

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

*Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor*

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*It is with great anticipation that we are looking forward to returning to our Sanctuary and our beautiful Altar on Palm Sunday, April 9.*

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

The following is taken from remarks offered by Fr. Vasken on January 22.

Jesus is always the answer. This morning I want to share something with you that I experienced this past week. It was nothing earth shattering but it was very uplifting to me. One day last week I dropped into a local Dunkin' Donuts to enjoy a morning cup of hot coffee. Now at that Dunkin' Donuts there were four boys, high school age, who I noticed were studying for what must have been an upcoming exam later that day. As I sipped my hot French vanilla, I was watching the TV monitor showing CNN's coverage of all that was happening in Washington D.C., in the days leading up to the Inauguration. The news reports were debating the pros and cons of the incoming administration versus the outgoing administration. Their words were certainly not positive from either side of the debate. They were verbally hitting each other.

Now throughout all this, I kept noticing those four teenage boys studying at a nearby table and from time to time their words reached my ears. They were studying for what sounded like a comparative religion class in which they needed to know all about this or that philosopher or religious leader from history. I heard half sentences about Buddha and about Confucius, but then I heard the quote I began with: "Jesus is always the answer. That's what I'm going to write somewhere in my essay because He makes me feel better about myself." That made my day.

"... because He makes me feel better about myself."

As many of you, I, too, watched the events in Washington unfold these last days and weeks. It was an historic week for our county when you think about the gift of a peaceful transfer of power for a country as large as ours. Where else in the world does that happen so smoothly? Listening to the news coverage in the background of all that took place in Washington, we heard passionate people on both ends of the spectrum and their passion was fascinating, but their words left a lot to be desired. I enjoy seeing people express their passion for what they feel is the right path to take or for who they feel is the right person to lead us. I see their passion and I think: "They are engaged. They care about something very important." But I observed two other things from what I read or what I watched on TV as well. I observed that we truly have some very articulate and eloquent speakers among our public servants. But I also observed that their words were used much too often to tear down instead of buildup.

Today's Gospel lesson speaks of a man who was brought to Jesus to cure his life-long condition of being deaf and mute. This man was born unable to hear and unable to speak. There was nothing that the medical world of his day could do for him so, in a last ditch effort, he sought out the compassionate heart of Christ and was cured. And according to the Gospel, Jesus touched the man and his ears were opened, his tongue was released and he spoke plainly for the first time in his life. The message of this miracle is about far more than simply a man receiving his hearing and speech. We have to ask the question:

- What did this man do with his new-found ability to communicate?
- How did he use his new gift of speech?

The Bible says very little about this, but it does show us that speech is valued by God. How we use our tongue is important to God and what we say or don't say is noticed by God. And that's a very important biblical lesson. I am fortunate, as a priest, as a pastor, to spend quality time with people at different points of their lives. I spend time with them when they and their families are celebrating and rejoicing. I spend time with them when they are at

their most vulnerable and hurting. And because of this, I see the needs of many different people. From time to time I sit back and I think about what it is that I am seeing. This is what I often see. Each day it seems people go about their daily routines dropping off their kids at school, driving to the office or to a doctor's appointment, flying to a business meeting, shopping at the mall or even trying to stay on their diets, and they are coming to the realization that there is something missing. They are deciding that their work, their possessions, their entertainment in life, their sheer busyness is not enough. And everything from their facial expression to their attitudes towards others conveys their unhappiness.

It's the type of unhappiness that comes from a realization that all they ever wanted in life is not enough. It's a realization that all they ever worked for in life is turning out less satisfying than they had hoped. These people, all of us, need one another to build each other up and to help us realize that, yes, life is not always easy; life has its challenges, but we're all in this world together and that we can't be the children of God by ourselves. A child of God needs two things in life:

- Faith in God and the Kingdom of Heaven,
- And the desire to act out his or her faith in this world.

In other words, a Christian is a person who has faith in Christ AND who makes someone else's life better. We have to have the faith AND carry out the faith. Today's Bible lesson makes it clear that the gift of speech is to be used to build up and not tear down. And the gift of speech can be used very easily to make someone else's life better. I want to end with an illustration I came across once that I ask you to bring to mind the next time you meet someone who misuses their gift of speech. It's titled: "Do you know me?" and reads as follows:

... the gift of speech is to be used to build up and not tear down.

*"I have no respect for others. I wound without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. The more I am quoted, the more I am believed. My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me for I have no face and no name. To track me down is impossible. I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I have toppled governments and wrecked marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartaches and grief. I make innocent people cry into their pillow. I make headlines and I make heartaches. My name is 'Gossip.' I am used to 'Slander.' And I enjoy 'bearing false witness'."*

Today's Gospel lesson is about recognizing that our ability to speak is a personal gift to us from God. And what we do with that gift will make all the difference to Him. Remember the words of that teenage boy in Dunkin' Donuts that changed my day so positively. "Jesus is always the answer because He makes me feel better about myself." Today's Gospel lesson is about "the gift" of speech. May it help us to think about how we can use "this gift."

*Fr. Vasken*

**LUNCH WITH LEGENDS**

**BOSTON SPORTS LEGENDS COMING TO HOLY TRINITY**

**COME MEET AND LISTEN TO THEIR INSPIRING LIFE STORIES:**

**FORMER CELTICS' LEGEND M.L. CARR**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30, FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES AND**

**FORMER CELTICS' LEGEND SAM JONES**

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**DATE TO BE DETERMINED**

**EREVAN CHORAL SOCIETY CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**



The Christmas Concert of the renowned Erevan Choral Society and Orchestra of our Church, held in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., was dedicated to the 25th anniversary of Armenia's independence and the 50th anniversary of the Erevan Choral Society. Established in 1966, by Father Oshagan Minassian and directed by composer Konstantin Petrossian since 2009, this group – unique in its kind in the Diaspora – carries out great work in the advocacy of Armenian music. Thanks to a long-standing creative connection to Armenia's composers and performers, many pieces by Armenian composers have been premiered and made famous overseas by the Erevan Choral Society.

