

Sunday, February 13, 2022  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

**Father Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor**  
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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 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 6:22-38** There is something almost comical about the initial verses – people only a short time ago miraculously fed with thousands of loaves and fish now look for the whereabouts of Jesus and His disciples. When they find Jesus on the far shore and ask what they must do to please God, His answer is simple: believe in the one He has sent. “I am the bread of life” He goes on to say. “He who comes to me will never hunger again.”

*Reflection: “Ingesting” the word of God is a recurring theme in Scripture. Ezekiel (Ezekiel 3:3) is handed a scroll by God and told to eat it; an angel directs John (Revelation 10:9) to do the same; this is all about taking what is “outside” and making it part of the “inside” of you - more about “being” than “doing.” Are you there yet with Jesus?*

**2 Tim 3:1-12** St. Paul details the godless behavior of the end-times – a variety of timeless evils we can certainly relate to today: pride, greed, self-absorption, lack of love, boastfulness. You could check each off in today’s headlines and social media. (In v. 8, the reference is to two duplicitous Egyptian court magicians at the time of Moses). It will be tough following Christ and what is True and Right, but in Him lies rescue and reprieve.

*Reflection: In verse 7 we read about people who are: “always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.” In what ways might you too be “always learning” about Jesus, but not living out His Truth?*

**Is 63:7-18** In a psalm of trust and praise, regret and repentance, Isaiah speaks on behalf of a people who are grounded in the memories of God’s goodness. His “many kindnesses” (v 7) prompt them to ask once again for His mercy and intervention: “Return for the sake of your servants.” (v 17) *Reflection: Where in your life do you wish God would do something?*

### **Tomorrow is February 14: The Presentation of the Lord (Dyarnuntarach)/Valentine’s Day**

Joseph and Mary took the infant Jesus to be presented at the Temple in Jerusalem. There they met two devout people, Simeon and Anna, who had been waiting patiently to encounter the Messiah. (See Luke 2:22-40 for the full account.)

In an early Armenian custom associated with this feast, worshippers would light candles during the evening church service, carry the flame out into the night (symbolically bringing light into the void), and take it home for their lamps as well as light a bonfire in the church courtyard. The festivities included leaping over the fire; newlywed women would step over it to scorch their skirts in an appeal for fertility. Valentine’s Day has Christian origins!

Valentine was a priest in the 3rd century, imprisoned for marrying a couple at a time when marriage was forbidden to young men capable of being soldiers. While imprisoned, the priest (priests were allowed to marry at that time) and the jailor’s daughter fell deeply in love. And when Valentine was taken away to be executed, he sent her a farewell letter signed “from your Valentine,” words that continue to echo in today’s Valentine’s cards to loved ones. *Reflection: How is love demonstrated by each person associated with The Presentation?*

## **Readings of the Day:**

Is. 63:7-18. 2 Tm. 3:1-12. Jn. 6:22-38.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 6, vs. 22-38 and will be read by Bruce Newell.

## **February 13, 2022 Hokehankisd**

- **Dr. Robert V. Dorian-NJ, 7th Day:** Requested by Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian and Family, Daniel K. & Lisa K. Dorian and Family, Janice Dorian, Lois & Ronald Malconian and Family for brother, uncle and great-uncle.
- **Asdghig "Rita" Tutundjian, 40th Day:** Requested by Harout & Amanda Tutundjian, Daron Tutundjian and Ara Tutundjian for mother; Liza & David Dorian for aunt; Gregory and Lori Dorian for great-aunt.
- **Carlo Ashchian, 5th Anniversary:** Requested by Malkasian Family and Suzanne & Mark Sheridan for uncle and great-uncle.
- **Martin Gostanian, Harry & Araxie H. Kolligian, Helen Kooshoian:** Requested by Henry and Martin Gostanian for father, grandparents and aunt.
- **Sahag & Hermine Kavlakian:** Requested by Alex and Sarkis Kavlakian for parents and grandparents.
- **Sarkis Melconian:** Request by Armen & Susan Skenderian.
- **Walter Sarges and Heinz Rothland:** Requested by Armine Sarges for husband and friend; Therese Arpiarian and Family for brother and friend.
- **Avedis, Paris, Alice, and Catherine (Zakarian) & Niyam Mano:** From the Trust Fund established by Alice & Niyam Mano for parents and sister-in-law and wife.
- **Henry & Rose Saraf:** From the Trust Fund established by Rose Saraf.

\*Today's Altar Flowers are in memory of past Sunday School Superintendent, Sarah Goolkasian.\*

## **Fellowship Hour**

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services  
for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Women of Holy Trinity.

