

## HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017**

**PALM SUNDAY**

Celebrant/ Homilist: The Pastor

Morning Service: 9:15 a.m.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Readings of the Day:

Song 1:1-2:3. Zec. 9:9-15. Phil. 4:4-7. Mt. 20:29-21:17.

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### **Turnpatsek - Opening of the Doors Service**

As we return to our beautifully restored Sanctuary today, the “Turnpatsek - Opening of the Doors” Service, conducted on Palm Sunday, is being held on our Garabed Baghdasar and Haiganoosh Hagopian Hollisian Plaza prior to the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, weather permitting. As we are welcomed back through the doors of the Church after the reflective days of Lent, Fr. Vasken, on behalf of the faithful, pleads to God to reopen the doors of His Heavenly Kingdom which were closed to man through his fall and expulsion from paradise.

Following the Turnpatsek Service, our Sunday School and Armenian School children, holding palms in remembrance of Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem, will lead the Pastor, Deacons, Altar servers, and the faithful back into our Sanctuary.

### **WELCOME**

We wish to welcome those who are visiting our church. The Pastor and the Parish Council would like to invite you to make the Holy Trinity Church your spiritual home. You are cordially invited to take part in the Service and activities of our church. If you would like to be placed on our mailing list, please sign our *Guest Book* located in the Vestibule.

### **BIBLE READING**

Today’s Bible reading will be from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 21, vs. 1-11 [page 614] and will be read by ACYOA Senior Ronald Malconian, Jr.

### **FEAST DAYS**

- Yesterday was the Feast of the Remembrance of the Raising of Lazarus.
- Today is Palm Sunday. This is Holy Week. Please see the enclosure in this Sunday Bulletin explaining Holy Week in the Armenian Church.
- Next Sunday, April 16, is Easter, a major Feast Day of the Armenian

Church; therefore, Requiem Service (Hokehankisd) will not be conducted that day. Requests for Requiem Service will be held on Sunday, April 23.

### **From Today’s Bible Readings**

**Matthew 20:29-21:17** The healing of the two blind men is a poignant prelude to the story of Jesus’ triumphal arrival in Jerusalem (see below). The two persist in loudly declaring their faith despite the crowd’s rebuke. Upon being healed by their Lord, they followed Him. The passage continues with the Palm Sunday story (21:1-11) and the account of Jesus driving the moneychangers from the Temple. *Reflection: If Jesus said to you (as He did to the blind men) “what do you want me to do for you?” how would you answer?*

**Philippians 4: 4-7** What a joyful series of declarations: rejoice in the Lord, know that He is near, be gentle with everyone, don’t worry about a thing, pray your gratitude, and God’s peace will guard your heart in Christ Jesus! *Reflection: What do you worry about (v. 6)? What would St. Paul suggest to help you? (Turn to God, pray, let His presence comfort and strengthen you— P.S. It’s a known fact that gratitude and joy push out fear and anger!)*

**Zechariah 9: 9-15** Set in the context of the Jews’ return from the Babylonian exile and the rebuilding of Jerusalem, Zechariah looks expectantly to the Lord’s return. In these verses, we see a striking prophecy of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem “gentle and riding on a donkey.” *Reflection: Why does Zion’s King enter Jerusalem on a donkey (v. 9) and not a war horse (v. 10)? (As opposed to the prideful entry of warlike kings, this set an example of humility, forbearance, and meekness; His peaceful kingdom was not of this world. See Hosea 1:7 and Micah 5:10 for similar imagery.)*

### **Today is Palm Sunday (Dzagazart)**

This day recalls Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. He is greeted by throngs of people laying their cloaks and palm branches on the road before Him as a royal carpet of welcome. Matthew understood the event as the fulfillment of specific prophecies, including Zechariah 9:9 (today’s reading). Therefore, for many gathered, this was the entrance of the Messiah and conformed fully to Old Testament prophecy and Jewish expectations. Yet how poorly the crowd understood the nature of the kingdom and the king they were welcoming, since not long afterwards their “Hosannas!” turned to the jeering shouts of “Crucify Him!” The service of the *Opening of the Doors* is also held on Palm Sunday, during which the priest and people pray for entry once again into God’s presence. The term *Dzagazart*, (“adorned with flowers”) may refer to an older pagan feast.

