

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

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Celebrant: The Pastor

SUNDAY BULLETIN



**The Pastor and Parish Council wish you all a
Blessed and Joyful Thanksgiving.**

Thanksgiving Day

The basic meaning of many holidays has been obscured through the years since their observance. Unintentionally, their spiritual significance has been distorted. What originally prompted those who set a day for Thanksgiving was- gratitude. But gratitude is not an emotion we can call up within ourselves just because we think we ought to. Unless there are certain abiding attitudes in our souls our Thanksgiving will be artificial and short lived. The Apostle Paul suggested that "spiritual wisdom and understanding" enables us to see that whatever good our life possesses is a gift of God. Let us offer thanks to the Lord for our being, our reasons, our endowments of mind and body, for health and strength, friendship and love, and everything that makes life happy.

From Today's Bible Reading

Luke 11:1-13 As they observe Jesus once again in prayer, His disciples ask Him to teach them how to pray. Amazing isn't it? With all the healings and miracles Jesus had performed, the one thing they wanted to learn from Him was this. Surely they had noticed how often He withdrew to pray and the effect it had on Him each time. He gives them what has come to be known as "the Lord's Prayer" and offers examples of how the Father is always responsive to the prayers of a sincere and faithful heart. *Reflection: Look up these verses (not exhaustive!): Matthew 14:19, 23; 19:23, Mark 6:41, 14:32, Luke 5:16, 6:12-13, 9:18, 9:28, 11:1, John 11:41, 17:1-26 and read them aloud as you do. They reveal the Lord's habit of frequent solitary prayer or giving thanks before a meal, at an important moment, or for others. Reflect on words that speak to you, i.e. withdraw, solitary, thanks, etc. How do they figure in your life?*

Phil 4:8-24 From prison in Rome, St. Paul writes his poignant letter to the Philippians and concludes by exhorting them to live their faith: to dwell only on what is true, noble, pure, and right and thereby find abiding peace in God. Having experienced both great need and great comfort, He has found contentment in any situation, able to do "everything through Him who gives me strength." Paul thanks the community for sharing in his troubles and supporting him throughout. *Reflection: What do you learn from Paul in this passage about contentment and giving and receiving help from others? Are you content?*

Isaiah 29:11-20 A warning to the city of Jerusalem whose people are uncomprehending (vv 11-12) and hypocritical (v 13). Those who hide from the Lord - thinking their deeds will go undetected - will come to nothing. The deaf and blind will soon hear and see His glory and the meek and poor rejoice. *Reflection: Can you think of a time you honored God with your lips but your heart was far from Him? (v.13)*

Today is the Feast of the Presentation of St. Mary to the Temple

The early life of St. Mary does not appear in the Gospels. According to the apocryphal Gospel of James, however, we learn that her parents Sts. Joachim and Anna had prayed that they might have a child and made a solemn promise that if God were to bless them with one, they would dedicate him or her to His service. A daughter, Mary, was born to them, and they did not forget their vow. When Mary was three years old, her parents took her to the Temple where she was dedicated and where she stayed in the care of devoted women until she was betrothed at about the age of twelve. She herself would be a greater temple - a place where God would dwell - than any made by hands. This Feast Day is "immoveable," meaning that it is celebrated on the fixed date of November 21 regardless of the day of the week on which it might fall. *Reflection: In the Gospel of James, Anna holds her miracle baby girl and sings a song of praise and thanksgiving. Have you ever thanked God with a song? Think of something for which you are grateful. Sing to the Lord about it!*

Readings of the Day:

Is. 29:11-20. Phil. 4:8-24. Lk. 11:1-13.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 11, vs. 1-13 and will be read by Bruce Newell.

November 21, 2021 Hokehankisd

- **Mary Hintlian, 10th Day:** Requested by Bruce & Carlene Newell; Stephen Hintlian and Family; Raquel Balmelli & Todd Newell and Family; Bob & Kim Chebator and Family for mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

- **Vahan Aznavourian, 50th Anniversary; Virginia Aznavourian:** Requested by Araxie & David Aznavourian for uncle and mother.

**Today's Altar Flowers are donated for the glory of God by Bruce & Carlene Newell and Family
in memory of Mary Hintlian.**



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 **Nishan Tikijian and Ara Hollisian**;
and 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 Der 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.

PLEASE NOTE: To request a Hokehankisd service for this week, please submit this form online or by contacting the office this week by Tuesday, November 23, so that we make sure to include it in the Sunday Bulletin during this Thanksgiving holiday week.





My Thanksgiving Hope
Dear Family and Friends of Holy Trinity,

We've come far!

