Sunday, January 9, 2022 Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor

Guest Celebrant: His Eminence, Bishop Daniel Findikyan, Primate

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.*

SECOND PLATE COLLECTION

We wish to inform our faithful that two plates will be circulated in our Church today. The first one is the regular Church offering, and the second plate is for your special offering (Youghakin). In the Armenian Church, we have the beautiful custom of "Youghakin," "Gift Oil for the Lamp" offering to your Church. Help our church lamps burn and never go out by making your gift.

From Today's Bible Reading

Luke 1:26-38 The angel Gabriel gives Mary miraculous news: highly favored and beloved by the Lord, she would give birth to the Son of God. He was to be named Jesus, the Son of the Most High, and would reign over Jacob's descendants; His Kingdom would never end. How could this possibly happen? "Nothing is impossible with God." That's all Mary needed to hear. So be it, was the essence of her humble response (v 38). How like the words of Jesus in the of Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:42): "Not my will but yours be done." Even before we see it modeled by Jesus Himself, we witness the trust and obedience of Mary. Only Luke presents us this aspect of the Holy Mother: first disciple, true servant, model Christian. Reflection: The art world teems with images of the Annunciation. Mary is often pictured reading a book in a serene setting. We can imagine the rush of wings, the angelic radiance that overwhelms the young girl. Read these verses, pausing to see, smell, hear the scene. How is Mary's faith an example to you?

John 1:1-17 "In the beginning" were the first well-known words of another chapter of the Bible: Genesis. Just as in the Creation account, here we also read of light overcoming darkness, of God's Word, once breathing Creation into life, and now the Son of God become flesh - Jesus as the living word of the Father sent to reveal Him. To all who believed, He extended an invitation to become children of God. The law may have come through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus. Reflection: Prayerfully read John's reverent, loving description of his Lord. Go back and read the phrases and words that tell you about who Jesus is.

Galatians 4:1-7 Paul describes a child as no different than a slave, remaining subject to guardians until he is of age. Similarly, we were once children, subject to the world's guardianship until, in the fullness of time, the Son of God was born into human history and we became fully vested sons and daughters. Through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, our hearts are filled to bursting with God's presence and we can only cry out "Father!" We are no longer children, but heirs to all His astounding promises. Reflection: The word "abba" (4:6) expresses tenderness. How affectionate is your relationship with God?

Thursday, January 13: Feast of the Naming of our Lord

In Luke 1:31, the angel Gabriel tells Mary that her child is to be called Jesus. The name Jesus is related to both the Hebrew and Aramaic, meaning "he will save" or "savior." This was the name given to the Holy Child by the angel Gabriel (conveying God's message) even before He was conceived. His official naming (Luke 2:21) took place on the eighth day on the occasion of His circumcision, in keeping with Hebraic law, and is commemorated by the Church on January 13. We celebrate the naming because it heralds Jesus' very purpose and mission as Savior and Redeemer. *Reflection: While your name might not have a specific meaning, God "calls" us all by name to live a sacred life, defined by our unique gifts as well as our exalted, redeemed nature. Much is said today about "living your truth," but are you living God's truth?*

Readings of the Day:

Martins: Jn. 1-7. Gal. 4:1-7. Lk. 1:26-38.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 1, vs. 26-38 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar in loving memory of Avak Sargavak Vahe & Anna Tashjian by daughter, Sona Tashjian.

Altar candles are donated in memory of Amazing Grace Torosian on the occasion of her birthday, January 6th, by Kaspar Torosian, Gregory Torosian, Haig Torosian, Mark & Mengting Torosian, Marie Torosian, Himayak Torosian and Susan Torosian

Fellowship Hour

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



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Cameron Howard Coletta, son of Nicholas and Alison (Goshgarian) Coletta, who was baptized yesterday in our Church. We welcome Cameron into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep him under His loving care.