The evening began with welcome remarks by our pastor, Father Vasken, who stated that the Church was honored by the presence of Cambridge Mayor E. Denise Simmons. The Mayor highly praised the activities of the Choral Society and Orchestra, and noted the importance of preserving the cultural heritage of Armenia. Following her remarks, Fr. Vasken asked the gathered crowd to partake in a special collection for the victims of the recent horrible fire in Cambridge that left 137 people homeless. "In this holy season of Christmas," Fr. Vasken stated, "let us honor our Lord by helping those now left homeless by tragedy." The group also received congratulatory letters from Yerevan Mayor Taron Margaryan, Republic of Armenia Minister of Culture Armen Amiryan, Republic of Armenia Minister of the Diaspora Hranush Hakobyan, and President of Armenia's Composers' Union Aram Satian.

As a special treat for the opening portion of the musical program, Harvard University's "The Callbacks" a cappella group, featuring Lena and Alex Afeyan of our parish, magnificently performed a series of Christmas Carols.



Erevan Choral Society and Orchestra's annual holiday program always holds a special palette. This year's concert was no different. The saturated program included New Year's and Christmas spirituals and works by both Western composers, such as Vivaldi and Handel, as well as Armenian composers, including Komitas, Edgar Hovhannisyanyan, Arno Babajanyan, Levon Chaushyan, Martin Vartazaryan, and Melik Mavisakalyan. Along with these works, there were two premieres: Aram Satian's "Holy Fatherland" and "A Word to the Generations" by Rita Sargsyan – both warmly received by the audience. Soloists Vagharshak Ohanyan, bass-baritone, and Kate Norigian, soprano, performed a series of songs showcasing their high artistic caliber. Our Armenian School students' poem recitations were performed beautifully, as well.

The entire concert was quite uplifting, and the Erevan Choral Society presented a varied and complex program brilliantly. This was made possible thanks to the creative work of Artistic Director and Conductor Konstantin Petrossian, pianist Nune Hakobyan, and each member of the Choral Society who had worked on this program for several months.



Following the concert, there was a festive reception to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Choral Society in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall. In his speech, Master of Ceremonies Berj Chekijian paid tribute to the founder of the Erevan Choral Society, Father Oshagan Minassian, who dedicated his entire life to serving the arts. Father Vasken thanked all members of the Choral Society for their many years of work, and on behalf of the Church presented commemorative gifts to Nancy Moscofian and Alice Palanjian who have been active members of the choir since its founding. Konstantin Petrossian thanked all members, friends, and sponsors of the Choral Society and Orchestra, and invited new members to join the group. A slideshow of the choir's history, masterfully prepared by Vatche Der Torossian, closed the evening. Notably, artist Sossy Nercessian created a mural and logo commemorating the Choral Society's 50th anniversary.

In gratitude must be mentioned the great organizational work of Nancy Moscofian, librarian; Aida Diloyan, recording secretary; Sarkis Salakian, Choral Society Manager; and Sargis Karapetyan, Orchestra Manager. Among the audience members of the concert were clergy of the Armenian Church, diasporan representatives of Armenian Culture, representatives of political organizations, and members of the public.

As an added component to an already wonderful evening, an exhibit of paintings in oil and watercolor by talented artist Sona Manoukian was on display during the reception.

"The evening was a tribute to Fr. Oshagan," stated Fr. Vasken, "and to all those who have been a part of the Erevan Choral Society over the half century, as well as all who have contributed to make this beautiful tradition a reality."

From article written by Karina Halajian

Photos, Ruth E. Boghosian

## ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

After a week's postponement due to inclement weather, our Annual Parish Assembly was held on Sunday, February 19, in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall following church services. Ann Danielson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate for the day's Tivan. Aram Hintlian and Catherine R. Minassian were elected Chairman and Secretary of the Day, respectively. Following the introduction of the nominees for Parish Council, Nominating Committee, and Auditing Committee, the Chairman called for a recess for the purpose of voting.

The 2016 Assembly Minutes, the Pastor's Report, and the Parish Council Report, as presented by Chairman Daniel K. Dorian, Jr., were accepted. A motion was passed to accept the 2016 Financial Report and the 2017 proposed operating budget of \$683,900, as presented by Treasurer, Jeffrey Hintlian. The Trust Fund Report, as presented by Aram Hintlian, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Trust Fund, was also approved.

The following were elected to the Parish Council for a term of two years: Edmond J. Danielson\*, Daniel K. Dorian, Jr.\*, Ani Ross Grubb\*, Jeffrey Hintlian\*, Paul Jamgotchian\*, and Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.; Alternate, Jennifer Davagian. Elected to the Nominating Committee for a term of one year: Ruth E. Boghosian, Ann Danielson\*, Karen Hovsepian\*, Bruce Newell, and Dean Soultanian\*; Alternate, Dn. Armen Skenderian. Valerie Kolligian Thayer was elected to the Auditing committee for a term of three years. \*Incumbent

Fr. Vasken expressed the parish's gratitude to the Nominating Committee and the Chairman and Secretary of the Assembly.

### SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 7 P.M.

### A BOOK PRESENTATION BY DR. NORA NERCESSIAN

## THE CITY OF ORPHANS

RELIEF WORKERS, COMMISSARS AND THE "BUILDERS OF THE NEW ARMENIA"

ALEXANDROPOL/LENINAKAN, 1919-1931

ON THE GYUMRI NEAR EAST RELIEF ORPHANAGE AFTER WORLD WAR I

PRESENTED BY

DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH

TEKEYAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

ARMENIAN MIRROR-SPECTATOR

ARMENIAN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ARMENIAN STUDIES AND RESEARCH

CHARLES & NEVART TALANIAN CULTURAL HALL

COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION

**ACYOA SENIORS NEWS**

Now that Sports Weekend is over, life continues at a much-deserved slower pace. The latter part of 2016 and early 2017 were spent focusing on participation in national ACYOA programs; volunteering at the annual Trinity Christmas Bazaar (helping with set up, food preparations, kitchen crew, Silent Auction booth, Made in Armenia Direct booth, Santa Photos and general help throughout the event); and refocusing on parish-wide events, such as the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon and monthly Trivia Nights.

**Leadership Conference – November 18-20, 2016**

The annual ACYOA Seniors Leadership Conference, held from November 18 to 20 in Lakeside, CT, drew 60 young adults from more than 20 parishes across the Eastern Diocese. This year, 60 percent of the participants were first-time attendees of the annual Leadership Conference sponsored by the ACYOA Central Council. This year’s conference theme was “The Legacy of Our Martyrs / Legacy of the ACYOA: Our Gift to Carry Forward.” Participants examined different styles of leadership and how to identify and utilize their unique style in their own parishes. Attending from Holy Trinity were Danielle Malconian, Ronald Malconian, Jr., and Anna Margaryan.



*ACYOA Central Council Public Relations Coordinator Danielle Malconian presenting at the conference*

**ACYOA Seniors Chapter Workshop – January 20-22, 2017**



*Amalia Petrosyan and Naneh Petrosyan*

From January 20-22, more than 40 young adults from 16 parishes across the Eastern Diocese gathered at St. Kevork Church in Houston, TX, for the annual ACYOA Seniors Chapter Workshop. Organized by the ACYOA Central Council, the weekend focused on finding ways to strengthen local ACYOA chapters. Participants discussed chapter administration, teamwork, goal setting, and event planning. They also completed a service project to benefit the elderly residents of the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Emerson, NJ. Attending the Workshop representing the Holy Trinity ACYOA were Sandra Hovsepien, Amalia Petrosyan and Naneh Petrosyan. Also in attendance was ACYOA Central Council member and workshop organizer, Danielle Malconian.

**Annual Thanksgiving Fellowship – November 23**

The ACYOA Seniors hosted their annual Thanksgiving Eve gathering at Dave & Buster’s in Woburn, giving members returning home from college an opportunity to reconnect with fellow members during Thanksgiving break.

**Monthly Trivia Nights**

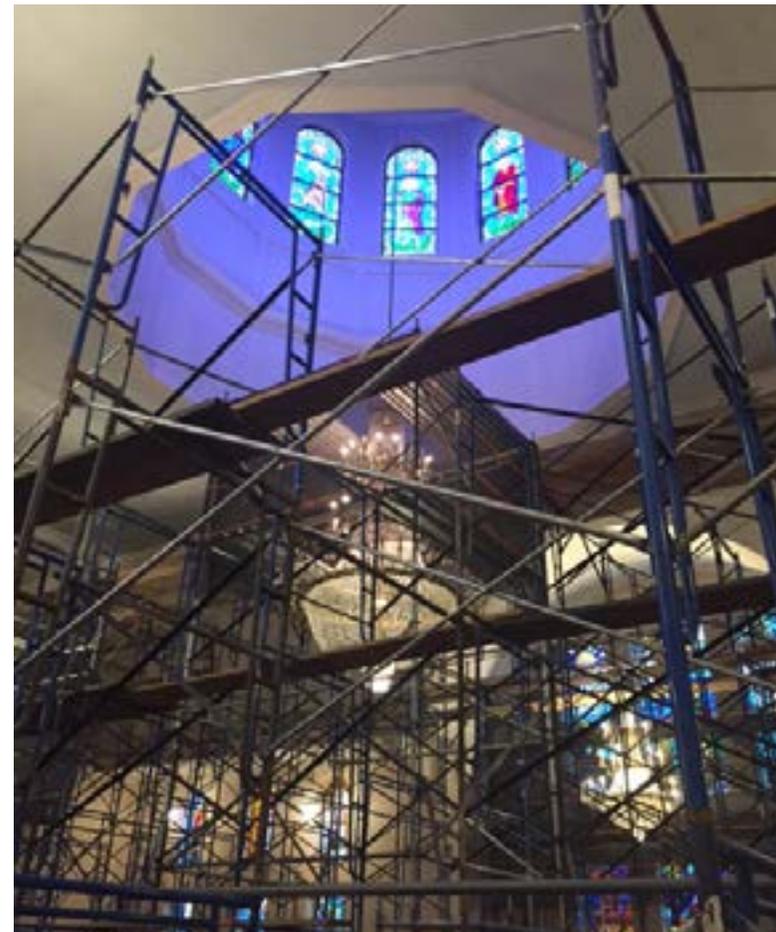
The ACYOA Seniors host a monthly Trivia Night on the third Saturday of each month. All ages are invited to join us for a night filled with food, drink and great company. Come with your teams of 6 (or less) or just show up and we’ll find you a team. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. – game starts at 7 p.m., and is done by 9 p.m. Prizes awarded to winning team! Admission includes mezze – cash bar available.

**Lenten Discussion Series**

During the Lenten season, all young adults are invited to participate in weekly gatherings, alternating between St. James Church (March 2 and 16), and Holy Trinity Church (March 9 and 23). Sessions, beginning at 7:30 p.m., provide a casual and meaningful opportunity for interactive Lenten reflection and are led by Holy Trinity Youth Director, Yn. Arpi Kouzouian and St. James Youth Minister Maria Derderian.

If you know of anyone between the ages of 18-28 who lives in the area, or who has moved to the area for college or work, please send their contact information to the Youth Director, Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, at youth@htaac.org or email the ACYOA Seniors directly at acyoaseniors@htaac.org. The ACYOA Seniors are on Facebook: Holy Trinity Cambridge ACYOA Seniors.

**DOME REPAIR AND SANCTUARY PAINTING**



*Since January 9, the day following Armenian Christmas, our dome has undergone repair and the Sanctuary is being painted.*

*Church services have been held in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall.*

*Join us on Palm Sunday, April 9, as we joyfully return to our beautiful Sanctuary.*

## ACYOA JUNIORS UPDATE

### Bake Sale

On October 16, continuing their commitment following taking part in the Jimmy Fund Walk on September 25, the ACYOA Juniors hosted a Bake Sale, raising \$200 for the City of Smile Foundation, benefiting the Muratsan Chemotherapy Clinic at the Yerevan University Hospital.

### Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon and Live Service Auction



On November 20, nearly 250 parishioners gathered to take part in the annual ACYOA Thanksgiving Luncheon and Live Service Auction, including 27 ACYOA Juniors and 9 ACYOA Seniors. The afternoon included a delicious Thanksgiving meal, prepared by David Minassian and David Dorian, along with the help of many ACYOA parents and ACYOA Seniors.

During the Luncheon, the ACYOA hosted the fifth annual Live Service Auction, with 26 ACYOA Juniors and 2 ACYOA Seniors pairing up to volunteer their services to the greater Holy Trinity Church community, auctioning off four hours of their time to help parishioners get their homes and families ready for the Christmas season. Services ranged from babysitting to yard work to computer tutorials. This year the auction raised over \$1,600, and the ACYOA donated 15% of the proceeds to The Greater Boston Food Bank, \$240.75 which provided 723 nutritious meals to our Boston neighbors in need.

Many thanks to the day's auctioneer, Greg Ekchian, and the ACYOA Juniors Leadership Team who coordinated the Auction, Anush Kirakosyan, Alina Kouzouian, and Diana Margaryan.

### Seventh Annual Christmas Ball

On December 10, 55 youth from 6 area parishes gathered for the Seventh Annual Holy Trinity Christmas Ball. This event, open to all diocesan youth, has become an annual holiday tradition, providing one more opportunity for our youth to gather in fellowship. Annually, 25% of ticket sales from the Ball are donated to a charity. This year's donation was sent to the Fund for Armenian Relief to be used to benefit the families of fallen Artsakh soldiers. The \$300 donation was used to purchase Christmas gifts for the children of our fallen heroes.



Many thanks to the Leadership Team who organized the event: Kevork Atinjian, Michael Manoukian, Diana Margaryan and Anahid Ohanyan.

### Christmas Party

On December 18, the ACYOA Juniors gathered for their annual Christmas Party, which included lunch, Christmas games and a gift exchange.



### Souper Bowl of Caring National Fundraiser

February 5, 2017 marked our chapter's 17th year of participation in the national fundraising effort, Souper Bowl of Caring, that takes place every Super Bowl Sunday. Since 2001, the ACYOA has raised and donated over \$5,000 to Rosie's Place, a local shelter for women. Many thanks to all those who took part and raised \$275 during this year's collection.



**Harvard Square Outing**

On February 11, over 30 youth from both the Holy Trinity and St. James ACYOA Junior chapters enjoyed an afternoon in Harvard Square.

**Leadership Team Approach**

The Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors are a vibrant group, full of diverse personalities, skills and interests. This year the chapter's focus is on leadership development. Since September 2016, the Juniors have embarked on a new "Leadership Team" approach,



working on identifying individual strengths, talents and interests, with a different leadership team undertaking the planning and execution of each event. The goal is to enable more members to experience leadership, discover what it takes to be an effective leader – and follower – and in the process, develop mutual respect, understanding and teamwork.

**Ongoing Community Outreach Program – Cradles to Crayons**

The ACYOA Juniors have an ongoing community outreach program, a collection drive for Cradles to Crayons, an organization that strives to provide children up to age 12 living in homeless and low-income situations with the essentials they need to feel safe, warm, ready to learn, and valued. Donations may be deposited in the purple bin located in the Sparks Street vestibule. For a list of donation guidelines, please visit [www.cradlestocrayons.org](http://www.cradlestocrayons.org).

**What's Coming Up?**

The coming months will include more leadership development opportunities; taking part in Global Youth Service Day with a clean-up project at Armenian Heritage Park on the Rose Kennedy Greenway during April Vacation, followed by a Lock-In; and more opportunities to serve the parish and community.

The ACYOA Juniors is open to all youth ages 12 to 18. If you or someone you know is interested in or eligible to join the ACYOA Juniors, please contact the Youth Director, Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, at [youth@htaac.org](mailto:youth@htaac.org). The ACYOA Juniors are on Facebook: Holy Trinity Cambridge ACYOA Juniors.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE**

**FIRST SUNDAYS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAM**

The newly developed First Sundays Special Assemblies for students in Pre-School through Kindergarten were held on November 6, December 4 and February 5. This exciting new program, offered on the first Sunday of each month, is designed to further enrich the lives of our youngest students with targeted lessons and activities that delve a little deeper into the Christian values and teachings we aspire to impart in Sunday School. The typical format includes presenting a story with a message, with a follow up reinforcing art activity. Many thanks to Ann Danielson for developing and leading this program.



**Thanksgiving Worship – A Forest of Gratitude**



On November 18, our Sunday School families gathered for Thanksgiving Family Worship Sunday. Students and parents attended Church services together, received Holy Communion and heard a Youth Sermon offered by Der Vasken. Following services, the entire community was able to witness the Sunday's School "Forest of Gratitude" on display in the Charles and Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall, a compilation of leaves on which each student listed things for which they are grateful.

**Trinity Christmas Bazaar - December 2-3**

During the Bazaar, our Sunday School provided children's entertainment with Magician and Juggler Robert Clarke; offered self-directed children's activities and family-friendly seating in Peter Adamian Hall; ran the Sweet Tooth Booth offering penny candy and cupcakes; and held a Calendar Raffle, with 12 monthly winners receiving \$25 Amazon gift cards.

Magician and Juggler Robert Clarke entertaining the children at our Trinity Christmas Bazaar

**Christmas Workshop**



On December 4, the Sunday School held its annual Christmas Workshop, a fun morning of "organized chaos" as our students made ornaments for our Sunday School Christmas tree, followed by a delicious breakfast provided by the Sunday School

parents. Many thanks to our teachers for their creativity and to our parents for supplying and preparing the breakfast.

**Christmas Outreach Initiative – The Giving Tree**

During the Christmas season, our Sunday School participated in a Giving Tree, partnering with Solutions at Work, a Cambridge-based charity that helps thousands of homeless and low-income families break the cycle of poverty and homelessness by providing resources and opportunities to help them help themselves. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our Sunday School families, the gift requests of 60 children and teens were fulfilled, helping to make a difference in the lives of our Cambridge neighbors during this season of giving. (Please visit [www.solutionsatwork.org](http://www.solutionsatwork.org) to discover the incredible ways in which this small organization makes a big difference.)



*Gifts packed in the car and ready to be delivered to Solutions at Work*

**Annual Christmas Pageant Presentation**

On December 18, weeks of hard work by both our students and staff culminated in the Sunday School's presentation of "The Story of Christmas" during the annual Christmas Pageant. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of our staff for helping to make this year's Christmas Pageant a beautiful and memorable gift to our Church community. Special thanks to Pageant Director, Susan Derderian, for her continued leadership and service in putting the Pageant together.



*It wouldn't be an event without a selfie with Der Hayr*

**Youth Sermon – What is Greatness?**

On February 12, the Sunday School attended Church services, received Holy Communion, and enjoyed an engaging yet educational Youth Sermon by Der Vasken on Greatness. Drawing from the Patriots recent Super Bowl victory, Der Vasken conveyed that true greatness comes when we serve God by serving others.



**Wish List Fulfilled!**

At long last, whiteboards have been installed in each of our Sunday School classrooms, thanks to the generosity of Edmond and Ann Danielson. Thanks also to the generosity of an anonymous donor, 40 colorful, durable child-friendly chairs have been purchased to brighten up our Sunday School.

**Music Appreciation and Youth Choir**

A vital part of our Sunday School curriculum is Music Appreciation, teaching our children not only the music and lyrics, but also the purpose and relevance of our sacred hymns. Led by Daniel Teager, classes are conducted on average twice monthly from 11:30 a.m. - noon, for students in Grades 3-6/7. A natural extension of the Music Appreciation program is our Holy Trinity Youth Choir. Students in Grades 3 and above are encouraged to take part to learn the Divine Liturgy and sing in Church. Practices are held on average twice monthly after Church services. The Youth Choir sang a portion of the Divine Liturgy on November 18 during the Thanksgiving Family Worship, and is currently preparing to again share their talents during this year's Palm Sunday Liturgy. We are so grateful to Daniel Teager for leading this effort, and ask that you encourage your children and grandchildren to take part in this vital ministry, one that will help preserve the beautiful legacy of our sacred music.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

- It takes over 30 volunteers to run our Sunday School? This includes our teachers, substitutes and administrative staff, not including our parent classroom volunteers!!
- The Sunday School students and staff is made up of 72 families?
- "Holy Trinity Sunday School Families" is on Facebook? If you are a Sunday School parent, you can join our Facebook group to stay up to date with what's happening in Sunday School.

**About our Sunday School**

The Holy Trinity Sunday School meets weekly from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Peter Adamian Hall and follows the Diocesan Department of Christian Education's curriculum. All children aged 3-17 are welcome (must be 3 by September 1 of the current academic year.) There is a nominal materials fee for each student, which is waived where at least one parent is a current dues-paying member or a full-time Sunday School teacher or assistant. Students may register at any point during the academic year. For a registration packet, Parent Handbook, or for any questions about our Sunday School ministry, please e-mail the Superintendent at youth@htaac.org. If you are a Sunday school parent, please join us on Facebook by joining our Holy Trinity Sunday School Families group.

**TRINITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, DECEMBER 2 AND 3**

*"To all our parishioners who devoted their time before and during our 2016 Trinity Christmas Bazaar, we wish to express our deepest gratitude, for without your time, effort, and heartfelt commitment, our Bazaar would not be possible. We also wish to sincerely thank all our sponsors who were responsible for the financial success of this year's Bazaar. Thank you all for helping to continue this largest fundraiser event and cherished Holy Trinity tradition."*

Ara Hollisian, Karen Hovsepian and Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., Bazaar Chairmen



The Pastor and Parish Council extend their grateful appreciation and profound thanks to Ara, Karen and Greg for their magnanimous effort in chairing the 2016 Bazaar which was one of the most successful ones we've had.

