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Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
The Lighthouse

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Schedule of Sunday Services

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

January 1, 2017

New Year's Day

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 51:15-52:3 (Pg. 728) Hebrews 13:18-25 (Pg. 205)

Luke 22:24-30 (Pg. 79)

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!

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: ~ **PATIENCE** ~

Pastor's Points of Light

And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

Revelation 21:5

Reading the papers and much of the commentary found in social networking, it's hard not to notice the many gripes and complaints about the year 2016. Most of those complaints and gripes and the expressions of good riddance to 2016 seem to revolve around the loss of Hollywood stars and music icons as well as a very ugly political campaign for the presidency of the United States.

Surprisingly very little was said about the Holocaust and human tragedy in Syria and the denial of humanity and care of our natural resources in many parts of the world including our own land in the United States.

It's true that the new year represents new life and new hope. It inspires a sense of opportunity and second chances. Many people promised to make resolutions to improve their life and their habits. I wonder how many of us will take the time to commit to a renewal of Spirit and faith?

Like many of our wonderful traditions, the great tradition of the Blessing of the Pomegranate is another one of those expressions of hope and the stewardship of mankind being created in the image and likeness of God, caring for the gifts that God has showered us with. The pomegranate represents new life and the completion of God's provident will in the life of humanity. It is the representation of the eternal fruit of the tree of life, and it's 365 seeds represent the very presence of God in every day of our human existence.

Today as we bless the pomegranates with the rising of the new sun on this the first day of 2017, we look forward with new hope and the glorious opportunity for renewal in our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that our thoughts and our focus will be not on worldly things but on those great and manifest treasures which God has stored up for us in heaven. May you have a blessed and happy new year and may the Lord bless you all richly as children of the Armenian Church.

Prayerfully,

Rev. Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor



The Pastor, Parish Council and Delegates extend their best wishes to all for a very Happy and Blessed New Year 2017!



APPEAL BY THE PASTOR

Dear Faithful,

Annual Dues: If you have not already paid your annual dues, your prompt payment will be greatly appreciated. The fiscal year ends **December 31st.** If you have not already done so, please submit your dues as early as possible this week, by mail-in or calling the office. Remember to date checks for 12/31/16.

Prayerfully, *Fr. Shnork Souin*



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (22:24-30)

A dispute also arose among them, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors.

But not so with you; rather let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For which is the greater, one who sits at table, or one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at table? But I am among you as one who serves.

“You are those who have continued with me in my trials; and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Glory to You, O Lord our God!



Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The **faithful** says:

Յիշեցչիր 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:

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:

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:

- **DR. PAUL MAGALIAN; LUCILLE MAGALIAN; MARTIN MAHDESYAN; LEO SURMEIAN and MADELINE MAJALIAN RAMOS** - requested by Ben Majalian and the Majalian Family (CT).

- **LEVON DOSTOURIAN** (51 Year Memorial); **ZEPURE (PANIKIAN) DOSTOURIAN** (26 Year Memorial); **ARAXIE (PANIKIAN) PAPAIZIAN** (31 Year Memorial); **VAHAN PAPAIZIAN** (34 Year Memorial); **ELISE (TOULIAN) DOSTOURIAN** (18 Year Memorial); **LEO DOSTOURIAN** (2 Year Memorial); **LOUISE (BASMAJIAN) DOSTOURIAN** (34 Year Memorial) - requested by Dr. Ara Dostourian.

- **JULIAN MEGRDICHIAN** (5 Year Memorial) - requested by James & Erika Megrdochian and Family; Michael & Janice Megrdochian and Family (CO).

...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
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

TODAY

Blessing of the Pomegranates after the Divine Liturgy, sponsored by the Armenian School. (One per family.)

JANUARY 3

Senior Citizens - (Note: the date change this week to **Tuesday, January 3**) Come join us on Mondays (at 10 a.m. weather permitting, **excluding holidays**). Have fun with your friends & neighbors & enjoy with us "coffee and," cards, tavloo, pinochle, etc.

JANUARY 3 & 7

Armenian School classes are being held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and on Saturdays 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 (phone 401-714-6327).

JANUARY 5

Armenian Christmas Eve – Evening Service & Readings, 5:00 p.m., Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m.; Family Christmas Fellowship – Music 7:30 p.m., "Cookie Mookie Table" caring and sharing (share food items for fellowship). Please note the corrected times.