Armenian Christmas Altar Flowers and Candles

The Altar flowers and candles for Armenian Christmas are donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar by:

Altar Flowers and Candles

- Arlene & Mel Terrasi in memory of Araxie Harry, Suran Harry, Shaka Harry for grandmother, father, mother; Mary DerVartanian for aunt; Paul DerVartanian for cousin
- The Bagdasarian Family
- Sylvia Carter in memory of parents, Loris & Marguerite Serabian
- Joan E. Kolligian in memory of grandparents, Elmas & Bagdasar Garabedian

Altar Flowers

- Margaret Atamian in memory of the Peter Berberian Family: Zaroughi, Gerald, Edward and Herach
- Elizabeth Lepore Jones in memory of Alfred T. Lepore
- Michael & Elaine Markarian in memory of Gregory Takvorian
- Walter G. Vartanian in memory of Anne R. Vartanian
- Stephen C. Alexander in memory of Jean M. Alexander; George & Margaret Alexander
- Elizabeth Babaian in memory of Levon Babaian
- John & Garineh Goshdigian in memory of Violet Goshdigian

Altar Candles

- Rose Aznavorian in memory of Aznive & Avedis Aznavorian
- The DeLena Family in memory of Marie A. DeLena; Esther Moroski
- Charles Gazarian
- Nancy R. Kolligian in memory of parents, Gregory Archie & Rose Kolligian
- Henry Malkasian, Jr. in memory of Attorney Henry & Marilyn Malkasian
- Judy Aroyan in memory of Ann & Edward Aroyan; Agnes & Sarah Hajenlian
- Oscar Derderian, III, and Alina Ovsanna Kouzouian in memory of grandfather and great-grandfathers, Oskian Kouzouian, Hovsep Vartanesian and Adrushan Mushluyan

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.

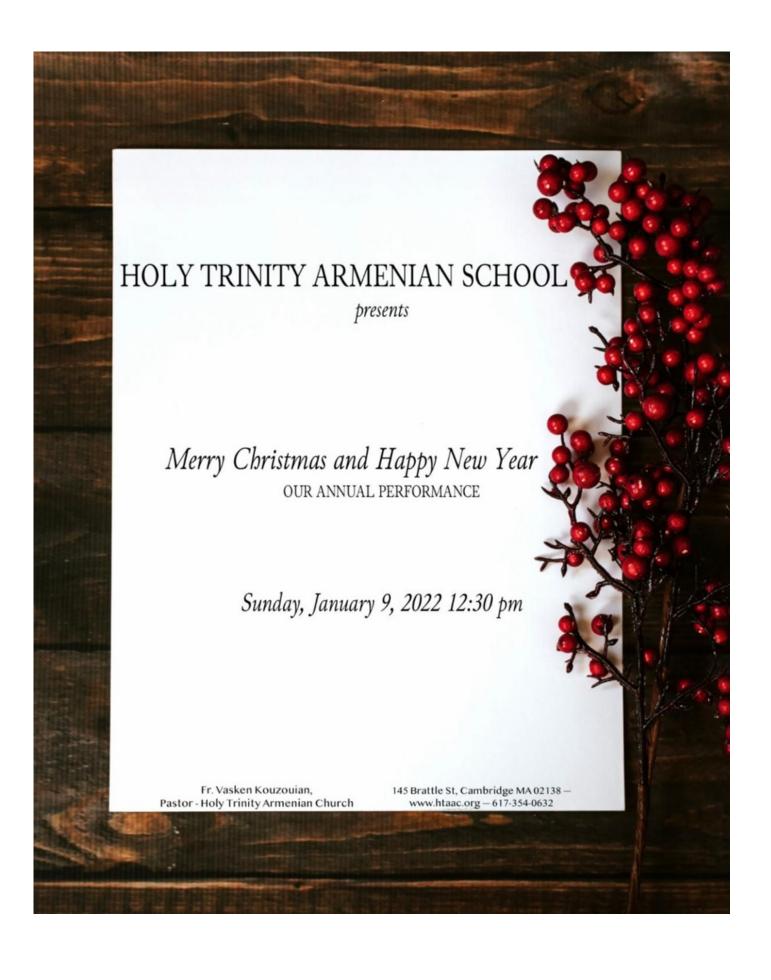
*Requests submitted after 11 am on Thursday will not be printed in the Sunday Bulletin but will be read from the altar by Der Vasken.

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





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

November 3, 2021

Prayer is like a knock on the door

December 8, 2021*

How Can We Experience God's Guidance?

*Second Wednesday

January 12, 2022*

The Seed That Bears Fruit

*Second Wednesday

February 2, 2022

Celebrate Human Rights
Everyday

March 2, 2022

Is Life Unfair?

April 6, 2022

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

May 4, 2022

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

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 Holy Trinity Armenian School's Annual Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year's Performance; Church Sanctuary, 12:30pm

Wed, Jan 12 First's Wednesdays; "The Seed That Bears Fruit"

Johnson Hall, 6:45pm-7:30pm.

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





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.