

Sunday, February 27, 2022
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor

SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is Poon Paregentan

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

Matthew 6:1-21 In His 'sermon on the mount,' Jesus teaches the virtue of humble, private acts of righteousness: giving without fanfare; praying privately, using humble words Jesus provides (the Lord's prayer); being generous in forgiveness; fasting without anyone knowing; and treasuring what is eternal in value, not what will rot and rust. *Reflection: Jesus calls us to a higher morality, one that asks us to do the right thing not for public approbation, not to please people, but to please God. In what specific ways can doing this make for a better, happier life?*

Romans 13:11-14:25 St. Paul urges his listeners to clothe themselves in Christ, living in ways that honor Him. And whatever holy disciplines they choose, whether it is setting aside a day as holy, fasting, or even not fasting, they should do so respecting others' feelings and needs. "Let's stop passing judgment on one another or putting obstacles in another's way..." (14:13) *Reflection: Instead of judging, what should occupy our energy? Review 14:13, 17-18 and look ahead to 15:2 for answers.*

Is 58:1-14 With a typical prophet's passion, Isaiah shares God's ire with a people who approach Him "as if they were a nation that does what is right..." (v.2) God demands an answer: Is fasting just a matter of sackcloth and ashes? Or is true piety about lifting up the oppressed, feeding the hungry and clothing the poor? This piety will touch God's heart and then you will find "joy in the Lord...and He will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land." (58:14) *Reflection: What a ride that will be! Are you engaged in the god-pleasing acts of verses 6-7? If not, what can you begin to do so that your faith is more than 'empty pious gestures?'*

Today is Poon Paregentan! Tomorrow is the first day of Great Lent

Poon Paregentan does not actually fall in Great Lent. However, it is traditionally counted as the first step on the Lenten journey. Poon means 'real' or 'true.' Since every fasting period begins with a festival day or paregentan, this one is marked as the 'true' one, the most important, since it precedes the greatest feast of the church, Easter. This 'day of good living' is often observed with festivities, dancing, and a carnival atmosphere to remind us all of the joy and vitality of Paradise and life itself. It also was the day to feast on and finish up all non-Lenten foods such as meat, dairy products, and fish. The sharagan (hymn) of the day sings of our earthly nature made glorious in the 'garden of delight' but also reminds us that even Adam and Eve had to exercise control and, sadly, failed to do so. Great Lent begins in the Armenian Church on Monday, the day after Poon Paregentan.

Readings of the Day:

Is. 58:1-14. Rom. 13:11-14-25. Mt. 6:1-21.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew, chapter 6, vs. 1-21.

February 27, 2022 Hokehankisd

- **Mary Berberian Dorian, 7th Day:** Requested by Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjan and Family; Daniel K. & Lisa Kolligian Dorian and Family; Janice Dorian; Lois & Ronald Malconian and Family for sister-in-law and aunt.

- **Dr. Paul Farmer, 7th Day:** Requested by Dr. Mark and Maral Ayanian for friend.

- **Bedros & Kenovapen Palandjian, Vergin & Kevork Aydjian, Anahid & Gabe Kashishian:** Requested by Harutiun & Alisce Palandjian and children and grandchildren.

Fellowship Hour

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services
for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Inguilizian Family, in honor of their father
Vartan Inguilizian, on the occasion of the Feast of St. Vartanants.

Upcoming Sunday Feast Days

TODAY IS – 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.**

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

GREAT LENT

Great Lent which begins tomorrow 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.

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...



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

- 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*)
- Sun, Apr 24** **Erevan Choral Concert;** Church Sanctuary, 1:30pm
- Mon, June 20** **SAVE THE DATE- Details to follow**
The 2022 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament

