

Sunday, January 24, 2021
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Please Note:

Due to the resurgence of positive COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts, the Pastor and Parish Council of Holy Trinity issue the following for immediate implementation: From the moment one enters the Vestibule, and throughout the celebration of the Badarak, Masks covering the Mouth and Nose are to be worn and not removed until one has left the Church Complex.

This is for the safety of all our parishioners.

Please see the last page of this Sunday Bulletin for further requirements.

Please feel free to contact our office at 617.354.0632 if you have any questions or concerns.

We are grateful for your trust and loyalty to our Holy Trinity community.

Readings of the Day:

Is. 61:10- 62:9. 2 Tm. 2:15-26. Jn. 6:15-21.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 6, vs. 15-21 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

From Today's Bible Reading

John 6:15-21 In this account of Jesus' miracle of walking on the water, he assures his terrified disciples: "It is I; don't be afraid."(v.20). The original Greek is a more powerful construction, namely, "I AM," echoing God's very same self-identification to Moses at the burning bush. *Reflection: Where in your life do you need to remember that Jesus is with you and there is nothing to fear?*

2 Tim 2:15-26 Timothy describes the life of righteousness and love for all ministers in God's service. To counter false teachings, he suggests instructing people gently so that their hearts might open to God's truth. *Reflection: What excellent advice for today's divisive political environment! Have you ever been involved in a "stupid argument" that led to even more quarreling (23-24)? How does St. Paul suggest we handle this? (v.24)*

Is 61:10-62:9 Isaiah describes God's redemptive promises to the Israelites who have returned from a long and painful exile. Now they will be acknowledged by all as a blessed, priestly people of God, clothed in "garments of salvation" and "robes of righteousness."(v.10). These images are echoed in the Armenian rites of baptism and ordination as well as in the priest's vesting prayers before the Divine Liturgy. *Reflection: In 62:10, God tells Israel that "as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will God rejoice over you." The marriage metaphor is often used to describe God's love for us. What are the unique qualities (i.e. fidelity) of marital love that make this so powerful and reassuring?*

Saturday, January 30: St. Sarkis the Warrior (4th century).

Sarkis was a valiant and faithful soldier in Emperor Constantine's army. When Julian became emperor and attempted to reinstate pagan practices, Sarkis took refuge with his son Mardiros (depicted seated with his father) under the protection of King Tiran of Armenia. From there, he went to serve in the Persian army, where he and his son won many converts to Christianity. Both were martyred when they refused to worship pagan idols. Sarkis believed that telling people about Jesus was more important than his life in this world. He died witnessing to Jesus. Fourteen Persian soldiers whom he had converted to Christianity risked their lives to bury the general's body and they too were executed. In the fifth century, Mesrob Mashdots moved the saint's remains to Armenia. *Reflection: Pagan idols exist even today (identify them!). In the spirit of St. Sarkis, do you refuse to worship them? In that same spirit, do you share your faith with others?*

January 24, 2020 Hokehankisd

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

- **Anne Aroyan, 4th Anniversary:** Requested by Judy, Cory and Sarah Shaughnessey for mother and grandmother.
- **Anne Oskoian, 6th Anniversary:** Requested by Albert Oskoian for wife, Diran, Judith Smith, Rachel, Renee and Robert Zahigian for aunt and great-aunt.
- **Martin A. Gostanian, Araxie H. & Harry Kolligian:** Requested by Martin Gostanian and Henry Gostanian for father and grandparents.
- **Mary & Charles Janjikian:** Requested by Ann Louise Scott and Family, Arlene Caldwell and Family for parents and grandparents.
- **Haig & Vasiliki Bessie Bedigian:** From the Vasiliki Bessie Bedigian, Krikor, Arousiag, Mardiros & Martha Bedigian and Mardiros Kasigian Trust Fund.
- **George, Takoohi & Vahan Daniels:** From the Trust Fund established by Mrs. Ann Nahigian & Family for parents and brother.
- **Mary Der Hagopian:** From the Hagop & Mary Der Hagopian Trust Fund requested by Edward & Frances Hagopian, Michael & Mark, and Bernard & Carol Gardner, Bernie & Andrew for mother & grandmother.

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Holy Trinity Divine Liturgy Reservation Form

Governor Baker has announced an additional change beginning December 26, 2020. This change further reduces capacity for indoor worship. Holy Trinity Church will be adhering to an RSVP system in order for faithful to attend Church services safely.

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on December 26, 2020, Massachusetts will implement temporary capacity limits to stop the spread of COVID-19 as cases and hospitalizations rise. These limits are in effect until January 10, 2021 unless further extended by the Governor.

The Governor's revised social distancing guidelines, calling for a maximum 25% capacity in houses of worship, more significantly reduces the seating capacity in our sanctuary.

In order to comply and to ensure that we are able to maintain a safe number of attendees, attendance will be by reservation only.

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 loved ones.

Der Vasken offers a weekly Hokehankisd Service.

Please note that if you would like Father Vasken to offer your prayer request during his silent prayers at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, please fill out the Prayer Request cards 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).

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.

