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Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
The Lighthouse

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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, October 23, 2016

† **Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross** †

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Scripture Readings

Isaiah 33:22-34:1 (Pg. 709) I Corinthians 1:18-24 (Pg. 151)

Matthew 24:27-36 (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!

Դաշակեցէք եւ տեսէք զի բարոյ 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: ~ **JOY** ~



Pastor's Points of Light

"The virtue of humility, consists in keeping oneself within one's own bounds, not reaching out to things above one, but submitting to one's superior"

St. Thomas Aquinas

Let us look in our souls. Do we esteem ourselves greater than others? How do we see ourselves in society? Where do we rank in the church's body of members? How is our work and our ministry valued by others? Before you answer any of these questions, remember that the first and most dangerous sin is pride.

Our sinful nature, filling us up with ourselves, seeing our works as having greater value than other's is folly and contrary to Christ. This is impossible without faith. This is impossible without humility. Pride always gets in the way.

The Cross is regrettably for this reason either a stumbling block or foolishness for many people who are perishing.

Let us repent. Let us empty ourselves, and turn away from the sin of pride. Love one another as Christ loves us. If the Cross is to truly be the Beacon of our life and salvation, we must see in it the expressed humility of God, the crucified Savior, victorious in death.

Upon the Cross, bleeding out, beaten and rejected, God the Creator of the universe spread out his arms and gave up his precious life. The greatest eternal act of love, the greatest sign of humility, giving up himself for me. Esteeming my life more valuable than his own. God dies that I might live.

In this greatest sacrifice, not only in human history but having a universally eternal impact, the Creator esteems his creation of greater value than even himself.

Each Christian therefore sees in Christ's sacrifice, the virtue of humility expressed in thought, word and deed. It is no wonder that for the Christian, humility is in direct opposition to the sin of pride, deeming oneself, one's works, one's ministry or one's needs as having greater value than anyone or anything else. The proper and expected posture of the Christian is always and eternally to be Christ like, to love and esteem others as greater and more important than self.

Prayerfully,

Rev. Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor



This Sunday, October 23rd, the Armenian Church will observe the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross. The feast day marks the 4th-century "discovery" of the actual cross of the Crucifixion by Queen Helena, mother of the Roman emperor Constantine. Every autumn, the Armenian Church honors the Holy Cross with a series of feasts.

In 326 AD, Queen Helena traveled to Jerusalem and commissioned an army to find the true cross. After many years, they found three in Jerusalem in a rubble heap. When the body of a deceased man was taken from a passing funeral procession and placed before each cross, the man miraculously came to life on what was thereafter designated as the one True Cross.



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 24:27-36

For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of man. Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken; 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:

Յիշեսցիր 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:

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.

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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.

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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:

- **1st Lt. CHARLES YAGHOBIAN, Jr.** (49 Year Memorial) requested by: Nathalie Yaghoobian; Zita Butler and Elizabeth; Dr. Aram & Alexis Demirjian, Meline, Charles and Aram; Michael Cappuccili; the Jizmagian Family.

- **ZARTAR and SARKIS SHAMIRIAN** and their Children: **ALBERT, MARGARET, GRACE (CHARLES) YAGHOBIAN, STAR, ARTHUR AND PAUL (ELIZABETH) SHAMIRIAN,** and **ELIZABETH** - requested by Nathalie Yaghoobian; Zita Butler and Elizabeth; Dr. Aram & Alexis Demirjian, Meline, Charles and Aram; the Jizmagian Family.

- **GEORGE, MARGARET and CYNTHIA JIZMAGIAN** requested by: the Jizmagian Family; Nathalie Yaghoobian, Zita Butler and Elizabeth; Dr. Aram & Alexis Demirjian, Meline, Charles and Aram.

- **WILLIAM P. BUTLER** (20 Year Memorial) – requested by Zita Butler and Elizabeth; Dr. Aram & Alexis Demirjian, Meline, Charles and Aram ; Nathalie Yaghoobian; the Jizmagian Family.

- **PETROS DZHABARYAN** (29 Year Memorial) and the deceased members of the **DZHABARYAN FAMILY** - requested by Sonya Dzhabyan; Artur & Angin Ovanesyan, and the Lemme, Kazarian, and Corsini families.

...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.

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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
Daniel Ayriyan, Jr.