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## **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*

# **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.\**

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## **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](http://www.htaac.org); and
- Holy Trinity's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityArmenianChurch](https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityArmenianChurch)

# ACYOA Juniors Souper Bowl of Caring donation

*\*Our ACYOA Juniors will be collecting donations in "soup pots" that will be located at the front vestibule, baptistery and during Fellowship Hour at the conclusion of Church Service.\*.*



In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

**"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,  
help us be mindful of those without  
a bowl of soup to eat."**

Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through *Souper Bowl of Caring*. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. All of the donations collected will go directly to our Souper Bowl of Caring Charity of Choice:

## ***Rosie's Place, Boston, MA***

*Since 2001, the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors  
have raised and donated over \$6,700 to Rosie's Place*



**At the end of Church services, the ACYOA Juniors  
will be collecting donations in soup pots located in  
the front vestibule, baptistery and at Fellowship Hour**

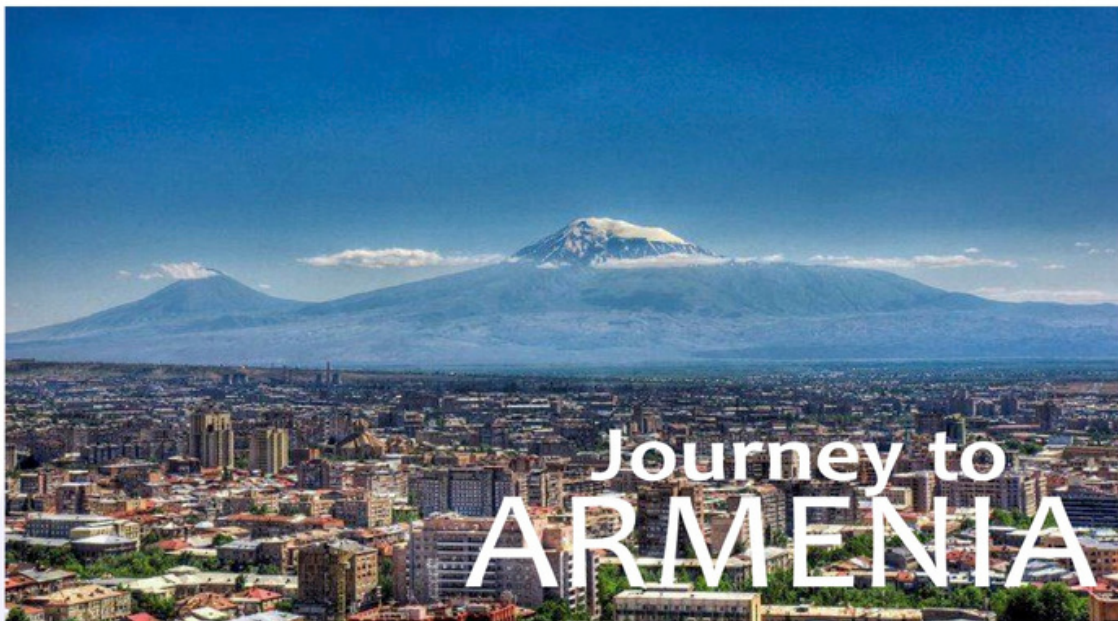
*Thank you for being part of the 2022 Souper Bowl of Caring*



To learn more, visit: [www.TackleHunger.org](http://www.TackleHunger.org)



**Today, following Church Services, Father Vasken is holding a meeting in the Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall to discuss and answer any questions regarding Holy Trinity's "6th Parish Pilgrimage to Armenian".**



**Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
Our 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Office@htaac.org) or 617-354-0632

or

SIMATours@gmail.com (610) 359-7521



***Harjaben Harris has been Holy Trinity's mail carrier for many years. This year, he will be running his first Boston Marathon for Dana Farber. Please consider donating and helping Harjaben with his efforts towards "saving someone's life or improving someone's life by allowing them more time with their families."***



**Help Me Reach My Goal**

**HARJABEN HARRIS**

**Running the 2022 Boston Marathon for Dana Farber**

I have only ever lived in Boston and have worked for the Post Office for over 23 years. I am running this years Boston Marathon to support my loved ones who have been affected by cancer in the city I love. I hope my efforts, both in running and the money I raise makes a difference. I appreciate your support.

[http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=1780&p...](http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/TR?fr_id=1780&p...)



## 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.

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# HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

**TODAY**

**2nd Annual Valentine's Dinner To-Go;** Pick-Up at the rear door of the Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm-2pm.

**ACYOA Juniors General Membership Gathering;**

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12:30pm- 2pm.

**Mon, Feb 21**

**Presidents' Day- *Church Office Closed***

**Thurs, Mar 3**

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

**Sun, Mar 6**

**Annual Parish Assembly;**

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12:30pm

*(Snow Date- Sunday, March 13th)*

**Mon, June 20**

**SAVE THE DATE- Details to follow**

**The 2022 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament**