Holy Trinity Employment Opportunity

Holy Trinity Armenian Church is looking for interested candidates for the position of *Office Associate*. Log onto <https://www.htaac.org/jobs/> for detailed job descriptions.

Please submit cover letter and resume to Alison Ekizian at executivedirector@htaac.org.



Upcoming Sunday Feast Days

February 14 – Great Barekendan

February 21 – Sunday of Expulsion

February 28 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

March 7 – Sunday of the Steward

March 14 – Sunday of the Judge

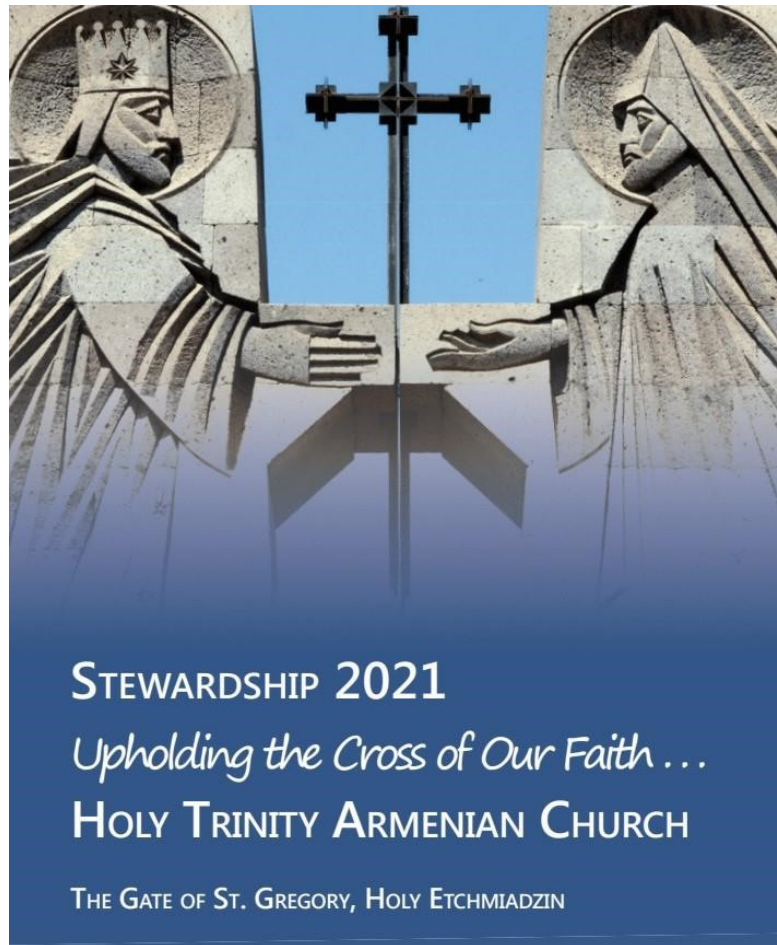
March 21 - Sunday of the Advent

March 28 – Palm Sunday

April 4 – Easter Sunday

Stewardship 2021

Annual Membership and Stewardship packets have been mailed!



The image on the Membership and Stewardship packet for 2021 is of the arched Gate of St. Gregory in Holy Etchmiadzin.

This gate depicts St. Gregory the Illuminator and Armenia's King Drtad standing together holding up the Cross of our Faith, and through that, the Nation of Armenia, our history and the dreams of our grandparents.

Over the years, each Holy Trinity generation has helped us hold up the Cross of our Faith, affirming the idea that the Church is first and foremost, the People. Your ongoing Stewardship enables our ministry to expand and our outreach to draw new members, thereby extending our reach and offering a spiritual home for us all.

Packets were mailed this week. If you have not received your 2021 Membership and Stewardship packet by the end of January or you have questions about becoming a Member or Steward, please call the office at 617.354.0632

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 Wednesday

***April 14, 2021**

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

January 13, 2021

Christ the Healer: Blessing Water

May 5, 2021

Christ the Healer: Living For The Other

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Our Sanctuary Doors are Open on Sunday!

General Guidelines	Arrival at Church	During Divine Liturgy
<p>Livestreams will continue every Sunday beginning at 10:00 AM. We encourage parishioners to utilize this option, especially during the summer when wearing a mask in Church may be uncomfortable.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Bathroom facilities and the Sanctuary will be sanitized on a regular basis following mandated guidelines and regulations.</p> <p>We ask for your patience and cooperation during this time, especially as we adapt to new procedures and guidelines.</p>	<p>Please wear a facemask at all times upon arrival and throughout the service.</p> <p>Please use hand sanitizer prior to entering the Sanctuary.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please follow Parish Council guidance for seating and wait to be ushered in and seated.</p>	<p>You may place your offering in baskets upon arrival or exit. New offering baskets with long poles will be utilized during services.</p> <p>Pew books and Bibles have been removed from the Sanctuary.</p> <p>The Kiss of Peace will be conducted by bowing the head toward others, without approaching or touching one another.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please follow Parish Council guidance for departure and wait to be ushered out of the Sanctuary after Badarak.</p>
Please stay home if you are feeling ill or are part of our vulnerable population		