

Sunday, January 23, 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

John 3:13-21 Jesus continues his instruction to the Pharisee Nicodemus. The Son of Man would be lifted up to heaven that all might share in eternal life. For God so loved the world that He would redeem it with His own Son (v.17). Light has come into the world (in Jesus) but those who fear exposure, prefer the darkness. Hmm... *Reflection: If God were to shine a bright light on your life would you be happy or ashamed? What can you do to "clean up your act" so that the light of the Lord is welcome, freeing you to become who God always meant you to be?*

1 Timothy 4:12-5:10 Paul encourages his beloved protégé Timothy, now leading the community in Ephesus, to be confident in his gifts, even though he is a young man. He should be a good example in all he does and says and take great care of all in need (particularly widows, as these women were extremely vulnerable in a time when men were the legal and societal protectors of their families). *Reflection: We've all heard the expression "he talks the talk but doesn't walk the walk." Why is personal example so important in Christian leadership (v.12)?*

Isaiah 58:13-59:7 Addressing a community reshaping itself after a long and painful exile, these verses express God's desire for righteous living, for His people to honor God's holy day with joy and hearts of faith and commit to holiness and social justice. Pious practices are meaningless if offered up by a sinful and unjust society. *Reflection: For most of us, Sundays remain the only day God is -- if even nominally -- front and center. What does Sunday mean to you? In what ways do you carry its message through the rest of the week?*

Tuesday, January 25: St. Vahan of Goghtn

The story of St. Vahan of Goghtn is one of the most poignant among Armenian saints. He was born in the eighth century of a princely family in the Goghtn region of the province of Siunik. After persecution of the Armenians by the Arabs in 707 (during which Vahan's father, Prince Khosrov, was martyred), four-year-old Vahan was taken to Damascus where he was raised in the royal court as a Muslim. He was eventually appointed chancellor to the Emir. Some years later, he was allowed to go back to Armenia with the promise to eventually return. Vahan converted to Christianity, married an Armenian princess, and lived a peaceful life for about a decade. A change of Arab rule forced Vahan to leave his home and family to escape recapture. While in exile, he became a monk. In 736, Vahan went to the new Arab Emir in uttermost misery. The Emir offered him a high position, authority, and wealth, but Vahan refused, preferring his faith in Christ to personal comfort and glory. He was martyred on March 18, 737 A.D. His last words were a bold declaration: "I chose death for the sake of Christ rather than earthly life." *Reflection: As you consider St. Vahan's life, what especially strikes you? What qualities emerge that are admirable, perhaps even extraordinary? What one word would you choose as an epithet for this saintly man?*

Readings of the Day:

Is. 58:13-59:7. 1 Tm. 4:12-5:10. Jn. 3:13-21.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 3, vs. 13-21 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

January 23, 2022 Hokehankisd

- **Dickran Mahdasian, 40th Day:** Requested by Sossy Mahdasian, Vahan Mahdasian, Maria, Dan, Lucinee and Van Teager for brother-in-law, uncle and great-uncle.
- **Anthony Pasquarello, 40th Day:** Requested by Mario & Norine Pasquarello, Rio Mendoza, Vincent Pasquarello, Maria Pasquarello and ArianaMarie, LisaMarie Pasquarello and AundreaMarie, John Barberian, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Barberian and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Barberian and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Oliveira and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Foley, Kevin Barberian for son, fiance, father, brother, uncle and nephew.
- **Hrant Dink, 15th Anniversary:** Requested by the Greater Armenian Community.
- **William T. Bacon, 18th Anniversary:** Requested by Janice (Zorian) Bacon-Zega for husband; William & Danielle Bacon and Alexander & Katerina Bacon for father; Karina Bacon, William Bacon and Benjamin Bacon for grandfather; Sona Zorian for son-in-law.
- **Marie and Krikor Hagopian:** Requested by Araxie Poladian; Mark, Maral, Lori, Joseph, Nayiri, and Shant Ayanian for parents, grandparents, great grandparents.
- **Gloria Salerno:** Requested by Cynthia Salerno, Joseph Salerno, Robert & Lee Salerno and Gabriella and Rebecca, Bogos Peligian for mother, grandmother and companion.
- **Haig & Vasiliki Bessie Bedigian:** From the Vasiliki Bessie Bedigian, Krikor, Arousiag, Mardiros & Martha Bedigian and Mardiros Kasigian Trust Fund.
- **George, Takoohi & Vahan Daniels:** From the Trust Fund established by Mrs. Ann Nahigian & Family for parents and brother.
- **Mary Der Hagopian:** From the Hagop & Mary Der Hagopian Trust Fund requested by Edward & Frances Hagopian, Michael & Mark, and Bernard & Carol Gardner, Bernie & Andrew for mother & grandmother.

Fellowship Hour

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services
for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Sunday School.

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

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH PROUDLY PRESENTS

2nd Annual Valentine's Day Dinner to Go

Scan here with your phone



to order online

FEBRUARY 13TH



Enjoy a meal lovingly prepared by Holy Trinity.
Pre-Order now & Pick-up Sunday, February 13,
immediately after church services 12 - 2 PM

Losh Dinner, Shish Dinner, or Combo
Chicken Dinner

\$18.00 per meal

(includes salad, pilaf, bread, and a Valentine's Day Surprise!)

Frozen Losh Available

\$18.00 per half dozen

Grab extra dinners and frozen losh for the Super Bowl that night!

Order online or call the Church Office at
617.354.0632

(A limited number of meals will be available to walk-ups,
but to ensure your favorite is available, please pre-order)

This event is sponsored by Greg Kolligian & Richard Dianian



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 . . .

