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Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
The Lighthouse

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Schedule Sunday Service

Morning Service (*Keesheraeyen & Aravodyan Jham*) 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (*Soorp Badarak*) 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 14 2017

Mother's Day

Apparition of the Holy Cross - Տօն Երեւման Սրբոյ Խաչին

Scripture Readings

Acts 17:1-15 (Pg. 125) I John 1:1-10 (Pg. 214)

John 7:14-23 (Pg. 91)

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: ~ **KINDNESS** ~

Pastor's Points of Light

On the occasion of Mother's Day we congratulate all of the mothers of our parish family and pray that our Heavenly Father grant them many years of joy and good health; and eternal rest to all deceased mothers. May the bounteous blessings of God be upon all of the women of our community, through the prayers of the Holy Mother of God. Amen.

My prayer today and every day is that the Lord inspire each of you, the faithful of our community, to grow in your faith and in spiritual humility and observance of the Lord's commands and to live a life worthy of God's love. Today, as we observe Mother's Day, it is an opportunity to discern God's high calling in the reflection of His commandments and in the commemoration of Mother's Day.

tion of Mothers Day. It is a time to reflect on God's gift of motherhood and His specific commandment concerning proper affection and relationships. In the record of God's giving of the law, in Exodus 20:12 and again in Deuteronomy 5:16 the Lord says, - "**Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.**" We should notice that this commandment comes with a promise, "**that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.**"

Honoring them is not so much a responsibility but a privilege. I encourage you to honor your mothers and offer prayers of thanksgiving at all times.

Most of us know how much our mothers have been a blessing for us. For some of us, our mothers may be gone but for others we still have them with us. In either case, we must never take them for granted. And our love for them remains unquenchable. Their love for us is the most perfect love next to God's. I personally miss my mother everyday and feel "that if I had a flower for each time I thought of My Mother, I could walk in my garden forever." ~ Unknown

What a great opportunity for us today to offer a blessing of thanksgiving for our mother's and, as a community, to offer our thanks to our mothers who have made every sacrifice for our wellbeing.

I would like to wish all the wonderful women of our parish, who reflect in their lives the gift of motherhood for us all, a very Happy and blessed Mothers' Day and may the Lord bless you all and grant peace and eternal life to those of our mothers who are asleep in Christ.

*"All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother." --
Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)*

Prayerfully,
Fr. Shnork Souin



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (7:14-23)

About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. The Jews marveled at it, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?"

So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me; if any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.

He who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?"

The people answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all marvel at it. Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man upon the sabbath. If on the sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the sabbath I made a man's whole body well?"

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:

Յիշեսցիր 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:

Յիշեսցէ 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.



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:

- **ALL REPOSED MOTHERS** of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church.
- **GEORGE EGAVIAN; EDWARD EGAVIAN; LARRY EGAVIAN**
- requested by Florence Wolohojian.
- **GEORGE KOURKEN (COOKIE) MOORADIAN** (5 Year Memorial) - requested by Anne, David, Melissa, Jeffrey Mooradian; George & Frances Yapchaian; Barbra Demurjian.
- **HARUTYUN GEVORGYAN; ARAKSIA GEVORGYAN; ANNA GEVORGYAN; GEVORK VARDANYAN; NAZELI VARDANYAN; SOUREN VARDANYAN** - requested by Hasmik Vardanyan; and the Gevorkian 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.



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

Today Summer Hours begin for services: 9 a.m. Morning Service, 9:30 a.m. Badarak.

The Women's Guild will hold their annual ***Mother's Day Cake Sale*** today after church services in the Egavian Hall.

MAY 15

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.

MAY 16 & 20

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).

MAY 19 & 20

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.)

MAY 29

On Monday, May 29, ***Memorial Day***, there will be a gathering and short ***Memorial Service*** at the Armenian Heritage Park, located at the corners of Douglas and Chalkstone Avenues at 9am. There will be coffee and desserts following the service. All are welcome.

Cemetery Visitation with Der Shnork - Swan Point from 10:15-11 a.m., North Buriel Ground from 11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. Please call Der Shnork (201-306-4304) or the Church Office (401-272-7712) to pre-arrange a time for a grave blessing.

JUNE 3

The Cultural Committee cordially invites the RI Community to attend the ***Annual Children's Talent Show, "Reflections of Armenian Youth"*** on Saturday evening, June 3, 2017, 7:00 p.m. in the Egavian Cultural Center. Program highlights: Performances by students of our Cultural Committee's Arts Education classes featuring Nazeli Dance Group, art exhibit including sculpture, solo singers, group singing, sev-

eral musical instruments and more. Let us encourage our talented young people with a large attendance! Any youngsters wishing to participate in the Talent Show are urged to contact Janna Guegamian at (401) 861-3573 or Irene Eranosian at (401) 942-5423 before May 31. This Talent Show is open to the youth of the entire RI Armenian Community. Donation: \$5.00 at the door. Children under 16 no charge.

JUNE 4

On Sunday, June 4, the Jr. Choir, students of the Arts Education Program, and Nazeli Dance Group, accompanied by Der Hayr Shnork Souin, will make a friendly visit to the Armenian Nursing Home in Jamaica Plain, MA.

