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Schedule Sunday Service

Morning Service (*Keesherajeen & Aravodyan Jham*) 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (*Soorp Badarak*) 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Four Corners of the World (*Antastan*)

Easter Sunday - *Soorp Zadig* - Սուրբ Զատիկ

April 16, 2017



Scripture Readings

Acts 1:15-26 (Pg. 108) Mark 16:2-8 (Pg. 50)

Creed: English

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)

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** ~



THE EASTER MESSAGE OF ARCHBISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN

Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Who Do Men Say That I Am? Jesus went onward with his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples: "Who do men say that I am?" "Some say John the Baptist," they told him; "and others say Elijah. Still others call you one of the prophets." And Jesus asked them again: "But who do you say that I am?" (MARK 8:27-29) ST. MARK'S GOSPEL invites us to eavesdrop on a very human scene involving Jesus and his companions. We find them on a long walk, bantering as young men do when they're traveling between destinations. At a lull in the conversation, the teacher seizes the opportunity to turn his disciples' thoughts to more serious matters.

“Who do men say that I am?” he asks. The disciples, a bit embarrassed to be suddenly put on the spot, offer a few “approved” answers they had heard from people on the street. But Jesus sees through them—sees that they are evading the point of his question. No, no, he says, perhaps shaking his head: “Who do you say that I am?”

This question—appearing at the midpoint of Mark’s gospel—is in fact the central question of the Christian faith. It’s a question directed at us, too—and at no time more urgently than at Easter. “Who do you say that Jesus is?” He is a man who never walked more than a hundred miles from the town of his birth. But for two millennia he has been worshipped as God by people in every remote land—including our homeland of Armenia. He died hanging on a cross between criminals. He lives seated at the right hand of God the Father. He is servant and master. Commoner and king. The all-powerful Creator of universe—who had no place on Earth to lay his head. Who do you say that he is?

In the gospel story it is Peter—the loyal, loving fisherman—who receives the flash of insight. He bursts out, “You are the Christ!” with all the enthusiasm of a dazzled student. And in reply Jesus quietly, deliberately, informs his friends exactly what being the Christ will mean. It means Jesus will suffer; he will be rejected; he will die. But it also means something that, at the time, must have been quite incomprehensible to the disciples: he will rise again. That’s where we meet Jesus on Easter: at his resurrection. One would think that his defeat of death would settle the matter of “who Jesus is” once and for all. But in fact, it only makes the question burn with greater intensity. For ever since that first Easter Sunday, it has become impossible for any human being to evade the question, “Who do you say that Jesus is?”

For our ancestors, their answer led them to establish Armenia as the first Christian kingdom. Centuries later, we uphold their faithful conviction. Yet no Christian can feel smug about giving a “correct” answer. Jesus himself (in the same passage in Mark) was quick to scold Peter—calling him Satan!—when Peter imagined that his insightful answer gave him some control over Christ’s mission in the world. Indeed, the “correctness” of our answer as Christians depends on whether we truly place our lives, our life missions, under Christ’s control: into his hands. It was in this spirit that the martyrs confronted the question of “who Jesus is.”

Their answer had an urgency we can hardly imagine—because it was not a mere academic issue to them. Their answer was a choice between life and death; yet still they affirmed that Jesus Christ—God incarnate, the redeemer of mankind—was their only acceptable reality. That same reality will stand before us again this Easter, asking the question first posed to the disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” The way we answer is consequential, both for ourselves and for our world. For as the surrounding society lurches between extremes of fanaticism and apathy, it moves ever farther from its central axis: the cross of Christ, the empty tomb, the living person of our risen Lord and Savior. Do we join the world in its aimless wandering? Or hold fast to Jesus Christ? Who do you say that he is?

On Easter Sunday, as we joyfully exchange our beautiful Armenian greeting, worship in church, and receive the precious sacrament of Holy Communion, we must also search within ourselves for the deepest meaning of the day. Each one of us must confront the question: “Who do I say that Jesus is?” And the answer we give must stay alive in our hearts, and evident in our deeds, throughout the year. *Krisdos haryav ee merelotz. Orhnyal eh harootiunun Krisdosee.* Christ is risen from the dead. Blessed is the resurrection of Christ.



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 16:2-8

And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; -- it was very large.

And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him.

But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

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.

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.



Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The faithful says:

Յիշեցիր եւ զիս անաշի 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 անաշի 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:

Յիշեցրէ 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:

Sugt քեզ Տըր ըստ սրտի քում:

Da-tseh kez Der usd sur-dee koom.

(May the Lord grant to you according to your heart.)

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.

DONATIONS of flowers for Holy Week & Easter, 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

Two large *Easter Pascal Candles* have been donated in loving memory of Archdeacon Hachadoor Madenigian, Zartar Madenigian, and Helen and John Seplocha by Dr. Holly Seplocha; Joy & Patrick Ramsier and Children; and Joni Cochran.

Donations of *Flowers for Holy Week & Easter* - see Insert.

Aghavni - Dove - The Dove (Aghavni) donated by the Arzouyan Family - 1928 - has been refurbished by the generosity of the Taraian Family in memory of Mary Taraian.

The *Junior Choir* will be singing in the Divine Liturgy today.

APRIL 17

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 18

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). Please note, there will be NO classes on April 22.

APRIL 13-16

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

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/ 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. Our tickets are sold out. The movie will be shown at other times on the schedule at Providence Place and at the Lincoln Mall.

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 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 Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 23. Morning service will begin at the regularly scheduled time of 9 a.m. Genocided recognition and Memorial will take place at 12:45 at the North Burial Ground.

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.

"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

MAY 7

The Cultural Committee will present a movie presentation by Armenian journalist, producer Touben Pashinyan.

MAY 12

The *48th Annual Sports Banquet* will be held Friday, May 12 in the Egavian Cultural Center. Guest Speaker Gene Valicenti, WJAR NBC 10 News - WPRO AM Radio. Details about all awards and recognition are posted on the church website, and flyers have been mailed out. Social Hour: 6 p.m. Dinner : 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 per person. For tickets, please call Ann Ayraasian at 401-272-4743.

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. 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 — 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."

The opening celebration of the *Armenian Historical Association of RI Museum* is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th from 12noon to 3pm. The museum is located in the Bliss Building at 245 Waterman Street in Providence, suite 245.

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 date: 6/26/17. Your participation is always welcome.

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