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

OCTOBER 24

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.

OCTOBER 24

The *Women's Guild* will be having a meeting on Monday, October 24 at 7:15 p.m. Ladies, we hope you can make it!

OCTOBER 25 & 29

Armenian School classes are being held on Tuesdays (10/25) at 6 p.m. and on Saturdays (10/29) 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.

OCTOBER 28 & 29

The Cultural Committee's *Arts Educational Program* meets 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 in the office.

OCTOBER 30

Flu & Pneumonia Shot Clinic here at the church in the Hanoian Hall on Sunday, October 30 after church services. This walk-in clinic is sponsored by Rite Aid and our AYOAs. Must be 19 years old and a Rhode Island resident with health insurance. High dosage available for senior citizens. (If you do not have health insurance, shots are \$30 as defined by Rite Aid.) For questions call Melissa Megrđichian Pharm.D. (401) 529-7172.

OCTOBER 30

Hayride!!! Sunday, October 30 at the Husenig Grove, 20 Simmons St., Rehoboth, MA. The hayride is a fall event planned for all the youth of our parish including the Sunday School and ACYOA Jrs. We will leave directly from church to drive to Husenig Grove. Look for Marc Janigian at around 12:30 if you'd like to drive in a caravan. It's about a 25 minute ride. Call the office if you need directions. Dinner will be served upon arrival. The hayride is scheduled for 2:15 p.m. followed by a bonfire (smores and marshmallows). Children eat free, \$8 for adults. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Kindly call the church by Friday, October 28th of your family plans to attend (401-272-7712). (Last minute hayriders are welcome but food prep must be done in advance). We look forward to seeing you there !!

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. Reminder: The Bazaar Committee will be asking for parishioners to bring baked items (Armenian or American) for the pastry table Saturday and Sunday. Please help support the bazaar !!

NOVEMBER 11

The annual **Veterans Day Memorial Observance** will take place this year on Friday, November 11 at 10 a.m. at the Armenian Memorial Monument, RI Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, RI.

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 **November 1** to reserve a seat. Cost and further details will follow based on the number of attendees.

DECEMBER 3

HOLIDAY KEF !! Hosted by the Providence ACYOA's, Saturday, December 3, 8:30 p.m.- 1 a.m. Egavian Cultural Center. For tickets or table reservations call Christina (401-256-2686) or Christine (401-301-6361. \$25 for adults, \$20 students. (ID required) Mezze & Cash Bar.

NOTICES

Special Request: A member of our church community, Ovan Arakelian, lives at Elmhurst Extended Care in Providence. He would love to have people from the church call him occasionally just to say hello and lift his spirits. His telephone number is 401-751-3045. If you have any questions, please call the office and speak with the Secretary (401-272-7712), or just go ahead and give him a call to let him know he's in our thought and prayers. It would make his day !!

Can you help? **Volunteers** to help with periodic mailings (labels, stuffing, etc.) would be welcome! If you would be interested and able to help out please let us know by calling the office (401-272-7712). Thanks!

AHARI Secures a new home! The Armenian Historical Association of Rhode Island (AHARI) has moved to new headquarters at 245 Waterman Street, Suite 204, Providence, RI 02906. The new suite of offices includes an exhibit gallery. This is an official Call For Armenian Artifacts at the new offices (see address listed above) on the following dates and times: Saturday, **October 15th** 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. - Saturday, **October 29th** 10:00a.m. – 2:00[././ . AHARI members will have available Gift Forms for donors to complete. AHARI is a 501c non-profit organization, therefore all donations are **tax deductible**. Share your family's past historical and cultural artifacts thru AHARI and help perpetuate Armenia's glorious past.

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 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

OCTOBER

- 24 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m., (Note: No Church History Class today)
Women's Guild Meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- 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 Flu Clinic in Hanoian Hall after church (see notice)
Hayride at Husenig Grove
- 31 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
(No Church History Class today)

NOVEMBER

- 5-6 Annual Church Bazaar
- 9 Knights & Daughters of Vartan, Knight of the Year Dinner 6pm
- 11 Memorial Observance, RI Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, 10 a.m.
- 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.
- 24 Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 3 ACYOA Holiday Kef 8:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- 13 Women's Guild Cookie Stoll
- 24, 25 Christmas Schedule of Services to be Announced.