JUNE 7

Armenian Graduates Recognition Night - Sponsored by the Knights of Vartan Arax Lodge and the Daughters of Vartan Aik Otyag Wednesday June 7, 2017 in the Egavian Cultural Center 6 pm – 8 pm - All graduates of Armenian descent of High School, College, and Graduate School are invited. The evening will include a delicious meal with a short program recognizing each graduate's accomplishment. In addition, each graduate will receive a gift. The evening is FREE of charge to all graduates and their parents, guests \$10. To submit names of graduates and for more information, please contact Past Commander Hagop Ghajanian, 3 Majestic Avenue, Warwick, RI, 02888, Tel 401-862-6815, e-mail h.ghajanian@verizon.net. For dinner reservation and information contact Commander Malcolm Serabian 401-440-3786.

JUNE 11

Armenian School Hantess will be held on Sunday, June 11 following church services at 12:00 p.m. Party with entertainment. Enjoy great appetizers, desserts. 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.

JUNE 25

A *Blood Drive* will be held on Sunday, June 25, in the Hanoian Hall. Please save the date and give the gift of life. "Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood." Plan to bring your driver's license or another form of identification when you donate.

A *Buffet Breakfast* is being planned for Sunday, June 25 immediately after church services at 11 a.m. All you can eat !! Donation: \$8 per person, kids, \$5 (12 & under). Menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, pancakes, coffee, juice, fruit, English muffins, Danish, etc. Call the office (401-272-7712) with your reservations.

JUNE 26

Monday, June 26 - Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church *Golf Tournament* - Please join us for a wonderful day of golf and fellowship at the Cranston Country Club, 69 Burlingame Rd., Cranston. 10 a.m. Scramble Shotgun Start. After your round of golf, retreat into the banquet hall for a cocktail and first rate catered dinner. Individual Golfer Rate \$165, Single Hole Sponsor, \$100, dinners \$35. Longest drive, Hole-in-One, Closest to the pin, raffle prizes, silent auction. Lunch & dinner included for golfers. Contact Marc Janigian (401-523-3276, Paul Surabian (401-301-5516) or Art Yarumian at <yarumian@outlook.com>

JULY 8

On Sunday, July 8, Fr. Shnork Souin will be the Guest Celebrant of the *Divine Liturgy at the Armenian Church of Cape Cod*. Time to be announced.

NOTICES

Women of Ararat, a play by Judith Boyajian and directed by Carol Mikaelian Schlink, was performed in Rhode Island on April 30 to a large audience. The committee, Dorothy Martiesian, Naomi Thovmasian Marsh, Beverly Serabian, Pauline Getzoyan, Agnes Cardozo, Dolores Norigian and Christina Parnagian, wishes to thank parishioners and friends who supported this successful event. In addition, we were able to fulfill the mission of sending funds to three organizations to benefit young Armenian women: Mer Doon; The Women's Resource Center; and The Women's Support Center, all located in Yerevan.

St. Vartan Camp -

8-15 years old. To register, www.diocesansummercamps.org

Session A June 25-July 8 - Session B July 9- July 22 - Session C July 23-Aug. 5

St. Nersess Seminary Summer Conference - www.stnersess.edu

Deacon's Training June 23-July 2 - High School A July 7-16

HS B July 21-30 - Post High School Aug 1-6

*If either parent is a dues paying member and the child is enrolled in Sunday School or participates regularly in the Altar Service Program or Choir, they are eligible for \$150 scholarships for either camp or conference.

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. Thank you to all those who donated to the special plate collection last week. The site marks the burial place of Jesus Christ, and has long stood as one of the most precious shrines of the Christian heritage. A special website has been launched — www.SaveTheTomb.org — where individuals can find information on the project and make online donations.

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 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.

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. The Sunday School outreach is collecting toilet paper & kleenex during May, and can be dropped off in the Sunday School area. Your participation is always welcome.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- Today* Mother's Day Cake Sale following services in Egavian Hall
15 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
16 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
Parish Council, 7 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.
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
Memorial Day Service at Armenian Heritage Park 9 a.m.
(Corners of Douglas Ave. & Chalkstone Ave., Providence)
Cemetery Visitations with Der Shnork at Swan Pt. and North
Buriel Ground (please see announcement for times.)
30 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.

JUNE

- 2 Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
3 Arts Education 10 a.m. - Armenian School 10 a.m.
Cultural Committee Annual Talent Show 7 p.m.
5 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
6 Armenian Lanaguage School, 6 p.m.
7 Knights & Daughters of Vartan Graduates Night, 6 p.m.
11 Armenian School Hantess, 12:00 p.m. after church
12 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6 p.m.
19 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m., Nazeli Dance Group, 6 p.m.
25 Blood Drive, Hanoian Hall & Breakfast Buffet after church
26 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Annual Golf Tournament 10 a.m.
Nazeli Dance Group 6 p.m.
30 Cultural Committee Concert, Details to be announced.

JULY

- 4 Holiday, Office Closed

AUGUST

- 19 Church Picnic - Save the Date !