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The Lighthouse

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Schedule Sunday Service

Morning Service (*Kesheraayeen & Aravodyan Jham*)

9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (*Soorp Badarak*)

9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Octave of Easter - New Sunday - Նոր Կիրակի

Scripture Readings

Acts 5:34-6:7 (Pg. 112) James 3:1-12 (Pg. 207)

John 1:1-17 (Pg. 83)

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!

Ծաշակեցէք 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: ~ **GENTLENESS** ~

Pastor's Points of Light

Today we will be commemorating the Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. I encourage and welcome everybody to attend the gathering at the north burial ground immediately following our fellowship in the church hall. The commemoration at the burial ground will begin at 12:45. There is usually ample parking however carpooling from the church is greatly recommended. May God bless you and may the holy martyrs intercede on our behalf before the glorious seat of Christ mercy.

Christ is risen from the dead.



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not.

He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

(John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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 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:

Տաղէ՛ քեզ Տէր 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.



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

A donation for *Altar Candles* has been given in loving memory of Mitchell Kezirian by Shirley Kezirian and Family.

Today's *Coffee Fellowship* is given in loving memory of Elizabeth Shamirian by her husband, Jacob Basmajian.

The 102nd Commemoration of the 1915 Armenian Genocide. Services at 12:45 p.m. today 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 24

Senior Citizens cancelled for Monday 4/24. 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 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). Please note, there will be NO classes on April 22.

ARIL 28 & APRIL 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.)

APRIL 30

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

At the direction of Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, there will be a special plate collection today for the purpose of restoring the Holy

Sepulchre - "*Save the Tomb*" project. Your generosity will be appreciated. Details of this project are listed under "Notices" elsewhere in this bulletin.

"*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 two film screenings on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 7 p.m., Hanoian Hall: "*Where is Euphrates, Son?*" - Part 1 and 2 (Armenian with English subtitles) by Rouben Pashinyan, and "*Fortresses of Artsakh*" (in English) by Hakob Karanfilyan. Meet with Producer Mr. Rouben Pashinyan. Refreshments. Donations greatly appreciated.

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 Ayrossian at 401-272-4743.

MAY 14

The Women's Guild will hold their annual *Mother's Day Cake Sale* on Sunday, May 14 after church services in the Egavian Hall. Contact Lillibeth at emkooloian@aol.com or call 401-640-2646 with donations.

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. 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 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. 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 Chevia 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.

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.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- Today* Annual Commemoration at the North Burial Grounds, 12:45
24 Senior Citizens cancelled for today, 4/24
25 Armenian School, 6 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 10 a.m.
30 Women of Ararat Play, 3 p.m. at Scottish Rite Auditorium,
Cranston

MAY

- 1 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
2 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
Parish Council, 7 p.m.
5 Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
6 Arts Education 10 a.m. - Armenian School 10 a.m.
7 Sunday School Closing Ceremonies
Cultural Committee movie Presentation by Rouben
Pashinyan 7 p.m. in Hanoian Hall
8 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
9 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
10 Cultural Committee Movie, 7 p.m. Hanoian Hall
12 Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
Sports Banquet
13 Arts Education 10 a.m. - Armenian School 10 a.m.
14 Mother's Day Cake Sale following services in Egavian Hall
15 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
16 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
19 Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
20 Arts Education 10 a.m. - Armenian School 10 a.m.
21 Armenian School - Bake Sale
22 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
23 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.
26 Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
27 Arts Education 10 a.m. - Armenian School 10 a.m.
29 Memorial Day Holiday - Office Closed
30 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
AHARI Open House Celebration (details TBA)

JUNE

- 3 Cultural Committee Annual Talent Show
11 Armenian School Hantess
25 Blood Drive, Hanoian Hall
26 Annual Golf Tournament
30 Cultural Committee Concert, Details to be announced.