

Sunday, April 10, 2022
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday is the feast of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Christ was hailed by the people as the Messiah and New King of Israel. Christ comes to Jerusalem in fulfillment of the prophecies and having chosen the way of the Cross, invites the faithful to witness His passion that they might share in His Resurrection.

**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.

Readings of the Day:

Song 1:1-2:3. Zec 9:9-15. Phil 4:4-7. Mt 20:29-21:17.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 20, vs. 29-35 and will be read by Bruce Newell.

From Today's Bible Reading

Matthew 20:29-21:17 The healing of the two blind men is a poignant prelude to the story of Jesus' triumphal arrival in Jerusalem (see below). The two persist in loudly declaring their faith despite the crowd's rebuke. Upon being healed by their Lord, they follow Him. The passage continues with the Palm Sunday story (21:1-11) and the account of Jesus driving the moneychangers from the Temple. *Reflection: If Jesus said to you (as He did to the blind men) "what do you want me to do for you?" how would you answer?*

Philippians 4: 4-7 In a letter overflowing with the joy of knowing Jesus, St. Paul sums it all up in these few verses: Rejoice in the Lord, know that He is near, be gentle with everyone, don't worry about a thing, pray your gratitude, and God's peace will guard your heart in Christ Jesus. *Reflection: Personalize verse 7 and memorize it: "The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guards my heart and mind in Christ Jesus." Pray this throughout the day.*

Zechariah 9: 9-15 Set in the context of the Jews' return from the Babylonian exile and the rebuilding of Jerusalem, Zechariah looks expectantly to when God will transform his people into a holy nation. In these verses, we see a striking prophecy of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem "gentle and riding on a donkey." *Reflection: What images of peace and restoration can you identify in verses 9-10? Why a donkey (v.9; see Matthew 21:5) and not a warhorse?*

Today is Palm Sunday (Dzaghgazart)

This day recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. He is greeted by throngs of people laying their cloaks and palm branches on the road before Him as a royal carpet of welcome. Matthew understood the event as the fulfillment of specific prophecies, including Zechariah 9:9 (today's reading). Therefore, for many gathered, this was the entrance of the Messiah and conformed fully to Old Testament prophecy and Jewish expectations. Yet how poorly the crowd understood the nature of the kingdom and the king they were welcoming since not long afterwards their "Hosannas!" turned to the jeering shouts of "Crucify him!" The service of the Opening of the Doors is also held on Palm Sunday, during which the priest and people pray for entry once again into God's presence. The term Dzaghgazart ("adorned with flowers") may refer to an older pagan feast. *Reflection: In Matthew 21:10 we read that "when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked: "Who is this?" Has He entered your heart? Are you prompted to know more about who He is?*



April 10, 2022 Hokehankisd

We have all been asked to pray during the Divine Liturgy for the souls of:

- **Gagik Zakaryan, 40th Day:** Requested by Natalya Zakaryan, Diana Zakaryan and Family, Liana Zakaryan and Family for husband, father and grandfather.
- **Gerald Boghosian, 2nd Anniversary:** Requested by Ruth E. Boghosian for father.
- **Robert Damerjian:** Requested by Arleen Hintlian and Family for brother-in-law and uncle.
- **Helen & Edward Derounian, Almas & Avedis Keljikian, Alice Keljikian:** Requested by Keljikian Family.
- **Rose Toromanian:** Requested by Araxie and David Aznavorian.
- **Virginia Zouranjian; Koren & Houliane Zouranjian; Peter & Santook Orchanian:** Requested by Albert Zouranjian and Family for wife, mother & grandmother; parents & grandparents; father-in-law, mother-in-law and grandparents.
- **Ardashes Asadourian:** From the Trust Fund established by Altoon Zahigian for brother.
- **Haig & Vasiliki Bessie Bedigian, Kirkor & Arousiag Bedigian, Mardiros & Martha Bedigian, and Mardiros Kasigian:** From the Trust Fund established by Haig & Bessie Bedigian for parents, grandparents & uncle.

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.





For the glory of God and the edification of our Altar

**Today's Palms are donated by Albert Zouranjian and Family in memory of wife, mother and grandmother, Virginia Zouranjian.*

**Today's Altar Flowers are donated by the Keljikian Family in memory of grandparents and aunt, Helen & Edward Derounian, Almas & Avedis Keljikian and Alice Keljikian*

“TURNPATZEK”

Prior to the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, the “Turnpatzek” or the “Opening of the Doors” Service will be conducted in our Church.

Kneeling in front of the closed veil of the Altar, the priest reads Psalms and chants hymns of supplication for the mercy of God. The mystery of the Turnpatzek Service anticipates the second coming of Christ and the final judgment. On behalf of the faithful, the priest pleads to God to reopen the doors of His Heavenly Kingdom which were closed to man through his fall and expulsion from paradise.

HOLY WEEK

The Armenian Church calls the final week of Christ's life on earth

Great Week or Holy Week (Avak Shapat).

