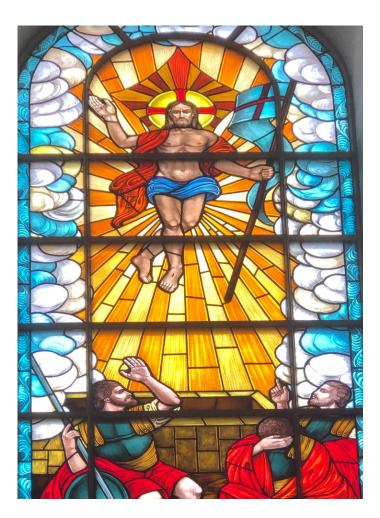
# Sunday, April 17, 2022 Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



This Sunday is Easter,
the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
May Faith, Hope, and Love fill our hearts
on this most important Feast Day.

Krisdos Haryav ee Merelotz! Christ is Risen from the Dead!

#### **EASTER GREETINGS**

The Pastor and Parish Council wish a glorious Easter to our faithful parishioners.

May Almighty God give us the power that enabled our Lord to conquer death,

to rise to a life abundant in Christ.

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

Acts 1:15-26. Mk 16:2-8. Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 16, vs. 2-8 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

#### From Today's Bible Reading

Mark 16:2-8 Early on Sunday, Mary Magdalene, Mary (James' mother), and Salome are on their way to Jesus' tomb with spices to anoint his body. They debate whether they would be able to move the heavy stone that sealed the tomb. (What a tender, human moment!) To their surprise, the stone had been rolled away and an angelic figure sits inside the tomb, proclaiming Jesus' Resurrection. They were to tell the disciples and seek the Lord in Galilee. Reflection: These women had been with Jesus even at His crucifixion (when all but one of the disciples had abandoned Him), among many other women who had "followed Him and cared for His needs." (Mark 15: 40-41) What does this tell you about the faith of these women? What does this, joined with all the other Gospel stories featuring women, tell us about their role then and now as Christian witnesses? How would you rate yourself as someone who "follows and cares"?

Acts 1:15-26 Having encountered Jesus after His Crucifixion and witnessed His Ascension, Peter is addressing the believers, sharing the grim details of Judas' death. He then declares that a new apostle is needed to replace the betrayer and outlines his qualifications. Reflection: Read vv 21-22 closely. What should qualify this new apostle? (that He had been with the Lord the entire time, day in and out, and that he would be able to witness to His Resurrection) How does translate to our discipleship today?

John 20:1-18 (Matins/Vespers Gospel) The disciples had gone, but Mary Magdalene is still grieving over her beloved Lord's tomb. Two angels ask her why she is crying and when she responds that she does not know where her Lord's body is, she is suddenly surprised by someone she mistakenly thinks is the gardener. It is Jesus, yet only when He calls her by name does she know Him. 'Teacher!' she answers ecstatically. He asks her to tell the disciples about their meeting; she runs to them with the words "I have seen the Lord!" Reflection: Mary meets the risen Lord and thinks He is the gardener. What famous garden is featured in Genesis 1,2, and 3? In what garden did Jesus sweat so profusely in prayer that they were described as drops of blood? How has Creation come full circle in the risen Lord? Had you been Mary, what would you have said, asked or done?

## **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 are located on the table in the Narthex (the Church Sanctuary lobby).\*

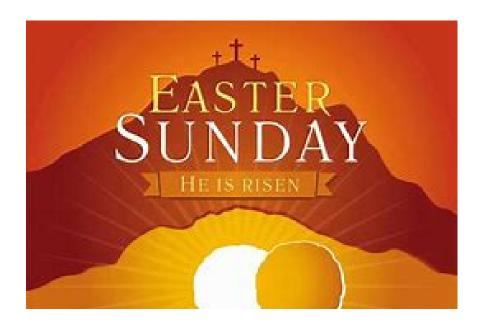
\*Please contact the church office with any questions.

\*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.\*

# "SOORP HAROUTIOUN"

On the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord, we wish to congratulate all parishioners whose name is Haroutioun (Harry) or Zadig.





