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Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
The Lighthouse

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Schedule Sunday Service

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

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Second Sunday after Assumption

Երկրորդ Կիրակի զկնի Վերափոխման Սրբոտույ Աստուածածնի

Scripture Readings

Zechariah 2:10-13 (Pg. 922) II Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (Pg. 166)

Luke 1:39-56 (Pg.51)

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!

Դաշակեցէք 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

Dear faithful parishioners of Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Church,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind words and prayers following my sudden illness during the Divine Liturgy of the celebration of the Feast of Assumption. I spent three days in the hospital and am back in full form.

As a result of the interruption and emergency, the celebration of the Blessing of the Grapes will take place today at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. There will be a short special Parish Assembly membership meeting after Badarak that we urge you to attend. God bless you and have a wonderful day.

Prayerfully, *Der Shnork*



Zechariah 2:10-13

"Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the Lord. 11 "Many nations will be joined with the Lord in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you. 12 The Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem. 13 Be still before the Lord, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling. "

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord (Psalm 118:36) a proclamation recorded in all 4 of the Gospels as a declaration of the fulfillment of God's promise of the Messiah's Advent. Christ the Lord is the Messiah and the One who **comes** in the Name of the Lord.

Jesus in whom all of God's glory dwells personally, bears all the attributes, and natural characteristics of God, and came to unite Himself with us from the womb of Mary. This fulfils the prophecies of the Old Testament and specifically the words from today's Old Testament lesson commanding all mankind to "be still before the Lord, ...because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."

Jesus has left the palatial majesty of His eternal and divine throne to be clothed in humanity. He who is eternal has made his dwelling among us, the mystery of the Incarnation that defies all human comprehension.

With this, Mary has become truly the Mother of God. As the Mother of God she remains most humble, pure and obedient to God's presence and His call. Her offspring, is both her son and at the same time her Savior! She remains still before the Lord and through her we among many other nations are joined with the Lord and have become in fellowship with him, having become his people.
Prayerfully, *Fr. Shnork Souin*



A word of thanks to the Picnic Committee and all Workers

I would like to thank our Picnic Committee, under the chairmanship of Armen Janigian, the Executive Committee and all the faithful who worked so hard in putting the picnic together yesterday. It takes many hours of preparation and commitment by many people in order to make this a success.

We pray that this great event has been a blessing for our church, for all who worked so hard and for those who enjoyed the foods and the fellowship. Thank you, everyone!! Der Shnork



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.

For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever.” And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

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 գառիկն 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 գառիկն 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:

- **ARA ARSENIAN** (2 Year Memorial) and **MARY ARSENIAN** (One Year Memorial - Dareleetz) - requested by the Arsenian, Makarian, Zakarian, and Malkasian Families.


- **ARAM "ACE" OHANIAN** (3 Year Memorial) - requested by Tom, Lisa and Eliz Ohanian.

- **SOUREN SHANAZARIAN, VIRGINIA SHANAZARIAN** - requested by Leon & Veronica Nahigian, Linda Pascale, Kenneth & Colleen Nahigian and Family.

- **ROSE HRIPSIMEH (MATESIAN) YEKHTIKIAN** (24 Year Memorial) - requested by Mrs. Marian Goshgarian and Steven (CA); Gregory, Malcolm, and Paul Yekhtikian.

- **LUCY BALLETO AYRASSIAN** (20 Year Memorial) - requested by Sons Kenneth Ayrassian, Michael Ayrassian and Family; and Daughter, Cindy Amer and 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

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

The *Blessing of Grapes* will take place today following the Divine Liturgy.

A cake for today's *Coffee Fellowship* has been given in loving memory of Aram "Ace" Ohanian by Tom, Lisa, and Eliz Ohanian.

A Special Parish Assembly will be held today immediately following Divine Liturgy at 11:45 a.m. in Hanoian Hall. The single agenda item is the acquisition of the property at 83 Jefferson Street. Dues paying members in good standing are strongly encouraged to attend.

AUGUST 21

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.

AUGUST 21

Due to little or no turnout, Prof. Ara Dostourian's *Church History classes* will not meet until further notice.

