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Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
The Lighthouse

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Schedule Sunday Service

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

Sunday, June 18, 2017

Feast of the Holy Catholic Church of Etchmiadzin

Father's Day

Scripture Readings

Zechariah 3:7-4:9 (Pg. 923) Hebrews 9:1-10 (Pg. 200)

John 10:22-30 (Pg. 95)

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!

Ճաշակեցէք եւ տեսէք զի քաղցր է Տէր:

"Taste ye, and see, for the Lord is sweet." (Adapted from Psalm 34:8)

Der Shnork



Pastor's Points of Light

For Father's Day

I would like to extend my warmest wishes for a very happy and blessed Father's Day today. What a great opportunity as we gather around the Lord's table this morning to offer Thanksgiving to our fathers both those here with us in our life and those who have passed into eternal life to be with our Lord.

Today is also the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin which is the center of our Christian faith and experience. It follows on the heels of the feasts of Sts. Hripsime and Gayane. The two churches named in honor of the martyrdom sites of the two Armenian Saints and are situated in the town of Etchmiadzin and as such this week in Armenian Church tradition is referred to as Araratian week.

May God bless our holy church and may the prayers of the Saints intercede on our behalf. May you all have a wonderful and blessed day.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Shnork Souin

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (10:22-30)

It was the feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

So the Jews gathered round him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

I and the Father are one."

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:

Տագ՛ 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

- **ALVINA GYOLETSYAN** (6/14/17) (Yerevan, Armenia) - requested by Lusine Khachatryan and Varduhi Khachatryan.

- **GERALD AYRASSIAN** (8 Year Memorial) - requested by his loving wife, Barbara Ayrassian, daughters Amanda and Christina; Agnes Ayrassian; Robert Ayrassian; Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Ayrassian and Family Sue and Ann Ayrassian; Gary Ayrassian and Courtney; Grace Hamperian; Rosemary Baborian and Family; Glenn & Robin Nahabedian; Gary & Nicole Nahabedian; Gregg & Judy Nahabedian and Family; Aldo & Lori Albanese & Family; Rose Ampagoomian.

- **AVEDIS JOHN YEKHTIKIAN** (25 Year Memorial); **BERNADETTE MCGUIRK YEKHTIKIAN** (12 Year Memorial) - requested by Mrs. Marian Goshgarian and Steven (CA); Gregory, Malcolm, and Paul Yekhtikian.

- **KRIKOR NISHAN BOYAJIAN** (42 Year Memorial) - requested by his children - Anahid, Margaret, Avedis, and Mariam Boyajian.

- **SHOOSHAN (COLOIAN) BOYAJIAN** (27 Year Memorial) - requested by her children - Anahid, Margaret, Avedis and Mariam Boyajian.

- **MARGARET (SAROIAN) COLOIAN** (50 Year Memorial) - requested by her grandchildren - Anahid, Margaret, Avedis and Mariam Boyajian.

- **ROBERT AVAKIAN; SALLY ZARTAR AVAKIAN** - requested by Son Robert and Family, and Daughter Marian.

- **ARDEMIS AVAKIAN** - requested by Arlene Avakian and Gail VanDerFeltz (FL).

....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
Agnes Killabian

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

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, *Margie Martiesian* will be presented with the medal that was awarded to her as a "Parishioner of the Year" on the occasion of "Name Day," October 16, 2016, which she was unable to attend. Congratulations, Margie!

Today's *Coffee Fellowship* is given in loving memory of Nshan Vorperian by his wife, Gohar Vorperian and Family.

JUNE 19

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.

JUNE 21-AUGUST 30

The Arts Education Program is pleased to announce the "*Saroyan Theater Company*" Theatre Club on Wednesdays, June 21 - August 30 from 7-8:30 p.m. Explore the world of Theatre (games, scenes, history, technique, monologues) To join, please message Elizabeth Souin - e-mail e.souin@yahoo.com or call/text 973-349-7012. Include name & age of participant, & contact information. Or Contact Janna Guegamian, Art Education Chair: 401-861-3573, petroskon@aol.com

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>

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, June 26, 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 to be announced.

