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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 ( <i>Soorp Badarak</i> )	10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, April 9, 2017**

*☙* **Palm Sunday - Ծաղկապարդ - Dzaghgazart** *☙*  
**Scripture Readings**

**Zechariah 9:9-15 (Pg. 926)    Philippians 4:4-7 (Pg. 180)**

**Matthew 20:29-21:17 (Pg. 20)**

**Creed: Armenian**

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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!**

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*"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: ~ **FAITHFULNESS** ~

**Pastor's Points of Light**

Palm Sunday, celebrates Christ's entry into Jerusalem, when He was hailed as the Messiah and King of Israel. Since Christ was greeted with palm fronds and olive branches on that day, we observe this occasion by distributing palm leaves to the congregation. During the Palm Sunday liturgy, the service of "The Opening of the Doors" takes place.

The priest and faithful pray for entry once again into God's glorious Kingdom and wait for the church to symbolically open Her doors (by opening the black curtains) just as Christ paved the way for the resurrection of humanity.

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Please join me for the many services throughout Holy Week as we walk together with our Lord through His Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem at Palm Sunday and His Passion with the Last Supper on Thursday through the Washing of the Feet and Betrayal in the Garden of Eden. On Good Friday come to the Tomb and then on Holy Saturday celebrate the victorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ with the Divine liturgy of Irakaluyts, the most important night of the Church year and then again on Easter Sunday. God bless you and have a blessed holy week.

Prayerfully, Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor



### **The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20:29-21:17**

And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the roadside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent; but they cried out the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" And Jesus stopped and called them, saying, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they received their sight and followed him.

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers." And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise?'" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

*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.

### **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.



**REQUIEMS** (*Hokehankist*) will resume on April 23.

**PALM DONATIONS** (please see insert)



### **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

### ***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

*Special Note:* Today at the conclusion of the divine liturgy Der Hayr will be conducting the installation of officers for the new Parish Council for the year 2017 as elected by our assembly and approved by our Diocesan Primate. He will also be blessing a set of new vestments which were given to him by our parish on the occasion of his 20th anniversary in 2014 which have just arrived from Armenia.

*ACYOA Seniors Palm Sunday Celebration* - Special Presentation by Christina Parnagian, Greta Janigian, and Christine Surabian - "*Our Pilgrimage to Jerusalem.*" Today 1:00 p.m. Half chicken and pilaf dinner, \$15 adults, \$10 children under 12. Tickets available at the door as seating allows.

*Choreg* will be available today after services, \$12 per dozen.

### *Parish Council Installation* -

Today the 2017 Parish Council will be installed. Congratulations to the following:

**Joyce Avedisian**, Chairperson

**Mher Saribekyan**, Vice-Chairperson

**Martha Jamgochian**, Secretary

**Art Yarumian**, Treasurer

**Advisors:** Gary Taraian, Len Arzoomanian, John Megrđichian, Marc Janigian, Martin Papazian, Jason Martiesian, Steve Megrđichian.

### APRIL 10

*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).

### APRIL 10

*Mary House Outreach* - In the spirit of Christian stewardship, part of our parish outreach effort is to volunteer at St. Patrick's meal kitchen. Monday, April 10, is our Parish's next date to volunteer. We meet at St. Patrick's on Smith Street by 4:00pm. The last meal is served by 5:15pm when we help with clean-up. Call Joyce Avedisian (724-3978) if you have questions. Future date: 6/26/17

### APRIL 11 & APRIL 15

*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).

### APRIL 13-16

*Holy Week and Easter Services* - Please see Calendar of Events insert included with this bulletin for service times, etc.

### APRIL 15

*Easter Eve Badarak* followed by ACYOA Annual *Family Night Triple "S" Shoppe* in Egavian Hall. Great Vespers/Reading of Prophecies 5:30 p.m., Divine Liturgy of Easter Eve 6:00 p.m., **Family Night Easter Celebration** "Triple 'S' Shoppe" 7:30 p.m. Handmade grinders made to your liking, \$7 gets you a Triple "S" sub, snack and soda (or bottle of water) & Coffee. \$5 for children. Traditional *Havgeetakhagh* - egg cracking contest, prizes for all. Choreg will be available for sale. Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome. Call the office at 401-272-7712.

### APRIL 16

*Easter Sunday - Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ* - 9:00 a.m. Morning Service, 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 11:45 a.m. Blessing of the Four corners of the World.

### ARIL 21 & APRIL 22

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.)

### APRIL 18

*Armenian Youth Day*, Tuesday, April 18 in Egavian Cultural Center, 8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Activities for ages 7-14: Genocide educational, Armenian Jeopardy, tile painting, Middle Eastern Drum Circle, breakfast snack & lunch included (free). Special presentation for youth 12+ and adults from 10a.m.-12 noon: Genealogy, learn about your roots, your family etc. and how and where to search to find this invaluable information.

### APRIL 20

*Confessions of a Cardiologist* brought to you by Powered By Plants RI. April 20th from 6-8:30 pm and hear Dr. Robert Ostfeld talk about how our food choices impact our cardiovascular and overall health. Cost - \$15 cash at the door (no potluck this time, snacks will be provided). RSVP: strongly recommended by April 16th at [www.meetup.com/Powered-by-Plants-RI/](http://www.meetup.com/Powered-by-Plants-RI/) Dr. Ostfeld is the Director of Preventive Cardiology, the founder and Director of the Cardiac Wellness Program at Montefiore, an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the Associate Director of the Cardiology Fellowship at Montefiore-Einstein.

### APRIL 21

*"The Promise"* will be shown on Friday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Providence Place Mall. The church has secured 100 tickets which will be available upon payment of \$13 each by check or money order with name, phone number and number of tickets to Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church. Also you may purchase by credit card by calling the church office or via Pay Pal on the church website. Tickets must be purchased in advance and paid for. No reservations.

### APRIL 22

A film by Vigen Chaldranian *"Alter Ego"* will be shown in the Egavian Cultural Center, sponsored by the Cultural Committee of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church. Free admission, refreshments. Premier

in East Coast, USA. Armenian with English subtitles. Meet with Producer Vigen Chaldranian.

### APRIL 23

*The 102nd Commemoration of the 1915 Armenian Genocide.* Services at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, April 23 at the Armenian Martyr's Memorial, North Burial Ground with the three Armenian Churches and Clergy participating. All are welcome. In case of rain, will meet in the Egavian Cultural Center, Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church.

### APRIL 30

*Godparent's Sunday* - April 30, celebrating Godparents and Godchildren. A service of re-dedication & renewal! Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

## NOTICES

*Parents* – please note, Sunday School offers special scholarships for camp & St Nersess to students who have at least one parent who is a dues paying church member. Scholarships vary from \$150 to full cost depending upon the student's attendance.:

*Special Notice:* On Thursday, April 27, *The Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian (along with the Very Rev. Daniel Findikyan)* will be honored on the occasion of their 20th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. The public is cordially invited to a prayer service & reception at the St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral, 630 Second Ave., NY City. Vesper Service at 7 p.m., Program & Reception at 7:30 p.m. in the Kavookjian Auditorium. RSVP by 4/17 at 212-686-0710 or [rsvp@ordination20th.org](mailto:rsvp@ordination20th.org). Commemorative donations will underwrite the publication of *Prayers for Healing* (Revised & Expanded Edition) Checks may be made payable to the Diocese of the Armenian Church - Memo: Prayer Book.

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

Diocesan Primate Archbishop Khajag Barsamian has announced a fund-raising 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. 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."

### FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER -

Donations towards the purchase of 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 your send your donation to the church office (call if you would like to use a credit card). Deadline for flower donations, April 13. Donations will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

**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 or Dorothy Martiesian @749-0269, 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.

*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). 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 April, we are requesting **soap** and **shampoo**. They may be placed in the bin in the Sunday School area. Thank you for your support in our children's outreach efforts.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**APRIL**

- Today** **Palm Sunday**, Morning Service 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.  
Installation of the 2017 Parish Council  
ACYOA Palm Sunday Dinner after services
- 10 Senior Citizens 10 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.  
Mary House Meal Kitchen Outreach, 4 p.m.
- 11 Armenian School, 6 p.m.
- 13 **Holy & Great Thursday**  
9:30 a.m. Morning & Healing Service  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Fellowship Following  
7:00 p.m. Washing of Feet & Vespers of the Ten Virgins  
8:30 p.m. Memorial of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- 14 **Holy & Great Friday**  
5:00 p.m. Memorial of the Crucifixion of our Lord  
6:00 p.m. Memorial of the Burial of Our Lord
- 15 **Holy & Great Saturday**  
Armenian School 10 a.m.  
5:30 p.m. Reading of Sacred Prophecies  
6:00 p.m. Easter Eve Divine Liturgy  
7:30 p.m. Family Night - ACYOA Triple 'S' Shoppe etc.
- 16 **Easter Sunday - Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ**  
9:00 a.m. Morning Service  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Blessing of the Four corners of the World.
- 17 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 18 Annual Armenian Youth Day, 8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Armenian School 6 p.m.
- 21 Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.  
"The Promise" moving showing at Providence Place, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Arts Education 10 a.m. (NO Armenian School today)  
Movie "Alter Ego" 6:30 p.m. (Egavian Hall)
- 23 Annual Commemoration at the North Burial Grouns, 12:45 p.m.
- 24 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 25 Armenian School, 6 p.m.
- 28 Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Arts Education 10 a.m. - Armenian School 10 a.m.

**MAY**

- 7 Sunday School Closing Ceremonies
- 12 Sports Banquet
- 14 Mother's Day Cake Sale following services in Egavian Hall
- 21 Armenian School - Bake Sale
- 29 Memorial Day Holiday - Office Closed
- 30 AHARI Open House Celebration (details TBA)

**JUNE**

- 3 Cultural Committee Annual Talent Show
- 11 Armenian School Hantess
- 24 Cultural Committee Cafe' Night