Congratulations to our Bazaar Super Raffle Winners: 1st Prize, \$2,500 - Sylvia Carter; 2nd Prize, \$1,000 - Diane Prendergast; 3rd through 7th prize, \$500 each: Bob Khederian, Michele Kolligian, Dan

Donabedian, Michele Kolligian, and Jack & Dorothy Keverian.

Winners of our Trinity Christmas Bazaar Raffle: 1st Prize, Apple Ipad Pro 9.7in - James Kalustian; 2nd Prize, Bose Quietcomfort 35 Wireless Headphones - Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.; 3rd Prize, Bose Soundlink Mini Bluetooth Speaker II - Catherine Mosgofian; 4th Prize, Bose Sound Sport Wireless Headphones - Charlene D. Callahan; 5th Prize, Fitbit Alta Activity Tracker - M/M Jacob Pilibosian.



For more Bazaar photos, go to our website: [www.htaac.smugmug.com/Trinity-Christmas-Bazaar/](http://www.htaac.smugmug.com/Trinity-Christmas-Bazaar/).

**BLESSING OF THE WATER SERVICE, JANUARY 8**

In commemoration of Christ's Baptism, the Blessing of the Water Service was held on Sunday, January 8. Serving as Godfather of the Holy Cross was Michael Manoukian, son of Arman and Armina Manoukian.

Following Church services, an Armenian Christmas Family Luncheon, sponsored by our Sunday School, was held in the Charles and Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall.

A delightful short program was presented by the students of the Armenian School under the direction of principal, Naira Balagyozyan.



**THANK YOU TO . . .**

Mrs. Charles Talanian for a beautiful portrait of her parents, Nishan and Aznive Semonian, that she gifted to our church. It is an especially significant portrait to have in our possession as Nishan Semonian served as the Godfather of Holy Trinity Church when it was consecrated in 1961.

Holy Trinity's Godfather, Nishan Semonian, offering a toast

**CHRISTMAS YOUGHAKIN OFFERING**

- \$1,000 - Varna Terlemezian
- \$200 - Malcolm & Jean Keljikian; Michele Kolligian; Catherine Mosgofian; Richard & Lillian Najarian
- \$150 - Cynthia Kazanjian
- \$100 - Linda Beaupré, VT; Shakeh Benson; Gerald Boghosian; Ed & Ann Danielson; Isabelle Der Garabedian & Family in memory of Richard Der Garabedian; Howard Critchett; Rose Hamalian; Jane Jamgotchian; Bruce Jaranian; Charles & Hrant Johnson Family; Albert & Anita Kalustian; James M. Kalustian; Joan E. Kolligian; Marian Koumjian; Vahan Mahdasian; Bill & Karen Martin; Vassilios & Deborah Raptopoulos in memory of Manuel Bozbeckian; Adrienne Tashjian; Albert Zouranjian
- \$50 - John & Karen Aharonian; Stephen & Jean Alexander; Edward & Janet Annaian; John & Sirvart Rose Annaian; Mark & Maral Ayanian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Nancy R. Kolligian; Fr. Mampre Kouzouian & Family; David & MaryAnn LaCarubba; Gladys & Anna Medzorian; Catherine Minassian; Albert Oskoian; Andrea Schwinn; Armen & Susan Skenderian; Rose & Nish Tikijian; Harry & Eleanor Yessaian; Rose Chacran Zartarian
- \$45 - Mary Guleserian Bergoudian; \$40 - Alice Hachigian
- \$30 - Ara Berj Marootian; Edward & Zella Marootian
- \$25 - Rose T. Arpiarian; Jeanette Ayvazian; Bennett/Aznavourian Family; Grace Araxi Boyajian; Seta A. Buchter & Dr. Christina G. Buchter; Susan K. Derderian and Oscar Derderian III; Krikor Ermonian; Aram & Becky Hintlian; Carolyn & Warren Janigian; John & Ida Kolligian; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Lt. Col. Robert & Susan Lang; Martin Madancy in memory of Rose Madancy; Samuel Malkasian; Lucy Mardirosian; Carol Zirakian McDermott; Florence Pashoian; George Thomasian; Alice & Gary Tavitian; Marion & Patricia Tutunjian; Diran Zahigian
- \$20 - John & Garineh Goshdigian; Elise Harrison; Kaloust & Sossy Mahdasian; Elsie Minassian & Family
- \$15 - Gayle M. Yapchaian; \$10 - Michael G. Yapchaian

**PARISH NOTES**

Congratulations to: grandparents, Greg and Joanne Tashjian, and parents, Michael and Joy (Tashjian) Bethune, on the birth of Mila Dorothy Louise Bethune on December 19; grandparents, Harry and Eleanor Yessaian, and parents, Eddie and Kelly (Flammia) Yessaian, on the birth of Xander Anthony, on December 20; grandmother, Nancy Hintlian, and parents, Scott and Elissa (Hintlian) Robertson, on the birth of Elle Addalyan Roberston on January 6; and parents, Christopher and Noel (Tashjian) Talanian, on the birth of Charlie Joanne Talanian on February 8. Charlie is the granddaughter of Greg and Joanne Tashjian and Charles Talanian and the late Jane Talanian, and the great-granddaughter of Nevert Talanian. Congratulations to Jack Medzorian who celebrated his 90th birthday in November, and Dr. Parnag Kasarjian who celebrated his 90th birthday in February. Congratulations to Jennifer C. Phillips who was appointed the first Executive Director of the Armenian International Women's Association (AIWA).

Congratulations and a sincere thank you to Seta A. Buchter, our bookkeeper and office associate, who recently marked 30 years as a devoted and valued member of our church office staff. Seta had also served as our Sunday School Superintendent for 28 years.

