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**Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church**  
*The Lighthouse*

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Schedule of Sunday Services

Matins

9:00 a.m.

Sunrise Service

9:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak)

10:00 a.m.

March 19, 2017

**Sunday of the Steward - *Dundes* - Տնտեսի Կիրակի**

**Scripture Readings**

**Isaiah 56:1-57:21 (Page 732) Ephesians 4:17-5:14 (Pg. 176)**

**Luke 16:1-31 (Pg. 72)**

**Creed: English**

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**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!**

Դաշակեցեք եւ տեսեք զի քաղցր է Տէր:

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

**Der Shnork**

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: ~ **GOODNESS** ~

**Pastor's Points of Light**

**The Sunday of the Steward....**

.....involves another parable told by Jesus (Luke 16:1-13); its great lesson is the power of salvation. We learn that we are responsible to God for all of our works and deeds-and responsible, too, to utilize the gifts He has given us. We should all be prepared, for one day we will be called to give an accounting of ourselves to God.

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## **Friday Evenings of Lent**

During Great Lent, Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church is inviting the faithful to gather for prayer on Fridays, at 6:30 p.m. to participate in the Peace and Rest Hour Services, which feature many eloquent penitential prayers and hymns.

We encourage all the faithful to use these evenings of Lent as a way to unwind from the often stressful hustle and bustle of everyday life. By making that special effort to recharge our faith, we provide the soul an opportunity to grow in the faith of Christ.

### **Lenten Services**

**The Peace Service, (Khaghaghagan)** performed late in the evening, contains prayers for peace, praises to God, thanks for passing this day without tribulation, and reminds us that God is always with us in the face of trial and temptation.

**The Rest Service, (Hankusdyan)** offered before retiring for the night, requests God to watch over us throughout the night. This service contains the eloquent prayer of St. Nerses the Graceful.

- Please attend Wednesday evening **Bible Study** at 7 p.m., next one scheduled for April 5 (see notice and calendar of events.)
- Also please **attend Friday evening Rest & Peace Services at 6:30 p.m. followed by Family Night Lenten Fellowship at 7:30 p.m.**

Prayerfully,  
Fr. Shnork Souin



### **The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (16:1-31)**

He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations. "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will

give you that which is your own?

No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they scoffed at him. But he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts; for what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

"The law and the prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and every one enters it violently. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one dot of the law to become void.

*Glory to You, O Lord our God!*



**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.

**Holy Communion is not distributed during Lent. For those seeking confession, please speak to the Pastor.**

### 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:*

- ARCHBISHOP YEGHISHE GIZIRIAN (One Year Memorial - Dareleetz)
- RICHARD LOUIS PALMISANO (40 Day Memorial) - requested by his wife, Diane Palmisano and his son Richard Palmisano.
- LILLIAN BOLODIAN (8 Year Memorial) - requested by children, Arlene Abajian; Diane Palmisano; Rosette Little; and Marty Bolodian.
- HURANT SHAMSHOIAN; JAMES SHAMSHOIAN - requested by the Shamshoian 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.

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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  
Rev. Fr. Bedros Kadehjian  
Daniel Ayriyan, Jr.,

I am very pleased to inform you that at his recent check up Daniel's scans and test results show that he is cancer free and in remission. We are so thankful to Almighty God for his miraculous healing hand and thankful to all the faithful for the offering of so many prayers for Daniel and the Ayriyan family.  
Der Shnork

### **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.shtm>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY**

Today the Sunday School will sponsor a ***Bake Sale to benefit Syrian Armenian Relief in Armenia*** via FAR after services. Please help support this Diocesan-wide cause. We also welcome any additional monetary donations.

### **MARCH 20**

***Senior Citizens*** - 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. **Please note:** A

few ladies in our parish have expressed an interest in starting a *knitting/needlework* group to meet on Mondays at 10 a.m. If you or someone you know would like to join please call Margaret Moorachian and let her know of your interest (401-353-9109).

### MARCH 21 & 25

*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. Contact Mariam Saribekyan (phone 401-714-6327).

### MARCH 22

\*On March 22, Fr. Shnork will be the guest speaker at the Sts. Vartanantz Church Lenten Vespers Service at 7 p.m.

(NO Bible Study on 3/22\* and 3/29), and meets again on April 5. (Note: No session in the event of inclement weather, snow, icy roads or extreme cold. Call the office if in doubt.)

### MARCH 23

*Lenten Kufta* will be available on Thursday, March 23. **Please place orders** with the church office as soon as possible (401-272-7712), \$18 per dozen, \$9 per 1/2 dozen. They may be picked up after 2 p.m. on 3/23. Also may be picked up on Sunday, March 26 after church.

### MARCH 24 & 25

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).

### MARCH 24

*Friday Evenings of Great Lent*, Rest/Peace Services 6:30pm (with Guest Speakers) - Family Night Lenten Fellowship 7:30pm: March 24 Speaker-Dn. Gary Alexander; March 31 (Speaker-Fr. Shnork Souin); April 7 (Speaker-Fr. Gomidas Baghsarian).

### MARCH 25

A *Focus Group Meeting of the Church Health Team* has been scheduled for **Saturday, March 25 at 11 a.m.** . Please RSVP to Martha Jamgochian (jmartha9@gmail.com, 723-3344) to let her know you would like to participate. The purpose of the Church Health Team is to take ideas, prioritize them, and turn them into a workable action plan that becomes part of the parish's strategic planning process and is open to all parishioners. Coffee, tea and snacks will be available. The session will be approximately one hour.

### MARCH 26

The Women's Guild cordially invites you to attend a "*Soup and Salad Luncheon*" on Sunday, March 26 after church. All you can eat with a variety of soups, etc., includes coffee and dessert. Mac & Cheese & Hoodsie's for the kids! Donation \$10 Adults, \$6 Children (12 & under). Families, bring your favorite board games, cards or tavloo. Contact Stephanie Masoian (862-6323) or the Church Office (272-7712) for reservations (but not necessary).

## MARCH 30

*Powered by Plants March Potluck* - Join us for a presentation and a cooking demo on plant-based eating on Thursday, March 30th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Please bring a completely plant-based dish (no animal products), enough to share with 8 people. If you are not comfortable making a plant-based dish or don't have time, you can bring a \$10 donation instead. You may call the office for more information (272-7712). All are welcome! Please RSVP by e-mail to [PoweredByPlants.RI@gmail.com](mailto:PoweredByPlants.RI@gmail.com). Organized by the "Powered by Plants RI" Pod.

## NOTICES

### *Campaign to Help Restore Tomb of Christ in Jerusalem*

Diocesan Primate Archbishop Khajag Barsamian has announced a fundraising campaign to help the restoration effort currently underway at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The site marks the burial place of Jesus Christ, and has long stood as one of the most precious shrines of the Christian heritage. The Armenian Church, through its Patriarchate of Jerusalem, shares joint custodial oversight of the Holy Sepulchre, and is deeply involved in the current restoration. In a letter to Diocesan leaders, the Primate announced that the Eastern Diocese aims to raise \$300,000 to contribute to this effort. The campaign is called #SaveTheTomb—and has already begun operating. It is led by a committee chaired by Paul Korian. A special website has been launched — [www.SaveTheTomb.org](http://www.SaveTheTomb.org) — where individuals can find information on the project and make online donations. You can also make your donation by sending checks to Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church with the notation "Save the Tomb."

### *PALMS & FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER* -

Donations towards the purchase of palms for Palm Sunday and flowers for Holy Week and Easter would be greatly appreciated. Forms for this are available in the hallway by the church office, or you may send your donation to the church office (call if you would like to use a credit card). Deadline for palm donations, April 6, and for flower donations, April 13. Donations will be acknowledged in the bulletins on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

*Save the Date: 19th Annual Armenian Youth Day* - Tuesday, April 18th - Egavian Cultural Center.

*Save the Date* ...for the "*Women of Ararat*," a play by Judith Boyajian and directed by Carol Mikaelian Schlink, 2015 Rhode Island "Genocide Educator of the Year," will be performed on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, 2115 Broad Street, Cranston, RI 02905. Flyers for this event are located in the hallway across from the church office. For further information contact Naomi Thovmasian @401 942-3886, [Naomi.Marsh@verizon.net](mailto:Naomi.Marsh@verizon.net) or Dorothy Martiesian @749-0269, [dmartiesian@yahoo.com](mailto:dmartiesian@yahoo.com).

The Nazeli Dance Group and Junior Choir will visit the *Armenian Nursing Home*, Jamaica Plain, MA, May 13, 2017 - dedicated to Mothers Day for a friendly afternoon performance.

**Save the Date:** Monday, June 26, 2017 for the Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church Golf Tournament, Cranston Country Club ... details to be announced.

**2017 St. Nersess Summer Conferences - 2017 Summer Conferences at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary** - brochures with complete information for programs and signing up are available in the wall pockets near the church office.

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

The **Scholarship Committee** of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, is pleased to announce that applications are now available for the **Charles Yaghoobian, Jr. Scholarship Grants for 2017**. Scholarship Grants will be awarded to qualified members of all three Armenian Churches in RI. Applicants must be dues paying members of their church. Scholarships are limited for up to 3 years only. We are currently seeking qualified candidates for consideration. For an application and a list of eligibility requirements you may contact: Nathalie Yaghoobian, 353-2488. The deadline to submit completed application and all documentation is April 1, 2017.

The **Vaughn Avedisian Memorial Fund** is offering scholarships this year by the RI Community Foundation to benefit students from RI to attend a non-profit post-secondary institution that offers either a two year associate or a four year college degree. Information and applications are available by contacting the Church Office, or John Takian (401-641-5851) johnt@blissproperties.net. The deadline - must arrive by April 4, 2017 to be considered by mailing to Sylvia Long, 67 Pojac Pt. Rd., N. Kingstown, RI 02852, or call her at (401) 884-4343 with any questions concerning the application process.

**Daughters of Vartan, Aik Otyag #10** is proud to announce a \$1,000 scholarship for a high school senior who is a Rhode Island resident of Armenian descent. Applications and further information are available at the Church Office. Deadline for return of completed application is May 5.

**The Aram "Ace" Ohanian Scholarship** is a \$250 academic scholarship available to an Armenian track and field athlete from Rhode Island who is a high school senior or attending a college or university. For an application and a list of eligibility requirements you may contact Nathalie Yaghoobian at 353-2488. The deadline to submit a completed application and all documentation is April 1, 2017.

**Diocese Now Accepting Scholarship Applications** - Applications for Diocesan scholarships are now available online. The application deadline for the 2017-18 academic year is May 20, 2017. Each year the Diocese awards scholarships to promising youth who are headed to college. The Diocese seeks students who are active in their local parishes and have assumed leadership roles in their communities. To be eligible, applicants must be U.S. citizens enrolled in four-year undergraduate programs. For information, contact Maria Barsoumian at (212) 686-0710. Student Application & Reference Forms available at (<https://armenianchurch.us/scholarships/>)

*The Genealogy Subcommittee of the Armenian Historical Association of Rhode Island (AHARI)* is forming a Genealogy Club. The purpose is to assist members in tracing their ancestors and discovering the daily events that shaped their and, eventually, our lives. We want to come together to help people find information about their ancestors. 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. The AHARI office is at 245 Waterman St., Suite 204, Providence. (Telephone 401-544-5511) Please contact Margaret Chevian at margo1915@gmail.com or 401-331-3985 if you have questions.

**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 a *prayer box* in the chancel located on the table at the entrance of the Sanctuary on the elevator side where you may place your written prayer requests. 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: 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 March, we are requesting Kleenex and toilet paper. They may be placed in the bin in the Sunday School area. Thank you for your support in our children's outreach efforts.

**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** – Poor boxes for donations to the needy are 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, please see insert**