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Schedule of Sunday Services

Morning Service (*Keesherajeen & Aravodyan Jham*) 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (*Soorp Badarak*) 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 3, 2016

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord - Vartavar

Այլակերպութիւն - Վարդավառ

Scripture Readings

Zechariah 14:16-21 (Pg.929) I John 1:1-7 (Pg. 214)

Matthew 16:13-17:13 (Pg. 16)

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)

Der Shnork

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Introduction

Today we celebrate The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. The feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John.

Biblical Story

The event of the Transfiguration is recorded in three of the four Gospels: Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36. Jesus took the Apostles Peter, James, and John with Him up upon a mountain, and while they were on the mountain Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became glistening white.

Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ, talking to Him. Peter declared how good it was for them to be there and expressed the desire to build three booths for Moses, Elijah, and Christ. This reference to the booths could imply that this occurred during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jews would be camping out in the fields for the grape harvest; for this Feast had acquired other associations in the course of its history, including the memory of the wanderings in the wilderness recorded in the Old Testament book of Exodus.

While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom

I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the three looked up they saw only Jesus.

As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until He had risen from the dead.

Happy Independence Day

On behalf of Archbishop Khajag Barsamian and the entire Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, we wish all of our readers a happy Independence Day.

For well over a century now, Armenians have been blessed to merge our way of life with the bounty and liberty of this great nation of America. On these shores our people found a refuge from persecution, but also a land that would sustain and strengthen us as we sought to honor our heritage, and worship our Lord.

This Independence Day we renew our prayers, asking God to bless this land and her people, so that she may continue to be the great beacon of hope to our world, and a nurturing friend to our young homeland.

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16:13-17:13)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesare'a Philip'pi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Eli'jah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done.

Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Eli'jah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli'jah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead." And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Eli'jah must come?" He replied, "Eli'jah does come, and he is to restore all things; but I tell you that Eli'jah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of man will suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

Glory to You, O Lord our God!



Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The faithful says:

Յիշեսցիր եւ զիս առաջի անմահ գառիճն 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 գառիճն 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:

Տաղէ 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): Will resume on July 10, 2016
(*Note:* Requiems are not observed on the five major feast days of the Armenian Church.)



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

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

Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord - Morning Service 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. There will be no requiems (Hokehankist) on this feast day. Requiem will resume on July 10.

JULY 5

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.

JULY 11

Prof. Ara Dostourian's **Church History Class** will meet Mondays beginning on July 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Church Hall, and continue through July and August. Dates in the Fall will be announced. Please join us. Call the church office for further details.

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. Your participation and support of the picnic sponsor opportunities and raffle tickets will be greatly appreciated.

AUGUST 24-26

Overnight Camping for kids ages 10-17 at Husenig Grove (2 nights!) - 3 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 24 to Friday, Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. Parents are invited to stay for dinner on Wednesday evening for khorovats BBQ! Complete details are available on the church's website on what to bring, and permission form, etc. Cost: \$40, second child \$25. Contact Der Shnork at dershnork@gmail.com or call 201-306-4304. Permission forms/flyer can be obtained in the church office.

AUGUST 27

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

SEPTEMBER 6

Armenian School Relaunch! There will be an Open House on Tuesday, September 6 from 6 - 8 p.m. Please send in your registration by mail or stop by to register in person. Registration form and flyer is available on our website or by contacting the office.

SEPTEMBER 10

The Cultural Committee's *Arts Educational Program*: Registration for 2016-2017 first semester is Saturday, September 3, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Programs begin on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 10 a.m. First rehearsal of the Nazeli Dance group will be announced. For information, contact Chairperson, Janna Guegamian (401-861-3573.) Registration forms available through the office.

SEPTEMBER 13

Armenian School classes begin on Tuesday, September 17, 6-8 p.m. Subjects to include language, history, music, religion (culture). Ages 4+ including adults. Tuition for children \$100 for 1st child, \$90 for each additional child. Adults, \$100 Parents with children registered, \$200 adults without children registered. Contact Mariam Saribekyan (im_mariam@yahoo.com), test/phone 401-714-6327.

SEPTEMBER 30

Save the date for our 1960's Family Night sponsored by the Women's Guild. Featuring Chris Jason performing a premier Sinatra tribute plus Italian dinner, games, raffles, prizes for best 60's costumes. Friday, September 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Egavian Cultural Center. Donation \$20, kids \$10. Please contact Yeretzgin Julie (juliesouin@gmail.com. (973-865-9925), or the church office at 401-272-7712

OCTOBER 22

Save the date! Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Egean Cultural Center - *25th Anniversary of Armenia's Independence*. Special program, Guest Speaker - His excellency Zohrab Mnatsakanyan, Armenia's Ambassador to the United Nations, "Our Favorite Armenian Songs" featuring the "Bostonian's," renowned Vocal Group (premier performance in RI), sponsored by the Cultural Committee.

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.

Part Time Volunteer needed - The Armenian Historical Association of RI is looking for an Administrative Office Manager to organize, set up and run its new 3 office suite located at Bliss Place, 245 Waterman St. on the East Side of Providence. This individual, preferably of Armenian descent, should have good organizational, communication, and computer skills and be familiar with contemporary administrative office management procedures. Please contact Richard K. Papazian, Vice Chairman at <richard.p@brandizing.co> or 401-441-4546.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY - The Varujan & J. Rose Karentz Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for scholarship grants, deadline for application is August 15 to be submitted as a single PDF file by e-mail to KarentzFund@gmail.com. A maximum of \$2,000 can be requested. Forms may be obtained by calling the office at 401-272-7712, and we will e-mail to you upon request. Complete information and eligibility requirements are included with the application form. Scholarships: funding to cover tuition or associated costs for academic studies at an accredited institution, and grants: funding for noteworthy student-initiated projects or programs, oriented toward developing awareness of Armenian history, culture or heritage. Open to high school, undergraduate and graduate students.

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 announced. 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

JULY

- Today** **Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord**
4 4th of July Holiday, Office Closed
5 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
11 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Church History Class begins for the summer, 7-8:30
12 Parish Council, 7 p.m.
18 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Church History Class, 7-8:30
25 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Church History Class, 7-8:30
31 Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Guest Celebrant

AUGUST

- 9 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.
14 **Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God**
20 Annual Church Picnic
24-26 Overnight Camping at Husenig for kids ages 10-17 see notice
27 Saturday Evening Worship Service, 5-6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Arts Education Registration 10-11 a.m.
5 Labor Day Holiday, office closed.
10 Arts Education Classes begin 10 a.m.
11 **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Sunday School Opening Day
30 1960's Family Night sponsored by the Women's Guild 6:30pm