

Sunday, March 20, 2022
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
Homilist: Bishop Daniel Findikyan, Diocesan Primate

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Today is the Sunday of the Steward.



The St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal is bestowed by the Catholicos of All Armenians. This prestigious medal recognizes the individual's devout life and selfless service rendered for the prosperity of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Starting today, per the City of Cambridge's revised mask mandate, Masks are optional in the sanctuary and in all church complex buildings.

***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 16:1-31 See below for the Parable of the Steward (1-13). Today's reading also includes the renowned story of the unnamed rich man and Lazarus. The rich man ignores the poor and ailing Lazarus and after both have died, he sees that Lazarus is in heaven at Abraham's side. Lamenting his own torment far from God, he asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his brothers of what can happen when they live selfish lives. Abraham tells him they had already been well informed by the Law and the Prophets so nothing more could help. *Reflection: What do you think Jesus means when he says "No one can serve two masters" (13)? What "masters" pull you away from God? What makes it so difficult for people to be convinced of God's ways?*

Ephesians 4:17-5:14 St. Paul notes that 'children of light' must set aside past behaviors, having become renewed in Christ and created to be like God in true holiness (vv.23-24). The way of love excludes all the vices we might have once considered acceptable. *Reflection: What specific ways does St. Paul cite as examples of "new self" behavior? (25: speak truthfully, 26: let go of anger quickly, 28: engage in useful work so we're able to help others, 29: speak to build others up, 31: do not be bitter, or angry or slander others, 5:1: imitate God, 2: live a life of love, 3: avoid sexual immorality or any kind of impurity or greed, 7: avoid the people who encourage you to behave immorally.) Of those listed, what one behavior do you need God's help with?*

Isaiah 56:1-57:21 Isaiah shares God's exhortation to his people to maintain justice, do what is right, keep the holy day holy and welcome all people, even "outsiders," removing obstacles in their way. To these he promises joy and blessings. He rails against the selfishness and ignorance of Israel's leaders who seek their own gain with "mighty appetites." *Reflection: Why the importance of keeping the Sabbath holy? How do you dedicate the day to the Lord? Does your church family or your Sunday worship service present obstacles for someone of another background?*

Today is the Sunday of the Steward

Stewards oversaw the finances and all the affairs of the house for wealthy families of ancient times. The steward in this parable (often translated as the "shrewd manager") is far-sighted about his own welfare. When his master accuses him of wasteful ways, demanding an accounting and threatening his dismissal, the steward reduces the moneys owed to his master by others so that they might employ him should it come to that (he was actually lowering his own built-in commission in every negotiation). He is commended by the master. Although a challenging parable, it is easier to understand when we see that Jesus is asking us to be as diligent and ambitious about our spiritual welfare as we are about our worldly security (8-9). *Reflection: What masters pull at you for allegiance?*

Readings of the Day:

Is. 56:1-57:21. Eph. 4:17-5:14. Lk.16:1-31.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 16, vs. 1-31 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

March 20, 2022 Hokehankisd

- **Araxy Diane Matevosian, 40th Day:** Requested by Rose Tufankjian Karen & John Aharonian, Alyssa and Kirk for sister, aunt and great-aunt.
- **Louis & Marie DeLena, 15th Anniversary:** Requested by Charlene Callahan and Louis DeLena for parents.
- **Dn. Khugas & Siranoush Krikorian:** Requested by Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian, Lisa, Scott and Scotty Wentzell, Gregory, Lisa, Ella, Luke, Ruby and Blake Krikorian and Anne Krikorian Capizzi for parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.
- **Albert & Marion Talanian:** Requested by Judy Shagoury and Ted Talanian for parents.

Today's altar flowers are donated in honor of
Deacon Gregory Krikorian by his family.

Upcoming Sunday Feast Days

TODAY – 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 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.

Please join us *today* as we celebrate Dn. Gregory Krikorian.

*Reception will follow immediately after services in the
Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall.*



By the encyclical and blessing of His Holiness Karekin II Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, today, 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 Findikyan, Diocesan Primate.

The high honor of the 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.

Prayer of St. Nersess Shnorhali

Heavenly Father,

True God,

Who sent Your beloved Son to seek the lost sheep,

I have sinned against heaven and before You;

receive me as the prodigal son,

and clothe me with my former garment,

of which I was deprived by sin.

Have mercy upon Your creatures,

And upon me, a manifold sinner.

MID-LENTEN LUNCHEON

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Sunday, March 27, 2022

**Immediately following Church services
Johnson Hall**



Traditional Lenten Meal

Vospov Kheyima, Salad, Pita Bread, Dessert

Donation

\$10 per meal (\$5 for children under 10)

Hosted by the ACYOA Juniors

All proceeds to benefit the Sunday School Lenten Drive
and youth ministry program

*Vosp meal is donated and prepared by David, Liza, Gregory, and Lori Dorian
in memory of Makrouhi Haroutunian*

RSVP by March 25 to the church office at **617.354.0632** or at **www.htaac.org**

Limited seats available day of event



*Immediately following Church services
in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall*

"GROUNDED IN FAITH AND COMMUNITY"

*In this year of celebrations, members of the ACYOA leadership will reflect on
Holy Trinity Church's 60th anniversary on Brattle Street,
the ACYOA's 75th +1 Anniversary,
and the reuniting of our Church family as we come together in celebration*

CHICKEN & BEEF KEBAB DINNER

INCLUDING MEZZÉ, SALAD, DESSERT AND COFFEE

SEATING BY ADVANCE PAID RESERVATION ONLY

RSVP DEADLINE: April 6, 2022

DONATION: \$20 ADULTS / \$12 CHILD UNDER 12 / ACYOA JUNIOR

PLEASE RESERVE ONLINE AT tiny.cc/PalmSundayBanquet2022

OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 617.354.0632

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ACYOA!

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STEWARDSHIP 2022
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS ON BRATTLE STREET
Honoring the Past... Looking Toward the Future
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH, CIRCA 1961

If you have any questions about becoming a Member or Steward, please call the church office at 617.354.0632



Holy Trinity's

LOSH SPRING STOCK-UP SALE

Frozen Losh Kebab (6/bag) for \$18

Stock up for those Cape weekends or keep them in your freezer for something quick to throw on the grill!

There is nothing tastier than Holy Trinity's Losh Kebab!

To Place Your Order:
Call or e-mail the church office at
617-354-0632 or office@htaac.org

Walk-up orders are also welcome!
Pick ups will be every Sunday after church services in
Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall.
Swing by, say hello and let's get ready for Spring!

Credit cards accepted for pre-orders
Checks only will be accepted for walk-up orders

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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

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.



Summer Camp Registration **NOW OPEN!**



SAINT VARTAN CAMP 2022

WHERE FAITH, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP MEET!

CAMPERS (ages 8-15) | CITs (ages 16-17) | STAFF (ages 18+)

STAFF TRAINING: JUNE 29 - JULY 2

SESSION A: JULY 3 - JULY 16

SESSION B: JULY 17 - JULY 30

SESSION C: JULY 31 - AUGUST 13

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

Presentation of The St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal by Diocesan Primate, Bishop Daniel Findikyan to our beloved

Dn. Gregory Krikorian; Reception to follow immediately following 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 Banquet; Following church service in the Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, hosted by the ACYOA

Sun, Apr 17

Easter Sunday

Sun, Apr 24

Erevan Choral Concert; Church Sanctuary, 1:30pm

Sun, May 22

Sunday School Graduation

Mon, June 20

SAVE THE DATE- Details to follow

The 2022 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament

