

Sunday, November 28, 2021
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

Father Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor
145 Brattle Street Cambridge, MA 02138 617.354.0632

Celebrant: The Pastor

SUNDAY BULLETIN



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

*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.*

From Today's Bible Reading

Luke 12:13-31 Jesus tells the parable of a rich fool who plans to build a bigger place to store his surplus grain so he might “eat, drink, and be merry” (v.19) only to die that very night; how much wiser to be “rich toward God” rather than for ourselves! Jesus continues to reorder our priorities: do not be anxious, He advises, about anything (12:22-31) - better to seek God’s Kingdom from which all things will flow in abundance as it does for the birds and the flowers of the field. *Reflection: Jesus could not be clearer: “A man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” (12:16) What do you need or like to have around you in great number? How can you come out from under this burden to live the trusting, care-free life to which our Lord invites you?*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 In this first chapter of his letter, St. Paul overflows with praise and thanksgiving for a beloved community. Their exemplary faith, even in suffering, had inspired countless others across the region. *Reflection: Read verse 3 aloud. Prayerfully turn the questions around: “Does my faith produce work, does love prompt labor, does hope inspire better endurance?”*

Isaiah 36:1-9 The king of Assyria has invaded Judah and from captured Lachish sends a commander to demand Jerusalem’s surrender (an Assyrian wall relief depicting this capture has been excavated at the site). He questions King Hezekiah’s reliance on God. *Reflection: In v.4, the Assyrian enemy mocks King Hezekiah’s faith: in the face of enemy assault, on what could he possibly base his confidence? What forces assail your faith today? How do you respond?*

Today is the First Sunday of Advent

Unlike the four-week Advent of the Western Church, the season preceding Christmas in the Armenian Church is fifty days, called Heesnag (from the word for fifty, heesoon). As a period of spiritual preparation, Heesnag contains a total of three designated weeks of fasting (aside from the usual Wednesday and Friday fasts). So, unlike Great Lent, it is not a continuous period of this discipline. Bottom line: Our Advent or Heesnag is a beautiful time to prepare, body and soul, for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Prayerful activity: Every day, spend five minutes reading some part of the Christmas story: Luke 1:26-56; Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 1:18-25; Matthew 2. Read only a few verses at a time and savor them. Keep reading and repeating in preparation for Christmas

Department of Christian Education Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) elisea@armeniandiocese.org



Readings of the Day:

Is. 36:1-9. 1 Thes. 1:1-10. Lk. 12:13-31.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 17, vs. 11-19 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

November 28, 2021 Hokehankisd

- **George Demirjian, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by Angele Demirjian, Harout Demirjian, Jano & Carrie Demirjian and Lucille, Mary Jane & John Haytayan and John Jr. and Andre for husband, father and grandfather.
- **Gerald & Elizabeth Boghosian:** Requested by Ruth Boghosian for parents.
- **Margaret Boyajian, 10th Anniversary; Andrew Boyajian:** Requested by Albert & Linda Abkarian, Stephan & Lisa Hovnanian, Ariana, Christina & Sophia, Oliver & Laura Ozcan, Eric and Danielle for parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.
- **George & Marie Abkarian; Avedis Abkarian:** Requested by Albert & Linda Abkarian and Family for parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, brother, uncle and great-uncle.
- **George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels:** From the Trust Fund established by Sooren & Mary Daniels.
- **Deceased Members of the Holy Trinity Women's Guild:** From the Trust Fund established by the Holy Trinity Women's Guild.
- **Garabed, Lousintak, Aram H., & Araxie Tashjian:** From the Trust Fund established by Aram and Araxie Tashjian.
- **John, Aghavni, Elizabeth, Isabel & Henry Toomajian:** From the Trust Fund established by Elizabeth and Isabel Toomajian.
- **Karekin & Nectar Der Ohannesian and Azad Strazulla:** From the Trust Fund established by Ara & Ana Yacobian for parents & sister.
- **Harry & Ovsanna D. Hagopian, Mary Hagopian Albertassi, Aram D. Hagopian, Harry (Hagop) D. Hagopian, and Armine D. Hagopian:** From the Family Trust Fund established by Armine D. Hagopian.
- **Miran & Marie Kavookjian and Haroutune & Sina Dinjian Kavookjian:** From the Trust Fund established by Marie Kavookjian.
- **Rose Mckertich:** From her Trust Fund.

