## Sunday, March 13, 2022 Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



## Today is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son.

This is the last Sunday where <u>Masks are required</u> in the sanctuary and in all church complex buildings, per the City of Cambridge's revised mask mandate.

Begining next Sunday, masks are optional.

\*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

Luke 15:11- 32 And he said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and en- treated, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.

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

Is. 54:11-55:13. 2 Cor. 6:1-7:1. Lk.15:1-32.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 15, vs. 1-32 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

#### March 13, 2022 Hokehankisd

- Tyler John Antonevich, 40th Day: Requested by Mary Kupjian for grandson; Kristen & Christopher Phillips; Brian Antonevich; Michelle Kupjian & Craig Sammataro; Kayla Antonevich; Mark & Gladys Partamian; Ken & Donna Partamian Kutzer & Family for son, brother and newphew.
- Archie Harry Arpiarian, 40th Day: Requested by Diana Der Hovanessian Family for dear friend.
- Kathleen "Shirley" Spencer, 40th Day: Requested by George W. Haroutunian for long-time companion; Rosemarie & Michael Cannistraro and Alyssa Bozian for dear friend; David & Liza Dorian and Family; Araksie Tashjian.
- Dikran & Peprone Piranian, Aleksandre & Dirouhie Piranian, Zabel Piranian, Alex & Harriet Piranian: Requested by Dorothy Piranian for parents, grandparents, aunt, brother and sister-in-law.
- Jinev, Linda and Sarven Atinizian: From the Trust Fund established by Kevork and Jacqueline Atinizian.
- Nevart Pauline Azarian: From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian Trust Fund.
- Dn. John, Rose, Nerses and Jack Haroutunian: From the Dn. John, Rose, Nerses, Jack & George Haroutunian Trust Fund.
- **Hetoum & Aghavni Mazmanian:** From the Trust Fund established by Harry and Ann Yacubian, for parents.

## **Upcoming Sunday Feast Days**

TODAY - 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.\*

## **GREAT LENT**

Great Lent which began 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 during the Divine Liturgy. 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.



## **Holy Trinity's Wednesday Lenten Services**

Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent in the Holy Trinity Sanctuary for Lenten Services where the prayers of "I Confess with Faith" by St. Nersess Shnorhali are read.

\*Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30 pm

\*Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30pm

\*Wednesday, March 30th at 6:30pm

\*April 6th at 6pm (First Wednesdays begins at 6:45pm.)

A light Lenten supper will be available at 6:00 pm in Johnson Hall prior to services.



By the encyclical and blessing of His Holiness Karekin II Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, next Sunday, March 20, 2022, Dn. Gregory Krikorian will receive the St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal for his exemplary dedication and service to the Armenian Apostolic Church. The pontifical medal will be presented to Dn. Gregory by Bishop Daniel Findikian, Diocesan Primate.

The high honor of St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal bestowed upon Dn. Gregory by His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians is truly a fitting honor.

In 1983, Gregory was ordained by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate, to the rank of Deacon. Since that day, Dn. Gregory has served with reverence and devotion, always respectful of the honor of standing at the holy altar, mindful of those who taught him along the way, and instilling a passion and love into the young adults who join him in serving at Holy Trinity's altar.

Please join us as we celebrate Dn. Gregory Krikorian on Sunday, March 20, 2022.

Reception will follow immediately after services in the Charles and Nevart Talanian

Cultural Hall

#### HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 2022 LENTEN INITIATIVES

**OUR 2022 LENTEN PROMISE** 





This year during Great Lent, as part of our Lenten discipline, we encourage our Sunday School families and staff to "Spread God's Light" wherever we go!

Let us spend this season of Lent not only "looking for the good" but "being the good"!

Let us commit to Spreading God's Light and Love so that all those we encounter see God's light and love through us!



2022 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

### LENTEN DRIVE



For this year's Lenten Drive, our Sunday School will be raising funds to support the diocesan Fund for Armenian Relief. FAR's work is mainly focused on five chief program areas, including education, child protection, economic development, healthcare and social services.

In an effort to give back to our Boston neighbors, our Lenten The Greater Boston Drive will also support The Greater Boston Food Bank, the largest hunger-relief organization in New England. 92¢ of every dollar donated to GBFB is applied directly to its hunger-relief efforts.



As part of our Lenten journey, we encourage our students to donate generously to our Sunday School Lenten Drive.

> 100% of all Lenten Drive funds raised will directly support FAR and The Greater Boston Food Bank

During this Great Lent, Bishop Daniel is inviting all of the faithful of the Eastern Diocese to join together in prayer during these trying times. As a result, the Diocese has provided a ten-minute daily prayer rule as a way for our faithful to join together in prayer as the Body of Christ.

Great Lent is a time for inner reflection and conversion, an opportunity to reprioritize and reorient ourselves toward God from whom we continually drift and turn our backs.

This year, Great Lent has particular meaning, as the faithful of the Armenian Church have experienced a time of great pain, suffering, injustice, and loss.

Where is our hope? What can we do?

Surely, we can do what our Armenian Christian ancestors have always done during times of trial and hopelessness. Like them, we can confidently turn to God in prayer, not as a last resort, but as a primary and immediate expression of dependence on God.

What you will find below is a communal opportunity for the faithful of the Eastern Diocese to pray together, to unite our concerns as one, to build up the Body of Christ.

All of these prayers are taken from the sacred tradition of the Armenian Church, most of them from the treasury of blessing we call the Zhamakeerk.

We urge all faithful through the duration of Great Lent to find ten minutes each day, preferably at a designated time and location, and read this prayer rule aloud from beginning to end. You can do this alone, with your family, or with a friend. It is also suggested to create a prayerful environment by setting up a Cross, khachkar, icon, candle, and incense.

Keep in mind, this prayer rule is a starting point, a daily prayer rule that should ideally create a habit of prayer, where praise, repentance, and reorienting ourselves toward God becomes a natural and regular part of our lives.

May the Lord hear our prayers and have mercy on us.



Start Praying Today!



#### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

At his passing, Stephen H. Barmakian, created a very generous scholarship that is primarily for students who are of Armenian descent and living in the greater Boston area.

In its first year, the Barmakian Scholarship has more than \$120,000 scholarships available, offering multiple awards up to \$20,000, depending on the financial need of the applicant. It is for candidates who meet the below eligibility criteria.

·Candidates must be pursuing or plan to pursue a four-year college degree program or its equivalent from a highly-recognized, well-established, nonprofit college or university in the U.S. ·Candidates must have a minimum 3.25 grade point average (GPA).

·Candidates must be U.S. Citizens or Resident Alien (U.S. National with Permanent Residency). ·Very strong preference for students who are of Armenian descent.

·Strong preference for students who are from the towns and cities in the greater Boston area centering around Watertown, to specifically include but not be limited to Watertown, Belmont, Waltham, Cambridge, Arlington, and Brighton.

Holy Trinity Church has partnered directly with the Columbus Foundation who administers this scholarship and several of our parishioners serve as members of the Barmakian Scholarship committee. We strongly encourage our qualified students to apply for this wonderful opportunity.

TO APPLY: Complete your application by 4/1/22 using the QR code provided below or apply online at:

Stephen H. Barmakian Family Foundation Scholarship



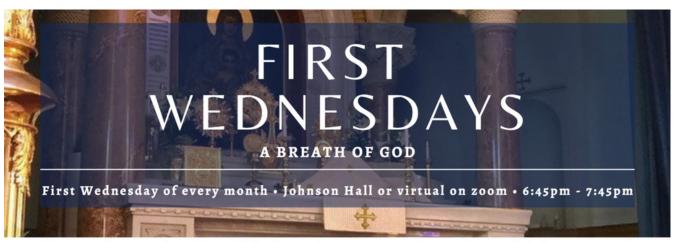


#### 16th ANNUAL TRINITY KIDS' PLACE PROGRAM

August 8-12, 2022

TKP program staff, Der Vasken, Yn. Arpi, and Ann Danielson have been busy planning for this year's program, based on the theme: "Living Out the Ten Commandments".





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**

Wed, Mar 16 Lenten Services with the readings of prayers from "I Confess with Faith" by St. Nersess Shnorhali; Church Sanctuary, 6:30pm

Sun, Mar 20 Presentation of The St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal by Diocesan

Primate Archbishoip Daniel Findikyan to our beloved Dn. Gregory

Krikorian; Reception to follow immediately after church services in the

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

Sun, March 27 Mid-Lenten Luncheon; Following church service in the

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, hosted by the ACYOA Juniors.

Wed, April 6 First's Wednesdays; "The Chalice of: Life, Hope of Resurrection, &

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

Sun, April 10 Palm Sunday

Sun, Apr 17 Easter Sunday

Sun, Apr 24 Erevan Choral Concert; Church Sanctuary, 1:30pm

Mon, June 20 <u>SAVE THE DATE</u>- Details to follow

The 2022 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament

