

Sunday, April 25, 2021
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is Red Sunday.

Yesterday, April 24th, was the Feast of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide.

In observance of the 106th Anniversary of the Genocide, there will be a procession, weather permitting, to our khatchkar on the Garabed Baghdasar and Haiganoosh Hagopian Hollisian Plaza for a prayer service for our sainted martyrs.

Please Note:

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:

Acts 13: 16-43. 1 Pt. 5: 1-14. Jn. 5: 19-30.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 5, vs. 19-30 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

From Today's Bible Reading

John 5:19-30 Jesus replies to the Jews who criticize Him for healing on the Sabbath and calling God His Father. He affirms that 1) the Father has granted Him life-giving power and entrusts Him alone to judge the world (vv 21-22) and 2) those who hear His words and believe will have eternal life (vv 24-25, 29). *Reflection: "Whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me," says the Lord, "crosses over from death to life." Powerful words that point to eternal life but also to the way we live here and now. In what specific ways do we cross over from death to life when we follow Jesus?*

Acts 13:16-43 Just as Peter did at Pentecost (Acts 2) in Jerusalem, here St. Paul teaches the Jews in Antioch the history of God's intervention in the life of His people right up to Jesus' Resurrection. What God promised has been fulfilled, Paul exclaims, and through Jesus' Resurrection, our sins are forgiven in a way that would be impossible under the old Law. *Reflection: Paul reviews God's relationship with the Jews from the beginning all the way to the Resurrection of the Son. How might knowing this story deepen your faith? Hearing Paul's 'sermon,' what central truth speaks to you?*

1 Peter 5:1-14 Peter exhorts church leaders to serve willingly and generously and to be alert because evil "prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." He urges all believers to be humble, self-controlled, and firm in their faith, understand there will be suffering in life, and place their anxieties in God's loving care. *Reflection: What area of your life would you like God to make strong, firm, and steadfast? (v 10)*

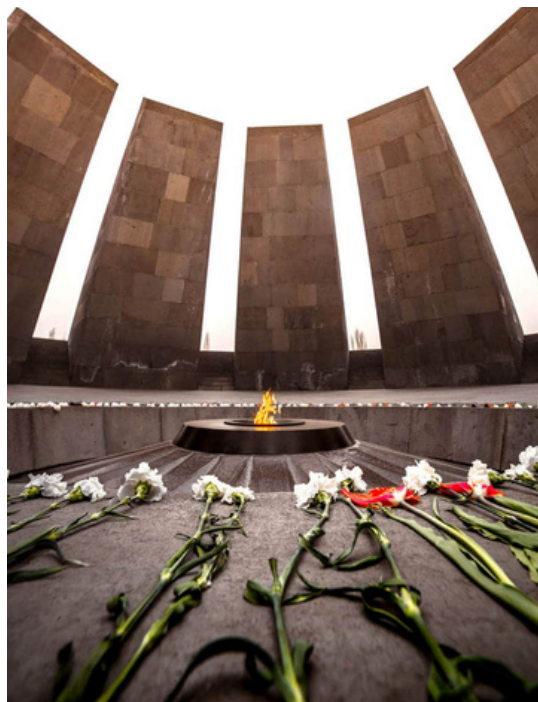
April 24 : Feast of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide

On April 24, 1915, over 200 Armenian civic, religious and intellectual leaders in Istanbul were arrested on false charges and executed. For that reason, April 24 became the symbolic date for the start of the worst persecution Armenians ever endured. Without protection or leadership, Armenians in Anatolia were either killed outright, in the case of men and older boys, or forced to abandon their ancestral homes and sent on "deportation" marches to Syria. Along the way, the women, children, and elderly were tormented and starved; very few reached safety. The cruelties perpetrated on these innocent refugees are documented in numerous reports from missionary and government groups. During a special service at Holy Etchmiadzin on April 23, 2015, the Armenian Church officially canonized as saints those who died for their faith during those horrific years, thus acknowledging their sacrifice as true martyrdom. *Reflection: The Armenian martyrs of 1915 died for their faith. How will you live your faith to honor their sacrifice?*

April 25, 2021 Hokehankisd

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

- **Anne Aykanian, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by Nancy Aykanian and David, Anna, and Kira Aykanian for mother and grandmother; Dn. Gregory and Carol Krikorian and Family and Anne Krikorian Capizzi for aunt.
- **Paul Delcore, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by Anoush & William O'Connor and Maria Delcore for father.
- **Dorothy Kohler, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by The Family of Dorothy Kohler.
- **Setrak Yacoub Iskandarian:** Requested by Sonia Iskandarian for husband; Seta Iskandarian & Robert Nalbandov and Vera Iskandarian & Daniel Sandler for father; James Sandler, Garen Sandler, Gabriel Nalbandian, and Patrick Nalbandian for grandfather.
- **Rose Zamagni:** Requested by Andrea Schwinn for mother.
- **Hagop Alyanakian:** From the Trust Fund established by Grace Araxi Boyajian and Family and Arthur & Victoria Alyanakian and Family for father, grandfather and great-grandfather.



