

Sunday, January 16, 2022
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor

SUNDAY BULLETIN



The Holy Trinity sanctuary is large enough to accommodate appropriate social distancing. Masks are required in the sanctuary, regardless of vaccination status.

However, we encourage those who are concerned about COVID-19 to join us on our Facebook Live Stream.

**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 4:14-30 Jesus is in Galilee teaching to the delight and appreciation of his listeners. But in a synagogue one day, as He preaches the purpose of His mission for the poor, the sick, and the oppressed (again to an admiring congregation), He challenges their understanding of this mission, proposing that outsiders often grasp it better than they do. They are enraged, ready to drive him out of town and even kill (!) him. *Reflection: This long-ago event rings true today. Has your parish ever been challenged to consider whether they are truly fulfilling the purpose of the Church or just paying mild lip service? If they were challenged, what do you think would be the reaction?*

John 2: 1-11 In the Gospel of John, the miracle at the wedding of Cana is the first “sign” of Jesus’ sovereignty over all Creation and that He was indeed the Messiah. So much of note in this renowned story: The very first words “on the third day” call to mind Jesus’ glorious resurrection; the servants know who it was who turned the water into wine but not the “higher ups;” the wine steward confides in the bridegroom thinking he is responsible for the new wine when it was actually Jesus, the true bridegroom; the jars are filled “to the brim” pointing to God’s abundance. *Reflection: In verse 5, Mary tells the servants to “do whatever He tells you,” (Interesting: Pharaoh instructs his people to follow Joseph with the same words in Genesis 41:55.) How do you get at what Jesus is saying to you in your life? Do you heed His words?*

1 Timothy 1: 1-11 Paul urges his protégé Timothy to be diligent against the “myths and genealogies” that so distracted people of that time (we have our own infamous distractions). In addition, an emphasis on the law has many losing sight of the simple Gospel doctrines of love and sincere faith. *Reflection: Is God more a “lawgiver” or a “lover” in your life?*

Isaiah 54: 1-13 What a bold declaration of love from God to His people! The Lord foresees His return to His beloved spouse, Israel, and her descendants overflowing into neighboring nations and cities. Never again will His covenant with her be broken and He will rebuild Jerusalem (54:11- “O afflicted city!”) with precious stones. *Reflection: Read the description of a restored Jerusalem in Revelation 22:11-21. What does this fantastical imagery convey to you? What qualities of such stones help restore a city?*

Tuesday, January 18, St. Antony the Hermit

St. Antony was one of the most beloved and well-known of the “desert fathers and mothers” who in the 3rd century chose to live in prayerful solitude or in small communities in the desert wilderness in the Middle East and, primarily, Egypt. By the time St. Antony had died in the mid-4th century, thousands of faithful had been drawn to this lifestyle following his example. Another revered saint of the Armenian Church, St. Athanasius (who is remembered on January 22 this year), wrote in his famous life of St. Antony that so many had followed him “the desert had become a city.” This astounding movement was the early foundation of Christian monasticism. *Reflection: The desert fathers and mothers centered their lives in prayer. When someone asked Antony to pray for him, he said: “I will have no mercy upon you, nor will God have any, if you yourself do not make an effort and if you do not pray to God.” Do you make time to pray, communicating with the most important Person in your life?*

Readings of the Day:

Lk. 4:14-30. Is. 54:1-13. 1 Tm. 1:1-11. Jn: 2:1-11.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 2, vs. 1-11 and will be read by Susan Derderian.

January 16, 2022 Hokehankisd

- **Ann V. Talanian, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by Deborah Talanian for mother; Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Travia, Jr. for mother; Nancy Talanian & Fran Fortino for mother.
- **Daniel K. Dorian, 10th Anniversary:** Requested by Daniel K. and Lisa Kolligian Dorian, Jr., Janice Dorian, Lois and Ron Malconian for father; Ashley and Scott Martin, Amanda and Matt Keller, Sarah Malconian and Kwasi Mensah, Ron Malconian, Danielle and Gary Dodakian for grandfather; Matty and Danny Keller and Gary C. Dodakian for great-grandfather; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian for brother; Nancy R. Kolligian and Michele M. Kolligian and Bob Khederian; Gregory A. Jr., Gregory A. III and Jack Avedis Kolligian for uncle.
- **Andrew Diranian, 27th Anniversary & Evelyn Diranian, 7th Anniversary:** Requested by Ginny Diranian for parents.
- **Michael Sargavakian, 50th Anniversary:** Requested by Elizabeth Sargavakian and Family for husband, father and grandfather.
- **Vahram & Rose Sargavakian:** Requested by Elizabeth Sargavakian and Family for father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandparents and great-grandparents.
- **Stephen & Nevart Pauline Azarian:** From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian.
- **Azad Boghosian, Julia Boghosian & Esther McQuaid:** From the Trust Fund established by Esther McQuaid and Julia Boghosian.
- **Nuvert, Setrag, Kachig, Zaven & Arsen Daniels:** From the Trust Fund established by Arsen and Zaven Daniels.
- **Mgrdich Kolligian:** From the Trust Fund established by Dr. & Mrs. Michael Kolligian, Jr.
- **Charles & Alice Nahabedian, George & Catherine Nahabedian, Shumavon & Altoon Zahigian, and Paul & Margaret Nahabedian:** From the Charles & Alice Nahabedian Trust Fund.
- **Alice Pakrad:** Requested by Holy Trinity Church.
- **Charles G. Sahagian, Sarkis & Araxie Sahagian, Virginia Sahagian, and Sukeaus & John Sahagian:** From the Trust Fund established by Charles G. Sahagian for parents, sister & uncles.
- **Colombe Agavni Samuelian, Sahag, Anna, Samuel, Malcolm, Madeline & Parantzig Samuelian:** From the Trust Fund established by Colombe Agavni Samuelian.
- **Major Robert Zaven Zartarian, Levon, Louise Aznev, and Virginia Louise Zartarian:** From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust Fund.

Today's Altar flowers and candles are donated from the Trust Fund established by Arsen and Zaven Daniels in memory of Nuvert, Setrag, Kachig, Zaven, and Arsen Daniels.

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.**

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

If severe inclement weather affects Sunday School and Armenian School classes, Church Services, Sunday activities or activities and programs during the week, this information will appear in the following media:

- On TV Channels 4 (WBZ) and CBSBoston.com, Channel 5 (WCVB) and TheBostonChannel.com, Channels 7 and 56, as well as their websites;
- Church's answering machine at 617.354.0632;
- An Email "Alert" sent to parishioners through the Constant Contact software program;
- Holy Trinity's website, www.htaac.org; and
- Holy Trinity's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityArmenianChurch



Last Sunday, the Holy Trinity community enjoyed a day of faith and fellowship as together we celebrated the Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water Service with the V. Rev. Fr. Mesrop Vartabed Parsamyan on the occasion of the Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ.





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

In light of the sudden surge of COVID-19 cases due to the Omicron variant, for the safety and well-being of our parish family and community and out of an abundance of caution, we will be delaying the start of IN PERSON classes until Sunday, January 23.

Additional Altar flowers for Armenian Christmas were donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar by Armen & Susan Skenderian in memory of brother, Noubar Skenderian.



Christ as Hope

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



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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.

Fellowship Hour

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services
for Fellowship Hour hosted by Ginny Diranian
in loving memory of her parents, Andrew & Evelyn Diranian.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

Wed, Jan 19 **Parish Council Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6:30pm**

Wed, Feb 2 **First's Wednesdays; "Celebrate Human Rights Everyday."**
Johnson Hall, 6:45pm- 7:30pm.



A Community Request

I am Marine Terteryan from Armenia.

**I have a very important request to you. I am emailing you on behalf of my father
who is Harutyun Terteryan, 75 years old.**

**I am looking for Sargis Terteryan's children. Sagis was my grandfather's uncle.
Before the genocide Sargis Terteryan went to Boston from Sebastia with his brother
Harutyun Terteryan. We don't have any information from them. We think that their
children still live in Boston.**

**If you have any information from their children or grandchildren,
please contact the church office.**