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## PARTICIPATION IN THE DIVINE LITURGY

Please use the Divine Liturgy books that are found in the pew racks. These books contain the Armenian text as well as the English transliteration and translation in the second section.

For your convenience, the applicable page number in the burgundy Divine Liturgy book is located above both the right and left doors by the Altar leading to the Vestry and Baptistry. When the light shows green, the congregation stands; when the light shows red, the congregation kneels; and when green and red lights are off, you may be seated. If assistance is needed, please ask a member of the Parish Council.

Parishioners are also encouraged to sing with the Choir, whose real purpose is to lead the congregation in singing the hymns. Also join in the recitation of the Creed which is found on pages 18 and 19 of the second section.

## VOGHCHOOYN - KISS OF PEACE

During the Divine Liturgy, when the Parish Council members pass the Kiss of Peace in church, the response from the receiver should be “Orhnyal eh haidnootyunn Krisdosee” (Blessed is the revelation of Christ). When you give the Voghchooyn, please say “Krisdos e mech mer haydnetsav” (Christ is revealed amongst us).

## CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Those faithful who feel spiritually prepared to receive our Lord in the sacrament of Holy Communion are asked to **bring their pew books with them to the General Confession and, together with the deacon, are asked to read the confession aloud.** The essence to this sacrament lies with the individual(s) offering his or her own confession through the priest to God. In addition to reading the text of the confession, each participant must recall his or her own sins, truly seek God’s forgiveness, and make a commitment to the Lord to strive not to sin anymore. The English confession may be found on page 48 in the burgundy Divine Liturgy book and on page x in the blue Divine Liturgy book found in the pew racks. We urge our parishioners to come forward for confession and Holy Communion through the center aisle.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Your prayers are requested to have mercy on our countrymen in Artsakh, to strengthen them in defense of their homeland, and to grant consolation to the suffering and grieving.

Your prayers are also requested for Barbara L. Sahagian, Queenie Samourian, for the good health of all those who suffer from illness in their own private way, and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

**Please note** that if you would like Fr. Vasken to offer your prayer request during his silent prayers at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, please fill out the **Prayer Request card** located in the pew box and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

## PALMS

Today’s palms were donated by Albert Zouranjian and Family in memory of wife, mother & grandmother, Virginia Zouranjian.

Palms have also been donated by Elise Harrison in memory of the Harrison, Bohigian and Kasabian Families.

## ALTAR CANDLES

Today’s Altar candles are donated for the edification of our Altar by Elise Harrison in memory of sister, Victoria Davidian, and nephew, Jake Davidian.

## REQUIEM SERVICE

We have all been asked to pray during the Divine Liturgy for the souls of:

- **Ardashes Asadoorian:** From the Trust Fund established by Altoon Zahigian for brother

- **Haig & Vasiliki Bessie Bedigian, Kirkor & Arousiag Bedigian, Mardiros & Martha Bedigian and Mardiros Kasigian:** From the Trust Fund established Haig and Bessie Bedigian

- **Walter Proodian, Sr., & Nora Proodian** - requested by Walter Proodian, Jr., & Family and Robert Proodian for parents & grandparents

- **Barbara Proodian:** requested by Walter Proodian, Jr., & Family for wife, mother & grandmother and Robert Proodian for sister-in-law

- **Elizabeth Soultanian, 2nd Anniversary:** requested by Dean Soultanian & Arlene Kasarjian and Ani and Aram Soultanian for mother, mother-in-law, & grandmother; Robert Soultanian & Deidre Munro and Grace Soultanian and Jamie Munro for mother & grandmother; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian and Family for khenamee

## TODAY’S CALENDAR

### OUR YOUTH CHOIR

Under the direction of Dan Teager, our Youth Choir will participate in a portion of the Divine Liturgy.