Condolences to Michael and Ani Ross Grubb and Family on the death of her father, Allison (Al) Ross of TN, on September 1.



**DONATIONS TO OUR TRUST FUND**

- \$10,000 from Albert Zouranjian to be added to the Albert & Virginia Zouranjian Trust Fund
- \$4,000 from George W. Haroutunian to the Deacon John, Rose, Nerses, Jack & George Haroutunian Family Trust Fund
- \$2,500 from the ACYOA Seniors to be added to their Trust Fund
- \$2,000 from Jay Hachigian and Jill Colombosian to be added to their Trust Fund
- \$250 - \$125 each from Gary, Joyce, John & Mike Townsend and \$125 from Michael, Janis & Andrea DiScipio to be added to the John & Elsie Jamgochian Trust Fund
- \$175 from Robert Nahabedian and Claudine Louis with \$100 to be added to the Charles & Alice Nahabedian Trust Fund, \$50 to the Diran & Zabelle Zahigian Trust Fund, and \$25 to the Albert & Anne Oskoian Trust Fund
- \$76.49 to be added to the John C. Sarafian Trust Fund

**DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH**

- \$5,000 from the Friends of Holy Trinity 1000 Club
- \$2,117 from George W. Haroutunian
- \$2,000 from Michael & Suzanne Azarian on the occasion of the marriage of their son, Michael, to Alexandra Manoogian
- \$2,000 from the Trinity Men's Union
- \$2,000 from the Women of Holy Trinity
- \$1,000 from Shakeh Benson for the Youth Center
- \$1,000 from the Zartarian Foundation
- \$500 from anonymous donor for Wish List item of Sunday School chairs
- \$500 from anonymous donor for the Choir
- For the Pastor's Discretionary Fund:
  - \$250 from Lucille Ajemian
  - \$200 from George W. Haroutunian
  - \$100 from Arleen Ashjian and Olivia Ashjian James
  - \$100 from Mark Ayanian
  - \$50 from Stephan & Lisa Hovnanian
- \$250 from Shakeh Benson to the Armenian School
- \$250 from Glenn Shenloogian for Trinity Kids' Place
- \$200 from Harry Medzorian
- \$150 from Leslee E. Jones
- \$120 from Sona Manoukian
- \$100 from James Giragosian
- \$100 from Nancy Kolligian in honor of the Sunday School Christmas Pageant
- \$100 from Mark & Cynthia Rouvalis, NH
- \$100 from Arshagouhi Tavitian, CA
- In honor of Dr. Parnag Kasarjian's birthday: \$100 - M/M Harold Partamian; M/M Peter Talanian; \$50 - Diana Topjian

**DAJAR DONATIONS**

- \$100 - Edwin & Hermine Adamian
- \$50 - Arleen Ashjian & Olivia Ashjian James; Alice Hoogasian; Peter & Isabel Talanian
- \$30 - Naomi Kuzoian
- \$25 - Ruby Baboian; Alice Gelenian; Dorothy Hamparian; Lucy Mardirosian; Glenn Shenloogian
- \$20 - Mary Avedisian; Mary Ann Kazanjian; Avis Sundquist

**\$\$\$ FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY 1000 CLUB \$\$\$**

**1000 CLUB SAYS . . .**

*"Faith is not about everything turning out ok;  
faith is about being ok no matter how things turn out."*

**1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER**

\$1,000 - Anne Aroyan; \$300 - Henry A. Malkasian, Jr.; \$200 - Sara Zipperer Arpiarian; \$100 - Aram H. Hintlian, Jr.; \$50 Winners: Michael G. Yapchaian; Peter S. Talanian; Mary-Louise & Garbis Essaian; Martin & Suzanne Malkasian; William Bacon; Helen Lousararian; Michael Manion; Kenneth R. Hanrahan

**1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR DECEMBER**

\$1,000 - James Giragosian; \$300 - Judith F. Revan; \$200 - Melissa Martin; \$100 John C. MacLellan; \$50 Winners: Edward Shooshanian; Paul T. Boghosian; Lee Shenloogian Warn; Aram H. Hintlian, Jr.; Dennis Griffin; Joyce M. Talanian; Diane Matevosian; Anne Aroyan

**1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR JANUARY**

\$1,000 - Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.; \$300 - Gregory L. Krikorian, Westford; \$200 - Charles Dermenjian; \$100 - Michele Kolligian; \$50 Winners: Arsen Tashjian; Rachel Zahigian; Nancy Young; Lana Jurigian; Helen Connors; Martin & Suzanne Malkasian; John Kelly; Ashley K. Dorian

**1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY**

\$1,000 - Joyce Arpie Kouzouian; \$300 - Nora Kalajian; \$200 - Kenneth R. Hanrahan; \$100 - Mary Goshgarian Bonefant; \$50 Winners: Mrs. Charles Talanian; Dr. Al Kalustian; Grace Kaprelian; Gayle M. Yapchaian; William Bacon; John Goshdigian; Gail & Richard O'Reilly; Michele Kolligian



**IN LIEU OF FLOWERS**

*Sincere sympathy is extended by the Pastor and Parish Council to the families of those parishioners who have departed from this life.*

*Grateful acknowledgment is expressed to the families of the departed souls for making it possible for friends and relatives to contribute in lieu of flowers, partially or totally, towards our church.*

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **MICHELE HAROUTUNIAN** for our church:  
 Dale Haroutunian; Kapriel & Margrit Chavushian; Muat Chavushian; Nuran Chavushian;  
 Carolyn Haroutunian; Helen Margosian; William & Karen Martin; Dr. John Messina & Joyce  
 Jones; David & Catherine Tahajian; Bruce & Carlene Newell; Sarkis Vosbigian; M/M Toros  
 Vosbigian; Steven & Hilda Assarian; Arthur Papazian

