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Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
THE LIGHTHOUSE



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Schedule of Sunday Services

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

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 1:1-15 (Pg. 683) Romans 6:12-23 (Pg. 141)

Matthew 12:1-8 (Pg. 11)

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!

Ծաշակեցէք 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

Congratulations and God's Blessings

.....to our Sunday School graduating class, Lily Janigian and Gregory Rendine, their families who have supported them and to all their teachers throughout the years who have nourished them and taught them the teachings and traditions of our Christian faith. Special thanks to Anna Robinson who has prepared them throughout the year for this call to the next stage of their service to the Armenian Church as adults having completed their Sunday School education.

Love,
Fr. Shnork



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 12:1-8

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath."

He said to them, "Have you not read what David did, when he was hungry, and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?"

Or have you not read in the law how on the sabbath the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.

And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is lord of the sabbath."

Glory to You, O Lord our God!



Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The faithful says:

Յիշեսցիր եւ զիս առաջի անմահ գառինն 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 գառինն 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.

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:

- **MARI KHATCHATRIAN** (3 Year Memorial); **MINAS KHATCHATRIAN** (6 Year Memorial) - requested by Philip & Alice Paloulian; Dr. & Mrs. Paul Shamirian and Paul; Greg & Roseanne Mississian; Nvard Dedeian; Zvart Tahmassian.

- **MICHAEL HALBERIAN** (2010); **SHAAKE HALBERIAN** (2009); **MARY KAZARIAN** (2008); **GEORGE KAZARIAN** (1971) - requested by their granddaughters, Jackie and Katie Kazarian.

...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

Sunday School Graduations will take place in the Sanctuary today during the Divine Liturgy followed by a reception in the Egavian Cultural Center. Please join us following church services for a special coffee hour - Sunday School Teacher Recognition and Student Awards, scholarships and attendance awards will be given. Congratulations to our graduates, Lily Janigian and Gregory Rendine.

JUNE 6

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.

Picnic Meeting - there will be a Parish-wide picnic meeting tomorrow, June at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited. We are trying some new ideas this year and would like your input and help. Please join us.

JUNE 12

Summer Hours begin, 9 a.m. Morning Service, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 12. The *Guest Preacher* on June 12 will be the Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian.

JUNE 20

Mary House Outreach - In the spirit of Christian stewardship, part of our parish outreach effort is to donate food to the Mary House food pantry and to volunteer at St. Patrick's meal kitchen. Monday, June 20 is our parish's next date to volunteer. We meet at St. Patrick's on Smith Street by 3:45 PM. The last meal is served by 5:15 PM when we help with clean-up. Call the Church office, Joyce Avedisian (724-3978), or Bertha Mugurdichian (351-9276) if you have any questions.

JUNE 22

"From Victims to Victors - the Canonization of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide" - a lecture by the Rev. Dr. Daniel Findikyan, Director of the Zohrabian Information Center of the Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern) - Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, Hanoian Hall, 7:00 p.m. followed by refreshments and fellowship.

JUNE 25

Coming this summer - *Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church Community Saturday Worship*. You are invited to join us for Saturday afternoon worship services, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (sharp) Note: No fellowship hour, go enjoy your summer evening! Services will be conducted entirely in the English language. Great for families to pray together. Come join us: Saturday, June 25, and Saturday, August 27.

JUNE 27

The *2016 Annual Golf Outing* will take place on Monday, June 27 at the Cranston Country Club beginning at 10 a.m. with scramble

shotgun start. Individual golfer rate \$165, single hole sponsor \$100, dinner \$35. Lunch and dinner included for golfers. Please contact Marc Janigian (401-523-3276), Nick Durgarian (508-596-4912) or Paul Surabian (401-301-5516) for information. Registration forms can be obtained in the church office.

JULY 31

Fr. Mardiros Chevian will be the Guest Celebrant on July 31. He will be doing a presentation on St. Nersess Seminary and showing the film "Vision of Grace" during fellowship.

AUGUST 20

The *Annual Church Picnic* will be held this year on August 20 starting at 12:00 noon. Food, music, and fun! Kheyma, shish-kebob, losh kebob, chicken, Tavloo Tournament. The tents will be lit at night so stay, eat and dance all night! Support the ACYOA-run Armenian Pastry Booth. Armenian CD's, jewelry, gifts and more by Armenian Vendor. Gallery Z Moby the Mobile Art Gallery. Watch for the mailing with all the details including picnic sponsor opportunities and raffle tickets.

NOTICES

Help Needed - Volunteer Web Master needed to help the Armenian Historical Association of Rhode Island (AHARI) establish its new Website. Art work and site mechanics are completed. Need help to load and enter data, references, articles, images, videos and manage site content from time to time. Good opportunity to gain experience and proficiency in web management. Contact jmartha9@gmail.com for more information.

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.diocesan-summercamps.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.

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). The next Meal Kitchen date will be on June 20 at 3:45 p.m. Your participation is always welcome.

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 - 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- Today* Sunday School Graduation & Coffee Fellowship/Receptioin
6 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Picnic Meeting 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.
12 Summer Hours Begin 9 a.m. Morning Service, 9:30 Badarak
Guest Preacher: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
13 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
20 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Meal Kitchen at Mary House 3:45 p.m.
22 Lecture at 7 p.m. by Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan -
"From Victims to Victors" - the Canonization of the Holy
Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide (Hanoian Hall)
25 Saturday Evening Worship Service, 5-6 p.m.
27 Golf Outing- details available on our website.
Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
28 Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

JULY

- 4 Holiday, Office Closed
5 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
11 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
18 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
25 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
31 Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Guest Celebrant

AUGUST

- 9 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.
20 Annual Church Picnic - Watch for mailing.
27 Saturday Evening Worship Service, 5-6 p.m.