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Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
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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, September 18, 2016

† Barekendan of the Fast of the Holy Cross of Varak †

Բարեկենդան Պահոց Վարազայ Սրբոյ Խաչին

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 14:3-17 (p. 693) II Corinthians 10:18-11:10(p. 168)

Mark 10:1-12 (p. 42)

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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Living the Legacy of the Holy Martyrs The Fruits of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

Today's theme: ~ LOVE ~



Next Sunday, the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak (Varaka Khach).

Unique to the Armenian Church, this feast celebrates the burial, in the 3rd century, of an authentic relic of the cross by the nun Hripsime. Hripsime buried the relic to protect it from the soldiers of Emperor Constantine who were pursuing her.

Centuries later, a monk by the name of Todik had a dream of a church with 12 pillars on Mount Varak, in the center of which was a

radiant cross. The cross then came to rest over the altar of the Monastery of Varak, where the monk Todik discovered the cross relic. When told of Todik's dream, Catholicos Nersess (the Builder) came to Varak, verified the relic's authenticity, and established a feast in honor of the discovery.

The Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak is celebrated on the nearest Sunday to Sept. 28, always two weeks after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Holy Cross is recognized as the symbol of salvation for all Christians and there are three important feast days associated with the cross. September 11, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Two special events are remembered during the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. One is the re-discovery of the True Cross by Queen Helena (mother of Emperor Constantine) in the 4th century. The other occurred in the early 6th century, after the True Cross had been carried away following the Persian conquest of Jerusalem. The Persians were ultimately defeated, and the Cross was returned to the Holy City. These events took place in and near Armenia, with the full participation of Armenian soldiers.

Armenians consider themselves a khachagir (or cross-bearing) nation. Over the centuries, Armenians have borne Christ's cross with faith, hope and love, seeing it as the symbol of salvation and victory over death. It appears on the domes and walls of our churches, on our altars, in our homes—even erupting out of the Armenian landscape as stone khachkars. Imagine the impact this sign must have had on the minds of our ancestors. Everywhere they turned, the sign of the cross confronted them, a reminder of their Christian faith.

-reprinted from the website of St. Vartan Armenian Church of Mississauga, Canada



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 10:1-12

And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again; and again, as his custom was, he taught them. And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." But Jesus said to them, "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'

'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder."

And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

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:

Տացէ 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:

- **REV. FR. VERTANES AVAK KAHANA KALAYJIAN** - (40 Day Memorial - Karasoonk)

- **HARRY MOURACHIAN; HARRY MOURACHIAN SR.; ARSHALOUS MOURACHIAN** - requested by Beverly Mourachian; Matt & Julie Mourachian and Children; Michael Mouachian; Mark & Anna Mourachian and Children.

- **GAYTHORNE J. ANGELL SR.** (38 Year Memorial); **VICTORIA ANGELL** (12 Year Memorial) - requested by Gaythorne Angell Jr.; Linda Angell; Lori & Joseph Savickas and Family; Michael Angell and Samantha; Debbie Charron; Claire Shippee; Beverly Williams; Mr. & Mrs. Kachadour and Marilyn Kojoian.

- **MELVIN V. SARKISIAN** (7 Year Memorial) - requested by Myron & Rosemary Kuzirian; Bill & Karen Brannon; Michael & Denise Navoian; Stephanie & Michael Cogliandro; Lt. Commander Stephen C. Kuzirian; Matthew Brannon; Zachary, Jenna and Kadie Navoian; Sophia Cogliandro; Roxie Kuzirian.

- **MIHRAN Z. KUZIRIAN** (21 Year Memorial) - requested by Roxie Kuzirian; Myron & Rosemary Kuzirian; Stephanie & Michael Cogliandro; Lt. Commander Stephen C. Kuzirian; Bill & Karen Brannon; Matthew Brannon; Michael & Denise Navoian; Zachary, Jenna and Kadie Navoian; Sophia Cogliandro.

- **MARGARET JIZMAGIAN** (15 Year Memorial) - requested by William Aznavourian.

- **HAGOP "JAKE" SURMEIAN** (15 year remembrance) - requested by Mrs. Leo Surmeian and Family, Lisa & Tom Ohanian and Eliz, Rosanne & John Hamblin and Sons, Mr. & Mrs. James Surmeian and Sons.

- **MIRIDJAN MOURADJIAN; YEGHISAPET MOURADJIAN; SANDRA MOURADJIAN; DIRAHAYR ARAM MOURADJIAN; NUGURDICH KOSHGARIAN; AGHAVNI KOSHGARIAN; NISHON KOSHGARIAN; ZAROOHI KOSHGARIAN; CHARLES KANARIAN; ANN KANARIAN** - requested by Diramayr Irene Mouradjian and Family and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Koshgarian and Family.

- **WORLD TRADE CENTER VICTIMS: ALYSIA BARSAMIAN** (Age 23); **CARL JOHN BEDIGIAN** (Age 35); **ARAM OSKENDERIAN** (Age 41); **PETER MARDIKIAN** (Age 29); **GARO VOSKERIJIAN** (Age 43); **JOHN OSKYAN** (Age 41) - requested by Diramayr Irene Mouradjian.

- **HARRY ARAM ZARTARIAN** (21 Year Memorial) - requested by Mrs. Helen Zartarian and Family.

- **ARAKEL and MARY ZARTARIAN; GEORGE and IRENE ZARTARIAN** - requested by Mrs. Helen Zartarian and Family.

- **SOUREN TORIGIAN** (33 Year Memorial) - requested by Markrid Torigians.

...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

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 Memorial Prayer Card

for the Repose of Harry Toumasian has been requested by Araxy Avedisian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 19

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.

SEPTEMBER 19

Prof. Ara Dostourian's *Church History Class* will meet Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Dates in September: 9/19, and 9/26. October classes: 10/3, 10/10 and 10/17. Please join us. Call the church office for further details.

SEPTEMBER 20 & 24

Armenian School classes are being held on Tuesdays (9/20) at 6 p.m. and on Saturdays (9/24) at 10 a.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 for parents with children registered, \$200 for adults without children registered. Contact Mariam Saribekyan (im_mariamin@yahoo.com), text/phone 401-714-6327.

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24

The Cultural Committee's *Arts Educational Program*: Programs have begun and meet on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Jr. Choir meets on Fridays at 6 p.m., and Nazeli Dance group on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Chairperson, Janna Guegamian (401-861-3573.) Registration forms available through the office.

SEPTEMBER 25

Visiting Celebrant on September 25, His Eminence Abp. Vicken Srpazan Aykazian, Diocesan Legate.

SEPTEMBER 26

Mary House Outreach - Join us as a volunteer at St. Patrick's meal kitchen. **Monday, September 26** is our parish's first date to volunteer this season. (Future dates will be 9/26, 11/21, 4/10/17, and 6/26/17). 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.

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 Yerezgin Julie (juliesouin@gmail.com.) (973-865-9925), or the church office at 401-272-7712

OCTOBER 16

Sunday, October 16 - *Name Day Banquet*, honoring Parishioners of the Year: Araxy Avedisian, Marjorie Martiesian, George Moorachian and Nishan Serabian. Banquet to follow Church Services Tickets \$20.00 --Reservations may be made by calling the church office, 401-272-7712 or Anahid Ayrassian at 401-272-4743.

OCTOBER 22

Save the date! Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Egavian 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.

NOVEMBER 5 & 6

The 86th **Annual Armenian Food Fair & Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, & Sunday, November 5 & 6, 2016 in the Egavian Cultural Center, featuring authentic Armenian food & pastries, take out food booth, Armenian market with all your Armenian favorites, children's activities, etc. Come enjoy a great meal at very reasonable prices and spend time with family & friends. Cash/ Credit Card available for your convenience. For more information, contact the church office at 272-7712, e-mail us at office@stsahmes.org or visit the church web site at www.stsahmes.org or log onto armenianfoodfairri.org or armenianfoodfairri.com. Watch for the mailing with details on how to support the Sponsor Book, Wish List, etc., which will be going out soon. Your participation is needed and greatly appreciated.

NOVEMBER 12

SAVE THE DATE!!! November 12, 2016 at 10:30 AM. Official opening of the new St. Nersess Seminary campus and Consecration of its new Chapel. His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Paatriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians will officiate. Parish Council will arrange for bussing if enough parishioners wish to attend. Please call or email the church office (office@stsahmes.org) by October 1 to reserve a seat. Cost and further details will follow based on the number of attendees.

NOTICES

Join us for the **Blessing of the Grapes** to benefit The Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief on October 1st, 1:30-6pm at Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard. Tables of 10 for \$1,000 or individual tickets for \$100 available. Family style dinner, wine tasting and silent auction, all proceeds will benefit SOAR. Special Guest Speakers Carla Garapedian and Mark Geragos. To purchase tickets and RSVP contact: Gary Grigorian at g_grigorian@cox.net or 401-353-7877.

Memorial Pedestal/Book of Remembrance - Blessing/Dedication Ceremony by local Armenian clergy at North Burial Ground Cemetery (next to the Armenian Martyrs' Memorial Monument) - Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 10:00 AM - All are welcome. On the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, the Memorial Pedestal/Book of Remembrance is dedicated to the memory of the 1.5 million Armenians who were massacred at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish Empire as well as those who survived. Presented by the Armenian Martyrs' Memorial Committee of Rhode Island; pedestal donated by Knights of Vartan Arax Tahljij #11.

PART-TIME VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED BY ARMENIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION (AHARI) - Web Master & Administrative Office Manager.
Web Master: Establish new website. Art work & site mechanics completed. Need help to load data, articles, references, images, videos & site content.

Contact jmartha9@gmail.com. *Admin. Office Manager:* organize, setup & run new 3-office suite in Wayland Square, Providence. This individual, preferably of Armenian descent, should have good organizational, communication & computer skills, & be familiar with contemporary administrative office management procedures. Contact Richard K. Papazian at Richard.p@brandizing.co or 401-441-4546.

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.** 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). Future Meal Kitchen dates: 9/26, 11/21, 4/10/17, and 6/26/17.. Your participation is always welcome.

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