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](mailto:dershshnork@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.. Registration for *Nazeli Dance Group* will also be on 9/2, 10-11 a.m. For more information contact Janna Guegamian (401-861-3573) or e-mail Petroskon@aol.com.

SEPTEMBER 5

Armenian School Open House and registrations: Please send in your registration by mail or stop by to register in person on September 5 from 6-8 p.m. for *Open House* and refreshments! Contact Mariam Saribekyan (401-714-6327).

SEPTEMBER 10

Regular hours resume for services on September 10 - 9 a.m. Morning Service, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Sunday School Opening Day: September 10th – Registration is scheduled from 9:45am to 10:15am followed by a short Parent’s Orientation that will focus on new programs for the students and our church family. Time has been set aside for parents to meet with the teachers and to attend Badarak with their child and his/her class and teacher. There will be a welcome back American style picnic following Badarak. Please join us.

SEPTEMBER 12 & 16

Armenian School classes will begin in September, Tuesday adult classes begin on September 12 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday classes begin on September 16 at 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (please note the Saturday class change in date from 9/9 to 9/16). Complete details are on the church website (flyer and registration form). Contact Mariam Saribekyan (401-714-6327).

SEPTEMBER 13

Cultural Committee Armenian Film Festival begins with the film “*Cultural Genocide*” on Wednesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. Donation \$10. Future dates: Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 15, 7 p.m. . Films to be shown in 2018 will be on 1/24/2018, 2/21/2018, and 3/14/2018.

SEPTEMBER 17

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Blessing of Basil
Donations of sweet basil will be greatly appreciated (donations of basil you have grown and/or monetary donations to purchase). Please let the office know of your donations (401-272-7712) or mail to the office so they may be acknowledged in the Sunday Bulletin that day. There will be no requiems (Hokehankist) on this feast day, requiems will resume on September 24.)

SEPTEMBER 25

In the spirit of Christian stewardship, part of our parish outreach effort is to donate food to the Mary House food pantry and to volunteer at St. Patrick's meal kitchen. Monday, September 25 is our parish's next date to volunteer. We meet at St. Patrick's on Smith Street by 3:45 p.m. The last meal is served by 5:15 p.m. when we help with clean-up. Call the Church office or Joyce Avedisian (724-3978), if you have any questions.

OCTOBER 6

Save the date for the *Douglas Ave. Kef Time!* sponsored by the Women's Guild, Friday, October 6, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Egavian Cultural Center. Armenian music by Gary Kashmanian and Ensemble. Kheyma Dinner, dancing, raffles & 50/50. Donation: \$25 Contact the church office (401-272-7712) or Stephanie Masoian (401-862-6323).

OCTOBER 22

The Cultural Committee of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church and The Rhode Island Orthodox Clergy Fellowship presents *Spiritual Music Festival*, Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church 70 Jefferson Street, Providence, RI

NOVEMBER 4 & 5

Annual Church Bazaar - Save the date and be making your plans to be here for our Annual Church Bazaar on November 4 & 5.

NOTICES

Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church has been buying sanctuary candles from a company in Lowell, MA for many years. In an effort to support those in Nagorno-Karabagh (Artsakh), the Parish Council made the decision to begin purchasing our candles through the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church. The golden-colored beeswax candles we will begin lighting in our sanctuary are made in Artsakh. Know that each candle we light will directly benefit Armenians in that distressed region.

The Arts Education Program is pleased to announce the "*Saroyan Theater Company*" Theatre Club which will be meeting at a future date to be announced. 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

Church Library - "*Forced into Genocide*" is a memoir of an Armenian soldier who was conscripted into the Ottoman Turkish Army on June 10, 1915. As a soldier it actually saved him from the fate of fifty-one family and relatives who were driven from their homeland of Sepastia (Sivas), Turkey. The story of Yervant Alexanian's insight to document evidence in both his journals and diaries of the cruelty that was imposed on the

Armenian people until his honorable discharge on December 20, 1918 is compelling and a must-read. The book was edited by his daughter, Adrienne G. Alexanian and is available at your local library.

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 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.

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 dates will be 9/25/17, 11/20/17, 3/26/18 and 6/25/18. 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.

Please see insert for Calendar of Events and Grape Donations.