SECOND SUNDAY OF THE EXALTATION  SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Please Join Us in Worship this Sunday
Morning Service 9:30 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am - Sermon 11:15

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Առավոտյան Ժամերգութիւն  9:30
Սուրբ Պատարագ 10:00 - Քարոզ  11:15
Sts. Vartanantz Church Bible Study resumed on Monday with about 40 people joining together to learn more about the scriptures. Below is a picture of many of those who attended enjoying fellowship after Bible study.
Sunday School Opening Day!

Sunday, September 17th, was the official opening day for the Sts. Vartanantz 2017 – 2018 Sunday School year. Excitement filled the air as children and their families entered the Aramian Hall for breakfast. Big smiles quickly emerged as they got a glimpse of their fellow classmates! Hugs and kisses were plentiful as stories of summer and vacations were exchanged.

We were excited to have several new faces participating in our opening day breakfast this year. At least 10 young children signed up to be part of our Sunday School family! Breakfast was enjoyed by all thanks to the generosity of Jimmy and Julie Colangelo. They lovingly prepared, served and donated all of the food for the breakfast.

We as a church community, continue to be blessed with wonderful teachers and aides, sharing their faith and knowledge with all of our children. These teachers spend endless hours preparing structured lessons focusing on living a life through Christ in the Armenian Church.

We wish all our students, teachers, and their families a wonderful school year!
Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds of people came to him, and as was his custom, he taught them.

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

"What did Moses command you?" he replied.

They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."
"It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (10:18 – 11:10)

For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

I hope you will put up with a little of my foolishness; but you are already doing that. I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough. But I do not think I am in the least inferior to those "super-apostles." I may not be a trained speaker, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way.

Was it a sin for me to lower myself in order to elevate you by preaching the gospel of God to you free of charge? I robbed other churches by receiving support from them so as to serve you. And when I was with you and needed something, I was not a burden to anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied what I needed. I have kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will continue to do so. As surely as the truth of Christ is in me, nobody in the regions of Achaia will stop this boasting of mine.
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Իսկական ընտրուածը ան չէ որ ինքզինք կը գովէ, այլ ան, որ Տիրոջ կը գովուի: Սակայն, յուսամ քիչ ներողամիտ կ՚ըլլաք եթէ անմտօրէն ես ալ պարծենամ, ըրածներս յիշեցնելով ձեզի: Իսկ դուք համբերութեամբ լսեցէք:

Ես ձեզի հանդէպ Աստուծոյ նախանձախնդրութեամբ լեցուած՝ կ՚ուզեմ որ միայն Քրիստոսը սիրէք, ինչպէս մաքուր կոյս որ իր սէրը կը վերապահէ անոր որ իր ամուսինը պիտի ըլլայ: Բայց կը վախնամ որ ձեր միտքը ապականի եւ հեռանաք Քրիստոսի հանդէպ ամբողջական եւ մաքուր նուիրումէն, ճիշդ ինչպէս Եւան խաբուեցաւ օձին խորամանկ սուտերէն: Կը վախնամ որ նոյնքան դիւրութեամբ ընդունիք ոեւէ մէկը որ մեր քարոզածէն տարբեր փրկիչ մը, ձե ստացած Հոգիէն տարբեր հոգի մը, կամ ձե ընդունած Աւետարանէն տարբեր աւետարան մը կը քարոզէ ձեզի:


Մակեդոնիայէն եկած եղբայրները հոգացին պէտքերս: Եւ ինչպէս անցեալին զգուշացայ, ասկէ վերջ եւս ամէն կերպով պիտի զգուշանամ ձեզի բեռ ըլլալէ: Բայց Քրիստոսի ճշմարտութեամբը, որ իմ ներսիդիս է, կ՚ըսեմ՝ թէ այս բաներով պիտի պարծենամ ամբողջ Աքա յիայի մէջ, բոլորին պատմելով:
REQUIEM SERVICE

September 24, 2017

Gloria (Chickie) Boghossian – 7th Day Remembrance
John H. (Jack) Aharonian – 30th Year Remembrance
Mitchel, Rose and Mitchel Jr. Asadorian
Deceased Members of Attarian Family
    Mary Babigian
    David John Bedrosian
    Persape and Yegishe Bedrosian
    Leon Ray Caprielian
    Madlen Terzian Chobanian
    Mary and Yervant Dayian
Aram and Varsenig Deradoorian and Alice Deradoorian Kamajian
    Vartan Donabedian
    Sirpouhie, Yervant, Hagop Jack, Gabriel and Rose Hagopian
    Margaret Tavanian Harmaian
    Harbesima Karaoughlian
    Ani Krikorian Jackson
    Sarkis, Kohar, Rupen and Papkin Krikorian
Nishan, Mary, Josephine, Arshag, and Dianna Mooradian, and
    Jane Mooradian Conway
    Cerna Mabel and Benjamin Najarian
Dickran, Mayram "Mari" and Palazoon Nalbandian, and
    Azniv Nalbandian Berberian
    Elizabeth Tomasian
    Stephen Jay Varadian
    Vartkes and Lucine Zadourian
This Sunday, September 24, 2017

Altar Flowers are donated in Loving Memory of

MARY BABIGIAN

ON THE OCCASION OF HER 40TH ANNIVERSARY

By Roberta “Robbie” Babigian,
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THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ATTARIAN FAMILY

By Their Loving Family Members


Altar Candles are donated in Loving Memory of

MADLEN CHOBANIAN

By Paul Chobanian and Family
REQUIEM SERVICE

October 1, 2017

Arsen Ajoian, Azniv and Sarkis Parseghian, and Parseghian and Gdanian Families

Peter B. Bedrosian
Sarkis Bedrosian
Serarpi Bedrosian
Vartoohe and Vahan DerMuksian
Ossanna Donoyan
Polly Gallas
Levon Antranig Garabedian
Vartan and Yeghsapet Kashmanian
Richard Keoseian
Michael and Alice Markarian
John Menissian and Theresa Bedrosian Morin
Avedis Albert and Yeranik Swajian
Stella Takian and Aghavni Tootonjian
Yeprem and Victoria Yepremian, Arousiaj Jamgotchian, and Sarkis and Mary Abrahamian
ARMENIAN FEST PREPARATION CONTINUES WITH THE TOURSHIE!

The pictures below speaks a thousand words. Eighteen people took time from their busy days to make 204 regular and 3 large-sized bottles of the tourshie delicacy yesterday. Everyone worked as a team and were done in record time. The ages of the helpers ranged from 4 years to 91 years. Everyone worked to the best of their ability. The results are sitting in the walk-in fridge in the basement and will be ready for sale soon, both after church and the weekend of our Armenian Fest food festival on November 11th and 12th. This is a time-honored tradition that dates back to times unknown. Each village in historic Armenia had its own brine recipe which gave them their own special flavors.

Thanks to all of those who helped.
CALENDAR of EVENTS

Please join us for Adult Bible Study every Monday at 7pm.

Sunday, September 24
Annual Membership Meeting – Part I

If attendance does not constitute a quorum, a second meeting, following a short break, will be called to order on the same day. In accordance with the Prelacy By-Laws, a parishioner must have paid his/her 2017 Membership Dues to participate in voting. Before the meeting, a light lunch will be served.

Saturday, October 14
ARS Ani and Arax Chapters
with the Rhode Island Hamazkayin Educational and Cultural Society
present the Rhode Island Premiere of Bared Maronian’s award-winning documentary
WOMEN OF 1915
Rhode Island College Gaige Auditorium – 5:30pm

Sunday, October 15
Elections for Board of Trustees and NRA Delegates
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Annual Membership Meeting – Part 2
Immediately following Divine Liturgy
CALENDAR of EVENTS

Saturday, October 28
Homenetmen Annual Costume Party
Aramian Auditorium – 6pm

ARMENIAN FEST 2017

Preparations are underway!!! We need your help!

Please come and join us for a few hours.

Every Mon & Wed starting Sept. 6 and 11 = Choreg and Katah 8:30am
Every Tuesday starting Sept. 12 = Micheeg 9am
Every Thursday starting Sept. 21 = Kufta 6pm

Choreg, Katah, and Kufta may be picked up Monday through Wednesday between 10am and 1pm or after Church on Sundays.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Please consider donating a "Unique Item," such as Tickets for Events, Gift Items, etc. for the “SILENT AUCTION” for our 2017 Armenian Fest. Your donations will help our Church and may qualify as a tax deduction for you...

Also, we are accepting any items you would like to donate for the FLEA MARKET.

