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Schedule Sunday Service

Morning Service (*Keesherajeen & Aravodyan Jham*)

9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (*Soorp Badarak*)

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 1, 2017

† **Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak †**

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Scripture Readings

Isaiah 65:22-25 (Pg. 741) Galatians 6:14-18 (Pg. 174)

Matthew 24:30-36 (Pg. 25)

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

Pari Yegak - Welcome

Today, on this Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak and on the occasion of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church's Name Day, we welcome His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church.

Asdvads oknagan, Surpazan Hayr.

We also welcome Very Rev. Simeon Odabashian, Diocesan Vicar.

Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

In the late 3rd century, the nun Hripsime – the same St. Hripsime so important to the story of Armenia's conversion -- was fleeing from her Roman persecutors. In desperate flight, she buried a piece of Christ's cross, her most precious possession, on Mt. Varak (near Van). After her martyrdom by King Drtad, the sacred relic she had buried was forgotten for centuries. Then, in 660, Totig, a hermit monk who lived on Mt. Varak, saw a vision of a church with twelve pillars on the top of the mountain. In the center of these pillars was a radiant cross. This luminous vision descended over the altar of the monastery of Varak. When Totig and his student Hovel rushed to the church and knelt at the altar, they discovered the holy relic.

He joyously shared the news with Catholicos Nersess (the Builder) who came to Varak and verified the authenticity of the relic,

proclaiming the Sunday nearest September 28 to be the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak.

-Department of Christian Education Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern)

And on account of Your precious Cross, Lord, receive our supplications and save us. Amen.



Today we pray for the safety and recovery of the victims of hurricane Harvey in the state of Texas, especially our brothers and sisters of the Saint Kevork Church. May our Lord grant comfort and strength to all those in Florida, Texas, and elsewhere who have been affected by this violent storm season. And may He likewise remember those who are suffering in the wake of the Mexican earthquake and the hurricane victims of Puerto Rico. May God have mercy on his people.

Thank you to all those who have so generously donated to the Hurricane Relief Fund for the benefit of the St. Kevork Church parishioners in Houston during the month of September. God bless you for your generosity.



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 24:30-36

Then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

Glory to You, O Lord our God!



Congratulations...

...on the Ordination to the rank of Clerk (Four Minor Orders) to Gregory Grigoryan, Anthony Maldonado, Dominic Salas and Gary Taraian; also congratulations on the elevation of Aren Antranig and Anthony Maldonado to the rank of Sub-Deacon which will take place at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Thanks to George and Galina Garabian for their donation of a new lectern to be dedicated at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We are very proud to witness the presentation of the most prestigious St. Vartan Award to Deacon Hagop Ghajanian for his 50 years of service to our Church during the dinner following the Divine Liturgy.

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:

Տա՛ցէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քոմ:
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.

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REQUIEMS (*Hokehankist*)....will resume on October 8.

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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

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

Our Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, will celebrate the church service where he will Ordain to the rank of Clerk (Four Minor Orders) -Gregory Grigoryan, Anthony Maldonado, Dominic Salas and Gary Taraian; and ordain Anthony Maldonado and Aren Antranig to the Sub-Diaconate. During the service he will also unveil and dedicate two new lecterns lovingly donated to our church.

Dinner will be immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Egavian Hall. Deacon Hagop Ghajanian will be presented with the prestigious St. Vartan Award.

OCTOBER 2

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.

OCTOBER 3 & 7

Armenian School : Adult classes held Tuesdays 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday classes are held from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Complete details are on the church website (flyer and registration form). Contact Mariam Saribekyan (401-714-6327).

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. We are soliciting monetary donations to cover costs for this event and to purchase gifts for our raffles. We sincerely appreciate your participation as a sponsor of this celebration. Donation (tickets): \$25 RSVP to the office (401-272-7712) or Stephanie Masoian (401-862-6323) as soon as possible.

OCTOBER 7

The *Arts Education Program* 2017-2018 meets Saturdays at 10 a.m. For more information contact Janna Guegamian (401-861-3573) or e-mail Petroskon@aol.com.

OCTOBER 11

Cultural Committee Armenian Film Festival presents the film "*Country of Armenian Kings-1*" (Van, Diarbeqir, Tigranakert) on Wednesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. Donation \$10. Future date: 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.