Today's Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God from the Trust Fund established by Elizabeth and Isabel Toomajian in memory of John, Aghavni, Elizabeth, Isabel and Henry Toomajian.

Today's Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God in memory of George Demirjian by Angele Demirjian and Family.

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.

**Requests submitted after 11 am on Thursday will not be printed in the Sunday Bulletin but will be read from the altar by Der Vasken.*

*Please alert a Parish Council member on Sunday if you requested a Hokehankisd after 11 am on Thursday to ensure Der Vasken has the name of your loved one.**

Fellowship Hour

***You are all welcome to join us in the Charles &
Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall following
Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by
Ruth Boghosian.***

*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



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

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH
SECOND ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Christmas

**NATIVITY PAGEANT
& PARISH TREE LIGHTING**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, PAGEANT TO TAKE PLACE IN SANCTUARY

PAGEANT ~ 11:40 AM

TREE LIGHTING ~ 12:30 PM

JOIN US OUTDOORS ON HOLLISIAN PLAZA
FOR A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION TO
USHER IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

SOCIAL DISTANCING IN EFFECT



COMPLIMENTARY EVENT FOR THE COMMUNITY
ENJOY HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES

PERSONALIZE AN ORNAMENT TO PLACE ON THE PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Pastor ~ Holy Trinity Armenian Church
145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 ~ www.htaac.org ~ 617.354.0632

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DRIVE

NOVEMBER 21 – DECEMBER 12



THE GIVING TREE

TO BENEFIT THE FAMILIES OF
SOLUTIONS AT WORK*

WWW.SOLUTIONSATWORK.ORG



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. **Choose** a gift tag off of *The Giving Tree*.
2. **Purchase** a gift card in the amount of \$25
(appropriate for a teenage boy or girl age 14-16 years of age)
3. **Bring** in the gift card and **place it under *The Giving Tree***
by Sunday, December 12.



GREEN STREET SHELTER

SEEKING DONATIONS OF
ADULT HATS, GLOVES & SCARVES

We are also **collecting adult HATS, SCARVES & GLOVES** for the men and women
housed at the **Green Street Shelter** run by *Solutions at Work*.

Donations can be dropped off under *The Giving Tree* by **December 12.**



**Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the
families of Cambridge this Christmas season.**

*Solutions at Work, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness by providing individuals and families with resources and opportunities to strengthen their self-confidence, achieve self-sufficiency, and participate in helping others.

To ease the burdens of the city's unhoused population, Solutions at Work manages a homeless shelter for men and women on Green Street in Cambridge and runs an evening meals program for unhoused individuals 5 days a week in Central Square.

*"Remembering
the words of the
Lord Jesus,
for He Himself said,
'It is more blessed
to give than to receive'."
Acts 20:35*

Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston
145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 ~ www.htaac.org ~ 617.354.0632



