

Sunday, March 6, 2022  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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**Celebrant: The Pastor**

**SUNDAY BULLETIN**



**Today is the Sunday of Expulsion**

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**\*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 5: 17-48** Jesus calls the world to a level of righteousness. Sin starts in the heart and Jesus itemizes these sins with their prescribed resolution: Anger against one's fellow: forgive and reconcile. Lust is a state of mind: do your utmost to prevent this (gouge out your eye if need be!). Breaking marital bonds is wrong (remember Jesus' harsh language here is akin to his suggestion we gouge out our eye to avoid lust - an overstatement to make a point). Oaths are sacred: keep them. Do more, not less, for anyone needing your help. Lovingly pray for your enemies. *Reflection: These remain as head- spinningly demanding as they must have been to Jesus' listeners. Read these verses prayerfully. Decide which attitude you might work on as a Lenten discipline.*

**Romans 12:1-13:10** St. Paul urges the Romans to "be transformed" according to God's "good, pleasing, and perfect will." (12:2) He advises the humble use of our God-given spiritual gifts. That we be devoted to one another, sharing with those in need. That we live in peace, overcoming evil with good. That love is the ultimate all-encompassing 'law' (13:10). *Reflection: For the days of Lent still ahead, use 12:12 as a daily prayer: "Today, Lord, help me be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer."*

**Isaiah 33: 2-22** In the shadow of Assyria's invasion, God's people turn once again to Him for support and salvation. They have grown to better know who He is and what He can do, even through their times of apostasy. The righteous are promised divine intervention; evil will be toppled. The holy city will prevail and there the Lord will preside as the "Mighty One." *Reflection: We are promised one day to "see the King in His beauty." (17) In the biblical world, mirrors were made of polished metal; images were distorted. St. Paul also promised a clear view someday ("now we see in a mirror dimly, then we will see face-to-face"-1 Cor 13:12) Close your eyes and imagine that moment. What do you see?*

## Today is the Sunday of the Expulsion

Expulsion Sunday reminds us of that original exile from God's presence: Adam and Eve driven out of Paradise for eating from the tree that had been forbidden to them. The notion that they were wiser than God in deciding to eat the fruit of the "knowledge of good and evil" is at the heart of every sinful thought or action to this day. And even now, when we do something we're not proud of, facing God is indeed as difficult as it was for Adam and Eve who tried to hide from Him as He walked "in the Garden in the cool of the day." (Genesis 3:8) Thankfully, in God's loving mercy, this is an exile He will not let us endure forever. Great Lent is a unique opportunity to ponder God's absence even as we seek Him in 40 days of prayer and reflection. *Reflection: Read Genesis 3. Why would God allow Adam and Eve to fail when tempted? What does this say about God? About what He wants from us?*

## **Readings of the Day:**

Is. 33:2-22. Rom. 12:1-13-10. Mt. 5:17-48.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 5, vs. 17-48 Sona Tashjian.

## **March 6, 2022 Hokehankisd**

- **Deacon Levon Terzian:** Requested by Holy Trinity Church.
- **Very Rev. Fr. Hampartzoum Keshishian, 3rd Anniversary; Diramayr Marie & Hampartzoum Keshishian, Garo Keshishian, Santoukht Akelian Keshishian and all the deceased family members of the Keshishian, Akelian, Kalaydjian and Mardinian Families:** Requested by Hermine Sislian, Caroline and Aline.
- **Small-Fry Azarian, 3rd Anniversary:** Requested by Holy Trinity Church.
- **Harry Kaprelian, Mihran, Elizabeth & Edward Berberian, Alyce Leister, and Karl Kaprelian:** From their Trust Fund established by Harry and Grace Kaprelian.
- **Hovannes & Venus Maream Nahigian, Rovina Shahbazian, Nahigian and Jeferian Families:** From the Trust Fund established by Venus Maream Nahigian

\*Today's Altar Candles are donated in memory of Harry Kaprelian, Mihran, Elizabeth & Edward Berberian, Alyce Leister, and Karl Kaprelian from their Trust Fund established by Harry and Grace Kaprelian.\*

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## **Upcoming Sunday Feast Days**