### **OUR ACYOA SENIORS**

Members of Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors will be serving in church this morning as greeters, Confession and Bible readers, passing the Kiss of Peace, and serving on the Altar.

### **SECOND PLATE COLLECTION**

There will be a second plate collection today to benefit the needs of our Choir.

### **ACYOA DAY - PALM SUNDAY BANQUET**

Our Holy Trinity ACYOA are hosting their annual ACYOA Day Palm Sunday Banquet in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall immediately following church services.

*Seating by advance paid reservation only; no tickets will be sold at the door. Following church services, please use the Dorian walkway leading to the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall entrance on Sparks Street. The doors will open only after church services have ended.*

### **PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE**

Prior to the Palm Sunday Banquet, there will be a Bake Sale in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall.

### **TRINITY MEN'S UNION DINNER/MEETING**

The monthly Trinity Men's Union Dinner/Meeting will be held tomorrow, April 10, beginning at 6 p.m., in Johnson Hall. Please RSVP today to [tmuhtaac@gmail.com](mailto:tmuhtaac@gmail.com).

### **"WASHING OF THE FEET" SERVICE**

On Holy Thursday, April 13, the "Washing of the Feet" Service will take place in our church, beginning at 7:30 p.m. In this beautiful and meaningful service that takes place in memory of our Lord's example, Fr. Vasken will wash the feet of 12 men who have married or are about to be married into an Armenian family and have become part of our Holy Trinity family.

### **EASTER OFFERING - YOUGHAKIN**

In the early centuries, the Armenian Church had no annual budgets to meet the expenses of parish churches and monastic communities. The faithful of each parish contributed for the welfare of the work of the Christian community, caring for the needy, promoting the work of Christian

education and worship, etc. At certain times of the year, additional contributions were offered to the parish church to assure that the sanctuary lanterns, at that time fueled by oil, would remain continuously aflame. Thus, a special category of donations was created and called Youghakin which means "the cost of oil." These were collected during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

As inheritors of this pious tradition, we have maintained this special offering in all Diocesan churches in the Western Hemisphere. Aside from your annual parish stewardship and membership donation, this special gift is sought during these holy days to meet the additional expenses needed to effectively carry out the mission of our parish; namely, worship, witness, education, service, and fellowship.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS AND CANDLES**

Altar flowers and candles are needed for Holy Week and Easter. For this purpose, donations may be made in memory of your loved ones. Please call the church office, 617.354.0632, or email [office@htaac.org](mailto:office@htaac.org).

### **HOLY THURSDAY CHURCH SERVICES AND LUNCHEON**

On Holy Thursday, April 13, Church services will be held at 11 a.m., and will be followed by a Lenten Luncheon in Johnson Hall, sponsored by the Women of Holy Trinity. Please RSVP by April 10, to Cathy Minassian, 617.947.1795, or at [cminassian@hotmail.com](mailto:cminassian@hotmail.com). Suggested lunch donation is \$10. All are invited.

### **ACYOA JUNIORS' PLANT SALE ON EASTER SUNDAY**

The ACYOA Juniors will sponsor a Plant Sale on the Garabed Baghdasar and Haiganoosh Hagopian Hollisian plaza following church services on Easter Sunday, weather permitting. Purchase a beautiful Easter plant or two for your home, family or friends and support the ACYOA Juniors on this special day. All proceeds will benefit the ACYOA Juniors ministry program.

### **FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR EVANS AT HOLY TRINITY**

In a *Series of Events Celebrating Books and Courage and Legends . . .*, we are honored to present the former United States Ambassador to Armenia, the Honorable John M. Evans, who will speak at our church on Sunday, April 23, in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall following church services. A complimentary light luncheon will be served. Ambassador Evans, whose ethics and principles courageously enabled him

to voice the words “Armenian Genocide,” is the author of “Truth Held Hostage.”