As most of 2021 continued to be as tumultuous a year as last year we have much reason to be grateful. For us all, as we continue to struggle with a lingering global pandemic, the rebuilding process in the aftermath of an unsolicited war in our Homeland, dealing with personal loss of loved ones, and facing difficult issues in our cities and towns let us remember how far we've come since it all began.

As we pray for our country here in America, for our Homeland of Armenia and Artsakh, for our dear parishioners who entered their eternal rest over the past year, and for the health of people around the world, we know that many parts of the world continue to face upheaval everyday.

This week we will celebrate Thanksgiving, let us all take note of the blessings in our lives.

It is a tradition that reinforces our need to be grateful.

It is my hope that we remain grateful for what we have and do our best to keep it all safe.

May God hear our prayers as we celebrate Thanksgiving with our loved ones, always remembering those who no longer sit at our tables, but likewise join us in giving thanks from their eternal lives.

I am thankful for you all,
Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Pastor



2021 Holy Trinity "Grab & Go" Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 4

Pick up time: 12pm- 3pm & 4pm- 6pm

Sunday, December 5

Pick up time: 12pm- 3:30pm
(orders cannot be picked up while church is in session)

www.TrinityChristmasBazaar.org



Orders can also be placed by phone with a credit card by calling the church office at (617) 354-0632

Pre-order, Pre-pay, Pick-up

Online ordering begins: **October 25th**

Shop all your favorite bazaar booths until: **November 29th at midnight**

Armenian Food

Lamb Shish Kebab • Losh Kebab • Chicken Kebab • Eetch Platter

Virtual Booths

Pastry Booth • Gourmet Booth • Country Store • Wreaths • Armenian Wines

*Timeless Classics:
A Tribute in
Memory Of
Gerald Boghosian*

and all those we lost during
the Covid-19 Pandemic

Please join us for a reception
following church services at 12:00



**1:00 pm
Sunday,
November 28, 2021
Church Sanctuary**

Performers

Victoria Avetisyan
mezzo-soprano

Yeghishe Manucharyan
tenor

Cheryl Bishkoff
oboe

Nune Hakobyan
piano & organ

Sargis Karapetyan & friends
String Quartet



FIRST WEDNESDAYS

A BREATH OF GOD

First Wednesday of every month • Johnson Hall or virtual on zoom • 6:45pm - 7:45pm

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 ongoing conversation.

October 6, 2021

Imagine a world
without love

February 2, 2022

Celebrate Human Rights
Everyday

November 3, 2021

Prayer is like a knock on
the door

March 2, 2022

Is Life Unfair?

December 8, 2021*

How Can We Experience
God's Guidance?

*Second Wednesday

April 6, 2022

The Chalice of: Life, Hope of
Resurrection, & Forgiveness . . .

January 12, 2022*

The Seed That Bears Fruit

*Second Wednesday

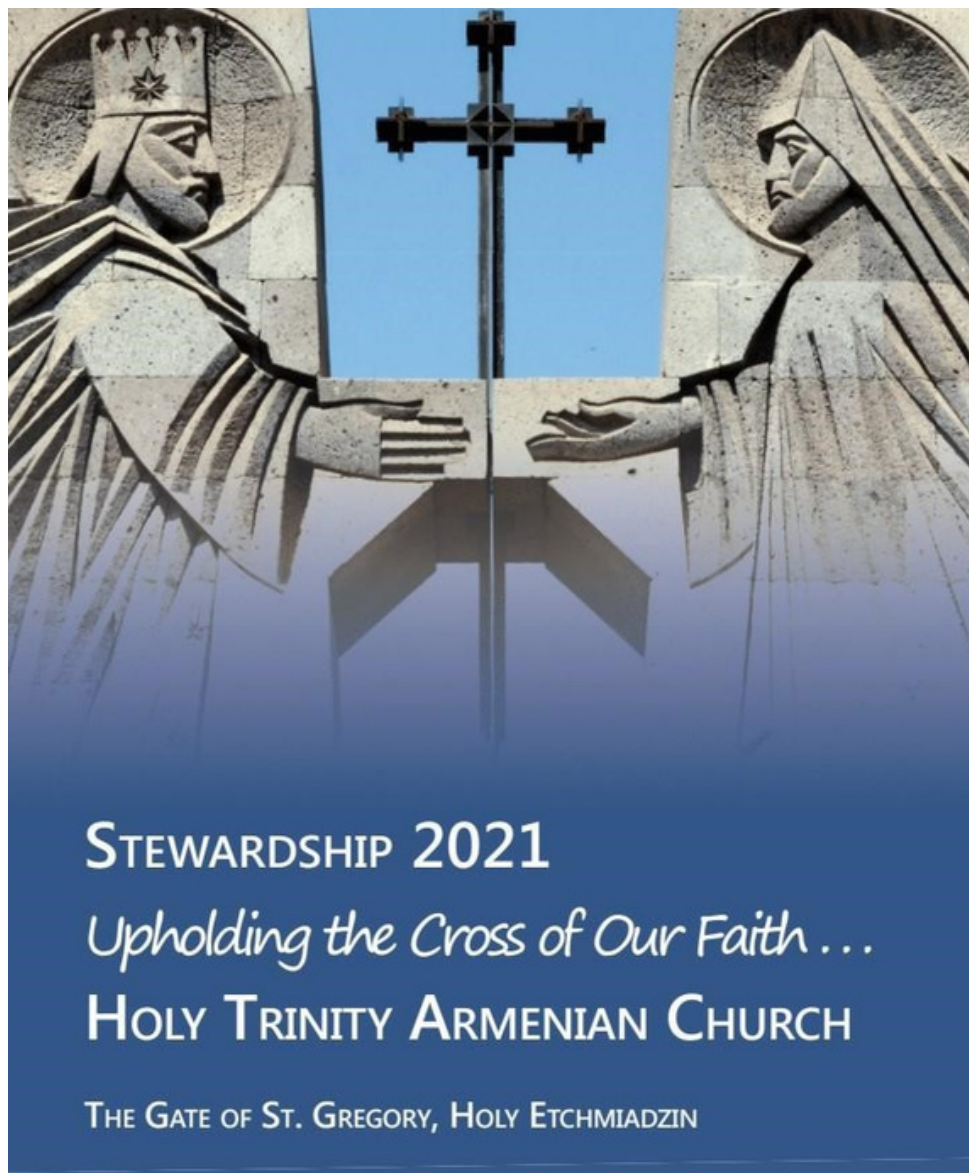
May 4, 2022

Even In the Hills & Valleys
. . .We Are Not Alone

Stewardship 2021 ~

Year End is Fast Approaching!

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 not yet paid your membership dues or made a stewardship pledge for 2021, there's still time!



**After Church Services today,
The Holy Trinity ACYOA will be hosting their
annual ACYOA Thanksgiving Luncheon as we
celebrate the season of giving thanks.**

The City of Cambridge has issued an emergency order requiring that face masks or coverings be worn in indoor public places - this includes Houses of Worship. *The order took effect at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 3, 2021.* Holy Trinity Church and its members and friends will be required to abide by these new safety measures.

**Masks will be required
in the sanctuary and in all church complex buildings.**

When attending services in-person, please remember:

- Safety measures that will continue**
- Pews will remain taped off to support distancing**
- Masks will be made available if you need one**
- Our cleaning protocols will remain in place**
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be made available at the entrance of church and at the side altars**
- Kiss of Peace will be conducted by bowing the head toward others without approaching or touching on another**
- Confession will be done in place at your pew**
- Holy Communion will continue to be distributed using safe practices**



Vemkar is very excited to announce the launch of our Adult Christian Education program! This 12-part online live session series aims to shepherd the faithful of the Armenian Church into mature disciples of Christ. Every Tuesday from September 21 to December 14, a session will be held by an expert member of our Diocesan body concerning all aspects of adult Christian life. Bring your Bible, a prayerful attitude, and let us all build in our knowledge of Christ!

Areas of study include:

- Scripture
- Liturgical tradition
- Armenian Church history and teachings (History, Saints, Church Fathers, Music, Art etc.)
- Prayer

Visit the program page on Vemkar's website to register for live sessions!

<https://vemkar.us/adult-christian-education>



Christ as Hope

Gain a deeper understanding of **Hope** in the tradition of the Armenian Church through Vemkar's online module!



www.qrco.de/bcDRjh

EASTERN DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Morning Service - 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 10 a.m.

Services conclude - 12 Noon.

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

TODAY	ACYOA Thanksgiving Luncheon; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural, following church services
Thur, Nov 25	Happy Thanksgiving!! <i>Church office is closed</i>
Sun, Nov 28	Timeless Classics Concert
Sat, Dec 4 & Sun, Dec 5	Holy Trinity Grab & Go Christmas Bazaar
Sun, Dec 19	Christmas Pageant Presentation
Fri, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service (time TBD)
Sat, Dec 25	Merry Christmas!
Sun, Jan 9	Armenian Christmas observed- Blessing of the Water Services

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