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 at www.htaac.org 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 **Ruegg Quibell** and **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.

Prayer for the Season of the Resurrection

Glory to your Resurrection, Lord!

I will not cease to praise You, Christ, all the days of my life.

Glory to Your Resurrection, Lord!

I will not cease to extol You, Jesus, all the days of my life.

I will not cease to glorify You, Savior, all the days of my life!

**We are delighted and overjoyed at the good news of the Resurrection of our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

He became the fruit and the first-born of all those that have fallen asleep.

He broke down the doors of hell and released us from captivity to death.

He gave us hope for the restoration of new life for all humanity.

**With faith, let us ask our Savior, Jesus Christ, to ennoble us with his
Resurrection--to let our feeble body share the form and likeness of His glorious
body; because the true God, Jesus Christ our Lord promised this--to reward
those that love Him with magnificent grace beyond words.**

Raise us to life and have mercy on us.

**The true, holy and magnificent Resurrection of Christ our God, which gives life
to all, befit glory, dominion and honor.**

Now and always and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.



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.

HAI GUIN SCHOLARSHIPS are being offered to students of Armenian Heritage living in Massachusetts who have completed one year of college. Scholarships are for \$2,000 each.

The deadline for submitting applications is October 25, 2021. For all applications, write to:

Barbara Ann Surabian
Scholarship Chairperson
Hai Guin Scholarship Association
4 Fieldstone Drive
Stoneham, MA 02180

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Special Event!

Behind the Soldier: An Auction Benefitting Artsakh Outreach

Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston is pleased to present "Behind the Soldier: An Auction Benefitting Artsakh Outreach." Proceeds from this auction will be donated to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin's

ARTSAKH OUTREACH mission. ARTSAKH OUTREACH aims to deliver help to the large number of displaced families from Artsakh. 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.

The auction opened online on Thursday April 22, 2021 and showcases the work of Arlington based, documentary photographer Winslow Martin, whose photos tell a compelling story about Armenia and life during the Artsakh war.

Browse the auction now and start bidding!

www.linktr.ee/HTAAC

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY MAY 16

The Pastor and Parish Council cordially invite all dues-paying members of our church to the Annual Parish Assembly that will take place immediately following Church Services, inside our sanctuary on Sunday, May 16, 2021. This year's Assembly will be different. The date has been delayed in order to mitigate COVID-19 pandemic "spikes" and take advantage of warmer weather for an outdoor ballot box and lunch option.

To accommodate and encourage all dues-paying members, especially our Sunday School parents, to participate and vote, the Assembly will begin at 12:15 p.m. Once the nominations for Parish Council and Nominating and Auditing Committees have been submitted, the Ballot Box will open (approximately 12:45 p.m.) At that time, the Chairman of the Day will call a half-hour recess for the purpose of voting and for those who wish, box lunches will be available outside during the break. The Ballot Box will remain open for one hour.

Additionally, eligible parishioners may request a ballot by mail starting April 9th by calling the church office.

Mail/remote voting guidelines are as follows:

The church office will verify member eligibility, register said member for the Zoom meeting, and send out a ballot.

- Only one person needs to request ballots for the entire household/family
- Each voter will receive a packet containing instructions, a ballot, and two envelopes. The inner envelope will be blank and the outer envelope will be addressed to the church and contain the name of the voter.
- The final day to request a mail ballot is April 29th
- All ballots must be received by the church office by Thursday May 13th at 2 pm
- Ballots can be returned by mail or in person in the church office between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm, Monday to Thursday. Ballots cannot be returned to anyone else at the church outside of these hours to ensure proper tracking of returned ballots
- Ballots will remain sealed until the day of the Assembly
- Anyone who voted by mail will be required to check in via Zoom meeting and will be confirmed by two members of the nominating committee. At that point their ballot will be removed from the outer envelope and deposited in the ballot box (while still in the inner envelope)

We are offering multiple ways for dues-paying members to participate, so please take the time to plan how you will vote!

****We will continue to adhere to the Massachusetts COVID-19 Guidelines requiring masks to be worn that cover the mouth and nose along with keeping 3 feet of distance.**

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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!

**MARLBOROUGH
COUNTRY CLUB**

**MONDAY
JUNE 21, 2021**

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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH***

GETTING BACK INTO THE SWING OF THINGS...

THE 2021 GREGORY HINTLIAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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The Armenian Assembly of America (Assembly) welcomed a bipartisan letter signed by 101 Members of Congress to U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken and U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin highlighting key policy issues, including the pressing importance of addressing the “ongoing humanitarian crisis in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh).”

<https://www.armenian--assembly.org/advocacy>

Please take action and ask your Member of Congress to sign the following bipartisan letters being circulated by the Armenian Caucus leadership:

•Letter to President Biden regarding affirmation of the Armenian Genocide.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/9b598982701/f63a81bd-f515-4935-b6bf-00593e0c49e9.pdf>

•Letter to House Appropriators regarding aid to Armenia and Artsakh.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/9b598982701/82b65777-635b-4719-8bd4-46530c21b732.pdf>

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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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		