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Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
The Lighthouse

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Schedule of Sunday Services

Morning Service (<i>Keesharayeen & Aravodyan Jham</i>)	9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (<i>Soorp Badarak</i>)	10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 25, 2016

† **Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak** †

Տօն Վարազայ Սրբոյ Խաչին

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 65:22-25 (Pg. 741) Galatians 6:14-18 (Pg. 174)

Matthew 24:30-36 (Pg. 25)

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 բարոյ է Տէր:

"Taste ye, and see, for the Lord is sweet." (Adapted from Psalm 34:8)

Der Shnork

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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** ~

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Welcome and Pari Yegak

Today, on this Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak, I welcome His Eminence Abp. Vicken Surpazan Aykazian the Diocesan Legate as the guest celebrant of the Divine Liturgy. Advads Oknagan Surpazan Hayr.

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† *Holy Cross of Varak* †

Among the various feasts of the Holy Cross, today's feast is particular to the Armenian Church. It is our feast of the Holy Cross and is an exemplary refection of our national Church.

In the 7th century (660 A.D.) a solitary monk by the name of Totig, who lived on Mount Varak, had a vision that upon the summit of that mountain was a cathedral with twelve pillars, in the midst of which was a brilliant cross. A little later the Cross in the apparition moved slowly down the mountain and rested upon the holy altar of the Monastery of Varak. Totig and his student Hovel rushed to the church and prostrated themselves before a Holy Relic there, which the vision revealed to be truly a piece of the Holy Cross.

St. Hripsimeh and her companions had brought with them a relic of the Holy Cross to Mount Varak when they sought refuge there during their persecution (4th century). They left it in the keeping of pious priests and the relic remained hidden in the secret place where it was buried. Many, like Totig and Hovel, because of their love for the Holy Relic, passed their lives as monks in seclusion in those mountains, praying for its revelation.

And on account of Your precious Cross, Lord, receive our supplications and save us. Amen.

Prayerfully,
Fr. Shmork Souin



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 24:30-36

Then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

Glory to You, O Lord our God!



Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The **faithful** says:

Յիշեցիր եւ զիս անաչի 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 անաչի 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:

Յիշեցէ՛ 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*):

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:

- **COL. MOORAD MOORADIAN** (7 Year Memorial) - requested by Lillian Mooradian and Family.

...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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Visiting Celebrant today , *His Eminence Abp. Vicken Srpazan Aykazian, Diocesan Legate.*

SEPTEMBER 26

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 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 26

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

SEPTEMBER 27 & OCTOBER 1

Armenian School classes are being held on Tuesdays (9/27) at 6 p.m. and on Saturdays (10/1) 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_mariam@yahoo.com), text/phone 401-714-6327.

SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1

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 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. The mailing with details on how to support the Sponsor Book, Wish List, etc., has been sent. 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 Patriarch 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.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- Today* Visiting Celebrant , His Eminence Abp. Vicken Srpazan
Aykazian, Diocesan Legate.
- 26 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Mary House Meal Kitchen, 3:45 p.m.
Church History Class, 7 p.m.
- 27 Armenian School, 6-8 p.m.
- 30 1960's Family Night sponsored by the Women's Guild 6:30pm
Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 1 Arts Education 10 a.m.
Armenian School 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 3 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Church History Class 7 p.m.
- 4 Armenian School, 6-8 p.m.
Parish Council, 7 p.m.
- 7 Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Arts Education, 10 a.m., Armenian School 10a.m.-1p.m.
- 10 Columbus Day Holiday, office closed,
Church History Class 7 p.m.
- 11 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m., Armenian School 6 p.m.
Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Arts Education, 10 a.m., Armenian School 10a.m.-1p.m.
- 16 Church Name Day
- 17 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.,
Church History Class, 7 p.m.
- 18 Armenian School, 6-8 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
- 21 Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Arts Education, 10 a.m., Armenian School 10a.m.-1p.m.
Gala Concert 7 p.m. (see notice)
- 24 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m., (Note: No Church History Class today)
- 25 Armenian School, 6-8 p.m.
Parish Council, 7 p.m.
- 28 Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Arts Education, 10 a.m., Armenian School 10a.m.-1p.m.
- 30 Flue Clinic in Hanoian Hall, more info. to follow
- 31 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
(No Church History Class today)

NOVEMBER

- 5-6 Annual Church Bazaar
- 12 Official opening of the new St. Nersess Seminary campus and
Consecration of its new Chapel - Bus trip being arranged, see
notice inside bulletin for details.