

Sunday, March 14, 2021
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Sunday of the Judge.

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 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. 65:8-25. Phil. 3:1-4:9. Lk.17:20 -18:14.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 18, vs. 1-14 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

From Today's Bible Reading

Luke 17:20-18:14 Jesus describes the Second Coming as a time like any other in some ways, with people in pursuit of their usual pleasures; joys as well as suffering continue. Yet we learn that His Coming will be as bold as a bolt of lightning. We cannot be prepared for it if we have not lived all along as God's devoted children; if we haven't, we will be reluctant to leave behind earthly preoccupations for heavenly ones. This description is immediately followed by The Parable of the Unjust Judge (or Persistent Widow). See below for more on this parable and reflection questions. *Reflection: How does Jesus' example of Lot's wife looking back clarify the meaning of verse 33: "whoever tries to keep their life will lose it and whoever loses their life will preserve it"?*

Philippians 3:1-4:9 "Rejoice in the Lord!" St. Paul declares, since all that once was valued is nothing, rubbish (lit: dung;3:8) compared to knowing Jesus. A life for those who eschew earthly things for a glorious "citizenship in heaven" is marked by joy, gratitude, a worry-free serenity. And a peace from God that "transcends all understanding." (4:7) *Reflection: How would you finish the sentence in v. 13 as you try to draw ever closer to Christ: "...one thing I do:_____."*

Isaiah 65:8-25 In prophesying to postexilic Israel, Isaiah shares God's promises of judgment to the disobedient but salvation and renewal to the faithful – a world where there will no longer be tears and where the wolf and the lamb will peacefully co-exist. *Reflection: "I called and you did not answer...I spoke and you did not listen...you chose what displeases me..." (v.12) In some ways, could this describe you? How?*

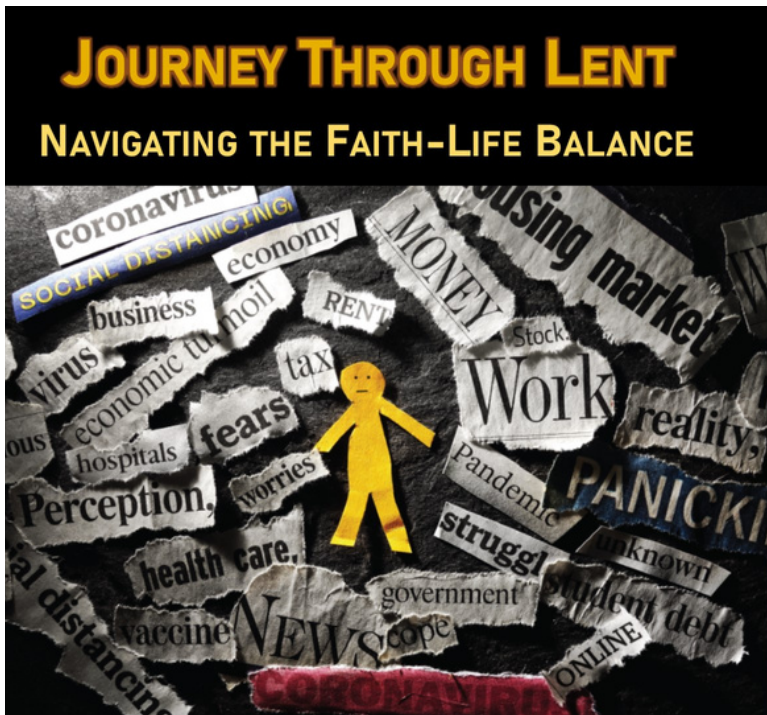
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To underscore the importance of prayer, Jesus tells the parable of an unjust judge who neglects the pleas of a poor widow until, tired of her persistence, he hands down a decision and sends her away. Just as Jesus used the example of a less-than-virtuous-steward (last Sunday's Lenten lesson), he now uses the example of an exasperated, self-centered judge. If he submits to the supplication of the widow, won't a merciful, loving God hear and respond to our needs? Prayer is one of the essential ways we grow closer to God. It was the only thing the disciples asked Jesus to teach them! *Reflection: When do you pray? Only at certain times? When you feel angry or sad? Thankful? Memorize I Thessalonians 5:16-18 as a good mantra for prayerful living*

March 14, 2021 Hokehankisd

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

- **Jinev, Linda and Sarven Atinizian:** From the Trust Fund established by Kevork and Jacqueline Atinizian.
- **Nevart Pauline Azarian:** From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian Trust Fund.
- **Dn. John, Rose, Nerses and Jack Haroutunian:** From the Dn. John, Rose, Nerses, Jack & George Haroutunian Trust Fund.
- **Hetoum & Aghavni Mazmanian:** From the Trust Fund established by Harry and Ann Yacubian, for parents.