***TODAY – 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.

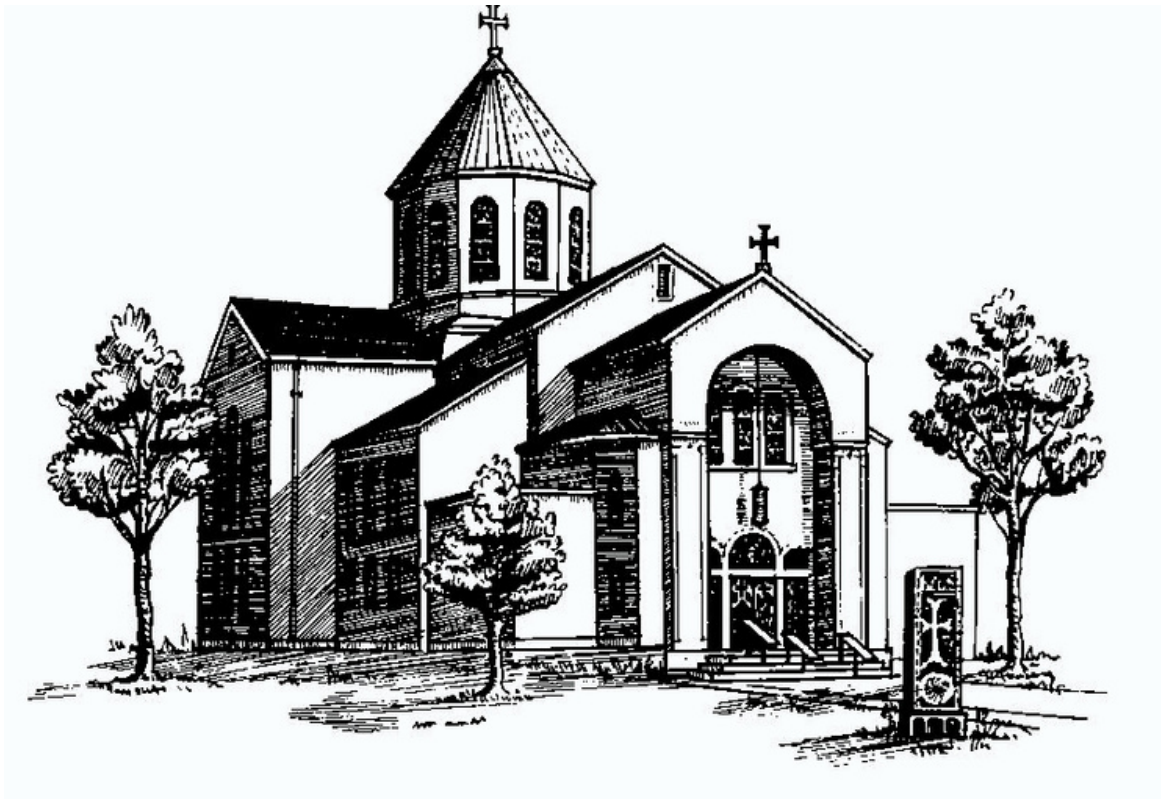
*\*Der Vasken offers a weekly Hokehankisd Service.\**

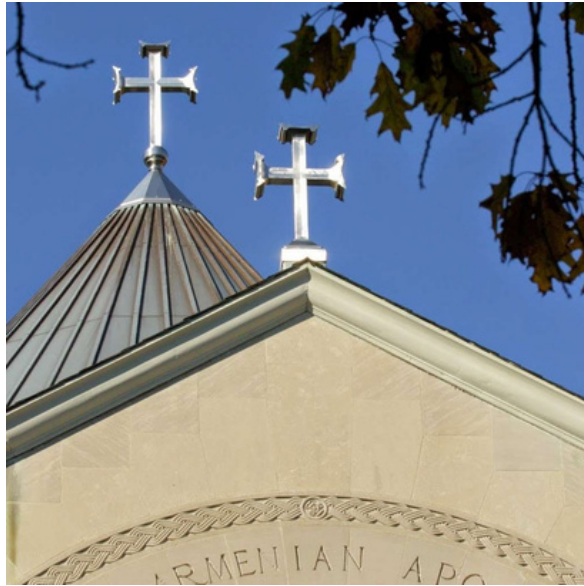
*\*Please note that if you would like Der Vasken to offer your prayer request during his silent prayers at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, please fill out the Prayer Request cards that have been removed from the pews when the pandemic restrictions began, and are located on the table in the Narthex (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.\**





### **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY MARCH 6**

The Pastor and Parish Council cordially invite all dues-paying members of our church to the **2022 Annual Parish Assembly** that will take place immediately following Church Services, *inside the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall today, March 6, 2021.*

To accommodate and encourage all dues-paying members, especially our Sunday School parents, to participate and vote, the Assembly will begin at 12:15 p.m. Once the nominations for Parish Council and Nominating and Auditing Committees have been submitted, the Ballot Box will open (approximately 12:45 p.m.) At that time, the Chairman of the Day will call a half-hour recess for the purpose of voting and for those who wish, box lunches will be available outside during the break.

The Ballot Box will remain open for one hour.

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## Holy Trinity's Wednesday Lenten Services

- **March 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**
  - **March 16, 2022 at 6 p.m.**
  - **March 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**
  - **March 30, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**
  - **April 6, 2022 at 6p.m. (First Wednesdays begins at 6:45pm.)**
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## **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 Voghchoyn (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.**





**By the encyclical of His Holiness Karekin II Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, on Sunday, March 20, 2022, Diocesan Primate Archbishop Daniel Findikyan will present the St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal to our beloved Dn. Gregory Krikorian for his exemplary dedication and service to the Armenian Apostolic Church.**

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

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**Please join us as we celebrate this honor on Sunday, March 20. 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

SPREADING GOD'S  
*light*   
-MATTHEW 5:16

  
SPREAD LOVE  
EVERYWHERE  
YOU GO  
LET NO ONE  
EVER COME TO  
YOU WITHOUT  
LEAVING HAPPIER  
- MOTHER TERESA  


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 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*





**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

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!**



**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

### TODAY

**Annual Parish Assembly;**

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12:30pm

**Sun, Mar 20**

**Presentation of The St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal by Diocesan Primate Archbishoip Daniel Findikyan to our beloved Dn. Gregory Krikorian;**  
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**Wed, April 6**

**First's Wednesdays;** "The Chalice of: Life, Hope of Resurrection, & Forgiveness..." Johnson Hall, 6:45pm- 7:30pm

**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**