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. Donations gratefully received. Refreshments.

OCTOBER 29

Flu & Pneumonia Shot Clinic here at the church in the Hanoian Hall on Sunday, October 29 after church services. This walk-in clinic is sponsored by Rite Aid and our ACYOA Srs. Must be 19 years old and a Rhode Island resident with health insurance. High dosage available for senior citizens. (If you do not have health insurance, shots are \$30 as defined by Rite Aid.) For questions call Melissa Megrdochian Pharm.D. (401) 529-7172.

NOVEMBER 4 & 5

The 87th *Annual Armenian Food Fair & Bazaar* will be held on Saturday & Sunday, November 4 & 5, 2017 in the Egavian Cultural Center, featuring authentic Armenian food & pastries, take out food booth, Armenian market with all your favorites, children's activities, etc. Come enjoy a great meal at very reasonable prices and spend time with family & friends. Cash/ Credit Card available for your convenience. For more information, contact the church office at 272-7712, e-mail us at office@stsahmes.org or visit the church web site at www.stsahmes.org or log onto armenianfoodfairri.org or armenianfoodfairri.com. A mailing with details on how to support the Sponsor Book, Wish List, etc., will be sent in the very near future. Your participation is needed and greatly appreciated. Reminder: The Bazaar Committee will be asking for parishioners to bring baked items (Armenian or American) for the pastry table Saturday and Sunday. Please help support the bazaar !!

NOVEMBER 20

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) with any questions.

NOTICES

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL Announcement: On-Going Charitable Projects: charitable giving include canned goods collections, hygienic products collection, weekly plate collection and the Lenten Drive

- Contribute and participate in the quarterly Mary House Service Program – next date is Monday, November 20
- October Hygienic Product theme: Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Weekly Sunday School student plate donation

RI premier of "**Women of 1915**" will be shown on Saturday, October 14 at 5:30 p.m. at RI College, Gaige Auditorium, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence, RI. Admission \$20. Refreshments following. To reserve tickets, be a sponsor, or for info., contact p\Pauline Getzoyan (401-486-3776 or getzop@gmail.com) or Taline Mkrtchjan (401-481-4877 or haldoon@hotmail.com)

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

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.

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.

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, 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- Today* Archbishop Khajag Barsamian Celebrating Divine Liturgy,
Ordination of Acolytes & Sub-Deacons - Dinner following
St. Vartan Award to Deacon Hagop Ghajanian
- 2 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 3 Armenian School, 6 p.m.
- 6 Women's Guild - Douglas Ave. Kef, 6 p.m.
Jr. Choir 6 p.m. & Nazeli Dance Group,6:30 p.m.
- 7 Armenian School, 9:30 a.m., Arts Education 10 a.m.
- 9 Columbus Day Holiday, Office Closed
- 10 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Armenian School, 6 p.m.
Parish Council 7 p.m.
- 11 Film - "Country of Armenian Kings-1" Egavian Hall, 7 p.m.
- 13 Jr. Choir 6 p.m. & Nazeli Dance Group,6:30 p.m.
- 14 Armenian School, 9:30 a.m., Arts Education 10 a.m.
- 16 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 17 Armenian School, 6 p.m.
- 20 Jr. Choir 6 p.m. & Nazeli Dance Group,6:30 p.m.
- 21 Armenian School, 9:30 a.m., Arts Education 10 a.m.
- 22 Spiritual Music Festival, 5 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- 23 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 24 Armenian School, 6 p.m.
- 25 Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
- 27 Jr. Choir 6 p.m. & Nazeli Dance Group,6:30 p.m.
- 28 Armenian School, 9:30 a.m., Arts Education 10 a.m.
- 29 Flu & Pneumonia Shot Clinic after Church Services
Sunday School - Hayride - Husenig Grove

NOVEMBER

- 4 & 5 Annual Church Bazaar
- 15 Film - "Garni, Geghard" Egavian Hall, 7 p.m.
- 19 Sunday School - Godparent's Day
- 20 Mary House Meal Kitchen
- 23 Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed
- 25 ACYOA Dance

DECEMBER

- 9 Christmas Concrnt
- 17 Sunday School Gift-Wrapping Christmas Party
- 24 Christmas Eve - Sunday School Christmas Pageant
- 25 Christmas Day, Office Closed