

Sunday, February 7, 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. 63:18- 64:12. Ti. 1:1-11. Jn. 7:37-52.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 7, vs. 37-52 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

From Today's Bible Reading

John 7:37-52 During the important Jewish Feast of the Tabernacles, Jesus has been teaching the crowds and the Temple authorities. He speaks of the “living water” that will flow from those who believe in him (meaning that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit). People ask one another if he is indeed the Christ. The Temple guards, transfixed by his words, feel powerless to intervene. *Reflection: Why were the guards unable to stop Jesus from speaking (vv 45-46)? In what ways would the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life be like “flowing water?”*

Titus 1:1-11 St. Paul advises his protégé Titus to discourage wrong teachings and to carefully consider the qualities of those appointed elders of the community. *Reflection: What are the qualities St. Paul considered important to those who lead a Christian community? (vv 6-9) Why do you think these are mostly about ‘being’ rather than ‘doing’? What would you add to the list?*

Is 63:18-64:12 Israel continues its frank admission of sinfulness and pleads for God's merciful intervention. *Reflection: Meditate on 64:8; pray the verse several times slowly. Imagine yourself as soft clay on a potter's wheel with God's hands poised to shape you. What do you feel? Do you trust him to shape you?*

February 9 & 11: St. Ghevont and St. Vartan

Vartanantz commemorates St. Vartan and the other martyrs who perished in the Battle of Avarayr in 451 A.D. This was the war the Persians waged against the Armenians after attempting in vain to oppress them under Persian rule and religion. The Armenians were hugely outnumbered (60,000 Armenians against 200,000 Persians excluding the armored elephant brigade) in this first recorded battle in defense of Christianity. Under the leadership of their commander-in-chief, Vartan Mamigonian, they fought valiantly. Although the battle was lost, it paved the way for the religious freedom that was conferred not long afterwards through the efforts of Vartan's nephew, Vahan.

Fr. Ghevont was General Vartan's advisor, serving as what might be called today the army chaplain. Before the battle, he inspired the army with a deeply moving speech and went among the soldiers and encouraged them, holding the cross of Christ in his hand and distributing Holy Communion. St. Ghevont was later taken to Persia with other clergymen and in response to his fervent evangelizing, martyred along with the other priests. He and those clergy martyred with him are celebrated two days before Vartanantz, on the feast day known as Ghevontyantz.

February 7, 2020 Hokehankisd

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

- **Gourgen Manoukian, 40th Day:** Requested by Shoushanik Manoukian for husband, Sona and Arman Manoukian for father, Armine Manoukian for daughter-in-law, Mels Margaryan for son-in-law, and Anna Margaryan Diana Margaryan, Michael Manoukian, Helen Margaryan, and David Manoukian for grandparent.
- **Henry & Rose Saraf:** From the Trust Fund established by Rose Saraf.

GREAT LENT

Great Lent which begins Monday, February 15, and ends on Friday, March 26, is the 40-day period of spiritual preparation that leads to the greatest feast of the Church - Easter. It is a time for focused spiritual disciplines, prayer, reading the Bible, service, giving, fasting and living a simpler life.

Throughout Lent

- We do not receive or pass the Voghchooyn (Kiss of Peace).
- Holy Communion is not administered. Those in need of Holy Communion may see the Celebrant following the Badarak.
- Mahs is distributed to the faithful regularly.
- We do not approach the Celebrant at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy to kiss the Gospel.

**Badarak
Words**



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REQUIRED

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 continue to be in effect.

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

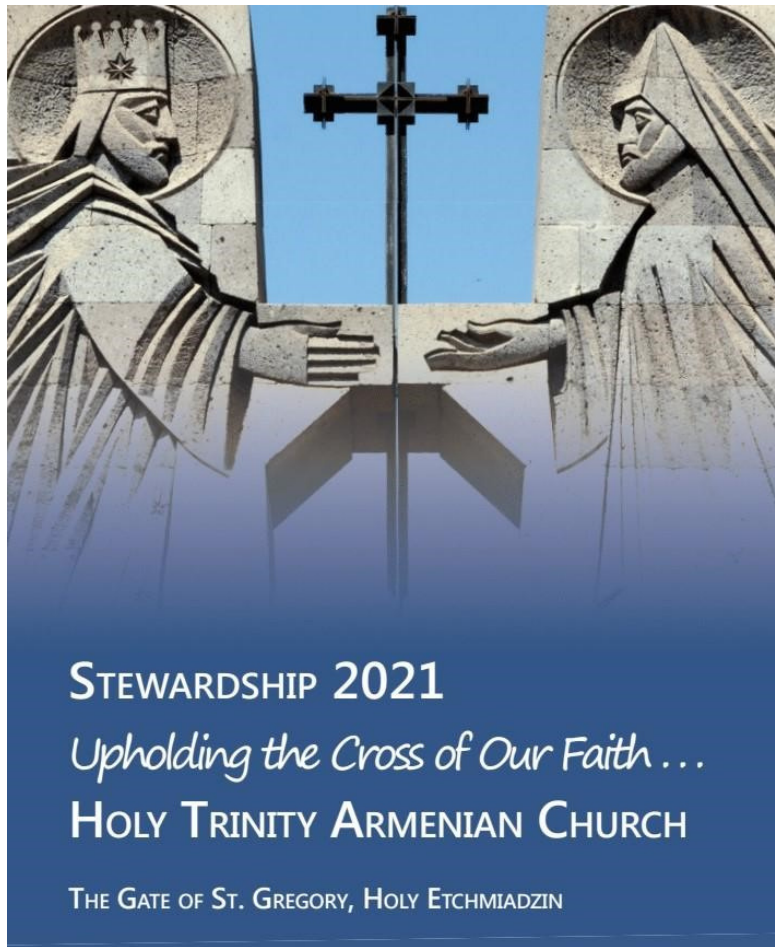
March 21 - Sunday of the Advent

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.

If you have questions about becoming a Member or Steward, please call the office at 617.354.0632

TRINITY MEN'S UNION
(TMU) PRESENTS...

VALENTINE'S DAY
DINNER TO-GO!

Enjoy a meal lovingly prepared by the TMU.
Pre-Order now & Pick-up Sunday, February 14,
immediately after services 12 - 2 PM

Losh Dinner, Shish Dinner or Combo
\$15.00 per meal
(includes salad, pilaf and a Valentine's Day Surprise!)

Frozen Losh Available
\$18.00 per half dozen

Order online or call the Church Office at
617.354.0632

*(A limited number of meals will be available to walk-ups,
but to ensure your favorite is available, please pre-order)*

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