During this time, we share in His teachings, His suffering, His death and His resurrection.

Lazarus Saturday, along with Palm Sunday, ushers in Holy Week and Christ's gift of Resurrection, as we accompany Him through His Passion. Lazarus was Jesus' friend and the brother of Martha and Mary. When he became very ill, his sisters informed Jesus. But before He was able to visit him, Lazarus died. Shedding tears for His friend, Jesus hurried to his tomb and brought him to life again. This foreshadows Christ's own Resurrection and serves to remind us of the new life in Christ.

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Holy Monday is dedicated to the creation of the world, of Heaven and Earth, as the foundation of Christ's Second Creation.

Holy Tuesday recalls The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Maidens (Matthew 25:1-13). Ten maidens wait for their bridegroom. Five of them foolishly took their lamps with no extra oil and when the bridegroom was delayed, could not go out and meet him. The wise maidens went prepared and joined him in the marriage feast. Similarly, we pray and wait, spiritually prepared to receive Christ while recognizing that we are all sinners. In humility we ask that the Lord show us His compassion.

Holy Wednesday recalls the fallen woman who anoints Christ with costly oil and kisses His feet, in contrast to Judas who betrayed Christ for money. (Matthew 26:3-16)

Holy Thursday, in the morning, marks the institution of Holy Communion which Christ distributed to His twelve apostles at the Last Supper. During the Passover Meal, Christ broke and distributed unleavened bread and passed the wine; He told the apostles that this was His Body and Blood of the New Covenant. Humankind could now participate in the Kingdom of God. In the evening, the service of the Washing of the Feet takes place in memory of the Lord's example. Jesus took a towel and girded Himself and began washing His disciples' feet, setting an example of humility and love for the earliest members of the Church.

At night, an all-night vigil is kept in memory of the last sleepless night of our Lord on earth. This service is called Khavaroom (darkness). Before He was arrested, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and endured in solitude the agony of His impending death.

HOLY WEEK CONTINUED

At the Easter Vigil of Holy Saturday, the mystery of salvation in the Resurrection of Christ is celebrated. The lights of the Church are dim until the reading of Isaiah 60, when they are suddenly put on. Already, in the dramatic candle lighting ceremony of Jrakalouytz, the joy of Easter Eve has begun.

EASTER SUNDAY celebrates the joy of the Resurrection. The Resurrection of our Lord is the promise of salvation for all humanity. The faithful exchange the Easter greeting:

"Krisdos Haryav ee merelotz!"
"Orhnyal eh Harootiunun Krisdosee!"

and share a joyous Easter feast, often including lamb and colored eggs (symbols of new life) and Easter bread (choreg). On the Monday after Easter, Armenian families in some parts of the world visit the graves of loved ones, share choreg and eggs among themselves, and whisper to their departed loved ones, "Krisdos haryav ee merelotz!". Easter Sunday is followed by a period of forty days, during which there are no saints' days or fasting days. This period is dedicated to the glory of Christ's Resurrection and to the forty days He spent on earth after His Resurrection.

The 40th day after the Resurrection is Ascension Day, commemorating our Lord's entry into heaven.

Fifty days after Easter is Pentecost, on which day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and gave them the power to preach in various tongues. This is marked as the birthday of the Church.

-Taken from "Holy Week in the Armenian Church" by Paula Jurigian





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.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND CANDLES

For those who wish to donate Altar Flowers and Candles for Holy Week and Easter, please call the Church office, 617.354.0632, or email office@htaac.org.

Please specify if donations are made in memory of loved ones.

Holy Week

SCHEDULE



April 10 - Palm Sunday

Morning Services - 9:00 am

Services of Turnpatzek, Sunday School and Armenian School

Students - 10:00 am

Divine Liturgy - 10:30 am

April 14 - Maundy Thursday

Commemoration of the Last Supper of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy - 11:00 am

Ceremony of Washing of the Feet - 7:30 pm

Commemoration of the Betrayal and Passion of our Lord - 8:30 pm

April 15 - Good Friday

Order of the Crucifixion of Christ - 10:30 am

Commemoration of the Burial of Our Lord Jesus Christ - 7:30 pm

April 16 - Holy Saturday

Easter Family Worship Celebration,
Sunday School and Armenian School - 10:20 am

Easter Eve

Evening Service - 7:00 pm

Jurakalouytz Divine Liturgy - 7:30 pm

Feast of the Holy Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

April 17 - Easter Sunday, Soorp Zadig

Morning Service - 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

Sermon - 11:45 am

****All Hokehankisd Services will be held on April 24****



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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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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** **Annual ACYOA Day Palm Sunday Banquet;** Following church services in the Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, hosted by the ACYOA
- Sat, Apr 16** **Easter Family Worship Celebration for the Church Schools;**
for details please email Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, youth@htaac.org
- Sun, Apr 17** **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** **SAVE THE DATE- Details to follow**
The 2022 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament



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