

Sunday, February 20, 2022  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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**Celebrant: The Pastor**

**SUNDAY BULLETIN**



**Masks are required in the sanctuary and in all church complex buildings, per City of Cambridge mask mandate which remains in place.**

**Despite changes to mask guidelines from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the City of Cambridge mask order requiring that face masks or coverings be worn in indoor public places remains in place. The Holy Trinity sanctuary is large enough to accommodate appropriate social distancing. Masks are required in the sanctuary, regardless of vaccination status.**

**\*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 7: 37-52** Teaching the crowds at the Feast of the Tabernacles, Jesus calls upon those who thirst to come to him and drink so that “living water” might flow within them (meaning that they will be filled someday with the Holy Spirit). People debate whether this is indeed the Messiah. When the temple guards are chastised by the priests for not arresting him, they declare in awe: “No one ever spoke the way this man does.” (v.46) Nicodemus, who knew and respected Jesus, asks for a fair hearing of what Jesus has to say. *Reflection: How amazing that those hired to keep Jesus from inciting the crowd, have themselves been shaken by His words. Read these verses again, reflecting prayerfully on what Jesus says. What moves you?*

**Titus 1:1-11** St. Paul writes to his protégé Titus, declaring himself to be a servant of God for a “faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life.” (1:2) Having entrusted Titus to continue building up the community in Crete, he advises him to appoint elders and outlines their required virtues. Without even-temperedness, honesty, self-control, discipline and a clear sense of what is holy and true, they will not inspire confidence and loyalty. *Reflection: In St. Paul’s list of leadership virtues, it’s not about what you do; rather it’s about what kind of person you are borne out by how you live. What might this teach you about following Jesus?*

**Is 63:18-64:12** The people of God lament (how many times, oh Israel!) what once was and is no longer, as they endure defeat and hardship. Blaming their own sinful indifference to their “awe-some” God, they beg His intervention. *Reflection: Verse 7 might well be directed to us in pandemic times. What makes people indifferent to their God? How can you “lay hold” of Him?*

### February 22 & 24: St. Ghevont and St. Vartan

Why are these feast days so important to Armenians? Together they center on the Battle of Avarayr in 451 A.D, the war the Persians waged against the Armenians after their vain attempt to oppress them under Persian rule and religion. The Armenians were hugely outnumbered (reportedly 60,000 Armenians against 200,000 Persians excluding the armored elephant brigade) in this first recorded battle in defense of Christianity. Under the leadership of their commander-in-chief, Vartan Mamigonian, they fought valiantly. Fr. Ghevont was General Vartan’s advisor, serving as what might be called today the army chaplain. Before the battle, he inspired the army with a deeply moving sermon and went among the soldiers, encouraging them, and distributing Holy Communion. In response to his fervent evangelizing, St. Ghevont was later taken to Persia and martyred along with the other priests. Perhaps these men, the soldiers, their wives, daughters and sisters, all represent hope in the face of impossible hardship and oppression, a hope born of Jesus Christ, a hope driven by heavenly goals that go so beyond “winning” it is hard for the average person to comprehend. But not for the saints... *Reflection: Today, pray for the souls of all who fell at Avarayr. Ask God for the courage to follow Christ and live your faith boldly, without hesitation.*

### **Readings of the Day:**

Is. 63:18-64:12. Ti. 1:1-11. Jn. 7:37-52.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 7, vs. 37-52 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

### **February 20, 2022 Hokehankisd**

- **Shake Kahhaleh, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by Benoit Family and Shahbazian Family for aunt and great-aunt.
- **Elizabeth Boghosian:** Requested by Ruth E. Boghosian for mother.
- **Yn. Nuvart Kouzouian, 15th Anniversary:** Requested by Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian, Fr. Vasken, Yn. Arpi & Alina Kouzouian, Susan and Oscar Derderian, III and Arpie Kouzouian for wife, mother and grandmother.
- **Edna A. Ayvazian and Bedros & Nvat Ayvazian:** From the Trust Fund established by Edna A. Ayvazian.

\*Today's Altar Flowers will be donated in memory of  
Yn. Nuvart Kouzouian by her family.\*

### **Fellowship Hour**

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services  
for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Kouzouian Family in memory of Yn. Nuvart Kouzouian.

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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, Tarvis Hintlian 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)

# GREAT LENT

Great Lent which begins Monday, February 28, and ends on Friday, April 8, is the 40-day period of spiritual preparation that leads to the greatest feast of the Church - Easter. It is a time for focused spiritual disciplines, prayer, reading the Bible, service, giving, fasting and living a simpler life.

## Throughout Lent

- We do not receive or pass the Voghchooyn (Kiss of Peace).
  - Holy Communion is not administered. Those in need of Holy Communion may see the Celebrant following the Badarak.
  - Mahs is distributed to the faithful regularly.
  - We do not approach the Celebrant at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy to kiss the Gospel.
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## Your Weekly To-Do List

*Stop what you're doing, and take 5-10 minutes to further nourish your spiritual life. Come in closer communion with God and your neighbors—in thought, word, and deed!*

### Thought (Learn)

These early martyrs, who lived and died before St. Gregory and Armenia's official conversion to Christianity, have been incredible sources of strength and inspiration for Armenian Christians throughout the centuries. Who are they?

Learn all about them.

### Word (Pray)

You, who were worthy to be called disciples of the Apostle Thaddeus and became gold tested by the divine fire of purification, O, Voskiank, blessed saints, in the dwelling places of the angels, be our advocate to the Lord, to purify us from our sin.

### Deed (Serve)

Choose one person in your circle and invite them to register for a Vemkar Adult Christian Education session, to join our community as we learn about the Word of God, the Gospel.



**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



***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

- Mon, Feb 21**      **Presidents' Day- *Church Office Closed***
- Wed, Mar 2**      **First's Wednesdays; "Is Life Unfair?" Johnson Hall, 6:45pm- 7:30pm**
- 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**