2021 ACYOA SENIORS YOUNG ADULT VIRTUAL LENTEN SERIES

DISCUSSION | 7:30-8:30 PM

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH | youth@htaac.org
ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH | mderderian@stthagop.com

Please email Yn. Arpi or Maria Derderian to RSVP and get Zoom link

THURSDAYS DURING LENT

FEBRUARY 25
MARCH 11
MARCH 25



REQUIRED

Holy Trinity Divine Liturgy Reservation Form

The Governor has revised social distancing guidelines, calling for a maximum 40% capacity in houses of worship. Although this expands our ability to seat the faithful, we want to ensure your comfort and safety during Badarak.

Attendance will continue to be by reservation only.

To make a reservation, please register online or contact the Church Office at 617.354.0632 by Friday at noon.

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 **Rose Tikijian**; 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.

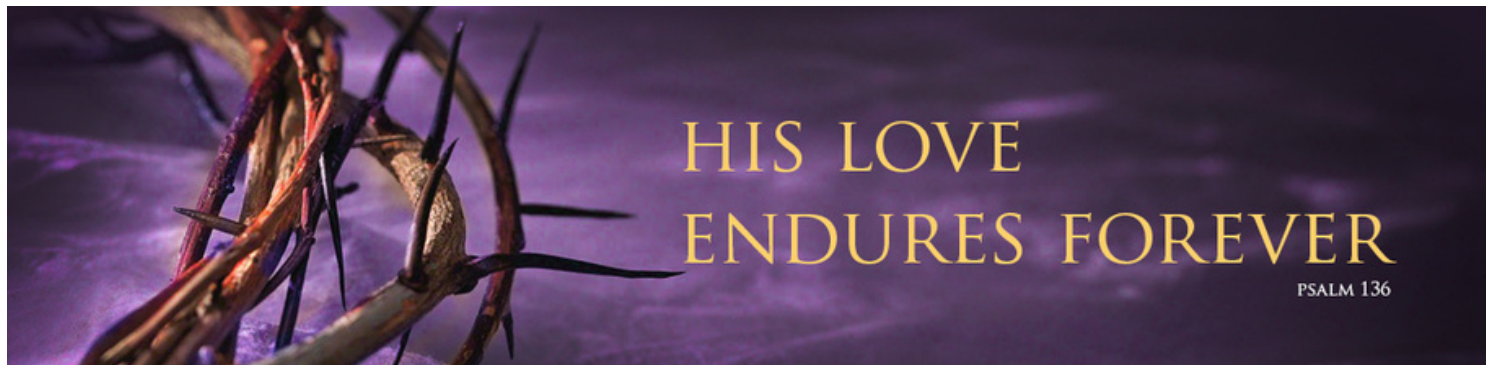
Upcoming Sunday Feast Days

Today, March 14 – Sunday of the Judge

March 21 - Sunday of the Advent

March 28 – Palm Sunday

April 4 – Easter Sunday



Holy Trinity's Wednesday Lenten Services

- **March 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**
- **March 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

GREAT LENT

Great Lent which began on 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.*

During this Great Lent, Bishop Daniel is inviting all of the faithful of the Eastern Diocese to join together in prayer during these trying times. As a result, the Diocese has provided a ten-minute daily prayer rule as a way for our faithful to join together in prayer as the Body of Christ.

Great Lent is a time for inner reflection and conversion, an opportunity to reprioritize and reorient ourselves toward God from whom we continually drift and turn our backs.

This year, Great Lent has particular meaning, as the faithful of the Armenian Church have experienced a time of great pain, suffering, injustice, and loss.

Where is our hope? What can we do?

Surely, we can do what our Armenian Christian ancestors have always done during times of trial and hopelessness. Like them, we can confidently turn to God in prayer, not as a last resort, but as a primary and immediate expression of dependence on God.

What you will find below is a communal opportunity for the faithful of the Eastern Diocese to pray together, to unite our concerns as one, to build up the Body of Christ.

All of these prayers are taken from the sacred tradition of the Armenian Church, most of them from the treasury of blessing we call the Zhamakeerk.

We urge all faithful through the duration of Great Lent to find ten minutes each day, preferably at a designated time and location, and read this prayer rule aloud from beginning to end. You can do this alone, with your family, or with a friend. It is also suggested to create a prayerful environment by setting up a Cross, khachkar, icon, candle, and incense.

Keep in mind, this prayer rule is a starting point, a daily prayer rule that should ideally create a habit of prayer, where praise, repentance, and reorienting ourselves toward God becomes a natural and regular part of our lives.

May the Lord hear our prayers and have mercy on us.

Start Praying Today!



PRAYER FOR LENT

From the 24 Prayers of St. Nersess Shnorhali (The Graceful).