### **SAINTLY WOMEN’S DAY**

This year’s Sainly Women’s Day, hosted by the Women’s Guild of Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church, Chelmsford, will be held on Saturday, April 29, beginning at 10 a.m. As directed by the Diocese, honored will be the Sainly Women of Vartanantz: “Partners in Protest.” There will be a luncheon (cost \$35) and program featuring Dr. Kyriaki Karidoyanes Fitzgerald, Adjunct Professor of Theology at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Checks may be made payable to Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church (\$35 per person) and must be received in our church office by Monday, April 17, to make the deadline. For further information, contact Cathy Minassian, 617.947.1795 or [cminassian@hotmail.com](mailto:cminassian@hotmail.com).

### **LUNCH WITH BOSTON CELTICS’ LEGEND, M.L. CARR**

Continuing our *Series of Events Celebrating Books and Courage and Legends . . .*, we are pleased to present M.L. Carr, a Boston Celtics’ legend, following church services on Sunday, April 30. A complimentary light lunch will be served. Come for yourself, but bring your children to listen to his inspiring life story.

*And for those of you who remember, don’t forget to bring and wave a towel when he’s introduced or you can always wave your napkin.*

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

There are five Holy Trinity Armenian Church Scholarships available for the 2017-2018 academic year from the Gregory Archie and Rose Kolligian Scholarship Fund; the Hollisian Family Scholarship Fund; the Gertrude Nahigian Scholarship Fund; the Alice Ohanasian Scholarship Fund; and the Major Robert Z. Zartarian Scholarship Fund.

For further information or an application, please call the church office, 617.354.0632, or email [office@htaac.org](mailto:office@htaac.org). ***Complete application with all required documentation must be received by April 15. There will be no follow up on any outstanding materials due. If incomplete, application will not be considered.***

Applications for **Diocesan scholarships** are available online at <https://armenianchurch.us/scholarships/>. The application deadline for the 2017-18 academic year is May 20, 2017. Each year, the Diocese awards scholarships to promising youth who are headed to college. The Diocese seeks students who are active in their local parishes and have assumed

leadership roles in their communities. To be eligible, applicants must be U.S. citizens enrolled in four-year undergraduate programs. For information, contact Maria Barsoumian at 212.686.0710.

### **CAMPAIGN TO HELP RESTORE THE TOMB OF CHRIST IN JERUSALEM**

Our Diocesan Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, has announced a fundraising campaign to help the restoration effort currently underway at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The site marks the burial place of Jesus Christ and has long stood as one of the most precious shrines of the Christian heritage. The Armenian Church, through its Patriarchate of Jerusalem, shares joint custodial oversight of the Holy Sepulchre and is deeply involved in the current restoration. The Eastern Diocese aims to raise \$300,000 to contribute to this effort. The campaign is called “Save the Tomb.” A special website has been launched, [www.SaveTheTomb.org](http://www.SaveTheTomb.org), where individuals can find information on the project and make online donations.

### **Holy Trinity Wish List**

We are reaching out to parishioners and friends who may wish to make a Special Donation toward the following Wish List item. Please contact the Church office or a Parish Council member if you are interested.

#### ***Youth Choir - \$1,500***

As a building block to the Church Choir, our **Youth Choir** offers our children the opportunity to explore their singing talents while working together to learn Armenian Church music.

**At a cost of approximately \$1,500 annually**, we’ve engaged a professional Armenian musician to provide them with proper instruction and leadership. To help defray this annual expense, **any contributions earmarked for the Youth Choir** would be very much appreciated.

Thank you,  
The Parish Council

## **ST. NERSESS SUMMER CONFERENCES**

Held at the newly consecrated St. Nersess campus in Armonk, NY, participants will explore their faith and heritage in a safe, fun and unique environment. For more information, go to <https://www.stnersess.edu>.

- Deacons' Training, June 23-July 2
- High School A, July 7-16
- High School B, July 21-30
- Post High School, August 1-6

### **Photo Gallery Available on our Website**

Photos of church events and activities are available online on our website at <http://htaac.smugmug.com/> (Under Quick Links, Photo Gallery). A photo collage is also available under "Parish News" with their respective articles.

Take time to look through our website ([www.htaac.org](http://www.htaac.org)) where you can also find Der Vasken's sermons, the Sunday Bulletins, copies of Dajar, and the church calendar which keeps us abreast of upcoming activities and programs.

## **For Your Information . . .**

- **We have available personal receivers for the hearing impaired that will enhance your hearing ability during the Badarak and sermon. For assistance, please see a Parish Council member in the Vestibule.**
- **A Reminder - to access our handicap church entrance, follow the Dorian walkway from either the parking lot or to the right of the main doors of the church.**
- **If you know of someone ill or in need of a visit from our Pastor, please contact the church office, 617.354.0632 or by email, [office@htaac.org](mailto:office@htaac.org).**
- **There are copies of *The Little Golden Bible Storybook*, *When I Go to Church*, and Bible story picture books available in the Vestibule for the youngest members of our congregation to quietly enjoy during church services. We kindly ask that you return them to the Vestibule at the conclusion of church services.**
- *Save the Date*

**- Thursday, April 20, 10am - Flag-Raising Ceremony will be held in front of the Peabody City Hall, 24 Lowell Street, Peabody, commemorating the 102nd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide,** led by Mayor Edward A. Bettencourt and the family of deceased Mayor Peter Torigian; followed by informative presentations and a light luncheon; keynote speaker will be Ann Goolkasian O'Donnell. Her memoir, "Holding the Armenian Genocide Up to the Light," appears in the spring issue of American Ancestors Magazine; all are invited

**- Friday, April 21, 10:30am - 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide** at the State House; MA Attorney General Maura Healey, guest speaker; reception to follow; buses to the State House will depart Watertown at 9am from St. James Church and St. Stephen's Church; buses will depart State House at 1:15pm; complimentary bus service donated by Knights of Vartan, Ararat Lodge #1

**- Friday, April 21 - The movie "The Promise,"** set with the backdrop of the Armenian Genocide, to be released; theater/time details to follow

**- Saturday, April 22, 2pm - Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide** - hosted by His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England, 514 Parker Street, Boston; with the participation of His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, the Armenian Catholic Eparchy of the US and Canada, and the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America

- Sunday, April 23, 3-5pm, In the Spirit of Revival: Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, a program of the Massachusetts Commemoration Committee at the Armenian Heritage Park

- Exhibit - Heartstrings: Embracing Armenian Needlelace, Embroidery, and Rugs at the Lynn Museum, 590 Washington Street, Lynn; Exhibit will run thru Sat, Jun 17, from 10am-4pm, Tuesday-Friday, and 9am-1pm, Sat; for more information: Drew Russo, 718.581.6200; [drew@lynnmuseum.org](mailto:drew@lynnmuseum.org); [www.lynnmuseum.org](http://www.lynnmuseum.org)

- Thurs, May 4, 7pm - A Book Presentation by Dr. Nora Necessian, "The City of Orphans;" presented by the Daughters of Vartan, Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Tekeyan Cultural Assoc., Armenian Mirror-Spectator, AIWA, & NAASR; at our Church; complimentary admission

#### **PER A DIRECTIVE FROM THE DIOCESE**

As many of you know, the film "**The Promise**," produced by Survival Pictures and financed by the late Kirk Kerkorian, will be premiering in nearly 1,500 theaters in the U.S. and Canada on Friday, April 21, 2017. The film, set with the backdrop of the Armenian Genocide, is the first time our history will be featured in a wide-release film.

This is to inform you that Haig Boyadjian of the AGBU is working closely with the film's PR agencies and distributors, to ensure that our people are aware of the need to see the film in local theaters on its opening weekend (April 21-23). The Diocese has been fully supportive of the AGBU in this endeavor.

It is vitally important that the parishes and people of our Diocese support this film to help ensure its success. We should also encourage non-Armenians to attend the showings being organized by our parishes.

The opening weekend's box office sales are critical in securing a long theatrical run for the film.

Note: We will be selling tickets for a showing at the Capitol Theatre in Arlington, on Friday, April 21. Watch for details.

#### **2017 TRINITY KIDS' PLACE**

Monday, August 7 to Friday, August 11

Monday, August 14 to Friday, August 18

We are pleased to again be offering a two-week option. Children, ages 3 through 9, can attend either one week or the full two weeks. Hours are 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Cost is \$150 per child for one week and \$250 for two weeks. An extended day option (1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.) is available for \$10 per day per child. This year's theme is "*Celebrating Our God-Given Gifts*." Daily activities include story time, visit with Der Vasken, musical expression, Armenian language & culture, an arts and crafts corner and recreation.

#### **ST. VARTAN CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED**

The St. Vartan summer program dates for campers, ages 8-15; CITs, ages 16 and 17; and staff, ages 18+, have been announced:

- Staff Training, June 21-24
- Session A, June 25-July 8
- Session B, July 9-22
- Session C, July 23-August 5

Online registration and credit card payment are available at [www.diocesansummercamps.org](http://www.diocesansummercamps.org). For further information, contact Yn. Arpi, Sunday School Superintendent, [youth@htaac.org](mailto:youth@htaac.org).

#### **STEWARDSHIP 2017**

#### **LEGACY OF OUR MARTYRS - A GIFT TO CARRY FORWARD**

#### ***Have YOU Made YOUR Pledge?***

This year's Stewardship Program is focused on "carrying the gift of our sainted martyrs forward" - the gift to actively live the faith of our ancestors through our church - Holy Trinity Armenian Church.

You can now contribute online at

[www.htaac.org/donations/](http://www.htaac.org/donations/).

We depend on and thank you for your participation.

It is only with your support that we will be able to continue to "Carry the Gift Forward."

## HOLY WEEK

*The Armenian Church calls the final week of Christ's life on earth Great Week or Holy Week (Avak Shapat). During this time, we share in His teachings, His suffering, His death and His resurrection.*

**Lazarus Saturday**, along with Palm Sunday, ushers in Holy Week and Christ's gift of Resurrection, as we accompany Him through His Passion. Lazarus was Jesus' friend and the brother of Martha and Mary. When he became very ill, his sisters informed Jesus. But before He was able to visit him, Lazarus died. Shedding tears for His friend, Jesus hurried to his tomb and brought him to life again. This foreshadows Christ's own Resurrection and serves to remind us of the new life in Christ.

**Palm Sunday** is the feast of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Christ was hailed by the people as the Messiah and New King of Israel. Christ comes to Jerusalem in fulfillment of the prophecies and having chosen the way of the Cross, invites the faithful to witness His passion that they might share in His Resurrection.

**Holy Monday** is dedicated to the creation of the world, of Heaven and Earth, as the foundation of Christ's Second Creation.

**Holy Tuesday** recalls The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Maidens (Matthew 25:1-13). Ten maidens wait for their bridegroom. Five of them foolishly took their lamps with no extra oil and when the bridegroom was delayed, could not go out and meet him. The wise maidens went prepared and joined him in the marriage feast. Similarly, we pray and wait, spiritually prepared to receive Christ while recognizing that we are all sinners. In humility we ask that the Lord show us His compassion.

**Holy Wednesday** recalls the fallen woman who anoints Christ with costly oil and kisses His feet, in contrast to Judas who betrayed Christ for money. (Matthew 26:3-16)

**Holy Thursday**, in the morning, marks the institution of Holy Communion which Christ distributed to His twelve apostles at the Last Supper. During the Passover Meal, Christ broke and distributed unleavened bread and passed the wine; He told the apostles that this was His Body and Blood of the New Covenant. Humankind could now participate in the Kingdom of God. In the evening, the service of the Washing of the Feet takes place in memory of the Lord's example. Jesus took a towel and girded Himself and began washing His

disciples' feet, setting an example of humility and love for the earliest members of the Church.

