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Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
The Lighthouse

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Schedule Sunday Service

Morning Service (<i>Kesherayeen & Aravodyan Jham</i>)	9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (<i>Soorp Badarak</i>)	9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Second Palm Sunday

Scripture Readings

Acts 23:12-25 (Pg. 131) I John 5:13-21 (Pg. 217)

John 12:12-23 (Pg. 97)

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



Second Palm Sunday

On the Sunday following the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, the Armenian Church celebrates "Second" Palm Sunday. The name of the feast has been derived from Palm Sunday, which precedes Easter. In the week leading up to His betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection, the "first" Palm Sunday symbolized the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem where people met Him with great joy and glorified His Holy Name. The Second Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the triumphant entry of the Ascended Christ into the Heavenly Jerusalem, where the angels meet him with great happiness and delight.

According to tradition, during St. Gregory the Illuminator's imprisonment in the pit, he was visited every day by the same angel. However one day, the angel did not come. The following morning, St. Gregory inquires to the reason for his absence, to which the angel responds that during the Ascension, Christ had passed through the ranks of the Angels, and they celebrate that feast each year. The angel visiting St. Gregory was from the fourth class of angelic hosts, and thus, on the fourth day following the Ascension, his rank of angels commemorates and celebrates Christ's Ascension to heaven every year.

St. Gregory of Datev, one of the greatest theologians of the Armenian Church, has a famous interpretation of this event. Prior to His Ascension, the ranks of angels, except for the lowest class, who served Christ

during His earthly life, were not aware of Christ's incarnation for the salvation of man. St. Gregory's commentary states that when the Lord was passing through the ranks of angels, they were surprised and asked, 'Who was that powerful king?' The angels accompanying Christ thus informed them. This dialogue of angels is presented in the Holy Bible, in the book of Psalms:

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in."

"Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle."

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in."

"Who is this King of glory?" "The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory." (Psalms 24:7-10).

The angelic dialogue is exhibited for us, when it is heard during the Divine Liturgy, as the deacon approaches the celebrant priest with the chalice during the Great Entrance (Veraperoom). The Second Palm Sunday is one more reminder of the Ascension of Christ and grants us the hope for ascending to heaven after our deaths, and being in the bliss of God's presence.

..from Communications Dept. of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (12:12-23)

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

The crowd that had been with him when he called Laz'arus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see that you can do nothing; look, the world has gone after him."

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Beth-sa'ida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus.

And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified.

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:

Տացէ 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) - 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

A donation for *Altar Flowers* and *Altar Candles* has been given today by Seta Hanoian.

MAY 29

Memorial Day Holiday, the office will be closed. Also on *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 - those who have pre-arranged a cemetery visitation may meet him at the designated time and cemetery.

MAY 30

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 30 & JUNE 3

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).

JUNE 2 & 3

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.)

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, several 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>

JUNE 30

The Cultural Committee will present on June 30 at 7 p.m. a ***"Summer Rhapsody" Concert*** featuring: Jasmin Atabekyan and the Gasparian Family Quartet (from Greece), Janet Kalarian, vocalist, and the Nazeli Dance Group in the Egavian Cultural Center, 70 Jefferson Street, Providence, RI. Donation \$15. Refreshments.

JULY 8

On Saturday, 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.

AUGUST 19

The ***Annual Church Picnic*** will be held this year on August 19 starting at 12:00 noon. Food, music, and fun! Kheyma, shish-kebob, losh kebob, chicken, khorovats, Tavloo Tournament. The tents will be lit at night so stay, eat and dance all night! Support the ACYOA-run Armenian Pastry Booth. Armenian CD's, jewelry, gifts and more by Armenian Vendor. Gallery Z Moby the Mobile Art Gallery. Your participation and support of the picnic sponsor opportunities and raffle tickets will be greatly appreciated.

AUGUST 23 - 25

Overnight Camping for kids ages 10-17 at Husenig Grove (2 nights!) - 3 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 23 to Friday, Aug. 25 at 3 p.m. Parents are invited to stay for dinner on Wednesday evening for khorovats BBQ! Complete details are available on the church's website on what to bring, and permission form, etc. Cost: \$40, second child \$20. This year tuition is waived for children who are in Sunday and/or Armenian School and have a parent who is a dues-paid member of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob. Contact Der Shnork at dershnork@gmail.com or call 201-306-4304. Permission forms/flyer can be obtained in the church office.

Volunteer opportunities - You can help!! Please consider helping with transportation, food prep, chaperone, and monetary contributions in support of the camp to cover materials and other sundry expenses. There is a form on the website to fill out with your preferences which can be returned to Fr. Shnork either digitally or by mailing to the church office.

NOTICES

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

- 29 Memorial Day Holiday - Office Closed
Memorial Day Service at Armenian Heritage Park 9 a.m.
(Corners of Douglas Ave. & Chalkstone Ave., Providence)
- 30 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Armenian School 6 p.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.
- 4 Women's Guild Meeting 12:00 after church
- 5 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Nazeli Dance Group 6 p.m.
- 6 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.
- 7 Knights & Daughters of Vartan Graduates Night, 6 p.m.
- 10 Armenian School 10 a.m.
- 11 Armenian School Hantess, 12:00 p.m. after church
- 12 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6 p.m.
- 13 Parish Council, 7 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, 7 p.m.

JULY

- 4 Holiday, Office Closed

AUGUST

- 19 Church Picnic - Save the Date !
- 23-25 Overnight Camping at Husenig Grove for Kids 10-17