JUNE 29

Powered by Plants RI - June Potluck - Join us for a plant-based potluck and a documentary viewing on how to break the cheese addiction to help you lose weight, gain energy and get healthy! Thursday, June 29th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Hanoian Hall). Please bring a completely plant-based dish (no animal products, i. e. meat, fish, eggs, cheese, butter, chicken stocks etc.; and no/low sodium and oil) enough to share with 8 people. If you are not comfortable making a plant-based dish or don't have time, you can bring a \$10 donation instead. Please RSVP to <https://www.meetup.com/powerd-by-plants-ri/> For questions, contact PoweredByPlants.RI@gmail.com or call the office for (272-7712).

JUNE 30

The Cultural Committee will present on June 30 at 7 p.m. a *“Summer Rhapsody” Concert* featuring: Jasmin Atabekyan and the Gasparyan 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.

SEPTEMBER 2 & 9

The *Arts Education Program* will begin with registration for 2017-2018 First Semester on Saturday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Egavian Cultural Center. Programs begin on Saturday, September 9 at 10 a.m.. For more information contact Janna Guegamian (401-861-3573) or e-mail Petroskon@aol.com.

SEPTEMBER 9 & 12

Armenian School classes will begin in September, Saturday classes begin on September 9 at 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and Tuesday adult classes begin on September 12 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Complete details are on the church website (flyer and registration form). Contact Mariam Saribekyan (401-714-6327).

NOTICES

The Armenian Historical Association of RI (AHARI) is located in the Bliss Building on Providence's East Side at 245 Waterman Street, Suite 204. The current exhibit opened on May 13th and is now available for tours from Monday through Saturday by appointment. Call the AHARI museum at 401-454-5111 or email to info@armenianhistorical-ri.org --- at least one (1) week in advance. *Save the date - Friday, June 23rd at 7pm* – our next planned event. Larry Cheteyan will deliver a presentation that includes information on the sculptures of his father, Donabed Cheteyan, that are on display in the AHARI museum, life in pre-genocide Palou and more. The museum will open at 6pm for viewing.

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 - The end of the announced time frame to complete fundraising will soon be upon us: June 30, 2017. Contributions from individuals and parishes should be sent to the Diocesan Center in New York no later than Friday, July 7, 2017. Until the June 30 deadline, contributions can still be made online via the secure server of the SaveTheTomb website (www.SaveTheTomb.org) or via checks made out to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, Memo: Save the Tomb Fund.

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). Next Meal Kitchen date: 6/26/17. The Sunday School outreach is collecting toilet paper & kleenex or other hygiene items and can be dropped off in the Sunday School area. Your participation is always welcome.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 19 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Nazeli Dance Group, 6 p.m.
- 21 Theatre Club begins meeting Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.
- 25 Blood Drive, Hanoian Hall & Breakfast Buffet after church
- 26 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Annual Golf Tournament 10 a.m. Cranston Country Club
Mary House Meal Kitchen, 4:00 p.m.
Nazeli Dance Group 6 p.m.
- 29 Powered by Plants Pot Luck 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 30 Cultural Committee "Summer Rhapsody" Concert, 7 p.m.

JULY

- 3 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 4 Holiday, Office Closed
- 10 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 11 Parish Council, 7 p.m.
- 17 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 18 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.
- 23 **Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord**
- 24 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 25 Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
- 31 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.

AUGUST

- 7 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 8 Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
- 13 **Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God**
- 14 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 15 Parish Council, 7 p.m.
- 19 Church Picnic - Save the Date !
- 21 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 23-25 Overnight Camping at Husenig Grove for Kids 10-17
- 28 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Arts Education Registration 10-11 a.m. Egavian Hall
- 4 Labor Day Holiday, Office closed.
- 5 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 9 Arts Education Program begins, 10 a.m.
Armenian School Classes 9:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 12 Armenian School Adult Class, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- 17 **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**