JANUARY 6

Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Divine Liturgy 10 a.m., Blessing of Water 11:30 a.m., Dominic Salas will be the Godfather of the Blessing of the Water.

JANUARY 8

Morning Service, 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m., Traditional Armenian Home Blessing, 11:30 a.m.

Annual Armenian Christmas Dinner hosted by the Women's Guild on January 8 following the Divine Liturgy in the Egavian Hall. Chicken, pilaf, vegetable and salad. Dessert & Coffee. Donation \$15, children 12 & under \$5 (Chicken Fingers). Call the Church at 272-7712 for reservations by Thursday, January 5. Table reservations will only be accepted for tables of 8. Make checks payable to the Women's Guild.

JANUARY 15

Armenian School Hantess Sunday, January 15 at 12:15 p.m., New Year's Party with entertainment at 1:15 p.m. following the Hantess. Enjoy great appetizers, deserts, raffles, music & dance. Admission \$15 adults, Children 12 and under free. For reservations please call Mariam Saribekyan at 401-714-6327 or Fran at the church office, 401-272-7712 to help assist with meal preparation. Sponsored by the Armenian School Staff and Parents, and Maria's Pizza & Wings.

JANUARY 17

Women's Guild Annual Christmas Dinner at the Basta Italian Restaurant, 2195 Broad St., Cranston, RI - Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. Members \$35, Non-members \$40. Yankee Swap optional - There will be a choice of 3 entrees announced soon. Please e-mail Lillibeth at emkooloian@aol.com or call 401-649-2646.

FEBRUARY 19

Mardi Gras Family Celebration, sponsored by the Sunday School/CEAB - Lenten Drive Fund Raiser - Balloon Man, Face Painting. Sunday, February 19 following the Divine Liturgy. More information to be announced.

NOTICES

Scholarship Opportunity - The Paul O and Mary Boghossian Memorial Trust Scholarship is being made available again this year to RI students for study at institutions of higher education beyond the secondary level who demonstrate financial need, academic capability, and potential to contribute to the US and its form of government. Application form is available through the church office (401-272-7712) or available by e-mail. The due date for application is March 15.

The Armenian Historical Association of Rhode Island (AHARI) has moved to new headquarters at 245 Waterman Street, Suite 204, Providence, RI 02906. Telephone 401-544-5511. Share your Family's past historical and cultural artifacts thru AHARI and help perpetuate Armenia's glorious past. AHARI is a 501c non-profit organization.

PARISH MEMBER DUES - 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, 2017;** (new members must be received by June 30 to vote at Parish Assembly in February 2018.) 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 Murgudichian (351-9276). Future Meal Kitchen dates: 4/10/17, and 6/26/17. Your participation is always welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Announcement: Sunday School students are participating in an outreach project collecting hygiene products. The packages will be given to Mary House as well as to St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Church to distribute as needed. During the month of January, we are requesting hand sanitizers and deodorants. They may be placed in the bin in the Sunday School area. Thank you for your support in our children’s outreach efforts.

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

JANUARY

- 1 Blessing of the Pomegranates following Divine Liturgy
2 Office Closed for New Year Holiday - Happy New Year !
3 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Armenian School, 6 p.m.
5 Armenian Christmas Eve **(Please note the corrected times.)**
Evening Service & Readings 5:00pm.
Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m.
Family Christmas Fellowship 7:30 p.m.
“ Cookie Mookie Table,” Caring & Sharing
6 Armenian Christmas, Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord
Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
Blessing of Water 11:30 a.m.
Traditional Armenian Home Blessing
7 Armenian School, 10 a.m.
8 Annual Armenian Christmas Dinner following Badarak
9 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
10 Armenian School, 6 p.m.
Parish Council, 7 p.m.
14 Armenian School, 10 a.m.
15 Armenian School Hantess & Lunch following Divine Liturgy
16 Senior Citizens
17 Armenian School 6 p.m.
Women’s Guild Christmas Dinner at Basta, 6:30 p.m.
21 Armenian School 10 a.m.
23 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
24 Armenian School, 6 p.m.
28 Armenian School, 10 a.m.
29 Instructional Divine Liturgy
30 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
31 Armenian School, 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 3 Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
begins 2nd semester
4 Arts Education, 10 a.m. begins 2nd semester
7 Parish Council 7 p.m.
19 Mardi Gras Luncheon Sponsored by the Sunday School
27 First Day of Lent
28 Parish Council 7 p.m.