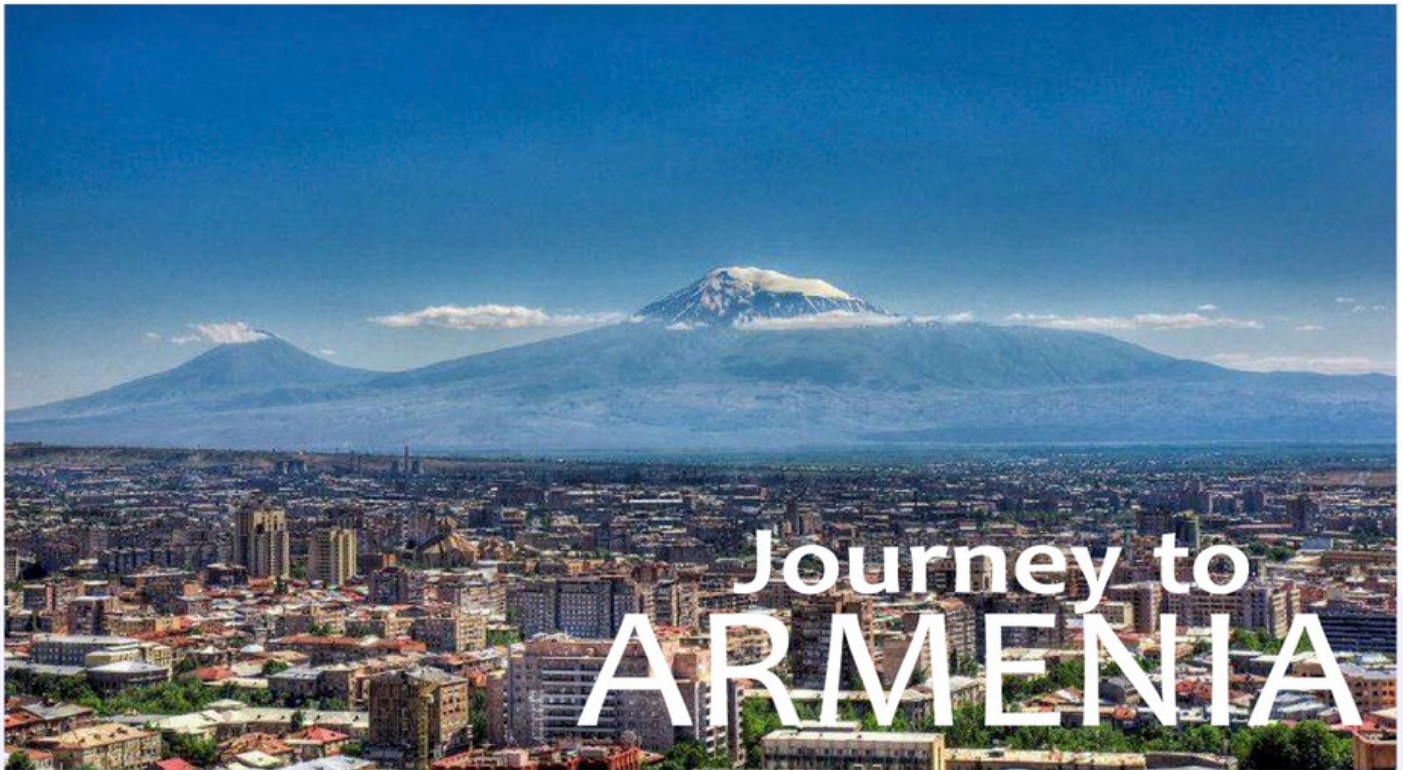
January 12, 2022*

The Seed That Bears Fruit

*Second Wednesday

May 4, 2022

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



Journey to ARMENIA

**Holy Trinity Armenian Church
Our 6th Parish Pilgrimage to Armenia
Led by Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Pastor
June 22-July 4, 2022**

**Registration
Deadline:
Feb. 15, 2022**

Featuring visits to:

Etchmiadzin~Yerevan & Armenian Genocide Memorial~Khor Virab &
Noravank~Lake Sevan & Dilijan~Garni & Geghard~Lori and Gyumri ~Datev

Trip Includes: Round-trip airfare from BOS; Full transportation and transfers in Armenia as specified in itinerary; Breakfast and Lunch/Dinner according to the itinerary; Marriott Hotel accommodation (Double occupancy) subject to change; Entrance fee to all sightseeing destinations; Tour Guide (English).

Cost per person (based on double occupancy): \$3,095
Space is limited.

For more information, contact:

Office@htaac.org or 617-354-0632

or

SIMATours@gmail.com (610) 359-7521



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	Youth Leadership Team Meeting; Adamian Hall, 12:15pm- 2pm
Wed, Feb 2	Firsts Wednesdays; "Celebrate Human Rights Everyday." Johnson Hall, 6:45pm- 7:30pm.
Tues, Feb 8	Parish Council Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6:30pm
Sun, Feb 13	2nd Annual Valentine's Dinner To-Go; Pick-Up at the rear door of the Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm-2pm.
Sun, Mar 6	Annual Parish Assembly; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12:30pm (<i>Snow Date- Sunday, March 13th</i>)
Mon, June 20	<u>SAVE THE DATE-</u> Details to follow The 2022 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament

Upcoming Sunday Feast Days

February 27 – Great Barekendan

March 6 – Sunday of Expulsion

March 13 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

March 20 – Sunday of the Steward

March 27 – Sunday of the Judge

April 3 - Sunday of the Advent

April 10 – Palm Sunday

April 17 – Easter Sunday