

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

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Celebrant: The Pastor

SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Sunday of the Judge.

**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 17:20-18:14 Jesus describes the Second Coming as a time like any other in some ways, with people in pursuit of their usual pleasures; joys as well as suffering continue. Yet we learn that His Coming will be as bold as a bolt of lightning. We cannot be prepared for it if we have not lived all along as God's devoted children; if we haven't, we will be reluctant to leave behind earthly preoccupations for heavenly ones. This description is immediately followed by The Parable of the Unjust Judge (or Persistent Widow). See below for more on this parable and reflection questions.

Reflection: How does Jesus' example of Lot's wife looking back clarify the meaning of verse 33: "whoever tries to keep their life will lose it and whoever loses their life will preserve it"?

Philippians 3:1-4:9 "Rejoice in the Lord!" St. Paul declares, since all that once was valued is nothing, rubbish (lit: dung;3:8) compared to knowing Jesus. A life for those who eschew earthly things for a glorious "citizenship in heaven" is marked by joy, gratitude, a worry-free serenity. And a peace from God that "transcends all understanding." (4:7) *Reflection: How would you finish the sentence in v. 13 as you try to draw ever closer to Christ: "...one thing I do:_____."*

Isaiah 65:8-25 In prophesying to postexilic Israel, Isaiah shares God's promises of judgment to the disobedient but salvation and renewal to the faithful – a world where there will no longer be tears and where the wolf and the lamb will peacefully co-exist. *Reflection: "I called and you did not answer...I spoke and you did not listen...you chose what displeases me..." (v.12) In some ways, could this describe you? How?*

Today is the Sunday of the Judge

To underscore the importance of prayer, Jesus tells the parable of an unjust judge who neglects the pleas of a poor widow until, tired of her persistence, he hands down a decision and sends her away. Just as Jesus used the example of a less-than-virtuous-steward (last Sunday's Lenten lesson), he now uses the example of an exasperated, self-centered judge. If he submits to the supplication of the widow, won't a merciful, loving God hear and respond to our needs? Prayer is one of the essential ways we grow closer to God. It was the only thing the disciples asked Jesus to teach them! *Reflection: When do you pray? Only at certain times? When you feel angry or sad? Thankful? Memorize I Thessalonians 5: 16-18 as a good mantra for prayerful living.*

Readings of the Day:

Is. 65:8-25. Phil. 3:1-4:9. Lk. 17:20-18:14.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 18, vs. 1-14 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

March 27, 2022 Hokehankisd

- **Zevart Hollisian, 2nd Anniversary:** Requested by Ara & June Hollisian and Christopher, Stephen and Ani for aunt and great-aunt.
- **Rose V. Kolligian, 25th Anniversary:** Requested by Nancy R. Kolligian, Michele M. Kolligian & Bob Khederian, Lisa Kolligian & Dan Dorian for mother; Ashley & Scott Martin and Amanda, Matt, Matty and Danny Keller for grandmother and great-grandmother; Karen & Bill Martin for khanamee.
- **Rose V. Kolligian, 25th Anniversary:** Requested by Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., Gregory A. III and Jack Avedis for mother and grandmother.
- **Harry, Esther, Harry Jr., Shirley & Shirley Rita Tatarian and Tatarian Kertasdan:** From the Harry & Esther Tatarian Family Memorial Fund.



Upcoming Sunday Feast Days

TODAY – 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; John Marsoobian, Sr.** 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.*

