Sunday, April 11, 2021 Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is New Sunday (Nor Giragi)
It is the first Sunday after Easter and
commemorates the Resurrection of Christ.

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 9:34-6:7. Jas 3:1-12. Jn 1:1-17. Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 1, vs. 1-17 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

From Today's Bible Reading

John 1:1-17 These renowned and eloquent verses testify to the presence of God the Son from the very creation of the world (vv 2-5) to his Incarnation; Jesus Christ was the ultimate revelation of God's presence, glory, and enduring love. John the Baptist was called to be a witness so that "all people might believe." *Reflection: Jesus made His dwelling "among us."* (v 14). How much have you allowed Him to "dwell" with you? Are you keeping Him at the door? In the living room? Or have you given Him the keys?

Acts 5:34-6:7 Two important events are recounted here. In the first, the teacher of the law Gamaliel exhorts the apostles' antagonists to let them continue Jesus' work, since if their purpose is godly they will prevail over any force against them anyway. The second details the first "ordination" as men are called and consecrated to assist the apostles in caring for the poor. St. Stephen was foremost among them and is considered the first 'deacon' of the Church. *Reflection: Despite the warning that they not preach the Good News, the apostles joyfully continued to proclaim Jesus as the Christ* (5:41-42). How might you share this news today?

James 3:1-12 The apostle James explains the great harm that speech (the tongue) can cause. He compares the tongue's power to the bit in a horse's mouth or the rudder of a huge ship something so small having the power to give incredible direction; but also potentially as disastrous as the tiny spark that can burn down a forest. *Reflection: James wonders how we are able to both praise God and revile others with the same lips. How can salt water and fresh water flow from the same source?* (vv 9-12) How would you answer him? Where do you need to make changes in how you talk?

Today is New Sunday

New Sunday (Nor Giragi) is the first Sunday after Easter. It commemorates the Resurrection of Christ and is therefore often called Second Easter (Grgnazadig). The Sabbath was originally on Saturday, the end of the seven-day week and the day on which God rested after creation. But in the early church, Christians began to celebrate the day of the Resurrection as the Sabbath so that the new day for resting in God became Sunday. In theological terms, it became the 8th day and the 1st day of the week, signifying both fulfillment and beginning. The day's Gospel reading summarizes the mission of Jesus Christ, God the Son, who existed from the beginning as God and participated in the creation. He became human to bring us into the light, to guide us out of our spiritual darkness. New Sunday also bears a message for the growth of the Church. *Reflection: Following last week's joyous celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, in what ways can Sunday be renewed for you? How can it be a true "fulfillment and beginning"?*

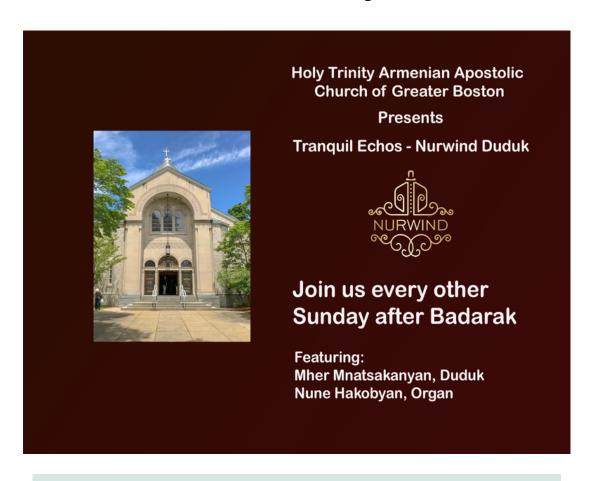
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We have all been asked to pray during the Divine Liturgy for the souls of:

- Gerald Boghosian, 1st Anniversary: Requested by Ruth E. Boghosian for father; Albert & Linda Abkarian for uncle; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian.
- Edward & Dikranouhi Arpiarian, Diramayr Haigo Dagley: Requested by Armine Sarges for parents and aunt.
- Sarkis Boyajian, George Boyajian, Mary & Oscar Shervanian: Requested by Christina R. Walters for brothers and sister.
- Hrachya Manukyan: Requested by Valentina Harutyunyan, Narine Kyuregyan, Armine Manukyan, Mary Kyuregyan, Ellen Kyuregyan, Michelle Kyuregyan, and Eva Maria Medzorian for husband, father and grandfather.
- Alice Balian Mazmanian: Requested by Arthur & Nora Balian, Joe & Cheryl Balian Scaparrotta & Family, Robert & Christina Balian Antico & Family, Robert & Dani Balian & Family for sister, aunt and great-aunt.
- Arsalus Ozuzun, Artin & Yeran Ozuzun, Haroutune & Zartar Dermovsesian, and Berj Tateosian: Requested by Ara & Janet Dermovsesian, Vasken & Arlene Maserejian and Family, and Arto & Victoria Dermovsesian and Family for parents, grandparents & great- grandparents and sisterin-law, aunt & great-aunt.
- Stephen & Nevart Pauline Azarian: From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian.
- Nuvert, Setrag, Kachig, Zaven & Arsen Daniels: From the Trust Fund established by Arsen and Zaven Daniels.
- Charles & Alice Nahabedian, George & Catherine Nahabedian, Shumavon & Altoon Zahigian, and Paul & Margaret Nahabedian: From the Charles and Alice Nahabedian Trust Fund as requested by Christine Sahagian and Robert Nahabedian for parents, grandparents and uncle & aunt.
- Mardiros T. & Elmas Nahigian, Albert M. & Miriam Nahigian, Alan M. Nahigian, Agnes N. Nahigian, Carney Nahigian, Gertrude Nahigian: From the Trust Fund established by Gertrude Nahigian and Alice Sahagen.
- Charles G. Sahagian, Sarkis & Araxie Sahagian, Virginia Sahagian Sukeaus & John Sahagian: From the Trust Fund established by Charles G. Sahagian.
- Colombe Agavni Samuelian, Sahag, Anna, Samuel, Malcolm, Madeline & Parantzig Samuelian: From the Trust Fund established by Colombe Agavni Samuelian.
- Harry, Esther, Harry Jr., Shirley & Rita Tatarian and Tatarian Kertasdan: From the Harry & Esther Tatarian Family Memorial Fund.
- Garabed, Lousintak, Aram H., and Araxie Tashjian: From the Trust Fund established by Aram and Araxie Tashjian.
- Major Robert Zaven Zartarian, Levon, Louise, Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian: From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Charcran Zartarian Trust Fund.

Today's Altar Flowers are donated in memory of Gerald Boghosian by his daughter, Ruth E. Boghosian.

Today's Altar Flowers & Candles are donated by Arsen, Zaven, Kachig, Nuvert and Setrag Daniels from the Trust Fund established by Arsen & Zaven Daniels for brother and parents.





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 Santuary 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.

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.

<u>HAI GUIN SCHOLARSHIPS</u> 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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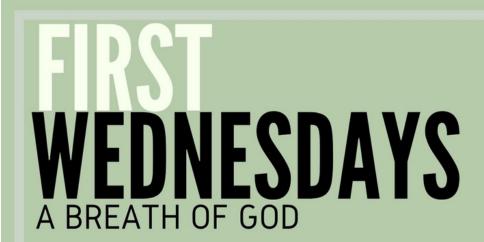
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<u>First Wednesdays</u> are back, April 14, 6:45pm- 7:30pm. Christ the Healer: When We Feel Like Giving Up.



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.

November 4, 2020

I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me: An Honest Discussion About Race

*December 9, 2020

What's Armenian About Christmas? *2nd Wednesday

January 13, 2021

Christ the Healer: Blessing Water

February 3, 2021

Christ the Healer: When We Feel Forgotten & Lost

March 3, 2021

Christ the Healer: Pride, Envy, Anger, Sloth...

*April 14, 2021

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

May 5, 2021

Christ the Healer: Living For The Other

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Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church Cultural Committee Presents

Armenian Cultural Hour

Friday, April 16, at 7:30 pm

Memorial Concert

In Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cambridge, MA

Dedicated to Victors and Saints of the Armenian Genocide



"YEREVAN" CHORALE

Whether or not you have a Facebook account, you can find the LIVESTREAM of the event through the parish's Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/pg/armenianchurchprovidence/videos/

Behind the Soldier – A Photo Journal of the War over Nagorno Karabagh

"Behind the Soldier"
Join Holy Trinity in
welcoming Arlingtonbased, documentary
photographer, Winslow
Martin.

Words and pictures chronicle what he witnessed in Armenia during the 44 day war with Azerbaijan.



His photos of volunteers, soldiers going and coming from war, refugees, families of soldiers, funerals, and demonstrations, combined with his commentary, tell a compelling story about Armenia and the realities of life during the war.

Join us virtually Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 pm

Register to attend via Zoom at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsfu2pqjkrHdEshO6NqDxrnGOifdnlJ6YZ (Please register by Thursday, April 22 at 4pm)

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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 the 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. This is for the safety of all our parishioners.**

SAVE THE DATE!!! Monday June 21, 2021



especially during parishioners Livestreams will continue every Sunday beginning at 10:00 AM. We encourage **General Guidelines** to utilize this the summer when option, arrival and throughout the service. Please wear a facemask at all times upon Arrival at Church You may place your offering in baskets services. **During Divine Liturgy**

please proceed directly to your car. proceed to be seated and on departure Please do not congregate before or after services. Upon arrival, please

uncomfortable.

wearing a mask

in Church may be

mandated guidelines and regulations. be sanitized on a regular basis following Bathroom facilities and the Sanctuary will

during this time, especially as we adapt to new procedures and guidelines We ask for your patience and cooperation

> the Sanctuary. Please use hand sanitizer prior to entering

sources. Please be flexible as you are order to adhere to social distancing sit in your usual pew. directives from local, state and diocesan ushered to your seat; you may not be able Seating in the Sanctuary will be limited in

those with special needs. Please enter only through the main doors. If you are in need of special assistance, the door at Dorian Way will be available for

seating and wait to be ushered in and seated Please follow Parish Council guidance for

with long poles will be utilized during upon arrival or exit. New offering baskets ³ew books and Bibles have been removed

from the Sanctuary.

approaching or touching bowing the head toward others, without The Kiss of Peace will be conducted by one another.

Sanctuary. Mahs will be packaged and distributed distributed by gloved hands for the time being, Packets of mahs will be Holy Communion will not be administered as parishioners enter

departure and wait to be ushered out of Please follow Parish Council guidance for the Sanctuary after Badarak

Please stay home if you are feeling ill or are part of our vulnerable population