

Sunday, October 11, 2020

# **Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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## **CELEBRANT: THE PASTOR SUNDAY BULLETIN**



***\*\*MASKS, COVERING THE MOUTH AND NOSE, ARE TO BE WORN FROM THE MOMENT ONE ENTERS THE VESTIBULE, THROUGHOUT THE BADARAK, AND ARE NOT TO BE REMOVED UNTIL ONE HAS LEFT THE BUILDING.\*\****

***\*\*Backpacks and large satchels are prohibited in the sanctuary during Badarak. If you enter the Church with a large bag, you will be asked to leave it with a Parish Council Member for the duration of Sunday Service\*\****

### **Readings of the Day:**

**Is. 19:1-11. Gal. 2:1-10. Mk. 12:35-44.**

- Yesterday was the Feast of the Holy Translators, Mesrob, Yeghishe, Moses the Poet, David the Philosopher, Gregory of Narek and Nersess the Graceful.
- Monday, October 12, is the Feast of St. Gregory, Bishop of Caucasian Albania.
- Tuesday, October 13, is the Feast of the Holy Apostles Ananias, Matthias, Barnabas, Philip, John, Silas and Silvanus.
- Thursday, October 15, is the Feast of Dionysius the Areopagite.
- Next Saturday, October 17, is the Feast of the Holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Please see last page of the bulletin for more details for Sanctuary safety guidelines.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 4, vs. 35-41 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

### From Today's Bible Reading

**Mark 12:35-44** Jesus challenges the scribes to acknowledge that while of Davidic descent, He is David's Lord and God's Son. He then contrasts the self-important temple leaders and the wealthy with a poor widow who gave a much greater share of what she had to the temple offering. *Reflection: What qualities of Christian living is Jesus extolling? (Genuine humility in leaders, see 10:42-45; true generosity – not giving what is convenient but what reflects your priorities and love.) When is “more” actually “less?” When is “a little” “a lot?”*

**Galatians 2:1-10** St. Paul is addressing the validity of his authority as an apostle, challenged by conservative traditionalists who thought non-Jews needed to become Jews first before accepting Christ. *Reflection: St. Paul is not impressed with the men who seemed important (v. 6). Why not? How does caring for the poor relate to proclaiming the Gospel?*

**Isaiah 19:1-11** Isaiah asserts that even Egypt, a great and fearful power upon which people depended, is subject to God's will; their idols would be crushed and their destiny cruelly altered. *Reflection: Egypt's plans (v. 3), natural resources (vv. 5-7), and leadership (vv. 11-12) are all dependent upon God. What should that have said to the Judeans who were looking to Egypt instead of God for help? What does that say to you?*

### **Holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (Saturday, October 17)**

As those who lived during Jesus' time began to age and die, it was important to record the accounts of those who had known Him. There were many gospels circulating in the early centuries of the church. But the gospels that grew widely popular, were read most often, and sanctioned by the church elders entered the canon as offering a full and complete picture of Jesus Christ. The four Gospels are considered sacred biographies for although they are certainly biographical and historical, they are primarily a personal witness to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as understood by a particular writer, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

During Badarak, when the deacon elevates the Gospel book over his head or whenever we kiss the Gospel book, we are lovingly acknowledging its value and authority in our lives. As Christians, we are called to be the Gospel. God has chosen us to be His evangelists and inspire others to experience Jesus Christ.

## **October 11, 2020 Hokehankisd**

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

- **Sarkis Kaltakdjian, 1st Anniversary:** requested by Nora Kaltakdjian, Shoghig Ross, Araxee Ross and Ani Ross Grubb for husband, brother-in-law and uncle.
- **Vahan Aznavourian Audrey (Bakerian) Aznavourian:** requested by David Aznavourian and Araxie Kazanjian.
- **All Deceased Members of the Compatriotic Union of Gurin.**
- **Asken Boghosian, Sarkis B. Boghosian, Julia Boghosian and Esther McQuaid:** From the Trust Fund established by Esther McQuaid and Julia Boghosian.

**\*Holy Trinity Church would like to wish a very special happy birthday to Grace Kaprelian who will be turning 100 years young tomorrow, October 12. May Almighty God keep Grace and her loved ones under His loving care.\***



### **A Prayer for Armenia and Artsakh**

O Lord our God, we appeal to your divine mercy for the protection of the Armenian nation while we face the attacks and aggression of our enemy. Loving Lord, listen to the voice of our supplications and keep unshaken the Republics of Armenia and Artsakh. Let us all, as children of Haik and adopted children of the Armenian Church, put on the armor of Faith in Christ, take up the sword of the Spirit, and crown our heads with the helmet of Hope and Courage, asking God to bestow on us the grace of His mercy, and help us to stop this war and to stop the enemy. Amen.

## **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 Martin Kalustian; 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, please fill out the Prayer Request card that have been removed from the pews when the pandemic restrictions began, and are located on the table in the Narthex (the Church Sanctuary lobby).\*

### **\*Der Vasken offers a weekly Hokehankisd Service\***

To request a Hokehankisd service for the week, please submit this form online or by contacting the office by Thursday.

Please contact the church office with any questions.

\*Requests submitted after noon on Thursday will not be printed in the Sunday Bulletin but will be read from the altar by Der Vasken on Sunday.\*

## **First Wednesday's... A Breath of God**

Fr. Vasken invites you to join him for the fourth year of this well-received program that began last Wednesday. The next session will be held on November 4, from 6:45 pm to 7:30pm, in Johnson Hall. November's theme is "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed me: An Honest Discussion About Race".

