

Sunday, March 21, 2021
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Sunday of the Advent.

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 66:1-24. Col 2:8-3:17. Mt 22:34-23:39.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 22, vs. 34 -46 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Matthew 22:34-23:39 In these verses, Jesus summarizes the law in the two greatest commandments in which all the law and prophecies of the Old Testament can be summarized (22:36-40). In 23, there is an extended warning (the “seven woes”) against the vanities and false pieties of the Pharisees. The reading concludes with Jesus’ poignant lament for Jerusalem in which (23:37) – in one of the rare moments when a female metaphor for God is used – He yearns to protect its people as a “mother bird gathers her young under her wings.” *Discuss/reflect: Why do you think Jesus asks us to love God (22:37) “with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind?” What is distinct about each of these three ways of loving?*

Colossians 2:8-3:17 In a beautiful accompaniment to today’s Gospel, St. Paul urges us to depend on Christ rather than human tradition or worldly principles. Through baptism we have died with Him and are raised with Him into faith and a new way of living. That virtuous, good life is eloquently described in 3:12-17. *Reflection: In Christ “you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.” (3:9-10) Comparing the “old” ways described in 3:5-8 with the “new” outlined in 3:12-17, how would you rate yourself? Where do you need more of God’s help?*

Isaiah 66:1-24 Isaiah conveys God’s promise of both restoration and judgment; His children will thrive and be comforted in a new Jerusalem. But those who persist in false worship and rebellion will be harshly judged. Again (as in the Gospel passage above), we are offered a beautiful female image: God will comfort His people as a mother does her child. *Reflection: Isaiah shares these words of God in verse 13: “As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.” God is more often described as a father; what shades of meaning does this picture of God as mother add to your understanding of His love?*

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This sixth and last Sunday of Lent is dedicated not only to the Second Coming of Christ but also to His Incarnation, God’s becoming Jesus, fully God and fully human. He will come again -- this time not as the gentle and lowly Savior, but as a righteous judge in the glory of His Father with a retinue of angels. He will sift through the good and evil just as a shepherd separates the sheep and the goats at day’s end. Jesus declares (Matthew 25:31- 46) that we will be judged for acts of righteous goodness born of a loving faith. Did we feed the hungry? Console those in need of comfort, ease suffering? Only on this unequivocal basis, will we be received into eternal life. *Reflection: Prayerfully read Matthew 25:31-46. Imagine that day of glory and visualize where you will be; pray for Jesus to open your heart that you might see His face “in the least of these.”*

March 21, 2021 Hokehankisd

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

- **Araksie (Roxy) Yessaian, 40th Day:** Requested by Harry & Eleanor Yessaian, Julie, David and Michael McLean Edward, Kelly, Xander and Zoe Yessaian, Lisa & William Whittemore, Amy & James Rotiroti for mother, grandmother and great-grandmother .
- **Haroutyun Zakarian, 5th Anniversary:** Requested by Armen, Sylvie, Garen, and Sarine Meguerditchian, Dikran and Maro Meguerditchian for father, grandfather and in-law.
- **Marie & Louis DeLena:** Requested by Charlene Callahan & Lou DeLena.
- **Charles Hamparian, Vahram & Rose Sargavakian, Michael Sargavakian and Alice Bournazian:** Requested by Adrienne Hamparian for husband, parents, brother and sister.
- **Albert Sarkis Talanian & Marion Boyajian Talanian:** Requested by Judy Shagoury and Ted Talanian for parents.

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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.