### **EASTER FLOWERS AND CANDLES**

The Easter flowers and candles are donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar by:

#### **Flowers**

- Lucille Ajemian & Family in memory of Gerald Ajemian and John Gerald Ajemian
- Mary O. Topjian in memory of Leo D. Topjian and Dan Topjian, Jr.
- Albert and Anita Kalustian in memory of Martin & Mimi Kalustian
- Armen and Susan Skenderian in memory of parents, Hovsep & Regina Skenderian and brother, Noubar Skenderian
- Elsa Yilma & Hagos Wolde
- Sona Tashjian & Warren Healer in memory of Dn. Vahe & Anna Tashjian
- Stephen C. Alexander in memory of Jean M. Alexander, George & Margaret Alexander
- Anastasia Family in memory of Virginia Zouranjian
- David & Linda Beaupre' in memory of Isaac & Mary Karchakian and Alan Karchakian
- Charlene Callahan in memory of Marie Delena and Esther Moroski
- Sylvia Serabian Carter in memory of parents, Loris & Marguerite Serabian
- Joan E. Kolligian in memory of parents, Elizabeth & George Kolligian
- Nancy R. Kolligian in memory of parents, Rose & Gregory Archie Kolligian
- Elizabeth Sargavakian in memory of Michael P. Sargavakian
- Walter G. Vartanian in memory of Anne R. Vartanian
- John & Garineh Goshdigian in memory of Violet Goshdigian
- Seta Lepore in memory of Alfred T. Lepore

#### **Easter Flowers continued**

- From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian in memory of Steven & Nevart Pauline Azarian
- From the Family Trust Fund established by Armine D. Hagopian for parents, sister & brothers, Harry & Ovsanna Der Hagopian, Mary Hagopian Albertassi, Aram D. Hagopian, Harry (Hagop) D. Hagopian, and Armine Hagopian
- From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust Fund for Major Robert Zaven Zartarian, Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian

#### **Flowers and Candles**

- Lt. Col. Robert & Susan Lang and Harry Lang in memory of parents and grandparents, Shemavon Harry Harootian & Virginia (Mosigian) Harootian
- From the Trust Fund established by Sooren & Mary Daniels in memory of George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels
- From the Trust Fund established by Charles G. Sahagian in memory of Sarkis & Araxie Sahagian, Virginia Sahagian, Sukeaus & John Sahagian and Charles G. Sahagian

#### **PLATE COLLECTIONS**

There will be two plate collections today; the first is for your regular offering and the second is for your Easter offering (Youghakin).

#### RECEPTION AND ACYOA JUNIORS' EASTER PLANT SALE

Join us on the Garabed Baghdasar and Haiganoosh Hagopian Hollisian Plaza following Church Services, weather permitting, for light Fellowship and the chance for us to greet one another and share the joy of Easter.

The ACYOA Juniors will sponsor an Easter Plant Sale. Purchase a beautiful Easter plant or two for your home, family or friends and support the ACYOA Juniors on this special day. All proceeds will benefit the ACYOA Juniors ministry program.



### **EASTER OFFERING - YOUGHAKIN**

In the early centuries, the Armenian Church had no annual budget to meet the expenses of parish Churches and monastic communities. The faithful of each parish contributed for the welfare of the work of the Christian community, caring for the needy, promoting the work of Christian education and worship, etc. At certain times of the year, additional contributions were offered to the parish Church to assure that the sanctuary lanterns, at that time fueled by oil, would remain continuously aflame. Thus, a special category of donations was created and called Youghakin which means "the cost of oil."

These were collected during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

As inheritors of this pious tradition, we have maintained this special offering in all Diocesan Churches in the Western Hemisphere.

Aside from your annual parish stewardship and membership donation, this special gift is sought during these holy days to meet the additional expenses needed to effectively carry out the mission of our parish; namely, worship, witness, education, service, and fellowship.





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.

