN** (17 Year Memorial); **DANIEL DANIELIAN** (53 Year Memorial); **HAIGANOUSH DANIELIAN** (22 Year Memorial) - requested by Margaret Danielian.

- **MGRDICH CHEVIAN** (67 Year Memorial); **JOHN WESLEY PARKS** (31 Year Memorial) - requested by Ohanian, Chevian and Chateaufneuf Families.

- **JOHN KUSHIGIAN** (32 Year Memorial) - requested by Margaret Chevian.

- **SARAH DEMIRJIAN**; **SANDRA MOORADIAN**; **MARGARET YAPCHAIAN**; **HAIGANOUSH KACHIGIAN** - requested by Anne Mooradian and Family.

- **NOUHIMZAR KRIKORIAN** (25 Year Memorial) - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Azarig Kooloian and Family.

- **IRIS KALIAN** (2 Year Memorial) - requested by Pauline Goodman.

....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 Artsakh, Syria, Egypt and Iraq in your prayers that God Almighty will watch over them and protect them in these uncertain and dangerous times

A Special Prayer....

In this desperate time, we pray that our risen Lord will have mercy on the brave Armenians of Artsakh. May he bless all his children who have perished; bring compassionate care to the wounded; and strengthen the living--soldiers and civilians alike--who continue to defend our homeland in the face of these assaults. To all our people, may he grant consolation to our suffering and grief.

With prayers,
Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

A donation towards **Altar Flowers** has been given today by Debbie Hazian in loving memory of "my mother, Iris Kalian, and my grandmothers, Sue Ahronian and Mary Kalian."

The **Women's Guild Mother's Day Cake Sale** will take place today after services in the Egavian Hall.

MAY 9

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."

MAY 13 & 14

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

MAY 13

47th Annual Sports Banquet, Friday, May 13, 2016. The Charles Yaghoobian, Jr. Memorial Award, honoring RI's Armenian Athletes of the year, those receiving special recognition for excellence, and past Great Athlete. Guest Speaker Kim Kalunian of WPRI-TV. Recipients of the Charles Yaghoobian Jr. Scholarship Grants to be announced, as well as the Vaughn Avedisian Memorial Scholarship and the Aram "Ace" Ohanian Memorial Scholarship. Social hour 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 per person. Please Call Ann Ayrassian (272-4743) for tickets. Book signing - *They Heard the Bugle's Call* - by Terry Nau.

MAY 15

Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church and Memory, Dignity, Justice Association celebrate the *22nd Anniversary of the Liberation of Shushi, Flag Blessing and Flag Raising Ceremony* on Sunday, May 15. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. - Memorial for fallen soldiers of Armenia and Artsakh - Blessing of the Flag of the independent republic of Karabakh. Raising of flag 12:00 p.m. in Egavian Hall, musical performance, Madagh and Fellowship. Collection for war relief in Karabakh and support for the troops.

MAY 18

Armenian Folk Ensemble - Artak Asatryan, Artistic Director - 6 City Tour of Eastern United States - will be here on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. - Egavian Cultural Center - tickets at the door \$15, sponsored by the Cultural Committee of Sts. Sahag Armenian Church.

MAY 22

The *Bake Sale for Nazeli Dance Group* has been scheduled for May 22 after services.

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 - 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 *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@armeniadiocese.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- Today* Women's Guild Mother's Day Cake Sale after services
9 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
10 Parish Council, 7 p.m.
11 CEAB meeting,
13 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
Sports Banquet
14 Arts Education 10 a.m.
15 Flag Raising Ceremony for the Flag of Karabakh
16 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
18 Armenian Folk Ensemble - from Armenia, 7 p.m.
20 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
21 Arts Education 10 a.m.
22 Bake Sale for Nazeli Dance Group
23 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
27 Jr. Choir 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
28 Arts Education 10 a.m.
30 Memorial Day - Office Closed
31 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Parish Council, 7 p.m.

JUNE

- 1 Knights & Daughters of Vartan Graduates Night
4 Cultural Committee Annual Talent Show
5 Sunday School Graduation
27 Golf Outing