Please contact the Church Office (401-831-6399) for further information.
Yesterday was the 26th anniversary of the Independent Republic of Armenia, the culmination of a process that had begun more than a year earlier with a “Declaration of Armenian Independence” that led to the Armenian Republic that was officially proclaimed on September 21, 1991.
In the life of a nation, as in the life of an individual, there are milestones marking important events, some triumphant, some tragic, some auspicious, some awesome. Such milestones are common in the lives of most nations, but the vicissitudes of history have left some momentous milestones in the life of the Armenian nation. Certainly, the declaration that led to independence is one of those milestone events of our recent history.

The splendor of independence was that the Armenian people would be able to determine the course of their own destiny, with the full opportunity to establish anew a society organized according to the Armenian ethos and based on fundamental civil and human rights, such as the freedom of speech, press, and conscience. For more than sixteen centuries—except for a brief period of independence from 1918 to 1921—the Armenian people fought to maintain their religious faith and their own unique society. Independence in 1991 reaffirmed that right to live as a people with its own way of life, its own beliefs, and on its own soil.

The ensuing years have not been easy—no one said it would be—and the future years will most likely be filled with even greater perilous challenges. May the Creator look with favor and bestow His protection and wisdom to the Armenian people at this crucial milestone in their long history.

PRAYERS FOR THE REPUBLIC AND BLESSING OF THE TRICOLOR FLAG

By the directive of the Prelate Archbishop Oshagan, this Sunday, September 24, Prelacy parishes will offer special prayers for the Republic of Armenia and bless the tricolor flag on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of the Republic.

O Christ our God, guardian and hope of the faithful, keep, guard, and bless the Republic of Armenia, the Armenian nation, the Armenian Church, and your people present in peace, under the protection of your holy and venerable cross. Deliver us from visible and invisible enemies. Make us worthy to thankfully glorify you together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.
(From “Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Republic of Armenia.”)
Archbishop Oshagan attended the United Nations’ General Assembly on Tuesday, September 19, during which the President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan addressed the General Assembly.

**PAREGENTAN OF THE HOLY CROSS OF VARAK**

This Sunday, September 24, is the Paregentan (Eve) of the Fast of the Holy Cross of Varak. Monday to Friday are fasting days leading up to next Sunday, September 25, when the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak will be commemorated.

**FEASTS OF SAINTS FEBRONIA, MARIANA, AND SHOUSHAN**

Next Tuesday, September 26, the Armenian Church remembers Febronia, Mariana, and Shoushan. The best known of the three is **Shoushan**, daughter of Vartan Mamigonian and great-granddaughter of Sahag Bartev. She was educated under the tutelage of St. Sahag and her mother, Sahaganoosh. Her father’s life and martyrdom influenced her to become a devout and faithful Christian. Her birth name was Varteny, but she was called Shoushan because of her extraordinary piety. She was married to Vazken, a son of a Georgian king,
and had three sons and a daughter. After the death of her father-in-law, her husband became power hungry, went to Persia, renounced the Christian faith and returned to Georgia with another wife, and tried to force Shoushan to renounce her Christian faith. Even after years of imprisonment and torture she refused to renounce the faith for which her father had fought so valiantly.

Febronia was a nun of extraordinary beauty at Nisibis in Mesopotamia. She was offered to be spared from persecution and torture if she renounced her religion. She refused and was brutally martyred.

Although the daughter of idol worshippers, Mariana was raised by a woman who was secretly a Christian and was baptized at age twelve. At the age of fifteen she confessed to her father that she was a Christian. She refused to renounce her religion, and refused the offer of marriage by a local official telling him that she was “married to Christ.” She was tortured and martyred.

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The Religious and Executive Councils of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, invite you to attend a Jubilee Celebration in honor of His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

His Eminence will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 29, 10 am, at St. Illuminator Cathedral, 221 East 27th Street, New York City, presided by His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of the Great House of Cilicia.

Following the Liturgy a reception and dinner will take place at The Lotte New York Palace, 455 Madison Avenue, New York City.
PLEASE DO NOT FORGET: SYRIAN ARMENIAN COMMUNITY NEEDS OUR HELP MORE THAN EVER

The crisis in Syria requires our financial assistance. Please keep this community in your prayers, your hearts, and your pocketbooks.

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Saturday, October 14, 2017
5:30 pm
Rhode Island College
Gaige Auditorium
600 Mount Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI

Admission: $20
refreshments will follow the screening

To reserve your ticket(s), be a sponsor,
or for more information, please contact:
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28 OCT 6:00PM

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