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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

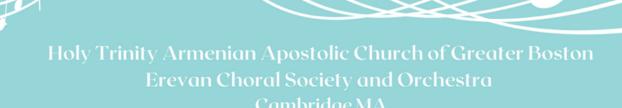
Is Life Unfair?

#### April 6, 2022

The Chalice of: Life, Hope of Resurrection, & Forgiveness...

#### May 4, 2022

Even In the Hills & Valleys ....We Are Not Alone



# **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, Víolín 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.

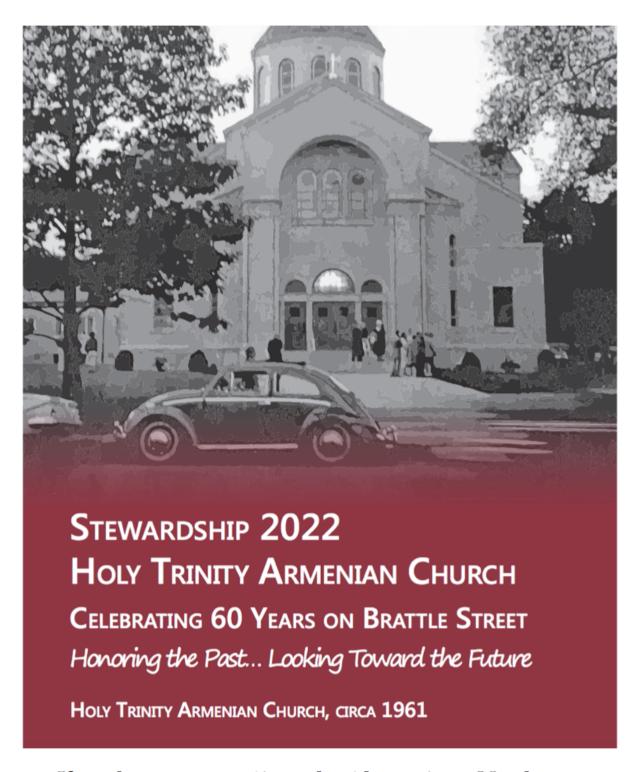
This concert is a gift to the community.

- Fr. Vasken A.Kouzouian, Pastor









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

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



# **MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BOX**

#### Daughters of Vartan - Arpie Otyag Fundraiser

A special gift box for Mother's Day which will also support our charitable projects. The box contains an assortment of Armenian products to delight your mother, aunt, grandmother or sister on Mother's Day Sunday, May 8, 2022.

Items in the box are from Armenian vendors and include: Armenian coffee, Armenian jam, Armenian dried fruit, gata nazooks, honey, mixed nuts, and note cards. All come in a beautifully packaged box that is sure to please, for only \$45. You can order by email to Arpic.Otyag.DofV@gmail.com. Payments can be made by cash or check at pick-up.

Boxes can be picked up on Saturday, April 30th and Saturday, May 7th. Some limited delivery available in the Belmont, Watertown, Cambridge, Lexington area by prior arrangement.

There are a limited number of boxes, so order early!

Select Armenian **Products** 

In an attractive gift box

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**Available** Saturday, April 30 until May 7, 2022

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<u>Bus Departure Times</u> 9:00 AM from Armenian Cultural & Education Center, 47 Nichols Avenue, Watertown 9:30 AM from the Worcester location at Rt-146 & Mass Pike Park & Ride

#### 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** Easter Sunday

**ACYOA Juniors Easter Plant Sale on the Plaza;** 

following Church Services

Sun, Apr 24 ACYOA Jr. General Membership Gathering;

Peter Adamian Hall, 12:15pm

**Erevan Choral Concert;** Church Sanctuary, 1:30pm

Sun, May 15 ACYOA Jr. General Membership Gathering;

Peter Adamian Hall, 12:15pm

Sun, May 22 Sunday School Graduation

Sun, June 5 ACYOA Jr. General Membership Gathering;

Peter Adamian Hall, 12:15pm

Sun, June 12 Sunday School/Armenian School Year End Cookout

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

The 2022 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament

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.\*