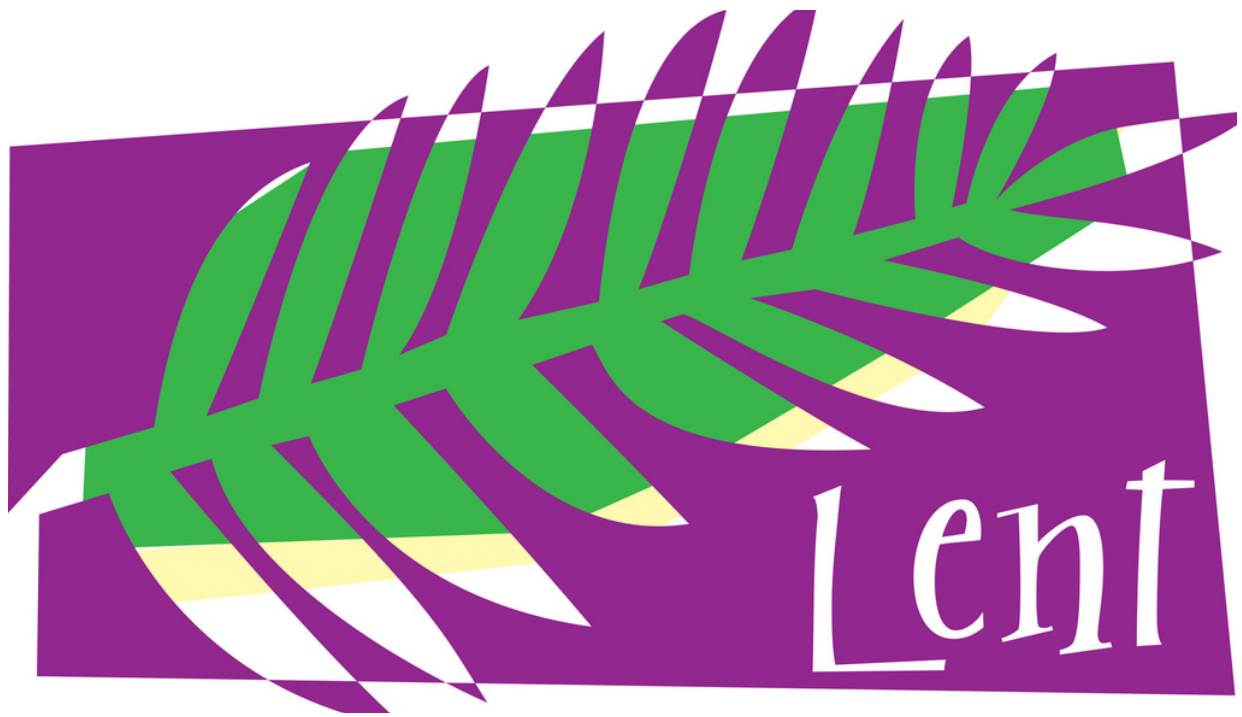
*Please alert a Parish Council member on Sunday if you requested a Hokehankisd after 11 am on Thursday to ensure Der Vasken has the name of your loved one.**

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 Voghchooyin (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 in both English and Armenian.

**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.

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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FIRST WEDNESDAYS

A BREATH OF GOD

First Wednesday of every month • Johnson Hall or virtual on zoom • 6:45pm - 7:45pm

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



Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston
Erevan Choral Society and Orchestra
Cambridge MA

Erevan Choral Society Spring Concert

In Commemoration of our Sainted Martyrs of 1915



Sunday, April 24, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
Church Sanctuary

Composer Konstantin Petrossian
Music Director & Conductor

Levon Hovsepian
Organ & Piano

Kane Norigian, Soprano
Armen Ghazharyan, Violin
Guest Soloists

Recitations by Holy Trinity Armenian School students

We invite the Armenian and non-Armenian community to join as we
commemorate through music the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide.

This concert is a gift to the community.

- Fr. Vasken A.Kouzouian, Pastor



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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

The poster has an orange and yellow color scheme with a pattern of small blue dots. It includes a photo of campers and a list of dates for staff training and sessions.



VEMKAR PRESENTS

Virtual Pilgrimage

Tomb of Christ
APRIL 9

EASTERN DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

The poster features a dark, atmospheric image of a church interior with a large cross and a map of the Holy Land. The text is in white and yellow, highlighting the event's title and date.

**Please join NAASR for an IN-PERSON READING of
the children's book**

Anbardeli Zabel

The Unstoppable Zabel

Written by Nora Kayserian
Illustrated by Lusine Ghukasyan



Saturday, April 2, 2022

**10:45 a.m. to 12 noon (Eastern)
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.**

NAASR's Vartan Gregorian Building
395 Concord Avenue, Belmont, MA 02478

Read in period costume in Western
Armenian by

Lisa Gulesserian

Admission: Free of charge
Mask wearing is recommended

All ages will enjoy this compelling picture-book biography of the writer and social justice activist Zabel Yessayan, read in Western Armenian by Lisa Gulesserian, who teaches Western Armenian and Armenian culture courses at Harvard University.

Don't miss this opportunity to bring your family and friends to visit NAASR's stunning Vartan Gregorian building and introduce them to the influential 20th century author Zabel Yessayan.

Anbardeli Zabel is now for sale in the NAASR bookstore online and in-store. It can be held for pick-up at the event or shipped.



For more information contact NAASR at 617-489-1610 or hq@naasr.org.
Visit NAASR online at www.naasr.org.

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	Mid-Lenten Luncheon; Following church service in Johnson 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	<u>Easter Sunday</u>
Sun, Apr 24	Erevan Choral Concert; Church Sanctuary, 1:30pm
Sun, May 22	Sunday School Graduation
Mon, June 20	<u>SAVE THE DATE-</u> Details to follow The 2022 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament



HOLY TRINITY'S LOSH SPRING STOCK-UP SALE

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

***To Place Your Order:**

**Call or email the church office at
617-354-0632 or office@htaac.org***