At night, an all-night vigil is kept in memory of the last sleepless night of our Lord on earth. This service is called Khavaroom (darkness). Before He was arrested, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and endured in solitude the agony of His impending death.

**Holy Friday** is the most solemn and sad day for Christians. The Crucifixion service, usually held at midday, recalls the suffering, crucifixion and death of our Lord. In the evening, at the entombment or burial service, a white tomb is placed in the chancel of the church. It is adorned with flowers and, during the service, is taken in procession around the church.

At the Easter Vigil of **Holy Saturday**, the mystery of salvation in the Resurrection of Christ is celebrated. The lights of the Church are dim until the reading of Isaiah 60, when they are suddenly put on. Already, in the dramatic candle lighting ceremony of Jrakalouytz, the joy of Easter Eve has begun.

**EASTER SUNDAY** celebrates the joy of the Resurrection. The Resurrection of our Lord is the promise of salvation for all humanity. The faithful exchange the Easter greeting:

***"Krisdos haryav ee merelotz!"  
"Orhnyal eh harootiunun Krisdosee!"***

and share a joyous Easter feast, often including lamb and colored eggs (symbols of new life) and Easter bread (choreg). On the Monday after Easter, Armenian families in some parts of the world visit the graves of loved ones, share choreg and eggs among themselves, and whisper to their departed loved ones, "Krisdos haryav ee merelotz!".

**Easter Sunday** is followed by a period of forty days, during which there are no saints' days or fasting days. This period is dedicated to the glory of Christ's Resurrection and to the forty days He spent on earth after His Resurrection.

The 40th day after the Resurrection is **Ascension Day**, commemorating our Lord's entry into heaven.

Fifty days after Easter is **Pentecost**, on which day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and gave them the power to preach in various tongues. This is marked as the birthday of the Church.

-Taken from "Holy Week in the Armenian Church"  
by Paula Jurigian

## CALENDAR

- Sun, Apr 9 **Palm Sunday Bake Sale** prior to Banquet  
**ACYOA Day - Palm Sunday Banquet**; by paid reservation only
- Mon, Apr 10 **Trinity Men's Union Dinner/Meeting**; RSVP today to [tmuhtaac@gmail.com](mailto:tmuhtaac@gmail.com); Johnson Hall; 6pm
- Thurs, Apr 13 **Holy Thursday Divine Liturgy, 11am**  
**Lenten Luncheon following Church services, hosted by the Women of Holy Trinity**; \$10 suggested donation; Johnson Hall; RSVP by April 10 to [cminassian@hotmail.com](mailto:cminassian@hotmail.com) or 617.947.1795  
**Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet, 7:30pm**  
**Commemoration of Our Lord's Betrayal & Passion, 8:30pm**
- Fri, Apr 14 **Church Services, Order of the Crucifixion of Christ, 10:30am**  
**Commemoration of the Burial of Our Lord, 7:30pm**
- Sat, Apr 15 **Easter Worship Service & Breakfast, Sunday School and Armenian School Students, 10:20am**  
**Easter Eve Evening Services, 7pm**  
**Divine Liturgy of Jurakalouytz, 7:30pm**
- Sun, Apr 16 **EASTER Divine Liturgy,; Guest Celebrant, His Eminence Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, 10am**  
**ACYOA Plant Sale and Reception on the Plaza** following church services, weather permitting
- Sun, Apr 23 **Former US Ambassador to Armenia, the Honorable John M. Evans, author of "Truth Held Hostage,"** to speak at Holy Trinity following church services; complimentary lunch
- Tues, Apr 25 **Parish Council Meeting**; Johnson Hall; 6:45pm
- Sun, Apr 30 **Lunch with Boston Celtics' Legend M.L. Carr** following church services; complimentary lunch
- Save the Date*  
*Mon, Jun 19 **Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament, this year remembering Gerry Ajemian***

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