**Righteous judge,
when you come with the glory of the Father
to judge the living and the dead,
do not enter into judgment with your servant;
but save me from the eternal fire,
and make me worthy to hear
the most blessed call of the righteous
for those who will enter to your heavenly kingdom.
Have mercy upon your creatures,
and on me, a manifold sinner.
Amen.**

A Weekly Lenten Reflection

Each week, you'll find a verse and a short reflection here. We invite you to take the time to read and reflect, whether alone or with your family. This time is meant to deepen your experience of Lent so that you can experience Easter with more joy, peace and hope.

*Gather the people, notify the congregation;
assemble the elders, gather the children. Joel 2:16*

Every imaginable type of "gather the people" changed drastically over the past year, yet we managed somehow. We human have a remarkable ability for adapting to life's unexpected situations, but it can come with a price; difficult choices, sacrifices and loss. Now as we begin again to gather - with our children, our elders, and in our sanctuary - perhaps we will hear fresh, new voices we hadn't heard before. Perhaps these new gatherings will help a loved one tune in to the voice we've been praying they'll hear: the loving voice of God.

What a reason for hope!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

There are five Holy Trinity Armenian Church Scholarships available for the 2021-2022 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. Complete application with all required documentation must be received by Monday, May 3 for each scholarship requested. There will be no follow up on any outstanding materials due. It is the applicant's sole responsibility to insure that all required documentation is received by the deadline. If incomplete, application will not be considered.

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***Long-time Parishioners, Shushan M. Teager and John Marsoubian, Sr., celebrated very special birthdays recently.**



From all of us at Holy Trinity we would like to wish them a Happy Birthday!*

Introducing Holy Etchmiadzin' ARTSAKH OUTREACH Mission

In a message to Diocesan leaders, Bishop Daniel Findikyan enlisted the support of the Eastern Diocese in a critical new mission of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. Called “Artsakh Outreach,” the humanitarian effort aims to deliver help to the large number of displaced families from Artsakh, who have been severely affected by the abrupt end to the fighting and Armenia’s acquiescence to the terms of the ceasefire. That help includes material relief and housing, but also social services and spiritual outreach to help families deal with the horrors of living through the war. No one who survived the conflict, whether soldier or civilian, is able to sleep peacefully at night in the aftermath. A committee operating under the auspices of His Holiness Karekin II, the Catholicos of All Armenians, is comprised of some 20 individuals from Armenia and major dioceses of the diaspora. Its Finance sub-committee has created guidelines for donations, budgets, and expenditures, to maintain a tight reign on where funds originate, how they are allocated, and how they are eventually spent. The controls allow for swift decision-making, efficient use of funds, and total visibility and accountability. “We can all be proud of the way the people of the Eastern Diocese stood tall in support of Artsakh and Armenia in the dark days of war last year. But Armenia and Artsakh still need our help,” says the Primate in his appeal to support Artsakh Outreach.

[LEARN MORE at ArtsakhOutreach.org](https://artsakhoutreach.org)

[DONATE NOW to Artsakh Outreach](https://artsakhoutreach.org/donate/)

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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic
Church of Greater Boston

Presents

Tranquil Echos - Nurwind Duduk



Join us every other
Sunday after Badarak

Featuring:

Mher Mnatsakanyan, Duduk

Nune Hakobyan, Organ

save the date

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SCHOOLS

EASTER FAMILY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021

10:20 A.M.



The ACYOA of Holy Trinity Armenian Church
invite you and your family to our annual



ACYOA DAY

Palm Sunday

BANQUET-TO-GO

MARCH 28, 2021

OUR TRADITIONAL ACYOA PALM SUNDAY BANQUET IS TO-GO THIS YEAR

*Although we cannot gather together in person for our annual ACYOA Day Palm Sunday celebration,
you can still enjoy a traditional delicious Palm Sunday meal at home.*

Proceeds benefit ACYOA ministry programs, with 20% of proceeds benefitting the Holy Etchmiadzin Artsakh Outreach mission

PALM SUNDAY BANQUET-TO-GO MEAL OPTIONS

PALM SUNDAY DINNER - INDIVIDUAL MEAL \$18

*Meal includes: one skewer beef kebab, one skewer chicken kebab, pilaf,
salad, stewed green beans, pita bread, and a piece of Trinity paklava*

PALM SUNDAY DINNER - FAMILY STYLE MEAL [SERVES 4] \$60

*Meal includes: four skewers beef kebab, four skewers chicken kebab, pilaf,
stewed green beans, salad, pita bread, and four pieces of Trinity paklava*

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

ONE DOZEN CHOREG \$10

A dozen delicious hand-crafted Armenian sweet rolls

SIX PIECES BOURMA \$10

Six pieces of delicious hand-crafted filo dough rolls, filled with nuts, butter and sugar

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59 PM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

ORDER ONLINE AT tiny.cc/acyoapalmsunday2021 OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 617.354.0632

PICK UP: SUNDAY, MARCH 28 BETWEEN 12:30 AND 2:00 P.M.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ACYOA!

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		