Total: \$1,820.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **MARY (JALLOIAN) DANIELS** for our church:  
 Pauline Hagopian; Grace Kaprelian & Donna Kirkland; Women of Holy Trinity

Total: \$125.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **ANNE AROYAN** for our church:  
 Edward, Renee, Alexandra & Derek Aroyan; Robert, Diane, Amanda, Nicholas & Micayla  
 Aroyan; Judy Aroyan Shaughnessey; Cory & Sarah Shaughnessey; Glass & Mirror, Inc.;  
 M/M Robert Curtis & Family; Diane & Mario Grieco & Family; Albert & Anita Kalustian;  
 Peter, Isabel & Joyce Talanian; DeMinico Family; Paul & Natalie Abrahamian, CA; Lisa  
 Burton & Julia Stephanian; Donald & Janice Gormley; James M. Kalustian; Martin &  
 Mimi Kalustian; Linda & Paul Loisel; Elaine & Michael Markarian; Karen Miglietta; The  
 Meadows Condominium Assoc.; Seta A. Buchter; Katherine Gent; Ellie Rozinsky, FL;  
 Richard & Barbara Surabian; Elaine Laurenti

Total: \$2,135.00



In lieu of flowers in memory of:

- **AGNES CASSANO:** Judith E. Cassano
- **FRANCES J. PANOSIAN:** Albert Oskoian; Marie Proodian

Additional in lieu of flowers in memory of:

- **GLADYS BORZAKIAN:** Robert & Maryanne Borzakian
- **STEPHEN R. HAMPARIAN:** Neil, Elizabeth Hamparian & Family
- **REGINA SKENDERIAN:** Albert Oskoian; Ani Ross Grubb
- **ELIZABETH SOULTANIAN:** Al & Barb Mouradian, NJ



**BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS**

**Bastian Souren Tsaturyan**, son of Albert and Natalie (Maserejian)  
 Tsaturyan of Waltham, MA, on November 20. Godfather, Ardashes Panian,  
 and Godmother, Tina Panian

**Larita Beglaryan**, daughter of Lamara Beglaryan of Lynn, MA, on  
 November 20. Godfather, Gamlet Beglaryan, and Godmother, Margarita Bagirova

**Riece Angel Fleming**, daughter of Brent and Taylor (Stephanian) Fleming of Belmont, MA,  
 on November 26. Godfather, Steve Marchant, and Godmother, Andrea Marchant

**Aubrey Rose DerVartanian**, daughter of David P. DerVartanian and Jennifer Demetri of  
 Melrose, MA, on November 27. Godfather, Alex DerVartanian, and Godmother, Michelle  
 DeLuca

**Logan Anthony Cokonis**, son of Derek and Kristen (Marciano) Cokonis of Fort Bragg,  
 NC, on December 18. Godfather, Nicholas Cokonis, and Godmother, Kimberly Marciano

**Alexander Daniel Mikaelian**, son of Garo Mikaelian and Ani Inguilizian of Winchester, MA,  
 on December 24. Godfather, Haig Inguilizian, and Godmother, Taline Inguilizian

**Ara Xavier Krikorian**, son of David Krikorian and Kristien Creamer of Arlington, MA, on  
 December 30. Godfather, John Goshdigan, and Godmother, Garineh Goshdigan

**Maigan Blair Williams** of Boston, MA, daughter of Craig and Shannon (Francis) Williams,  
 on January 21. Godfather, Gerald Berberian

**Xander Anthony Yessaian**, son of Edward and Kelly (Flammia) Yessaian of Tewksbury, MA,  
 on February 11. Godfather, Robert Pjojian, and Godmother, Debra Pjojian



**FUNERALS**

**Frances J. Panosian** of Wilmington, MA, on December 2

**Michele (David) Haroutunian** of Waltham, MA, on January 17

**Mary (Jalloian) Daniels** of Quincy, MA, on January 25

**Anne L. (Hajenlian) Aroyan** of Pembroke, MA, on January 27

**Agnes (Jurigian) Cassano** of Roslindale, MA, on January 27

**Mary (Terzian) Killelea** of Cambridge, MA, on January 28

**Karlo Ashchian** of North Falmouth, MA, on February 21

A Memorial Service for **Ira Stephanian** was held February 22.



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**Calendar of Events**

**MARCH**

- 8, 15, - Lenten Supper, 6:30pm
- 22&29 Lenten Vigil, 7-7:30pm
- 17-19 - Primate's Visit to Holy Trinity
- 19 - Blessing of the Babies' Service
- 26 - Mid-Lenten Luncheon

**APRIL**

- 5 - Lenten Supper, 6:30pm; Vigil, 7-7:30pm
- 9 - ACYOA Palm Sunday Banquet

**Holy Week Services**

- 16 - **EASTER**
- 23 - Former Ambassador Evans at Holy Trinity
- 30 - Lunch with Boston Celtics' Legend M.L. Carr

**MAY**

- 4 - Book Presentation, Dr. Nora Nercessian, "The City of Orphans;" 7pm
- 4-7 - 115th Diocesan Assembly, hosted by St. Hagop Armenian Church, Pinellas Park FL
- 14 - Sunday School Parents' Day Celebration

**JUNE**

- 11 - Sunday School and Armenian School Closing Day Ceremonies
  - 18 - Annual Requiem Service
  - 19 - Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament, Marlborough CC
- Former U.S. Ambassador to Armenia,  
 John M. Evans,  
 will be our guest speaker  
 on Sunday, April 23.  
 Details to follow.