Our Christian Faith has much to say about the issues we deal with every day in the modern world.

Join us as we look at many of these issues from the lens of our time- tested faith both In-person and on Zoom.

**\*SEE FLYER FOR MORE DETAILS\***

*Dear faithful of HTAAC,  
We encourage you to pray this special prayer upon entering the sanctuary as  
well as at home during this crucial time for the continued existence of our  
homeland.*



### **Special Appeal for Armenia and Artsakh**

As many of you are now aware, our ancestral homeland of Armenia and Artsakh is now under direct attack by its neighbors — Azerbaijan and Turkey. We are severely grieved by this development and continually pray for our Lord to convert the hearts of the Azeri government and people to see the error of their ways. Prayer is always accompanied by holy action and our Primate, His Grace Bishop Daniel, has asked that we aid our compatriots monetarily through the Armenia Fund.

*Please do so by logging on to [armeniafund.org](http://armeniafund.org)*  
If you have any questions regarding how to contribute to  
this worthy cause, please do not hesitate to call the church office.

### **Prayer for Our Elderly at Home**

O Holy Mother of God, I open my arms and beseech you to be an intercessor for us As  
we pray for our elderly who remain at home Unable to be here with us during this  
pandemic

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer Help those at home from growing weary, Keep  
loneliness outside their doors

Draw them near to you, And give them strength to endure the length of their days

May their moments of uncertainty be swept away And their worries put to rest  
Instead fill their ears with the voices of their loved ones, And their hearts with the light  
of hope

Keep their bodies in good health And their feet steady on the path of faith  
And when each day is done Lord, grant them the abiding comfort found only in your  
everlasting peace Which surpasses all human understanding

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Now and always and unto the ages  
and ages. Amen.

# FIRST WEDNESDAYS

## A BREATH OF GOD

First Wednesday of Every Month • Johnson Hall or virtually via Zoom • 6:45pm - 7:30pm

Throughout the day, life hands us questions for which we seek answers. Each month, we discuss one of these life questions through the lens of our Christian Faith.

Below are the topics for this year.  
We warmly welcome you to join our series of conversations.

**October 7, 2020**

What Does Hope Look Like in an Uncertain World.

**February 3, 2021**

***Christ the Healer:*** When We Feel Forgotten & Lost

**November 4, 2020**

I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me: An Honest Discussion About Race

**March 3, 2021**

***Christ the Healer:*** Pride, Envy, Anger, Sloth...

**December 9, 2020\***

What's Armenian About Christmas?  
**\*2nd Tuesday**

**\*April 14, 2021\***

***Christ the Healer:*** When We Feel Like Giving Up  
**\*2nd Tuesday**

**January 13, 2021**

***Christ the Healer:*** Blessing Water

**May 5, 2021**

***Christ the Healer:*** Living For The Other

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# Virtual Cooking Class

JOIN US FOR SELFUP'S VIRTUAL MUSHROOM RISOTTO CLASS!

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Oct. 13 at 5 p.m.  
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**For more information or to purchase online, visit [www.HTAAC.org](http://www.HTAAC.org)!**

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# Our Sanctuary Doors are Open on Sunday!



We are pleased to remind our parishioners that the sanctuary doors of Holy Trinity have reopened to in-person celebrations of the Divine Liturgy!

*Please remember...*

- **Face Masks** that fully cover the nose and mouth are to be worn while in the sanctuary.
- **‘Contact-free’ Kiss of Peace.** We should remain 6 feet away from those around us at all times.
- **Holy Communion** will only be distributed on major feast days (ex. Transfiguration, Assumption, etc.) until further notice.
- **Hand sanitizer** is always available at the entrance to the sanctuary

*WE URGE OUR FAITHFUL TO ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES ON TIME*

[Read our complete guideline online](#)

General Guidelines	Arrival at Church	During Divine Liturgy
Livestreams will continue every Sunday beginning at 9:45 A.M. We encourage parishioners to utilize this option, especially during the summer when wearing a mask in Church may be uncomfortable.	Please wear a facemask at all times upon arrival and throughout the service.	You may place your offering in baskets upon arrival or exit. New offering baskets with long poles will be utilized during services.
Please do not congregate before or after Church services. Upon arrival, please proceed to be seated and on departure please proceed directly to your car.	Please use hand sanitizer prior to entering the Sanctuary.	Pew books and Bibles have been removed from the Sanctuary.
Bathroom facilities and the Sanctuary will be sanitized on a regular basis following mandated guidelines and regulations.	Seating in the Sanctuary will be limited in order to adhere to social distancing directives from local, state and diocesan sources. Please be flexible as you are ushered to your seat; you may not be able sit in your usual pew.	The Kiss of Peace will be conducted by bowing the head toward others, without approaching or touching one another.
We ask for your patience and cooperation during this time, especially as we adapt to new procedures and guidelines.	Please enter only through the main doors. If you are in need of special assistance, the door at <i>Dorian Way</i> will be available for those with special needs.	Holy Communion will not be administered for the time being, Packets of <i>mahs</i> will be distributed as parishioners enter the Sanctuary. <i>Mahs</i> will be packaged and distributed by gloved hands.
	Please follow Parish Council guidance for seating and wait to be ushered in and seated.	Please follow Parish Council guidance for departure and wait to be ushered out of the Sanctuary after Badarak.

Please stay home if you are feeling ill or are part of our vulnerable population