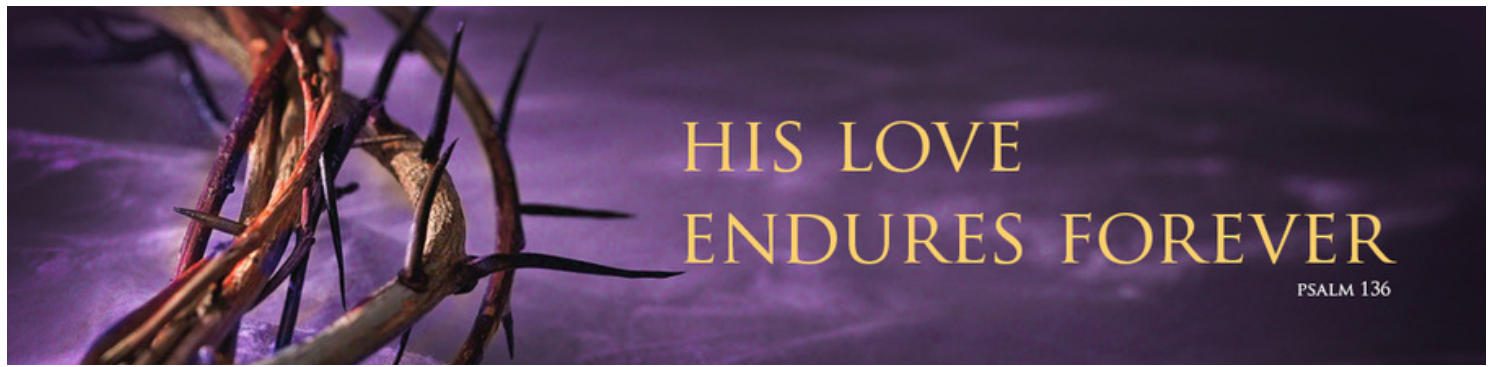
Requests submitted after noon on Thursday will not be printed in the Sunday Bulletin but will be read from the altar by Der Vasken on Sunday.

Upcoming Sunday Feast Days

Today, March 21 - Sunday of the Advent

March 28 – Palm Sunday

April 4 – Easter Sunday



Holy Trinity's Wednesday Lenten Services

- **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).

With a pure heart and strong faith, let us stand together in prayer in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, recalling his magnificent deeds, his infinite grace, his patience on the life-giving ✠ Cross, the wellspring of his liberating blood, and the like— which he endured at this hour for us sinners. Contemplating all of this, let us purify ourselves of all sinful thoughts, words and deeds, and in awe of God, let us apply ourselves to doing what is holy. Let us not delay in confessing our sins to him and asking for forgiveness of our sins, lest we be lost in impenitence for eternal perdition. Instead, while we still have time, let us do what is good in this life, having as role models all the saints and martyrs, who, from the beginning were pleasing to the Lord, the Savior of all. By their prayers and intercession, may the loving God grant us whatever is pleasing to him, and always consider and do whatever is helpful for us. And let us share in the indescribable gifts that Jesus Christ, the true God, promised to all those who love him. Lord, raise us to life and have mercy on us.

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.

He Knows

Amen, I say to you, one of your will betray me. Matthew 26:21

Jesus knows which of these men - one of his closest friends - will betray him. And what does he do? He tells Judas to go ahead. We read in the gospel of Jesus sharing food with his betrayer, giving Judas a morsel of bread. Thomas Merton once wrote: "Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy." In this 5th week of Lent, let's ask ourselves, have we stopped to judge before helping someone? This is hard. Another reason to pray and reflect deeply this week.

DON'T FORGET: All orders must be received by Wednesday, March 24.



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!



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.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

NAVIGATING THE FAITH-LIFE BALANCE



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



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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/>

Holy Trinity's Calendar for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, March 28

Morning Services - 9:00 am

Services of Turnpatzek, Sunday School and Armenian School Students - 10:00 am

Divine Liturgy - 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Commemoration of the Last Supper of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy - 11:00 am

Ceremony of Washing of the Feet - 7:30 pm

Commemoration of the Betrayal and Passion of our Lord - 8:30 pm

Good Friday, April 2

Order of the Crucifixion of Christ - 10:30 am

Commemoration of the Burial of Our Lord Jesus Christ - 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, April 3

Easter Family Worship Celebration, Sunday School and Armenian School - 10:20 am

Easter Eve

Evening Service - 7:00 pm

Jurakalouytz Divine Liturgy - 7:30 pm

Feast of Holy Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Easter Sunday, Soorp Zadig, April 4

Morning Service - 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

Sermon - 11:45 am

All Hokehankisd Services will be held on April 11

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		