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

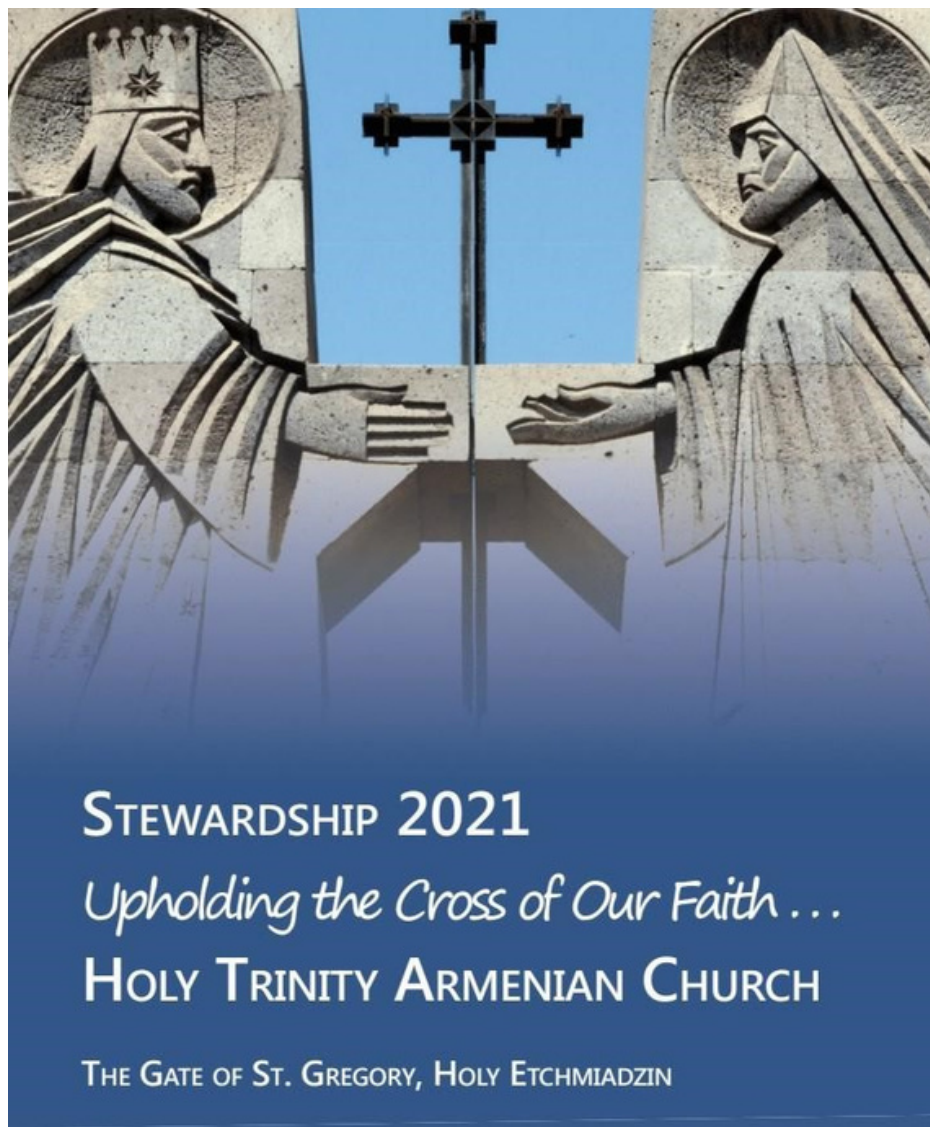
May 4, 2022

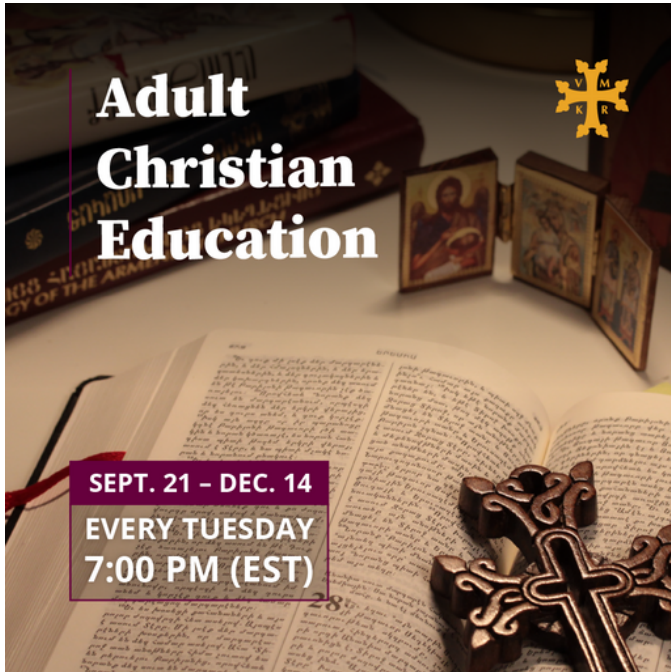
Even In the Hills & Valleys
. . .We Are Not Alone

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!





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

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	Timeless Classics Concert
Sat, Dec 4 & Sun, Dec 5	Holy Trinity Grab & Go Christmas Bazaar
Wed, Dec 8	First's Wednesdays; "How Can We Experience God's Guidance?" Johnson Hall, 6:45pm -7:30pm.
Wed, Dec 15	Parish Council Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6:30pm
Sun, Dec 19	Christmas Pageant Presentation; Sanctuary, 11:40am & Parish Tree Lighting; 12:30pm
Fri, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service (time TBD)
Sat, Dec 25	Merry Christmas!
Sun, Jan 9	Armenian Christmas observed- Blessing of the Water Services

